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## What Does The Political Future Hold for Israel?

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Consul General of Israel to New England, Itzhak Levanon, does not wish to be seen as one of his nation's prophets.

On May 2, just two weeks and a day before Israel's internationally anticipated elections, Levanon told an audience at Pawtucket's Congregation Ohave Sholam that neither he or anyone else could predict its outcome.

"I cannot foresee who will win," he said of the contest that will pit Likud Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu against Labor's Ehud Barak and Yitzhak Mordechai of the Center Party;

Ze'ev Benjamin Begin of National Unity and Israeli Arab Amzi Bishara of National Democratic Alliance will run as well. "No one knows."

As Levanon described the evolving Israeli political process and issues its citizens will consider when selecting candidates and parties, he explained the reasons for the fevered uncertainty and excitement.

"They are even more important than the previous ones (held in 1996)," he said. "As we enter the new millennium, we would like Israel to have a leading role in technology, economic and trade. (To effect this) those elected will have to deal with the peace process and

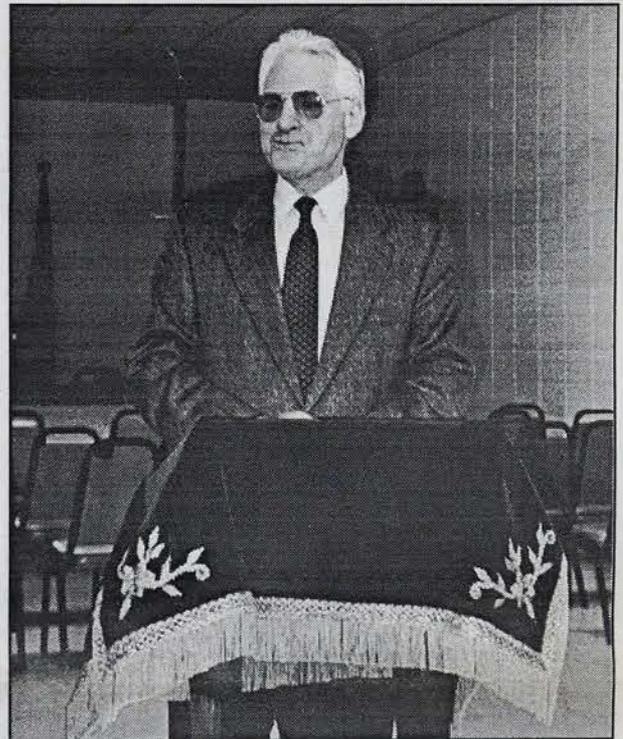
bring it to a good and satisfactory end."

At present, said Levanon, Israel is being unjustly accused of having derailed the peace process, for the fault actually lies with the Palestinians.

"There has been a lot of publicity that blames Israel for stopping the peace process," he said. "The peace process has not stopped — it has been frozen because the Palestinians have not fulfilled their obligations. If the Palestinians will do their part, we will continue to do ours."

Responding quickly to questions about which agreements the Palestinians had ignored, Levanon said he would cite a few examples from a lengthy list. "They promised to reduce the size of their police force but did not. During the Oslo Accords, they had close to 30,000 police. Now, they have more than 45,000. If anyone says Is-

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Consul General of Israel to New England Itzhak Levanon  
Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

## News at a Glance

- Israel has indicated its willingness to attend a summit in the United States following the national elections. The summit, which will be hosted by the United States, is designed to move forward the stalled Oslo process, and to bring an end to the 'final status' talks within one-year. Israel and PLO Authority representatives will attend the summit. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was accompanied by Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, stated the recent PA decision to delay a planned declaration of Palestinian statehood, was yet another achievement of his administration.
- Independence Day was a busy day for Ashdod police. No less than 11 complaints were made over the course of the day by women residing in Ashdod, who said they were beaten by their husbands. Each woman told the police her difficult story. One woman stated that her husband beat her after insulting her looks, another said that her husband threw a table at her, injuring her eye. One woman was beaten by her husband because she didn't make vegetable salad for supper, and another was hit by her husband for laughing at the dinner table. Another husband, a retired doctor, beat his wife after she told him that she wanted to divorce him because of his excessive drinking.
- Israeli Defense Forces soldier Omer Regev suffered gunshot wounds on April 28 upon exiting the northern West Bank village of Silat al Hartiyah, *Ha'aretz* reported. Regev's army van had mistakenly entered a Palestinian-controlled village near Jenin, located in Area A, and had turned around upon realizing the mistake, only to be met with a burst of gunfire by plainclothes Palestinian police sitting in an unmarked vehicle. Roads that pass between Palestinian villages are often used by IDF vehicles and Israeli military vehicles on administrative missions are permitted to pass through Area A. Colonel Pini Levy, commander of the Jenin Brigade, noted the severity of Palestinian policemen opening fire despite not being in mortal danger. In response to the attack, Levy met twice with local Palestinian commanders who had a hard time comprehending the severity with which the IDF regards the attack. Levy urged Palestinian security forces in the Jenin area to revise their rules of engagement in order to maintain secure coexistence in the area. Sanctions against the Palestinian Authority are being considered.
- Israel has been negotiating with Egypt for several months for the release of Azam Azam, the Israeli Druze convicted by an Egyptian court of spying and sentenced to 15 years in prison, *Ha'aretz* reported. Egyptian officials have not yet rejected an Israeli request to release Azam on the basis of a foreign doctor's testimony that his health is too poor to remain incarcerated.

## Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon Meets With Pope John Paul II

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon met recently at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II and other Holy See officials, including Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano and Secretary of Relations with States Jean Louis Tauran. The meeting, which was held in a cordial atmosphere, focused on the Jewish people's historic tie to the Land of Israel as described in the Bible. Sharon invited Pope John Paul II to pay an official visit to Israel and Jerusalem during the 2000 celebrations.

Sharon thanked the pope for his efforts in combating anti-Semitism, his relationship with the Jews, promoting human rights and brotherhood between nations. He emphasized that the Jewish people in general, and the Israeli government in particular, are committed to the peace process on the basis of negotiations and reciprocity. "Israel has until now diligently shown its willingness to cede areas of its historical homeland for the sake of peace, even though it has thwarted the acts of aggression against it for 50 years. This is unprecedented in the history of nations. However, there is one subject on which Israel will concede nothing, not now and not in the future: the

security of the Jewish people in their homeland," said Sharon. The foreign minister then conveyed to the pope blessings of peace from Jerusalem: the City of Peace — the capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years and the eternal capital of the State of Israel.

"Israel," said Sharon, "will warmly welcome and ensure the security of the pilgrims who will come, including, first and foremost, the 'First Pilgrim' — the pope — as part of an event that will lead to the creation of an atmosphere of friendship, promoting peace for the entire world."

In a working meeting with Jean Louis Tauran, Sharon briefed his host on the status of the peace process with the Palestinians and Israel's insistence regarding its sovereignty over Jerusalem and the city's remaining united as Israel's capital. Using maps, he explained Israel's need for security zones in the western part of Judea and Samaria and along the eastern border as a condition for any future permanent settlement with the Palestinians. He also stated that Israel opposes — and would take action in response to — any unilateral Palestinian declaration regarding the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Sharon heard the Vatican position regarding the situation in Nazareth and will pass it along to the prime minister.

Regarding bilateral issues, Sharon noted the pressures on Christians to leave cities in the Palestinian Authority, such as Bethlehem and Beit Jala, and the fears of similar attempts against Christians in eastern Jerusalem.

He promised that in the framework of the 2,000 celebrations, Israel would examine the possibility of easing the expected entry into Israel of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims and tourists, including priests.

He also noted the dangers and threats caused by Iran's non-conventional and ballistic missile armament programs, and Israel's attempts to block these efforts.

Sharon also asked his interlocutors to utilize the Holy See's connections and influence to obtain information regarding the fate of POW Ron Arad and other IDF MIAs from the 1982 Battle of Sultan Yakoub.

Later, at a meeting with leaders of the Italian Jewish communities and organizations, Sharon called for Italian Jewry to maintain their Jewish identity and to immigrate to Israel.

# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment For Children

The Providence Children's Museum, 100 South St., Providence announces the following activities. Call 273-KIDS.

**May**

- 6 **Play & Learn:** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., toddlers ages 2 to 4 romp around Littlewoods, exploring a secret cave and climbing up a great big oak tree. The smallest learners play games attuned to their developmental needs.
- 7 **Preschool Friday: What Color Day?** From 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m., kids ages 3 to 5 chase away the blues as they explore the color purple. Little Rhode Islanders plant vividly hued violets, the state flower, in purple pots to take home. Children then print purple cards that make beautiful Mother's Day greetings. Pre-registration for an eight-week series is recommended for this program. Call 273-KIDS, ext. 234, for enrollment information. Same-day registration at the admissions desk may be available, space pending. There is a \$1 fee above the price of admission for same-day registration.
- 8 **Find Out... About City Streets:** From 1 to 3 p.m., BankBoston honors National Museum Month with a series of special Saturday programs beginning May 8. Curious kids 5 and older clamber aboard the construction trucks that make the roads, including a cement truck, back-hoe, bobcat and even a dump truck. Inquiring kids find out what it takes to construct a road as they meet the operators of these intriguing vehicles. Sponsored by BankBoston, the "Find Out..." series continues for the next three Saturdays in May.
- 9 **Mother's Day.** Mothers and grandmothers are invited to celebrate their day at Providence Children's Museum free of charge! From 1 to 3 p.m. children ages 3 and up craft a special flower just for Mom.
- 11 **Family Tree Fun.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., children ages 7 and up work together with their parents or grandparents to explore their family roots and illustrate their own family story poster. Young genealogists use newspaper clippings, fanciful papers and colored markers to create a beautiful, lasting record of the people in their lives.
- 12 **Science Stew: Silly Putty.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 5 and up concoct a stretchy chemical stew using a mixture of amusing materials. Kids then sit back and giggle as they twist and pull their silly putty creations into different shapes.

## Calendar: May 6th thru May 12th

- 6 **The Boston Ballet** performs "Dracula" through May 23 at the Wang Center, Boston, Mass. Tickets are \$12.50 to \$69. Call Telecharge at (800) 447-7400 or the Wang Center box office (617) 350-6000.
- Spring Dance Concert**, produced by Julie Strandberg, performs at the Stuart Theatre, 77 Waterman St., Providence. Now through May 9. Call 863-2838.
- 7 **Wickford Art Association Exhibit** at the Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford. Artists Scott Williams Simmons, George Tolo and Joel Martin display their work Tues.-Sat., 11 to 3 p.m.; Sun. noon to 3 p.m. Through May 19.
- Trinity Repertory Theatre**, 201 Washington St., Providence, performs "Can't Pay? Won't Pay!" through May 31. Call 351-4242.
- 8 **1999 Harvard Pilgrim American Heart Walk.** A 5-mile walk through Colt State Park in Bristol. 9:30 a.m. Call 728-5300.
- Kingston Hill Fair**, Fayerweather Craft Center, Rte. 138, Kingston. Craft demonstrations, hands-on children's area. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 789-9072.
- Rhode Island Philharmonic** performs with cellist Colin Carr at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 69 Brownell St., Providence. Call 831-3123.
- It's spring at the zoo!** Springtime celebration featuring sheep shearing, wool carding and spinning. Meet the zoo's newest baby residents. May 8 and 9.
- K&S Ballroom Dance** at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Tango lessons 7 to 8 p.m. and dancing 8 p.m. to midnight. \$10 per person. Call 821-4108.
- For The Children Ensemble** performs a tribute to Barbara Streisand and a cabaret of children's classics at Roberts Hall, Rhode Island College, to benefit FACTS House. 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Children's tickets \$5 at the door. Call 272-4171.
- The Stadium Theatre**, Woonsocket, presents "A Showcase of Stars," a variety show featuring an Elvis tribute, as well as a tribute to Neil Diamond. Tickets are \$10. Show starts 8 p.m. Call 762-4545 for info.
- 9 **Every mom** who visits Oop!, 297 Thayer St., Providence, receives a flower to celebrate Mother's Day.
- Save the Bay** celebrates Mother's Day with a "Mother's Day Sail" — a Providence River history and culture tour. Sail Rhode Island's famous tall ship "Sloop Providence" from India Point Park, Providence. 1 to 3 p.m. Bay members: \$20 adults, \$18 kids 4 to 11; non-members: \$25 adults, \$25 kids 4 to 11. Call 272-3540.
- Mother's Day Kayak Tour.** 9 to 1 p.m. Explore pictureque Poppasquash Point and then enjoy a picnic lunch in Colt State Park. Ocean State Adventures, Poppasquash Rd., Bristol. Call 254-4000.
- Mother's Day Llama Shearing.** noon to 4 p.m. Shearing and spinning demonstration. The Llama Farma, Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, Call 334-1873.
- 10 **Perspectives Monthly Book Club** meets to discuss two children's books, *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling and *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence. 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **The Pawtucket Red Sox** take on Toledo, May 11 through 14 at McCoy Stadium. 6 p.m. Call 724-7300.
- The Providence Athenaeum**, 251 Benefit St., Providence, continues the "Set in Tuscany" film series at the RISD Auditorium with a showing of "Florile," produced in 1993 and directed by the Taviani brothers. 7 p.m. Non-members, \$5; members \$3. Call 421-6970.
- 12 **Join Mativ**, the young adult group from Temple Beth-El, at McCoy Stadium to watch the Sox take on Toledo. 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and must be reserved ahead of time. Call 726-7716.

