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## Simchat Torah

Wendy Garf-Lipp and second-grader Josh Zuckerman dance through the Louis Fishbein Memorial Chapel after the last day of Sukkot at the Alperin Schechter Day School on Oct. 7.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Stone Unveiled Honoring Those Without Graves

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"To my knowledge, this is the first time a monument is erected in a Jewish cemetery for those who died in calamity about 50 years ago, and have no graves," said Edward O. Adler, ritual director of Temple Emanu-El and secretary of Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island, as he dedicated the three-cornered granite memorial stone to those who have no graves.

"Shelter Them Under Your Wings," the marker reads, in English and in Hebrew. The rock stands at the entrance of Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick beside the marble fountain at which visitors rinse their hands.

The organization charged with the mission of maintaining the grounds contributed the space and the foundation. The gravestone and its inscription

were funded by donors from the Rhode Island community.

Adler survived the war years in Nazi Budapest by hiding, escaping from prisons and trains, and even wearing the Nazi uniform. "But I saw my brother, my father, my neighbors taken away. I saw bodies flung into the Danube, tossed into mass pits. They had no graves. On the days when we are supposed to say prayers at the burial places of our relatives and dear ones, where can I go? Now I have a symbolic spot, and so do others of my generation." Adler designed the piece, raised the money, and sent out the invitations. "You are cordially invited to the unveiling of the Memorial Monument in memory of the people who were gassed, killed by violence and have no graves."

"Time alone doesn't heal our

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## Rabin and Arafat Hold First Private Meeting

by Gil Segan

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's meeting in Cairo last week with Yasser Arafat reflects a new realization on Israel's part: If it wants to achieve real progress with the Palestinians, it must deal directly with the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman himself.

In contrast to the Cairo meeting, Israeli negotiators have found that other venues in their talks with the Palestinians were much too complicated, much too slow—and often fruitless.

But on Oct. 6, Arafat proved, contrary to certain fears in Israel, that he could get down to business.

He agreed to almost all of the suggestions presented by Rabin, particularly the timetable and the locations for the talks scheduled to begin this week on implementing the Palestinian self-rule accord signed in Washington last month.

In Washington, meanwhile, Secretary of State Warren Christopher met Oct. 6 with Farouk Kaddoumi, a member of the PLO executive committee.

The meeting in Cairo was initiated by Rabin, as sources at PLO headquarters in Tunis had maintained earlier last week.

The Israeli prime minister is no fan of Arafat's. That was evident by the uneasy expression on Rabin's face as he sat on a couch at the Ittihadiya Castle in Cairo, with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak seated between him and the PLO leader.

But despite this personal dis-

taste for a man whose very name was long synonymous with terrorism, Rabin knew all too well that there was no choice but to talk directly to Arafat.

Rabin later described the meeting as a positive one that had begun the process of imple-

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## Local Bone Marrow Donor May Have Saved Boy's Life

by Anne S. Davidson

Herald Editor

Boston resident Joyce Juda doesn't know the name of a mysterious 5 1/2-year-old, but she may have saved his life.

After years of testing and waiting, Juda—whose blood was found to match that of a young boy with leukemia—donated her bone marrow in July to try to save the young patient. And today, nearly three months after the operation, the boy is doing much better.

"The Red Cross let me know that he's doing really well," Juda told the Herald recently. "He's back home, wherever that is, and back to normal activity. Everything seems to be taking really well."

Juda doesn't know the boy's

name or even the country he's from because Red Cross policy requires that donors and patients can't make contact until a year after the transplant. But in the back of her mind, she thinks he may be a distant relative.

Juda, the New England (Rhode Island and Eastern Massachusetts) regional director for United Synagogue Youth, was raised in Fall River, Mass., where her mother, Rose, still resides.

Juda decided to have her blood tested a few years ago after she heard that a fellow USY member in Washington, D.C., Alison Atlas, had leukemia and could benefit from a bone-marrow transplant. Juda went to the Jewish Community Center in Newton, Mass., and had the

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## Shemini Atzeret

Rabbi Gershon Vogel, (left) Chananina and Chana Elmekies from Israel sing a Hebrew ballad during Shemini Atzeret following the end of Sukkot. Three generations of two families shared a dinner in Rabbi Vogel's sukkah last week. (See story on Page 20)

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Family Tree Tracing Subject at Meeting

Jonathan Galli, a genealogical researcher and consultant, will be guest speaker at the Oct. 19 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society, 1351 Cranston St.

Galli, who is a member of the society, will speak on the subject, "How to Trace Your Family Tree."

A short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede Galli's presentation. Refreshments will be served.

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## Domestic Abuse Topic at Symposium

The Women's Center of Rhode Island will hold a symposium, "Domestic Abuse: A Challenge to the Media and the Courts," which will bring national advocates and state policy makers together in a meeting open to the public at the Omni Biltmore in Providence, Oct. 23, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The day is unusual in that those in attendance will have the opportunity to be active participants in planning for change. The program is sponsored by the Providence Journal Company.

Keynote speakers are Jean Kilbourne, a visiting scholar at Wellesley College, whose documentaries on media images of women have won wide acclaim, and Sarah Buel, a formerly battered woman turned state prosecutor, who has been nationally featured for her work with police and courts in Quincy, Mass.

Moderated by John Martin, television writer at the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, the morning panel will include Terry Addison, assistant director of the Center for Non-Violence, which sponsors the Brother to Brother counseling program for batterers; Ted Canova, news director at WJAR-TV; Cynthia Garcia-Coll, executive director of the

Stone Center at Wellesley College; Maureen Reddy, professor of women's studies at Rhode Island College, and Delia Smidt, a case worker at the International Institute.

The afternoon session, moderated by Professor Barbara Tannenbaum of Brown University, will include a panel of state policy makers responding to Buel's presentation in light of changes needed in Rhode Island.

Panelists will include state Rep. Barbara Burlingame; Chief Judge of Family Court Jeremiah S. Jeremiah; Family Court Judge Pamela Mactaz, who chairs the Supreme Court's Task Force on Domestic Violence; Attorney Gen. Jeffrey Pine; Providence Police Lt. John Reiss; Linda D'Amario Rossi, director of the Department for Children, Youth and Families; Larry Shushansky, a social worker in the Family Court's youth diversionary program, Pass Project; Mary Trinity, executive director of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Lt. Gov. Robert Weyand, who chairs Brother to Brother's "White Ribbon Campaign" to end men's violence against women. A representative of the Mothers on Trial support group will tell of her experiences in Family Court.

Following the symposium, three work groups will meet through the fall to propose possible remedies in Rhode Island. Open to the public, the work groups will focus on concerns of front-line professionals (police officers and hospital staff); family practice and mental health professionals (psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers); and legal system professionals (attorneys, judges, and legislators). The results of their work will be gathered in a report, *Blueprint for Change: Toward a New Family Court*, which will be presented to policy makers early in 1994.

Registration for the symposium costs \$8, discounted to \$5 for students and seniors. Symposium materials will be assured to those who register by Oct. 15. Child care will be provided on a sliding scale. For more information and to register, call 521-4166.

## Older Worker Forum Set

The state Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA), in cooperation with the state Department of Employment and Training and the American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring an Older Worker Information Forum on Oct. 27 at the Providence Marriott, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The forum, which is free and open to the public, is designed to provide information and encourage job seekers, 55 and older, to use employment, training and placement services.

Continuous workshops will be offered throughout the day on job search methods and resume preparation. In addition, representatives of social service agencies will be on hand to offer guidance in dealing with personal, family and financial issues involved in conducting a job search.

"Older workers are an under-utilized resource," said Maureen Maigret, DEA director. "Given the current job market and the special and diverse needs of the older job seeker, it is vital that we continue our efforts to serve this population," she observed.

The DEA administers three distinct employment initiatives to help job seekers 55 and older.

The Older Worker Program, funded under the Job Training Partnership Act, offers job search counseling, skills assessment and training, retraining, and employer contacts for job placement.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program provides subsidized employment and training opportunities for eligible persons in nonprofit organizations.

The Senior Job Bank matches the skills of older workers to the needs of employers seeking full-time, part-time or temporary workers.

For additional details on the forum or senior employment programs, call Lisa D'Agostino at 277-6157.



Moses Brown School Book Fair will be held Oct. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 20 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Lower School. The family event will include books, activities, authors and illustrators; call 831-7350.

Children ages 5 and older can learn to quickly create **Fast Fabulous Costumes** Oct. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. and Oct. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Children's Museum of Rhode Island; call 726-2591.

Americo Petrocelli, commissioner of higher education, will discuss the future of higher education in Rhode Island at a **breakfast meeting** sponsored by the Rhode Island Association for Women in Education from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Oct. 20 in dining room 7-8-9 of Sharpe Rectory, Brown University; call 863-2649 to register.

The eighth annual URI Department of Journalism/Rhode Island Press Association Seminar will be held Oct. 21 beginning at 10 a.m. at Memorial Union.

A local comedy troupe will put a Rhode Island spin on TV favorite "Saturday Night Live" on Oct. 23 as part of an **evening of music and laughs** to benefit the Pawtucket Arts Council. The event will be held at the Old Peerless Building in Pawtucket, beginning with a cocktail hour from 8 to 9 p.m.; call 725-1151 or 274-5680.

The Family YMCA will sponsor its annual **Trick or Treat Trot** at Slater Park on Oct. 24, beginning at 9 a.m. The event features a competitive 5-mile race and a 2-mile race; call 727-7900.

The Fall Festival Fashion Show and Luncheon, sponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, will be held Oct. 24 at noon at the Providence Marriott Grand Ballroom; call 247-0452.

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## FEATURE

## Poetry Corner

## Without A G-d

How can there be  
Millions of faces of all different races  
And languages spoken with tongues that are "broken"  
Heartache, despair, but with courage to bear,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Mother and daughter, stronger than any brick and mortar,  
Or father and boy, sharing a joy,  
Love and hate, pity and scorn,  
Laughter and tears to which we're born,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Desert sand and fruited plain,  
One meant to be dry, the other have rain,  
Summer and spring and a bird to sing,  
Or autumn's call for the leaves to fall,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
A bright and yellow golden sun,  
And darkness to follow when day is done,  
With the sky turned bright as the brightest day  
From the moon a million years away,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Fish and fowl, bird and beast,  
Times of famine, times of feast,  
Hunger and thirst, sickness and health,  
People with little and people with wealth,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Oceans as wide as the eye can see,  
And nothing as tall as the tallest tree,  
And fruit and flower too many to name,  
And the awesome power of fire's flame,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Months and years and passing time,  
And different lands with different climes,  
And silver and gold for which men lust,  
Even knowing of "Dust to Dust"  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Pain and comfort, wrong and right,  
Having no fear, but feeling fright,  
Wood and stone, iron and steel,  
And senses to hear, and see and feel,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Muscle and bone and flesh and blood,  
A flower to bloom from just a bud,  
The seven wonders of the world,  
The miraculous birth of boy and girl,  
Without a G-d?

There never could be  
The four winds, North, West, South or East,  
Fish or fowl, bird or beast,  
An ocean, a desert, a flower or tree,  
Or life on earth for you or me,  
Without a G-d.  
*Herb Brown is a resident of East Providence.*

Clayman Tells Crowd,  
'The Enemy is Within'

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter  
"Shh, don't tell anybody anything different—people believe that a treasure trail runs through Jerusalem to Manhattan, the capital, Fort Knox and Hollywood. Nations pick up the scent, and it's good for Israel and the Jews."

Dr. David Clayman, director of the Israel Office of the American Jewish Congress, spoke on Oct. 5 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island to a small gathering in the Senior Adult Lounge.

He described a glittering state dinner he attended in Jordan. "A general sat next to me and asked if I could arrange for him to get some aircraft. He thought all I had to do was mention it to my American contacts. I scribbled some notes on a scrap of paper, and later just tossed it out."

Dr. Clayman, a boyhood friend of Sheldon Sollosy, who introduced him, made some strong political statements. "We've gone beyond the age of the Holocaust and defining ourselves against an outside enemy. The world has changed. Now the enemy is within. It's the hard-line right wingers of the Likud, like Benjamin Netanyahu and Ariel Sharon. They reject the democratic process, the voice of the voters. They won't accept a peace between former foes. But the Gaza strip is a cesspool. We're better off

without it. I don't want my son there."

