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Raoul Wallenberg is Remembered on Kristallnacht

by Tara V. Lisciandro
Herald Editor

The social hall at the Rhode Island Jewish Community Center filled up quickly on Nov. 6. Within one half hour the room was packed with curious guests and visitors. They were anxious to hear what Agnes Adachi, an assistant to Raoul Wallenberg during the Second World War, had to say. Adachi was part of the Kristallnacht Commemoration, held at the JCCRI every year. Kristallnacht took place on Nov. 9 and 10, 1938 throughout Germany and was organized by Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels. It is referred to as the "Night of Broken Glass" when not just synagogues, homes and businesses were shattered and destroyed, but so were the lives of thousands of Jews. "There was a noise that was heard all over the country," said Herta Hoffman, a survivor of the Holocaust who came from Vienna, "Kristallnacht will be in my mind forever."

This year's program was co-sponsored by the United States Post Office of Providence, which issued the first Raoul Wallenberg commemorative stamp in

April, and the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum which touches almost 5,000 students every year.

Following the welcome made by Mark Feinstein, president of the museum, Frank B. Mead, honorary consul for Sweden, addressed the audience. "Perhaps there was no other individual who had the power that Raoul Wallenberg had," said Mead, "He knew exactly what he was getting into." Mead also noted that Wallenberg was a very young "diplomat," he was only 32 when he left for Budapest.

While so many were silent Raoul Wallenberg became one of the righteous few that acted to save more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews and other persons who were in danger of Nazi persecution. The Swedish businessman born in 1912 was studying architecture in the United States. When he heard about the atrocities that were occurring in Hungary he decided to act immediately. "He was a first-class architect who went to school in Michigan," said Adachi. "He laughed at the serious things." With his ability to speak a number of foreign languages and his urbane personality he managed to ob-

tain a false diplomatic passport from the American Refugee Board; he also received a large sum of money in order to assist with his humanitarian efforts.

When World War II was coming to an end Wallenberg entered the Soviet Union where he disappeared. There are many theories as to why he was never released, many believe that the Russians considered him a spy. Documents were released a few years later stating that he died in a Russian prison. However, the doctor who authorized the notice had passed away before the notice was released and no evidence of his death was ever sent or proven to the Swedish government. Ex-prisoners from the gulag have returned with stories and messages from a man called Raoul, but no one has ever shown proof of his existence. Attempts were made and requests were issued for his release but his disappearance still remains a mystery.

Wallenberg, The Stamp

"We will remember Raoul Wallenberg for his heroism and respect for all religions, races and creeds," said Leonard O'Leary, postmaster in Provi-

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SCHUTZ-PASS were issued by Raoul Wallenberg and delivered by his assistants, like Agnes Adachi. The Schutz-Pass protected Hungarians and their property and saved thousands of Jewish and Christian lives.
Herald photo by Tara V. Lisciandro



Reviving An Ancient Craft

Sixth-grade students at Alperin Schechter Day School make papyrus with their social studies teacher, Richard Walter. From left, Jill Teverow, Danille Wachtenheim, Leah Weissburg, Marissa Weinshel and Marlene Wacks. Photo courtesy of ASDS

200,000 Attend Rally to Mourn Rabin

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Omer Granot, a 21-year-old Israeli officer, attended the rally during a week's leave from his army service in southern Lebanon.

"I came as a citizen and as an officer in the army," he said. "I think the Rabin assassination was the most horrific thing that could happen to a democracy. Even when people disagree, there has to be room for dialogue."

"We still haven't recovered from the assassination, and I don't know whether we ever will. I don't know where we're headed as a country, and it's frightening."

Granot was one of an estimated 200,000 people who attended a memorial rally Nov. 8 in Tel Aviv to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Police estimated that the crowd, which spilled over into the side streets surrounding the square where Rabin was slain, represented one of the largest gatherings ever in Israeli history.

The rally was held against the backdrop of a deeply di-

vided nation, whose political leaders have in recent days been exchanging barbs over the events surrounding the murder and its commemoration.

While rally organizers stressed that the demonstration was apolitical, the demonstration had a clear anti-government tone.

The only member of the government to address the crowd was Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who was heckled by some in the crowd when he took the podium.

Referring to the deep political divisions evident at the rally, Sharansky complained in his speech that "many would not feel welcome here."

Rabin's widow, Leah, who was the first speaker at the rally, rejected charges that the political left held the right responsible for her husband's assassination.

"Stop saying we are blaming half the people. This is wrong. Whoever speaks of half the people is making a desperate effort to divide this nation. We are one people and we have only one country," she said.

Labor leader Ehud Barak described the turnout as a "stamp

of honor" for the Israeli public.

He promised in his speech not to let the "flame of peace burn out," and swore "to you, Yitzhak, to lead the way until we bring peace. Until we return to be one people, brothers in destiny."

In the only direct attack on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during the speeches, Meretz Party leader Yossi Sarid called on the prime minister to "go home."

"We've had enough of the lying, the charlatan behavior, the irresponsibility. I promise you, Yitzhak, we will not rest until he resigns," Sarid said.

Oren Yehi Shalom, a leader of Dor Shalom, a pro-peace movement created by Yuval Rabin after his father's assassination, said he regretted Sarid's remarks.

"It is too bad they had to be stated in such a way," he said.

Participants at the demonstration said it was inevitable the gathering should take on a political dimension.

"It was a political murder, and the grief belongs to one side," one rally attendee told reporters.

HAPPENINGS

Correction

A photo on the front page of last week's *Herald* contained an incorrect identification. The man standing with Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai was Rabbi Alan Flam, executive director of Brown-RISD Hillel, not Professor David Jacobson. The *Herald* regrets the error.

Reed Speaks on Holocaust Recovery

Sen. Jack Reed will speak on Holocaust Recovery on Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston.

The entire community is invited to attend this very special event preceded by a complimentary brunch. The brunch and discussion are sponsored by The Temple Sinai Brotherhood.

For more information, call Temple Sinai at 842-8350 or Richard Blackman, at 885-7110.

RIC Hosts Robert M. Young Memorial Lecture

The fourth annual Robert M. Young Memorial Lecture will be held Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Rhode Island College in Fogarty Life Science 050. Blossom S. Kirschenbaum, professor of comparative literature at Brown University, will deliver the lecture entitled "Those Who Were Not There: Imagining the Holocaust." Kirschenbaum has published extensively in the area of comparative literature. Her work includes over 50 articles on various topics of Italian, Hebrew and Yiddish literature. A scholar of international reputation, she has been invited to present her work throughout the United States and abroad. Her most recent award was from the Weinreich Summer Institute in Yiddish Studies, Columbia University.

Robert M. Young joined the RIC biology department in 1970. He provided leadership in the establishment of the RIC/AFT and served on the Union Executive Committee from 1972 to 1991. He was elected treasurer of the union for 12 consecutive years and contributed as chief negotiator twice and as a member of every negotiating team up to the time of his passing in 1994. He served on several college committees and chaired many of them. He also served on many off-campus accreditation teams. The Department of Biology elected him chair in 1975 and again in 1990.

Young served on the executive board and was treasurer of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

The lecture is sponsored by the biology department, Sigma Xi, RIC/AFT, and the dean's office of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Calendar: November 14 thru November 23

- 14 **Jewish scholar**, Shulamit Reinharz, speaks on future of Judaism in America at Temple Beth El, Fall River, 8 p.m. Call (508) 674-3529 for more information.
- 15 **Mystery tour** and dinner at Belcourt Castle, Newport, 5 to 11 p.m. Call for reservations 846-0669.
- 2nd annual Fine Furnishings**, Providence, Nov. 15 and 16, 10 to 6 p.m. Juried specialty home furnishings show featuring companies who design and custom build furnishings. Call 846-1115.
- Torathon** at Congregation Beth Israel in Worcester, Mass. An evening of diverse mini-courses on Jewish subjects. Call (508) 756-1543 for information.
- 16 **Cranston-Warwick Hadassah** hosts annual paid-up membership brunch, 10 a.m., Shalom Apartments, Warwick. Guest speaker is Tema Gouse. Call 785-1486.
- 17 **Peace Process Through Personal Stories**; Mijail Surruya, a Fulbright scholar, shares his experiences in Israel. Others are invited to share their experiences and opinions concerning Israel; 8 p.m., 80 Brown St., Providence. Call 863-9357.
- New England Institute of Technology**, "Tech Nite"; tours of the campus will be conducted from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 467-7744.
- UMass Dartmouth Ceramic Club** hosts two-day visit by ceramic artist Chris Staley. He'll demonstrate process and technique in his artwork. Free and open to public. Call (508) 999-8907.
- 18 **Memorial Hospital** sponsors community wellness program on Alzheimer's disease at 7 p.m.; free and open to the public. Register by calling 729-2459 in advance.
- 19 **New Jewish Writing: Indelible Voices** with Moshe Waldoks and friends, 7:30 p.m. at Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, Newton, Mass. Call (617) 558-6448.
- Pancake Breakfast** at Temple Shalom, Newport County, 9 to 11 a.m. held in the temple's social hall. Open to community. Call 846-9002.
- 20 **Brown University** students and AARP members public forum on social security, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Salomon Center.
- 21 **Annie's Shabbat** read by author Sarah Lamstein at Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, Newton, Mass., 10:45 a.m. Call (617) 558-6442.
- 22 **Rhode Island School of Design** student sale, Providence, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hundreds of items created by RISD students, free admission. Call 454-6348.
- Perspectives** anniversary celebration, 8 p.m., at Barnsider Restaurant, Providence. Young Jewish Adult Group celebrates three-year anniversary with a murder-mystery dinner theatre! Call to make reservations, 863-9357.
- Montgolfier Ballroom Regatta**. Hot air balloons rise over Providence, commemorating anniversary of first manned balloon flight in Paris in 1783; 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Statehouse lawn, Providence. Rain date Nov. 23. Fifteen to 20 balloons will fly if winds are below 5 mph. Call 253-0111.
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The Jewish 49ers

The Jewish 49ers will sponsor a dance and social evening on Nov. 30 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Am on Main Street in Randolph, Mass. Music will be provided by popular disc jockey, Len Souza. The admission is \$8, munchies, desserts and beverages will be served. For questions, or directions, call Jim (508) 872-6533, Flo (508) 877-0636 or Susan (617) 969-5903.

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Parents' Voices Heard at Book Club

On Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. the Lincoln School Alumnae Association will hold its first book discussion of the year. In her latest book, *The Shelter of Each Other — Rebuilding Our Families*, Mary Pipher, Ph.D. does for the American family what she did for adolescent girls and their parents in her best-seller, *Reviving Ophelia* — she examines the desperate realities we face and shows us a way out.

The discussion is free and open to the public. For reservations and more information call Lincoln School's Alumnae Associate Stacie Murray at 331-9696 ext. 3127. Located on Providence's historic East Side, Lincoln School, established in 1884, is the state's only all girls' independent school, nursery through grade 12 and is a member of the National Coalition of Girls' Schools.

Cranston Historical Society Hosts Recognition Night

The Cranston Historical Society will hold its annual recognition night on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston St., Cranston.

The 1997 "Volunteer of the Year Award" will be presented to Thomas and Marie Callahan for their untiring efforts on behalf of the society. Also being honored during the evening will be new members who have joined the organization during the past year.

The event is open to anyone wishing to become a member. All members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item which in turn will be donated to the House of Hope.

For more information, call 944-9226.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Nowhere To Rest

The Search for a New Jewish Cemetery in Rhode Island

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

No one likes to think about dying, but some Jewish Rhode Islanders may need to consider it right now.

According to some members of the Touro Fraternal Association in Cranston, life is short, and the time to ensure that there will be enough Jewish burial space for all is even shorter.

"There will be enough land left for about 15 years," said Rodney Locke, chairman of

Touro's cemetery search committee, on Nov. 4. "I will feel a sense of urgency as of 2003."

Even though some of Rhode Island's synagogues now make use of separate burial grounds, Locke said there is a simple reason for the space shortage at Lincoln Park Cemetery, the state's largest and most frequently utilized facility.

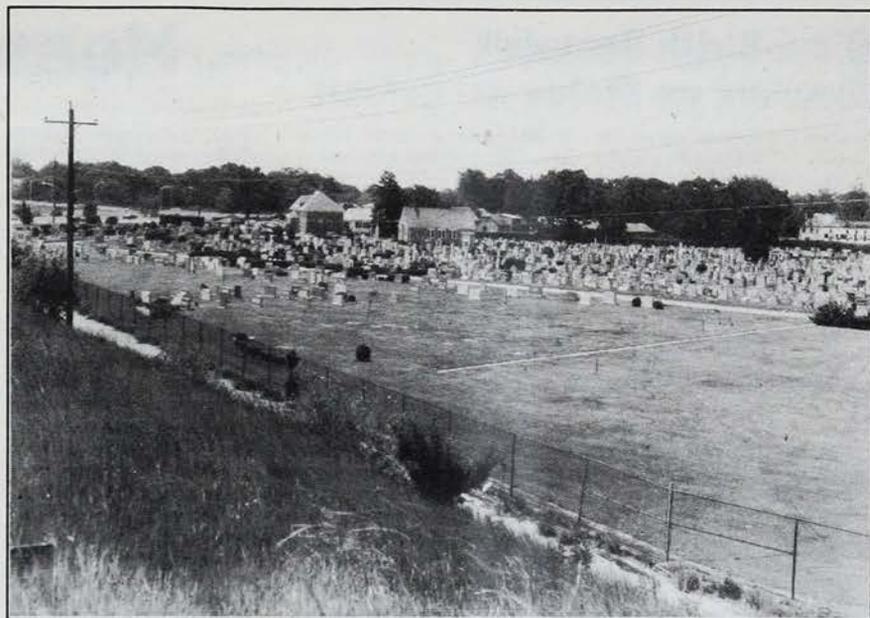
"Lincoln Park was organized in March 1908," Locke said of the 26.4-acre site. "Deaths have continued, but the land purchase has remained constant."

Although he is a board member of Lincoln Park Cemetery, it was Touro that led Locke and others to confront the statewide issue.

"One benefit that we provide our members is a cemetery plot," explained Arthur Poulten, chairman of Touro's board of directors and a board member of Lincoln Park Cemetery. "At nominal cost, members may purchase an adjacent plot for their spouses as long as it is available. We now have enough space at Lincoln Park for the next 15 years, but after that, there isn't much. So we decided to start looking."

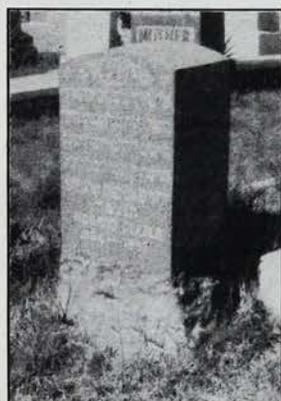
For that reason, Touro formed a cemetery search committee four years ago.

"We do not want to be in the cemetery business," Poulten explained. "We had a vision of buying some land that could be shared with the greater com-



LINCOLN PARK Cemetery today.