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Let's talk about G-d — An engaging afternoon of spirit, soul and song on May 16 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Highlights include musician Sam Glaser and workshops for adults, families, teens and children. Pre-registration required by May 10. At the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahanton St., Newton. \$18 adults, \$7 teens and seniors, free for children under 12. For more information, call (617) 558-6442.

## Local Model Search and Auditions is On!

Lauren A. Krol, executive director of the Barbizon Modeling Agency, is coming to Warwick on May 16 to conduct complimentary auditions at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, located on Post Road near the T.F. Green Airport. Krol will be looking for girls ages 10 to 25 to train for TV commercials, films, magazines, fashion shows and other modeling opportunities in the Boston area through its nationally affiliated modeling agency... no experience is required. This event will be limited to one day only, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is by reservation only!

All young ladies who wish to be seen by Krol and her staff must reserve a time by calling the Barbizon Modeling Agency at (800) 223-4613. Girls of a junior age must be accompanied by a parent.

**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE FEATURED ON OUR HAPPENINGS PAGES, PLEASE SEND IT TO THE Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940**

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Political Future

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rael is wrong to make a fuss, let me remind them that in 1948 Israel defeated five armies with 36,000 soldiers."

In addition, said Levanon, the Palestinians did not keep to agreements stipulating that they would confiscate illegal weapons in the territories. "Under Oslo I and Oslo II, we were supposed to train the Palestinians and provide them with weapons," he said. "Instead, they have smuggled in all kinds of arms. They said they would get rid of them but so far they have not." Levanon cited Palestinian refusal to resume discussions on points of safe passage in the West Bank and Gaza and pointed to Israel's acceptance of an international Palestinian airport after it had only agreed to an airstrip. Despite these and many other accord violations, Israel is determined to push forward with the peace process, Levanon said.

"We welcomed the American initiative to get back to the table," he explained. "At the Wye Accords, the Israelis presented the idea of establishing a target date to put the process into a framework. The Israeli government will finish what it has started. We also look forward to coming to an understanding with our neighbors Syria and Lebanon."

Although Israel is determined to achieve peace, the question of Jerusalem is not and has never been negotiable, said Levanon.

"In Cairo and in Washington, at Oslo I and Oslo II, we made it very clear that (a Palestinian capital in East) Jerusalem is out of the question," he said. "In our opinion, Jerusalem is an

undivided city and the capital of Israel." Pointing out the Jerusalem is mentioned in the Tanakh 669 times, Levanon established the city as vital to Jews and Judaism.

"I would like to see it mentioned in the Koran," he said. "Still, Jerusalem is important to three monotheistic religions at different intensities. We believe we can work out an arrangement for the holy sites that will provide freedom of access and worship for synagogues, churches and mosques. But when it comes to the political level, there is no way we can compromise."

Although Israelis are united behind the question of Jerusalem, ballots for prime ministerial candidates and 33 parties will give them numerous ways to express their political, ethnic, religious, social and personal differences. At present, said Levanon, the nation of approximately 4.8 million people is gearing up for an election that will reflect a changing political landscape. After Netanyahu won the 1996 elections by approximately three-tenths of a percentage point, the urgency to vote is even higher than usual.

This week, said Levanon, he will be one of the approximately 3,900 Israeli officials who will cast their votes from 102 locations around the world. "We are voting early so that our ballots will arrive in time to be counted," he said.

The election campaigns have become overwhelmingly Americanized, said Levanon. "Our parties have American political advisors, and they are basing their campaigns on polls rather than messages or values," he

said. "We think it's wrong, but everyone's doing it."

Just how the extensive polling, attack ads and sound bites that comprise American-style campaigning will translate into Israeli political life remains to be seen.

In Israel, there are distinctive restrictions on political advertising, for television commercials are only permitted in the final three weeks of the campaign. Prior to that time, candidates and parties may only advertise with a limited number of print ads.

As they did for the first time in 1996, Israelis will vote directly for a prime minister rather than only for a political party. Under the previous system, the party that obtained the most votes generally drew up its own list of prime ministerial candidates before the elections; the present process places a new emphasis on the media skills that are so important to American politics. "We do not know what's going to happen," said Levanon. "If no one obtains a 51 percent majority of the votes, in June we will have the firsts run-off in Israeli history."

"It's exciting, dynamic and crucial," he continued. "That is how we feel on the eve of our elections."

Read more about  
Levanon's visit to  
Rhode Island on  
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## Honoring One's Mother is a Jewish Tradition

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Herald Contributing Reporter

While Mother's Day is a pleasant American cultural holiday that millions mark with cards, chocolates and long-distance phone calls, Judaism began to celebrate motherhood thousands of years before these items, or even Hallmark, ever existed.

In the Bible, "Be fruitful and multiply" is the first mitzvah; as soon as Moses received the Ten Commandments, the Israelites were bound to honor their mothers and their fathers as well. Judaism perceives marriage for the sake of creating children as a religious obligation, and Old Testament stories indicate that in antiquity, sterility was the greatest misfortune that could befall a wife; these tales also record the respect accorded to the matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel by their families.

As noted by Joan Comay in *The Diaspora Story*, the Diaspora forced the descendants of these matriarchs out of Israel and into conditions of migration, persecution and poverty.

There, in the ghettos and shtetls of Europe or under Moslem rule, they became the main keepers of the home and family, the place and mechanism that passed Judaism from generation to generation.

This role endured through the centuries and was later carried into immigrant neighborhoods such as the Lower East Side of New York or back into Israel.

A lot has changed since then.

The immigrant neighborhoods have become historical sites, and many contemporary mothers elect to work outside the home.

However, Jewish families will always be bound to honor their mothers.

And if they want to do so on May 9 with bouquets and Hallmark cards, that's fine too.

## Feinstein Makes \$200,000 Challenge to Aid Kosovo Refugees

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein has pledged to match all donations — up to a total of \$200,000 — made during the month of May in response to his challenge to U.S. non-profit agencies providing direct assistance for the Kosovo refugees.

"A challenge is a spur," said Feinstein. "It encourages people to respond. And the tragic situation in Kosovo surely warrants our help."

If the total of donations raised toward this challenge exceeds the total of the challenge funds, they will be divided proportionately among all reporting agencies. The total challenge money, to be used exclusively for refugee relief, will be distributed in June.

Agencies need only send a copy of their tax exemption with a typed cover letter stating their full name and address, the total number of their donors and the total amount they raised in May — specifically in response to this challenge — and stating how they used this challenge to raise these funds — mailed only on June 7, to P.O. Box 2065, Providence, R.I. 02905.

Earlier Feinstein challenges have brought in more than \$50 million for anti-hunger agencies

nationwide. A petition drive he launched last fall calling upon the president and Congress to make a commitment to ending hunger in America has already garnered 240,000 signatures.

Alan Shawn Feinstein is founder of the Feinstein Inter-

national Famine Center at Tufts University and the Youth Hunger Brigade, a program teaching young people about the problems of hunger and ways to reduce it.

For further information, visit <[www.feinsteinfoundation.com](http://www.feinsteinfoundation.com)>.

### Dear Community Leader:

*The time to act is NOW.*

We cannot sit silently by in the face of hatred. Because of the Jewish community's memories of the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust, it is incumbent upon us as Jews to respond to the needs of the Kosovo refugees of this terrible crisis.

On April 12, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island made an emergency grant of \$10,000 for non-sectarian relief for Kosovo refugees. We encourage members of the Jewish community to make personal donations to the relief effort by sending a check to any of the following organizations:

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
Kosovo Refugee Relief  
711 Third Avenue, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
(212) 885-0889

The American Jewish World Service  
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## OPINION

### Tragedy in Littleton, Triggers Need to Examine Programs That Work

In the wake of the tragic events in Littleton, Colo., the nation is crying out for answers. Jewish Women International may have one preventative measure in a program for middle school students called the Jewish Women International Prejudice Awareness Summit.

Eyewitness accounts from the events in Littleton reveal that the crime was in part racially motivated. Athletes and African Americans were singled out as victims in the shootings. Experts are suggesting that teaching tolerance, anger management and conflict resolution is a key element in reducing the risk of children turning to violence to act out their feelings and frustrations.

Teaching these essential skills is one of the goals of the Jewish Women International Prejudice Awareness Summit. Founded in Houston, Texas, in 1992 in response to racial incidents on high school campuses in Houston and around the country, the Prejudice Awareness Summit empowers teens by teaching them about the dangers of prejudice and hatred. Exposure to powerful speakers and leaders in the community from the law enforcement, legal, and educational fields provides the opportunity for students to recognize prejudice in themselves and others around them, and to develop appropriate conflict resolution skills that will help them prevent violence in their own lives.

"In talking to parents and students this week, it is clear that students are crying out for an opportunity to share their concerns with one another. The Prejudice Awareness Summit is one unique opportunity to do just that," said Laurie Bricker, president of the board of trustees of the Houston Independent School District, and JWI mem-

ber and co-founder of the PAS. "The PAS delivers a consistent message — the need to put our differences aside — now it is even more critical that we do so."

The program's success has led to its expansion to several other communities including Atlanta; Richmond, Va.; Westchester County, N.Y.; Broward County, Fla.; Los Angeles; Phoenix; and Austin, Tex.

President Clinton has called for the nation to "do more to reach out to our children and teach them to express their anger and to resolve their conflicts with words, not weapons." In fact, JWI's Prejudice Awareness Summit was selected as a Promising Practice by the President's Initiative Race in 1998. The PAS has also won numerous awards for its innovative programming, including the Leadership in Action Award in Houston, Texas, the American Society of Association Executives' Association Advance America Honor Roll, and the Chairman's Award from the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.

In the aftermath of a tragedy like this, "it is easy to look for instant answers, but, the time to be looking is not only today, but every day. We must incorporate our solutions into our day-to-day living," said JWI President Randee Lefkowitz. "JWI's Prejudice Awareness Summit is one way to give the youth of today the skills they need to shape our tomorrow."

Jewish Women International strengthens the lives of women, children and families through education, advocacy and action. Focusing on family violence and the emotional health of children, JWI serves as an agent for change — locally, nationally and around the world.

### Reform Movement Supports Use of Ground Troops in Kosovo

by Emily Grotta

The Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism called on President Clinton, Congress and NATO "to take whatever steps are necessary, including the introduction of ground troops, to end and reverse the 'ethnic cleansing' in Kosovo."

The war in Kosovo strikes deeply into the hearts of Jews, who compare the expulsion of the Kosovar Albanians from their lands to the centuries-old history of persecution of the Jews, particularly Germany's attempt to exterminate them.

"We cannot forget that after World War II, it was the Jews who were a refugee people in Europe," said Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "To be Jewish is to feel responsibility for all human

kind, but surely it is also to feel responsible for these particular human beings, these particular refugees, at this time and in that place. These people are not abstractions or statistics: they are Children of G-d, and they are in pain."

Yoffie was among the speakers at an April 26 noon rally on the steps of the U.S. Capitol building. Approximately 500 Reform Jews from synagogues across the United States were in Washington last week for the biennial Consultation on Conscience. Kosovo is high on the agenda of the Consultation, which also held major sessions on gun control, the environment, religious liberty and economic justice.

On April 25, at a session devoted to Kosovo, the New Republic's Leon Wiesler

warned against the path of lomatic appeasement. "Serbia has been evicting a terminating men, women and children," he said. "It is our role to save his face."

The resolution, which called for the war crimes tribunal of Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic passed by the commission meeting held in conjunction with the Consultation.

The Reform Movement expects to send a delegation of Reform leaders in a few weeks to the refugee camps in Kosovo to deliver a \$25,000 check to the rescue organizations. Contributions may be sent to the Kosovo Relief Fund, U.A.H.C., 633 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017-6778.

