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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

- Ten of Holocaust survivors, some wearing yellow stars, demonstrated recently in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv against the way reparations monies received from Germany were distributed. One of the demonstrators, Esther Gelbelman, said with tears in her eyes, "For three years I was in a concentration camp and I saw my whole family perish. Today I am alone, with no money for a senior citizen's home." Demonstration organizer Yaffa Golan, who is the number two candidate in the "Power to the Retirees Party" election list, explained that the survivors are demonstrating against the treatment of the Finance Ministry towards survivors who arrived in Israel after the reparations agreement went into effect in the 1950s. Golan also claimed that the Finance Ministry is holding \$60 million belonging to the survivors due to bureaucratic tangles.
- "You have a heart as strong as a horse's heart," a Magen David Adom doctor in Bet-Shean told a 53-year-old man, but three days later the man died of a heart attack. The man's widow is suing MDA and the doctor for medical negligence causing her husband's death. In 1993, according to the claim, the MDA doctor examined the man, who was complaining of heart trouble. The doctor gave the man a prescription for one tranquilizer a day, told him he was as healthy as a horse, and sent him home. Three days later the man again felt heart pain, and again called the doctor. As the doctor began to examine him, the man went unconscious. The doctor called for an intensive care ambulance, but did not try electric shock, or resuscitation, despite the clear signs of a heart attack. According to a Health Ministry inquiry into the matter, the doctor is guilty of an error in judgement, and should have taken the man's complaint more seriously.

## NCJW Honors The Sollosys at 1999 Community Service Award Luncheon

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Warmth, humor and the signature poems of Chairperson Eunice Greenfield all sparkled as the National Council of Jewish Women paid tribute to Gladys and Sheldon Sollosy at its 1999 Community Service Award Luncheon.

On May 5, hundreds of guests including Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and former Gov. Bruce Sundlun all gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Providence to honor the Sollosys and show their support for the R.I. NCJW at its largest annual event. Established in 1978 by the Rhode Island section of the NCJW to honor those who best exemplify its highest ideals of commitment to human need, the luncheon generates proceeds that benefit NCJW projects at local and national levels.

After Greenfield's poetic welcome and an invocation from Rabbi Mark S. Bloom of Temple Torat Yisrael, R.I. section co-presidents, Carol Brooklyn and Nan Levine, provided an overview of the organization and an update on its endeavors.

The oldest national Jewish women's volunteer organization in America, the NCJW is organized into sections that work towards helping people through advocacy, research, education and community services. "There are sections in 35 states and 500 communities, and

they are making a difference in the lives of millions," said Brooklyn.

Levine then outlined the R.I. sections' special projects and accomplishments.

Ruth Markoff NCJW Library Media Center has been created at the Textron Chamber of Commerce School, and how NCJW members volunteer there as well as at numerous other programs.

they also continue to welcome émigrés from the FSU. They have made various contributions to the lending library the NCJW funded for its HIPPY program (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters), which continues to benefit at-risk children and their families. At present, Levine said, the NCJW is intensifying its efforts to combat domestic violence, and has contributed volunteer time as well as toiletries, toys, household items and clothing to local shelters for women.

"We have raised camps and scholarships for youngsters in need, including some at Camp Ruggles, R.I.'s only camp for emotionally handicapped children," she continued. "Without these camps, the children would spend their summers on the street or at home."

As the program moved from the contributions of the NCJW to those of the Sollosys, NCJW members read proclamations from Gov. Lincoln Almond and a warm congratulatory letter from their daughter, Harriet, son-in-law Earl, and seven grand-children, who all reside in Israel.

Next, Cianci stepped to the podium to offer tributes and Citizen's Citations. "I wanted to be here because Sheldon never met a board he didn't want to serve on and because Gladys could never say 'no' to anything," he laughed. "Sheldon did not just work in our cherished Jewish community but beyond it, and Gladys is something else. Theirs is a shared partnership of togetherness, and there is not an organization in this city that they have not touched."

As Rabbi Bloom and Gov. Sundlun paid honor to them as well, a portrait of the couple emerged. Both natives of Massachusetts, the couple met in Boston. Gladys was a legal secretary and graduate of Boston University's College of Practical Arts and Letters. Sheldon attended Northeastern University and Boston University Business School.

In 1949, the couple married, and after Sheldon finished his Army service in 1954, they opened Manpower Inc. of Providence.

Although Sheldon became its first and only president that year, he and Gladys also found a great deal of time to get involved in community affairs.

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ROBERT RIESMAN (left) presents Gladys and Sheldon Sollosy with the NCJW's 1999 Community Service Award.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

"We attracted 84 new members this year," she declared as the audience applauded. "We pursue issues of social justice for women and children, work towards maintaining the separation of church and state, go into the schools, and more. We work on the most pressing issues of today."

Levine spoke of how The

"The Jewish Response to Literacy has 80 volunteers from the Jewish community, and 20 of them are from the NCJW," she said. NCJW members, Levine said, keep its programs running. Through "Shalom Israel," they have made some 700 visits to public schools sixth-grades to educate students about Israeli history and culture, and



### Travolta, Eat Your Heart Out!

They've got rhythm. Isaac Zussman and Sophie Kieffer, fourth-grade students at the Alperin Schechter Day School, show their expertise during swing dance lessons.

Photo by Liz Goldberg

# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment For Children

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

### May

- 13 **Play and Learn.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m. preschoolers ages 2 to 4 play games and stretch their imaginations in Littlewoods, a magical woodland environment designed specifically for adventurous toddlers.
- 14 **Preschool Friday: Stories Aloud.** From 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. preschoolers ages 3 to 5 listen to Eric Carle's stories about bugs. Small artistic wonders take paintbrushes in hand and imaginatively create colorful bugs of their own, using Carle's distinctive paint and collage technique. Pre-registration for an eight-week series is recommended for this program. Call 273-KIDS, ext. 234 for enrollment information. There may be space available for same-day registration. There is \$1 fee above the price of admission for same-day registration.
- 15 **Find Out... About Rhode Island's Past.** From 1 to 3 p.m., children ages 7 and older come face-to-face with Rhode Island history as actor David Ely portrays Roger Williams and Samuel Slater. Kids can ask Williams about what Puritan life was like long ago and quiz Slater on textile trivia. Ely's performance truly makes history come alive with his comfortable, spontaneous and historically accurate interaction with kids and families.
- 16 **Soft And New.** From 1 to 3 p.m., children ages 3 and up celebrate the circle of life by meeting cuddly and soft babies of spring. Animal lovers pet bunnies, lambs and kids, noticing how different the little ones are from their parents. Harvard Pilgrim Health Care New England members can bring in their member cards and receive one free admission to the museum.
- 18 **History Mystery.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 7 and up play detective as they investigate strange and curious objects from the past. Using deductive reasoning, young sleuths attempt to decipher what these historical objects were used for, and by whom.
- 19 **Science Stew: Slime.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., children ages 5 and up become mini mad scientists as they mix ordinary — and non-toxic — ingredients and cook up a concoction of slippery slime. Kids delight in chemical comedy as this gooey gel slips through their fingers and tickles their funny bones.

## Calendar: May 13th thru May 19th

- 13 **Hope Essential High School** presents a one-act comedy, "Svetlana's New Flame," at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., Cranston. 7 p.m. Set in Brooklyn, Coney Island and Brighton Beach, the comedy concerns the immigrant experience in America. \$2. Call 781-2450.  
**Annual Spring Show and Sale** at South County Art Association, Helme House Gallery and Pottery Workshop, 2587 Kingstown Road, Kingston. May 13 through 16. Free admission. Call 783-2195 for times.
- 14 **Annual Spring Ballet Divertissement.** "La Esmeralda," music by Drigo; "Polovtsian Dances," music by Borodin and "Celebration Waltz," music by Strauss are the featured dances performed at Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College, Providence, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.; May 15 at 5 p.m. Call 334-2560.  
**1999 Plant Sale & Bazaar** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cold Spring Community Center, Beach Street, Wickford. May 14 and 15. Call 294-1034.  
**AS220, 115 Empire St., Providence,** welcomes "Geri Verde Presents The Blue Lady," an evening of celebrating the women of blues music. 9 p.m. \$7. Call 831-9327.
- 15 **12th Annual Thayer Street Art Festival** from noon to 5 p.m. More than 100 artists, kids activities and food.  
**The Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence,** presents the Bell Atlantic Big Screen Movie Series, "From Here to Eternity," 1 and 7 p.m. Call 421-ARTS.  
**The Paw Sox** step up to the plate to take on Louisville, May 15 through 18 at McCoy Stadium. Sat., 6 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.; Mon., 6 p.m.; Tues., noon. Call 724-7300.  
**The Cranston Historical Society** holds its annual flea market on the grounds of Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston St., Cranston, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The society's bake sale will be the highlight of the day!  
**The Stadium Theatre, Monument Square, Woonsocket,** presents a "Charlie Chaplin Film Festival" featuring the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra of New York. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$15. Call 762-4545.  
**The Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahanton St., Newton,** presents a dance for singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s. 8 p.m. to midnight. DJ, light refreshments and a cash bar. Members \$10; non-members \$12. Call (617) 558-6442.  
**The Athletic Jewish Professionals** celebrate spring with an outdoor tennis and pizza party. Bring your own water, racket and a can of tennis balls. Light refreshments will be served. Members \$3; non-members \$5. (Price doesn't include pizza.) Newton North High School, Newton, Mass. Call (508) 650-1829.  
**Comedian Jackie Mason** brings his side-splitting comedy to Foxwood Resort and Casino, Mashantucket, Conn., Exit 92 off Route 95. Tickets for the 9 p.m. performance are \$33 and \$49.50. Call (800) 200-2882.
- 16 **The Providence Athenaeum, 251 Benefit St., Providence,** presents Jane Whitehead, editor-in-chief and founder of Etruscan Studies and director of the archaeological excavations at LaPrana, Italy, for a lecture "The Art and Culture of the Etruscans." 3 p.m. Call 421-6970.  
**The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth** hosts a spring college fair from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Francis Tripp Athletic Center. Call (508) 999-8605.  
**Perspectives** presents a Rosh Chodesh Get-Together. This month's theme: Shavuot/The Giving of The Torah. All women are invited to connect with old traditions and create new ones. 7:30 p.m. 106 Angell St., Providence. Call Marcie, 946-3796.
- 17 **The Providence Journal's "Unique Lives & Experiences"** lecture series concludes with poet, playwright and author Maya Angelou. 7 p.m. The Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence. Call 421-ARTS for ticket information.
- 19 **The Athletic Jewish Professionals** are having a party and you're invited. An Early Evening of Exercise and Eating begins with a walk around the Brookline Reservoir for about one hour followed by a delicious Chinese dinner at Ming Garden. Meet at Reservoir on the middle greens by Dudley Street and Dudley Way. Free for members, \$3 for non-members. (Don't forget money for dinner.) Call (508) 650-1829.

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## Bringing The Issue of Breast Cancer to The Forefront

Waking Dreams & Warrior Women, a collaborative project of physicians and artists to promote breast health awareness and the understanding that "Healing is art and Art is healing," is honored to present its premiere multi-media production on May 21 through 23 in Providence, R.I., at the Carriage House Theater.

"Flight From Slumber" was inspired by original piano music composed by Mona Dumais following her trials with inflammatory breast cancer. The dances capture the mood of this incredible journey — full of pains, sorrows, joys and victories and aim to evoke movements that reveal the dark spirals and periods of relief that affect the patients and their families. As a multi-media production, "Flight From Slumber" uses music, dance sculpture and slides to translate these emotions of hope and courage for the general public. The choreography was done by BetheAnne DeLuca-Verley, M.D., Donald Acevedo and Colleen Cavanaugh, M.D., the artistic director of The Cadence Dance Project.

- Tickets: \$50 per person, \$30 students and seniors
- Tax deductible donation
- Ticket information: 273-9009 or 245-5449.

Dates and times are May 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and May 23 at 4 p.m.



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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## NCJW

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### Hope Webbing Partners With Hadassah to Bring 500 Dolls to Children at Hasbro Children's Hospital

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Hadassah and Hope Webbing may not seem to have much in common.

Hadassah is a Jewish women's volunteer organization while Hope Webbing is a Cumberland-based textile company.

However, on May 6, the two organizations came together to celebrate a successful partnership created to advance a common interest — the well-being of young patients at Hasbro Children's Hospital who will receive 500 special dolls created for them by volunteers at Hope Webbing.

As Jill Olsen, pediatric coordinator of Volunteer and Patient Representative Services at Hasbro Children's Hospital explained, these special dolls greatly benefit pediatric patients.

"Each child admitted is given one of these 'medical teaching dolls,'" said Olsen. "The doctors and nurses use the dolls to teach the children about the medicine or surgery that they will need. They use them to visually show procedures that they will undergo, and also to explain to them why they are feeling a certain way."

"The children bond to the dolls," explained Lorraine Webber, president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah. "They are plain muslin, and the children are encouraged to draw their own faces on them. As the child survives, so does the doll. The project has gained international recognition."

According to Hope Webbing Director of Human Resources Dorothy Mattiello, the project moved 60 of the company's some 500 employees so deeply that they helped it to exceed expectations. "We had a goal of 200 dolls," said Mattiello. "Instead, we are going to give 500." As employees and Hadassah members applauded, Hope Webbing CEO David Casty spoke of the special significance of the drive.

"The beauty of this project is that it knows no race or religion," said Casty. "I only know

of a few Jewish people here — the vast majority of contributors are not Jewish, but they crossed the boundary — they have to help everyone. I commend all of you for the beautiful work you do — you were doing it for the children."

we never could come close to producing this much. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

After Mayor James Doyle of Pawtucket dispatched fire and police mascots to the hospital to signify the spirit of community

"I'm proud to receive this torch and these supplies," said Ethier from behind a huge box of dolls. "I hope we can do as good a job as the employees at Hope Webbing."

Although most of the dolls were undecorated in compli-



LORRAINE WEBBER (left) president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah with Hadassah member Shirley Schreiber at Hope Webbing.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

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President of the Rhode Island Hospital Foundation Doris Feinberg accepted the dolls, noting the critical importance of volunteers and donations for a hospital dedicated to caring for children regardless of their families' ability to pay.

"We take care of anyone who walks through our doors," Feinberg said. "Be proud of yourselves, because you made it happen."

Both Casty and Hadassah member Shirley Schreiber spoke of the growing importance of corporate sponsors if such projects are to continue to happen.

"Eight years ago, I started doing this with a pair of old scissors," she said. "In all the years we've been making dolls,

outreach, Betty Ethier of Occupations Unlimited spoke of her company's obligations as the project's next corporate sponsor.

ance with Hadassah standards, one of them had been made into an angel.