Dr. Clayman put it bluntly and simply. "Israel is a small Samson, a sturdy nation in the world. We have brought out the Jews from Ethiopia and Russia. We stand proud and poised. American Jews turned away from Israel in recent years but they have come back. Our voice can be heard in the land and it is a force to contend with."

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Dr. David Clayman

David Clayman, a Harvard graduate and a rabbi with the degree from Jewish Theological Seminary of America, had served as U.S. Navy chaplain for 10 years before moving to Israel in 1970. "I have access to every office in Israel," he told us.

The Tuesday evening with the rabbi might have gained further impact had it been set up as a debate. Must the audience agree with the speaker's table that a minority report is a mistake or a disloyal response? Since when has American Jewish sen-

timent about Israeli decisions stuck into a solid ball?

Americans like cheerful prospects that spell out easy neighborly messages of goodwill. Jews away from their holy land cling to the idea of pleasing those next door. But other Jews ask tougher questions.

"Syria has tightened the economic boycott, not loosened it. The peace process is tentative and will be re-examined in three years, again in five years. We can only wait and see."

In the end, those words of caution may have done the most to allay the fears that set in when too much optimism disguises the anxiety that hovers over groups of Jews who watch and listen, pray and hope for the strength and health of their beloved second home in a faroff hemisphere.

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# EDITORIAL

## Jewish Home Proposal Was Not Made Available

A letter in this week's *Herald* [see this page] from Martin M. Temkin, lawyer for the Jewish Home, responds to a story that appeared in last week's paper that quoted, among others, New York businessman Jack Friedman and Providence lawyer Thomas Pearlman. As the article stated in the lead paragraph, the claim that the proposal to run the Jewish Home would be at "no cost" to the community was attributed to Friedman and Pearlman — not to home officials.

Because the formal proposal was not made available to the press, the story merely involved — it did not and could not analyze the offer or make any claims about the proposal. The only information pro-

vided to the *Herald* from officials of the Jewish Home was the fact that the proposal had arrived; also, the patient census was confirmed.

The verity of any other claims, either attributed to Friedman or Pearlman in last week's article or those being made by Temkin in this week's letter, remains to be seen. We hope the details of the proposal will be released to the press.

The change in court date that Temkin mentions was not disclosed to the *Herald* as of press time last week.

We also hope that all those involved will be open and truthful when dealing with the press, which often is the only outlet of information available to the community.

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## Letters to the EDITOR

### 'No Cost' Claim Is Disputed

#### To the Editor:

As attorneys for the home, we would like to respond and correct various statements made in the article which appeared in the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* yesterday [Oct. 7] regarding Jack Friedman's "formal offer" to re-open the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island.

The article incorrectly states that Friedman's proposal is to run the home at "no cost" to the community. In fact, the proposal would be enormously costly to the community. The cost can be measured by the difference between the actual yearly operating losses sustained by the home and the losses Friedman is willing to absorb.

The shortfall, projected at well over \$500,000 per year, would be made up by depleting the home's endowment, in reliance on nothing more binding than Friedman's unsecured promise to repay the endowment when the home is fully up and running again, if ever.

Your article is incorrect when it states that the proposal "indicates that they are ready to go right in and make the home open." The proposal is contingent on a substantial number of actions by the home, including, among other things, making the home's endowment available to fund operating losses, which will be substantial, and the return, voluntarily, of the

residents who have left. Obviously, the home has no control over the latter condition.

Regarding the third paragraph of your article, there are no "specifics" of the plan, which, no doubt, is why Friedman wanted to keep them private for now. At this stage of the negotiations, the home is giving the proposal the consideration it deserves. Contrary to his published statement about working "full steam ahead," Mr. Friedman does not appear to be in much of a hurry — he called a member of the Executive Committee on Wednesday [Oct. 6] to indicate that he was too busy to talk at that time, but would like to speak again on Sunday.

The first \$150,000 in deficit, which Friedman has offered to "cover," is a drop in the deficit bucket. There will obviously be a cost to the home should this proposal be accepted. That cost would be equal to the cost of restarting the facility, plus the ongoing costs of absorbing operating losses in excess of the \$150,000 cap placed by Friedman, pending profitable operations.

You may also want to be advised that the court hearing described in your article has been postponed until Oct. 21, pursuant to an agreement by the parties.

Martin M. Temkin  
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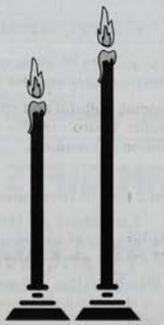
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## Candlelighting

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## Column Has Valid Point

#### To the Editor:

Rabbi Vicki Lieberman is being commended for bringing truly important concept of Jewish oral tradition to the attention of the Jewish community, the midrash that describes the Torah as G-d's "blueprint for the world in which we live."

The essential point of the Midrash, though, is hardly that we must "adjust" G-d's will to "modification" as a human architect might do — humans, of course, make mistakes and cannot foresee future needs and developments — but quite the opposite: that our world and everything human society may ever evolve or develop can possibly leave the scheme of law that the ultimate architect envisioned and revealed to our ancestors.

To extend Rabbi Lieberman's humorous imagery, just as G-d "has no trouble folding" His blueprint, neither does he forget to include in it every cubbyhole and window.

Rabbi Lieberman is certainly right, though, about the fact that the Jewish people play a role in the development of Jewish law. Ancient and revealed Jewish tradition indeed allow for what are called "rabbinic laws," enactments made by a body of universally (among Jews) recognized authorities "safeguard" the actual law of the Torah.

Such enactments, though, must be clearly labeled as "non-Torah" laws, can never actually negate any of the actual Torah's laws, and are almost always stringencies, not leniencies, in keeping with the transcendent goal of assuring Jewish respect for G-d's word.

And certainly, if the Torah is used, as some clergy have suggested in recent decades, merely as a "general guide," and modified as "needed" to suit the whim of men and women, it is then, of course, really no guide at all, just a tool to be exploited — and the New Testament, the Koran or, for that matter, Moby Dick, could serve just as well.

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## Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 1943

### Italians Escape into Switzerland

NEW YORK — More than 2,000 Jews, many of them natives of Italy and others refugees from other European countries, have escaped into Switzerland from Northern Italy; it was learned this week. News of the escape was contained in a cablegram sent by Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, to the New York office.

### To Direct HIAS Campaign

Charles Silverman was this week elected chairman of the HIAS campaign for funds in Providence and environs, it was announced this week from headquarters in the Strand Building. Dr. Ilie Berger was chosen campaign director. HIAS (The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) is commemorating this year 60 years of service for the emigrant and refugee world over.

### R.I. Council of Churches Scores British White Paper

The Rhode Island Council of Churches petitioned President Roosevelt this week asking the Government's assistance to influence the British Government to revoke the White Paper of 1939, stopping all immigration of Jews to Palestine after March, 1944, and to re-establish in force the Balfour Declaration, providing a homeland in Palestine for the Jewish people of the world. Mrs. Archibald Silverman, prominent Zionist leader, who recently returned from a trip to England on behalf of Zionism, spoke before several hundred listeners who heard her describe the accomplishments of Jews in Palestine.

# OPINIONS

## Hard Work Makes the Good Life Valid Points

This week's portion is the first portion of the entire Torah, Breishit. It discusses the creation of the world and Adam and Eve's function in the world.

From the very beginning, while still in the utopian setting of the Garden of Eden, Adam was immediately put to work. Quite contrary to the popular image, Adam never had a chance to enjoy complete rest or relaxation, free of duties and responsibilities.

received as a giveaway.

Things would certainly have been easier and less complicated if we were to receive everything on a "silver platter" without effort and sweat on our part. But that would be eating "the undeserved bread of shame" as the Zohar puts it.

There is a saying, "it is hard to be a Jew," a minority in an alien (if not hostile) society, where one finds the going rough, discouraging and difficult. Nothing comes easy; yet

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Rabbi Lieberman is also right about the fact that Jews must never lose sight of the forest for the trees, that the "mutuae" of Jewish law are means toward a goal and not themselves the end of G-d's will for his people.

But all of us Jews must always remember that a space shuttle engineer's goal, too, is something larger than the particulars he works on at his calculator and keyboard; his ultimate goal is to safely guide the vehicle into orbit and back to earth. But if he truly cares about the shuttle and its crew, if he truly wants the ultimate goal to come about, he will be relentlessly meticulous in executing every minute detail of his job, will never cut corners, and will labor tirelessly and selflessly, with love and dedication.

Rabbi Avi Shafran  
Providence



**A MOTHER'S LOVE**—Rachel Elmekies kisses her 4-month-old daughter, Peninah Bracha, during Shemini Atzeret in Rabbi Gershon Vogel's sukkah last week, where three generations of two families shared a dinner.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

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## TORAH TODAY

Even before violating the divine commandment, the innocent Adam's "raison d'être" was "to work and watch it" (i.e. the Garden of Eden). Yet Adam's life in the garden at that time is considered the epitome of "good living."

Obviously, hard work and the good life are not incompatible. In fact, hard work makes the good life, as we shall soon see.

The question may be asked: Could not the good and all-merciful G-d have shown even greater kindness by creating a perfect world where nothing would be lacking, work would be superfluous and labor unnecessary? Where man would subsist on his grace alone and be able to "take it easy" instead of working and earning a living?

We are told that man was created after everything else so that he should find all his needs already provided for. Then why this need for work?

If work, and improvement of the world is called for, then obviously creation was not yet at its best. Yet the Almighty seemed to be satisfied with this imperfect state of affairs, for every successive development of the first six days of creation is called "good."

Here is a clear indication that it is these very imperfections and faults—requiring improvement and work—that are part of the ultimate good.

G-d did not wish to shower undeserved bliss and good on humans. On the contrary, he wanted to leave an area for people to work at and exercise their creativity. G-d wanted to give a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, something we could consider our own.

There is definitely a greater appreciation of that which a person earns by the labor of his own hands than what he receives as a "handout." In fact, the Talmud tells us that people prefer a single bushel of their own produce to nine bushels

this too is for our own good. Only that which we rightfully earn through persistent work and effort gives true satisfaction; a feeling of victory comes only after a challenge.

Perhaps if things were easier and hardships were eliminated much more would be achieved. But, then again, the "examination papers" of life are marked for effort even more than for accomplishment.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Jordan and PLO Conclude Accord

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization have agreed on an economic cooperation pact designed to ensure a Jordanian role in the West Bank economy under Palestinian autonomy.

The accord, which was concluded last week, calls for the Jordanian Central Bank to monitor and regulate the Palestinian monetary policy that will evolve during interim self-rule, which will begin in the West Bank town of Jericho.

The pact was reportedly motivated by Jordanian concerns that Israel would try to exploit the economic benefits of the accord with the PLO at Jordan's expense.

In a related development, a mission from the World Bank is due to arrive in Israel this week to begin planning an economic infrastructure in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, the first areas to be

given autonomy by the Israelis.

About 25 economic experts are expected to lay the groundwork for the investment of the \$2.4 billion the World Bank has estimated is needed over the next five years in the areas.

The economic specialists are also planning to provide emergency and technical assistance, including helping to set up a tax-collection system, and begin what the Bank of Israel called "pre-feasibility" studies of various economic projects that have been proposed.

The international economists will have to prepare the economic infrastructure to create a climate that is favorable for the private sector, "on whose shoulders the Palestinian economy will ride," said Yoav Lehman, spokesman for the Bank of Israel.

"You can't make a factory if there is no road to the factory, or if there is no telecommunication or electricity," said

Lehman. "The public investment will be used to create this basic infrastructure."

The World Bank's plan calls for the Palestinians to receive \$400 million in international aid in 1994. \$125 million of which is slated for relief assistance, double the current amount, and \$275 million for public assistance programs.

Over the course of five years, the relief assistance will drop to average \$50 million a year, while public investment will increase to an average \$475 million a year.

The World Bank mission comes in the wake of an international conference held Oct. 1 in Washington, at which donor countries pledged more than \$2 billion for Palestinian economic development over the next five years.

Israel has pledged \$25 million to the effort, an action defended last week by Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel at

a news conference upon his return from Washington.

The money is not charity but a self-serving investment in an enduring peace, said Frenkel, who cautioned that there are no guarantees the donor countries will honor their pledges.