Emily Grotta is director of communications for the U.A.H.C.

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### Bircas Kohanim and Star Trek

This week's *Parsha*, *Emor*, begins with the *mitzvot* which apply to Kohanim. These commandments include the prohibition that a Kohen may not become "defiled" by coming in contact with a dead person, except for seven relatives (wife, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, and an unmarried sister). Being that the Kohen has been chosen for the service of G-d in the Holy Temple, he must avoid any contact with the opposite of life — death.

The *Parsha* also discusses the marital prohibitions pertaining to the Kohen and Kohen Gadol, and what blemishes disqualify a Kohen from serving in the Temple. The second half of the *Parsha* speaks about the holidays.

The Torah tells us, "And you shall sanctify him [the Kohen]... he shall be holy unto you." Rashi explains this to mean "treat him with holiness that he should always be first." Thus, at the Torah reading, the Kohen is called up first.

One of the *mitzvot* which G-d gave the Kohen is to bless the children of Israel with the following three-fold blessing (*Birkat Kohanim*). "May Hashem bless you and safeguard you; May Hashem illuminate His countenance upon you and be gracious unto you; May Hashem turn His countenance to you and establish peace upon you." In the daily morning prayer, when the cantor repeats the *Amidah* service, he recites the three-fold priestly blessing.

Q. Why do the Kohanim pull the *Talit* over their eyes when administering the blessing?

A. Our sages say that it is forbidden to look at the face of the Kohen during the blessings. Thus, the Kohanim cover their faces to make sure that they will not be seen. In many congregations, the people receiving the blessings also cover their faces with the *Talit* for this reason.

The author of the *Kol Bo* explains that the first part of the priestly blessing has three words, representing our fore-

nim essentially assume this position with both hands, with thumbs touching. It's widely rumored; in fact, that Nimrod drew on his Jewish background to come up with this trademark greeting.

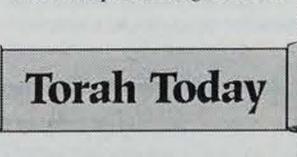
There are numerous interpretations to *Bircas Kohanim* as are pointed out in *Madrashic Kabbalistic* literature. Three interpretations of the blessing follow:

"May HaShem grant each of you wisdom and offspring. May HaShem grant each of you longevity and favor in the eyes and the eyes of your fellow men. May HaShem grant each of you wealth and peace." (*Nehama HaShalem*)

"May HaShem increase your offspring and your possessions and protect them from harm. May HaShem brighten his angry countenance, thereby transforming his attribute of Judgement to his attribute of Mercy, and favor you, even if you are unworthy; May HaShem act favorably toward you, and grant you peace, only vessel capable of containing unlimited blessing." (*Amudei Shamayim*)

"May HaShem grant you wisdom and prosperity. May HaShem grant you life and honor, so that you are never subservient to another. May HaShem grant you children and peace." (*Vilna Gaon*)

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fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The second blessing has five words representing the five Books of the Torah. The third part consists of seven words which represent the seven heavens. Thus we pray that, in the merit of the Torah and our forefathers, G-d sends us His blessings from the seven heavens!

*Editor's notes:* Based upon the *Zohar* and other readings, the Kohanim have come to position their hands and fingers in a particular mode (see "Bircas Kohanim," ArtScroll Mesorah Series). The positioning is familiar to Star Trek fans accustomed to Leonard Nimoy ("Spock")'s greeting with one hand raised and the fingers in a split position as he intones, "Live long and prosper." The Koha-

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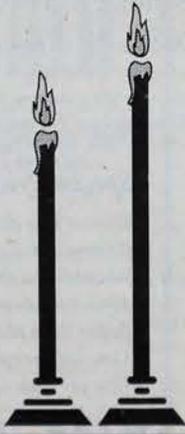
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## Of Dumps and Grumps

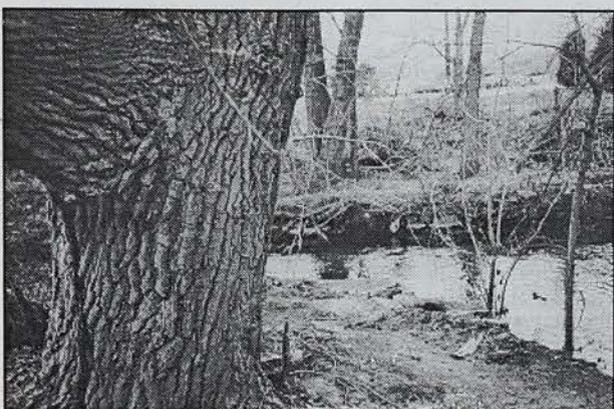
by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter



You get grumpy sometimes, whether you're a toddler or a geezer, a *mamzer* or a *zeyde*. You need a nap or a nosh. Lately, it's been harsh noises that bring out that angry dwarf in me. At a recent funeral I was listening with respect and a serene sadness to the carefully chosen words of the rabbi, when, to my

illustrating a narrative with the track that creates a sort of natural hum to fight dead vacuum, goes on about his choices. "I like the echo of waves, the distant discord of a train whistle, the mood of idle talk or even a program in another room beyond your solitude."

Grouch that I am, I cast my



AT THE WHITE OAK — the quiet home of a grey fox in the noisy Moshassuck world.  
Herald photo by Mike Fink

shock, a business phone started ringing from the office beside the chapel. Not once, but several times, disturbing, violating, disrupting the eulogy and the psalm.

At a temple dinner party not long ago, I tried to pay attention to a charming lady seated beside me. The music on the platform was piped so loud it took some serious effort to make or put out words over the drowning din. "Kids like it, though," shouted the good-natured young woman at my right. But is it a kindness to deafen the eardrums of the young, and also their elders? How can you discern fine vibes if your tympanum is assaulted with booms and shrieks?

Pollution takes many rude forms. Poisons may leak and seep into earth, air, water, or the fake fire of our climate controls. Light pollutes the moonlit, starlit night sky. Commercial exhausts dump smells over the sweetness of the month of May. There is food pollution and even emotional pollution from laugh tracks. But noise pollution ranks high among the worst offenders of the dignity of the human condition.

It's partly our own fault. We may have lost the taste for quiet, the skill to enjoy moments of repose. I've been asking people to tell me their favorite sounds of silence. "Mozart melody," somebody offers, "because you're in touch with the harmony of the spheres, the intelligence of the species." I countered with, "Rain on the roof, a cheerful fire on the hearth, and these peaceful opposites actually resemble each other, like the wind in a stand of wild bamboos."

A filmmaker I sip coffee with, who specializes in taking sound,

vote for the music of nature, away from radio talk, television blare, telephone jangle, airplane zooms, machines screaming at the poise of a snowy field or a green lawn, jetskis spoiling the sweet breath of surf or cry of gull, traffic smoothly erasing birdcalls at dawn.

I think we set everything backward. We lose our heritage of senses as we buy the things that wreck our lives and tear down our worlds. We feel rich as we wax poor. We flex power as we weaken our grasp of things. The final luxury left to us, which we don't even recognize, is the simple stuff we left behind and sang about in the depression. "You've got the sun in the morning and the moon at night." Remember when you could drink a cup of coffee in a cup, with a spoon, and stir the sugar from a bowl, with the small, gentle scrape against the saucer, and all for a nickel or a dime, with a smiling server to boot? Were we so down and out and broke back then?

As Jews, we have the key, the wand, the *shazam*, the sesame: we call it Shabbat, or Shabbas. You light a pair of candles, without the click of a switch, the surge of current. You walk around the block without the start of a motor. You hear the voice of a *chazzan* without the beat of rap or shout of a pitch. A hush falls over the week, whether you pray or nap, however you keep the commandment to be holy. Sacred time needs seconds in the still of the night or of high noon, a song at twilight, the sharp chirp of the season.

Try this: write a journal of your favorite soft murmurs. It's a sure cure for the grumps and the dumps.

## A Code Cohen

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

His parents taught at the school for the deaf. For my bar mitzvah, Stanley gave me a Morse code message sender machine, an apt choice for a sociable boy who lived in two worlds, his signing, challenging household, and the chattering street. Just 50 years ago at the brink of the so-called fabulous '50, the urge to send out word surged forth: my little toy suited the moment.

Stanley Cohen went to school in my older brother's class. But, like some other fellows, he might stay around even if only I was home, alone, to exchange stories. An odd habit of this curly-headed smiling youth was, he liked to "bird-dog" your date. That meant, he would ask the girl I had gone out with last Saturday night to step off with him next weekend. Somehow, I felt no threat and took no offense.

Stan's ambition was to enter the new world of television and broadcast journalism, and the advertisement and public relations industries bursting forth from postwar boom of manufacturing consumer goods. Our friendly arguments stemmed from his respect for the cheerful voices of radio announcers, versus my own more academic resistance to the sales pitch and the billboard smile.

Looking over my shoulder, I see that the little black and white flickering shadow theater in those mahogany cases with polite panelled cabinet doors to cover the screen had some charm. Berle, Caesar, Lewis-Martin laughs, along with the dignified tone of "Playhouse 90," gave your parlor or den, if you had a television set at home, some cultural value after all. But I never saw the virtues of the new media, only the vices. Stanley and I debated the pros and cons of the decade yawning wide before us.

After Stanley's migration from his hometown to Chicago, I ran into him only a few times. Once, on a cross-country trek, I borrowed his bike to make a circle tour of the inner city great lake, and then dined with the old companion of yesteryear at Trader Vic's. Another time, he popped in on my brother's place in Newport. His Harpo mop had already gone white, like fall to winter.

He has not vanished altogether from my horizon. We speak of him. I think sometimes about what he stood for among the gang that orbited my brother's set. He symbolized the eager energy, the bounce, the buoyancy, of an exuberant era with an underlying pathos.

The boys admired my brother for his sunny and somehow

worldly style. They saw in our household an unthreatening stability. In me they sensed a listener, a sounding board sometimes sympathetic, and at other points resistant. If they showed up in a car, nothing went off better than a drive around town or country either in one of the large vehicles pouring out of the factories of America onto the new roads, or a borrowed older jalopy of a dad's. Stanley was one of the guys, sometimes with wheels like a figure from Oz.

But Stan never married, never quite found his own hidden treasure or public spotlight. My mind carries me half a century backward to that season when war and recovery slowed and paused for a moment as the contradictions of the high noon midmark of our time loomed up ahead. I'm trying to describe springtime 1949 from the perspective of 1999.

New skirt lengths, gleaming chrome bumpers, ballads and flicks, some vulgar and bloated, others sensitive and cautiously hopeful, my time for forming judgments and tastes.

I recall and summon up the spirit of an ally of that hiatus, who gave me that secret beeper where with my powers of imagination I dot and dash a semaphore of his story and mine.

## Requiem for Dr. Ralph

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

"My father never spoke about his wartime experiences. We three boys asked him from time to time. We got no response. It was only when he moved to a retirement community and we went through his papers that we found out what he had done. And yet, in the end, that is what he is known and remembered for."

Jim Wolpaw of Newport and Jamestown, a renowned Rhode Island filmmaker and college adjunct professor, is in mourning for his father, who lived in Ohio. He handed me the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* obituary. The headline reads, "Dr. Ralph Wolpaw Oversaw Camp Survivors' Medical Care." The notice continues, "During World War II, he served as a physician with the Army's 120th Evacuation Hospital in Europe. On several occasions after the war, Dr. Wolpaw spoke in public about his experience as an officer in charge of providing medical attention to survivors at Buchenwald concentration camp at the end of the war, and the liberation of the death factories."

Jim confided his thoughts as a helper's and hero's son as we were driving in his car, which had been his father's, heading to the U.R.I. art center, where we were to discuss documentary filmmaking for a seminar. "We only read the text of his speeches, to midwest groups in the region where a trace of isolationism still lingered, when my dad was already beyond dealing with the memory, or with

communicating clearly to his sons. It's sad and ironic in the same way that the survivors themselves sometimes couldn't tell their life tales to their own children. Maybe it was to spare



Dr. Ralph Wolpaw

them pain and fear. Perhaps the impressions were so terrible and furious that you had to pack them away just to go on living."

I had looked over the notes that Dr. Wolpaw had delivered over half a century ago, shocking revelations he felt obligated to state once he had returned from war-torn Europe to post-war America. What had impressed me the most was that he had touched with his own hands to heal, mend and return those slated for death to life and its meanings. He recounted their story, not his own. He closed their wounds, opening some

inward wounds in his own soul. What an honor to have a print of his photo portrait in uniform, dated May 1944, before opening the gates of Hell, and looking remarkably like my friend and colleague, his son Jim. I read his thoughts in his then youthful countenance, with the most recent snapshot from the newspaper report of his passing.