Photo courtesy of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association



THE OLDEST GRAVE at Lincoln Park Cemetery records an 1897 passing. Photo courtesy of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association

munity. Synagogues and Jewish groups will find themselves in need of it."

At first, members of Touro attempted to involve other Jewish organizations in their ongoing search.

"We started out by sending a letter to all Rhode Island Jewish organizations inviting them to a meeting here," Locke said. "About four temples sent representatives."

Because of the low turnout, Touro members sent out two more rounds of invitations, only to see community interest diminish even further.

"About three or four years ago, there was no sense of urgency on their part," explained Poulten. "They weren't going to look at purchasing any land until they needed it yesterday. So we decided to take the bull by the horns."

According to Mike Smith, chairman of Touro's cemetery committee, Touro member and lawyer Michael Mitchell helped clarify the zoning regulations of various cities and towns, which frequently make cemetery land difficult to obtain.

"Most zoning laws indicated that a cemetery would need to be 25 acres or greater," Smith said. "That's because we are a charitable organization, which means the land would come right off their tax roles."

Over the past four years, members of Touro's cemetery search committee have considered between 15 and 20 potential sites.

"Every property we looked at failed," Locke said. "The locations were too expensive, inconvenient, or they turned to wetlands in the spring. Some that were at a reasonable distance were only accessible by single-lane roads. We've looked at farmland, at potato fields, and at land that became available after the credit union failure."

Locke looked somber. "Every day that clicks along, more land is sold for development," he said.

At present, the search committee is looking at sites in the southern part of the state.

"Right now, driving 20 miles into Charlestown seems like a great distance," Locke said. "But there was a similar reaction when the Jewish population lived on the East Side and had to get to the Beth-El Cemetery [in Cranston] or Lincoln Park [in Warwick]."

Although Poulten said Touro could now afford to purchase and back a 25-acre site, the organization would welcome further participation.

"I feel that as soon as we purchase a piece of property, other organizations will want to be involved," Locke said. "As more organizations find themselves in need of a cemetery operated in a traditional manner, they will

come forth."

Even as Lincoln Park grows fuller, other Jewish cemeteries in Rhode Island are continuing to meet the burial needs of certain congregations.

Although two locations, the Moshassuck Cemetery in Central Falls and the Colonial Jewish Cemetery in Newport are no longer in use, the B'nai Israel Cemetery in Woonsocket, the Beth Olam Cemetery in Newport, Sinai Memorial Park in Warwick and the Temple Beth-El Cemetery in Cranston are operational.

According to Temple Beth-El Executive Director Ruby Shalansky, the synagogue's burial grounds were recently reconfigured to accommodate 400 additional plots.

Rabbi George Astrachan of Temple Sinai said Sinai Memorial Park was not crowded on Nov. 10.

"We still have plenty of space, and there's a whole area behind us that could also be used for Jewish burials," he said.

Even though Locke feels there is a definite need for action, he does not feel there is a need for panic.

"This cemetery will not be used for about 15 years," he said. "We've given ourselves plenty of lead time."

The Makings of a Jewish Cemetery

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

Many Jewish customs regarding mourning and bereavement have remained virtually unchanged since biblical times.

It was then, said Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom in Middletown, that Jewish burial traditions were initiated and eventually codified in the Talmud.

According to the rabbi, some of these traditions have interacted to create the Jewish community cemeteries in use today.

"In the days of the Mishna [the third century AD], there were family cemeteries, but they were not communal," he said. "Later, the tradition of having a separate Jewish community cemetery arose."

Jagolinzer believes that the religious imperatives to create exclusively Jewish burial grounds and to consecrate new cemeteries combined to create the community cemeteries in use today.

"Jews have to be buried with other Jews," he said. "And once a new cemetery plot is purchased, it must be consecrated."

At the consecration ceremony, members of the holy brotherhood or organization that operates the cemetery gather to offer prayers of supplication that include Psalms and Torah.

Afterwards, they must fast until at least midday.

"I think that these community-oriented practices generated the communal cemeteries,"

Rabbi Jagolinzer said. "Rather than being owned by a specific party, they are open for Jewish interment."

As Maurice Lamm writes in *The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning* (New York, Jonathan David Publishers, 1969), ancient Jewish custom dictates that one should purchase a gravesite in a Jewish community ceremony during one's lifetime and own it prior to burial.

Both traditionally and at present, gravesites are usually purchased through a fraternal or religious organization that has access to land that has been designated for use as a Jewish cemetery.

As explained by Lamm, cemeteries must meet the following criteria to be religiously correct:

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OPINION

B'nai B'rith Demands Answers on Stolen Art Exhibit

B'nai B'rith is calling on the National Gallery of Art to explain why it did not reveal that art featured in the 1990 exhibit "The Passionate Eye: Impressionist and Other Master Paintings from the Collection of Emil G. Bührle" was stolen from Jewish collectors, and that the collector was a known Nazi arms dealer. B'nai B'rith is calling on the eminent institution to establish procedures so that similar mistakes are not made again, and to republish the Bührle catalog. B'nai B'rith sent a letter to the National Gallery seeking a response.

"The exhibit raises a myriad of moral questions including why the National Gallery of Art gave a public platform to a Nazi arms dealer who was also the largest Swiss buyer of looted art," said Dr. Sidney Clearfield, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith.

According to several art historians, information on Bührle's past and his art was available to the public as early as the 1970s when the U.S. government declassified the World War II allies' Cooper Report. "For one of the major museums in the

United States to ignore where his collections came from and to represent him as if he was an anti-Nazi crusader who was really a Nazi armaments dealer is extremely questionable," said Ori Z. Soltes, director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum.

B'nai B'rith is calling on museums around the world to establish guidelines pertaining to the acquisition and display of art to ensure that nothing exhibited is stolen art. The Klutznick Museum is sponsoring a Holocaust Art Restitution Project to establish a database on art losses and to research and document Jewish cultural losses.

"The Gallery — which receives more than \$50 million in government funds — should have done its homework on Bührle and the art," Clearfield continued. Clearfield is a member of the World Jewish Restitution Organization and is actively involved in efforts to recover looted assets from victims of World War II. He serves on the Commission for the Clarification of Nazi Activities in the Argentine Republic, and is a member of the Council of the Special Fund for Needy Victims of the Holocaust.

"The previous owners of the art should be given their rightful place in history. The omissions in the catalog throw into question the whole scholarship of the catalog which is now sitting in libraries and universities across the world," Clearfield said.

Organized by the National Gallery, the exhibit then travelled to Canada, Japan and England.

Submitted by B'nai B'rith International Headquarters.

Heaven and Earth

by Velvel 'Wally' Spiegler

Judaism is deeply concerned with the healing of mind, body and spirit through all of its aspects we know so well. Take a good look, once more, at the Jewish six-pointed star, the Star of David, the Magen David, and note how it's comprised of two interlocking triangles: one pointing upwards to heaven and one looking downward towards earth, both coupled or healed into a single unity. Judaism makes an important distinction between Heaven and Earth from the very beginning when G-d created the heaven and the earth and throughout all of Torah literature.

Earth is the world with which we're all familiar, it's the world of what we can perceive through the five senses. Heaven, however, is something quite different; it's the exact opposite or mirror image of the other. So, for example, here on Earth we find such qualities as knowledge, fear, change, curing of illness; the heavenly counterpart would be wisdom, love permanence and healing. Heaven is the spiritual world, the invisible world that exists even though we may not be aware of it.

The religious aspect is connected to the Earth plane in the sense that everything we do — the rituals, the mitzvot, the prayers — operates as a result of conscious choices we make utilizing our five senses (I include touch as one of the five). To connect to spirit that emanates from the heavenly plane, one

has to make a concerted effort to tap into that potential; it doesn't simply come from the religious tradition. It takes some effort; mostly the practice of awareness of all aspects of life — the physical, the emotional, and the mental together with the attribute that we call in Hebrew, kavannah. It takes the kind of personality like those who are disenchanting with the status quo or those who seek greater fulfillment in life. Out of the connection with soul comes healing and the spiritual life.

Some of us who feel the need for a spiritual connection and are frustrated with synagogue life may either find a Jewish renewal community somewhere, may find another religion or may simply drop out of the religious scene altogether. The positive side of this is that with the right focus and attitude we can enhance our spiritual connection with nothing more than a shift in awareness: how we direct our kavannah, our attention. Our affiliation with a synagogue provides us with a sense of community whose joint energy is vital to the task of healing. Participating in Shabbat and holidays helps to bring us together as a unified whole. Prayer is undoubtedly the most valuable component to Jewish healing; however, we need to participate in the service, to join in, to joyfully sing praises to G-d and express our gratitude for all we have received. There's really no need to devise new ritu-

als or new music, as some communities do, when what we know is so beautifully inspiring for us all to experience soulfulness.

A short editorial appeared recently in the *Providence Journal* with the following subheading, "a Duke University study shows that people over 65 who attend services once a week have a lower substance (which shows up in certain diseases) the body produces under stress." This is one of several studies, some of which were under the discussion of Dr. Larry Dossey, a Houston-based physician who has found valuable correlations between healing and prayer. This all points to the efficacy of prayer and involvement in a religious community to affect healing.

There are any number of functions that mitzvot perform, but the area that deserves attention here is that a mitzvah is to be performed with great attention, with your whole being focused on the singular act. This consistent practice teaches us how to focus our attention on our everyday activities which are the key to the spiritual life. It also transforms the energy that caused the illness in the first place. It's important to remember that just about everything we do in the Jewish arena has a healing effect.

Velvel "Wally" Spiegler is a certified polarity therapist, and a student and teacher of Jewish Mysticism. He can be reached at (508) 252-4302.

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Good Job!

To The Editor:

What a wonderful job the Boy Scouts did in collecting 420,000 pounds of food for the Rhode Island Food Bank. 420,000 pounds!...

And what about the hundreds of volunteers who came forth to help save tons of that food that got wet... What a wonderful outpouring of concern and caring.

If there was a Rhode Island medal of honor, I would love to pin it on each one of you. I am proud to live here.

Sincerely,
Alan Shawn Feinstein
The Feinstein Foundation

Pass It On

The industrialized countries of the world are today in a state of great accomplishment. Economies are strong, businesses are growing, wealth is being acquired in unprecedented dimensions.

And, even though it took a while for this to happen, another kind of blessing is flowing from his phenomenon: philanthropy is back in style.

Was it ever unfashionable? Well, yes. Many people succumb to the temptation to believe that their affluence is deserved. The logical conclusion to this philosophy, of course, is that the poverty of others is equally deserved.

The lure of the material world is exactly what we have to protect against. It is the reason we have Torah. The words of G-d are a tap on the shoulder to remind us that poverty of spirit is a much greater disadvantage than poverty of goods.

So it is encouraging to see that wealthy people are now pushing and shoving to get to the front of the giving crowd. They are even forming self-help groups in an attempt to give intelligently rather than haphazardly; to give as an investment,

rather than as a condescension; to follow the consequences of their bestowals.

As this week's portion, *Vayeira*, opens, we find G-d appearing to Abraham at the entrance of his tent. But immediately Abraham turns his attention to three strangers standing nearby, offering them water and asking his family to help him make food for them.

Was Abraham putting G-d on hold?
Not at all. He was observing

the very mitzvot that G-d commanded. In being hospitable to strangers he was addressing G-d.

Kindness can be motivated by either magnanimity or humility. Abraham, like Moses after him, was a man of great humility. And it is from this motivation that the greatest kindness comes. Because Abraham did not see himself as generously giving to those less worthy. He saw himself as "mere earth and ashes," in possession of blessings only through the goodness of the L-rd.

It is not our place to look into the hearts of others and judge their intentions. But it is nice to think that the current trend toward philanthropy is inspired by what Torah teaches: That the greatest wealth is that of the spirit.

Submitted by Rabbi Levy of the Chai Center, Warwick, R.I.

Torah Today



Marrano Message

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

It's going to take a few sentences to get into my subject. It's about how hard it is to get a message across. My old phone, a black rotary, had an upholstered cord that stuck into a hole in the wall. You huddled against the corner to hoard every syllable of recorded time. Now the plastic coil gets pulled loose, sinking you into sudden silence. Before zip codes, your postman just knew who you were and made sure your cousins could find your slot with their cards or telegrams. "Communications," fancier though they have become, are really much less reliable. Packages get sent back into the spheres, lost in space. There,

"Dear Gloria and Leslie, "I desire for your lives the G-d blessing and pray each day for them. Thank you for giving me the possibility to assist at the Seder of Pesaj. I remember this moments with a great emotion.

"I don't no when I can coming for reside in Israel because first I need be married with Myriam, and second I need look for work. But we trust in the help of G-d for driving our live. I very happy because family name of my girl-friend is Rabino. I expect my visit to Diaspora Museum for verify origin. Sorry for my bad english. I hope you have understand my letter. Shalom."

Gloria Mound adds that Carlos Nunez flew in from mainland Spain to join the seder.

On the very same day that the Mound communication reached me, I got a book in a box sent on to me by Morton Paige, a World War II veteran of my acquaintance. *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot* contains oral histories exploring 500 years in the paradoxical relationship of Spain and the Jews. The author, Trudi Alexy, a family therapist specializing in art therapy and living in Los Angeles, discovered in her research her own mystical kinship with the secret Jews of Spain.

One of her most intriguing portraits introduces us to a Toronto, Canadian woman once of Hungary, then Austria, and later Tangiers. She rescued Jews by finding them a haven in Spain. "The Spanish are good people. They regret what happened five hundred years ago. I really think they believe a wrong was done and they wanted to repair it."

She also quotes the present king of Spain. "Today's Spain is proud of its close kinship with the Jewish community, which has contributed in a special way to the prosperity of the country." The author adds, "I took the opportunity to thank King Juan Carlos for the role played by the Spanish people in saving the lives of so many Jews during the Holocaust."

It's not that easy to get something into my hands, even a phone receiver. But there's a theme here that broke through. It's that after half a millennium, what goes round can come round. Jews come back. Their words can be heard. I like being part of the chain of alphabet that spells out the hopes of Carlos and of Juan Carlos, the efforts of Gloria Mound and of Trudi Alexy, the kind gestures of Morton Paige and of Judith Wegner, and the broad landscape upon which the Jews and the Spanish are depicting their shared story.

Welcome To Their World

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

You know this supper place, the Federal Hill standby. They take your order without pad and pencil. They punch a ticket stub. You read the menu on a central post, where you hang your hat. We're among the club that has dined here for decades.