# OPINION

## A Double Portion of Manna

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler

As the sun sets each Friday evening, Jewish families get together to celebrate Shabbat with blessings, songs and a festive meal. The candles have already been kindled and the soft glow of the lights warms the room. Family members and their guests gather around the dining room table to recite the *Kiddush*, a blessing that inaugurates and blesses the Sabbath. The word *Kiddush* stems from the world *Kedushah* which means holiness. The two significant phrases of this rather lengthy blessing are *zicharon I'maasheh bereshit*, recalling the work of the creation and *zecher I'tziat mitzraim*, remembering the Exodus from Egypt, the deliverance from persecution.

From our recent Passover seders we recall the concern for freedom, the liberation from oppression that the Haggadah emphasizes. Since our Seder, my mind has been drawn to the bombings in Yugoslavia and the refugee problem in Kosovo. We Jews know what ethnic cleansing and genocide is all about. What can we do about it? Send money to relief organizations? I don't know. It's like giving money to the homeless knowing that it won't solve any problems. But perhaps that's all we can do right now. In the long run, we can do our part to mature as spiritually evolved human beings.

Consider how different this world would be if Milosevic and others like him were holy saints. Unfortunately, they're now too busy acquiring and safeguarding their power. Think of how this issue, and others like it, would turn out if the world leaders had a sense of love and respect for everyone. The Serbian problem, like any other incident of famine, oppression and human suffering, is nothing more than another struggle for power.

How different is this than Pharaoh's hardened heart to keep the Israelites in bondage? The Haggadah tells us "the Eternal brought us forth from Egypt not by means of an angel, nor by means of a Seraph not by means of a messenger; but the most Holy, in His own glory." In other words, only through trust in G-d's will can conflicts and war be resolved.

Shabbat is the most essential Jewish element in attaining spiritual growth. Many religions depend upon monasteries and retreats to discover the contemplative life. These havens are structures in space. To separate themselves from the ways of other nations, Judaism constructed a monastery in time which we call Shabbat. In Shabbat we find a refuge from the issues of the week where one could get away and reflect upon our lives and in time explore the deeper the meanings of our inner existence. We don't have to go very far; we can find quiet and solitude right in our own backyards.

On Shabbat we remember the Exodus. The Friday night *Kiddush* is then followed by the blessing of the bread, the *challah*. On most Shabbat tables we find two loaves of bread. Here's how the Torah describes its origin: "And the Lord said to Moses, I will rain down bread (Manna) for you from the sky, and the people shall go out and gather each day that day's portion... but on the sixth day (Friday) when they prepare what they brought in, it shall prove to be double the amount they gather each day." (Exodus 16:4)

By not working, by not cooking or refraining from activity, prescribed by Jewish law that disturbs the order of Creation, we receive first hand experience that our every need gets satisfied and that we don't have to

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## Violence in Schools is Preventable Says Education Secretary

The U.S. Secretary of Education recently told a meeting of Anti-Defamation League leaders that the nation's schools remain safe despite the recent massacre of students in Littleton, Colo. But he said violence is only preventable if parents teach children about tolerance and keep weapons out of reach.

"Unfortunately, the tragedy at Littleton represents a new scale and level of school violence. At its most basic, it says something about the easy ability of young people to get access to guns and other weapons," Secretary Richard Riley told ADL's National Leadership Conference. It reaffirms what should already be an unambiguous message to all law-abiding gun owners in America — lock up your guns."

Secretary Riley said violent

incidents like the shootings in Littleton, while unfortunate, are preventable, provided parents and teachers learn to recognize early warning signs in troubled children and teach all children lessons of tolerance and diversity.

Riley credited ADL's successful A World of Difference® Institute program for seeking to mitigate the effects of hate through a comprehensive approach to anti-bias education. Through funding provided by the education department, the institute's Stop the Hate program includes training for teachers, administrators and community leaders to empower all aspects of a school community in the fight against hate. A critical component empowers teen-agers to learn anti-bias skills.

"Our schools are still, on balance, the safest place our kids can be in most communities," he said. "While we do not yet know all the details about what happened in Colorado, it does seem increasingly clear that there was at least some link between the actions taken and a tolerance of, or lack of understanding for certain groups of types of people."

The secretary noted "the importance of ADL's mission" and "the critical place for its educational efforts are all too clear" in light of the recent tragedy. ADL's educational resource include ADL HateFilter®, voluntary software to empower parents and anti-bias training for teachers, students, parents, government agencies, law enforcement professionals and communal constituencies.

The Anti-Defamation League founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

## International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews Say Never Again

"The genocide of Albanians perpetrated by the present Serbian and Yugoslav government is a crime against humanity. Intervention to protect and support the Albanian victims of this atrocity is morally appropriate.

We support the decision of NATO powers to intervene on behalf of the Albanians of Kosovo. We hope that every action will be taken to insure success and to minimize the suffering of innocent victims on both sides."

The International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews was established in 1986 in Detroit. Secular Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that affirms the power and responsibility of individuals to shape their own lives independent of supernatu-

ral authority. It maintains that ethics and morality should serve human needs, chiefly the preservation of human dignity and integrity. Secular Humanistic Jews endorse ideals derived from the Jewish experience — democracy, justice, tolerance, pluralism, and equal treatment for all individuals. Secular and Humanistic communities celebrate Jewish holidays and life cycle events (such as weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs) with inspirational, nontheistic ceremonies.

For further information about the International Federation, or the Secular Humanistic Jewish movement, contact Susan Williams, International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews, 28611 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, (248) 476-9532.

## More About Pollard

To the Editor:

Concerning the ongoing (and infamous) Jonathan Pollard spy case, I have but two questions.

1. What is the terrible crime in "spying" for Israel, America's best friend and the only democracy in the Middle East? We're not exactly talking about spying for Soviet Russia, or even Red China, here.

2. How much is the implacable hatred of Pollard, the desire to keep him indefinitely in prison, etc., due to nothing more than plain old-fashioned anti-Semitism?

Martin G. Rothman  
Rumford, R.I.

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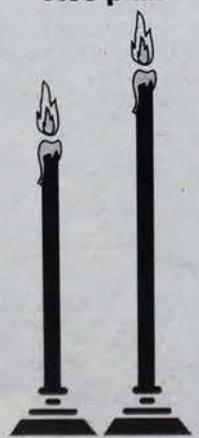
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## Candlelighting

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**7:39 p.m.**



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## Who Counts?

by Alane S. Katzew

With *Parashat Bemidbar* we begin reading the Book of Numbers. Its title, derived from the Latin *Numeri* and the Greek *Arithmoi*, refers to the census taken of the Israelites as they ready themselves to march off into the wilderness of Sinai. Every male over the age of 20 was to be counted, with a separate census taken of the Levites, who were to protect and minister to the needs of the Tabernacle.

Who is counted when a census is taken? Among the Israelites the purpose for the census was to provide a safe and strategic organization for the journey on which they were about to embark. "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by the clans of its ancestral houses, listing the names, every male, head by head... Record them by their groups, form the age of twenty years up, all those in Israel who are able to bear arms." (Numbers 1:2-3) The process took 20 days to complete; yet

this systematic approach takes no account of the women and children who were present. Also notable is that at this point in the text, no distinction is made between older men and younger men who might have been unfit for military service, since the census counts all men over the age of twenty who are able to bear arms.

As we approach the year 2000, a new census of the American people will be taken. Who

ethnic minorities were currently undercounted in the past census and would be more accurately counted through the use of statistical sampling, the Supreme Court concluded "that the Census Act prohibits the proposed uses of statistical sampling in calculating the population for purposes of apportionment." When we count numbers, do we really want to count everyone? Or do some people count more than others?

### Living Torah

will be counted among us? Should we seek to be inclusive in our accounting, or is there a more focused and pointed approach to the process? President Clinton said in his State of the Union Address, "Since every person in America counts, every American ought to be counted." Yet when evidence suggested that some racial and

During the preparation for Operation Solomon in 1991, the Jewish Agency utilized a census conducted by ORT in Ethiopia. This census, carried out under the guise of planning for nonsectarian vocational schools, provided a cover to help ascertain the Jewish population in Ethiopia, and it also facilitated the airlift of 14,400 Ethiopian Jews within a forty-eight hour period. Remaining in Ethiopia is a small group numbering 2,500 called the Quara Jews. They are cur-

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## Of Angels and Heaven

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

It's a critic's job to serve as killjoy. When everybody raves about an evening at the movies, it often means they've had a nice easy cry or a shared guffaw. When George Sanders played a snobbish reviewer, he sneered with great style, reminding us to make room for the naysayer.

"Children of Heaven" won the Audience Award in a recent Montreal film festival and earned an Academy Award nomination for best foreign film. Frankly, I found fault with it. It doesn't dare to show any Iranian schoolteacher, parent, or neighbor who behaves incorrectly. An unkind voice may intrude, but never a glimpse of an impolite person. Some Islamic censor curbs the liberty of the artist to tell an adult tale.

Instead, we enjoy the "charming" episode of a brother and sister who share a pair of worn-out sneakers on their journey to school, with a clean rain gutter flowing down the center of the cobbled way they take, like characters in folklore. My only plea-

sure in "Children of Heaven" was the chance to see exotic scenes of another place, little girls in white *chadors* among adult women in black, small orchards of roses and fruit trees, and the use of a goldfish pond as a dramatic focus. Strangely, this little flick copied almost precisely a previous picture about a lost goldfish. The same clean, neat courtyard, with its sociable modesty, its small scale, its hope for human kindness. I think the reason I remained unmoved by its pathos is that it struck me as forced, not free. I found the boy and girl too cute, and even the ironies too pat.

On the other hand, despite its tediously politically correct flaws, "Dreamlife of Angels" brought a forthright concern for justice to the attention of the viewer. The actress Elodie Bouchez plays a lost girl who befriends an accident victim in a coma at a hospital. Once her

visits have brought the patient back to consciousness and life, our heroine takes off. She gets work in a high-tech factory, and the camera shows a long line of other young and not-so-young women, "enslaved" in a time of prosperity by the inner despair of disparity. The poetic realism of French tradition has its own motifs—the impossibility of love and freedom, the celebration of the existential spirit. Bouchez was a co-winner of Best Actress accolade in Cannes: she's not a conventional beauty, but she has a face!

Movies meant a lot to me as a college student. I judged friends in part by their taste, their patience, their perception. When I visit a film class, I ask a class to consider: Does this effort make you think, or only feel? Do the reactions come too quickly, cheap thrills, easy tears and laughs? Does the movie raise your level of discernment and understanding, or lower it?



## S'Wonderful

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter



On a springtime Sunday afternoon, Temple Beth-El greets you like an American spiritual and cultural symbol. Its vaulting ceiling with the high, clear, skyward windows, Hebrew letters dancing on air, its mosaic tiles on the welcoming floors, and its cheerful crowds filling the volume of space all spell out our *hatikvah*. I peopled the main sanctuary also with some phantoms of delight, the memory of concerts from long ago. The occasion was the Gershwin Celebration bearing

dressed in tux and gloomy expression, adding class and wit to every technicolor musical.

Perhaps the highlight of the brilliant matinee was the superb soprano of our own Cantor Cahana crooning the lullaby, "Summertime." Remember the ironic and endearing words, "Your daddy's rich, and your ma is good-lookin'!" Every pew sat silent and profoundly moved at its sheer beauty and power of recall.

My high school class held a fine group of Young Musical



Ballads at Beth-El.  
Herald photo by Mike Fink

the title "By George!" The cantors, Ida Rae Cahana, Heather Feffer, and Evan Kent, and the pianist Philip Martorella, along with Dennis Frati, bass, and Dave Price, percussion, got the audience tappin' and slappin' with their rousing renditions of some old favorites and a couple of newly discovered songs, of the composer who was born just over a century ago.

You could tell that everybody was reliving some old times both of their own and of the marvelous concert series of Temple Beth-El. Did you know that "Our Love is Here to Stay" was Ira's love lyric to his brother George, who left the melody upon his death from a brain tumor? Gibraltar may tumble, but not our bond. The telephone may be just a passing fancy, but our tunes will go on. Doesn't that add something strange and wonderful to the familiar ballad?

"I Don't Think I'll Fall in Love Today" fits right into today's mood of cynical doubt, and the cantors played with its phrases, not the most popular or beloved but sharp and on target.

You can't listen deeply to a Gershwin series without hearing some ghosts hovering around you: the figure and the voice of Fred Astaire doing "A Foggy Day" or of Gene Kelly bragging, "I Got Rhythm." The crazy zest of Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney in "Strike Up the Band." Or even Oscar Levant kvetching while all the while magnificently rendering the preludes of his friend, all

Artists, and Janice Bell socked out a splendid "Summertime," which came right back to me as I heard Ms. Ida Rae's gorgeous version. Yes, by George, Gershwin comes back from Gehenna every time one of his key phrases chassidically comes calling. I've attended such renewal recitals in Paris and Manhattan: I've never heard a lover.

"Nice Work If You Can Get It" took its place among the last few choices, its almost Robert Frost-like rejection of business values and playful embracing of love and devotion. And everybody has at one time or another chanted, on the *bima* at the Ark, "Baruch-hu et Adonai" but only a few aficionados of modern music made the connection between that trope and the basic chords of "Ain't Necessarily So." The cantors spelled it out and drew it forth, to close on a religious note. "Gershwin may not have practiced his Judaism in shul, but he was equally influenced by his own tradition and by the Tin Pan Alley sounds he picked up while bunking shul."

The loss of George Gershwin spread across Jewish America in a wave of sorrow. But Temple Beth-El in Providence, on Orchard Avenue, laid down a green carpet of comfort and fun on a *yahrzeit* of glory. Everybody who ever stepped with me into that wide open sanctuary over past decades added for me their echo and timbre to the fabulous chanting.

## Fains Save The World

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"We're concentrating on creating a new vista onto Camp Street," said Sylvia Fain. I walked down the driveway and stepped into their walled backyard garden. Alfred, king of the block, has created an eden, from whose blossoms Sylvia makes floral arrangements for parlor vases, and writes odes and occasional verse.

Memorial Road meets Stenton Avenue and Camp Street, where the armory spreads out its asphalt lots to hold khaki military vehicles. Once upon a time, a nursery nourished garden plants, and beyond its neat rows rich weeds hearkened back to the days when this terrain was ranch, rodeo ground, farm, orchard, pasture, victory patch, hobo heaven.

By now, there's absolutely nothing left but a strip, where there should perhaps be sidewalk, where a few slate stones, some roots and stands of crabgrass or wildflower, and other remnants of yore make a good stop for the dog and me just after dawn.

But across the street, the Fain landscape cheers me up and comes to mean more and ever more.