As a boy I used to idealize the G.I.'s coming home from the battlegrounds. Dr. Ralph Wolpaw brings that era back to my eyes and mind. The Wolpaws now have a Rhode Island branch on the family tree, not only through Jim and his cameras moving images, but also through Brown University, where Jim's nephews, Dr. Ralph's grandsons, attend college, following in alumnus-uncle Jim's footsteps.

I file this melancholy and respectful *kaddish* report to acknowledge the *mitzvah* of doing the holy work of curing, of raising the sick from the dustheap and like a prophet crying out to the world the awful and unending facts of injustice and human cruelty.

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## Karen Haynoski Engaged to Andrew Rubinstein

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Rubinstein of Loring Ave., Providence, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Andrew Rubinstein, of Alpine, N.J., to Karen Haynoski of Norwood, N.J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haynoski of Norwood, N.J.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Hartford and has a master of education degree from Farleigh Dickinson University. She is a fifth-grade teacher in a charter school in Jersey City.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Hartford and is employed at the Jewish Federation of N.Y.

Her fiancé's grandmother is



Karen Haynoski and Andrew Rubinstein

Beatrice Rosen of Coconut Creek, Florida.

The date of the wedding is July 31.

## Robin Friedman Weds Todd Galkin

The Ritz Carlton Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, was the setting for the wedding of Robin Friedman and Todd Galkin on March 27 at 8 p.m. The bride is the daughter of Shelly and Harry Friedman of Moreland Hills, Ohio, and the bridegroom is the son of Gail and James Galkin of Cranston, R.I.

Rabbi Joshua Skoff officiated at the ceremony and the reception was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Cleveland.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Stephanie Schneider, sister of the bride was matron of honor, and Shari Yost was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mara Bendersky, Amy Goldberg, and Jill Seigal.

Lee Galkin, the bridegroom's brother, was best man. Ushers were Victor Bendersky, David Grossman, Kenneth Friedman (brother of the bride), Aaron Schneider, and Chris Venditto.

The bride is a graduate of Cleveland State University and is employed by Progressive Insurance Co. in Cleveland.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cranston West High School, Ithaca College, and is currently completing his studies at Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry.

They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Willoughby, Ohio.



Mr. and Mrs. Todd Galkin

## Abby Brown to Wed Jonathan Winderman

Ann and Phillip Brown of Whitinsville, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Abby, to Jonathan Winderman, son of Barry and Charlotte Winderman of Philadelphia, Pa.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are graduates of Hofstra University. She is currently employed as a special education teacher in Flushing, N.Y. Her fiancé is currently employed as a surgical equipment sales representative.

The couple plan a July 2, 2000 wedding.



Abby Brown and Jonathan Winderman

### A Call Goes Out to Hope High Grads!

The 1939 January class of Hope High School will be having their 60th class reunion on Aug. 29 at Ledgemont Country Club. Brunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and a trolley bus tour of Providence will follow.

If you're a graduate or know someone who is, call Stella Reitman Pollock at 732-8012 or Lillian Shocket Zarum at 273-6869.

Invitations will be forthcoming. January 1939 class is the first class to graduate from the then New Hope High School.

### Elicia Charlotte Ackerman



Barry and Mia Ackerman of 6 Shelter Lane, Cumberland, R.I., announce the birth of their daughter, Elicia Charlotte, on April 11.

Maternal grandparents are Sigmund and Enid Yurman of Merrick, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are Gloria and Max Kolodoff and the late Selwyn Ackerman.

### Jacob Albert Katzman



Dr. and Mrs. Gary Katzman of Lincoln, R.I., announce the birth of their first child and son, Jacob Albert, on March 23.

Maternal grandparents are Ms. Janet Chesman of Chester, N.J., and Michael Chesman of New York City, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Katzman of Warwick, R.I., and the late Frances Katzman. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Albert G. Baum, Ruth A. Chesman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lazar.

### Noah Samuel Priluck and Jessica Elana Priluck



Joan and Herbert Priluck of Los Angeles, Calif., announce the birth of twin grandchildren, Noah Samuel and Jessica Elana on March 31. Andrea Ellen and Brian Keigan of Needham, Mass., are the parents.

Noah and Jessica were welcomed home by their 3-year-old sister, Ariana Rachel Keigan.

The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Frye of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of East Providence, R.I.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## News From The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum

Attention high school seniors and college (undergraduate) students from Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts! The R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum is looking for a team of five students to volunteer at the museum this summer. Volunteer students will be asked to assist with cataloging articles, periodicals, and videos as well as assist with weekly museum operations. Volunteers will spend a minimum of seven days per month at the museum. All interested students should call Tara V. Liscandro, for a registration/application form at 453-7860 by June 15. No college or high school credits will be given for volunteer work.

"Remember with a Flame" candles are still available at the museum for \$7 each. Candles can be burned throughout the year in homes, to remember the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust. They can also be burned to remember those in Kosovo. For more information, call or visit the museum.

Call for local artists! RIHMM is looking for local artists to design gift cards on an in-kind basis. Send your card art samples (two to five pieces) to the RIHMM, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906. Include name, address, phone, e-mail and art credentials with your package. Samples will not be returned.

The Art Loss Register has launched a project to register stolen artworks from victims of the Holocaust. They are working with the commission for Art Recovery (of the World Jewish Congress) and the Holocaust Claims Processing Office to build a comprehensive database of stolen art. Every item reported will be searched for. The service is free to all victims of the Holocaust or their heirs. The only requirement is that a claimant completes a Wartime Losses Report Form and that the item sought is uniquely identifiable. For further information, contact Sarah Jackson, Art Loss Register, 12 Grosvner Place, London SW1X 7HH or e-mail <artloss@artloss.com>.



### Look Mom, I'm a Tree!

Learning the art of improv: Robert Rivest captivates the audience of kindergarten through fourth-graders at the Alperin Schechter Day School, while performing during an hourlong program of sketches by the artist with audience participation and improvisation. He was also available for questions and answers, to the delight of the students.

Photo by Liz Goldberg

### JCCRI Will Hold Annual Meeting

The entire community is invited to join with the Jewish Community Center as they thank outgoing president, Alan Litwin, and the 1998 board of directors. Litwin has served the Jewish Community Center as its president for the past three years. Being installed as the new president of the Jewish Community Center is Bruce Leach and the 1999 board of directors. Leach will be returning to the leadership post at the center, having served from 1990 to 1993.

The event is being chaired by Toby and Ivy Marwil and will feature a presentation of the 1998 Volunteer of the Year award, an annual award designed to highlight a special individual whose dedication to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is exemplary. Also awarded at the annual meeting will be the C.S. and I.S. Low Youth Leadership award. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the critically acclaimed Jewish Theatre Ensemble of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Everyone who attends will receive a copy of the new JCCRI Annual Report featuring photos and reports from all divisions of the center. This event is free of charge and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 861-8800.

### Art Auction Will be Sponsored by Congregation Ohawe Sholam

On May 16 Congregation Ohawe Sholam will sponsor an Art Auction. The preview will be at 7 p.m. and the auction will be at 8 p.m. Congregation Ohawe Sholam is located at East Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I. Famous name artists will present their works in lithographs, serigraphs, multilevel cast paper, etchings, oils, watercolors, art in motion kinetic art, mixed media, multiplex 3D constructions, etc. All magnificently custom framed and coordinated in different sizes and price range.

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### An Evening of Poetry

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El will offer a poetry service.

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On May 14 a Shabbat dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with featured speaker, Rabbi Jeffrey Astrachan, followed by the evening service.

On May 15, there will be an evening of dining and dancing, featuring Music Madness.

Then on May 16, a Sunday brunch of a traditional Jewish breakfast will be offered at 10 a.m.

Also, the Rabbi George J. Astrachan Mitzvah Fund has been established in honor of Rabbi Astrachan to provide financial assistance for children wishing to participate in a UAHC summer program in Israel. All donations to this fund will be segregated for this use only and may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Donations will be acknowledged in the Celebration Weekend Brochure. Make check payable to Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. Designate Mitzvah Fund only.

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### Children and Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors Are Invited to a Special Reunion

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum will be the setting for a special meeting of all children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors from Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, on May 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

"The second generation contributed a great deal to the initiation and completion of the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum," stated Tara V. Liscandro, the museum's executive director. "The museum hopes to reunite children and grandchildren of survivors to reinforce the goals and objectives that it has developed over the past 10 years."

The meeting will serve as a general information meeting for the second and third generations.

"The future generations are so important. They hold something very special — their family's stories," continued Liscandro. "These stories are the legacy of this museum."

Meetings are expected to be held four to six times each year at the museum. All meetings will be interactive and will offer an opportunity for the second and third generation to share their ideas, opinions and knowledge as well as to assist with annual educational and cultural arts programs.

If you are the child or grandchild of a Holocaust survivor and would like to attend this meeting, call the director at 453-7860 by May 14 to register.

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## Prime Minister of Norway Honored For Compensating Holocaust Victims

The American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem honored Kjell Magne Bondevik, prime minister of Norway, at the annual Raoul Wallenberg Awards Dinner for the outstanding moral leadership he and his country have exhibited concerning compensation to Holocaust survivors. Under his leadership, Norway recently announced a decision to indemnify all Norwegian Jews for losses sustained during World War II. Upon receiving the award, Prime Minister Bondevik said, "I feel especially honored to be receiving this award from Shaare Zedek Medical Center. And in the spirit of the Oslo Accords, Shaare Zedek, by treating Jews, Christians, and Muslims alike, is fostering an environment that can build stronger relationships between Israelis and Arabs."

The awards dinner was held on April 22 at The Rainbow Room in New York City. Jack C. Bendheim, co-chair of the



PRIME MINISTER Kjell Magne Bondevik of Norway receives the Raoul Wallenberg Award from Jack C. Bendheim, co-chair of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center International board of directors.

Shaare Zedek International board of directors and the evening's dinner chair, presented Prime Minister Bondevik with the award. Also honored was Gert Wilhelm Munthe, president and chief operating officer of Alpharma

Inc., for the dedication his company has demonstrated in striving to heal sick children around the world. The dinner's proceeds will benefit the Raoul Wallenberg Pediatric Day Hospital at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem.

## Hebrew Free Loan Will Hold 96th Annual Meeting

### 96 Years Young

On May 26, Hebrew Free Loan will conduct its 96th annual meeting. The buffet supper and installation of officers and directors will be held at 6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. All members and prospective members of this resilient organization are kindly requested to attend.

Though Hebrew Free Loan's office on Burlington Street was recently damaged by fire, the organization has quickly rebounded. It continues to provide much appreciated assistance, with total respect for borrowers, as it did nearly a century ago.

After completing two years as president, Dr. Martin P. Newman will pass the gavel to Richard Goldfine, currently first vice president. Dr. George M. Goodwin will be installed as first vice president, and Barry Pickar will become second vice president. Murray Gerboff, secretary, and Michael Miller, treas-

urer, will continue in their positions. Herbert Wagner, another veteran leader, will continue as custodian.

Eight members will be elected or reelected to Hebrew Free Loan's board of directors. The entire board, which meets on a biweekly basis, provides interest-free loans for a variety of personal needs, including health and dental care, education, housing, and transportation. Each year approximately \$100,000 are made available to new and longtime members of the community.

The Providence Hebrew Free Loan is part of an international network of Jewish mutual aid societies. These grassroots organizations, led by volunteers, provide *tzedakah* for individuals and families of all ages and a broad range of economic need.

Contributions to Hebrew Free Loan are always welcome and appreciated. For additional information, call 331-3081.

## Post-Confirmation High School Graduation

The 65th post-confirmation high school graduation will take place at Temple Beth-El during Shabbat services on May 14 at 7:45 p.m. At that time, six dedicated 12th-grade students will be recognized and honored. The congregation congratulates the following graduates and their parents: Shannon Boucher, Lynn Ducoff, Ilana Kahn, Robert Kinman, Joseph Lurie, and Erica Weiss.

## New England Regional Champions

Congratulations to Tifereth Israel Congregation's USY Boys Basketball Team New England Regional Champions. Joshua Youman, captain; Aaron Cohen and Harris Eisenberg, co-captains; Seth Castino; Logan Eisenberg; Steven Kaplan; Jay Lukoff; Matt Raymon; Seth Castino; and Ethan Weiss.

Also the team's thanks to: Jonathan Nelson, head coach; Jed Cohen, Mark Eisenberg and Peter Smola, assistant coaches; and Alvin Youman, team strategist.