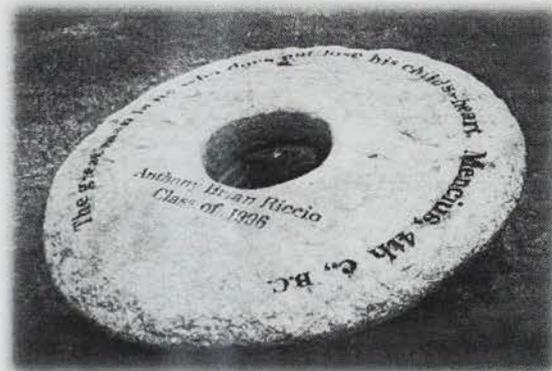
It was all new and fresh, sort of, on the eve of Parents' Weekend for our in-town college freshman daughter. We took up a whole aisle of porcelain tables, one for the frosh, the other for us older folks. One set of parents, both physicians from West Virginia, take the 14-hour drive in their stride. After all, they had made the trek to the States from southern India. I brought up the subject of Gandhi's spinning wheel. The other mom and dad only had to motor from Long Island to Rhode Island. And then from the Holiday Inn by foot a few steps toward the big pignoli at the archway. Phil and Helene Miller were barging in on their charming munchkin Stephanie, a smurf in long overalls. Stephanie and our girl Lily, a little lankier, had set up this soiree in a safe and snug place.

We were the townie trio, deeply steeped in local lore. How to order half portions, what type of pasta "homemade" spells out. The straightest route to this cafe. Now, an undergrad falls for campus romance. Faculty have a stake in the bubble reputation of the Ivy League. But the forebear who foots the bill has an entirely different slant. I recall the fall day that my own dad and mom set foot first on my personal elmed courtyard. They looked short as they reached to touch the woodwork,

stonework, ironwork, leatherwork.

So, anyway, after supper we moved along to check out the dorm life of Lily and Stephanie on their little coed quadrangle that had once served as an all-women's domain. Our Lily perches a puddleduck or goose lamp on her windowsill alcove. The bulb shines out like a light-house beacon from its ledge, her personal mascot as seen from

thing subtle, funny, and touching about seeing your child at university only a few blocks from her own nest. I went right back next morning in the rain to capture that new aspect on film with my crummy camera. You can't do it. I didn't snap the gang of kids or their guardians, just the stones and trees left in the wake of the weekend. There's a round rock, maybe a millstone, used as a bench and



below. The reception area is the somewhat soiled dorm corridor, where students pop up or down in socks to discuss their siblings, their pets, the presidents and professors who greeted them with this or that word of approval. "Vartan liked my goat!" bragged a boy with a chin beard.

My point is, Providence took on a whole new look, tone, light, a surreal quality not due to the costume-party mood of the weekend, the breaking glass or the bright falling leaves, but for deeper reasons. There is some-

bearing a classic quote. It says, the great person keeps a child's heart. Is this the essence of a fancy undergraduate education, to keep noble faith with the hopes of youth? Maybe I'm the only type who even reads these inscriptions, with lens in focus. Well, it's not my time, my space, my alma mater. It's Lily's. The bard said, there's a divinity that shapes our ends, roughhew them how we may. That's the way I feel about our charges. It's their world. You're lucky, I guess, to be welcomed into it for a few hours.

The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot

ORAL HISTORIES EXPLORING 500 YEARS IN THE PARADOXICAL RELATIONSHIP OF SPAIN AND THE JEWS



Trudi Alexy

Now to the point. Gloria Mound came to town just before Pesach and told a good crowd at Temple Emanu-El about her forthcoming seder on the Spanish island of Ibiza. She has been trying to reach me with the story of that great event through three seasons. Her letters have boomeranged from continent to continent, over the oceans blue, until just yesterday. Her friend Judith Wegner zeroed in on the missile and left it tacked to her door for me to peel off. I file this report.

Gloria and Leslie Mound, an observant British couple, used to holiday in Ibiza and gradually won the confidence of the secret local Jewish Marrano community. The Mounds moved to Israel and created a non-profit organization called Casa Shalom, the Institute for Marrano Studies. The cover of Catholicism saved Jews in Ibiza during the Holocaust, but the 1997 Passover seder celebrated the return of the Anusim, or forced converts, into open Judaism, against ingrained prejudices and bias. Mound says, "Jewish consciousness is growing ever stronger. People need to know their heritage. You can't run away from it."

The envelope that wound its way to me contained a marvelous thank-you note, well worth quoting.

Write In The Aftermath

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"I've never gotten over the feeling I had as a kid that if you were one year older, you were above me, or one year younger, you were still a baby." Yehuda Amichai introduced his poem about the year 1924, the time of his birth. He shared that date with a generation that tasted history precisely as he did, siblings or twins in spirit and soul. The Israeli poet told tales to ease the Temple Beth-El audience into his lyrics, love songs, war ballads, Jerusalem anniversary elegies, and diverse other verse that won you to his side.

Professor, veteran, traveler and chronicler, Amichai speaks in a mellow, honeyed voice with a charming accent, at a pace neither too hasty nor too leisurely, like a guide for the perplexed into the domains of art.

"You don't write about love when you're in love. Writing is always elegy, eulogy, exaggeration after the adventure is over, whether it is romance or ancient walls." Although he claims he belongs to one of the few Israeli families that got out of Europe safe and sound before the catastrophe, still he wrote a shoah sonnet for a school friend, a tomboy who

was burned in Sobibor. She gave her years, her hopes, to him, he claims, as though symbolically the dead gave their spirit to all Israel. The leader of his patrol in the war of Independence, a youthful father figure, now figures as a son symbol in his reverie. He includes the landscape of his country, rural and urban, and the round circles of insight which are the only gift of aging, among the images and metaphors of his work. His delivery is smooth, gentle, polished, and professional.

The first of the Rabbi William G. Braude lectures, this reading by the well-known bard of the holy land won the warm acclaim of those who attended the Sunday evening program. It was

good to hear the poet's voice and witness his presence. "In the days of Torah, the writer gave his name to the king. The existential outcry of the author of Psalms and Ecclesiastes is credited to Solomon, or to David. Today you carve out your own name. But we are all born poets, and the great lines stay the same even though you wouldn't compare your lover to a horse, but maybe to a Cadillac!" Amichai brought bible and chapbook into the same realms, and then moved on amiably to the Brown campus, where his former student Professor David Jacobson hosted his mentor. Providence is the more Divine for the visit of Yehuda Amichai.

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Not Everything Gets Lost

*Portugal, Africa
and the Jews*

As history unfolds, there are changes in culture and the ways customs are observed and maintained. Join the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture, The Center for Jewish Culture, and The Cape Verdean Student Alliance at UMass Dartmouth on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. for a different look at history and how these particular groups have kept their unique values and culture.

The following guest speakers will be present:

Dr. Joao Medina, professor at University Lisbon and visiting professor at Brown University, will discuss Portuguese/Jewish relations.

Medina is of Jewish ancestry and is a historian who has published and edited more than 40 books including a 15-volume history of Portugal.

Dr. David Gitlitz, professor of languages at the University of Rhode Island, will speak on the flood of Jewish refugees expelled from Spain who immigrated to Portugal. The merging of these two cultures has had a lasting effect on traditions

and customs that can be observed in our own times.

Gitlitz is the author of *Secrecy and Deceit: The Religion of the Crypto-Jews*.

Dr. Richard Lobban, professor of anthropology at Rhode Island College, will reveal little-known facts about the Jews on the African Continent including their presence in unexpected areas such as Nubia, Mali and the Nile Valley.

Lobban is the author of *Historical Dictionaries of Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau* as well as a longtime researcher and teacher of Sudan and ancient Nubia.

Judy Frankel, well-known Sephardic singer and recording artist from San Francisco, will present a musical counterpart to the lecture and relate personal experiences in Portugal which demonstrate the closeness of the Portuguese and Jewish cultures.

Poet Ada Jill Schneider of Somerset, Mass., will close the proceedings with the reading of her poem *Not Everything Gets Lost*, which was written especially for the program.

The cost per person is \$3. Call (508) 999-8765 for information.

Pawtucket Hadassah Presents Health Care Powers of Attorney

Pawtucket Hadassah will hold a meeting on Nov. 24 at Highland Court at 7:30 p.m. The program will be Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney, presented by Susan Leach DeBlasio.

Susan Leach DeBlasio is a principal in the law firm of Tillinghast Licht and Semenoff. She holds a J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law and an M.B.A. from the Graduate Management Program at Providence College. Her fields of practice include business, corporate, and health care law. DeBlasio has been active in the R.I. Bar Association since 1979 and served as president for the 1989-1990 term. She frequently serves as a co-chairperson of the R.I. Supreme Court Disciplinary Board.

The committee for this informative meeting is: Varda Lev and Lillian Schwartz; program chairwoman Elaine Kroll; ex-officio, Jenny Klein.

A coffee hour will follow the program.



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RI Hadassah Sponsors Cultural Tour

Rhode Island Hadassah members will tour the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford on Dec. 4. The exhibition documents how 13 historic synagogues and community centers across the United States are being preserved and revitalized. Hartford is the first stop on a national tour which was developed by the Washington, D.C. Jewish Community Center. The rise, fall and rescue of New York's Eldridge Street Synagogue, Boston's Vilna Shul, Baltimore's Lloyd Street Synagogue, and others will be documented.

The program is both nostalgic and uplifting, leaving no doubt that Jews from Manhattan to Mississippi are rediscovering their heritage in the sacred spaces of their parents and grandparents.

Also featured is a one-man show depicting the world of David Engel who was one of Hartford's most colorful 19th-century Jewish citizens. Engel, German-born, was the first sexton of Congregation Beth Israel in Hartford, the first Jewish member of the Hartford police force, and a friend to many of the great actors of the day.

The tour is open to all members of Hadassah and their friends at a cost of \$25. For information and to reserve a space, call the Hadassah office at 463-3636.

Young Judaea Discussion

The South County Group of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will host a parent information meeting to discuss the Young Judaea group planned for South County. This event is scheduled for Nov. 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the second floor lounge in the White Hall building on the URI campus. The guest speaker will be the leader of a Young Judaea group in Boston. This is an opportunity for parents to learn about Young Judaea and what it can offer to their children.

For further information, call Rose Epstein at 783-4018

JCCRI Invites Youth To Catch the Maccabi Spirit

The Jewish Community center of Rhode Island is delighted to extend a statewide invitation to youth ages 13 to 16 years to join the JCCRI's 1998 Maccabi Team. The team is scheduled to compete in the National Maccabi Youth Games, an Olympic-style sports competition, in Detroit this summer. The Detroit games are a full week of competition and camaraderie, to be held from Aug 16 to 23, 1998.

Director of Health and Physical Education Bill Fagen, says, "Come be a part of the biggest rage happening now at JCCs across the country." Youth interested in boys and girls basketball, swimming, chess, bowling, track and field, golf, tennis, and table tennis are encouraged to attend the team's first meeting on Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.

At the close of the 1997 Regional Maccabi Youth games held in Hartford, young athletes returned with a combined total of 32 medals. This was the first-ever team from the JCCRI and with that level of success, expectations and enthusiasm are

already high for the 1998 games. Fagen says, "It's never too early to start planning." The 1998 Nationals in Detroit will feature more than 2,500 young Jewish athletes.

The JCC Maccabi Youth games are modeled after the international amateur competition: the Maccabiah Games, held every four years in Israel. These games, which have historically attracted the world's premier Jewish athletes, have included such Olympic stars as Mark Spitz and Mitch Gaylord.

Youngsters are also invited to join the Maccabi Club, also open to youth ages 13 to 16. This year-round club prepares those who are eligible to participate in the JCC Maccabi Youth Games held each summer throughout the United States. Club participants will travel to various sporting events, train for the 1998 games, and design activities that are both social and athletic. There will be a nominal club membership fee.

Call Bill Fagen at 861-8800 for more information.

JCCRI Hosts Crafts Fair

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island presents A Show of Hands, its 22nd annual artisans crafts fair on Nov. 22 and 23. This renowned show features one-of-a-kind gifts and crafts, including jewelry, pottery, wearable art, glass, and Judaica, with 40 diverse exhibitors contributing their works. Representing a variety of artistic disciplines and showcasing pieces to suit every taste, A Show of Hands offers items in every price range.

The show's two separate events, a Saturday evening preview and gala from 8 to 10 p.m. (\$25 per person, by reservation) and an all-day fair on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (\$3.50 per person, with children under 12

free and a \$10 family maximum). The Saturday evening preview and gala features a chance to meet the artists, a private sale, the jury awards 3 elegant hors d'oeuvres, a wine bar, an espresso and cappuccino bar and music.

In addition, there will be a recognition ceremony honoring the 10 1997 Honorable Mentions, people being celebrated for their long-stand beneficent relationship with the JCCRI. The Sunday all-day crafts fair features free children's entertainment and activities with Lon Cerel's magic and balloon animals, a kosher lunch café, and free babysitting available for parents while they shop.

Congregation Agudath Achim Honors Taunton Jewish Leader

At the Sabbath service on Nov. 21, at 8 p.m., Congregation Agudath Achim of Taunton will honor Ada Arkanase for five decades of outstanding service and achievement. Arkanase is a woman who is held in high esteem by the Jewish community of Taunton. As a resident of Taunton since 1940, she has been a wellspring of Jewish life. Arkanase has held a variety of offices, serving as Sisterhood president from 1954 through 1957 and as the first woman to hold office as president of the congregation from 1986 through 1988. She was again elected as congregational president in 1990.

Her devotion to the congregation and to the Jewish way of life and its ideals was recognized when she was honored with the Light of Torah award given by the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. She was also the recipient of the Sis-

terhood Agudath Achim's Woman of Achievement award.

Arkanase was the founding editor of the congregational bulletin in the 1950s and an organizer and participant in the first adult bat mitzvah class in 1985. She is a life member and past president of the Taunton Chapter of Hadassah.

A native of Woonsocket, R.I., Arkanase moved to Taunton when she married her late husband, Reuben Arkanase. She is the mother of Golda, Arthur, and Russell. She is a grandmother and most recently became a great-grandmother.

Congregation Agudath Achim is located at 36 Winthrop St. in Taunton. The Sabbath evening service will begin at 8 p.m. on Nov. 21. Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg welcomes members of the community to attend the service that evening in honor of Arkanase. For more information, call (508) 822-3230.

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Panel Probes Questions on Jewish Medical Ethics

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

What obligation does a doctor have to relieve suffering? Is it permissible to disobey religious traditions for health reasons? What does Jewish law say about abortion and reproductive technology?

Dr. Michael Grodin, director of Boston University's law, medicine and ethics program and an accomplished scholar of bio-ethics, posed these and other complex questions to more than 200 doctors, students and community members who attended a forum on Nov. 5 that examined medical ethics through the lens of Jewish law.

After explaining the substantive grounding principles of Jewish medical ethics as established in Torah, Talmud, Responsa and other rabbinic interpretations, Grodin presented various questions and cases and then asked the audience at Miriam Hospital how Jewish law and ethics would address them.

According to Grodin, Jewish law, as it relates to medical ethics, contains lots of questions and uncertainties about how things

"should or ought to be done." While issues of life, death, illness and disease are not new problems, said Grodin, clearly there have been some major changes in the 20th century, particularly in terms of technology. Serious questions surround the proper use of medical technology, he said, therefore, ethics tries to understand the nature and justification of principles as they apply to society. "Jewish tradition has a long, long history of dealing with all of these problems," said Grodin, who cited Talmudic discussions ranging from preventative medicine and public health to artificial limbs, malpractice, and contraception.