Like, here is an oasis of culture and civilization, care and beauty, memory and hope. "Let's have a neighborhood no-traffic party to toast the bulbs, perennials and annuals, of everybody who makes a bid for color and variety against the grey," says Fain. Next door, on the opposite side from the armory, the house that once belonged to a professor of music and a composer, now belongs to his heir who puts in a wild array of fabulous springtime tulips, daffodils, lilies, and other assorted gorgeous and diverse things.

Sylvia Fain retired from serving as guidance counselor in nearby middle school. Alfred ran a North End emporium with his twin brother, who lived on the street tucked behind his long-time residence on my hillside.

By now, I feel that this place is an outpost of idealism in a

the so deeply familiar roadside. Like the close of a fable like "Rasselas" or even "Candide" I believe that to cultivate the narrow strip of land left after a devastating bulldoze is to say a *beracha*, a prayer, a hymn of *hatikvah*. It may be that all we have is the Tel Aviv in front of



Cheerful Corner of Camp and Memorial. Herald photo by Mike Fink

cynical world, a saga to be interpreted. Really, it is the commercial spirit, and the nationalist impulse, that have taken over our oval world. But the courtesy, courage, and cheerfulness of Alfred and Sylvia Fain, sparkling, elegant, and cordial souls and figures, reassure me every time I stroll, or drive, up or down

our houses where we put out our trash on Monday mornings. And, of course, the compost pile behind our house, where we can watch with equally fervent hope as the forces of return pull our relics into the purity of the soil, the clay from which we all are shaped and into whose bonds of life we return.

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## How Will You Spend Your Summer Vacation?

The New England Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs invites all men of bar mitzvah age or older to attend the Laymen's Institute at Camp Tel Noar, Hampstead, N.H., June 17 to 20. For the past 53 years, the institute has met in the woods of New Hampshire for fun, food, fellowship and fantastic faculty! Our program includes full kosher meals, daily religious services (no experience necessary!), swimming, softball, our ever-popular tennis tournament, and the opportunity to study with some of the finest Jewish teachers in a relaxed, informal setting.

This year's scholars will be Rabbi Robert Harris and Dr. Isaiah Gafni.

Rabbi Harris comes from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he has been a faculty member in the field of biblical studies since 1982. He has been a pulpit rabbi, a teacher at Hebrew University and a religious director for Camp Ramah. He is also the author of several responsa for the Law Committee to Israel. This will be Rabbi Harris's first time as a faculty member at the Laymen's Institute.

### Home at Last

The Rebeck-Winsten Post #406, Jewish War Veterans of Pawtucket will hold a re-dedication ceremony on May 23 at 11 a.m. at the intersection of East, Oak Hill, and Dryden Avenues honoring Lt. Israel J. Korenbaum, who passed away in 1945 from wounds received during World War II.

The plaque, which was originally located at the junction of East Avenue and Pleasant Street, was misplaced for almost 25 years when it was taken during construction of the circular highway.

All persons interested in the re-dedication are cordially invited to attend the ceremony in the Oak Hill section of Pawtucket.

Dr. Gafni is well-known to the Laymen's Institute as a fascinating speaker with a specialty in history combined with an insider's view of the current political situation in the State of Israel. Those who have never attended the institute before could not ask for a better introduction to this event; those who remember Gafni from his prior visits can attest to his erudition and engaging style.

Call Registrar Alan Miller at (617) 964-5267 or Assistant Registrar Irwin Sydney at (617) 738-3956 for more information.

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The Penn Mutual Life Insurance company named Lawrence M. Halperin a 1998 member of its Golden Eagle Club, the company's most prestigious group of professional agents and financial advisors. He is also a member of the Golden Eagle Hall of Fame, earning Golden Eagle status 12 times during his career.

Halperin is president of Halperin & Co. in Warwick, R.I. and has been in the life insurance industry for more than 30 years. He specializes in personal and family financial planning, wealth accumulation and estate planning, and business planning.

Halperin is a past president of Penn Mutual's Agents' Advisory Council and a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He is also a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, the International Association of Financial Planning and the National Registry of Financial Services Representatives.

Active in community organization, Halperin is a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, RI Hemophilia Association, and co-founder of "The Holiday Spirit, Inc." a non-profit organization for battered women and children.

### Final Meeting of the Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

The final Sunday program of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club for this session will be held May 16 at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry. The guest speaker will be Alan Rosenberg, *Providence Journal* reporter, who will speak on "The Arts, Journalism and Life."

Alan Rosenberg is the assistant features editor of *The Providence Journal*. He began there in January of 1978 as a reporter covering the northwest corner of the state. Since then, he has reported on Providence police and Providence City Hall; written a column about Rhode Island radio and another about audio books; reviewed restaurants with his wife, Avis Gunther-Rosenberg; served as an editor of the paper's state and city desks and as head of its West Bay bureau; edited the former "Sunday Journal Magazine," and founded and edited the "Lifebeat," "Sunday Brunch" and "Arts Week" sections. Social hour will follow.

### First Year Hebrew Class Siyum

Twenty-eight students will complete their first year of Hebrew study at Temple Beth-El. To celebrate this occasion, a special program will be held to honor the students. On May 23, the students will participate in a Siyum to mark the completion of one book of Torah and the beginning of another book. The congregation congratulates the following students and their parents:

Emmett Barnacle, Caroline Bazar, Katy Breiter, Mary Ann Desforges, Elijah Douglass, Molly Dutton, Maxwell Edmonds, Sarah Engle, Zachary Fichman-Klein, Corey Finkelman, Daniel Gladstone, Rachel Haduch, Jared Horvitz, Eric Jacober, Sarah Kahn, Bethany Kamens, Jaime Lamchick, Amanda Maceroni, Molly Newman, Daniel Oresman, Ariel Patinkin, David Ricci, Erica Salk, Jeffrey Sherwin, Joseph Steigman, Harris Sullivan, Andrea Tareco, and Emma Williams.



### Providence Hebrew Day School Celebrates Israel's Independence

The Providence Hebrew Day School held two events to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut. On April 20, the school invited parents and community members to hear songs of Jerusalem and Israel sung by the first-, second- and third-graders. Poems about Israel and its founding were presented by the upper grades. The special guest speaker for the evening was Professor Isaiah Gafni who represented the Israeli Consulate of New England. On April 21, the entire student body listened to a musical program by the first through third grade. After the program, an Israeli lunch was served with everything from falafel in pita to Israeli salad and technina. The program ended when the school called two families living in Israel who used to live in Providence. Rina Holtzman coordinated the Israel Independence Day program with the assistance of Galit Akerstein.

Photo courtesy of PHDS

### Boston Area Residents to be Honored For Contributions to Jewish Youth

On May 23, four Massachusetts residents will be honored at New England NCSY's Second annual Ner Tamid Awards Banquet at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mass. The honorees — Ellie Shrage of Newton, Herb and Sally Kepnes of Newton, and Rabbi Shalom Baum of Fairfield, Conn. — will be recognized for their devotion to Jewish youth and National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

"These individuals are helping to build future generations of Jews," said Rabbi Ari M. Solomont, executive director of NCSY. "In an era in which Jewish continuity is plaguing all Jews of conscience, their devotion to NCSY and its ideals have enabled many young people to find spiritual meaning and direction and reaffirm their commitment to our faith," he added.

"Each of our honorees are impressive community leaders who have made enormous contributions to the Jewish community," said Dr. Mark Moskowitz, NCSY youth commission chairman. "Each hon-

oree has contributed to one of the greatest challenges facing American Jewry: keeping our youth Jewish. Their efforts on behalf of our young people serve as a model and an inspiration to all of us who care about our children's Jewish identities and commitments," said Moskowitz.

"As NCSY celebrates its 40th year and the Orthodox Union celebrates its 100th, we cannot overemphasize the importance of rabbis, synagogues and communal institutions working together to insure a thriving Jewish community," said Rabbi Dr. Gershon C. Gewirtz, rabbi of the Young Israel of Brookline. "NCSY acknowledges the synagogue as the center of Jewish and communal life. Each community is built around a vibrant synagogue and its leadership. It is that leadership that we are pleased to honor."

For dinner reservations or for information on how to join in this most fitting tribute, contact the NCSY regional office at (617) 278-NCSY.

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## 'If Math Were Food'

Students in Mrs. Kaplan's middle school math classes at the Alperin Schechter Day School, were asked to complete the following sentences: "If math were a food, it would be \_\_\_\_\_, because \_\_\_\_\_. The responses proved to be interesting and insightful. A few samples follow.

"... peanut butter, because sometimes you get in a sticky situation." David Braverman

"... broccoli, because it keeps branching out into smaller parts." Miriam Klein

"... vegetable salad, because it has many variations and different parts." Shira Adler

"... syrup, because it is sticky and hard to deal with." Aaron Abrams

"... chiffon cake, because if all the right steps aren't done, it doesn't turn out right." Hannah Mellion

"... candy, because it can be sweet, but too much is not good at all." Jimmy Rotenberg

"... grilled cheese, because it

takes a little time to make, but once you get it, it's finished quickly." Rachel Furman

"... bubble gum, because it is good at first but loses its flavor." Noga Nevel

"... orange, because it has a tough skin you have to struggle with, but the inside is great." Rebecca Levine

"... and easy to break apart." Jill Teverow

"... cantaloupe, because it is rough on the outside but good on the inside." David Goldgaber

"... pineapple, because there are some good parts and bad parts." Sergey Kolker

"... 7-layer cake, because everything is based on everything else." Alex Hershey

"... Brussels sprouts, because you have to force it down, but it is good for you." David Radparvar

"... grapes, because you could get tangled in the vines, but once you get to the grapes, it's sweet." Shayna Schneider

## 113th Annual Confirmation Service

Twelve students will be confirmed during the Shavuot service on May 21 at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth-El. The congregation congratulates the following confirmands and their families: Rachel Aaronson, Abby Berkelhammer, Alexandra Bolotow, Andrew Borstein, Jacob Fain, Steven Laferriere, Karena Maraj, Alexander Schoenfeld, Leah Serinsky, Sara Steiman, Elisa Walker, and Becci Weiss.

## Camp ANYTOWN, R.I. Extends Deadline

Sixty high school-age students from diverse backgrounds will have a unique opportunity to come together to gain a better understanding of bias and prejudice and how to move beyond them.

The National Conference for Community and Justice of Rhode Island and Southeastern New England, founded as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will be conducting their Fifth Camp ANYTOWN, Rhode Island at Camp Aldersgate in North Scituate from June 20 to June 26.

The students will participate in a week of workshops and experiential exercises that are designed to help them see past stereotypes and encounter each other as people. The week will also focus on developing community building and leadership skills needed to challenge prejudice and other issues without violence when participants return to their communities and high schools.

ANYTOWN is accepting applications on a rolling basis until all 60 slots are filled. Scholarships are available. Transportation to and from the camp is provided. Application deadline is May 30.

For more information, call Robert T. Jones of The National Conference for Community and Justice at 351-5120.

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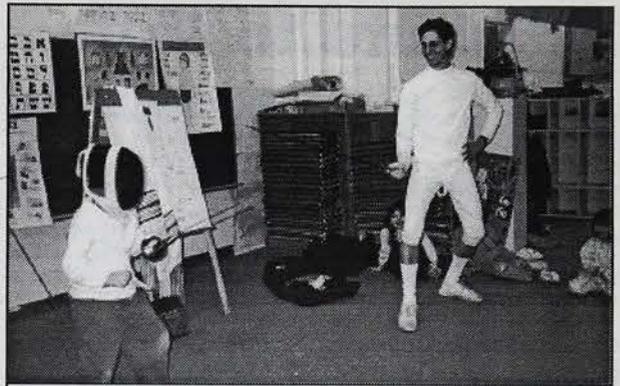
The Fall River Chapter of Brandeis University National Women's Committee will hold its annual donor luncheon on May 26 at the Venus de Milo at noon. The speaker will be Gordon Fellman, professor of sociology at Brandeis University.

Fellman has spent three sabbatical years in Israel and published widely on Jewish and Israel-related topics. In 1991 he co-produced a half-hour video called, "This Is The Moment: Israelis and Palestinians Talking Peace."

His subject will be taken from his recently published book entitled *Rambo and the Dalai Lama: The Compulsion to Win and Its Threat to Human Survival*. Rambo offers the world an image of pure strength melded to pure rage. It has captured much of the world's imagination, especially that of men. The Dalai Lama offers the world the image of compassion, receptivity, and inclusiveness. This captures the imagination of many people of both genders in a growing number of cultures. In this talk, the contrasts are examined in terms of massive "paradigm shift" that may be under way in the world, from "adversary relations" to those of "mutuality." It is reasoned that human survival depends on a shift from the primacy of adversarialism to that of mutuality.

Checks payable to B.U.N.W.C. in the amount of \$25 should be mailed to Mrs. Sumner Alpert, 45 Highcrest Road, Fall River, MA 02720, and should be received by May 19.

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## ASDS Kindergarten Sees 'S' in Action

Wide-eyed students of the Alperin Schechter Day School kindergarten class learned a lesson on the letter "S" they will never forget. Thanks to Rabbi Michael Cahana and son, David, who demonstrated their prowess in the sport of fencing, the class witnessed the swashbuckling action of the swords first hand. Wearing the protective gear necessary to the sport, the father/son team worked their various techniques to an appreciative audience and answered numerous questions elicited by the excited kindergartners.

Photo by Liz Goldberg

## RIHMM Seeks Student Volunteer Team

The summer is almost here and some students will be on their way to camp, in classes and traveling. However, some students will remain back at home with family and friends during the warm summer months — and may even have some time to spare! If you are a high school senior (as of Sept. '99) or a college student (undergraduate) and have some free time, why not apply to the first-ever student volunteer team?

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum is looking for a team of five students from Rhode Island to volunteer at the museum during the summer months. Students will assist with museum operations (including cataloging, film series, etc.) and special projects. If you

are thinking of majoring in history, library science or language arts, this is a perfect opportunity for you!

Although student volunteers will not receive college credit, their work will be recognized by the museum board and their schools will be contacted by the museum's executive director after their work is complete. All students must have their own transportation. Volunteers will assist the museum with a minimum of seven days per month.

All students must fill out an application by June 15. Five students will be selected and notified by the end of June. If you are interested in becoming a student volunteer, call the museum at 453-7860 or stop by for an application.

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## FEATURE

### A Tribute to Mom

The children of the Alperin Schechter Day School expressed their feelings regarding motherhood during a recent discussion of the importance of Mother's Day. A sampling of the expressions gives some insight into the thoughts and emotions of kindergartners for this very important person.