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## 'The Big Onion'

### A Walking Tour of N.Y.

by Cindy Halpern

Most of us have traveled to New York City to experience its museums, theaters, and restaurants. But the best way to learn the character of the city is through a walking tour.

The R.I. Holocaust Museum recently sponsored a trip to New York that included a walking tour which explored the Jewish roots of the Lower East Side. The Big Onion Walking Tours offers a taste of ethnicity one might otherwise miss peeking out a tour bus window.

Our tour leader is a Ph.D. candidate in 19th-century history at Columbia University who teaches private school during the week. As a product of two worlds, she is seeking her own unique identity. One parent is of Japanese ancestry and the other has roots in Jewish Eastern Europe.

The tour began on Delancey Street, no longer a Jewish neighborhood. But we soon saw evidence of a Jewish presence. Opposite the trend of old synagogues being converted into churches, one synagogue has been converted from what was once a church. No longer in use, it once served the eastern European Jewish population of Essex and Delancey Street, the center of a vibrant immigrant community of a half million Jews. To-

day, less than 11,000 Jews live here. Many moved out as they became upwardly mobile.

But we continued to see evidence of their history. The top floor of a Chinese funeral home reflects the architecture of the building that once housed the headquarters of the Jewish Brotherhood. The Star of David contrasts with the Southeast Asian character of nearby buildings.

The Yiddish newspaper, *The Daily Forward*, was once located in a building which now has Chinese writing scaling its tall walls. Since the building is now listed as an historic site, it will be restored to its original appearance.

The Eldridge Synagogue is also being restored. But unlike the other synagogue we first saw, it is an active Jewish house of worship. The main sanctuary is still undergoing renovation so services are conducted in the basement.

Our guide pointed out several modern day sweatshops where Southeast Asians work for less than minimum wage. She reminded us of the Triangle Factory fire in 1911 in which Jewish and Italian immigrant girls and women perished because the fire escapes were sealed off. Management feared the workers might steal money from them and closed off the

fire escapes so no one could leave the building without being observed.

We stood by the park where labor met to organize strikes. The city of New York had torn down tenements to provide such parks so workers would be pacified. The hope was to keep crime down, which in many minds included keeping strikes at a minimum. The irony is the social movement to create parks resulted in the shortage of affordable housing. Thus, more unrest was brought upon the immigrant working class which produced more strikes.

We ended our tour with a sour taste in our mouths. The Lower East Side is rightfully famous for its sour dill pickles. Some smaller Jewish businesses remain in this neighborhood which enables tourists, like ourselves, to enjoy such Jewish tastes.

The Great Onion Tours wish to promote the idea that the Lower East Side is like an onion.

When peeled away, each new layer reveals a different ethnicity. I offer a slightly expanded analogy. The onion is only part of the salad in which lettuce, tomatoes, eggs, and carrots are also needed. They blend to give the whole salad a colorful look, yet they offer their own distinguished flavor that is not peeled away, but is always present.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Three Piggy Opera Performed at ASDS

With a classroom of children as eager as this group to perform, it was no wonder that everyone took part in the Alperin Schechter Day School kindergarten class production of "The Three Piggy Opera." Led by teachers, Nancy O'Hare, Lisa Freitas and Yardena Winkler, the cast of characters worked diligently on scenery, costumes and script presentation. Narrated by George Felder, Michelle Goliger, Micah Wisen, and Sharon Weissburg the show took form and came to life with their delightful deliveries.

Principal characters were: Michelle Solvyeva as the Mother Pig, Remi Wachtenheim as Pig #1, Rebecca Kanter as Pig #2, Batya Franklin as Pig #3 and Jeremy Harlam as the Wolf. An extraordinary effort was put into their parts, and each actor brought a unique interpretation of their character's personality to the stage.

The Three Straw Peddlers were played by Zachary Page, Daniel Waterman, and Gregory Harlam, the Three Stick Peddlers were Maxie Formal, Matthew Zawatsky and Nathan Rakitt. The Three Brick Peddlers were Adam Kolb, Philip Shana and Julia Russell. The remaining students comprised "The Piggy Chorus," and sang with joyous enthusiasm for their appreciative audience.



MICHELLE SOLVYEVA as the Mother Pig, Remi Wachtenheim as Pig #1, Rebecca Kanter as Pig #2, Batya Franklin as Pig #3 and Jeremy Harlam as the Wolf star in the Alperin Schechter Day School kindergarten production of "The Three Piggy Opera." Photo by Liz Goldberg

## Middle School Honor Roll Announced at ASDS

**Sixth grade:** Aaron Abrams, Shira Adler, Tatyana Goman, Molly Goodwin, Bruce Kaufman, Miriam Klein, Chloe Licht, Maia Masuda, Hannah Mellion, James Rotenberg, Anna Siradze, Jessica Spellun.

**Seventh grade:** Adam Cable, Rebecca Chaika, Kendra Kobrin, Spencer Kurn, David Levinson, Richard Maidman, David Miller, Alina Neganova, Benton Odessa, Benjamin Savitzky, Jill Teverow, Denille Wachtenheim, Marlene Wacks, Leah Weissburg, Michael Wolpert.

**Eighth grade:** David Braverman, Esther Friedman, Rachel Furman, Jonah Gabry, Noah Jablow, Elana Kieffer, Rebecca Levine, Aaron Matusow, Benjamin Matusow, Limor Nevel, Noga Nevel, Sandy Schneider, Irina Yegutkin.

Congratulations on a job well done.

## A History of Rhode Island Summers



Do you remember spending the warm summer days at Rocky Point Park? or riding the famed carousel at Crescent Park? Maybe you and your family vacationed along Rhode Island's beautiful shoreline. If so, send us your old photographs of how you spent your summers in Rhode Island so they may be included in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald's first Summer Fun Guide to be published May 27.

Photos should be at least 25 years old and be sent to: The Rhode Island Jewish Herald, "Summer Fun Guide," Attention: Kim, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940. Deadline for submissions is May 21. Don't forget to label your photos as to names of people, places and dates. Photos will be returned.

## Social Seniors of Warwick To Hold Meeting

A meeting will be held at Temple Am David on May 12 at 1 p.m. Florence Markoff will be the speaker — followed by a regular meeting.

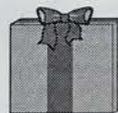
A trip to Whites of Westport is scheduled for May 19, for a delicious lunch and excellent entertainment. A few openings remain for the Paramount Hotel (Catskills) for July 19 thru 22 for a wonderful four-day vacation that includes three meals and entertainment daily.

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## Student Accomplishments Announced at Moses Brown

Moses Brown placed first among the Rhode Island participants and second overall in the three-state, 14th annual Providence College High School Computer Programming Contest. The team advisor is Laurie Center of North Scituate. MB team includes sophomore Adam Berlinsky-Schine, a resident of Providence.

Participants in the 1999 All-State Music Festivals, include: Senior division, All-State Chorus: Sophomore Jennifer Feinstein of Cranston.

The competitions were sponsored by the R.I. Music Educators Association. Faculty members Steve Toro and Elaine Alexander served as audition site coordinators.

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# FEATURE

## Praise Your Mother on Her Special Day!

by George Bonin

For many years, I have yearned to author a book of tributes and poems dedicated to mothers everywhere. Many readers were willing to share a cherished poem or bit of prose about their mothers, and this column is composed of their inspiring material.

Mother's Day, originated by Anna Jarvis, was officially enacted by Congress in 1914, and President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Most people enjoy talking about their feelings for their mothers. Herewith, are thoughts from a mother herself, and typical of a mother; it is not about herself, but about her child. Aline Uebelhor is the talented author:

"When you were a wee baby, and in my arms you lay — I stood over your crib, would watch and pray — as I bathed a fevered brow — that was Mother's Day. I've scolded and paddled when you wouldn't obey — heard you say, 'I'm sorry,' — that was Mother's Day.

"And I took you to church, taught you in G-d's ways — listened to teacher's praise — that was Mother's Day. All the precious memories, but seem like yesterday. Apron strings are loosened — it's still Mother's Day. I am the richest mother, you grow dearer each day. — G-d bless you for making every day Mother's Day!"

Dot Thompson, a harried mother in a busy Fairlawn household, submitted a tongue-in-cheek wish for a Mother's Day gift, and calls it "A hint to my family":

"Don't buy me candy for Mother's Day; — 'Twould only make me fat. — Don't buy me blooms and foliage; — We've got a garden full of that. — But here's a real suggestion — Guaranteed to be a winner. — Remember all the meals I've cooked? — Please, please! Take me out to dinner!"

"Aggie" Karen of Lincoln, blesses mothers of all ages in her loving thoughts:

"G-d bless mothers as the ages run, — Their work of loving is never done, — The youthful ones, with laughter in their eyes, — And hearts so gay! G-d bless them — They are not too young to kiss a baby's tears away.

"The older ones with sadness in their hearts and weary eyes, — G-d bless them — They are not too tired to sing their old sweet lullabies. — The aged ones whose day is almost done, and twilight near, — G-d bless them. — They are not too old, to love a grandchild dear. — G-d bless all mothers as the ages run, — Their work of loving is never done!"

A 13-year-old boy sent me his poem about his "Mother's Cure," but cautioned me not to use his name — "I don't want to be considered a 'sissy' because I like to write poetry!" "My Mother's kisses are a cure — for lots and lots of things, — Lumps and bumps and petty grumps. Mosquito bites and stings, — Stubbed toes, bloody nose, — Sunburn and pounded fingers, — Skinned patches, cat scratches, — And the hurt that lingers. — Mother's kisses also cure, — Most any kind of friction, — And can add a welcome

touch, — to the doctor's prescription."

A former Central Falls friend, now a resident of Groton, Conn., remembering his deceased mother, sent a tribute entitled, "Thanks, Mother"

"For holding me close, 'neath your loving heart, until this life, I was ready to start; For hearing me cry and holding me tight, until my sobbing had ceased in the night; "Dear Mother, I give you thanks.

"For rocking my cradle and wiping my nose; for all the mending and washing my clothes; for holding my hand as I learned to walk; for teaching me words as I learned to talk; "Dear Mother, I give you thanks.

"My first day in school, how well I remember, at recess I ran to you, all a-tremble; the tears from my eyes, you washed away, and sent me back with a will to obey; "Dear Mother, I give you thanks.

"For words of hope that brought peace and joy; for the little pat, as you hugged your boy, that quelled the storm, and eased the strife, as you sent your little boy forth into Life: "Dear Mother, I give you thanks.

"For your tender love for your wayward son, who at long last, to his mother had come; just to see your face, and feel your embrace, gave to me new hope, to win Life's race; "Dear Mother, I give you thanks!"

So, good readers, when you celebrate Mother's Day, remember your Mother, living or dead, and ponder the Jewish proverb, "G-d could not be everywhere, so He created Mothers!"

## Bell Atlantic Awards \$2.1 Million to New Heritage Harbor Museum

The Bell Atlantic Foundation has awarded a \$2.1-million grant to the Heritage Harbor Museum, a state history museum and cultural center slated to open in Providence in 2001.

Acclaimed actor and Bell Atlantic spokesperson James Earl Jones joined Bell Atlantic-Rhode Island President Donna Cupelo and Heritage Harbor Executive Director, Albert T. Klyberg at a ceremony at Roger Williams Park to announce the grant.

The funds will be used to create The Bell Atlantic Time Machine Theater, an electronic exhibit that — through special effects and the latest telecommunications technology — will send audiences into the past and future to learn about the region's diverse culture and history.

The Time Machine will be a "smart theater" that can be programmed with ever-changing stories and is outfitted with sets, props, exhibits, lasers, fog machines, sound environments and video production systems.

The Heritage Harbor Museum is being developed by the Rhode Island Historical Society in partnership with more than 16 cultural and historical organizations, and will be housed at the former Narragansett Electric generating plant on South Street in Providence.

"The Heritage Harbor Museum searched all over the United States for a major theater experience suitable to be adapted for telling history stories," said Klyberg, the museum's executive director.

"Electronic Exhibit Theater offered the greatest versatility and the most exciting potential, and we're very grateful to the Bell Atlantic Foundation for making it possible for us to house this theater in our museum."

The Bell Atlantic Foundation supports a variety of projects domestically and internationally, with an emphasis on new technology applications in education, health and human services, the arts and humanities, and civic development in the communities served by Bell Atlantic. For more information, visit <www.bellatlanticfoundation.com> on the Internet.

Exhibits at the Heritage Harbor Museum will be designed to tell the story of the waves of immigrant groups that came to the state during the last 150 years, from the Native Americans to the most recent south-east Asians.