While autonomy, or patients rights, seems to prevail in secular ethics, Grodin said that this idea is somewhat aberrant in Jewish tradition which is concerned with issues of justice, allocation and access. Duty and obligation to one's community are more central in Judaism than in secular ethics. The most important precepts of Jewish medical ethics, Grodin said, are the right to treat and the obligation to seek care, the sanctity of life

from birth to death, and respect and dignity for the dead.

Jewish law not only permits recourse to physicians, but unlike some Christian traditions that honor suffering, it states an obligation to relieve pain. "You don't get points for suffering like the Catholics," said Grodin.

Preventative medicine is very important and any risk to life is also taken seriously. In fact, said Grodin, with few exceptions, saving a life supersedes all religious obligations. One is commanded to desecrate the Sabbath to help an ill person, delay a bris if the infant is unwell, or give up fasting on Yom Kippur if one's health is at risk.

He added that "the sacredness of life in Jewish tradition says that all life is of absolute value, therefore you can never sacrifice the life of one person for another." Although a fetus has some standing, it is always less than that of the mother because "personhood" occurs at birth. Grodin said that many Jewish ethicists feel that abortion is permissible if either the physical or psychic life of the mother is endangered.

Addressing the issue of death and dignity for the dead, Grodin said that in the Jewish tradition, an autopsy is usually not done unless there is a good reason because it desecrates the body. However, if donating an organ will save a life, then it is a great thing, provided the donor is not at risk or is already dead (though how to decide when a person is dead is another thorny issue...).

There is also an ambiguous area between life and death where to actively hasten death is forbidden, but to passively allow someone to die is a mitzvah. (The difficult part is, of course, defining when that "dying" stage begins...)

Grodin's hypothetical questions on euthanasia, organ donation and reproductive technology illustrated the doubt and uncertainty that surrounds medical ethics. In one interesting case an embryo formed by two Israeli parents was implanted into a non-Jewish woman in California who gave birth to a child. "Could that child be admitted into Israel under the law of return even though it wasn't 'born' to a Jewish mother?" he asked, perplexing many in the audience.

In the panel that followed Grodin's presentation, Dr. Dan Lederer, chair of Miriam's Ethics Committee, said that his committee's role is to educate and assist in developing policy on ethical implications and consultation. He cited specific policies that address difficult issues, such as respecting the patient's (or patient surrogate's) wishes to discontinue life-sustaining treatment beyond a certain point when it is deemed futile.

From a religious standpoint, Rabbi Wayne Franklin concurred, saying, "It is important to prolong life, but not to prolong death, because that prolongs suffering. The merciful thing to do is let the person be at peace."

In answering questions from the panel and the audience, Grodin stressed that there is often no firm "Jewish stance" on a particular topic, but that each situation must be addressed on a case-by-case basis. "We ought not fear the questions," said Grodin. "Doubts are not necessarily destructive, but we must know where to look when asking the questions."

Despite the inherent murkiness of many of the questions asked, Grodin reminded the audience not to lose sight of the fact that doctors deal first and foremost with real people, and that every case must be addressed with sensitivity and humility, taking into account the specific intricacies of each human life.

The Community Forum on Jewish Medical Ethics was part of an ongoing effort at the Miriam Hospital to keep up its connection to the Jewish community since the hospital's merger with Rhode Island Hospital in 1994. An ad hoc committee established in March 1995 to maintain the hospital's Jewish character developed 12 specific recommendations, including new mezuzahs and artwork and an annual community forum on Jewish medical ethics. "We want to increase awareness and discussion on what it means to be a Jewish hospital and enhance our Jewish presence," said Jeffrey Brier, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Strategies for Maintaining the Jewish Character of The Miriam Hospital.

CAJE Seeks Submissions for Jewish Writing Contest

Three prizes will be given by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education for the best original short stories on a Jewish theme or topic in the eighth annual David Dornstein Memorial Creative Writing Contest for Young Adult Writers. First prize will be \$700, second prize \$200, and third prize \$100.

The contest is open to writers between the ages of 18 and 35. Membership in CAJE is welcome but not required to participate. Authors should submit a typed, double-spaced manuscript of no more than 5,000 words of an original short story which has never been published or received an award. Name, address and phone number of the author should appear not on the story itself but on an accompanying cover sheet. Only one entry per author per year is permitted.

The deadline for the contest is Dec. 31. Judging will take place between Jan. 1 and May 30, 1998. The winning stories will be published in consecutive issues of the CAJE journal, *Jewish Education News*, and efforts will be made to facilitate its publication elsewhere.

The contest memorializes 25-year-old David Dornstein, a former CAJE staff member who was killed in the crash of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988. He had served as CAJE conference assistant for 1987 and 1988. He was an avid reader and writer of fiction, and the award honors his creative spirit.

"David was one of the most creative young people it has been my good fortune to know," said Dr. Eliot Spack, CAJE's executive director. "He was a writer, actor and philosopher, a man of keen insight, compassion, provocative wit and unique charm. Everyone who knew him expected him to make a powerful contribution. We will honor his memory by helping other young people of talent."

For more information about the contest, contact CAJE, 261 W. 35th Street, Floor 12A, New York, NY 10001, (212) 268-4210, Fax (212) 268-4214, E-mail <500-8447@MCIMAIL.COM>.

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'The Infiltrator' Speaks at University of Rhode Island

URI Hillel will be sponsoring a lecture by Yaron Svoray on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Svoray, the Israeli son of Holocaust survivors, risked his life to expose the growing threat of Germany's new Nazi movement. By posing as Nazi sympathizer "Ron Furey," Svoray was able to infiltrate the Nazi organization at their highest levels where he made a number of shocking and disturbing discoveries. Svoray recounted his journey to the heart of racism and anti-Semitism in his book *In Hitler's Shadow*.

Svoray is also the subject of an HBO original movie "The Infiltrator." "Yaron Svoray is an outstanding speaker who has fascinated audiences across the country with his compelling story. His fight against racism is one we can all learn from," said Guy Bermel, URI Hillel director and Jewish chaplain.

The lecture will be held in room 124 of the Pastore Building on the Kingston campus and will be followed by a book signing. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5 for community members and \$2 for students.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Jewish Community Loses Valued Historian

The Rhode Island Jewish community lost a great friend and historian with the recent passing of Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky. In the upcoming edition of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes, dedicated to his memory, Dr. Goldowsky is described as "the conscience of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and the voice of Rhode Island Jewry."

The following excerpt is from remarks made by Melvin L. Zurier to the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue when Dr. Goldowsky received the first Founders Day Award in July. (For a full obituary, see page 18).

You all know Seebert as a distinguished surgeon, historian and author. He is a native of Providence who, since his graduation from Brown and Harvard Medical School, except for a stint of war service as a combat surgeon in the South Pacific, has lived in Providence all his life.

He is the ultimate Renaissance man. He not only studies but creates.

Were I to read from his curriculum vitae, we would be here a very, very long time. Therefore, to paraphrase, I would like to talk about him from a slightly different point of view, as I have known him.

Seebert does not profess to be a spiritual believer. Yet he is a Jew in the deepest and finest sense of the term. He has the keen mind of a Talmud scholar as well as the

questioning mind of a scientist. I have seen him take years in digging through the archives of Temple Beth-El in Providence to come up with a marvelous history — detailed, yet excitingly readable — which he titled *A Century And A Quarter Of Spiritual Leadership*.

I have known Seebert for almost half my life as the heart of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. As with the Society of Friends, he has given to the Historical Association his commitment and energies, as editor of its notes for many years, as its president, and as its continuous conscience.

He and his lovely wife, Bonnie, literally nursed the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association from a modest one-room organization, on the verge of disappearing when its founder David Adelman could no longer function as editor, to the present thriving organization about to take its place with the Rhode Island Historical Society and a number of other groups in the dream that will be the new Heritage Harbor Museum in Providence.

Theodore Herzl is supposed to have told the World Zionist Congress 50 years before the state of Israel was founded — "If you will it, it is no dream." I can tell you that were it not for the will and vision of Seebert and a relatively few like him, this dream would not come true. And so will it be with the dream that will be a Touro Synagogue renewed and a vibrant Newport Jewish Center rebuilt and expanded. Certainly, were it not for Seebert, the chronicle of the Rhode Island Jewish community would be much sparser. Future generations of scholars will be forever grateful for his work in pointing the way.

Submitted by Melvin L. Zurier, a close friend of Seebert Goldowsky.



ASDS Holds Humash Ceremony

This year's third-grade Humash ceremony at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School was emotional and inspirational for all who participated — students, faculty, parents and family members.

In preparation for this special event, students learned to lead the Torah service and prepared a play in Hebrew. With great enthusiasm, the students also developed skills in chanting in traditional cantillation (trope) the first verses from Parasha Lech Lecha.

Parents also prepared for this great milestone in the lives of their children by attending special sessions in which they learned about Parasha Lech Lecha and made a unique book-

plate for their own child's Humash.

At the Humash ceremony third-grade students performed their Hebrew play and led the Shacharit service. For this occasion, the Torah was fully unrolled while the children and parents stood in concentric circles. The parents held the open Torah facing their child, so that each family could share the gift of Torah together. Parents then listened with pride as the children recited the Torah blessings and chanted Lech Lecha.

This beautiful ceremony, organized by assistant director Marcia Kaunfer and third-grade Judaic studies teachers Rina Sky-Wolfgang and Wendy Garf-Lipp, underscores the beauty of Juda-

ism. The Torah is literally passed from generation to generation as the children demonstrate to family, friends and community their acquisition of valuable synagogue skills which will enable them to participate fully in any service they attend as adults.

Standing together under a beautiful tallit embroidered by the parents, students received the traditional blessing. Parents then presented their children with their first Hebrew Humash, personally inscribed by the parents. Students will continue to use this Humash for the remainder of their years at Alperin Schechter. The ceremony ended with a sweet dessert, a reminder that the study of Torah should always be sweet.



DOR L'DOR — FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT. Alperin Schechter Day School parents and students share a moving experience as the Torah is unrolled and symbolically passed from one generation to the next. Photo courtesy of ASDS

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club Invites Melvin L. Zurier

On Nov. 16 at 2 p.m., in the Bohnen Vestry at Temple Emanu-El, Melvin L. Zurier, a prominent attorney, will discuss "The Resolution of Conflicts Among the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Branches of Judaism."

Zurier, a native of Providence, is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard University School of Law. Following law school, he served with the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Department. He has practiced law since 1957 and has been active in the R.I. Bar Association and numerous civic and community organizations. He is honorary vice president for life of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and is past president of the Harvard Club of R.I. and Temple Beth-El. Recently, he was appointed by Gov. Almond to a seat on the state ethics commission. He is currently associated with the law firm of Tillinghast, Licht & Semonoff.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Providence Newcomer Heads City Leadership Initiative

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

Dressed in a simple wool sweater among the sharp suits of downtown Providence, Michael Simon is working hard to improve the city of Providence. Unlike the well-heeled financial players investing in malls and skating rinks, he's investing his time and skills in developing future community leaders.

Simon, who moved to Providence in August, is the local project coordinator for a nationwide leadership program called the Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative. He is also one of the 20 "civic entrepreneurs" picked in September for a year of training, conferences and hands-on activities to improve local economic development under the auspices of the Providence Plan.

Among the 20 Providence residents chosen are people of different ages and ethnicities that represent the city's diverse neighborhoods. "It's a very vocal, energetic, activist group," said Simon of the list that includes the director of the AS220 artist community, an environmental activist, the president of the Ocean State Business Forum, a young single mother, a creator of community gardens and the director of Perspectives, a Jewish youth adult group.

The civic entrepreneurs have been meeting for the past two months to get to know each other and brainstorm on critical issues facing their city. At a kick-off event on Nov. 6, Gov. Lincoln Almond welcomed the Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative to Providence. "Encouraging economic development is a priority for me and I support the efforts of PCEI-Providence to help prepare and educate leaders in the community," said the governor. Providence is among 10 cities chosen to host the \$3.68 million program to train emerging community leaders.

Last week Simon left with the group for a four-day national leadership training program in Colorado where they will hear speakers, meet with representatives from the other nine cities in the Pew Initiative and strategize on how to apply what they learn there to Providence.

The New Kid in Town

In just a few months Simon has learned more about Providence than many longtime residents, visiting and establishing networks in Olneyville, Silver Lake, the West End and South Providence as part of his secondary Providence Plan job as an outreach coordinator for

Community Partners, a program that provides technology to community groups.

The California native came east two years ago to attend the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where his studies combined education, labor and poverty issues with urban development and public policy.

Simon says his interest in public policy stems back to his high school years at an inner-city magnet school in Southern California where he was first exposed to the complex problems facing urban areas. He then moved up to northern California to attend Stanford University where he became active in a student homelessness action group on campus.

After doing a field placement for one of his classes in a homeless shelter with children and families, Simon worked with a partner to put together a summer school session for the shelter. Working with underprivileged children further cemented his commitment to social action and led him to apply to Teach for America, an innovative program that places energetic college graduates in underserved urban and rural schools.

"I knew at Stanford that I really wanted to have an impact, I wanted to do policy work on a larger level, but wanted to get some real-life experience before entering graduate school," said Simon of his decision to sign on with Teach for America. "I needed direct contact to understand what people's lives are really like in the communities that I want to have an effect on and teaching is a great way to do that."

Though he applied with dreams of teaching high school social studies in the Bay Area, after passing a rudimentary Spanish exam Simon was assigned to a bilingual second and third grade class in the Watts section of Los Angeles. The first year was incredibly difficult, said Simon, who admitted that for the first time in his life he thought of quitting. But with the support of mentor teachers, he hung in and even stayed a third year at the principal's request before moving to Cambridge in 1995.

Simon describes his time at Harvard as "an incredible experience" enriched by interaction with other talented

classmates and an impressive faculty. It was his thesis on a United Way children's project that eventually brought him to Providence. After interviewing the director of a childcare advocacy group, he got a call suggesting that he meet her husband, the executive director of the Providence Plan, about a job opening. Even though he'd only been to Providence briefly for Thanksgiving and Pesach with friends, Simon decided he would give it a shot. "I was in-

have a different impact, so I thought I'd try it."

Having a brother and sister-in-law in the Boston area has made the transition easier and Simon frequently spends Shabbat at their home in Brookline. "We only have each other on the East Coast, no other family, so it's important to me to be nearby," he says, beaming at the thought of becoming an uncle in just a few weeks. "I'll be able to run up and baby-sit."

Simon grew up in a Conser-

He was extremely close to his maternal grandfather who was very observant and active in his temple. "I had my bar mitzvah and then my grandfather passed away when I was 14, so that, combined with other distractions, led to a decline in my involvement in high school and college."