"My mom looks like Cinderella. Her favorite thing to do is play with me. I like it best when she plays hide and seek with me. Her favorite food is *challah*. If I could buy her anything in the world for Mother's Day I would buy her a duck and a motorcycle." George S

"My mom looks like the Swan Princess. My mom's favorite thing to do is sleep. I like it best when she plays Trouble with me. Her favorite food is broccoli. If I could buy her anything in the whole world for Mother's Day it would be a song." Julia

"My mom looks like Wonder Woman. Her favorite thing to do is basically cook. I like it best when we play Hang Man together. Her favorite food is bubble gum and Brussels sprouts. If I could buy her anything in the whole wide world for Mother's Day I would get her a Valentine card and some flowers." Sharon

"My mom has short hair. It is brown. She looks pretty. She is a good mom. Her favorite thing to do is to stay home with me. Her favorite food is soup. I like it best when she snuggles with me. If I could do anything in the whole world for her I would help her get to a higher level in Playstation." Gregory

With hopes and wishes such as these from their children, each mother must certainly have had a wonderful Mother's Day.

### Western Christian Group Asking Forgiveness for Crusades

About 900 years following the crusades, a group of Western Christians are asking for forgiveness for the actions of their forefathers.

The members of the "Reconciliation March" carried folders containing printed apologies in Hebrew, English and Arabic, asking for forgiveness from Jews, Moslems and Eastern Christians, whose forefathers were killed.

About 50 members of the interdenominational project from the United States, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand are meeting Israelis and Arabs in cities throughout the region.

"Exactly 900 years ago Christians visited this land with a sword and a spirit of vengeance in a manner contrary to teachings and character of Jesus," said Mike Niebur, the group's Israel coordinator.

Participants in the group pay their own way, and they have already visited towns in Lebanon and Turkey seeking out forgiveness for the acts of atrocity.

Organizers at the press conference displayed T-shirts depicting the march of the original

crusaders as a jagged red line cutting through the heart of Europe and the Middle East.

The group's trip will culminate on July 15 when up to 1,500 participants travel by foot from a Crusader fortress in northern Israel to Jerusalem to apologize to religious leaders on the 900th anniversary of the fall of the city to the Crusaders.

Niebur said that the imprint of distrust and violence perpetuated by the memory of the Crusades can be traced through the Spanish Inquisition and even the Holocaust.

"We hope we will start to end that legacy and start on a new track," said Niebur.

Members of the group said they see a direct link between the Crusades and the relationship between the East and West today.

Niebur cited apocalyptic Christians groups who have unsettled Jews and Arabs in the region, and said such apocalyptic outlooks mirror those of the Crusaders.

"We have a similar situation developing today with the turn of the millennium," he said. "We want to say that that was not really what Jesus' message was about."

Niebur said the reception has been positive. He recalled a phone call to a Jewish community in the Rhine Valley. An organizer told the community leaders that the marchers were running a little late.

"The Jewish community responded, 'We've waited 900 years, we can wait one more hour,'" he said.

### Senator Lieberman Challenges the Internet Industry

Senator Joe Lieberman, (D. Conn.) praised the Internet community for developing a new initiative to help parents better protect their children online from potential harm, and thanked Vice President Al Gore for moving this initiative forward.

"This is a net gain for the nation's families, and it would not have happened without the vice president's ongoing leadership and commitment to Internet safety," Lieberman said.

Leading Internet companies and advocacy groups joined with the vice president at the White House to unveil a plan to make it far easier for parents to get access to blocking and filtering software and other tips and tools for safe surfing. As part of this plan, most leading Internet companies have

pledged to adopt a universally-recognized link that will put a wide array of safety resources one click away for most every family using the Internet today.

"This is a promising step forward in our efforts to reduce the dangers kids can find on the Internet and maximize the boundless potential of this dynamic medium," Lieberman said. "It won't eliminate the threats to children or guarantee their safety, but it will help put parents, many of whom are rightfully worried about where the Information Superhighway will take their kids, back in the driver's seat."

The industry's "One Click Away" initiative was put together in part as a response to a challenge that Lieberman and former Rep. Rick White (R-WA)

issued to the Internet community last year. In a widely-distributed letter to the nation's major online companies, Lieberman and White strongly urged service and content providers to accept their responsibilities for keeping kids safe and to do more to help parents "limit the access of children to pornography and other potentially materials."

"Parents are clearly troubled by the net's dark side, particularly in the wake of the tragedy in Littleton, and I appreciate the industry's responsiveness to those concerns" Lieberman said. "There cooperation here is an encouraging expression of corporate citizenship, and I hope it is the first step toward a more comprehensive approach to safeguarding cyberspace for America's children."

### ADL Disappointed with Voter Support of Duke Candidacy

The Anti-Defamation League said it was "extremely disappointed" that nearly 19 percent of voters in Louisiana's 1st Congressional District supported David Duke's bid to succeed Rep. Robert Livingston.

"We are extremely disappointed that David Duke received nearly one in five votes in the primary election recently," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director. "That a known racist can run for national office in this country and garner so much support is repugnant, especially in an open race where eight other candidates with less offensive views are seeking office."

While gratified that Duke did not receive enough votes to be eligible to qualify for the May 29 run-off election, Foxman noted the primary results were particularly disturbing in light of polling in weeks prior to the election that suggested the former KKK Grand Wizard had less than 10 percent of the vote. Duke was running against two stalwart Republicans — former Gov. David C. Treen and David Vitter, a two-term state representative.

"With so many viable alternatives, it is unfortunate that such a large number of voters responded to a platform of bigotry and hate. These voters have effectively legitimized views that the vast majority of Americans reject."

### Author Shel Silverstein Dies

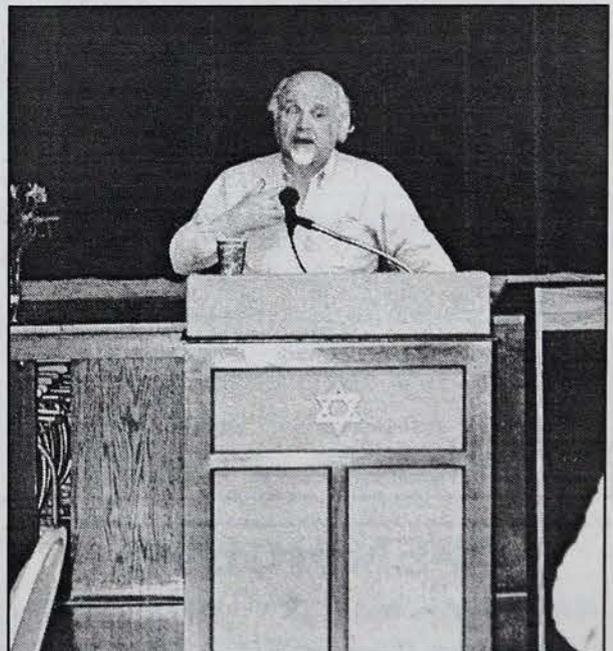
The New York Times

KEY WEST, Fla. — Shel Silverstein, whose goofy, gross and macabre, yet always enchanting, poetry for children sold more than 14 million books, was found dead May 10 at his home in Key West. He was 67.

Silverstein's talents led him into a series of careers — cartoonists, playwright, singer and songwriter. However, it was his children's verses that are best known and often compared to masters of the form such as Dr. Seuss and A.A. Milne.

His collections of children's poetry, *Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Poems and Drawings of Shel Silverstein* and *A Light in the Attic*, both enjoyed long runs on the bestseller lists. He was also the author of the children's classic *The Giving Tree*, a story about a tree that surrenders its shade, fruit, branches and finally its trunk to a boy in order to make him happy. Published in 1964, the book brought him a mass following.

Born in Chicago, he served with the United States armed forces in Japan and Korea in the 1950s and began drawing cartoons for *Stars and Stripes*, the American military publication. He also began writing songs in the country-western style. In 1969, one of these, "A Boy Named Sue," was made a hit by the singer Johnny Cash.



### Theological Weekend

On May 2 at Temple Emanu-El, Dr. Neil Gillman delivered an address entitled "How Theology Becomes Practice: The Sabbath in Jewish Law."

As the distinguished scholar at the temples April 30 through May 2 Educational-Musical weekend, Dr. Gillman gave three presentations. The Aaron Rabinowitz and Simon F. Rifkind Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Dr. Gillman is the author of *Sacred Fragment: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jews*, and *The Death of Death: Resurrection and Immortality in Jewish Thought*.

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# HEALTHWISE

## The Struggle Between Thin and Too Thin

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

Am I getting fat? Look at my tummy bulge. My thighs are too big. My waist it too thick. At one time or another, most women have uttered these words to themselves as they stood, unclad, in front of their bedroom mirrors scrutinizing every flaw of their body. But, a serious problem arises when women take these otherwise innocent observations to the extreme and become so obsessed with maintaining, what they believe to be, an attractive physical appearance that they interfere with the overall health of their bodies. That, according to Dr. Leigh Anne Hohlstein, director of the Eating Disorders Program at Butler Hospital, is a sign of impending trouble.

"Eating disorders, unfortunately, are very common in women," said Hohlstein, "specifically women in their late adolescence and early adulthood. As a rule of thumb, any sort of eating and weight behaviors that feel out of control or are taking over your lives should be taken seriously."

Symptoms of an eating disorder may mask themselves as effects from another medical problem, causing a physician to either misdiagnose the eating disorder or miss it all together. The major symptoms of Anorexia are a refusal to maintain a healthy body weight, sig-

nificant weight loss, an intense fear of becoming fat, a disturbance in body image, depression, loss of menstrual cycles, personality changes, cold intolerance and loss of hair. According to Hohlstein, a person who exercises vigorously, such as running during inclement weather (i.e. snow, hurricane) or biking despite great physical pain and discomfort should be looked upon as a possible greater problem.

Bulimia, on the other hand, does share some of the same symptoms as Anorexia but also includes recurrent episodes of binge eating, feeling a lack of control over eating, engaging in self-induced vomiting, strict fasting or dieting, excessive exercise, or use of laxatives as diuretics to prevent weight gain. There are, according to Hohlstein, many women who have an eating disorder who do not fit into either category. This type of eating disorder has been labeled binge eating.

"Binge eating is eating a large amount of food in a short amount of time," said Hohlstein. "Patients often feel out of control but they do not do anything, like a Bulimic, to get rid of the food, such as fasting or vomiting." Those who suffer the characteristics of compulsive eating often eat when they are not physically hungry, they use food as a method of coping with their feelings and they have a

history of repeated weight loss attempts.

Over the last few years, the medical community has begun to view the problems of eating disorders as viable medical conditions which should be dealt with accordingly. In many cases, the eating disorder can cause severe mood changes, effect relationships and interfere with normal everyday activity such as going to work or shopping. If left untreated, an eating disorder, such as Anorexia Nervosa or Bulimia Nervosa can have devastating and life-threatening effects on a persons health.

"We all have something about our bodies which we'd like to change," said Hohlstein. "But the trick is accepting the negative and turning them into a positive attribute."

It's easy to find some of the causal factors of an eating disorder—all one has to do is turn on a television, open a magazine or go to the movies. On the fashion runways of Paris, Milan and New York, models portray the "spindly" look—such as model Kate Moss. It has only been in recent years that the fashion industry has stepped back to take a greater role in giving young women an attainable and positive image to align with. Large models like Emme, who recently

signed on as Revlon's latest spokesperson, have not only made it acceptable to be curvy, but they've made it sexy. Before 1970, the Hollywood actress mill was full of curvaceous, busty females—Jane Mansfield, Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe. It wasn't until the English model Twiggy came onto the scene in the late 1960s that the fashion industry, and society in general, went in the opposite direction making women feel as if they had to be pencil thin in order to be attractive. Remember, today the average size women is between a size 10 and 12!

"It's getting slightly better," said Hohlstein, "but there is still a long way to go to dispel the myth that you have to be thin at any and all costs."

Self-image, according to Hohlstein, is one of the most important factors in developing and diagnosing an eating disorder. Some studies have found that when a patient looks at herself in the mirror, she actually sees herself entirely different than the image someone may view of her. In essence, her vision is off. Yet others, may see the same image that the general public sees, but they will interpret what they see differently. Treatment of the disorders involves dealing with that negative self image and teaching the patient to see the positive. As summer quickly approaches, women everywhere will soon be faced with the most devastating of summertime rituals—buying a bathing suit. Hohlstein says that as the weather changes, she does see an increase in the symptoms some women possess due to the added stress and

pressure of getting into a pair of shorts or a bathing suit.

"We all have something about our bodies which we'd like to change," said Hohlstein. "But the trick is accepting the negative and turning them into a positive attribute."

One way Hohlstein tackles that issue is through individual and/or group therapy. In most cases, a patient can conquer their disorder on an out-patient basis by attending therapy sessions, meeting with a nutritionist, getting a physical by a doctor and, as a last resort, using medication. "Bulimic patients respond very well to certain antidepressant medications," said Hohlstein. In more severe cases, a patient may enter Butler Hospital for a 10-day or 2 week intensive group therapy program where a patients exercise and diet are monitored.

"Treating an eating disorder is a matter of understanding the disorder," said Hohlstein. "That's the real work of therapy. Understanding why they have an eating disorder and what they are compensating for. In most cases, an eating disorder is a coping strategy, much like alcohol is for an alcoholic or drugs for an addict. But in the cases of an eating disorder, it can be conquered. Once an anorexic always an anorexic doesn't apply to eating disorders," said Hohlstein.

For more information about eating disorders, contact Dr. Hohlstein at the Eating Disorders Program of Butler Hospital, 345 Blackstone Boulevard., Providence. (401) 455-6228.



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## Walk-A-Thon for Parkinson Disease

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association and the APDA Information and Referral Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will hold its annual APDA Walk-A-Thon for Parkinson's Disease Research on May 22 at Roger Williams Park in Providence. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the 2.2 mile walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. across from the Casino. WPRI Channel 12's Meteorologist Tony Petrarca is the Grand Marshall.

The community is invited to support this event and to come and enjoy refreshments and festivities rain or shine. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Door prizes will be awarded and those raising at least \$25 in pledges will receive an APDA Walk-A-Thon T-shirt. Special incentives are available for corporate teams and those walking should contact their employers regarding "Matching Gift" programs.

For more information on walking, pledging, forming corporate teams or supporting the APDA Walk-A-Thon in other ways, please contact the APDA Walk-A-Thon Committee at 823-5700, or write to the RI Chapter APDA, P.O. Box 1265, Coventry, R.I. 02816

# HEALTHWISE

## AHA Comments on Study of Egg Consumption

*Journal of the American Medical Association, April 21, 1999*

A report published in the April 21 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* analyzed data about egg consumption from two large studies. Eating one egg per day was not associated with an increased risk of heart attack or stroke among the 100,000 participants in either the Nurses' Health Study or the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study.