Nevertheless, Frenkel was nevertheless upbeat about the reaction Israel received at the international meetings he attended in Washington.

"I personally don't remember such a period of great optimism about Israel," he said, noting the enthusiasm was a combined product of the peace agreement and expectations for regional economic prosperity.

Meanwhile, PLO economists have prepared their own 1,600-page economic development plan for Gaza and Jericho, which will form the basis of the technical negotiations with the Israelis scheduled to begin later this month on the transfer of authority to the Palestinians.



### NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A group of prominent, politically conservative Jewish intellectuals launched a campaign last week to woo American Jews away from their traditionally liberal beliefs. The conservative thinkers made their pitch at the first public event of the Jewish Policy Center, a new Washington think tank that aims to be the major voice of Jewish political conservatism.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a sign of mounting support among American Jews for the accord Israel recently signed with the Palestine Liberation Organization, a senior PLO official was invited to address a United Jewish Appeal conference here last week. Nabil Sha'ath, a senior adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, appeared on a panel of Middle East experts Oct. 5 during the UJA Women's Division's Lion of Judah conference here.

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — On the last Saturday in September, Dr. Matthew Garz went to visit his parents' graves, as he does every year on Yom Kippur. What he found shocked him. His parents' tombstones — as well as eight others in the Jewish section of a San Francisco Bay Area cemetery — had been sprayed with red paint.

NEW YORK (JTA) — When B'nai B'rith was founded 150 years ago by 12 young German Jews at Sinsheimer's Cafe on Manhattan's Lower East Side, Jewish communal and family life was dramatically different than it is today. As B'nai B'rith prepares to celebrate its 150th birthday this month, the organization is getting a face lift: Its image is being spruced up and its programs and organizational structures are being re-evaluated and overhauled to address the needs of Jews today.

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the wake of the recent tragic earthquake in India, the American Jewish World Service is making an appeal to the American Jewish community for funds to assist in relief efforts in the stricken area. For more information call (212) 683-1161. Checks made out to AJWS can be sent to American Jewish World Service — India Earthquake, 15 W. 26 St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

## Black Caucus' Ties to Farrakhan Could Harm Black-Jewish Relations

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — New ties between the Congressional Black Caucus and the controversial Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan have cast a shadow on the future of black-Jewish cooperation on legislative issues of mutual concern.

For the moment, at least, the future of such coalition work remains ambiguous, as the Jewish community sorts out the implications and the extent of the warming relationship between the caucus and Farrakhan, who is viewed as anti-

Semitic by many in the Jewish community.

Jewish groups and legislators have long worked closely with the caucus on such issues as civil rights, aid to cities, public education and the fight against poverty. And the caucus, which currently comprises 39 members of the House of Representatives and one senator, has a long history of solid support for Israel.

But that relationship has been strained since mid-September, when the black caucus invited Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, to participate in a panel discussion as part of its annual Legislative Weekend.

During a panel discussion on "Race in America," the caucus chairman, Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.), said the group would "enter a secret covenant" with

the Nation of Islam, among other groups, on legislative concerns.

In a statement issued after meeting subsequently with Jewish groups, Mfume reiterated the caucus's intention of forging ahead with a relationship with Farrakhan and any

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others who "we feel are as committed as we are to real and meaningful social change for our people."

Their new cooperation is the latest evidence of a growing acceptance Farrakhan seems to be enjoying in the mainstream black community. His cadre of Muslim guards, known as the Fruit of Islam, has won wide acclaim among African Americans for ridding low-income housing projects of drug dealers.

Still, Farrakhan is considered by Jews across the political spectrum to be anti-Semitic and one of the most divisive forces in race relations in America. All representatives of mainstream Jewish organizations refuse to be part of any coalition that includes him.

The caucus's embrace of Farrakhan "signals the declining importance of the Jewish community to black community interests," said one senior Jewish organizational official who met with Mfume.

"The implications of this could be a serious rift with the Jewish community. If it does mean that, then we have to seriously assess what we will do," he said.

Jewish groups and legislators, concerned at the direction

the Congressional Black Caucus was taking after its gathering last month, quickly sought private meetings with black members of Congress and, soon afterward, with Mfume himself.

Two such meetings were held in Washington two weeks ago: one with representatives of the Anti-Defamation League and another with representatives of other national agencies.

Several participants in the broader group meeting, held on Sept. 28, came away feeling reassured by Mfume.

The caucus chairman told them that he had been quoted out of context and that he had spoken of a covenant with Farrakhan, as well as with churches, mosques and synagogues.

During the meeting, Mfume "clarified what had actually happened. The caucus did not embrace Farrakhan," said Arthur Abramson, executive director of the Baltimore Jewish Council, who orchestrated the session.

"There was a ground for meeting with Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam about the drug problem because their activities in that regard have been effective," he said.

"We explained to the congressman that the Jewish community at this point cannot work in coalition with Farrakhan. Mfume understood it," said Abramson.

"That was the whole point: to reconfirm where we are and to sensitize each other. There has been a broadening of perspective."

Another participant in the Sept. 28 meeting described Mfume as "sympathetic," but he said it "remains to be seen what effect this has on black-Jewish relations."

"If other black groups don't pick it up and invite Farrakhan to participate in other multiracial coalitions, it won't be that big a flap," he said.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS



### NATIONAL

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the first Jew to sit on the Supreme Court in 25 years, donned her black robe and took her seat among her new colleagues last week as the court began its 1993-94 term. The court's agenda for the term, at least so far, does not include any church-state cases, which are traditionally those in which the organized Jewish community becomes most involved.

**NEW YORK (JTA)** Harry Hurwitz, executive vice president and director of the newly established Menachem Begin Foundation, has begun plans to build a library, archives, museum and research institute in Jerusalem in memory of the former Israeli prime minister.

### INTERNATIONAL

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — Security was tightened and streets were clogged with traffic as tens of thousands gathered here last week for the annual holiday celebration of Sukkot, the weeklong festival commemorating the wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. About 25,000 people, including 4,000 Christians, marched through the center of the city in brightly colored clothes, waving flags and singing songs.

**UNITED NATIONS (JTA)** — Israel has established diplomatic relations with Turkmenistan, meaning that it now has ties with all of the five Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union and all 15 of the Soviet successor states.

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — For decades, Jerusalemites have done their shopping in the city center, where hundreds of small specialty shops and outdoor cafes line the narrow, winding streets of the capital. All of this could change, if the success of a newly opened shopping mall is any indication. Reportedly the largest indoor shopping complex in the entire Middle East, the new Malcha Mall, located in the southwestern part of the city, is packing in customers who might otherwise be buying downtown.

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## Federal Judge Strikes Down Baltimore Koshers Food Law

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen  
**NEW YORK (JTA)** — In a decision that may impact government enforcement of kosher food practices in the United States, a federal judge has struck down Baltimore's kosher food ordinance, calling it an unconstitutional entanglement of church and state.

The decision may affect similar laws in the 15 to 20 states and the handful of counties and municipalities where they exist. Although the New Jersey State Supreme Court in 1992 struck down that state's kosher food laws as unconstitutional, this is the first time a federal court has ruled against legal enforcement of Jewish dietary laws by government agencies.

In New Jersey, the regulations have been rewritten to conform with the court's decision.

In the Baltimore ruling, however, the city's Bureau of Kosher Meat and Food Control has been outlawed.

In his Oct. 1 ruling, U.S. District Court Judge Benson Legg called the Baltimore ordinance's purpose of protecting consumers from kosher food fraud "commendable," but said that "its primary defect is that it excessively entangles civil and religious authority."

In response to the decision, Baltimore's chief lawyer said the city plans to appeal it to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

"We feel very strongly that our kosher food law is constitutional," Baltimore City Solicitor Neal Janey told *The Washington Post*.

"Judges are just uncomfortable with the state being involved with anything smacking of religion," said Dennis Rappaport, executive director of COLPA, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, which represents Orthodox Jews on church-state matters.

"They can't deal with it in a clear way, so they throw the baby out with the bath water, not making the fine distinctions they usually make."

Consumers suffer "because they're being defrauded" while the government is not able to ensure that they are really getting kosher food, he said.

A representative of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America,

which certifies kosher products, said, "All these enforcement agencies seek to do is to protect the consumer" from fraud.

"It's baffling to us that this sort of [court decision] takes place," said Rabbi Jacob Mendelson, a rabbinic coordinator at the Orthodox Union.

## In the Baltimore ruling, the city's Bureau of Kosher Meat and Food Control has been outlawed.

In his decision, Legg wrote that the doctrine separating church and state outweighs consumer protection interests in the Baltimore case, according to *The Washington Post*.

Legg singled out as problematic the city's employment of a battery of rabbis. But he ruled that the city can legally continue the enforcement of kosher food standards by not using them as its experts.

Efforts were made by COLPA to have the New Jersey case reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court, which denied the petition.

In New Jersey, new regulations are set to go into effect next day, said Yakov Dombroff, chief of the state's Bureau of Kosher Enforcement. They will require retailers of kosher food to post detailed information about what is involved in ensuring that their food is kosher.

If the N.J. Bureau of Kosher Enforcement finds that products are not as kosher as the retailer says they are, the retailer can be prosecuted for fraud, said Dombroff.

"We won't be making any religious decisions, but just enforcing commercial disclosure," he said.

The Baltimore case arose after vendor George Barghout challenged a fine of \$400 he was charged in a city court when a city food inspector said that he defrauded the public by selling hot dogs as kosher after they were cooked on a rotisserie with non-kosher hot dogs. The grease from the non-kosher sausage tainted the kosher meat.

## Senate to Consider Hate Crimes Bill

by Deborah Kalb  
**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — An ethnically diverse group of U.S. senators has introduced legislation that would increase penalties for crimes motivated by racism, sexism or xenophobia.

The hate crimes legislation, introduced Oct. 6, is identical to a bill already passed in the House of Representatives. The bill is based on model legislation created by the Anti-Defamation League. It would enhance federal penalties for crimes motivated by a victim's race, religion, nationality, gender or sexual orientation. Although the bill sailed through the House by voice

vote, a tougher fight is expected in the Senate, according to Michael Lieberman, ADL associate director.

Lieberman pointed out that some senators have had problems approving legislation dealing with issues of sexual orientation.

The Senate bill's chief sponsors are Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who is Jewish; Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.), the only Native American in the Senate; and Carol Moseley-Braun (D-Ill.), the sole African American senator.

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## Style Serves Youth Aliyah



Pearl Shein models a two-piece wool crepe dress with paisley scarf.



Comfortable and casual is Bernice Kumins in a wool flannel double-breasted blazer and cotton/spandex stirrup pants.

**P**awtucket Hadassah makes its fall fashion statement once again for Youth Aliyah.

The group will present a Fashion Revue by Talbots of Davol Square at Temple Emanu-El on the evening of Oct. 25, with coffee served at 7:15 p.m. and the show at 8.

Varda Lev's piano and Barbara Lavine's commentary will accompany Hadassah members as they walk the runway styled in Talbots fashions.

Pawtucket Hadassah's annual fundraiser always coincides with the splash of leaf-colored brilliance each autumn to help ensure the future of young people.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Hadassah's commitment to Youth Aliyah for the education, rehabilitation and vocational training of young people who emigrate to Israel from all over the world.



Linda Sinel wears wool flannel walking shorts and a one-button blazer with coordinating argyle turtleneck.



Chairwoman Ruth Shein and committee member Kayla Flamer.



Attired in a wool crepe pantsuit and printed silk blouse is Esther Preiss.



Pearl Shein wears a Susan Bristol equestrian two-piece corduroy skirt and vest with blouse. Bernice Kumins models a wool menswear check skirt, turtleneck and wool vest with flannel blazer over her shoulder.



Ready for the cold outdoors are Esther Preiss in a reversible color-block toggle coat with cable turtleneck and Linda Sinel warmed by a nylon parka and cable turtleneck.

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Monologist Tom Spouros is next on the schedule at Perishable Theatre's MA & PA Fest (Multimedia Art & Performance Art Festival) Oct. 14 through 30 at the Perishable Theatre, 124 Washington St., Providence; call 331-2695.

Trinity Repertory Company continues its 1993-94 birthday-celebration season with "Marvin's Room" by Scott McPherson Oct. 15 through Nov. 28; call 351-4242.