After college, however, he felt the need to reconnect with other Jews and began attending services intermittently in Los Angeles. At Harvard, he joined the Jewish Caucus and helped organize a German-Jewish dialogue. He also started going to the university Hillel near his home. "It was so amazing to be able to walk to shul, which I never did before," said Simon. "It's somewhat spiritual, somewhat social and somewhat just a relief at the end of a long week."

At 26, Simon is concerned with striking a balance in the type of work he does: He doesn't want to become a disconnected policy wonk bogged down with paperwork, but he does feel compelled to apply his skills, education and talents to policy work and systemic change. His desire to help people directly and feel connected to them creates a struggle he thinks will go on for years. "I still feel I don't have an impact on real kids and real families," said Simon of his current job. "I get the most satisfaction from volunteering and working directly with people. Maybe that means I need to go back to teaching, or be a principal at a school, or run a non-profit community center."



MICHAEL SIMON, project coordinator of the Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative. Herald photo by Sara Wise

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HEALTHWISE

Your Family Health Tree: What You Should Know

If you are among the millions of women who are entering midlife, you should find out about your family's health history so you can take measures to preserve your health for your later years. One of the best ways to determine your health history is to develop your family health tree.

Because half of your genes are inherited from your mother and half from your father, a family health tree can help doctors prevent and treat a host of ailments, including those that tend to develop at midlife, such as osteoporosis. Once you have reached menopause, your health needs change. By providing your doctor with as much information as possible about your family's medical history, you will enable him or her to best assess your treatment options. The family health tree will also help to protect the health of your children and grandchildren.

"Most health problems that run in families have both a genetic and an environmental component. So once you know what diseases you may be prone to because of heredity, you can start your plan of prevention," said Danette Nelson-Anderson, author of *Genetic Connections® — A Guide to Documenting Your Individual and Family Health History*.

To create a family health tree, you need to compile a detailed health history for yourself, your spouse and your chil-

dren. You will also want to gather as much information as you can about your parents, grandparents and their siblings, including: name; birth date; if

illnesses, and age at onset; and symptoms suggestive of specific illnesses.

At the top of the tree, list your grandparents and their sib-

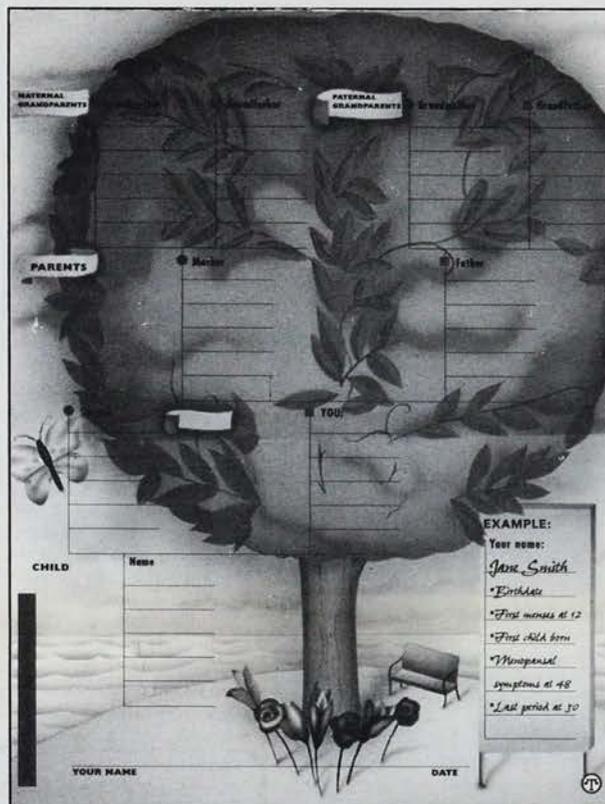
velop a key using symbols and colors to illustrate gender, lines of descent and genetic conditions.

While creating your family health tree and talking to your relatives about their health history, look at old photo albums. Family photos contain valuable clues and provide visible tip-offs to conditions like osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis is one of many conditions that run in families and is a major public health threat for 25 million Americans, 80 percent of whom are women. Consequently, it is important to know if you are at a higher risk for the disease. A lack of estrogen after menopause is the single most important contributor to this bone loss in women; therefore, knowing your family health history will help you discuss your personal health profile with your doctor and determine your best treatment options.

In addition to the lack of estrogen and a family history of osteoporosis, a woman should discuss the following risk factors with her doctor:

- Surgical menopause or menopause before age 45
- Caucasian or Asian ancestry
- Thin and/or small body frame
- Poor nutrition, especially low calcium intake
- Lack of regular weight-bearing exercise
- Cigarette smoking
- Excessive use of alcohol
- High doses of thyroid medication or high or prolonged doses of cortisone-like drugs for asthma, arthritis or other diseases.



deceased, their age at death; cause of death; major or chronic

illnesses, beginning with the oldest. If a relative was born in another country, indicate when he or she immigrated to the United States. Below them, list your parents' generation, then your generation, and finally your children's generation. De-



Women & Infants' Offers Health Education Programs

There is still room in the day-time yoga classes at Women & Infants' Center for Health Education, 6 Whipple St., North Attleboro, Mass. Classes are held every Thursday from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Participants will learn life-changing techniques to relieve tension and stress. The cost is \$60 for the six-week series. Preregistration is necessary, call (508) 699-5454.

Fibromyalgia syndrome is a chronic, painless illness which affects thousands of women. Dr. Mary Eleanor Toms, medical director of Kent Hospital's Rehabilitation department, has devoted years to the diagnosis and treatment of fibromyalgia patients. On Nov. 17, 7 p.m., she will address the issues associated with fibromyalgia in a program entitled "When Pain and Fatigue Equal Fibromyalgia — A Holistic Approach." Toms will be joined by Physical Therapist Theresa Galvin, RPT, and Occupational Therapist Kathleen Sevegnny, OTR-L, who will share their insights and experience in helping patients cope with their illness. Space is very limited, preregister by calling the center at (508) 699-5454.

Need a chance to connect with other mothers? The Center for Health Education holds a support group for new moms and mothers of toddlers. The Mother's Group meets every Wednesday morning, 10:30-noon. R.S.V.P. by calling the center at (508) 699-5454.

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Exciting news about lowering high blood pressure and cholesterol! Learn more at a valuable, free and open to the public, two-session workshop based on a recent clinical study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, showing that choosing foods such as fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products can lower blood pressure in as little as two weeks. Blood pressure screenings and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will take place on Nov. 19 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Health Center, 1 Hoppin Street, Providence. Call 331-4034 ext. 43390 to reserve a place or for more information.

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HEALTHWISE

Health Tips to Prevent Sports Injuries

In one year, an estimated 17 million Americans will sustain a sports injury. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, up to one half of all injuries sustained in sports are preventable. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts' Prevention and Wellness Program is offering sports prevention tips to help you play stronger and stay safe.

Common sports injuries include twisted ankles, painful joints, and stiff and sore muscles. If you continue to exercise when injured, further damages can leave you laid up for weeks or months. Most sports injuries can easily be prevented by simply practicing good sense.

Tips for preventing sports injuries

- Before playing any sport, be sure to get proper instruction.
- Wear the right protective gear.
- Do warm-up and cool-down exercises — such as those that stretch the muscles used in the activity or doing the actual activity at a slower pace.
- When stretching, don't bounce. Instead, just hold the position.
- Do proper breathing by raising abdominal muscles as you inhale to prevent a side stitch.
- Wear proper fitting shoes that provide shock absorption and stability.

Herbal Know-How and Health

Increasingly, people are using herbs as a natural way to treat everyday health problems.

How much do you know about herbal healing? Take this quick matching quiz to find out.

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- B. Hawthorn Berries
- C. Ginger
- D. Milk Thistle Seeds
- E. Echinacea
- F. Ginseng

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A-4, B-5, C-2, D-1, E-3, F-6
Answers

- Avoid exercising on hard surfaces like asphalt and concrete.
- Be careful not to do full knee bends — instead, only bend knees to 90 degrees.
- When jumping, land with knees bent.

Sports injuries are more difficult to treat the longer they are ignored. If you are experiencing severe pain, swelling or bruising, have a fever or other signs of infection, or have decreased mobility in the limb or joints you should consider being evaluated by your physician. Not all sports injuries require emergency or medical attention however. You can use a self-care book, call a nurse information line or call your doctor to determine if your injury needs medical attention or to see if you can safely apply self-care procedures at home.

Self-Care Procedures

At the first sign of serious discomfort or pain, stop what you're doing and apply R.I.C.E. — Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. Even minor injuries can be treated better — avoiding further injury and speeding recovery — by using R.I.C.E.

R — Rest the injured area for 24 hours to 48 hours.

I — Ice the area for 5 minutes to 20 minutes every hour for the first 48 hours to 72 hours, or until the area no longer looks feels hot.

C — Compress the area by

wrapping it tightly with an elastic bandage for 30 minutes, then unwrap it for 15 minutes. Begin wrapping from the point farthest from the heart (distally) and wrap toward the center of the body. Repeat several times.

E — Elevate the area to reduce swelling and prop it up to keep it elevated while your sleep.

Once you've applied R.I.C.E. and the injured area begins to heal, do M.S.A. techniques.

M: Movement — Work at establishing a full range of motion (ROM) as soon as possible after an injury. ROM will help maintain flexibility during healing and prevent the scar tissue formed by the injury from limiting future performance.

S: Strength — Gradually strengthen the injured area once the inflammation is controlled and ROM is re-established.

A: Alternative Activities — Do regular exercise using activities that do not strain the injured part. This should be started a few days after the injury, even though the injured part is still healing.

Health care providers recommend taking aspirin, ibuprofen or naproxen sodium to reduce inflammation and pain. These over-the-counter medications should be taken with food or milk to prevent stomach irritation. If you are currently taking other medications or have a history of abnormal conditions, you should check with your physician.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Visits Wheaton

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala will visit Wheaton College on Nov. 21 to talk about protecting the privacy of individuals' medical records in the age of digital record-keeping and compute networks. This year's Miriam Lee Tropp '65 lecture, "The Privacy of Medical Records in the Information Age," will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Emerson Dining Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Concern over the privacy of medical records is a growing national concern as individuals' health records are now commonly stored and transmitted by computers to health care providers and insurers, vastly increasing the potential for confidential information to be used to embarrass or discriminate against patients. Shalala has recently launched an effort to enact new federal laws to protect the privacy of personal medical records, and Congress is currently considering legislation on the matter.

"Americans shouldn't have to trade in their privacy rights to get quality health care," Shalala said in recent congressional testimony. "We must act now with

national legislation to address this serious threat."

A recent report by the federal health agency explained the situation this way: "Today, patients often sign blanket authorization allowing use of their medical information in order to obtain treatment or payment for care. These authorizations may not really protect patients, in part because they do not provide useful information about how our health records will be used,

who will see them, or how we can get access to them. Such authorizations are not always voluntary — signing a blanket authorization is often necessary to receive care or insurance benefits. In addition, as the health care system becomes more integrated and more computerized, it is becoming difficult to determine the appropriate person or place where our health information can be accessed or controlled."

Confirmed as the head of the Department of Health and Human Services by the U.S. Senate on Jan. 22, 1993, Shalala oversees a wide variety of programs including Medicare, Medicaid and almost all of the federal welfare and children's programs.



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The Arthritis Foundation will sponsor a dial-a-doctor call-in on Nov. 19, 7 to 9 p.m. Callers can ask the doctor questions about arthritis by calling (800) 541-8350.

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FEATURE

Alabama Judge Rules Out Prayer and Issues Guidelines For Schools

by Faygie Levy

NEW YORK (JTA) — The ping-pong battle over prayer in Alabama's public schools seems to be over for now — and the governor's side has lost.

Recently, U.S. District Judge Ira DeMent let stand his preliminary ruling from earlier this year, which struck down a 1993 Alabama law that permitted student-initiated prayer.

He also issued clear guidelines of what will and won't be allowed in Alabama public schools with regard to religion.

Among the things that are no longer allowed in Alabama schools: any form of organized prayer; distribution of Bibles to students either in the classroom or on the school bus; and scripture readings over public address systems.

The ruling is the latest development in the battles regarding school prayer in Alabama.

In August, four Jewish siblings filed a federal lawsuit against their Pike County school district, alleging that they have been harassed by school officials and students and have been forced to participate in religious activities at school.

It is not known what effect the current ruling will have on that case, which is also expected to be heard by DeMent.

In his recent ruling, DeMent

wrote that the court was "trying to protect the religious rights and freedoms of students in DeKalb county public schools" and to prevent the school district from "sponsoring religious activities."

School officials in DeKalb County, with the support of Gov. Fob James, had defied DeMent's earlier ruling.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, some school administrators had used the 1993 law as a shield to allow officials to encourage prayer in schools.

"It was refreshing to have a judge come out so strongly about what we feel have been some very dangerous trends," said Jay Kaiman, Southeast regional director of the Anti-Defamation League.

In the ruling, the court called for the establishment of a monitoring system to ensure that DeKalb County complies.

It also called for mandatory tolerance training for all teachers and administrators at county schools.

DeMent singled out the ADL's World of Difference curriculum as an example of the type of tolerance programs that he would like to see DeKalb County implement.

DeMent's ruling stems from a 1995 lawsuit filed by Michael

Chandler, a vice principal in the DeKalb county school district, who opposed the schools' involvement in prayers.

According to the ACLU, which represented Chandler, he had tried to stop the practice of prayers before sporting events.

He also tried to prevent Bibles from being handed out to students and to stop teachers from appointing students to lead prayer services.

The ADL said this ruling not only sends a message to the school system but also to the governor's office.

The ruling "reinforces the fact that separation of church and state are held in high regard by our judicial system," Kaiman said.

James, the governor, is a staunch supporter of prayer in public schools.

He has not yet issued a reaction to the court ruling, but a spokesman reiterated the governor's belief that people of all religions should be allowed to pray "any way they choose, without government interference."

James may appeal DeMent's ruling.

If he does, ACLU Alabama's president, Martin McCaffery, believes that school officials in DeKalb County will continue to be "intransigent" and violate DeMent's rulings.

Help Keep Kids Warm

Too many children in Warwick are without proper winter attire. They know what it's like to be cold.

This year, help is on the way. The community service learning classes at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School joined the fourth-grade classes at Warwick Neck School to begin a children's winter outerwear drive. The students made posters for all of the public elementary schools in Warwick asking for serviceable children's winter outerwear to be donated.

Volunteers from West Bay Community Action will be collecting the jackets, hats, mittens, boots and scarves at the elementary schools and setting up a distribution program.

Anyone in need of warm children's outerwear should come to the distribution site, 20 Cottage St., Warwick, Nov. 17 to 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be no charge for the clothing.

For more information, call West Bay Community Action at 732-4660.



WARWICK STUDENTS, Daniel McGarry, Stephanie Archambault and Kim Collins work together making posters for the coat drive.

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The Award Party will be held on December 17, 3:30 to 5 p.m. • All contest entrants are invited

Newly Found Artifacts Indicate Biblical Temples Used Donations

by Peter Ephross

NEW YORK (JTA) — Making donations to support the local synagogue is nothing new — it happened more than 2,500 years ago.