Alice H. Lichtenstein, D.Sc., spokesperson for the American Heart Association, says, "As the researchers point out, the new data indicate that restricting saturated fats is the more effective strategy to help individuals lower elevated blood levels of total cholesterol compared with restricting dietary cholesterol.

"These new data do not conflict with the American Heart Association's recommendations that healthy individuals con-

sume no more than 300 milligrams of dietary cholesterol per day — about the amount found in one egg."

In some individuals, dietary cholesterol raises the blood level of "bad" cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein or LDL, which contributes to the development of atherosclerosis, the disease process that underlies heart disease and stroke.

"Eggs are low in cost and rich in protein, essential amino acids, some vitamins and other minerals. The negative aspects of eggs are that they are extremely high in cholesterol. Thus egg consumption needs to be factored in an overall diet," said Lichtenstein. "Most Americans consume more protein than they need and can easily get the other nutrients from green leafy vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and fruit.

"Healthy individuals who are

not strict vegetarians (no meat or milk) should consider the amount of dietary cholesterol in their diet, which can come from a variety of foods, including full-fat dairy products, when considering their dietary picture," adds Lichtenstein.

"Parents may want to consider giving their children whole-grain cereals, low-fat yogurt or less conventional foods, like baked potato, for breakfast instead of eggs. Even though children are at relatively low risk for heart disease or stroke, the habits and tastes they develop as children often remain a life-long pattern.

Egg consumption is associated with eating foods high in saturated fat such as bacon, red meat and whole milk. Most people eat two eggs, rather than one egg in a serving — a single meal that contains double the amount of suggested dietary cholesterol," said Lichtenstein, professor of nutrition at HNRC/Tufts University.

Individuals who have risk factors for heart attack or stroke — family history, cholesterol levels greater than 240 mg/dL, high blood pressure or smoking — should limit their consumption of dietary cholesterol to no more than 200 mg per day. Egg whites can be substituted for whole eggs in omelets and other egg dishes.

For more information, contact the AHA 728-5300.



## Stroke Assessment and Blood Pressure Screenings Locations

John Hope Settlement House, 7 Burgess St., Providence, 728-5300 or 444-4800, May 19

Providence Marriott, Charles & Orms Street, Providence, 728-5300 or 444-4800, May 25

Newport Hospital, Friendship Street, Newport, 728-5300 or 444-4800, May 26

Coventry Credit Union, 1584 Nooseneck Hill Rd., Coventry, 822-8000 on May 21

Coventry Credit Union, 1076 Main St., Coventry, 822-8010 on May 21.

Coventry Credit Union, 744 Main St., Phenix, 822-8030, May 21

Coventry Credit Union, 435 Wood St., Bristol, 253-3981, May 21

Coventry Credit Union, 56 Railroad St., Manville, 767-2800, May 24

Wilfrid, 485 Hunt St., Central Fall, 727-9083, May 18

Fashion Bug, Cranston, 943-7244, May 22

St. Martin de Porres, 160 Cranston St., Providence, 728-5300 or 444-4800, May 15

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All participants must be between the ages of 18 and 65, and have migraine headaches. Eligible participants will receive neurological and biobehavioral evaluations, which includes headache characteristics, history, triggers and impact.

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# HEALTHWISE

## May is Stroke Awareness Month

For Stroke Awareness Month this May, the American Heart Association wants everyone to know that when it comes to treating stroke, every second counts. The theme for Stroke Awareness Month 1999 is "Stroke is a Medical Emergency—Call 911!" The association is urging everyone to eliminate changeable stroke risk factors, learn the warning signs of stroke and get immediate medical help if a stroke occurs.

Every 53 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke. Every 3.3 minutes, someone dies of one. Stroke is the third leading cause of death behind diseases of the heart and cancer, and is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Each year about 600,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke. In 1996 strokes killed 159,942 people and left many of those who survived with severe disability.

Here are the warning signs of stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

- Sudden severe headaches with no known cause

Every second counts. Anyone seeing or experiencing any of these symptoms should call 911 immediately. Treatment can be more effective if given quickly. Early detection and immediate treatment of stroke may prevent some brain injury. Tissue plasminogen activator, a drug that may help reduce disability from stroke, must be administered within three hours after the onset of stroke symptoms to be most effective.

"Immediate medical attention is vital in reducing injury to the brain when a stroke occurs," said Carol Garber, Ph.D., president of the American Heart Association New England Affiliate. "It can make the difference between life or death and in the quality of life for a stroke survivor. Everyone should accept responsibility for learning the warning signs of stroke, just like learning basic first aid or CPR."

A stroke is similar to a heart attack. It occurs when a blood vessel bringing oxygen and nutrients to the brain bursts or is clogged by a blood clot or some other particle. This rupture or blockage keeps part of the brain from getting the oxygen it needs. Without oxygen, the nerve cells in that area can't function and die within minutes. The part of

the body that these cells control also can't function—which can sometimes lead to death.

Sometimes a major stroke is preceded by a series of "mini" strokes days, weeks or even months before a major stroke occurs. These temporary strokes, known as transient ischemic attacks or TIAs, results when a blood clot or other particle temporarily clogs an artery and part of the brain doesn't get the supply of blood it needs. TIAs do not cause permanent injury, but are a serious warning sign and can be treated with drugs that keep clots from forming.

Stroke is largely preventable by practicing healthy lifestyle habits that reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke—controlling high blood pressure, maintaining healthy blood cholesterol levels, eating foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, stopping smoking and getting regular medical check-ups.

The American Heart Association's "Stroke Connection" program provides resources and support to stroke patients, their families and caregivers. If you or someone you know has had a stroke and you want information about stroke recovery, call the Stroke Connection "warmline" toll-free (800) 553-6321.

## Are You at Risk of Stroke? Rate Yourself

You can reduce your risk of stroke. Start by becoming aware of your risk factors—the personal characteristics and habits that increase your chances of having a stroke or heart disease. Some risks you can't change or control—some you can, by making a few changes in your daily habits.

Check all that applies to you. If you check two or more, see your doctor for a complete assessment of your risks.

- You are a woman over 55 years old or you have passed menopause or had your ovaries removed.
- You are a man over 45 years old.
- You have diabetes or take medicine to control your blood sugar.
- You have coronary artery disease or you have had a heart attack.
- A doctor said you have carotid artery disease or you have had a stroke.
- You have an abnormal heartbeat.
- You have a close relative who had a stroke.

- You have a close blood relative who had a heart attack before age 55 (if father or brother) or before age 65 (if mother or sister).
- Your blood pressure is 140/90 millimeters of mercury (mm/Hg) or higher or you have been told that your blood pressure is too high.
- You don't know what your blood pressure is.
- You smoke or live or work with people who smoke every day.
- Your total cholesterol level is 240 milligrams per deciliter of blood (mg/dl) or higher.
- You HDL ("good") cholesterol level is less than 35 mg/dL.
- You don't know your total cholesterol or HDL levels.
- You get less than a total of 30 minutes of physical activity on at least 3 days per week.
- You are 20 pounds or more overweight.

## Take A Hike... For Arthritis!

The Arthritis Foundation will launch the first Arthritis Action Day on May 17 to urge Rhode Islanders, and, in fact, all Americans, to pay attention to the signs and symptoms and to take appropriate action to combat arthritis. The local chapter of the Arthritis Foundation will focus on the importance of exercise in helping to prevent arthritis disability and will begin distributing its new walking program entitled Walk With Ease.

Two sites will host a special walk in honor of Arthritis Action Day. The Cranston Senior Services walking club will meet at the Senior Center, 1070 Cranston St., Cranston at 9 a.m. to warm up for their walk and to meet some special guests before proceeding to the Hugh Bain walking track. The Beechwood House Senior Center, Beach Street, North Kingstown will host their walk at 3:30 p.m. beginning at the center and proceeding to the North Kingstown Town Beach. People with arthritis are invited to join either walk.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, exercise, including walking, helps prevent arthritis disability and may even reduce the risk for developing a common form of arthritis in the knees since it helps to control weight. In addition to promoting two exercise programs, one on land and one in the water, that are offered throughout Rhode Island for people with arthritis, the foundation is also encouraging individuals, especially baby boomers, to begin a walking program to prevent arthritis.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

the number of people with arthritis will surge to one-in-five, or 60 million people, by the year 2020 because the baby boomers are getting older. Arthritis Action Day is a catalyst to focus the nation's attention on the

growing impact of arthritis on individuals and our nation.

For more information on Arthritis Action Day, arthritis exercise programs, contact the foundation at 434-5792 or <SNEland@arthritis.org>.

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# FEATURE

## An American in Jordan

by Nina Rooks Cast

Recently my family celebrated my grandmother's 90th birthday in Israel. The 14 Americans joined the five Israeli members of the family for a two-week adventure in the Holy Land. This also happened to coincide with the Passover holiday, and so for the first time in 13 years we had the entire *mishpacha* (family) together, around the seder table.

But stories of traveling in the country of prophets abound, so my tale will be limited to the three days my mother and I spent in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Most Americans think of Jordan as just another desert country with a lot of Bedouins and sand. This is, of course true, but only to the myopic eye. In fact, Jordan is an incredibly beautiful country, with some of the best archeological sites I've ever seen. The city of Amman is a large, modern metropolis, and the people are very friendly and good-natured. Desert does make up more than 70 percent of the country's geography, with only 2 percent of the population living in these areas, but, oh, the magnificence that is held in these desert regions!

Many people may have heard of the Nabatean capital, Petra. This is the area of temples and tombs carved right into the sandstone rock between approximately 800 BCE and 500 CE.

Since the Romans conquered the Nabateans in 106 CE, much of the architecture shows a decidedly Roman influence. Such influence is most notable in the amphitheater, the Royal

Tombs, and the very famous Khazneh, or Treasury. This last structure was made famous in the Indiana Jones movie, "The Last Crusade." What cannot be seen in that movie, or in any website photo, is the incredible whorls of color and striations in the sandstone itself. Even the older, pre-Roman tombs are remarkable due to the intrinsic beauty of the rocks. Extraneous decorations were unnecessary given the ornamentation of the sandstone. I took over three rolls of film during my half day in Petra, most of which show the colorful designs in the rocks, only some of which overlap with pictures of carvings and

early the next morning for the southern desert region, and Wadi Ram, made famous for being a filming site for "Lawrence of Arabia." As we came over the mountain pass and got our first view of the valley (the English translation for the Arabic word, wadi), we had to pull over and get out of the car. The sight was breathtaking. It looked like a painting, an exquisite backdrop of a desert valley. It literally brought tears to my eyes, I felt so incredibly fortunate and blessed to be permitted this glimpse of absolute beauty.

In order to sightsee within the wadi, we took a jeep tour.

Our jeep guide was a bedouin named Ayid. I had told him that I was curious as to the interior of a bedouin tent, and so our first stop was a family tent close to a natural spring. A woman and her two incredibly beautiful daughters were the only occupants present, but they offered us honey tea and flat bread with goat butter. Though there were flies hanging around the animal pens and the outside of the tent, I was impressed with the tidiness and organization of the tent interior. I spent a year living outdoors in the mountains of Arizona, and never, in my best efforts, did I ever have such a tidy living space. Through Ayid we learned that the women were reluctant to let us take their pictures, not because of

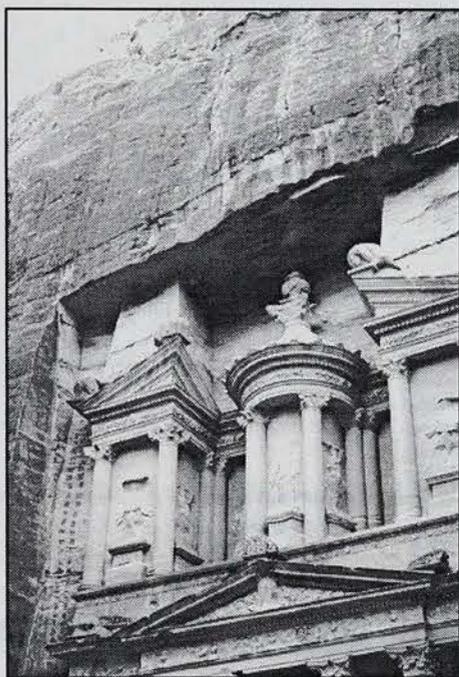
any religious or cultural taboo, but because they thought our intentions were to show the poor quality of life of the bedouin when we returned to our "rich" American commu-

structures. I could have spent a week in Petra, just drinking in the splendor of nature that created such a region. Alas, with but three days to spend in the country, we left



Jerash

Photos courtesy of Nina Rooks Cast



Petra — The Kazneh (Treasury)

nities. After many assurances on our part, and some wardrobe alterations on their's, they permitted my mother to take some photos, as she is an artist and told them she would send them photos of her paintings in return.

We then ventured further into the wadi, passing huge monoliths and canyon walls that reminded me of Zion National Park, just wider spread, less claustrophobic. Our final point of interest (time dictated our taking the short, two-hour tour) was a side canyon and pool of water, where Nabatean drawings were carved into the rock wall. These drawings looked exactly like the petroglyphs of the American southwest, which just makes you wonder. Again, I would have loved to have stayed in that valley longer, searched further for more petroglyphs and indigenous flora and fauna. Instead we headed north, back towards Amman, making a short detour to Mount Nebo, the famed final resting place of the prophet Moses.

A byzantine church was constructed on the supposed grave site of Moses. This church is still in use today, and contains some of the most impressive mosaics I have ever seen. The vista from the courtyard offers a seemingly view of the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert. It's a very serene site, and well worth the shot detour.

Finally, one of the most awe inspiring archeological sites in the country is one that the Jor-

danian Tourism Council does not emphasize. Mysteriously, all their efforts go towards promoting Petra, and it was in Israel that my mother and I learned of Jerash, the most extensive and well-preserved Roman ruin in the world. Jerash is one of the 10 league of cities of the Decapolis that the Romans built in the region during the first century BCE. The triple arch gateway, the present day tourist entrance, was built to honor Emperor Hadrian's arrival in 129 CE. The long colonade of the Cardo, the public square, the acoustically perfect amphitheater, and the temple mount all depict the epitome of a traditional Roman city. And it continues on for easily half a mile! Jerash continues to be an important site in Jordanian culture as it is the location of an annual, internationally renowned summer festival, with music and dancing and vendors along the Cardo providing two weeks of evening entertainment. As Jerash is further north of Amman, and at a decent elevation, this festival is looked forward to with anticipation by many of the southern Jordanians especially.