The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant will present the comedy "Relatively Speaking," beginning Oct. 15 and running each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 14; call 848-PLAY.

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will open its 1993-94 season on Oct. 16, offering five classical concert series in two performance spaces. The seven-concert Classical Series opens Oct. 16, presented at the new concert time of 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium; call 831-3123.

The Academy Players of East Greenwich announces auditions for its winter production "Prelude to a Kiss." The auditions will be held Oct. 17 and 18 at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church from 7 to 10 p.m.; call 732-3417.

Lloyd Martin paintings, 1991-93, will be presented at the Hunt Cavanagh Gallery, Providence College, from Oct. 17 to Nov. 26, with an opening reception Oct. 17 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The University of Rhode Island will present Xue Di on Oct. 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Great Room of Eleanor Roosevelt Hall, Kingston Campus, Kingston. The dissident Chinese poet will read his poetry and relate experiences in two cultures; call 783-2356.

The Providence Performing Arts Center invites the public to attend "Wednesday At The Wuritzer" series now through Oct. 27 every Wednesday at 220 Weybosset St., Providence. The free noontime organ concerts feature soloists from southeastern New England; call 421-ARTS.

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## Malice, Joy Luck

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter  
"Malice" won four stars from the *Providence Journal*. It rates one here at the *Herald*.

Aptly titled, the movie traces a trail of ill will all around. Alec Baldwin, a brutal beau, plays a doctor who plays G-d. A young woman married to her former professor sets out to get him, in more ways than one. The surgeon damages her ovaries. She sues him for \$20 million. It's a fancy insurance scam like "Double Indemnity." "Postman," or the early Hitchcocks. But "Malice" leaves out the irony, wit, class, taste, of those "noir" classics, black and white masterpieces.

**Audiences today react like teens. We like to get grossed out but hate to have to think.**

In this update, women don't smoke anymore. They do everything else but. And the more we shun sentiment and sink into ugliness, the more mindless and sentimental we become. Audiences today react like teens. We like to get grossed out but hate to have to think.

The doctor gets shot by the lady. Only because he tries to do the right thing for a change. Hence, he gets punished for his pride, but forgiven because — well, he is a doctor. We get to have it both ways, justice undisturbed by doubt.

Whatever happened to the feminist movement with its promise of a gentler deal? This gal uses her power for evil, but it's Halloween evil, monstrous beyond belief, good for a laugh under the moon. Sure, the plot twists and turns with offbeat kinks and knots. I could just conjure up the picture of a group of guys sitting around a polished table and going, "Hey, let's try this, or that!"

Critics used to tell us a director, producer or star worked from within, like a poet. As for "Malice," see it without pride, and leave it without profit.

"Joy Luck Club" asks the congregation to bring something else to the cinema — kleenex or hankies. Visually, it's a treat, with rich close-ups of unusual Asian women's faces of all ages, and landscapes that stun and startle.

Wayne Wang directs for producer Oliver Stone a big story that stretches from old China to post-modern California. Moth- (Continued on Page 19)

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# HEALTHWISE

## Gene Identified for Canavan's Disease

Scientists at Miami Children's Hospital Research Institute have identified the gene for Canavan's disease, an inherited, degenerative, childhood disorder that is severely debilitating both mentally and physically, and is always fatal.

In the October issue of *Nature Genetics*, Dr. Rajinder Kaul, Dr. Reuben Matalon, and colleagues identify the gene and one of its major mutations.

"This discovery is very exciting to the Canavan Foundation because it brings us one giant step closer to realizing our goal of developing accurate carrier and prenatal screening tests for Canavan's disease," said Orren Alperstein Gellblum, president of the Canavan Foundation.

Alperstein also hopes that this significant breakthrough will help focus attention on Canavan's disease and raise public awareness of this devastating disorder.

The Canavan Foundation was established in March 1992 by family and friends of four young children with Canavan's. Its goals are to support research that will lead to the development of screening tests and to educate the medical community and at-risk populations.

Canavan's disease is an inherited condition which pri-

marily affects the white matter (myelin) of the brain. Children with Canavan's are never able to hold up their heads, sit, crawl, or walk, nor do they ever say a single word. Over time they may lose the ability to see and frequently suffer from seizures. Today there is no treatment or cure for the dis-

**"This discovery ... brings us one giant step closer to ... developing accurate carrier and prenatal screening tests for Canavan's disease."**

Orren Alperstein Gellblum

ease. Although the disease primarily affects Jewish families of Eastern European ancestry, it exists among other ethnic groups as well.

As with Tay-Sachs disease, both parents must be carriers of the Canavan's gene in order for their child to inherit the disease.

Parents who are carriers have a 25 percent chance of having a baby with Canavan's each time they conceive. There is evidence that the gene for Canavan's disease may be as common as the gene for Tay-Sachs in the American Jewish population.

Dr. Reuben Matalon, one of the authors of the article in *Nature Genetics*, has been working on Canavan's disease since 1987 when a father of two Canavan's children asked for his help in understanding the disorder.

Dr. Matalon soon discovered in Canavan's children a deficiency of aspartoacylase (ASP) and an increased presence of N-acetylaspartic acid (NAA). Those discoveries made it possible to accurately diagnose the presence of Canavan's with a simple urine test.

Carrier testing for Canavan's has been more difficult because, unlike Tay-Sachs, the enzyme involved in Canavan's disease cannot be detected in blood samples. Furthermore, prenatal diagnosis has been unreliable for Canavan's because the activity level of the enzyme obtained through two commonly used prenatal screening tests, CVS and amniocentesis, is extremely low.

Further work in Dr. Matalon's lab, supported in part by grants from the United Leukodystrophy Foundation, has led to the current breakthrough described in *Nature Genetics*. After purifying the enzyme, the research team was able to clone the human gene for ASP. They were then able to show that a particular mistake (or mutation) within it, a change in the identity of just one of the more than 500 building blocks (amino acids) of the protein, is found in 85 percent

of their Canavan's patients. **Implications of the Breakthrough**

The discovery of the gene for Canavan's has broad implications. "We will be in a position," says Dr. Verne S. Caviness, Jr., chief of pediatric neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, "to determine the cell class in which the enzyme is expressed in the brain, the ontogeny of its development and, through this information, to develop theories relating to fundamental mechanisms of myelin development and maintenance."

Of immediate importance, the identification of the gene that leads to Canavan's disease will soon make it possible to screen large populations using blood samples.

Before a reliable screening test can be devised, however, the other mutations in the gene must first be identified. The Canavan Foundation has recently awarded a grant to Dr. Matalon and his team to support the additional mutation work that needs to be done. Prenatal diagnosis will be an immediate reality for affected families where the specific gene mutations for each of the carrier families is known.

For further information about Canavan's disease, ongoing research, or the work of the foundation, please write to Canavan Foundation, 320 Central Park West, Suite 19D, New York, N.Y. 10025; (212) 877-3945.

## R. I. Hospital Offering Free Immunizations for Kids

Rhode Island Hospital offers free immunizations for youngsters on the first Tuesday of each month from 4 to 8 p.m. on the fifth floor of the hospital's Ambulatory Patient Center.

For several years, the hospital has been participating in a program to improve the rate of childhood immunizations in

Rhode Island. By some estimates, as many as 50 percent of the state's 2-year-olds do not have up-to-date immunizations against preventable diseases, although the risk of catching an infectious disease is greatest in a child's first two years.

## HEALTH

### ..... BRIEFS .....

The Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter's 43rd annual meeting and volunteer recognition will be held Oct. 17 at the Metacomet Country Club, Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence, from 10 a.m. to noon; call 434-5792.

Making health-care decisions in advance of serious illness will be the focus of the next **Community Wellness Program** sponsored by Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Syles Conference Center. There is no charge for the program, but advance registration is requested as seating is limited; call 729-2459.

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder will be the topic on Oct. 21 at Bradley Hospital continues its **"Speaking of Kids" parenting education series**. Beginning at 7 p.m., Robert M. Hayden, Ph.D., will share his expertise on the disorder with parents and educators.

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Leukemia Society, the official charity of the 1993 Blue Cross of Rhode Island Marathon, is seeking **volunteers** to work on Nov. 7. Volunteers will assist with registration, crowd control, water stations, finish line, etc.; call Pamela Morin at 943-8888.

The Disability Prevention Program at the Rhode Island Department of Health has designated the month of November as **"Investing in Health Beginnings"** month to promote and highlight primary care, prevention and intervention programs for children, prenatal to age 5; call 277-2901.

October is **Lupus Awareness Month**. For information about this disease, call the Rhode Island Chapter, Lupus Foundation of America, at 421-7227.

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# HEALTHWISE

## Producer Promotes Fitness

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

Lori Solinger is a very busy woman because her job dictates action. She is the producer/writer and creator of new TV station WFIT's "Lifeline," a half-hour medical talk show involving six area hospitals, and "Lifebeat," a news format show about health and fitness issues.

On June 7, after 12 years of news hounding — including stints in Maryland, Florida and CBS in New York — Solinger decided to come back to Rhode Island while she pondered her future. "I had heard about WFIT-23 and I knew I'd be good for this because I was a health reporter at my other station," Solinger said. A chance encounter with Philip DeSano, president of the health and fitness network, turned into a scene out of a movie: "I walked in off the street and told him [DeSano] that I'd be great for

this station," she remembers.

DeSano told her to drop the tape off and he'd see her later, but Solinger persisted in getting an on-the-spot interview — the rest is history. "I'm glad she did it," DeSano said in retrospect to their first encounter.

The Cranston native produces her programs at the station's brand-new studio located between Beneficent Congregational Church and the former Loring Studios in downtown Providence. Although WFIT operates in Rhode Island, it is capable of reaching parts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, according to DeSano.

Solinger, who spends as much time in the hospitals as a registered nurse, enjoys the challenge her job brings.

"The basis of the show here is to walk away learning something about what you can do in the health field for yourself," Solinger said. The purpose of "Lifeline" — which airs twice a week — is to teach the public



ON THE BEAT — Lori Solinger, a producer and host of WFIT's Lifeline show, prepares to interview Nancy Sandbach, a registered dietician with the New England Dairy Council in Cranston, during live taping of a program recently.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

about certain topics dealing with medicine. One show may deal with ovarian cancer, spinal cord injuries, menopause or breast cancer — usually accompanied by a local doctor. "It's really to educate the public on what the disease is, what they can do to detect it, what they can do if they have it ... it's really to educate the public through the doctor and through the show," Solinger said.

Solinger is the daughter of Dorothy and Samuel Solinger of Cranston. A congregant at Temple Sinai, she enjoys watching movies when she's not beating the pavement.

Since its beginning, WFIT, which now employs a total of 20 full- and part-time employees, is slowly carving out a

loyal following in a very competitive market.

"The theme of the station is to make people aware of how they can live a healthy lifestyle," DeSano said. "We're not a station just for muscle-builders, but one that fits into everyone's category," the owner said. In addition to Solinger's shows, WFIT airs food, gardening, lifestyle, nature and travel shows from "Body Moves" to National Geographic specials.

On assignment in Cranston at the New England Dairy Council, Solinger and camera-

man Ken Boyd recently prepared to tape a segment on how to prepare a healthy school lunch with Nancy Sandbach, a registered dietician with the council. Under the glare of hot tungsten lamps, the women went through several five-minute takes before Boyd gave Solinger the thumbs-up sign.

While Solinger's schedule is flexible, she often spends hours writing, preparing and editing her work at home — sometimes working until 1 a.m. — but Solinger admits that news reporting is what her life has always been about.

## Torah, Mental Health and You

by R.Y. Donowitz  
Specialist to the Herald

A man is wealthy, but he feels his wealth is inadequate. A woman is loved by her husband, but she feels he doesn't care. A father is loved and respected by his children, yet he feels there is little connecting them and his plans regarding them are failing.

All of these are actual cases I have worked with and they may be people you know well. These are all common problems.

You may wonder, "why doesn't he recognize his wealth?" "I wish I had as much as he does." "Why doesn't she recognize the love her husband has for her?" "I wish my husband acted in those ways toward me." "Why doesn't he recognize the wonderful relationship he has with his children?" "I wish I was so successful in raising my children."

In the book *Toras Avraham*, Rabbi Avraham Grodzinsky, a former dean of the Slobodka Yeshiva that existed in Lithuania, gives us some insights to help us understand this problem.