While scholars have long believed that temples were built and kept up with donations, a shard of pottery that has recently come to light provides the oldest physical evidence of this practice.

The pottery, which appears to be a receipt for a requested donation of three silver shekels for the upkeep of King Solomon's Temple, is the oldest known mention of the First Temple outside the Bible.

It was found along with another artifact from the same period that records a request from a widow for property.

It's a "major find," said P. Kyle McCarter of Johns Hopkins University.

How the relics were discovered remains a mystery, but McCarter believes they were found during a construction project in Jerusalem in the past few years. They were turned over to scholars from their current owner, the London collector Shlomo Moussaieff, who purchased them on the antiquities market.

While the exact date of the pieces of pottery are still in dispute, they are believed to come from anywhere between the 9th and the 7th century B.C.E.

In addition to providing additional proof of the historical authenticity of the Bible, the artifacts help explain how people lived in biblical times.

"It certainly doesn't prove the Bible true. What it does do is to bring to life, in an exciting way, the reality of the times," said Hershel Shanks, editor of the *Biblical Archaeology Review*, which is publishing an article on the relics in its November/December issue.

"You just stand in awe of something so close to reality from 2,700, 2,800 years ago."

The second piece of pottery supports a notion mentioned in the Bible — that the king was a protector of widows and orphans.

That relic records a widow's petition for a gift that had been promised to her late husband.

In biblical times, women could not legally inherit property — or the promise of property. It went either to a male relative or back to the king, who would then decide what to do with it.

"What she is proposing is that since the land was a grant from the king, he has the right to give it to her," said Frank Moore Cross, a professor emeritus at Harvard University.

McCarter said the finding "sheds light on a legal situation and a social situation. We want to know about the king, and we want to know about the private lives of individuals."

Did the king grant the widow the property? Unfortunately, no one knows.

But there's hope of finding a more satisfying end to the story. McCarter said it is possible that more than two pieces of pottery were found on the site, but no one knows where — or even if — they exist.

Kristallnacht Events Serve As Annual Reminder for Germans

by Deidre Berger

FRANKFURT (JTA) — The sounds of Nazis shattering glass panes, setting synagogues on fire and shouting anti-Semitic slogans still reverberate in Germany — 59 years after an unforgettable night of terror.

Hundreds of events throughout Germany, scheduled by local governments and private organizations on Nov. 9, commemorated Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass.

On Nov. 9 and 10, 1938, in a well-orchestrated national action planned by Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels, marauding bands of Nazis and their sympathizers destroyed synagogues and shops belonging to Jews across Germany.

Many synagogues were set afire while large crowds of onlookers watched without intervening.

Thousands of Jewish men and boys were arrested and deported to concentration camps.

Kristallnacht occurred five years after the Nazis instituted their anti-Semitic persecutions, and many Germans today regard that fateful night as marking the beginning of the Holocaust.

As a result, Kristallnacht commemorations scheduled in cities throughout Germany not only recalled the horrifying events of that evening, but will also remind Germans of the consequences of anti-Semitism and racism.

The commemoration was sponsored by German officials as well as by local Jewish communities.

In Frankfurt, a ceremony included speeches by city and state officials and by the president of

the Central Council for Jews in Germany, Ignatz Bubis.

Many of the ceremonies were held at city halls or local Jewish cemeteries and included prayers, the laying of wreaths and the reciting of Kaddish.

Some of the events were planned by local German groups involved with Christian-Jewish relations or with the study of local Jewish history.

In Berlin, high school students presented a play called, "In Reality, It Was the Last Sign Before the Extermination."

In the western city of Wiesbaden, actors took part in a performance inspired by paintings created by Jewish artists.

Many churches sponsored events on that evening, including lectures, concerts and reading of works by Jewish authors. Several German television stations also participated in the commemorations.

The public television station for the region of Hesse, Hessischer Rundfunk, broadcast four hours of documenta-

ries and studio discussions on the persecution and dispossession of the German Jewish community under the Nazi regime.

Nov. 9 has been a fateful day in German history.

In 1918, it was the date that the Weimar Republic, the first democratic government in German history, was established.

In 1989, it was the evening on which the Berlin Wall came down, ending the postwar division of Germany.

After German unification, there was a debate about whether to make Nov. 9 a national holiday.

Because of the somber commemoration of Kristallnacht on this date, many politicians considered it inappropriate as a national independence day.

Instead, Germans celebrate their postwar unification on Oct. 3, the day East and West Germany were formally united in 1990.

Next year, a national ceremony is planned for the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Jews Still Waiting For Pope to Issue Holocaust Document

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Vatican's latest condemnation of anti-Semitism as an offense against "G-d and the church itself" has been welcomed by Jewish experts.

But they say they are still waiting for a long-anticipated papal document that is expected to be a full inventory of the Roman Catholic Church's relationship to the Holocaust.

The Vatican's most recent remarks came out of a three-day, closed-door conference of 50 Catholic biblical and theological scholars. No Jewish scholars were invited to participate.

Pope John Paul II, in his remarks at the conference, blamed centuries of anti-Jewish prejudice for "deadening" Christian resistance to the Nazi persecution of Jews, but steered clear of blaming the church itself.

The symposium in Vatican City focused on examining interpretations of the Christian Bible that the church said produced anti-Semitic tendencies.

The scholars produced "a dossier" on the subject for the benefit of the pope, according to the closing statement made public by the participants.

That work might be used as part of what Jewish observers

hope will be the major statement that the Vatican promised a decade ago.

What came out of the conference is "not a breakthrough, but building blocks, and very important ones," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interfaith affairs at the American Jewish Committee.

The intent of the conference was to make positive Catholic-Jewish relations part of the church's mainstream agenda, and under this pope it has, he said.

The recent conference was a "serious attempt to deal with the question of the anti-Judaism that can be produced by the use and abuse of [Christian biblical] text," said Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of interreligious affairs for the Anti-Defamation League.

"The pope was very clear in that, and his statement opens the possibilities for joint work between Christians and Jews on study of the so-called-first century, the relations of early Christianity and Judaism," he said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Christensen

Debra Radin Marries Gregory Christensen

Debra Ann Radin and Gregory R. Christensen were married Aug. 17 at the Governor Henry Lippitt House in Providence, R.I. The bride is the daughter of Eleanor Radin of Providence. The bridegroom is the son of Bonnie and Chris Christensen of La Cañada Flintridge, Calif.

Judge Thomas H. Needham officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Skidmore College and is currently a realtor for Burchell House Properties in Carmel, Calif.

The bridegroom is a graduate of U.C.L.A. and is a real estate developer in Santa Cruz County and Monterey Bay.

The newlyweds honeymooned in the Virgin Islands and are making their home in La Selva Beach, Calif.

Jane Ellen Levine Weds David Snyder

Jane Ellen Levine, daughter of William and Gail Levine of Chestnut Hill, Mass., was recently married to David Veta Snyder, son of Charles and Sherry Snyder of New Orleans, La., at Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline, Mass. Rabbi Samuel Chiel, Rabbi Andrew Warmflash and Cantor Charles Osborne of Temple Emanuel officiated. A reception at Temple Ohabei Shalom followed.

Dr. Carolyn Lederman of Washington, D.C., was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alicia London, Julie Rosenthal and Claire Snyder, sister of the bridegroom, of Washington, D.C.; Shelby Snyder Hammer, sister of the bridegroom, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Debra DeCarlo of Cleveland.

Best man was William Woodson IV of Chicago. Groomsmen were Daniel Levine of Santa Barbara, Calif., brother of the bride; Dr. Andrew Baumel of Natick; Allen Hammer of Tuscaloosa; and John Gliedman, Roswell Mack III and Mark Wilenzick of New York.

The bride graduated from Brown University in 1988 and received a diploma in fine and decorative arts from Christie's, London, in 1990. She is an art consultant employed by the Alan Gallery in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Helen (Mrs. Aaron) Caslowitz of Providence, R.I., and Stella (Mrs. Charles) Levine of Canton, Mass.



Mrs. Jane Ellen Snyder

The bridegroom graduated from Yale University Law School cum laude in 1988 and from Tulane University Law School summa cum laude in 1991. From 1991 to 1992, Snyder was a law clerk in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is an assistant

professor of law at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He is the grandson of Margaret and G. John Veta of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Following a wedding trip to Paris and the Loire Valley, the couple is residing in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

U.N. Gala Celebrates Israel's 50th Anniversary

State of Israel Bonds will inaugurate its yearlong commemoration of Israel's 50th anniversary with a gala celebration at the United Nations on Nov. 22. It was in November of 1947 that the UN voted in favor of partitioning the Land of Israel into Jewish and Arab states, a historic resolution resulting in Israel's declaration of independence six months later.

The gala will be highlighted by the presence of Ambassador Abba Eban, one of the major

personalities associated with the founding of the state. Eban, renowned as one of Israel's most prominent and eloquent statesmen, served as Israel's first ambassador to the UN.

Also speaking at the event will be Ambassador Dore Gold, Israel's current permanent representative to the UN. Gold previously served as foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu, playing a prominent role in Israel's ongoing relations with Egypt, Jordan, the Pales-

tinian Authority and other Arab nations. He also served as an advisor to Israel's delegation to the Madrid peace conference and subsequent Arab-Israeli talks in Washington, D.C.

Israel Bonds President Gideon Patts said, "Ambassadors Eban and Gold frame Israel's five decades of independence. Their presence at our UN gala underscores not only the historic nature of our celebration, but the strength and duration of the partnership between Israel and Israel Bonds."

The evening's program will also be highlighted by the participation of prominent Jewish community leaders who are being honored by Israel Bonds in many communities across the United States and Canada. These honorees include Saul Feldberg, Toronto; Sidney Glener, Chicago; Gary Greenberg, Hartford; Jim Roddy, Pittsburgh; Duke Rudman, Houston; Stuart Weissman, Palm Beach; and Jarvis William, Chicago.

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MILESTONES

Anne Slobig Weds Richard Avrut



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avrut

Anne Slobig and Richard Avrut were married on Aug. 31 at the South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago, Ill.

The bride is the daughter of Martha and Robert Slobig of Chicago.

The bridegroom is the son of Donald and Linda Avrut of Park Washington, N.Y.

He is the grandson of Sadye Avrutsky of Cranston and Harry and Jeanette Pauker of Florida. He is also the grandson of the late Irving Avrutsky.

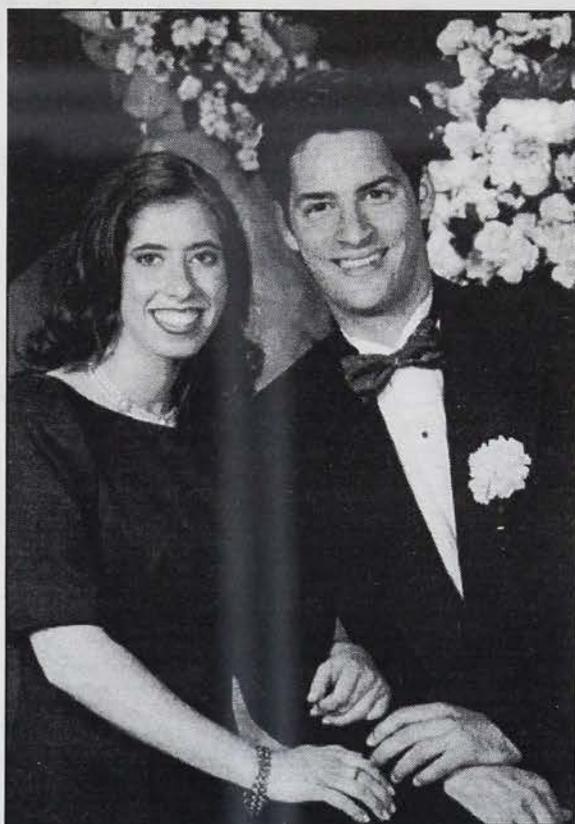
Rabbi Misha Tillman officiated.

Mary Rupert was honor attendant for her sister. Michael Avrut was best man for his brother.

The bride graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and received her Ph.D. in psychology.

The bridegroom graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and received his bachelor's degree in architectural engineering.

They went to Canada for their honeymoon and will make their home in Chicago.



Miriam Kessler and Chaim Lieber

Rabbi Daniel Liben Receives Golden Shofar Award

State of Israel Bonds will present the Golden Shofar Award to Rabbi Daniel H. Liben. This prestigious award will be given to 50 rabbis across North America on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Israel's independence. Rabbi Liben was selected for this honor by Israel Bonds due to his significant community achievements and his outstanding support of Israel.

As a recipient of the Golden Shofar Award, Rabbi Liben has been invited to a special colloquium in Washington, D.C., where he will attend receptions at the White House, Capitol Hill, and the Israeli Embassy.

In Boston, Rabbi Liben will be honored at a tribute dinner, full of Israeli food, music, and dance, at his home synagogue, Temple Israel of Natick. This reception, taking place on Dec. 14, is being chaired by Lynne Satlof-Karas and Steven Karas.

Rabbi Liben has been the spiritual leader of Temple Israel of Natick for six years. Previously, Rabbi Liben served as associate rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Providence. Shortly after coming to Natick,

Rabbi Liben received the Bureau of Jewish Education's Keter Torah Award for his work in congregational and family

deep roots. His grandfather was one of the founders of the Orthodox Zionist organization in the United States, Poel Mizrahi.

Rabbi Liben's parents and his three siblings have made aliyah and all currently reside in or near Jerusalem. Rabbi Liben lived in Israel as a student for two years.

A graduate of Haverford College, Rabbi Liben received his master of arts and rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is married to Fran R. Robins Liben, who is employed as the litigation control attorney at the law firm Ropes & Gray. Their five children ages 6 through 16, attend Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston, and the Maimonides School.

For information on the Dec. 14 tribute dinner, call Barbara Szathmary at the Israel Bonds office (617) 723-2400 or (800) 752-5651, ext. 125.



Rabbi Daniel Liben

education. He is interested in Jewish education on various levels and has co-taught a comparative religion class at Framingham State College. He currently serves as the secretary of the New England Region Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Liben's strong commitment to the State of Israel has

Zachary Julian Lehan

Zachary Julian was born on Oct. 28 to Lisa and Daniel Lehan of Mansfield, Mass. Connor Douglas is Zachary's big brother. His maternal grandparents are Sharon and Stephen Yarlas. His paternal grandparents are Ann Lehan and D. Joseph Lehan. Zachary's maternal great-grandmother is Ruth Weinberg and his paternal great-grandparents are Margaret Bulman and Helene and Joseph Lehan.

Zachary is named for his maternal great-grandfather Julius Weinberg and his maternal great-grandmother Fannie Berger.



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Miriam Kessler to Wed Chaim Lieber

Mr. and Mrs. William Kessler of Pawtucket announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam Kessler, to Chaim Lieber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lieber of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride-to-be graduated from Stern College and attended Bnot Chayil Seminary in Israel. She is now teaching in Brighton Beach, N.Y. Her fiancé graduated from Brooklyn College. He is a stockbroker at Vision Securities in Long Island.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kessler of Warwick and Florida and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith of Fall River, Mass.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Gussie Lieber and the late David Lieber of Brooklyn, and Mabel Gold and the late Harry Gold.