In addition to the electronic theater, other exhibits will include a fully furnished Rhode Island triple-decker house, a working diner, a model railroad, a Corliss steam engine, holographic and interactive exhibits, the nation's first high-definition history theater, a replica of a 15th-century Portuguese Caravel, and a 13,500 square-foot exhibit of artifacts provided by the Smithsonian Institution Collections-based Affiliations program. The Heritage Harbor Museum has been named one of 12 official Smithsonian affiliates in the nation.

## Hadassah to Support The Violence Against Women Act II

Thirty thousand signatures in support of the Violence Against Women Act II were delivered to Congress on April 30 on Hadassah-printed postcards. The campaign, sponsored by the National Violence Against Women Task Force and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, seeks Congressional support of VAWA II and public awareness to help combat domestic violence, sexual assault and rape.

"Hadassah volunteered to print these postcards because, as the largest women's organi-

zation in the U.S., we must do everything possible to end the public health crisis of violence against women," said Hadassah National President Marlene E. Post. "Every 12 seconds a woman in this country is beaten. Every six hours a woman is killed. We can and must do more to prevent this epidemic."

The Violence Against Women Act of 1999 was introduced by Reps. John Conyers (D-Mich.), Connie Morella (R-Md.), and Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.). VAWA II expands previous legislation to address

domestic violence against children, older women, the disabled, and immigrant women. It also calls for increased funding for rape prevention and education, legal services, and new programs to protect battered women in the workplace.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, with more than 300,000 members in the United States, also leads community education programs on domestic violence. Hadassah was actively involved in ensuring passage and full funding of the original Violence Against Women Act in 1994, and continues its advocacy and support of VAWA II and other legislation that protects the rights of women.

## \$1 Million in Scholarships For NYU Law School

Distinguished criminal attorney and New York University School of Law alumnus Leonard M. Weintraub (class of '45), recently gave \$1 million to his alma mater. The gift will endow "The Leonard M. Weintraub Scholarship Fund," which will provide merit scholarships in perpetuity to deserving NYU law students.

Weintraub, the son of Jewish immigrants, was born and raised in Manhattan. His passion for the law, penchant for straight-talk and strong desire to help young people is well-known.

"When I started out it was a different world," he said. "Many of the big law firms wouldn't employ Jews, women or African-Americans." But, Weintraub said, he was one of the lucky ones. Upon graduation,

he landed a job with Hartman, Sheridan & Tekulasky. It was there that he honed his courtroom skills working with Burton B. Turkus, the legendary "Murder Inc." prosecutor.

"At a critical moment in my career, I had a mentor. For this reason, I always try to help young lawyers." For some 20 years, he has served as a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness of the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, First Department. There he diligently screens and admits students to the bar.

As a young man, Weintraub had a semi-pro baseball career using the moniker Jo Jo Faber. He also played varsity baseball on NYU's team. When a back injury sidelined his athletic career, he chose, at his mother's insistence, the profession of law.

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## FEATURE

## USDA Undersecretary Praises J&W University

During the first leg of her "Hunger Tour" of the United States, Shirley Watkins, USDA undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services, praised Johnson & Wales University for its compassionate efforts to help put an end to hunger.

Learning that 2,649 Johnson & Wales University students have contributed 56,000 hours of community service, Watkins commended the school and its Alan Shawn Feinstein Community Service Center. The Alan Shawn Feinstein Community Service Center at Johnson & Wales serves as the home of the Feinstein "Enriching America" Program which requires all first-year students to take an academic course in community service. It also serves as the conduit for all of the university's community service learning programs and activities, and as a resource for the community.

Undersecretary Watkins heard from Thomas J. Farrell, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, of Johnson & Wales University's three-point vision for the future: to make community service a distinctive feature at Johnson & Wales; to expand the university's commitment to

the Rhode Island Food Bank; and to open a Hunger Action Center which would provide a forum for national dialogue on issues of hunger.

"Johnson & Wales University's pledge is quite impressive," said Watkins. "This is the beginning of how we can band together to end hunger in America. We have to put some action behind the compassion. I hope that Rhode Island will continue this dialogue."

Watkins oversees the \$40 billion in the federal budget that deals with food assistance. She said the purpose of her visit to Rhode Island, part of a five-state tour, was to assess how the war against hunger is being waged at the grass-roots level.

After visiting the Amos House soup kitchen in South Providence and a food pantry in Pawtucket, Watkins met with Thomas L. Wright, vice president of culinary education, and anti-hunger advocates in the Johnson & Wales University library for a one-hour round table discussion.

Watkins presented a special award to philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein for his work in trying to make Rhode Island the first hunger-free state in the nation.

## May Is American Law Month

Citing the response to last year's Law Day as "overwhelmingly positive," 1999 Law Day co-chairs Supreme Court Justice Victoria Lederberg and District Court Chief Judge Albert E. DeRobbio announced that lawyers, law enforcement officials, and law professors from Roger Williams University School of Law, as well as state judges, would again visit and speak at middle schools and high schools across Rhode Island on May 7.

Justice Lederberg said that last spring members of Rhode Island's bench and bar along with representatives of area police departments presented Law Day programs in dozens of R.I. cities and towns in more than 50 public and private school classrooms in every corner of the state, addressing topics that ranged from the death penalty to student rights to domestic violence.

Justice Lederberg said, "The difference between this type of program and the traditional Law Day ceremony usually held in the courthouse and attended by attorneys and judges is that the approach we took last year allowed us to speak personally to hundreds of our state's young people about the law, its pur-

pose and importance, and the relation between the law, courts, judges, and the freedoms we enjoy."

Lauren Jones, president of the Rhode Island Bar Association, enthusiastically supports the new type of Law Day program. "The bar association welcomes the opportunity to bring lawyers, judges, and the law into Rhode Island's schools. We believe that programs such as these will have a positive impact on the public's trust and confidence in the judicial system."

The Law Day program is sponsored by the Rhode Island Judiciary, the Rhode Island Bar Association, The Rhode Island Police Chief's Association, and the Roger Williams University School of Law.

The members of the committee are:

Victoria Lederberg, co-chair  
Justice, Supreme Court  
Albert E. DeRobbio, co-chair  
Chief Judge, R.I. District Court  
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Chief Judge, R.I. Family Court  
Francis J. Darigan, Associate Justice  
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President, Rhode Island Bar Association  
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## Local Leaders to Receive Honorary Degrees

More than 1,000 Rhode Island College undergraduate and graduate students will receive their diplomas during the 1999 commencement exercises at Rhode Island College. Once again this year, the esplanade in front of the New Building will burgeon with activity and excitement as an anticipated 10,000 or more attendees — undergraduates, their friends and families, and faculty, staff and friends of the college — gather to celebrate the graduates' accomplishments. Among the local leaders to receive degrees are Helen Ginsburg Forman and George Theodore Wein.

### Helen Ginsburg Forman Doctorate of Humanities

Helen Forman, Class of 1934, may very well be the embodiment of the ideal college alumna. While perhaps most widely known for her 1994 gift to the college in the amount of \$250,000 to help fund renovations of the East Campus building that now honors her late husband, Sylvan, who was a supervisor for the government in postal transportation, Helen long ago adopted the college as her second "family."

Named by the RIC Alumni Association as its Alumna of the Year in 1989, Helen has been a tireless volunteer at college functions for many years. Her drive and persistence have often amazed those of more recent generations and her success during annual Alumni Fund phonathons is legendary.

Forman is a lifelong learner; in addition to her bachelor's and master's in education and certificate in gerontology from the college, Forman has studied at Providence College, the University of Rhode Island, Brown University,

and the University of London, completing 90 hours of study beyond the master's degree.

She was a special education teacher for 19 years before her retirement in the late 1970s and also served as a cooperating teacher for the college. She has endowed scholarships in the department of music, theater, and dance and has also set up an endowment to help support the Forman Center. Helen Ginsburg Forman's contributions to the college in all their forms demonstrate a remarkable commitment to the college and to its future students.

### George Theodore Wein Doctor of Fine Arts

Jazz impresario George Wein, considered to be the "father" of the music festival format, has had an enormous impact on the national and international music scene by pioneering the association of corporate sponsors with music events, thereby vastly extending the reach of such festivals to large numbers of people. Forever known as the founder of the Newport Jazz Festival in 1954 — the world's first all-jazz music festival — Wein's company, Festival Productions, Inc., maintains offices in six cities. It produces some 1,000 music events annually, including the JVC Jazz Festival in New York City and Newport, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival,

and Newport Jazz Festivals in such cities as Sarasota, Fla., and in Rome and Torino in Italy.

In 1973, Wein founded the New York Jazz Repertory Company and in 1982 he established the Newport Jazz Festival All-Stars, which has toured and recorded.

Wein was born in 1925 and began studying classical piano at the age of 8; however, by the time he was 15 his love for jazz had taken root. Due to the influence of his father, a distinguished plastic surgeon, Wein attended Boston University as a pre-med student. However, his passion for music soon prevailed and after graduation, Wein got a job playing jazz at a Chinese restaurant for \$90 a week. From there, he was asked to assemble all the groups to play at a local club.

He was so successful at this that he soon leased a room at Boston's Copley Square Hotel and called it "Storyville," which quickly became one of the nation's top jazz venues. Wein later opened Mahogany Hall, a second jazz club dedicated to the traditional jazz form. During this time, he also wrote a jazz column for the *Boston Herald* and taught a jazz course at Boston University. During the summer, Wein closed his clubs in the city and brought the show to a resort area, which he named Storyville Cape Cod. From there, it was a short jog westward to Newport, and the rest, as they say, is history.

## Business Owners: New Supreme Court Ruling States Employers Liable for Sexual Harassment Acts They Don't Know About

The seven-member majority sent down the new ruling that presumes companies are to blame when supervisors create a sexually hostile workplace environment.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## ACT Concludes Tour of 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly'

The All Children's Theatre Ensemble will perform, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," May 16 at 4 p.m. at the Vartan Gregorian School Theatre, 455 Wickenden St., Providence. The performance will benefit the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. Call 331-7174 for information on tickets. *Photocourtesy of ACT*

## Author to Discuss Depression at Bradley Hospital

Distinguished author William Styron will speak about depression, mental illness and recovery during a free program on May 12. It will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ruggles Gym at Bradley Hospital, 1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway in East Providence.

Styron will read from his book, *Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness*, about his descent into depression and his recovery. He is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of several novels, including *Sophie's Choice*.

In recognition of Mental Health Month, the author's visit is co-sponsored by Bradley Hospital, Lifespan Health Connection, Mental Health Association of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Department of Mental Health Retardation and Hospitals and NAMI of Rhode Island. Teachers who attend may be eligible for continuing education credits from the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Because space is limited, those interested in attending should call the Lifespan Health Connection to register, at 444-4800 or (800) 927-1230.

## Do You Have Questions About a Will?

The American Cancer Society in Rhode Island will present a free Wills and Estate Planning program on May 25 at 3 p.m. at the Laurelmead Adult Cooperative Retirement Community, 355 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, R.I.

The program will be introduced by Louis A. Leone, M.D., an oncologist in the department of medical oncology at Rhode Island Hospital. He will provide an update on the latest in cancer treatments and will answer questions.

The Wills and Estate Planning program will be led by Renee A.R. Evangelista, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Edwards & Angell, LLP in Providence, R.I.

The program is free and open to the public. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Space is limited, so call Lynn Kuzneski at the American Cancer Society at 722-8480, ext. 226, by May 14 for reservations.

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## JFS Kosher Mealsite Offers Health Insurance Information and Assistance

How can I find the best health insurance plan for my needs? Am I covered adequately? Is there a way to reduce my costs? These are some of the questions seniors might be asking at the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston on May 11 at 11 a.m., when Will Speck from the Department of Elderly Affairs will present an overview of health insurance options and issues. He will field questions from the audience and discuss the Senior Health Insurance Program provided by the Department of Elderly Affairs.

Also on hand will be Jewish Family Service Case Manager Jennifer Modisette, who is currently receiving training in health insurance counseling through the DEA's SHIP program. The training covers Medicare, supplemental insurance, managed care, over-insurance, free and reduced-cost medical care programs and long-term care insurance. In the near future she will be available on a regular basis at the JFS Kosher Mealsite, to meet with participants and help them with health insurance concerns. She

will provide updated information on all health insurance options, help sort out problems and answer questions.

Modisette, who also serves as Jewish Family Service home care coordinator, has much experience working with seniors to solve their care needs. In her daily role she identifies needs, helps coordinate services and referrals, handles daily requests for service and schedules home care service certified nursing assistants.