He writes, using a sentence in last week's parsha and that reappears in this week's parsha, Noah (in a different form), about the "evil inclination" that man was created with. He writes that a person's desires and situation in life color his vision of reality. This is one of the results of having an "evil inclination."

He tells us a person can be blind to his riches while he is pursuing more. He may not even detect that there are individuals who are so jealous of him to the extent that they are trying to cause him a financial loss.

The problem has now been identified, a negative inclination with tremendous power to blind us, but how do we get to see the light? The answer lies in first identifying a person's inclinations and strivings. Once a person can recognize his ten-

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# MILESTONES

## Sheer and Zenack to Marry

Lisa Ann Sheer and Scott Andrew Zenack are engaged to be married. She is the daughter of Sheila and Neil Sheer of Foxboro, Mass. He is the son of Daron and Leslie Zenack of Sharon, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Foxboro High School and a 1991 graduate of Skidmore College. She is the granddaughter of Rosalind and Jerome Herman of Cranston and Eva Sheer of Providence and the late Leonard Sheer.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Sharon High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He is the grandson of Jean Krohn of Bloomfield, N.J., and the late Daniel Krohn, and Ruth Brizel of North Miami Beach, Fla., and the late Sol Zenack.

A Sept. 18, 1994 wedding is being planned.



Lisa Sheer and Scott Zenack

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**James Alexander Gadon**

Elizabeth and Charles Gadon of Old Saybrook, Conn., announce the birth of their first child, James Alexander, born on Sept. 24. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 5½ ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Genevieve and Richard Hewitt and Theodore Meyer of New York City. Paternal grandparents are Janice and Harold Gadon of Cranston.

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## ORT Leaders to Attend 32nd Convention

Two local members of the Elm Grove Chapter at Large, Women's American ORT, will be part of 1,200 delegates "Making a World of Difference" at the 32nd Biennial National Convention of Women's American ORT, scheduled for Oct. 15 to 18, at the Fountainbleau Hilton in Miami Beach, Fla.

The convention, which will bring together representatives of Women's American ORT from the 50 states, will help chart new directions for the organization while addressing the needs of ORT's worldwide network of schools and programs, the technical transformation of the modern workplace, and issues, such as public education and the welfare of children, of particular concern to women.

Robin Baron, president of the Elm Grove Chapter at Large, is the chairwoman of the local delegation. She will be joined at the National Convention by Sherri Klein, chapter treasurer. Baron and Klein are among a group of six delegates from the New England Field Committee traveling to Miami.

During their stay in Miami, the Rhode Island delegates will be addressed by the directors of ORT programs around the world.

## Tate Named Head of Committee

Deborah M. Tate, of the law firm of Skolnik, McIntyre & Tate in Providence, has been appointed chairwoman, of the Special Concerns of the Elderly Committee of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

She has been a fellow of the Academy since October of 1990 and has previously been involved in its Membership Committee.

Tate is a member of the executive committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association and currently chairs the meetings committee for the Rhode

Island Bar Association in planning the June 1994 annual meeting.

She is secretary-treasurer of the Family Court Bench Bar Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association and serves on the board of directors of the Women's Bar Association. She has joined the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Inc. Membership in that academy is open to licensed attorneys who are practicing in the area of elder law or who are interested in legal issues pertaining to the elderly.

## Blank Cited for Distinguished Service

Jason L. Blank of Warwick, an assistant professor of sociology at Rhode Island College, was recently named the Distinguished Service Award recipient at the opening meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

As a recipient of the Maixner Distinguished Service Award, Blank received a plaque, a cash honorarium and funding to attend a professional meeting of his choice.

Blank was cited for his "great deal of service" to the college and the community.

The award committee noted how much he had done to serve RIC's varied committees in the nearly 30 years he's been on the faculty and said a complete listing would be prohibitively long.

Some of these committees include the College Curriculum, Labor Studies, Holocaust Memorial, Financial Aid, College Discipline, General Education, Student Designed Courses, Ethnic Studies, Gerontology, Upward Bound and TRIO.

His efforts on behalf of the RIC/AFT are especially noteworthy, the citation notes.

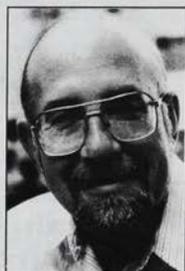
He has been vice president of that teachers' union for the past three years.

His activities within his department have been extensive and included visiting local high schools and keeping in touch with alumni.

Over the years, he has served on all of the sociology department committees.

Blank's service in the community includes serving on the boards of directors of the Summit Association and the Urban Educational Center as well as his role as founder and president of the Alzheimer's Disease Crisis Intervention Center.

He has lectured and consulted for several substance abuse agencies, senior centers, health advisory agencies, the



Jason Blank

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Adult Correctional Institution, youth centers and interracial conferences in addition to his many workshops in high schools, adult education programs and at the Naval Education and Training Center.

"Serving those in the community of all ages, Professor Blank's involvement is characterized by commitment, belief, dedication and joy," the citation notes.

Blank is a 1961 Harvard University graduate in social relations (with honors), and holds a master's degree from Boston University in sociology and psychology and has completed all but his dissertation for a doctorate in sociology from New York University.

## Am David Celebrates Mechina Consecration

Simchat Torah was the celebration, and Temple Am David, in Warwick, was the setting for the recent consecration of five Mechina students.

After a brief song presentation, and certificates, the newly "welcomed" students marched in the Hakafot with their very own miniature Torahs.

Mechina students included Ilana Kritz, Lisa Neufeld, Jennifer Veltri, Sam Webber and Melissa Williams.

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## Emanu-El Honors Leaders

Simchat Torah celebrates the conclusion and the beginning of the ancient, annual cycle of Torah reading. It is the occasion for celebrating the endurance and centrality of Torah for Judaism. This great cycle, reading the end of Deuteronomy followed immediately by reading of the Creation at the beginning of Genesis, is testimony to the everlasting spiritual renewal that Torah grants us.

The honor of Hatun Torah is extended to the person judged worthy of bringing the reading of the Torah to its successful completion. This year the honor goes to one of Rhode Island's most prominent and respected Jewish leaders, Harris N. Rosen.

Rosen's record of accomplishments extends over three decades. At Jewish Family and Children's Service, he became a director in 1962, treasurer in 1966 and vice president in 1968.

Also beginning in 1962, he served for four years as a member of the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Cabinet.

Rosen's record of leadership at the Jewish Federation began in 1970 when he joined the board. He served as vice president from 1977 to 1980 and again from 1988 to 1993. He was the federation's general campaign chairman in 1990. This year, Rosen became president of the federation. Most recently, he was present at the peace treaty signing in Washington, D.C. at the invitation of Jack Reed.

At Temple Emanu-El, Rosen has served in many ways, and is currently a member of the temple board. He chaired a successful Dues Campaign in 1989 and co-chaired a fund-raiser two years ago.

His roots extend to Emanu-El's very beginning since his grandfather was involved in the temple's establishment.

His service to the community extends to Miriam Hospital, where he was a trustee from 1974-1979, and served as secretary from 1979-1982.

He has been a trustee at Women and Infants Hospital since 1978, a corporator at Rhode Island Hospital since 1982, and was named a corporator of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island earlier this year.

The Hatun Bereshit is honored with beginning the Torah. Beginnings have long been viewed as auspicious, and so the honor is especially fitting for Alan Brier. Brier's deep and enduring interest in Jewish education has inspired many of his accomplishments in the Jewish community.

At the Providence Hebrew Day School, which his parents helped to found, Brier's many contributions as its treasurer include instituting a working budget.

At Emanu-El, Brier has been involved on many active levels. His special devotion has been to Bar/Bat Mitzvah Brotherhood (BMB), where he served as adviser for nearly 20 years. At BMB, Brier always stressed the importance of our youth's learning to lead the services. He, himself, took an active part in the training of BMB leadership, in addition to cooking the special Brier delicacies for breakfast each week.

Brier's efforts to make Simchat Torah more festive, emphasizing dancing and singing, may be seen as a reflection of his desire to bring congregants into the service and thereby learn more about its meaning.

He has also been a Kallah participant, as well as an active member of the original Shabbat Morning Committee. Brier has also served the temple as a Gabbai, a member of the board, and as financial secretary. Kallah Maftir receives the honor of reading the Haftarah. The honor this year is awarded to Bernice Kumins, one of Emanu-El's most admired and energetic leaders.

Kumins' many contributions began long before she distinguished the temple by becoming its first woman president in 1989, when she began the first of her three terms.

Before that, she was elected temple vice president four times and had been elected president of the Sisterhood three times.

Last May she was elected honorary president of the temple. Her involvement and interest in temple life continues as editor-in-chief of the Kol Emanu-El.

During Kumins' many years as a temple member, she has been active in all aspects of synagogue life including chairing the Sukkah Committee, Israeli Bonds Dinner and a variety of rabbinic, cantorial and director search committees.

She has helped to pave the way for women in temple service as the first female Gabbai. She also served on the board of the temple, on the Youth Commission, and the Adult Institute Committee.

She currently chairs the Cemetery Committee and is a member of the Choral Club and the Kulanu Steering Committee. Her commitment to Judaism is evident outside of Emanu-El, where she is active in other community organizations, including Jewish Family Service, where she is a board member, and Jewish Federation's Women's Division, where she also sits on the board. Kumins has taught at the Providence Hebrew Day School for many years as a teacher of mathematics.



### Stretching for Sukkot

Hannah Pitt, 5, of Kidspac stretches to help decorate a sukkah at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island recently.

Herald photo by Omar Stratley



### Beth-El Bowling League Rolls On

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

It gets better every week. Len Berek rolled a career high just one week after his name was mentioned in the Herald.

Larry Steingold continues to stay in the top five. The cha-cha king (Benny Diaz) has his game finely tuned, with Rick Dressler, Barry Rappoport, and Sy (they read about me in Florida) Brooks, hanging tough.

Veteran Myer Jarcho keeps going like the Energizer battery, and Joe (found a magic potion) Goodman racking up big numbers, rounds out the fold.

Rich Fain is showing signs of life and he now only spends 30 seconds on the approach before releasing. Well you know what they say in sports, "a quick release is a physical disability." Newcomers Rick Bloom and Larry Wacks still are impressing early. Take that smirk off, Len Berek.

Spare Change took three games the other night. Teammates Lloyd Malin and Marc Karnes showed why they are getting the huge contracts. By the way, Marvin William Lav had an outstanding evening. He made sure to remind me. He did his best to keep his team in the hunt.

One of his teammates,

stormin' Norman Tobin, actually had his game going well. With his unique approach in delivery, many wished they could get loft with their pitching wedges the way Norm gets loft with his bowling ball.

#### Team Standings

Baker Furniture — 13, 3; Howie's Hammers — 12, 4; Standard Glass — 10, 6; Oakland Mobil — 10, 6; Come Screen With Me — 10, 6; Sham-rocks — 8, 8; Tooth Fairies — 8, 8; Goldstein Electric — 7.5, 8.5; Halperin & Lax — 5.5, 10.5; Spare Change — 3, 13.

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## Leaping for CHAI

Miriam Klein, 6, Jessi Klein, 5, and Anitra Lourie, 3, leap for performer Chaim Fogelman during the Family Sukkot Extravaganza at the CHAI Center in Warwick last week. The program featured music, audience participation and a magic show.

*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Kosher Meal Site To Show Program on Counterfeit Money

The JCCRI's kosher meal site, a Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island senior program offering programs every week, will show a VCR program on Oct. 17 entitled "Making a Dishonest Buck." This Nova special takes a look at the U.S. greenback becoming increasingly vulnerable to new printing technology, now counterfeited to the tune of \$132 million a year.

Other kosher meal site events for the week of Oct. 15 to 22 include:

- Music appreciation with Dr. Wold on Oct. 15 and 22 from 11 a.m. to noon.

- Part II of the VCR movie, "A Stranger Among Us," a story about Hasidic life and customs on Oct. 19 from 10:45 a.m. to noon (note time).

- A sing-along for the senior birthday party with pianist and entertainer Herbert Brown on Oct. 21 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The kosher meal site invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. Doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m.; bridge is held on Mondays from noon to 3:45 p.m.; Women's forum is held on Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

"Friend to Friend" meets on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon; Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays; tea, coffee and hot muffins are served on Sundays at 10 a.m., and movies

and video programs are held once or twice a week.