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Anne Frank's Wishes Come True

by Tara V. Lisciandro
Herald Editor

The BBC radio broadcast of Gerritt Bolkestein, a member of the Dutch government in exile, made an impact during 1944. His words reached many including 13-year-old Anne Frank while she and her family and the van Pel family (Anne refers to them as the Van Daan family) were in hiding at the "secret annex" in Amsterdam. Bolkestein announced that he wished to collect letters, first-hand accounts and diaries from the Dutch people under Nazi persecution. After the war he wanted to make the collection of documents public. Anne, who had dreamed of becoming a journalist, decided that she wanted her diary to be published when the war was over.

After the families were arrested and deported, Miep Gies and Bep Voskuijl, the secretaries working in the building, discover the diaries and hide them for safe keeping. When Anne's death is confirmed, Miep gives the diaries to the sole survivor of the Frank family, Otto, Anne's father.

In 1947 Otto Frank fulfilled his daughter's wish and published her edited diary in Holland. In 1952 the same diary was published in the United States and eventually the book was translated and printed in 55 languages. *The Diary of Anne Frank* has become one of the most influential testimonies of a young girl in hiding during one of the most terrifying wars.

A number of films and plays, including the newest Broadway-

bound version by playwrights Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, have been based on the young girl's diaries. Currently "The Diary of Anne Frank," directed by James Lapine, is playing at the Colonial Theatre in Boston (until Nov. 16) and will soon be on its way to Broadway. The cast includes Natalie Portman as Anne. Portman was born in Jerusalem and at 16 years of age, has already gained stardom. She has been in a number of films including "The Professional" and "Heat" as well as Woody Allen's "Everyone Says I Love You." She will be seen in next year's first sequel to George Lucas' new "Star Wars" series. Anne's parents are played by George Hearn as Otto Frank and Sophie Hayden as Edith Frank. Rachel Minor portrays Margot, Anne's quiet older sister and Jonathan Kaplan plays Peter Van Daan, the timid young boy with whom Anne begins to fall in love. Linda Lavin is wonderful as the vivacious Mrs. Van Daan and Harris Yulin plays her husband. Austin Pendleton plays the nervous and comical dentist, Fritz Pfeffer (whom Anne called Alfred Dussel) who also becomes Anne's roommate.

The entire play takes place above in the "secret annex." The stairs which come from below the stage create an "upstairs" effect. Exceptional lighting effects by Brian MacDevitt and Dan Moses Schreier also contribute to this well-staged and dimensional set by Adrienne Lobel.

Mr. Frank and his long-time business partner, Mr. Van Daan, bring their families to hide from

the Nazis and the Gestapo. They are brought food rations, books and other supplies by Miep and Bep. They are also made to obey laws while living in the annex which would help protect them. During work hours no one could move, wear shoes, use the kitchen or the WC. No one could get close to a window and never once could they descend the stairs, blocked by the bookcase, and go outside.

Anne is a young and curious child who speaks her mind, and a little too much of it at times. She misses her friends and longs to visit a beach and take a walk along the streets outside. She dances and flutters on stage, creating a whirlwind as she passes. Anne's constant questions and chatter are only understood by her father and tranquil sister. From July 1942 until August 1944 the eight people in hiding share meals together, pray together and celebrate holidays. They huddle around the table to listen to the BBC, they quarrel and they laugh but most of all, they fear every footstep and voice that comes in their direction.

Although there are times when the audience can't help but laugh at Lavin or Pendleton there are twice as many moments when they can't help but cry. Anne is constantly haunted by nightmares of being taken away by the Nazis and deported. She wakes up screaming in her sleep. There is less and less food to be found and many of them begin to develop illnesses.

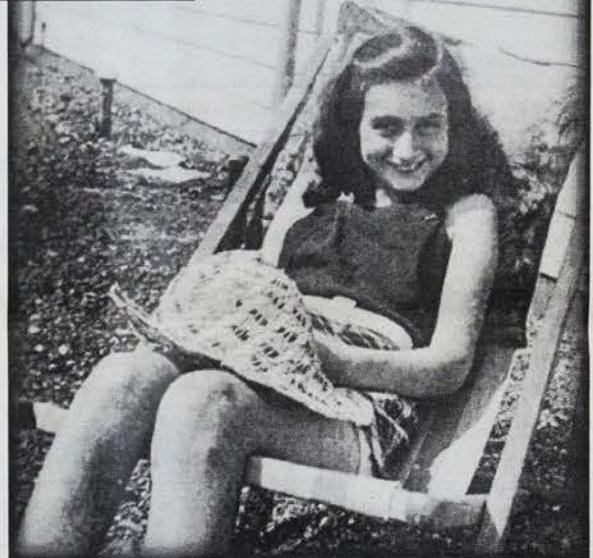
It was never known who betrayed the residents of the "se-

cret annex" but on August 4, 1944 they were forced out and brought to the police station in Amsterdam, then to a transit camp where they were put in a cattle car and transported to Auschwitz.

After the loud thundering of the train passes by and the stage falls dark, Otto Frank reappears under a small beam of light in

Anne's old room. He is the only survivor and tells the audience the tragic ending of his family's story. As he fades from the light the entire house is lit up and covered with the handwriting that comes from *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" will be making its Broadway appearance at The Music Box Theatre in New York City during the first week of December.



Ambassadors Share Stage to Discuss U.S.-Vietnam Relations

For the first time since the two nations moved to normalize relations, the ambassadors of the United States and Vietnam will speak at the same public forum, discussing the current and future relationship of their nations.

Douglas "Pete" Peterson, the U.S. ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Le Van Bang, the Vietnamese ambassador to the United States, will present "U.S.-Vietnam Relations: A Dialogue Between the Ambassadors" at 4 p.m. Nov. 17 in the Salomon Center for Teaching at Brown University. Ralph Begleiter, world affairs correspondent for CNN, will moderate the event, a Stephen A. Ogden Jr. Memorial Lecture.

The presentation is open to the public without charge, and time has been set aside so that the ambassadors may respond to questions from the audience.

New England Field Days at Mystic Seaport

Stretch your legs and work off that turkey at Mystic Seaport's "New England Field Days," Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 28 and 29.

Join in traditional games such as tug-o-war, relay races, hoop-rolling and stilt-walking on the village green. For those who would rather enjoy the fall scenery sitting down, horse and carriage rides will be available. Join in a sailor's sing-along and learn about life in the 1800s from a costumed role player. "Punch and Judy" shows happen at 1 and 3 p.m., followed by puppet-making workshops.

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Boston's New England Conservatory of Music students and alumni from the jazz and improvisation department will be playing their best selections in the RISD Museum's Main Gallery on the third Friday of each month. The music program will continue through May 1998.

Museum visitors will hear the jazz quartet Wet Street on Nov. 21 and performers Eric Hof-

bauer and Tyson Rogers, a guitar and piano duo, on Dec. 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Friday at the RISD Museum is free with regular admission of \$5 for adults; \$4 for senior citizens; \$1 for ages 5 to 18; \$2 for college students with valid ID, and museum members are admitted free upon presentation of their membership cards.

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Gandhi Brings Grandfather's Principles to Rhode Island

Dr. Arun Gandhi, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi, is focused on the goal of reducing violence in our homes, our neighborhoods and our world. He brings this message of non-violence to Rhode Island on Nov. 24 when he speaks at the Community College of Rhode Island in Warwick. Gandhi's presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a coffee and pastry reception with Gandhi.

This enlightening and informative program is being presented free of charge by Kent County Mental Health Center in celebration of their 20 years of serving the community. Individuals, families and organizations wishing to attend can call Debbie Carroll at 732-5656 for reservations. Seating is limited to 500 guests.

Gandhi is the founding director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute established in 1991. The institute is located at the Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. Having written four books and hundreds of articles, Gandhi is an accomplished author and journalist. His most recent literary projects are *Testament to Truth*, published by Harper Collins, and *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's Dream Become Reality?* a collection of essays and poetry from noted international scientists, artists, and political and social leaders on the ideals of non-violence.

'Picasso at the Lapin Agile' Opens at PPAC

Jewish Lead Shares Thoughts on Einstein Role

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

Great minds of the 20th century meet in the critically acclaimed "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," written by famed actor and comedian Steve Martin. The show opens at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Nov. 18 and runs through Nov. 23.

Starring Mark Nelson as a young Albert Einstein and Paul Provenza as Pablo Picasso, the play unites the young artist and scientist at a Paris bistro, the Lapin Agile, before either man has achieved success or fame. The two emerging geniuses square off in an amusing battle of ideas about painting, probability, lust and the future of the world.

In a recent phone interview, actor Mark Nelson, who plays Albert Einstein, described the

show as "very free-form playful fantasy about the energy of inspiration that takes all kinds of shapes in the play, from a poetic meditation on ideas to vaudeville shtick to sci-fi travel. It doesn't fit into any particular category." Nelson said that playwright Steve Martin has been actively involved in the show since it premiered at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company in 1993 and has been terrific to work with.

In order to prepare for his part as Einstein, Nelson did some research on the Jewish scientist. He read a few biographies and some of his incidental writings on the meaning of science, politics and humanitarianism. Nelson, who is also Jewish, was particularly interested in Einstein's writing on Jewish issues, "He wrote a great essay on the Jews," said Nelson, quoting a famous line from the start of one of Einstein's essays in

which the scientist speaks passionately about Judaism: "The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice and the desire for personal independence—these are the features of the Jewish tradition that make me thank my stars that I belong to it."

Nelson, who grew up in Westwood, N.J., and attended many Broadway shows as a child, said that being Jewish has never really limited him as an actor. "Every actor is limited in some way. If I were 6 feet tall and blue-eyed I probably wouldn't be playing Einstein, but I haven't experienced any anti-Semitism or stereotyping in my acting career."

Tickets for "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 421-ARTS or at Ticketmaster locations. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.



PAUL PROVENZA (left) plays Pablo Picasso and Mark Nelson (right) plays Albert Einstein in Steve Martin's award-winning comedy "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," directed by Randall Arney.

Photo by Joan Marcus

Academy Players Present 'Guys & Dolls'

The Academy Players announce their annual autumn musical production, "Guys & Dolls," and a food drive to benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

The show will run Nov. 14 to 16 and 22, 23. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. at the Swift Civic Center on Pierce St., East Greenwich, RI.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults in advance or \$15 at the door, seniors and students, \$10 and children under 12, \$6.

Make reservations early by calling Academy Players' info line at 885-6910.

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OBITUARIES

DR. HAMMOND I. BENDER
FALL RIVER — Dr. Hammond I. Bender, 81, of 61 Nichols St., died Nov. 4 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Helene (Greenbaum) Bender.

Born in New Bedford, a son of the late Maurice and Dora (Mason) Bender, he lived in Fall River for 56 years, previously living in New Bedford.

He was a 1938 graduate of Colby College, Beacon Podiatry School, and a 1940 graduate of Temple University School of Podiatry Surgery.

He was a member of the board of directors of Temple Beth El. He was a member of the Red Cross and the Diabetes Association and was on the board of the Fall River Library. He was a member of the state board of podiatry and past commander of Post 168, Jewish War Veterans.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Susan Bender of Brookline, Mass., and a sister, May Adelstone of Fall River. He was the brother of the late Dr. Adolph Bender.

The funeral was held at Temple Beth El, 385 High St., Fall River. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**BETTY MUSHLIN
BLOOMFIELD**

PROVIDENCE — Betty Mushlin Bloomfield, 89, of Pocasset Lodge, died Nov. 2 at

Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. She was the wife of the late Joseph Bloomfield.

Born in Manchester, N.H., a daughter of the late Meyer and Jennie (Cramer) Mushlin, she lived in Johnston for the past five years, previously living in Cranston.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith.

She leaves a son, Dr. Martin Bloomfield of New York City; two daughters, Janet Bloomfield of Stamford, Conn., and Fredda Snow of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a brother, Sam Mushlin of Sharon, Mass.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Ruth Karp, Sadie Woods and Gladys Karp.

A graveside service was held Nov. 4 at Pawtuxet Memorial Park Cemetery, 100 Harrison Ave., Warwick. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**DR. SEEBERT J.
GOLDOWSKY**

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky, 90, of Medway Place, a retired physician, author and historian, died Nov. 5 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Bonnie (Nisson) Goldowsky.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Bernard M. and Antoinette (Lotary) Goldowsky.

He was a 1928 graduate of

Brown University and a 1932 graduate of Harvard Medical School. During World War II, he served as a combat surgeon in the Army Medical Corps in the Southwest Pacific.

He was an active general surgeon in Providence before becoming the first full-time medical director of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island in 1972.

During his long career he served as chief of the department of surgery at Miriam Hospital and served two terms as president of its staff. He was also on the staffs of Rhode Island Hospital, Charles V. Chapin Hospital and Roger Williams Hospital.

He was a member of numerous scientific and medical organizations and was a clinical lecturer in surgery at Brown University School of Medicine. He was editor-in-chief of the *Rhode Island Medical Society Journal* for 27 years.

He had a lifelong interest in medical and Jewish history. He was the author of *Yankee Surgeon, The Life and Times of Usher Parsons 1788-1868 and A Century and a Quarter of Spiritual Leadership, The Story of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David*. He was a prolific writer, publishing more than 60 articles for scientific and historical journals and periodicals.

He was a trustee of the American Jewish Historical Society, past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and editor of its publication *Notes*. He was a past president

of the Rhode Island League of Historical Societies and the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

This year he was the first recipient of the Friends of Touro Synagogue's Founders Day Award, when he was cited for being "the ultimate Renaissance man."

In 1991, he received the Recognition Award of the Brown University School of Medicine and in 1995 the Williams Award of the Brown University Library, to which he donated a substantial portion of his literary collection. He was elected chairman of the Rhode Island Intergency Council on Smoking in 1976.

Besides his wife, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Nov. 7 in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DR. SAMUEL KISNER

NEW BEDFORD — Dr. Samuel Kisner, 90, of Carroll St., died Nov. 1, at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of Selma (Harris) Kisner of New Bedford.

Born in Lynn, he was the son of the late Joseph and Sarah (Brown) Kisner. He lived in New Bedford for the last 60 years, having moved from Boston.

He was a practicing dentist in New Bedford for 55 years. He graduated from Lynn Classical High School where he was a track star. He was a graduate of Tufts Dental School.

He was a member of Allendale Country Club, New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home and the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, attorney Ronald Kisner of Roslyn, N.Y.; a daughter, Donna Levien of King's Point, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Nov. 2 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, Brownell St. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BERNARD KITTNER

PROVIDENCE — Bernard Kittner, 70, of 425 Nayatt Road, Barrington, a production manager for Aberdeen Mfg. Co., Fall River, retiring five years ago, died Nov. 5 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Ann (Burkhardt) Kittner.