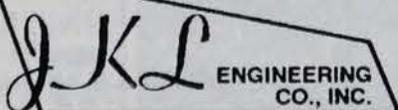
I hope that this essay might have sparked some interest in visiting the very fascinating Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. My only advice to potential travelers would have to be: Allow yourselves a greater period of time to explore the sites and natural splendor of the country than the three days my mother and I had available.

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## Children and The Internet

by Mark S. Mandell

Try imagining what your life was like before you got your computer.

Hard, isn't it? We certainly have a hard time recalling those "prehistoric" days, when finding the computer's "on" switch was itself a victory!

Whether it's corresponding with friends and clients by e-mail, doing research or making travel arrangements on the Internet, or even helping our children write school reports with facts found on educational Web sites, there's no question of how much computers and the Internet have permeated our everyday lives, putting information and wonderful new worlds at our fingertips.



Mark S. Mandell, Esq.

But while surfing the Web is certainly fun and can uncover plenty of informative and educational resources, it is only natural for us to be concerned for the safety of our children when they go on-line. As parents, our goal is to help steer them away from the "potholes" on the information superhighway that can negatively affect your family's safety and privacy.

One step toward addressing this concern was taken in Washington, D.C., this past year, when The Children's On-Line Privacy Protection Act was signed into law. Website developers, all too aware of the purchasing power of young consumers, often offer children enticements such as screen savers and free samples in exchange for personal information that can, in turn, be used to tailor

marketing. The new law protects consumers' privacy by prohibiting Websites from collecting information from children 12 and under without a parent's explicit permission.

But caution is still needed. A recent study by the Federal Trade Commission found that while almost 90 percent of the children's sites it surveyed collected personal information from children, only 54 percent disclosed their information collection practices, and fewer than 10 percent provided some form of parental control over the collection of information. It would be a sound investment of time for you to examine the sites your children visit to see what sort of data-collection practices are being used, and to discuss with your kids the potential effects and consequences of disclosing family information.

As parents, we need to take responsibility for our children's on-line computer use, familiarize ourselves with what they do while on-line, and work to minimize any potential risks they may face. One valuable source for tips on child safety on the Web is the SafeKids.Com Website <<http://www.safekids.com>>, which offers the following guidelines for parents:

- Never give out identifying information such as home address, school name, telephone number or age in public messages such as chat or bulletin boards — and even e-mails, should you or your child be writing to someone you don't know well. Avoid listing your child's name and e-mail address in any public directories. And make sure your child never posts or sends his or her photo on the Internet.

- Never allow your child to arrange face-to-face meetings with another computer user without first getting your permission. If a meeting is ever arranged, make sure it's in a public place, and accompany your child.

- Encourage your children to tell you if they ever encounter messages or bulletin board items that are rude, belligerent, suggestive or make them feel uncomfortable or scared. Forward a copy of such messages to your Internet access provider.

- Not everything you read

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## Rhode Island Receives Money For Comprehensive School Reform Programs

Rhode Island has received \$487,958 in a new federal education grant to help raise student achievement under comprehensive, research-driven approaches that strengthen entire schools and make their curricula more rigorous, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley recently announced.

A total of 46 states have shared in \$124 million awarded to date. Total funding for the program is \$145 million. Additional states have applied and will be funded this year; states have until June 30 to seek funding.

"These grants will both start and speed up needed school-wide change in virtually all aspects of participating schools," said Riley. "They will expand both the quality and scope of reform efforts that enable all children, particularly at-risk youth, to meet challenging academic standards — and help turn around low-performing schools."

The comprehensive reform program is designed to raise standards and build on other state and local efforts, through Title I and other reform programs. Under Title I, states must set measurable student performance goals and tie them to state content and performance standards. The comprehensive school reform grants will support local schools in achieving

their goals and in helping students meet state standards.

Riley noted that the demonstration program will help point the way toward more effective use of federal funds for Title I "schoolwide programs" in as many as 22,000 high-poverty schools that have a "schoolwide" option for use of Title I funds. States are also encouraged to use comprehensive school reform funds to help improve schools that have been identified as in need of improvement because of low student achievement.

Rhode Island will use about \$400,000 of the grant to make awards to support reform efforts in about seven schools served by the federal Title I program, particularly schools that have been identified as in need of improvement. About \$80,000 will be made available to assist an additional school — either Title I or non-Title I — that needs to substantially raise student achievement. Awards will go to local school districts beginning in May.

Through Rhode Island's standards-based accountability system — School Accountability for Learning and Teaching — schools are forming school improvement teams, developing school improvement plans and using data on student perfor-

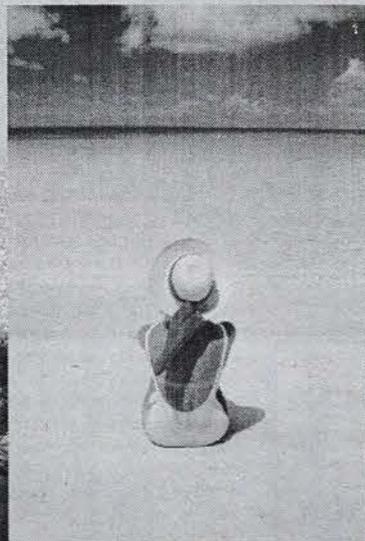
mance to make decisions. As part of this process, all schools, including schools receiving comprehensive school reform funds, will be visited by a team of practitioners and community members to identify areas of achievement and areas for improvement. Based on the visits and school student achievement data, the state education department will work with schools and districts to develop a school support agreement that outlines action steps needed to reach the school's goals.

Participating schools will receive ongoing help from the state education department and through a pair of federally funded regional technical assistance providers, the Northeast and Islands Regional Laboratory at Brown University and the Education Development Center in Newton, Mass. EDC has organized a new statewide Title I schools network in Rhode Island to share information and provide technical assistance.

School districts apply to the state on behalf of schools, groups of schools or charter schools, and describe the comprehensive program they will use and the evidence that it will improve student achievement. In funding schools, states may consider factors such as high dropout

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# Summer Fun

May 27, 1999

## Deadlines

Editorial Copy — May 21st

Advertisements — May 25th @ noon

### Go to Bat for Ben Benefit Dinner Dance

Benjamin Houston-Ponchak is a bright and precocious 9-year-old, and an avid baseball fan. Houston-Ponchak is also a cancer patient. He was diagnosed with leukemia in August 1998 and has been undergoing chemotherapy both at home and in the hospital. His mom, Ave, has taken leave of absence in order to administer his chemotherapy at home and keep him as comfortable as possible. While his mother and brothers provide endless emotional support, they need help with the financial burden imposed by his illness.

Join the Friends of Ben for an evening of food and dancing, and support the Benjamin Houston-Ponchak Trust. It will be at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston, on June 4 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per ticket and \$50 per couple. Music by Ronnie Rose Productions and a dance exhibition by the Arthur Murray Studio of Johnston. Contact Gail for ticket information at 528-4477, ext. 41, or if you would like to make a donation, contact Mary Westcoat at 941-2030 between 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Also available are various levels of sponsorship donations: American Legion Club — \$1,000 (6 tickets); The Majors Club — \$750 (4 tickets); The Minors Club — \$500 (2 tickets); Instructional Club — \$250 (2 tickets); Tee Ball Club — \$150 (2 tickets).

# FEATURE

## Once Upon A Time In The Black Forest

by Cindy Halpern

Alice was a German-Jewish little girl who lived in the region of Southwest Germany called The Black forest, a place of cuckoo clocks, cobblestone streets, and Grimm's fairy tales. Alice's childhood world was a village of 2,000 people where everyone knew everyone else.

Her father's family owned a fabric shop in a time before store-bought clothes were commonly available. The family business had an integrated role in the local economy.

Her family, although observant Jews, believed themselves to be German. They had lived in The Black Forest for at least 200 years before the rise of Nazism. Alice's father played on his high school soccer team and was a member of the drama club. Her father served his country in World War I, as did many other German-Jewish young men, which earned him a medal. As an adult, her father played on both the soccer team and bowling league.

Alice's parents often took her to visit her mother's family who lived in a nearby city. Alice looked forward to her grandmother taking her to the ice cream parlor during such visits. It was a special treat for a child because there were no supermarkets and ice cream was only served during warm weather. In The Black Forest of Germany,

one didn't eat cold ice cream on a wintry day.

But because Alice was born in 1931, her childhood changed with each passing year. To attend school, she had to board with her maternal grandparents during the week. Jewish children could only attend Jewish schools, according to the new Nazi laws. Law-abiding German citizens felt they were to obey any law without questions and so there were no protests.

Then, the happy visits to the ice cream parlor came to an end for the German-Jewish child. She could no longer play in the street with other children. She wasn't permitted to look at the German flag or offer any pledge to it as a German-born child. Her father could no longer sell cloth to non-Jews or stock his shelves with merchandise and products from non-Jewish distributors.

In November of 1938, during The Night of the Broken Glass, Alice's Jewish school, housed in a synagogue, was burned to the ground, as were many other synagogues in Germany and Austria. Her father and grandfather, the only Jewish men in town, were sent to Dachau Concentration Camp. These were the days before the gas chambers but many prisoners died of disease and starvation. Alice's father's and grandfather's hair

was shaved bare and they were forced to take laxatives to make them see themselves as less than human.

They were released after six weeks only because Alice's mother could prove that the family was being processed for American visas. In these days before the war, the Germans had hoped all the Jews would leave Germany for other countries. A few years later, when it became apparent that many Jews had no place to go, the blueprint for genocide was implemented.

Alice and her parents were granted American visas in August 1939. They left Germany on the last scheduled boat before World War II began. The child's grandparents hoped to join them soon, but it wasn't to be. They had American visas and boat tickets to leave the port of Marseilles, France. But the Allies military action in North Africa caused the Nazis to close ports, which sealed their fate — death.

Alice arrived in America as a child and learned to be invisible. When she wouldn't salute the American flag in class, she was given detention. She was a loner because the rules had changed for her too many times before.

But the child overcame her past to become a part of her new community. Alice became quite educated, married, and had chil-

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### New England Envoys Cast Vote

On May 5, twelve days prior to Israeli elections, envoys abroad cast their votes in the race for Israel's next prime minister and Knesset (Israeli Parliament) members. On this day, the Consulate General of Israel to New England converted its premises into a polling station, permitting all Israeli diplomats and State officials in the area to vote for the candidates of their choice.

## New Partnership is First-of-its-Kind for EL AL

EL AL Israel Airlines' president Joel Feldschuh and American Airlines' vice president and director of marketing for Europe, Jon Snook, met in Israel recently to sign an agreement for reciprocal participation in the two airlines' frequent flyer programs, the first-of-its-kind for EL AL. Also present to witness the ceremonial signing was United States Ambassador to Israel Ed Walker. The agreement, which begins May 17, allows members of EL AL's Matmid and Loyal Traveler

clubs to accumulate and redeem bonus points and tickets on all American Airlines and American Eagle flights.

Accordingly, American Airlines' AAdvantage members can also earn and exchange mileage for award tickets on EL AL.

This is the first agreement that allows EL AL frequent travelers to use their bonus points for travel on another carrier. As American Airlines is the world's largest airline, this newly formed partnership enables EL AL's frequent traveler club

members to travel almost anywhere and earn bonus points. Additionally, travel to Israel is easier and more convenient than ever for American Airlines AAdvantage members when they use their award tickets for travel on EL AL, the airline offering the most non-stop service between the United States and Israel.

"This is one of the most important agreements signed by EL AL in the last several years, and we are both pleased and honored to enter into this momentous partnership with American Airlines," said Joel Feldschuh at the signing. "In doing so, we have joined a prestigious list of airlines that are already partners with American Airlines in their frequent flyer programs. We look forward to the mutual benefits that this partnership will bring to both airlines and the members of our frequent flyer programs."

For more information about the EL AL-American Airlines frequent flyer partnership agreement, call EL AL reservations at (800) 223-6700 or (212) 768-9200. Or visit EL AL on the internet at <www.elal.com>

## Israel Foreign Minister Could Be Indicted

by Gideon Alon, Amira Segev and Yerah Tal  
Ha'aretz Correspondents and Agencies

Police recommended recently that Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon be indicted for allegedly bribing former general Avigdor Ben Gal in return for his giving favorable testimony in Sharon's libel suit against Ha'aretz.

Police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin said the police turned the file over to the State Attorney, but she would not confirm or deny the reported recommendation to prosecute.

"It was decided not to comment on this further because of the proximity to the elections," she added.

Senior legal sources said that Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Abel would delay their decision on the matter until after the elections. Arbel adamantly refused to comment on the nature of the police recommendation.

Sharon and Ben Gal were interrogated by police in connection with a trip the two made to Russia in June 1997.

Suspicious were raised when Ben Gal recanted his earlier account of Sharon's actions during the Lebanon War after Sharon brought a libel case against Ha'aretz.

There were reports that Ben Gal, who went into private busi-

ness after leaving the army, would get part of a lucrative natural-gas deal with Russia as a result of the trip.

According to reports leaked from the police, investigators have also recommended the indictment of Russian tycoon Vladimir Gusinski for his alleged part in the affair. Gusinski organized Sharon's visit to Russia and took part in some of his meetings there. He had dealt in the past with the Russian energy concern Gazprom, which was supposed to have supplied the gas to Israel under the deal, and is also a partner of Israeli businessman Shmuel Dankner, who was also in Russia during the Sharon visit.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded to the police recommendation by pledging his complete confidence in Sharon's innocence. "I have full confidence in Ariel Sharon and his innocence, and I also have full confidence in Israel's justice and legal system," Netanyahu said.

Likud officials admitted that they were concerned at the effect the possibility of two of its senior ministers — Tzachi Hangebi and Sharon — standing trial might have on the outcome of the elections. The Likud has already decided to lower Hangebi's profile and keep him off the campaign broadcasts.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## R.I.'s Natco Products Corporation Fund Exhibition of Famous Ship's Wheel

• **WHAT:** Rededication and exhibition of the 300-pound mahogany ship's wheel from the 216-foot auxiliary bark *Aloha*, built in 1910, and the *S.S. Mt. View*, the former summer home of Natco Products founder Arthur S. Galkin which overlooks Narragansett Bay in North Kingston, R.I.

• **WHEN:** May 13 at 4 p.m.

• **WHERE:** The Mallory Building at Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, Conn.

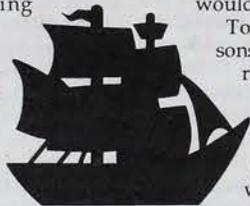
The *Aloha* wheel came to Mystic Seaport in 1969 via a circuitous route of luck and adventure. The 300-pound mahogany wheel was built for Henry Curtiss James' new yacht *Aloha*, which he sailed for 26 years, including service in the Navy during World War I and a voyage around the world in 1921 to 1922.