The kosher meal site is held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Check the kosher meal site calendar, posted in the JCCRI lobby, for a listing of this month's events.

For more information about kosher meal site and senior programs, contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

## Kidz Expo to be Held on Oct. 17

The members of the Elm Grove Chapter at Large, Women's American ORT will hold the second annual Kidz Expo, a festival of products, services and resources for children and their families, on Oct. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Cathy Mann and Robin Engle are once again co-chairing the event, which this year is sponsored by Providence television station WNAC Fox 64.

Children's activities are scheduled throughout the day, with a special appearance by Fox 64's "Bozo the Clown." Face painting, kid's crafts, music and other children's entertainment will be available for children of all ages.

Informational booths will be set up highlighting public services that are free to parents and caregivers. The American Red Cross, Providence Public Library and the R.I. Rape Crisis Center are among the public service organizations scheduled to appear.

Area merchants and vendors will show their "child-related" products and services. Children's toys, clothing and books are among the products that will be on sale during the Kidz Expo.

Admission is free for adults and 99 cents for each child. This event is open to the public.

## Learning Exchange Opens Fall Semester

The Jewish Learning Exchange at Beth Shalom announces its fall lineup of courses. Highlighting the semester is the series entitled

"In the marketplace: Jewish ethics in business" led by Rabbi Chaim Marder. Also of special interest is the "The American Jewish Community — Where are we and where are we going?" by Dr. Alan Zuckerman.

Other classes will focus on Jewish law ("Topics in the laws of Shabbat," by Rabbi Eliezer Gibber), prayer ("To Pray as a Jew," by Rabbi Daniel Goodman), and numerous other courses in Bible, Jewish thought (The popular "Fundamental Beliefs," an overview of the central concepts of Jewish living and belief will be offered once again), and Hebrew (crash course in Hebrew).

The Providence Hebrew Upan continues as well, with the second section in Beginners Hebrew having just begun.

The opening program, entitled "Jewish Values in the Care and Reverence for the Elderly," will take place Oct. 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

The full schedule is as follows:

Sunday: 9:15 a.m., "Fundamental Beliefs," "Crash Course in Hebrew Reading."

Monday: 6:30 p.m., "Upan: Intermediate II"; 7:15 p.m., "Family Dynamics and the Founding of a People: Studies in Genesis" and "Topics in the laws of Shabbat"; 8 p.m., "Who's In, Who's Out: Talmud Perek Chelek" (at PHDS); 8:15 p.m., "Upan: Beginners (sec-

tion 1)," "The Jew in Business — Building an Ethical World" and "To Pray as a Jew: Philosophy of Prayer."

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m., "Upan: Intermediate I" and 8:15 p.m., "Upan: Advanced."

Thursday: noon, "Upan: Beginners (section 2)."

Saturday: 10 to 11:30 a.m., "The Begynan" (six weeks starting Oct. 16); 50 minutes before minchah, "Parameters of Negligence and Responsibility — Talmud Bava Kamma ch. 3."

All courses meet at Congregation Beth Shalom unless otherwise indicated. Call the synagogue office at 331-9393 Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon for more information. You may register by phone or at the opening program.

## Beth Shalom Offers Intro to Prayers

Beginning Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., Congregation Beth Shalom, will offer a six-week introduction to the traditional Sabbath morning prayers. Each week will focus on a different element to the prayer service. The seminar will be led by Rabbi Arnold Samlan, the director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, and highly experienced in such exploratory services.

Congregation Beth Shalom is located at Roschambeau at Camp Street on the East Side of Providence. Sabbath home hospitality is available for those outside of walking distance to the synagogue. For more information, call 331-9393.

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## Circumcision Celebrated

Congregants of Chabad House celebrate the circumcision of Israel Gayshes from Gomel, Russia, at a community-wide joyous Sukkot event. Israel is seen here with Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, spiritual leader of Chabad House.

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## Rutman Scholars Named at WPI

Eight Worcester Polytechnic Institute undergraduates have been named Rutman Scholars for the 1993-94 academic year.

This year's winners are: Erik Aldredge of Carson City, Nev.; Teri Lee Burrows of Hillsboro, N.H.; Karen M. and Susan E. Daly of Stoneham, Mass.; Scott H. Kalish of Coconut Creek, Fla.; Rebecca E. Kiluk of Berlin, N.H.; Jay S. Rine of Wheeling, W. Va.; and Mark D. Suennen of Coventry.

Walter and Miriam Rutman Scholarships are among WPI's most prestigious awards. They are selected students who have been assisted for their academic records, promise and personal achievement.

Miriam and Walter Rutman, who graduated from WPI in 1930 with a

degree in chemistry, paid for his education by working as a student correspondent for the former *Worcester Evening Gazette*, and eventually moved to Providence, where he and a partner took over the nearly defunct *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. Several years later, he established the Herald Press, a printing house, and eventually purchased the *East Providence Post* and the *Seekonk Star*.

The scholarships were established in 1983 by a \$1.5 million bequest from Rutman's estate. Miriam B. Rutman, who assumed the presidency of Herald Press following the death of her husband, has maintained an active interest in all the Rutman scholars and meets with them each year.

## Club Will Re-Dedicate Garden

The Eden Garden Club will host the re-dedication of the biblical garden of Temple Beth-El on Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Inscribed plaques identifying the plants have been placed in the garden.

The garden was formally dedicated on May 6, 1960. It was originally designed by Mrs. David C. Adelman, founder and first president of the Eden Garden Club of Temple Beth-El.

Her pamphlet, *Biblical History and Horticultural Facts*, describing the garden, has been revised and will be distributed at the rededication.

Rabbi Sidney Helbrun, associate rabbi and director of education, will speak on "Plants in the Bible." All members of the

garden club will be hostesses and home-baked specialties will be served.

The community is invited to attend. Call in your reservation early to Mrs. Warren Schreiber, 738-0934, or Mrs. Oscar Finger, 272-0623.

Members of the re-dedication committee are: Mrs. Lester Friedman, honorary chairwoman; Mrs. William Matzner, general chairwoman; Mrs. Harold Sadler and Norma Friedman, publicity; Mrs. Joseph Strauss, Mrs. Mortimer Lamchick, Mrs. Charles Lindbaum, refreshments; Mrs. Bertram Bernhardt, hostesses; Abraham Gershman, decorations; and Mrs. Oscar Finger, president.

## Senior Guild Sets Meeting

A meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held at Temple Torat Yisrael on Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will feature a musical program; refreshments will be served.

On Oct. 27, a luncheon and "cabaret street" will be held at the Delaney House in Holyoke, Mass. Money for this one-day trip must be in before the meeting.

The group's annual Chanukah luncheon will be held on Dec. 9 at noon at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston. A luncheon catered by a well known Newton Centre caterer and entertainment will be provided.

Space is limited, so members are advised to make their reservations early.

A trip to Aruba is planned from Jan. 22 to 29 for seven nights and eight days, 11 meals, choices from the menu, and a direct flight to Aruba from Logan Airport. Reservations should be made early. Contact Etta Swerling at 463-7166 or Ida Wolos at 861-2784 for the particulars.

A Florida trip is planned for Jan. 4 for four, five, six and eight weeks to the newly refurbished San Souci Hotel.

Flights will be by U.S. Air. Air fare must be in on or before Nov. 1 for a special rate. If

interested, call Bertha Gersheim at 944-8209 or Etta Swerling at 463-7166.

## Clubs Will Go On Hayrides

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Club 456, for children in grades four to six, and Outdoor Club, for those in grades nine to 12, will each be going on hayrides this month.

On Oct. 24, Club 456 will meet at the JCCRI, 401 Elm-grove Ave. in Providence, at 12:15 p.m. for the bus ride to the hayride location. The bus will return to the center at about 2:45 p.m.

The Outdoor Club will be taking an evening hayride excursion on Oct. 23. Those interested should meet in front of the JCCRI at 7:15 p.m. for the bus ride. Outdoor Club members will return to the center at about 9:30 p.m.

The cost for each hayride is \$10 for full center members and \$15 for supporting and non-members. Cider and cookies will be served.

Contact Alisa Yanow at 861-8800 for further information. RSVP to Alisa by Oct. 18.

## Marrow Donor

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test, but her type didn't match.

"Though Joyce didn't match Alison, the results of her blood test were entered in the National Marrow Donor Program's computerized registry — and she came up as a match for someone else," said Susan Plawsky, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross Northeast Region. "Joyce remembers receiving a call 'out of the blue' from the Red Cross in the summer of 1992, letting her know that her blood was a potential match for someone. 'I had completely forgotten about the whole thing,' she said, adding 'It's so rare that you match.'

It's partially for that reason that Juda feels a close connection with the 5 1/2-year-old. "I'm pretty positive this is somebody Jewish," she said, reasoning that her blood type descends from Ashkenazic Jews. "I still have a thought in my mind that somehow, it's somebody I'm related to."

To add to her suspicions, Juda recently received a thank you note (through the Red Cross) from the family. The note is written in broken English, leading her to the possible conclusion that the family lives in Israel.

"To the dear unknown donor, 'Name omitted' 5 1/2 years old, and family wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope so much that you saved our beautiful smart and kind son and give him life. We hope to come to you and see you in the future and to say again thank you very much," the note concludes.

**"I still have a thought in my mind that somehow, it's somebody I'm related to."**

Joyce Juda

"When I got that, I was crying hysterically," Juda recalls. "Somehow, after all this, it was finally real."

According to the latest update, the little boy "is at home and he is able to carry out his normal activity and play with no special care," said Lisa Amicone, Marrow Donor Program coordinator for the Red Cross. "The bone marrow is working."

Juda's transplant and the whole process were unusual because there were so many mix-ups along the way. When they first set the date for the operation, the boy changed transplant centers and all of Juda's initial blood tests had to be done over.

"They were going to try to take out his own bone marrow and treat it." Instead, doctors took a small bone marrow sampling from Juda "just to see if my bone marrow was healthy." And it was.

By December, the final tests were done and the operation was scheduled for March. Then the boy got hepatitis.

"I don't think I'm a typical person," Juda confided. "Unfor-

tunately, just all these things kept happening."

In the midst of all the confusion, Juda's father died. "That's what was hard during the year," she said.

In the meantime, the boy recovered from the hepatitis and the operation was re-scheduled for July of this year. Juda was given hepatitis shots and the operation was completed at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.



Joyce Juda

But even the operation, known as a "bone marrow harvest," had its hitches. Juda had a bad reaction to the epidural anesthesia, and, as a result, still has some pain in her back.

"Yet despite even this, which is very rare, Juda says she can't imagine not going through with it."

"I would never not do that," she said. "The thing is for me, in the end it was so worthwhile. You know, even though it might be uncomfortable or you're scared ... there's nothing that can compare to it."

She stressed the importance of being tested. "It's just a small blood test," she said. "It [can] make a big difference. ... It can save a life."

Since the operation, Juda has sent the family (via the Red Cross) a Rosh Hashanah card, on the hunch that they are Jewish. She looks to the day when she can meet the boy and his family with quiet anticipation.

Juda commends the Red Cross for its part in the whole

process. "They very much are your advocate and they never pressure you," she said.

Juda's parents, Rose and the late Erwin Juda, were "extremely active" in the Fall River community, she said. The family attended Temple Beth El.

In addition to her USY position, Juda also has a sign business and is the co-creator of the board game "Rhythmation," which the *Herald* reported last year.

For more information on how to become a bone marrow donor, call the National Marrow Donor Program in Minneapolis toll-free at (800) 654-1247.

## Rabin, Arafat Meet

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menting the self-rule accord. He spoke at one news conference while Arafat held a separate meeting with reporters.

"We are committed to whatever we sign," said Rabin. "But it's not enough to sign — you have to translate it through negotiations into reality."

Rabin said he had indicated to Arafat that everything could be negotiated, as long as it remained within the framework of the self-accord.

The most important outcome of the meeting was the decision to begin negotiations to implement the accord Wednesday.

A special liaison committee will meet in Cairo, while a committee discussing the implementation of the transfer of power in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho will meet in the Sinai border town of Taba.