Born in Newark, N.J., a son of the late Albert and Frieda (Baurer) Kittner, he lived in Barrington for 35 years, previously living in Baltimore, Md.

He attended Seton Hall University in New Jersey and was a 1950 graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology. He was a member of Temple Habonim of Barrington. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Steven Kittner of Ellicott City, Md., Marc Kittner of Seattle, Wash., and Alan Kittner of Berkeley, Calif.; a brother, Robert Kittner of Grenada Hills, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 7 at Temple Habonim, 165 New

Meadow Road, Barrington. Burial was in Forest Chapel Cemetery, Barrington. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SIDNEY D. LONG

PROVIDENCE — Sidney D. Long, 83, of 700 Smith St., teacher at Hugh B. Bain Junior High School in Cranston for 30 years before retiring in 1984, died Nov. 3 at Roger Williams Medical Center. He was the husband of the late Barbara (Finkler) Long.

Born in Cranston, the son of the late Gabriel and Rose (Brown) Long, he was a lifelong resident of Providence.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and served as a lieutenant colonel. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was the principal of Temple Sinai Religious School in the 1960s and 1970s, and was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was a member of the Jewish Community Center in its early years, and was active in dramatics. He was a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

He leaves a son, Louis S. Long of Lincoln; a daughter, Roberta M. Kirshbaum of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.; a sister, Charlotte Marcus of Seekonk; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 5 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LIBBY ROSEMAN

NEW BEDFORD — Libby Roseman, 93, of 69 Oesting Street, New Bedford, died at home Nov. 1. She was the widow of Meyer Roseman and daughter of the late Nathan and Rose Salusky.

Born in New Bedford, she was a member of Hadassah and the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

She is survived by a daughter, Elaine Roseman of New Bedford.

A graveside service was held Nov. 3 at Plainville Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MORRIS SASLAVSKY

TAMARAC, Fla. — Morris Saslavsky, 87, died at the University Hospital in Tamarac, Fla. He was the husband of Sophie (Gorstein) Saslavsky.

Born in Lawrence, Mass., he was a resident of Cambridge and Belmont for many years. He was the proprietor of the Modern Tire Company in Cambridge. In 1975 he retired and moved to Florida.

He was a member of the M Olive Lodge of Masons and the Aleppo Temple Shrine.

Besides his wife of 63 years he is survived by a son, Arnold Saslavsky of East Greenwich, R.I.; a brother, Jack Sayles of Lake Worth, Fla.; and by a sister, Doris Schneider of Newton, Mass.; and two grandsons.

Rabbi George Astrachan officiated and interment followed at the Beth Israel of Cambridge Cemetery in Everett, Mass.

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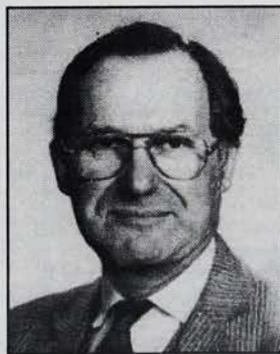
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Raoul Wallenberg

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dence, as he explained how the commemorative stamp came about. "The United States Postal Service selects 30 unique images and topics every year," said O'Leary. "This is the first stamp that honors a man who was not a naturalized U.S. citizen." After Ronald Reagan made Wallenberg an official honorary U.S. citizen in 1981 and support came from Steven Spielberg and 27 senators and 24 members of Congress, the stamp was finally issued. The postmaster also added that now millions of people nationally and internationally will see Wallenberg on hundreds of pieces of mail, "spreading the message of peace," concluded O'Leary. The commemorative stamp depicts Wallenberg at work on the phone. During the program special commemorative stamps and pre-canceled collector covers were sold and their proceeds benefited the museum.

The Messenger of Peace

Agnes Adachi was one of the 350 people that assisted Wallenberg while he was in Budapest. She stamped and delivered the Schutz-pass and other documents that were issued and risked her life many times while assisting Wallenberg. "I was his first helper," Adachi began, "There are many misconceptions and lies that have been told about Wallenberg." She went on to tell the audience about some of them. "Wallenberg never gave out passports, he gave out Schutz-Pass, protection," Adachi said, "It didn't matter if they were Christian or Jewish, he just wanted to save the people." As she showed the audience an original Schutz-Pass, Adachi explained that they were documents that the Swedish govern-

ment officiated. Copies of the documents were posted in public to warn Nazis and the Gestapo that the Hungarians were protected. "The Swedish king advertised that anyone who had friends in Hungary should contact the foreign department, where Wallenberg would help them," stated Adachi. The Schutz-Pass simply allowed Jews and their property to remain in Hungary and stay protected. If they left the country they were no longer safe. "And Wallenberg never signed any of the documents, he assisted in getting them issued. He constantly had to help people, he would never have had the time to sign things," continued Adachi. While in Budapest

It didn't matter if they were Christian or Jewish, he just wanted to save the people.

Agnes Adachi

Wallenberg set up "safe houses." He created a type of village where families could live in safety and organized a hospital and an orphanage as well. "When the planes flew over with bombs, Raoul got on his bicycle and went to the children," said Adachi. "He would pick up the kids and sing them stories until the bombing stopped. Raoul loved those children and went almost every day to make sure they were OK." Unfortunately Raoul was not able to be there when three young boys entered the orphanage and began to shoot. Only two children survived.

Adachi recalled that Wallenberg usually asked the men to complete the riskier tasks. "I was

young and didn't think twice," said Adachi as she spoke about some of the dangerous situations she entered. "I went to deliver the documents one night after the curfew," said Adachi, "I rode all over town and delivered every one of them." Wallenberg, she recalled, was upset with her for having gone out after the curfew. Adachi's most dangerous mission, however, took place at the Danube river. "Eichmann had organized to shoot people into the river," said Adachi, "I was a strong swimmer so I volunteered with some others to go to the opposite side of the river and every time they shot, we dived into the freezing water and pulled them out." That night, after hundreds of dives, Adachi and the other assistants saved more than 60 people. "It was worth nearly getting pneumonia and being in the hospital."

She does not believe enough was done by the Swedish government to rescue Wallenberg from the Soviet Union but up until 1986 Adachi heard that Wallenberg was still alive. Her source had been released from the gulag and brought her a special message from Raoul. The prisoner also told her that while they were in prison, Wallenberg saved his bread rations to help another prisoner who was weaker than himself. "Even in the prisons he was trying to save people," stated Adachi.

"Prejudice has to disappear," Wallenberg told her while in Budapest. For 53 years Adachi has worked to spread Wallenberg's words and great humanitarian efforts. She has spoken to audiences across the country and organized the Greater New York Wallenberg Committee, Inc., an educational institution. Adachi designed the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award, which is given to one U.S. high school student annually. The award recognizes the student's humanitarian service which is completed outside of school. "We have to teach his dream," concluded Adachi.

The Making of a Cemetery

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The cemetery is called upon for every death, for according to Jewish tradition all bodies must be buried.

"Jewish law is unequivocal in establishing absolutely, and uncompromisingly, that the dead must be buried in the earth," wrote Lamm. "Man's body returns to the earth as it was. The soul rises to G-d... The Torah absolutely insists on the natural decomposition of the remains. Those who die must follow the laws of nature and the world."

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Yitzhak Twersky, Talner Rebbe, Harvard University Scholar, Dies

by Michael Gelbwasser
The Jewish Advocate

BROOKLINE (JTA) — Jews around the world are mourning the death of renowned Harvard scholar Rabbi Yitzhak "Isadore" Twersky, who also served as Boston's Talner Rebbe. He was 67.

Born in Boston, he attended the Boston Latin School and earned a bachelor's degree magna cum laude and a master's degree, as well as a doctorate, from Harvard University. He was also an ordained rabbi.

During his life, Twersky earned international acclaim as a scholar and a spiritual leader. From 1956 to 1965, he served as an instructor, assistant professor and associate professor of

Hebrew and Jewish history at Harvard.

In July 1965, Harvard named Twersky its second Nathan Littauer Professor of Hebrew Literature and Philosophy. While holding that position, Twersky chaired the school's Department of Near Eastern languages and literature for six years; he also was on the faculty of the Department of comparative literature. From 1978 to 1993, he directed the Harvard Center for Jewish Studies.

Jay Harris, Harry Austryn Wolfson Professor of Jewish Studies at Harvard, said that Twersky's research on Jewish thought attempted to "redefine Jewish spirituality" to include "all areas of Jewish learning."

Obituaries

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RIVA SEREBRINSKAYA PAWTUCKET — Riva Serebrinskaya, 93, of 150 Dartmouth St., died Nov. 3 at home. She was the widow of Abram Serebrinskaya.

Born in Ukraine, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Rochel Drubetskay. She lived in Pawtucket for the last 15 years, previously living in Providence and Boston. She also lived in Russia.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El of Providence and Congregation Ahavath Sholom. She was a member of the Jewish Community Center of Providence.

She leaves two daughters, Rachel Bronshvayg of Pawtucket and Eva Malkin of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a son, Yephim Serebrinsky of Providence; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Nov. 5 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

PHILIP SHAULSON NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Philip Shaulson, 81, of the Bay Shore Convalescent Center, 16650 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, Fla., a

stockbroker at Diamond & Diamond, Providence, for many years, retiring in 1972, died Oct. 30 at Parkway Hospital in North Miami Beach.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Rose (Gottlieb) Shaulson, he lived in Florida since 1971, previously living in Providence. He was a graduate of Brown University. He attended University of Pennsylvania Dental School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Europe as a lieutenant. He was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

He was a former member of Congregation Beth Sholom, Sons of Zion, in Providence, and a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America.

He leaves three sisters, Ruth Israeloff of Hollywood, Fla., Martha Kapnick of Palm Beach, Fla., and Sessile Goren of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a brother, Gerald Shaulson of Cranston. He was the brother of the late Freda Mayberg, Dorothy Luff, Betty Raphael and H. Joseph Shaulson.

A graveside service was held Nov. 2 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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Keep Your Carpets Clean

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

Heriberto Roman is an independent young man who used his on-the-job experience to create a one-man cleaning business. "I've never been one to work for someone else," said the owner of Roman Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Service, "I need to do things for myself."

After he graduated from high school in Woonsocket, Roman got a job cleaning carpets to make some extra money. Although his degree was in printing, he found the late shift hours to be difficult and inconvenient so he decided to go back into carpet cleaning work because it was something he knew how to do.

Roman said that this time he paid more attention, learning the details of the profession so that he could eventually go out on his own. Nearly a year ago he finally bought his own van and started advertising his carpet cleaning services. "It's basically me, I started it out of nowhere. It was a brainchild of mine because I needed something to do."

Roman, known as "Eddie" by many of his friends and clients, now services customers in all of Rhode Island, southeastern Massachusetts and "anything south of Boston," he said, with hopes of expanding fur-

ther into eastern Connecticut.

The greatest challenge, he said, is expanding his client base for a service that people usually require only once a year. "Once people find a carpet cleaner they like, they tend to use them every year. In these last 9 months I've been trying to build my own clientele which is a tough thing to do."

Part of that task includes teaching people how to take care of their carpets. "Many people don't even know that carpet cleaning services exist," said Roman who recommends a light vacuuming twice a week and a cleaning once a year (twice a year at the most). "You don't want to wet your carpet more often than that." High traffic commercial areas should be cleaned four times a year or the carpets won't last long. Bars in particular create big business for carpet cleaners because of the constant traffic, spilled drinks and smoke odor.

Many people end up doing more harm than good to their rugs and carpets when they try to remove stains with "home remedies" like bleach (which leaves a ring even on a white carpet) or harsh store-bought cleaners with high pH levels that

remove spots, but the spot remains moist and full of soap so that new dirt sticks to it and makes a spot reappear.

"The best thing for spots is seltzer water, put it on a rag and wipe it up," said Roman. "It's not sticky and bubbles help break it up."

With his steam cleaning process, Roman claims that he can remove most soil and grease stains from a carpet (redder stains, like grape juice, are nearly impossible because they dye the fibers). "We get right down to the bottom of the carpet and use water that's about 190 degrees to break everything down. Any soil or any kind of paint, whatever you may have in there will definitely come up," said Roman.

There are some carpets, however, that are beyond repair. "If you're carpet is more than 10 years old, in a high traffic area and it's never been cleaned, basically forget about it, toss it out."

Roman uses a truck-bound machine which has greater extraction power and heating capability than hand-held steamers. "I don't bring any big machines into your house," said Roman, but he does need to move the furniture. All price quotes are guaranteed and include cleaning, deodorizer and Teflon protection.

The young entrepreneur sees lots of opportunity for himself in the cleaning business and hopes to reach out to more Spanish-speaking clients and commercial jobs. "I have to build my client base first, but I want to expand; I dream big, I want to be successful," he said.



HERIBERTO ROMAN, owner of Roman Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Service. Herald photo by Sara Wise

National Adoption Awareness Month Events

Adoption Information Meetings

If you are interested in adoption, the first step in the process is to attend one of the adoption information meetings. These meetings concern adopting school-age children through the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Rhode Island's child welfare agency. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity to find out about the adoption process and children currently in need of permanent families. Because of the sensitive subjects discussed in the meetings, it is not appropriate for children to attend.

The workshop will be held on Nov. 18 in the Adoption Rhode Island Conference room, 500 Prospect St., Pawtucket at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 at Elmwood Community Center, 155 Niagara St., Providence at 7 p.m.

Recognizing and Responding to Adoption Issues in the Classroom: A Teacher's Guide

This workshop describes issues and concerns that often emerge in the classroom among

children who have been adopted. Dr. Siegel will identify steps educators can take to anticipate and respond more helpfully to adoptees' needs and feelings at school. Facilitated by Deborah Siegel, Ph.D., ACSW, LICSW, DCSW. The workshop will be held on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Providence.

Open House Reception for the Adoption Resource Center

Adoption Options at Jewish Family Service announces the opening of the Adoption Resource Center — the first resource center for all adoptive families, birth families, and adoption professionals in Rhode Island. It will house books, periodicals, and videotapes as well as computerized adoption resource information and Internet access.

The workshop will be on Nov. 24 at the Jewish Family Service, Providence. Call 331-5437 for more information.

Call Adoption Rhode Island for directions, additional information and to R.S.V.P. for the workshops, 724-1910.

'Our Country's Good' Opens

Bristol Community College Theatre Rep presents "Our Country's Good" by Timberlake Wertenbaker on Nov. 20, 21 and 22. Wertenbaker's script is based on the novel, *The Playmaker*, written by Thomas Keneally, author of *Schindler's List*.

Ryan Brenner, professor of theatre, will direct the play about convicts coming to Australia in 1789 to build the colony of Botany Bay. Under the direction of an officer hoping to gain rank, the "unruly band of reprobates" are rehearsing scenes from a play as "Our Country's Good" unfolds. In the background is the constant Aborigine presence. Their exploitation by the English simmers just beneath the surface throughout the play.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$3 for seniors and students with ID. To purchase tickets in advance, call the college at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2442.

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