Although Curtiss sold *Aloha* in the 1930s the seven-foot wheel's sailing days were far from over. Galkin bought the steering device at auction and moved it to his summer home overlooking Narragansett Bay in North Kingston, R.I. The year was 1938, and Galkin had built a new water-front deck which looked so much like a ship's deck that he christened it the *S.S. Mt. View*.

On Sept. 21, 1938, one of the fiercest hurricanes ever to hit New England pulled the wheel overboard. After hours of pounding the wheel washed back on shore where Galkin found it.

He rescued the wheel and

rebuilt the *S.S. Mt. View*. He sold the house in 1956 and donated the wheel to Mystic Seaport in 1969 where its survival would be assured, and through periodic exhibition, its stories would be told.



Today Galkin's two sons, Robert T. and Warren B. Galkin, are strengthening their father's commitment to the public exhibition of the wheel through a recent pledge to Mystic Seaport which supports the care and interpretation of the wheel, allowing it to be continuously on display for years to come.

Robert and Warren are president and executive vice president, respectively, of Natco Products Corporation headquartered in Rhode Island.

## Natalie Rothstein Visits Book on The Square

Author Natalie Rothstein will visit Books on the Square on May 22 at 1 p.m. to sign her book, *An American Family*. Rothstein wrote this autobiographical/historical work in response to her 10-year-old granddaughter's question, "Where do I come from?" Always interested in tracing personal genealogy, she spent five years compiling the research to create a rich family history.

Rothstein traces her Russian Jewish roots to the time of Alexander II during the later part of the 19th century. Known as a wise and fair ruler, Alexander freed serfs and allowed Jews new freedoms including admission to universities and travel outside their restricted environs.

Rothstein gives us an entertaining view of Boston Jewish life in the early part of the 20th

century. Along with the humor, Rothstein injects facts and realities that make the period much more real than a children's folk tale others might give to their granddaughters about their family history.

In *An American Family*, the writer speaks to her own family's metamorphosis from Eastern European immigrants to contemporary Americans woven through historical settings in World War I, the prosperity of the Twenties, the depression, McCarthyism and up to the present.

Rothstein writes fiction and features as well as commentaries, short stories, and travel articles. Her work has appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The Chicago Sun Times*, *McCall's*, *The Writer*, *The Boston Herald*, and *The London Sunday Express*. She resides in Brookline, Mass.

## Heart Ball to Celebrate 'The Century' and Honor Sen. Chafee

"The Way We Were" will be the theme that celebrates "The Century" at this year's 1999 Heart Ball. The ball will be held on June 5, at 6 p.m., and will be held at the R.I. Convention Center in Providence.

Co-chairing the event are Lisa Churchville from NBC 10 and George Vecchione from Lifespan. Dean Holt is the honorary chairperson.

The event will be the first in the state to honor Sen. John Chafee, upon his intention not to seek reelection to office at the end of his term.

Ticket prices are \$300 per couple; \$450 for priority seating, and \$200 for individual tickets. The event includes a gourmet meal, and dancing to the music of three bands — Roomful of Blues, Eight to the Bar, and For Sentimental Reasons. There will be a silent auction and a live auction. Dress is black tie or "the century" costume theme.

For more information, or to request tickets, call the American Heart Association, New England Affiliate at 728-5300.

## Stadium Theatre is Rock'n

Woonsocket's Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre will be rocking on May 21 when the Fat City Band performs live on stage beginning at 8 p.m. The Boston-based band has been entertaining audiences across the east coast for more than 20 years — with its bluesy, roots-rocking sounds — and makes its first Blackstone Valley appearance at the Stadium Theatre.

Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at all Stadium Theatre ticket outlets. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Stadium Theatre box office, Monument Square, Woonsocket at 762-4545.

## Fashion Show at Temple Beth-El



Raising money in style — On May 6, the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El presented a fashion show entitled "Hats Off to Spring." With commentary by Bea Tempkin, "Hats Off to Spring" featured 19 models including Mardelle Berman (left) and Cantor Ida Rae Cahana in fashions from the Wrentham Village Premium Outlets.

Proceeds from the event go toward computerize the temple's Braude Library.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## 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.

## It's Winnie The Pooh and Tigger Too!

Admit it. You're like the rest of us: Everybody loves *Winnie the Pooh*, regardless of age.

A new, full-scale musical written by Bruce Talkington, Emmy Award-winning head writer of the popular "Winnie the Pooh" series for Disney, arrives at New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre on May 22. There are two performance times, 1 and 3 p.m.; the show is approximately an hour long.

Adapted from A.A. Milne's classic story, this company of seven features recorded music and live vocals. Produced by California's Harmony Artists, this musical is the last in the 1998-1999 Family Fun Series.

Tickets are \$5 general admission and can be purchased at the Zeiterion box office, which is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can also be ordered by calling the box office at (508) 944-2900.

## The Chorus of Westerly Performs Works by Stanford and Brahms

On May 16 the Chorus of Westerly will perform its spring concert featuring Charles Villiers Stanford's "Stabat Mater" and the first movement of "Triumphed" by Johannes Brahms.

Performances are at 6 and 8 p.m. in the Chorus of Westerly Performance Hall at 119 High St., Westerly. Music Director George Kent, the 200-voice chorus and the Boston Festival Orchestra will be joined by soprano soloist Adèle Paxton of Old

Lyme, Conn., mezzo-soprano Paula Rockwell of Nova Scotia, tenor Stephen Oosting of New Jersey and baritone Kurt Loft Willett of New York City.

A candlelight dinner will be offered on the evening of the performance at the home of George Connell in Watch Hill. The dinners will be served at two seatings at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$17.50 per person, and reservations are required.

Concert tickets range from \$8 to \$22. For ticket and dinner reservations or for more information, please call the Chorus of Westerly box office Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or May 15 from noon to 2 p.m. 596-8663.

## Celebrate Israel's 51st Year of Independence

*A Return to Harvard Street in Brookline*

The Jewish community will come together once again on Harvard Street at Coolidge Corner in Brookline to celebrate Israel's 51st Year of Independence on May 23, between noon and 4:30 p.m. The Israel Independence Day Street Festival will be a celebration with entertainment and activities saluting Israel and the Greater Boston Jewish community.

Community members of all ages will enjoy a full day's schedule:

- Enjoy featured performer, Yom Hadash — Boston's hottest Jewish rock band
- Listen to Klezmer, Israeli and Jewish Musical Performances
- Bring the kids for the petting zoo, storyteller Judith Black and hands-on activities
- Check out the new teen area and activities
- Join in Israeli Folk Dancing
- Explore Community Organization Displays and the Synagogue Fair
- Eat and relax at the Independence Day Outdoor Café
- Register to win a pair of FREE airline tickets to Israel

All activities and performances are free of charge. To volunteer, call Amy Warshawsky at (617) 558-6505. For general information about the event, call Jody Comins at (617) 558-6519.

## What's New at Perspectives?

Perspectives the Rhode Island Jewish Young Adult project has a new web page up on the World Wide Web. <<http://www.brown.edu/administration/hillel/perspectives/sharonframe.htm>> People of all ages could benefit from its resource of links on everything Jewish (from Jewish art to Yiddish). The page is revised regularly with the latest updates to the Perspectives calendar, links about current Jewish holidays and information about conferences, missions to Israel, lectures and events for people in their '20s and '30s. In addition, there are links on Rhode Island (galleries, clubs, tourism and so on).

For more information about the web page and/or Perspectives contact Sharon at 863-9357 or [perspective@brown.edu](mailto:perspective@brown.edu). See you in cyberspace.

### Perspectives Fourth Annual Pizza Challenge Extravaganza

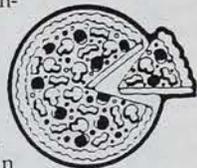
Graduate students and young adults in their 20s and 30s, both single and married, are invited to taste the best pizza

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Past donators include Pizza-Pier, Casertas, Bob and Timmy's and many more. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Price includes pizza, beverages and sweets. Fantastic door prizes to be won.

A part of the proceeds will be donated to the Bureau of Jewish Education's Perspectives Campus Leadership Award. The event will take place at the Johnson & Wales Culinary Museum, 315 Harborside Boulevard, Cranston at 9 p.m.

To RSVP and for more information about Perspectives contact Sharon Grainer, Perspectives director at 863-9357 or <[perspectives@brown.edu](mailto:perspectives@brown.edu)>



## Stand-Up Comedy Series

Johnson & Wales Inn and WBRU-FM are hosting a new weekly stand-up comedy event, call "Tickle Me Sillies," featuring up-and-coming comedians. Acts change weekly.

"Tickle Me Sillies" will be held on Thursday nights (except for Memorial Day and Independence Day weekends) through mid-August.

Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at the Embassy Ballroom, Johnson & Wales Inn, 213 Taunton Ave., Seekonk, Mass.

To purchase tickets or obtain information about featured comedians, call WBRU's "Tickle Me Sillies" hotline at 272-9550, ext. 127. Tickets are \$10 per person, per event.

## Everyone Needs a Cuddly Friend

A rabies clinic will be held on May 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Providence Animal Shelter, 7 Service Road, Providence, R.I. 941-6830.

A nominal fee of \$8 will be charged. (cash only) We also have many other wonderful dogs, cats, puppies and kittens all waiting for new homes.



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## Happy Anniversary 92 PRO-FM

92 PRO-FM celebrates their anniversary with their 25 anniversary celebration concert scheduled for June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center. The line-up consists of the following performers: Sixpence None the Richer, Eagle Eye Cherry, Joey McIntyre, Jordan Knight, B\*Witched, 98 Degrees and a special performance by Melissa Etheridge.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the Providence Performing Arts Center box office, by calling 421-ARTS or at all Ticketmaster locations beginning May 13.

If you have an event you would like featured on our Arts & Entertainment pages, please send it to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## Highland Court Will Be Filled With Music

Haig "Hiko" Hagopian, a native of Canada, was raised in Athens, Greece. Inspired as a child by his mother's shimmering soprano voice, Hiko's love for classical music was born. By age 16, Hiko was competing in solo flute competitions on both city and state levels. As a teenager, Hiko became a member of the Chicago Flute Society and the Chicago Symphonic Wind Ensemble. At Vandercook College in Chicago, Hiko performed in the Symphonic Band, the Midwest Band and the Orchestra Clinic under the direction of nationally recognized conductors. While still in his teens, Hiko discovered a talent and passion for composing, as well as an irresistible fascination with the oboe.

Hiko's flute and oboe instructors have included Ray Still and Donald Peck of the Chicago Symphony, Elaine Douvas of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Wayne Rapier of the Boston Symphony, Linda Crisafulli of

Northwestern University and Kay Clements of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

In Rhode Island, Hiko's busy schedule has included playing oboe and English horn for the Rhode Island College Orchestra, as well as principal oboe for Bel Canto Opera and the Ocean State Light Opera. In Connecticut, he has been principal suboboe for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony.

One of the fastest rising artists in the New Age/Classical music field, Hiko has recently signed a five-year contract with Real Music. Hiko's compositions will be heard on Piano Dreamers II, a multi-artist CD to be released in 28 countries in spring of 1999. His music can also be enjoyed on his recently released first full-length solo album, "First Embrace."

Hiko Hagopian will perform May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at High Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence. Free admission.

## A Special Night of Dance at Brown University

On May 29 and 30 the Ashamu Theatre at Brown University will be the setting for a very special program entitled, "Yitgadal." Talented students will perform to the music discovered at Terezin, a concentration camp in former Czechoslovakia. Proceeds go to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum to assist funding for educational and cultural-arts programs.

"Yitgadal" will be performed by Brown theater, dance and speech department students, under the instruction of Annamaura Silverblatt and Professor Julie Standberg. Silverblatt was born in Bologna, Italy, and came to the United States with her family at the age of 16. In New York she followed a dancing career at the Martha Graham School of Dance. Since her arrival to the United States, she has completed a long list of achievements including: recipient of Woman of the Year Dance Award for southern states in

1975; an apprenticeship in Israel with the dance company Imcal under the guidance of Sarah Levi Tanai; a Masters in Performance Choreography from UCLA, one of her images was selected to be in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Calif.

Since her arrival in Rhode Island, she has been active in the dance community. She was instrumental in initiating the "Dance in the Galleries" series of Sunday programs at the Rhode Island School of Design and her choreography has been extensively shown in Providence and Boston.

In 1995 she visited Terezin with her daughter-in-law who lost her great-grandmother at the camp. Afterward, Silverblatt was very moved and decided to honor the victims of the Holocaust by dedicating dance works to them.

Silverblatt is currently a guest lecturer and visiting lecturer at

Brown University. "Without the cooperation of Brown University and the dance, theater and speech department, this production wouldn't be possible," stated Silverblatt. "The Brown students have also worked a great deal to make this possible and I thank them as well." "Yitgadal" will also include a special piece from "The Village I Knew" by Sophie Maslow, a renown dancer and choreographer. She has inspired to create works based on Israeli songs and authentic sources, her repertory is always rich in cultural content.

"Yitgadal" will take place in the Ashamu Theatre on May 29 at 2 p.m. (reception at 4 p.m.) and 8 p.m., and May 30 at 2 p.m. (reception at 4 p.m.) and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person, performance only and \$25 per person, performance and reception. For more information, call the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum at 453-7860.

## Attention Crafters: Perishable Needs Your Needlepoint!

The award-winning Perishable Theatre, "R.I.'s offbeat, thought-provoking theater company" has put out the call to all crafters and artisans. Currently, in preparation for their seventh annual Women's Playwriting Festival, the theater is seeking help in finding some very important props for one of the winning plays.

The play, "Just Resting" takes place at a flea market where the main character is selling her completed needlepoint designs. Here's where the community's help is desperately needed — Perishable is seeking any and all FINISHED needlepoint creations for their production. The script calls for hangings, framed pieces and any sort of needlepoint work. The completed needlepoint can be dropped off before May 21 at the theater during business hours, Monday to Friday, or call 331-2695 or more information.

All artisans who "loan" the theater their creations will be rewarded for their effort with a complimentary ticket to a performance of the festival in order to see your artwork on-stage and in the spotlight. The Women's Playwriting Festival runs May 22 through June 20, after which all artwork will be returned unharmed.

## RI Philharmonic Youth Orchestras Present Final Concert

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras will present their final concert of the 1998-99 season on May 16, at 3:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. This concert will feature the two Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition winners: Micah Brandenbrug, cello, and Diana Owens, oboe.

The Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Ann Danis, will also perform Copland's Variations on a Shaker Melody from "Appalachian Spring" and the last movement of Sibelius' Symphony No. 2. The concert will also feature the Repertory Orchestra, under

the direction of Vincent Mattera and the Preparatory String Ensemble and String Class, under the direction of Christine Harrington Anderson.