After delays by the PLO in appointing those who would negotiate at the implementation talks, some names have finally been put forward.

The PLO's delegate to the liaison committee was expected to be Mahmoud Abbas, better known as Abu Mazen, the man who played a key behind-the-scenes role in the secret negotiations held earlier this year in Norway that led to the self-rule agreement.

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- ◆ 5:30 pm - Reaching out to the Elderly (Rabbi Daniel Goodman)
- ◆ 6:00 pm - Children and Parents: Where do my obligations rest? (Rabbi Chaim Mander)
- ◆ 6:45 pm - Deli Dinner (\$6/person) and Jewish Learning Exchange Registration
- ◆ Panel discussion. Topic: The Aging Parent — Family and Community Dynamics

### Discussions:

- Carol Camman  
Former Director of Elder Program Development for Child and Family Services of Newport County
- Erica Krasin  
Co-chair of "Kodesh... Keeping in Touch" Program
- Rabbi Chaim Mander  
Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom
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Director of Volunteer Services for Jewish Elders of RI (JER)
- Patricia Santini  
Program Coordinator for Jewish Elders of RI (JER)
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Professor, Brown University
- ◆ 8:00 pm Concluding Lecture - Reverence for the Aging: Whom do we Honor? (Rabbi Eliezer Giber)

Sunday, October 24 - 5:30-8:30 pm  
at the Providence Hebrew Day School  
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If you plan to attend please call Beth Shalom (331-0393) or PHDS (331-5327) by October 20th so that seating and meals can be arranged.

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## 'Europa, Europa' Showing to Benefit Midrasa

Solomon Perel, the man whose boyhood was depicted in "Europa, Europa," will be at the showing of the film on Oct. 17 at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Perel is seen here with Agnieszka Holland, who directed the movie and whose most recent film is "The Secret Garden."

After the film, Perel will answer questions and talk further about his experiences as a German Jewish teen-ager. Perel survived the Holocaust by posing as a German youngster, acting as a translator for a German army unit, and attending an elite Nazi school.

By using his wits to conceal his true identity, he survived the Holocaust and lived to tell the story. Today, Perel is alive and well and living in Israel. The event is being sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education to benefit the Harry Elkin Midrasa, the Jewish community high school.

"Angel" tickets, which feature priority seating, two tickets and breakfast with Perel at 8:15, cost \$75; general admission tickets cost \$18; seniors (over 65) and students may purchase 59 tickets; high school students enrolled in a Jewish studies program are admitted free.

Checks may be sent made payable to: Harry Elkin Midrasa, Bureau of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I. 02906. Tickets will be held at the door. For more information, call 331-0956 or Eleanor Lewis at 351-8721.

## JFRI Women Off to a Roaring Start

Lion of Judah members of Women's Division, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, will gather Friday (Oct. 15) at the home of Hope Hirsch. Luncheon and an inspirational program will be followed by solicitation of gifts (\$5,000 minimum) to Campaign '94.

The case for giving will be presented by guest speaker Dr. Keuven Hazan, an Israeli political scientist, journalist and diplomat.

Home" solicitation event on Sept. 13 at the home of hostess Harriet Granoff.

Mitzi Berkelhammer and Diane Salmanson chaired the occasion, which offered a choice of breakfast, lunch or supper meetings to accommodate as many as possible. Each time frame was extremely well attended, and each group enjoyed the same program featuring guest speaker Vivien Marion.

Marion, a professional public relations specialist, is a board member of the Washington, D.C., United Jewish Appeal, the Northeast Region Women's Division and the National Women's Division. She is immediate past president of the latter.

The speaker's message took on a special poignancy on this auspicious day when the signing of the peace accord between Israel and the PLO took place. She presented her remarks within the framework of her central themes — the contention that "women are life-givers [and] you make a life from what you give."



Keuven Hazan

Born and educated in Jerusalem, he concentrated in political science and international relations at Hebrew University, and earned his doctorate at Columbia University. His service on the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee as parliamentary assistant to Abba Eban was a special highlight in his career. Dr. Hazan is currently on the faculty of Hebrew University in the department of political science.

Hope Hirsch is the hostess of the event. Audrey Licht and Mindy Wachtenheim serve as co-chairwomen.

Although the Lion of Judah is traditionally the first division within the women's campaign to be solicited for funds, board members are expected to lead the way by being the first to pledge their own gifts well in advance of all others. Thus, the boards of Women's Division and Business and Professional Women's Affiliate held their annual daylong "Home Sweet



Vivien Marion

She emphasized that we are partners with Israel, and stressed the fact that Judaism is being reborn around the world. The latter process is being seriously impeded by lack of dollars.

She concluded that one's "[campaign] pledge should be looked upon as insurance for the continuation of Judaism," and urged that each woman "make a difference in the lives of Jews in need by giving until it feels good."

## Middle Eastern Expert to Speak at URI

Jonathan Kessler, a nationally known expert on Middle Eastern affairs, will speak at URI on Oct. 20 at noon in the Memorial Union.

The first guest in URI Hillel's new "Lunch and Lecture" series, Kessler will discuss the Middle East peace process, Arab-Israeli conflict, the U.S.-Israel relationship, and the Jewish involvement in the American political process.

A former executive director of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation in Washington, D.C.,

Kessler has devoted his efforts to strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship and facilitating communication between parties of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He has served with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and is currently a member of the board of trustees for the Washington Institute of Jewish Leadership and Values. A sandwich buffet will be available for \$6 per person. Reservations must be made in advance by Oct. 18 by calling the URI Hillel office, 792-2740.

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## Benching the Lulav

Ernest Mandel, a student of the New England Academy of Torah, and Laurie Pultman, 7, a second-grader from the Providence Hebrew Day School, visit 87-year-old Eva Zuckerberg at Rosewood Manor last week. The students were benching the lulav and etrog for Jewish residents of the nursing home.

*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Residents Cope With Transfer

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

When 87-year-old Eva Zuckerberg — confined to a wheelchair — saw a small group of children coming toward her and her husband Milton, she had no idea what to expect. But Dr. Shari Mandel, director of development at the Providence Hebrew Day School, explained that the group had come to Rosewood Manor to help them celebrate Sukkot on Oct. 5.

The students — Ernest Mandel, Sasha Bohan and Laurie Pultman — encircled both seniors and helped them hold the lulav and etrog during the "benching" ceremony. The Keshet program, "Keeping In Touch," is part of the Hebrew school's attempt to bring meaningful visits involving children to Jewish residents in 18 different nursing homes throughout the state, according to Mandel. And if the gleam in Zuckerberg's eye is any indication of how much these visits mean to her and other seniors, then the program appears to be working.

As of Tuesday, the census of Jewish residents at Rosewood was 26; it is expected to rise as bedspace becomes available, according to Simone LaCroix, administrator of the facility.

For the past few weeks LaCroix has met with friends and visiting residents from the Jewish Home, giving tours, explaining programs and listening to their concerns. "It's an adjustment for them to leave a home and come here, but we've been working with families," the administrator said.

Rosewood was one of several nursing homes that participated in a workshop held at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and hosted by Toby Rosner educating activity directors and nursing personnel on Judaic customs, LaCroix said.

Desiree Perez, activities director at Rosewood, who attended the workshop, said she was working with Penny Faich and Bonnie Ryvicker from the Jewish Home on activities for the residents.

In addition to the Providence Hebrew Day School, residents receive visits from Brown/

RISD Hillel students for Shabbat, Rabbi Sol Goodman, and individual members of the community, Perez said. Rosewood also offers an arts and crafts program that teaches seniors how to make items ranging from holiday decorations to sand paintings. But Perez emphasized that listening is a vital part of communication.

"I'm learning a lot about how different their religion is," Perez said. "It's more than just a nationality but a way of life." In her first-floor activity area, three staffers — coaxed several seniors to make decorative wall hangings and paintings.

A cultural education program as well as a building bridges program with an East Providence elementary school is planned next month, Perez said.

LaCroix feels that trust between residents and Rosewood staff will take time. "If you sit down and listen to them and give them the time to express their feelings, it helps with their adjustment," the administrator said.

## Seniors Gather for Sukkot Lunch

Temple Emanu-El's Kulanu group — a combined social, fund-raising, educational and cultural organization of men and women — provided a Golden Agers luncheon on Oct. 5 at Temple Emanu-El.

The luncheon is an annual tradition at Temple Emanu-El during Sukkot. About 200 senior citizens from the community gather for a meal and musical entertainment by Temple Emanu-El's own cantor, Brian Mayer. Volunteers come from Temple Emanu-El's Kulanu group and Alperin Schechter Day School students.

Senior citizens come from nursing homes all over the state for this special event which helps seniors observe this holiday of thanksgiving.

## Adoption Support Group to Meet

The Stars of David, a non-profit information/support network for Jewish and partly Jewish adoptive families, will host a kick-off meeting on Oct. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The meeting will be held on the second floor in Room 2A of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St., on the East Side of Providence. Jewish Family Service will sponsor the event.

The program entitled, "A Time to Share: Adoption and Jewish Families," will include a panel of adoptive parents and a rabbi from the local community. Subjects that will be discussed include: Jewish rituals, the conversion process for a child, life-cycle events, extended family issues, school concerns, the international adoption experience, and more.

The Stars of David is a national and international family support group and offers a newsletter with book reviews, computer software ideas and pertinent articles.

This group plans to provide networking opportunities for the children and discussion groups for parents. There is no charge for this program.

Call Rene Goldstein at 331-1244 for more information.

## Non-Jewish Perspective Topic at Dvora Dayan

The second meeting of the year of Dvora Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be on Oct. 18 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Ceil Katz, 18 Whispering Pines Terrace, Greenville.

A vote of thanks will be expressed to all those who helped make the group's yard sale the success it was. Guest for this evening will be Gladys Sollosy, who will discuss "A View from the Side — a Non-Jewish Perspective." All members and friends are welcome.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 15.



## Schechter Students React to the Israel/PLO Accord

Students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School gathered to witness the historic event between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Teachers had discussed the event in their classrooms, giving children the opportunity to reflect on its meaning and importance. On the day of the signing, students were clearly impressed by the solemnity of the occasion and by the sense and enthusiasm of the audience in attendance.

They were also moved by the emotional speeches given by various world leaders as well as the historic handshake between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Reflecting on the event, several fourth-grade students made their own observations.

"It was neat that two people who have been fighting their whole life finally made peace," said Adam Beraha.

"It was amazing. My eyes watered," noted Miriam Jacobson.

Michelle Levinson said, "I

think it is good that they won't fight anymore and that people won't be killed."

And Ari Savitsky noted, "Some people live a lifetime and never get the chance to see something like this."

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# OBITUARIES

## MAX BERNSTEIN

NEEDHAM, Mass. — Max Bernstein, 83, of 1202 Greendale Ave., and DelRay Beach, Fla., president of the Bugbee and Niles Co., Providence, and the former owner of Leonardo Davinci Creations, died Tuesday at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. He was the husband of the late Muriel Nesta (Brown) Bernstein.

Born in Lynn, he was a son of the late Jacob and Rose Bernstein.

Bernstein participated in many of the Boston walking races, a sport that was popular during the 1920s. In 1950, he began his career in jewelry as a salesman for the Bugbee and Niles Co. He later became sales manager and owned the company in 1976.

He endowed numerous scholarships to the West End House Boys and Girl Club in Allston, and established the Bernstein Camp Fund at the West End House Camp in Maine.

Bernstein served on the board of directors of the West End House and was a member of the Everett C. Benton Lodge AF & AM, and the Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths Association.

He leaves four sons, David P. Bernstein, of West Lake Village, Calif., Barry E. Bernstein of East Greenwich, Robert S. Bernstein of Esmond, Gerald P. Bernstein of Malibu, Calif., and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday at the Breznjak Rodman Chapel, 151 Washington St., West Newton, Mass. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

## JESSIE GERTRUDE FINE

PROVIDENCE — Jessie Gertrude Fine, 98, of 75 East St., the first female member of the Attleboro Chamber of Commerce, died Oct. 6 at the Tockwotton Home. She was the widow of Samuel B. Fine.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Annie Baker. She was a Providence resident for the past 12 years, previously having lived in Attleboro.

She was associated with the former Fine's Inc., a retail de-

partment store in Attleboro for 45 years, before retiring more than 20 years ago.