Along with a hot kosher meal every weekday, the mealsite offers a variety of activities and entertainment throughout the month.

- The May schedule includes:
- Bingo — May 6, 13, 17, 24, and 27
  - Dance Therapy — May 10
  - Health Insurance Information Program — May 11 at 11 a.m.
  - Tai Chi — May 25 at 11:15 a.m.
  - Visits from the Bureau of Jewish Education Bookmobile — May 12 and 26

- Birthday party with cake and entertainment — May 20
- Exercise Class — May 12, 19 and 26
- Nutrition Meeting — May 18 at 11 a.m.
- Blood Pressure Screening with the Registered Nurses from Jewish Family Service — May 13 and 27
- Mother's Day Celebration Luncheon — May 7
- Men's/Women's Discussion Groups — Every Friday
- Weekly Shabbat Meal — Every Friday

The mealsite will be closed on May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Programs usually begin at 11 a.m. and a nutritious, hot kosher lunch is served at noon. Every Friday, there is a special Shabbat meal, complete with candles, challah and kiddush.

The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. Transportation is available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick. For reservations and information, call Mealsite Coordinator Ronda French at 781-1771.

## Mother's Day Tea

*Make-Believe Tea Party*



Men and women throughout Rhode Island are being invited to host a very special tea party that will take place at 3 p.m. on May 9. No cookies or crumpets will be served and no one will dress up for it. What then makes it so special?

It's called Mother's Day Tea (Make-Believe Tea Party) and is being held to raise funds for the research and support efforts of the Leukemia Society of America. Friends are invited to have "a cup of tea at the hour of three" on behalf of those with leukemia.

Marilyn J. Almond, wife of Gov. Lincoln Almond, is the honorary chairperson. Suzette Defond is the 1999 chairwoman for the Mother's Day Tea and the mother of 7-year-old Ryan, a leukemia patient.

Pre-printed invitations, envelopes, tea bags and return envelopes for your donation, will be sent on request for you to personalize and send to your personal mailing list.

The Mother's Day Tea has raised more than \$200,000 nationwide. The mission of the society is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

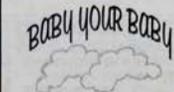
If you, your club or organization are interested in learning more about how you can host your own Mother's Day Tea (Make-Believe Tea Party), call the Leukemia Society of America at 943-8888.

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## Call Goes Out to Area Artists

Wickford Art Association issues a call for entries for its 10th annual Open Juried Photography Show. The competition is open to black-and-white and color photography. Cash prizes will be awarded in both categories.

Artists may enter up to four photographs; the entry fee is \$8/entry or \$30 for four. Entry fees are not refundable. All work submitted must be current, original, and not have been shown at the Wickford Art Association Gallery before. Work must be framed, wired, and ready to hang. Sawtooth hangers and wire clips are not acceptable. Artists may register their work on May 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. or May 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford.

All work juried into the show will be exhibited May 21 through June 3. The opening reception for the show is May 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

For information, call 294-6840.

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## Uncle Tony's Pizza and Big Brothers of R.I. Will Hold Walk-a-Thon

The annual Uncle Tony's Pizza and Pasta/Big Brothers of Rhode Island Walk-a-Thon for Fatherless Boys will be held on May 15 at the Rhode Island State House. The Walk-a-Thon will be a community celebration.

Registration will be held at the State House at 9 a.m. The walk starts at 10 a.m. Participants should get there early.

Ed Carosi is the chairman. Salty Brine is the master of ceremonies and Harry Kizirian will serve as Veterans' chairman.

The opening ceremonies will include:

1. Opening prayer by Rev. Howard C. Olsen
2. Color presentation by the R.I. National Guard
3. The singing of our national anthem by Michaela Petrone and Elizabeth Petrone Charlebois

4. Greetings from former First Lady Marjorie Sundlun, Loreen D'Ambra, the Child Advocate for R.I., Hon. Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., mayor of the city of Providence.

After the beautiful opening ceremonies, walkers will enjoy a 5-mile walk around the east side of Providence. Upon returning to the State House, there will be raffles, clowns and plenty of food provided by Del's Lemonade, Hood's orange juice, Newport Creamery ice cream, Providence Marriott dessert and Uncle Tony's pizza!

At the conclusion of the festivities, the children's choir from the Holy Cross Church of G-d in Christ will entertain the gathering. The Walk-a-Thon will be significant and will unite our entire society as well as raise needed funding for Big Brothers of Rhode Island.

## Make a Difference... Purchase a Plant

The Southside Community Land Trust will hold its annual plant sale on May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Farm, 288 Dudley St., Providence. Land Trust members only will be admitted from 9 to 10 a.m.; membership may be purchased at the gate. The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds of the sale benefit the non-profit Land Trust's community garden program.

With the 1999 annual plant sale, Southside Community Land Trust continues to offer the best of new and traditional vegetables, annuals, perennials, and tropicals for both vegetable patches and perennial borders here in New England.

The SCLT believes that city dwellers are entitled to a healthy environment. Community gardens produce food, provide urban open space, reduce the blighting influence of vacant lots, supply recreational opportunities, and offer a setting in which people can learn their relationship to nature.

For more information about the plant sale or the community garden programs, call the Southside Community Land Trust office at 273-9419.



## An Evening of Fun Planned at Edgewood Yacht Club

Edgewood Yacht Club in Cranston will be the site of a fund-raising auction to be held on May 14 at 7 p.m. The auction will benefit the fund-raising efforts of the Edgewood Sailing School — a non-profit organization which has been teaching area children and adults the sport of sailing on Narragansett Bay for almost 50 years.

The event will feature a wine tasting of Sakonnet Vineyard wines, live jazz music by Justin Holden, and silent and live auctions of numerous items ranging from marine items and services, jewelry, a watercolor painting by Maxwell Mays, memberships in area clubs, va-

cation condos, sunset cruises and a chance to win a seat aboard one of America's Cup yachts during a match race in Newport.

The Edgewood Sailing School's mission is to provide an educational and competitive environment that promotes fun and learning.

The program focuses on developing skills at all levels from beginner to collegiate, while encouraging exposure to world class sailing. The school's fleet of boats is aging, and this year Edgewood Sailing School has embarked upon an ambitious fund-raising effort in order to buy new boats for the school's various classes.



## Have Tea Among The Daffodils

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum is hosting a series of English-style afternoon teas and a special Children's Tea in 1999. Each tea will offer a gracious and elegant step into the past at the legendary Blithewold setting, while showcasing the creative culinary talents of local caterers, and will feature a tantalizing array of scones, cookies, sweet breads, and tea sandwiches.

Teas will take place on June 7, June 28 and Sept. 20, with seatings at 2 and 4 p.m. A special Mother's Day Tea is scheduled for May 9, at 3 p.m. and the Children's Tea is scheduled for June 28 with seatings at 2 and 4 p.m.

The fee is \$12 for Blithewold members and \$15 for non-members, with fees for children at \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Reserve early as teas fill up fast. Seating is limited. Reservations can be made by mail or by credit card by calling 253-2707.

## Island Moving Co. Performs at RIC

Newport's Island Moving Co. will perform in Providence this spring at Rhode Island College's Roberts Auditorium May 9 at 7 p.m. The company presents a program perfect for a Mother's Day outing, performing dances romantic, humorous and engaging. Tickets are \$15; \$8 for seniors, students and children under 12. The company will perform on May 10 at 10 a.m. at Roberts Auditorium for school groups.

For information and to charge tickets over the phone, call the Island Moving Co. at 847-4470. Group sales are available. Tickets to the schooltime performance on May 10 are \$4 per student and may be reserved by calling the IMC. The 10 a.m. performance will include brief commentary by artistic director, Miki Ohlsen.

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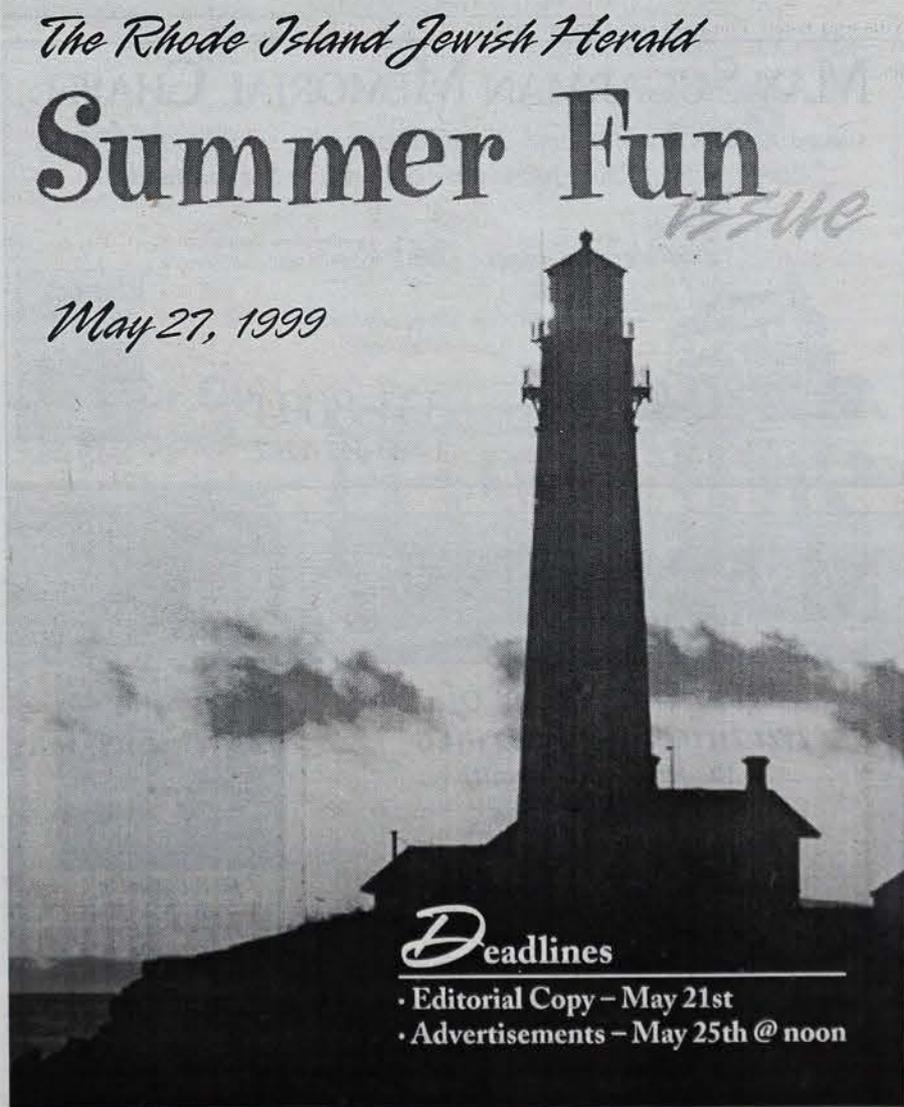
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# OBITUARIES

**ADA P. (LEVIN) ARKANASE**  
TAUNTON, Mass. — Ada P. (Levin) Arkanase, a longtime resident of Taunton, Mass., formerly of Woonsocket, died May 3 at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She was 89 years of age. She was the wife of the late Reuben Arkanase.

She had been a longtime member of Congregation Agudath Achim in Taunton, Mass.

She is survived by a daughter, Golda Stoltz of Buffalo Grove, Ill., and two sons, Arthur and Russell Arkanase, both of Taunton, Mass.; a brother, Zelmor Levin of Wellfleet, Mass., and two sisters, Ernestine Vogel of Boynton Beach, Fla. and Iris Jacobs of Sharon, Mass.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Congregation Agudath Achim in Taunton, Mass., on May 5. Interment followed at the Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Taunton, Mass. Arrangements were by Levine-Briss Funeral Home, 84 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph, Mass.

**FLORENCE SHERMAN SHARON**, Mass. — Florence (Greenside) Sherman died May 3, formerly of Sharon, Mass. She was the wife of the late Bill Sherman.

She is survived by a daughter Rhonda (and Kenneth) Carey; a sister Myron Greenside; grandchildren, Naomi and Rachel.

Private graveside services were held at Sharon Memorial Park Cemetery, Sharon, Mass., on May 5. Arrangements were by Schlossberg & Solomon Memorial Chapel, Canton, Mass.

**CHARLES J. STEINGOLD LINCOLN** — Charles J. Steingold, 75, of 1 Michael Drive, an international consultant in the automotive industry and a wholesale car dealer since 1958, died May 1 at Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Providence. He was the husband of Anne (Resnick) Steingold.