Tickets for this event are \$7 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. To order tickets or for

more information, call the philharmonic office at 831-3123 ext. 14. Tickets may also be purchased at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium box office at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert.

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# OBITUARIES

## ANN D. BROOKNER

Providence — Ann D. Brookner, 92, of Glen Drive, co-owner with her late husband, Benjamin Brookner, of the former Lee's Dress Shop, for more than 50 years, retiring in 1976, died May 8 at Beechwood at Laurelmead.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Minnie (Sharpstein) Mittleman.

She was a member of Hadasah, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and many other charitable organizations. She was a lifetime member of Temple Beth-El.

She leaves a son, Stephen Brookner of Lexington, Mass., and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Sidney and Abraham Mittleman, Beatrice Venetsky and Francis Bromberg.

A graveside service was held May 12 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## EDWARD S. GITLIN

North Dartmouth, Mass. — Edward S. Gitlin, 77, of 167 West Hawthorn St., North Dartmouth, Mass., co-founder of Gitlin Industries, Mid-City Scrap Co. and Mid-City Steel Co., all in Westport, died May 4 at home. He was the husband of Goldie (Abesh) Gitlin. They were married for 48 years.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Louis and Rebecca (Lagovsky) Gitlin, he lived in North Dartmouth for 40 years, previously living in New Bedford.

He was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation. He was a 50-year member of the Scottish Rite of Shriners, Wattupa Lodge of Masons, Jewish War Veterans, Post 154 of New Bedford and the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. He was a longtime member of ISRI.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Mark Gitlin of Barrington; two daughters, Barbara Green of Walpole, Mass., and Rebecca Eisenberg of Scarsdale, N.Y.; two brothers, Milton Gitlin of

Dartmouth and Herman Gitlin of Somerset; and seven grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Barney and Willie Gitlin, Ann White and Ida Rubin.

The funeral was held May 6 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## MILDRED L. 'NUNNIE' GORIN

WARWICK — Mildred L. "Nunnie" Gorin, 79, of Commonwealth Avenue, a clerical worker at Providence City Hall for 25 years until she retired, died April 20 at the Kent Regency Genesis Elder care.

Born in Woonsocket, a daughter of the late Jacob and Anna (Marks) Portman, she had lived in Providence most of her life until moving to Warwick last year.

She was a member of the Majestic and Cranston Senior

Guilds, the Warwick Seniors and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Allen Gorin of Eagle, Idaho; a sister, Sally Chorney of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and two granddaughters.

A graveside service was held April 21 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Warwick.

## SAMUEL E. GROSSMAN

Samuel E. Grossman, 91, of Fairfax Drive, an entrepreneur who retired in 1967, died May 8 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Marilyn (Awerman) Grossman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Anna (Sackett) Grossman, he had lived in Providence and Cranston before he moved to Warwick in 1958. He had been co-owner with his brother, Morton Grossman of North Kingstown, of the former General Furniture Co. for many years.

He was the founder and proprietor of the former Clerfast Corp., Providence.

He was an Army veteran of World War II who served as a corporal in the Army Signal Corps in Europe.

Besides his wife and brother, he leaves a son, William D. Grossman in Hong Kong, a daughter, Jade C. Hirsch of North Kingstown; a sister, Edythe Siegel of Cranston and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held May 9 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel.

## RONALD W. KARNES

WEST WARWICK — Ronald W. Karnes, 70, of Delray Beach, Fla., and 70 Kristee Circle, West Warwick, a principal and teacher at Laurel Hill Avenue School, Providence, for 30 years, retiring 15 years ago, died May 5 in his doctor's office. He was the husband of the late Janet (Weiner) Karnes.

Born in New Bedford, a son of the late Harry and Frances Karnes, he lived in Delray Beach for 13 years and in West Warwick for two years, previously living in Cranston.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, stationed in Italy. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Providence College and a master in education from the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and the National Education Association.

He leaves two sons, Richard Karnes of South Kingstown and Mark Karnes of Warwick; a brother, Seymour Karnes of Rock Hill, S.C.; a sister, Leila Dashoff of Satellite Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

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## 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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## Service of Comfort at Temple Beth-El

A Service of Comfort will be held on May 16 at 5 p.m. in the Bennett Chapel at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., in Providence. The Service of Comfort is designed for those struggling with chronic illness, their caregivers, and anyone seeking spiritual solace. This brief service incorporates music, prayer, and reflective readings that focus on the Jewish road to healing.

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## A Double Portion

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control anyone or anything. When usual activities are set aside for a day, a new quality of life emerges. We begin to realize that if certain duties or chores aren't completed, nothing serious happens that day. We may have learned that if a paper doesn't get written, if bills don't get paid promptly, if a project is left undone, there may be serious consequences in the days to come. We find, however, that if we reserve this one day without work, we, somehow magically, find the time to get it done.

By learning the deeper meanings of Shabbat, we develop a sense of trust in life and trust in G-d that all our needs are served. We bring to the other days of the week an understanding that even if we set agendas, objectives and goals, G-d's will determines the outcome. All we need to do from Sunday to Friday is "hang out" — the ability to live life without expectations, like we do on Shabbat. This is truly trust in G-d. What a wonderful world this would be if we all could trust and evolve as caring and sharing members of the human community. All we need to do is observe Shabbat, the twenty-four-hour meditation for peace.

Velvel "Wally" Spiegler is a Certified Polarity Therapist, registered with advanced standing in the American Polarity Therapy Association; a student and teacher of Jewish Mysticism whose primary interest is in Jewish approaches to the healing of mind, body, and spirit. He can be reached for comments or questions by calling (508) 252-4302 or e-mail <dspieg5411@aol.com>

## Obituaries

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The funeral service was held May 7 at Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

### ALLAN J. MYROW

Lincoln — Allan J. Myrow, 62, of 62 Rockridge Rd., a self-employed computer consultant and the owner of Adept Systems, died May 8 at home. He was the husband of Marilyn (Shone) Myrow.

Born in Newport, a stepson of Sylvia (Cohen) Myrow of Providence, and a son of the late Wolf E. and Ruth (Ross) Myrow, he lived in Lincoln since 1975.

He was a graduate of Northeastern University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and a past master of redwood Ledge of Masons, where he was named Man of Year in 1997-98. He was a member of the Palestine Shrine and the Scottish Rite.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves a brother, Louis M. Myrow of Providence, and a sister, Carol A. Neimark of Elmhurst, Ill.

The funeral service was held May 9 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

## RI Receives Money

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rates and are encouraged to support both urban and rural school districts throughout the state. Schools must integrate curriculum and instruction; student assessment; professional development; parent involvement and school management — and bring in help from outside partners with experience in school reform. Participating schools may select any comprehensive reform program with a successful and rigorous track record, including locally developed approaches, and 17 models were specifically included in the legislation as examples. The models range from Success for All, a pre-kindergarten to grade 6 program developed by Johns Hopkins University that emphasizes early reading, family involvement and cooperative learning, and Modern Red Schoolhouse, a K-12 program developed by the Hudson Institute that offers a rigorous curriculum and high standards, emphasizes character, utilizes technology and individualizes student learning plans.

Also coined "Obey-Porter" for the two members of Congress who first introduced the proposal, the legislation provides funds to assist more than 2,000 schools this year. Participating schools will receive at least \$50,000 of comprehensive school reform funds per year, renewable for up to three years. Most of the program funding — \$120 million — is being awarded to states under the Title I formula and is targeted to schools with high proportions of children from low-income families. An additional \$25 million, from the Fund for Improvement in Education, is available to both Title I and non-Title I schools based on each state's share of school-aged children.

Additional funding will help local districts and schools identify what works and put those approaches into practice, including funds for regional education laboratories and other technical assistance.

## Scholarships Available For Camp Massasoit

Camp Massasoit, the Cranston YMCA's summer camp is, once again, offering scholarships for those in need who wish to attend the camp. Located on Oak Swamp Reservoir in Johnston, R.I., and at the Cranston YMCA, Camp Massasoit provides a variety of programs and activities including sports medley camp, theater camp, dance/tumbling camp and crafts camp for children ages 6 through 17.

Besides providing swimming instruction, sports games, arts and crafts activities and special events, Camp Massasoit is also introducing theme weeks to its campers this year. Each week will focus around such themes as International Week, Circus Week and Wavy Water Week.

Applications for scholarships are presently available at the Cranston YMCA at 1225 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. For more information, call 943-0444.

## Children and The Internet

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on the Web is true. Be careful of any offers that involve your attending a meeting, having someone visit your home, or sending money or credit card information.

- Make use of the computer as a family activity. Keep the computer in a common area such as the living room rather than the child's bedroom. And familiarize yourself with your child's "on-line friends" as you would their neighborhood and school friends.

In addition, there are now filtering features built into popular Web browsers (such as Netscape and Internet Explorer) or available as software that allow parents to block out certain sites (such as Websites featuring sexual explicit material) or restrict access only to those sites that have been rated appropriate for kids. Also, parents may want to utilize child-friendly browsers such as KidDesk <<http://www.KidDesk.com>> and Surf Monkey <<http://www.surfmonkey.com>>, which limit access to all but safe, preselected sites.

But keep in mind that no filtering product can block every objectionable site. As SafeKids. Com reminds us, the best way to assure that your children are having positive on-line experiences is to stay in touch with what they are doing, maintain open lines of communication with them, and talk about their on-line experiences.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Website at <<http://familysafety.atla.org>>.

Mark S. Mandell, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, is a partner in the Providence, R.I. law firm of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair.

## Black Forest

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den of her own. Perhaps you know Alice Goldstein as your neighbor in Warwick, where she has lived since 1957. Maybe you have sat with her in shul, at Temple Am David, where she was a founding member. She might be your respected colleague at Brown University, where she is a researcher in demographics. Now she is a volunteer speaker for the R.I. Holocaust Museum.

Today, I heard Alice Goldstein tell her story at the Birchwood Middle School in North Providence. The atmosphere in that middle school, as in all our schools, is tense in the aftermath of the Littleton tragedy. But the principal, Mr. Ferrara, greeted Alice warmly. He believes that since school is where attitudes are formed, it is important for pupils to hear about the dangers of prejudice.

Thanks to Alice Goldstein, Lea Eliash, Heinz Sandelowski, and the other Holocaust survivors who have shared their stories with students, school may yet become the place where tolerance is learned.

## Who Counts

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rently receiving support from the JDC in Ethiopia, and no one doubts their right to make aliyah, including the Israeli government. Logistics aside, one must ask what is causing the delay in taking the remaining Quara Jews out of Ethiopia? Once again, we must ask, Who counts? A debate rages within the Jewish community about the Felash Mura, Ethiopians who converted to Christianity within the last century and are now reclaiming their Jewish ancestry. The political implications of taking this group to Israel are staggering. Do these maybe thirteen thousand or maybe fifty thousand people count as Jews? Should the Israeli government be accountable for performing the mitzvah of pidyon shavuyim, redeeming the captives?

Who counts among us? We make distinctions even within our own communities. We ask, How many are Orthodox Jews and how many are Reform Jews? How many Jews have intermarried and how many have chosen to become Jewish? How many members are affiliated with our synagogues and how many Jews are not counted because they have only a tangential connection to the organized Jewish community? We often ask ourselves, How many people came to services? How many people contributed to this fund or prepared that program? But what do we learn from all of our counting? Census taking helps us to qualify, to categorize, and to consider the way in which the pieces of the puzzle fit together. But perhaps the most important information comes after the taking of the census, when we learn which people among our numbers we can count on.

Alane S. Katzew is the cantor of Temple Israel of New Rochelle, N.Y. and the vice president of the American Conference of Cantors.

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Back row (left to right): Rivky Rubenstein and Adina Shafner; front row (left to right): Chanita Bar-Chaim, Bashi Lipson, Yael Silberberg, Rivka Gibber, Leah Scharf, and Tamara Shore.

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### Holiday Schedule

Friday, May 21 ..... 10:30  
The Ten Commandments  
..... 11:30 a.m.  
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Shabbos, May 22...10:00 a.m.  
Yizkor Services ... 11:30 a.m.  
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Thursday night May 20

..... 12 a.m. dawn  
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## Landau Installed for Third Term as BJE/RI President

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island was held on May 11 at the JCCRI. Sheila R. Alexander chaired the meeting which included educator awards and recognition of teen Israel travelers, as well as the installation of officers and board of directors.

That evening, Robert P. Landau was installed, for the third term, as president of the agency. An attorney with Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein and Peirce, Landau is also an officer at Temple Emanu-El and on the board of the Alperin Schechter Day School. An active community leader, Landau is a past recipient of the Merrill Hassenfeld Award for community service. He lives in Providence with his wife, Lesley, and their two daughters, Susan and Laura.

The members of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island BJE/RI Board 1999/00 are: President Robert Landau, Vice President Gloria Feibish, Eleanor Lewis and Selma Stanzler; Treasurer Joan Gray; Assistant Treasurer Robert Greenberg, Secretary Anne Franklin; Assistant Secretary Bill Kolb.

Nominated to the board of directors for a three year term ending 2002 were: Bennett Bergman, Lana Israel, Jane Kaufman, James Pious, Sharon Sock, Rabbi Mordecai Torczyner, David Yavner, Irving Waldman, David Wisen, and Nancy Fain; for a two year term expiring in 2001: David Resnick and Arlene Rogol; for a one year term ending in 2000: Larry Wacks and Bobbie Wallick.



Robert P. Landau

## News From the Cranston Senior Guild

The Cranston Senior Guild has started off the season with a bang. Our trips to the Kennedy Library and to Wrights Farm were unqualified successes. Now to acquaint the world with what we have planned next.

The excursion to the Raleigh Hotel will be leaving May 24 thru 28. Five days and four-nights of food, excitement and luxury, entertainment every night and days full of activity. One could not ask for a better vacation. Call Judah Rosen 942-0985 for reservations.

Our installation luncheon promises to be as big a success as last years. A correction — Mal Ross's telephone number is 723-8580. Make sure you call his corrected number to make your reservation for the installation luncheon at the Venus deMilo.

June 23 — Plans are for our sojourn to that epicurean delight, lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn and a tour of the Heritage Plantation on Cape Cod. For reservations — call Ellie Marcus at 942-2589.

Our 4th annual picnic at Goddard Park on July 14 will cost \$7 per person all inclusive. Call Selma Price 943-3427 or Ellie Marcus 942-2589.

August 11 — We will visit the Salem Witch Museum, lunch at the Chase House, shopping at Pickering Wharf and a sightseeing tour of Salem. Call Lil Gilstein at 941-4298 for reservations.

Dues must be paid by the end of May in order to take advantage of any event.

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