Fine was a member of the first group serving as the Gray Ladies Association in World War I, and she also served in World War II, volunteering at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro.

She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Association, the Pioneer Women and Hadassah. She was a member of the American Red Cross and the Quota Club of the Rotarians.

She leaves three sons, Alfred Fine of Providence, Allan Fine of Pawtucket and Harold Fine of Rehoboth, Mass.; a brother Carl Baker of Belmont, Mass.; two sisters, Eva Gordon of Brookline, Mass., and Esther Block of Randolph, Mass.; eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Oct. 10 at Dogville Cemetery in Attleboro. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## IRWIN MANEKOSKY

CRANSTON — Irwin Manekosky, 64, of 58 Tupelo Hill Drive, founder and president of the former Imperial Textile Co., Central Falls, for 45 years before retiring, four years ago, died Oct. 5 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Bernice "Phyllis" (Bloomberg) Manekosky.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Martha (Dolberg) Manekosky, he lived in Cranston for 32 years.

Manekosky was also president of the Hudson Baiting Co., Hudson, Mass., for 15 years. He was a member of Jencks Masonic Lodge, the Redwood Lodge, the Palestine Shrine, and the Knights of Pythias.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Cindy Gershin of Santa Clarita, Calif., Lisa Manekosky of Cranston, and two sisters, Marilyn Hoffman, and Judith Manekosky, both of Cranston.

The funeral was held Oct. 6 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Provi-



A MOMENT TO REFLECT — Edward Adler, director of religious rituals at the Alperin Schechter Day School, addresses guests at the unveiling of a memorial monument in memory of those who have no graves at the Lincoln Park Cemetery on Sunday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

dence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## WILLIAM SCHNOPPER

BRISTOL — William Schnopper, 89, of the Rhode Island Veterans Home, Metacom Avenue, for three years, died there Wednesday. He was the husband of the late Anna (Cohen) Schnopper.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Harry and Celia Schnopper, he lived in North Providence from 1968 to 1989, previously living in Providence from 1935 to 1968.

He served in the Army during World War II. Before retiring in 1973, he was manager of the former Community Theater, Centredale, for more than 25 years.

He leaves three nephews, Harvey Rosenblatt of Providence, Robert Rosenblatt of Warwick, Herbert Schnopper in Denmark, and a niece, Cary Bengelsdorf of Cliffside Park, N.J. He was brother of the late Fannie Rosenblatt, and Isadore Schnopper.

The funeral procession departed Friday from Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. A graveside service followed at the Rhode

Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter.

## J. RAYMOND STERNBACH

WEST WARWICK — J. Raymond Sternbach, 78, of 25 Pond St., West Warwick, died Oct. 5 at Ellenville Community Hospital in Ellenville, N.Y. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Frank) Sternbach.

Born in West Warwick, he was the son of the late Abraham and Minnie (Markel) Sternbach. He was a lifelong resident of West Warwick.

For 58 years he was partner with his brother, Maurice Sternbach, of the former Sternbach's Inc., a fuel oil business based in West Warwick. He retired 10 years ago. The business had been founded by their late father.

He was a graduate of the for-

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## Beth-El Bowling

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**Top five bowlers:** Benny Diaz, 196.0; Larry Steingold, 189.2; Rick Dressler, 188.3; Barry Rappoport, 187.6; Sy Brooks, 181.8.

**High scores:** Barry Rappoport, 236, and Benny Diaz, 232.

**Most pins over average:** Mark Steiman, 79, and Myer Jarcho, 74.

**Team high game:** Baker Furniture, 747.

**Team high series:** Baker Furniture, 2098.

## Stone Unveiled

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wounds. With this stone, we have tried to create something to bring back good memories of our past, a recollection of those we loved. It has three sides to stand firm and the top is abruptly cut to show that those who have gone before us didn't have complete lives," he said.

His son, Rabbi Ethan Adler, said a few words to represent the second generation. "Memorials like this re-link our chain and make it stronger, the ties of our future without our past. May the souls of our departed live in our hearts, and the hearts of our children. Somewhere there are souls yearning to be remembered."

His daughter, Dori Adler, read a poem she wrote for the occasion. "I see in their eyes, in their sad stories I hear, the pain and terror of their past."

Cantor Brian Mayer of Temple Emanu-El sang a hymn and repeated the Mourner's Kaddish with a group of about 60 people. If you read the simple message, you will note there is no direct reference to the Holocaust, or the "Shoah" as it is said in Hebrew. Instead, the purpose of the project was to include thoughts of those who have died in pogroms, or whose burial grounds have been desecrated or destroyed in other parts of the world.

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## 'Falsettos'

Sivan Cotel is the bar mitzvah boy "Jason" in a touching scene from the William Finn-James Lapine Tony Award-winning musical, "Falsettos," at the Colonial Theatre in Boston now through Oct. 31. He is surrounded by family and friends portrayed by (from left) Stephen Bogardus, Carolee Carmello, Adam Heller, Heather MacRae, Julie Prosser and Gregg Edelman. For more information, call the Colonial Theatre, (617) 426-9366 or Ticketmaster, (617) 931-2787.

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## J. RAYMOND STERNBACH

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mer R.I. Radio School in Providence. He was a member of Ahavath Sholom Synagogue of West Warwick.

He is survived by two brothers, Maurice Sternbach of West Warwick and Harold Sternbach of Kingston and one sister, Florence Futersak of Warwick. He was brother of the late S. Marion Sternbach.

A graveside funeral service took place Oct. 6 at Lincoln Park Cemetery. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## GRACE WEINER

TOPSHAM, Maine — Grace Weiner, 81, of The Highlands, 26 Elm St., died Oct. 7 at The Highlands. She was the widow of Aaron E. Weiner.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Minnie (Dauer) Ruben, she lived in Topsham for two years. She was previously lived in Palm Beach, Fla., for eight years. She lived in Providence 71 years.

Weiner was a volunteer ambulance driver for the American Red Cross in Rhode Island in World War II. She was a bookkeeper for her husband's

## Malice, Joy Luck

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ers who made the great trek come to terms with American-born daughters like survivors with the second generation.

"Jewish girls and women don't really know how to play Mah-jongg," complain the moms to their college offspring who play the game with their roommates.

The young women marry out anyway, but learn to regret it and go back to the wisdom of matriarchs.

Like "Malice" in one way, "Joy Luck" avoids funny and goes in for the blunt, the obvious, the overstated and the crude-dimensional.

Men play wimps and onetime villains, and females never do anything really bad. One lady

drowns her infant son — but her daughter? G-d forbid! Talk about twisting the truth into what we want to hear!

Wayne Wang's earlier, lighter and more whimsical film pieces had a charm which this big production lacks. Even so, it holds a few moments here and there of delicacy, tidbits of information about Chinese customs and costumes. Maxine Kingston's series on Chinese mothers in America goes much deeper into complex truths than Amy Tan's script ever dares to probe. All the same, it's a relief to sit through a film about people with real faces, not glamour-pusses.

I used to think fiction rose to heights that facts could never reach. I've changed my mind. Tell it like it is and I'll fly along.

jewelry manufacturing company, the former Lee Co., Providence, for 35 years. She was a champion golfer for a year at the Metacommet Country Club, East Providence. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth-El.

She leaves a daughter, Lee Sharkey of Farmington; two sisters, Julia Farber of Green

Valley, Ariz., Martha Sobel of Miami Beach, Fla., and a grandson. She was sister of the late Selma and Jerome Ruben.

A graveside service was held Oct. 11 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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#### Dear Dr. Imber:

I have a learning-disabled daughter who is in her senior year. She has received special education since entering junior high school. So far, she seems to be doing well in almost all of her subjects. She attends several regular classes.

But my daughter continues to complain about her special education English class. She insists that she is being expected to do the same work with the same materials she has used in the past. She is not doing her work. Given her poor attitude, I'm afraid that she may fail. Is there anything that I can do?

Anxious

#### Dear Anxious:

Congratulations. You may be on to something. The first half of the first quarter has just been completed and you have identified a potentially serious concern.

Now, some might say you are just being a worrywart. Others might suggest that it's not your problem. Still other might say you can't fight city hall.

There is something that you can do. You can "check it out." You could conference with your daughter's teacher, ask to see the materials she is using, and determine the degree of validity of your daughter's concerns. You could also request a review of your daughter's individualized education program (IEP). According to regulations, such a request must be honored within 14 days.

The issue is a sensitive one. Perhaps your daughter is working on skills she has yet to master. Perhaps, the materials are similar but not identical to those used in the past. Special education is specially designed instruction adapted to meet individual needs. The concept of individualized instruction can be interpreted rather broadly.

#### Correction

A story appearing in the Oct. 7 *Herald* incorrectly identified a Riverside teacher's father as Ira Gray. His real name is Ira Rakatansky. His wife's name is Lenore Gray. We regret any confusion this may have caused our readers or the family.

When you send a wedding or engagement announcement, why not include a photo? Black and white only, please.

The problem, as stated, is your daughter's. It seems reasonable that she attempt to address the problem and assist in developing some alternative solutions to the problem.

She might request a private meeting with her teacher, discuss her concerns, and assess her teacher's receptivity to explore alternatives.

If the matter is open for discussion, she might share alternatives. If her ideas reflect sound reasoning and she is committed to take responsibility to contribute materials and work hard, she may find the class challenging.

She could consider researching topics of interest, reading short stories, reviewing biographies, and preparing successive drafts of written expression.

Perhaps, you or a specialist can help her to organize her thoughts. While the ideas should be hers, you can assist her to present them in a positive and coherent manner. Role-playing may help.

Your daughter may be able to address the matter herself. If she meets with resistance, then you might wish to become involved directly. Graduation is not that far away.

Dr. Steve Imber is a professor of special education at Rhode Island College, a past president of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, a member of the Professional Advisory Board for the Rhode Island Learning Disabilities Association, and president of Psychoeducational Consultants Inc. Questions about learning and behavioral problems can be directed to him at 145 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906; 421-4004. All communication will be held strictly confidential.

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## Three Generations Share in Holiday

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

It is said in Biblical legend that G-d caused manna to fall from the heavens providing Jews freed from Egypt with food in the middle of the desert. But on Oct. 6, no manna fell from the skies — instead, it came from Rabbi Gershon Vogel's oven as three generations of Jews celebrated Shemini Atzeret in his sukkah.

The holiday — which follows Sukkot — represents the eighth day of solemn assembly and includes Yizkor (prayer for the dead) and Geshem (prayers for rain). Rabbi Vogel explained, Vogel, a teacher at Providence Hebrew Day School and New England Academy of Torah, warmly invited his in-laws Chania and Chana Elmekies from Jerusalem, Dovid and Rachel Elmekies from Brooklyn, and Meir and Oshra Raskas of Baltimore, to partake in the festival. Since the harvest season in Israel doesn't begin until late fall, prayers are uttered for good rains from the end of Sukkot up until Passover, the rabbi said.

Seated in the middle of the long table were the Elmekies flanked by Vogel and an infant granddaughter, Aliza, 1, accompanied by Vogel's wife, Elana, her sisters and their families.

Vogel stood before his guests and delivered a kaddish — blessing of the wine before the incoming holiday — while a gentle wind rustled the leaves above. One by one, each guest sipped from a cup of sweet red wine. The elder Elmekies blessed the freshly baked challah bread just as his forefathers had done centuries before.

After the breaking of the bread, the women slowly brought in tray after tray of sumptuous foods — including vegetable soup, couscous, baba ghanouj, broccoli kugel,

borekes and a sizzling French beef roast. The spicy flavor within gave away the Sephardic influence used over centuries of Spanish, Moroccan and Jewish cooking. Elmekies said.

Vogel's mother-in-law Chana, a Moroccan Sephardic, wasn't about to give up the secret to her recipes, but hinted that good cooking was responsible for keeping her husband happy in their 40-year marriage.

But the evening wouldn't have been complete without sharing tales and singing traditional songs as each male guest initiated his favorite song. Soon, the whole sukkah was filled with singing and clapping that prompted the infants to laugh with glee.

It is said that the clouds of glory protected the delivered Jews from the elements of the desert. Vogel said, which is why sukkahs are used to symbolize how G-d protected his people. But for three generations of families — comprised of Ashkenazic and Sephardic Jews — it was a special reunion between two holidays.

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