Born in Pawtucket, a son of the late M.L. and Anna (Schaffer) Steingold, he had lived in Paw-

tucket, North Miami, Fla., and Providence, before moving to Lincoln 10 years ago.

He was the owner of the former Arena Motors in Providence during the 1940s, and Charles Stuart Motor Co., North Miami, from 1952 until 1968.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was past commander of the Fineman-Trinkle Post of the Jewish War Veterans, a member of Temple Beth-Eland a founding member of Temple Sinai, North Miami.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Larry Steingold of Cranston; a brother, Stuart Steingold of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister, Herma Pobbis in California; and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Esther Kaplan.

The funeral service was held May 3 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.

## Without A G-d

by Herb Brown ©1978

How can there be  
So many faces of all different  
races,  
And languages spoken with  
tongues that are "broken,"  
Without a G-d?

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

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

How can there be  
A bright and yellow golden  
sun,  
And darkness to follow  
when day is done,  
And the sky remains clear as  
a summer day  
from the moon — forever far  
away  
Without a G-d?

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

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

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

How can there be  
Pain and comfort, wrong and  
right,  
Standing brave but feeling  
fright,  
And wood, and stone, and  
iron and steel,  
And senses to hear, and see,  
and feel,  
Without a G-d?

How can there be  
Muscle and bone and flesh  
and blood,  
And a flower to bloom from  
just a bud,  
The "Seven Wonders of the  
World,"  
The miraculous birth of Boy  
and Girl,  
Without a G-d?

There could not be  
The four winds that never  
cease,  
Fish or fowl, bird or beast,  
An ocean, a desert, a flower  
or tree,  
Or life on earth for you or  
me,  
Without a G-d.

## In Memory

*In Memoriam Verses for our fallen veterans will be published on Thursday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday.*

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## Itzhak Levanon Speaks of The Elections and More

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by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

RIJH: What are the most pressing issues in Israel right now?

IL: Certainly the elections. But that does not mean we are ignoring other topics. We are very concerned about what is going on in Kosovo.

RIJH: What has the Israeli response been?

IL: For Israel, seeing images of displaced people and hearing terms such as "ethnic cleansing" brought back terrible memories of the Holocaust. We were among the first nations to send aid. We sent 20 planes with food, and we established a unique field hospital between Kosovo and Macedonia. The mobile hospital has 10 doctors, a very large staff, and is fully equipped with modern equipment. That way, the medical staff can take care of patients without having to move them. Thousands have received treatment.

RIJH: The mobile hospital has received a lot of press coverage.

IL: Considering that it was established by such a tiny country when Europe and the USA are involved, it's pretty incredible. But it shows the intensity and magnitude with which we perceive this tragedy.

RIJH: What is Israel's position on the Milosevic government?

IL: The political aspects have nothing to do with us. We do not want to interfere with them, but there is a difference between the political and human aspects. We have helped, we will continue to help, and we would like to see a solution to this human tragedy.

RIJH: What are the top election issues?

IL: The peace process. Then there are domestic issues such as unemployment, the economy and social problems. There is the question of Jerusalem (the Palestinians want to claim East

Jerusalem as the capital of their proposed state — Israel is opposed to this.)

Then there is a fourth issue, which is not really a direct issue, but something that has come about as the result of the three previous ones, and that is the question of religious versus secular. The religious are likely to go with Netanyahu, because his party (Likud) will form coalitions with the religious parties in the Knesset. The perception of Barak (of Labor) is that his party will form its coalitions with the left, so he appeals to the secular voters. Although this is not really an issue, Israelis are aware that there can be no government without coalitions, so they think about them. All coalitions require a political price.

RIJH: Are Israelis generally united behind any of these issues?

IL: The nation feels that Jerusalem should be the united undivided capital of Israel. Another consensus is that we would all like to reach a final peace settlement. No one is arguing — we would all like to live quietly with our neighbors. The questions are about how to realize it.

## Camp Massasoit Holds Open House

Summer is on the way and with it fun-filled, sunny days at Camp Massasoit. The Cranston YMCA Day Camp is located on 22 acres near Oak Swamp Reservoir in Johnston. With the introduction of specialty camps the YMCA of Cranston will now offer certain two-week sessions at their building on Park Avenue and at the brand-new Cranston Community Youth Center located at 155 Gansett Ave., Cranston.

For those unfamiliar with the new Youth Center, the Cranston Y or with Camp Massasoit, the Cranston YMCA is offering three open houses. On May 16 from noon to 2 p.m. and on June 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., parents and children will be able to wander around Camp Massasoit enjoying the large oak groves and the beauty of the Oak Swamp Reservoir. Also meet the staff and have all of your questions answered.

Camp registration has already begun. For more information concerning specialty camps and Camp Massasoit, contact the Cranston YMCA at 943-0444 or stop by at 1225 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I.

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Diabetes Association, Inc., is seeking volunteers for Camp EDI, a summer day camp for youth with diabetes, their siblings and friends from the Greater Fall River and Greater New Bedford areas. Adult counselors, age 18 and over, are needed. Training is provided. Located on the South Watuppa Pond in Westport, Mass., at the Fall River Rod and Gun Club, Camp EDI runs weekdays, July 12 through 30. Volunteer hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sign up for one, two or three weeks. People with diabetes are especially encouraged to volunteer. For more information, call the Diabetes Association, Inc., at (508) 672-5671.

## Network Volunteer Program Seeks Volunteers

Help Victims of Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault

If you care about the issues of domestic abuse and sexual assault and want to lend a hand to victims, you are a perfect candidate for the Network Volunteer Advocate Training Program.

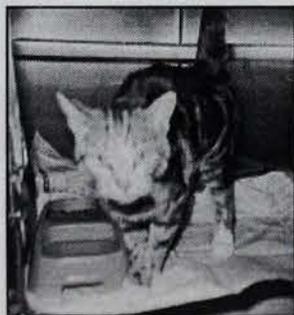
The Network is an innovative statewide partnership among agencies dedicated to ending violence against women, with the goal of serving the needs of survivors in Rhode Island. It is comprised of the Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its six domestic violence member agencies.

The next training will begin June 5. If you are interested in working with others to end violence against women or if you want more information, contact the Network at 421-4100 or Bobbi Houllahan at the Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center of Rhode Island at 421-4100.

## Did You Lose A Cat, or Do You Just Want to Adopt?

Extremely affectionate female cat. Domestic short-hair tiger. She is a stray that has been at the shelter since April 8. She is looking for a loving home.

Very pretty female, calico cat. She is a stray that has been at the shelter since April 13 and is in need of a new home. (below)



These are just two of several cats and kittens that are available for adoption. Our litter of kittens are not yet old enough to leave their mother, but applications can be placed to hold a kitten(s).

Come down and check out our new cat room, which opened on April 20, as well as the many wonderful animals in need of new homes.

Come visit and see our selection at the Volunteer Services for Animals Providence Chapter, 7 Service Road, Providence, R.I., 941-6830

## Armed Forces Day E-Card a Way to Say 'Thank You'

Armed Forces Day is May 15. With members of the military involved in Kosovo, Iraq and other deployments, now is the time to say a special "Thank You" to them. Yet, you cannot find a greeting card in most stores for Armed Forces Day. That is why The American Legion has created a special card for sending via e-mail.

A visit to The American Legion's website <www.legion.org> is the first step. Just click on the link from the front page, fill in the e-mail information, select the appropriate branch of service, type your message, click on "send" and the card is on its way. There is no charge.

This is the first time The American Legion has undertaken an Armed Forces Day project. The nation's largest veterans organization will monitor usage. If the program is successful, the artwork offerings will be expanded in future years.

Increasing American forces are being called upon to do more with fewer resources. These deployments to countless spots around the world bring hardships. Legionnaires encourage everyone to let those in the military know that their sacrifice and service are appreciated. Since commercial cards are not readily available, The American Legion established this tribute by e-mail communications.

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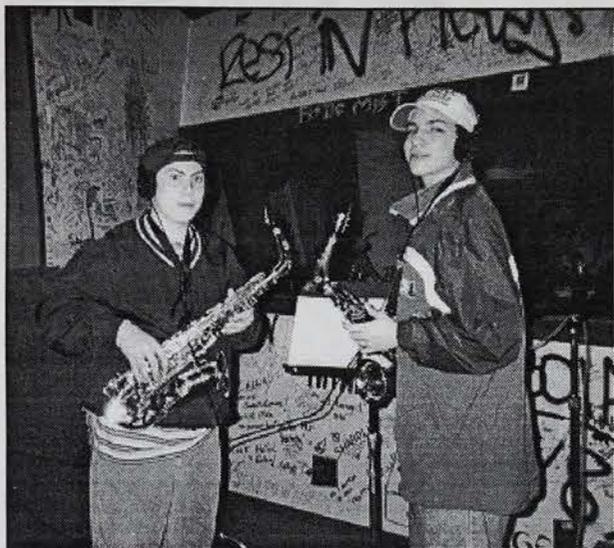
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Photo by Liz Goldberg

## R.I. Community Food Bank Announces Child Poverty Awareness Week

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank and the George Wiley Center have designated the week of May 8 through 14 Child Poverty Awareness Week in order to focus attention on the growing problem of children living in poverty in Rhode Island. According to the 1999 Kids Count Factbook, there were 39,040 poor children in the state in 1996, accounting for 18 percent of all children. This is an increase from 30,022 (14 percent) in 1990. In addition, 43 percent of the R.I. Community Food Bank's food recipients are children. The organization estimates that one in four R.I. children are at risk of hunger.

The Food Bank, George Wiley Center, and other community groups have convinced the governor and legislature to convene a special "Leadership Summit on Child Poverty" in June, with the goal of developing an action plan for reversing the child poverty trend. The activities during Child Poverty Awareness Week are designed to raise food, funds, and awareness around this important issue.

#### Schedule of Events

May 8 — National Associa-

tion of Letter Carriers' Food Drive. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the letter carriers' seventh annual food drive by leaving a bag of non-perishable food by their mailbox on Saturday morning. The letter carriers will pick it up and deliver it to the food bank and other hunger-fighting agencies.

**May 10 at 8:30 p.m. and May 12 at 11:30 a.m.** 39-Hour Fast for R.I. Children in Poverty. Join a coalition of community groups in fasting one hour for every 1,000 Rhode Island children 17 years old or younger living in poverty. The fast will bring greater public policy attention to the crisis of child poverty and build public support for the summit. The fast also provides a sharp contrast to Taste of the Nation, the annual fund-raiser celebrating food and wine, to be held on May 12.

**May 10, 8 p.m.:** Fast kick-off event at the State House Rotunda (fast begins at 8:30 p.m.).

**May 12, 11:30 a.m.:** Breakfast ceremony at the State House Rotunda.

There are two other fasting options for those who want to participate for less than 39 hours:

**Twenty-seven hour:** One hour for every 1,000 Rhode Island children 11 years old or younger living in poverty (begins **May 11** at 8:30 a.m., ends **May 12** at 11:30 a.m.)

**Fifteen hours:** One hour for every 1,000 Rhode Island children 5 years old or younger living in poverty (begins **May 11** at 8:30 p.m., ends **May 12** at 11:30 a.m.).

Young children are not encouraged to fast at all, and teenagers should not participate beyond the 15-hour fast (missing breakfast). Others who should not fast at all include pregnant and lactating women, diabetics, those with cancer, gout, stomach ulcers, liver, kidney, heart or lung disease, or anyone with immune system problems.

To register for the fast, call the Food Bank at 826-3073. We will send out an information packet and a button to wear during the fast.

**May 12 — 7 to 10 p.m.** Taste of the Nation. More than 100 regional restaurants, wineries, breweries, and pastry chefs will serve up their very best to southeastern New England food lovers at the Rhode Island Convention Center for the 12th annual Taste of the Nation. This year's gourmet food and wine-tasting event benefits the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, the George Wiley Center, Amos House, Operation Frontline, and international hunger relief agencies.

General admission tickets are \$40. Patron tickets, including a pre-event reception and valet parking cost \$100. Tickets can be purchased at Eastside Marketplace in Providence and Newport, or by calling (800) 495-4024. For more information, call Rosie Connors at 431-0080, or visit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank website at <[www.rifoodbank.org](http://www.rifoodbank.org)>.

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The screening will consist of a quick physical examination by a physician and then an explanation of each individual's results by a nurse. Informative literature on early detection and prevention of skin cancer will be available along with free samples of sunscreen. Examinations will be administered by Orazio Basile, M.D., Stephen E. Glinick, M.D., and Elizabeth A. Welch M.D.