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News At A Glance

- Shas leader Aryeh Deri recently announced his resignation as party head, paving the way for Shas to enter One Israel's coalition government, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. After the announcement at Shas headquarters in Jerusalem, One Israel said it would take a 24-hour break to assess the situation before coalition talks continue. Shas Knesset members rejected Deri's resignation and immediately sought the intervention of party spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Among the likely replacements for Deri are David Yosef (Ovadia Yosef's son), Yishai, and Interior Minister Eli Suissa. Deri's resignation paves the way for Barak to establish a coalition of at least 70 MKs. The most likely composition of the government will be One Israel (26), Shas (17), Meretz (10), Yisrael Ba'aliya (6), the Center Party (6), and the National Religious Party (5).
- The United States Army is interested in purchasing more pilotless aircraft produced by the Israeli Aviation Industry following their performance in Kosovo, according to a statement by Col. Mike Howell, head of the Army's Tactical Pilotless Aircraft division, at an air show in Paris, *Ha'aretz* reported. During NATO strikes against Serbia, the U.S. Army used 12 Hunter pilotless aircraft, which were operated by two ground stations. At the Paris Air show, Israeli company Elisra signed an agreement with Lockheed Martin to supply electronic combat systems for Lockheed's F-16 aircraft. Meanwhile, the U.S. Senate approved appropriations for the financing of three projects by the Israeli Ministry of Defense. The appropriations are part of the U.S. defense budget for 2000.
- Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon met recently with Ethiopian Ambassador to Israel Zewde Otoro, to discuss facilitating the immigration to Israel of the 3,500 Qwara Jews in Ethiopia *Ma'ariv* reported. Sharon told the Ethiopian ambassador that Israel intends to coordinate its actions with the Ethiopian authorities, and that he hopes to complete the rescue mission before his tenure as foreign minister comes to an end.

Shaare Zedek's Moving Ceremony in Normandy

"Looking out as far as the eye could see at row after row of graves—more than 10,000 in all—at the American Cemetery in 'Omaha Beach' in Normandy was a profoundly moving and sad experience," related Menno Ratzker, president of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. "The enormity of the sacrifice to defeat Hitler 55 years ago was vividly laid out before you."

Ratzker, of Monsey, N.Y., and Meir Rosenne, former Israeli Ambassador to France and the United States, who is chairman emeritus of Shaare Zedek's International Board of Governors, led a group of some 70 American Jewish leaders on Shaare Zedek's recent ambassadors mission to France and Israel.

They, leaders of the French Jewish Community, the president of the American Battle Monuments Commission and American Generals visited the memorial to these fallen soldiers, where two World War II veterans on the mission—Sol Barnett and Harold Bogdonoff of Plantation and Lake Worth, Fla., (pictured) respectively—laid a wreath as the French and American Anthems and "Taps" were played.

Rabbi Bloch, Chief Rabbi of the city of Caen, recited the *Kaddish* memorial service for the 148 Jewish soldiers buried in the cemetery. They include Sgt. Melvin H. Friedman, who was killed during the invitation, at the age of 25, at whose grave site the service took place. He was a cousin of the previous president of the American Committee, the late Charles H. Bendheim.

During their stay in France, delegates on Shaare Zedek's Ambassador's Mission participated in a luncheon at the Hotel de Ville (Paris City Hall) hosted by the mayor of Paris and in a *cocktail dinatoire* at the home of the Israeli Ambassador to France, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, and Madame Nitza Ben-Elissar.

In Jerusalem, mission participants toured Shaare Zedek's newest facility, the Harry Judith and Leonard Wilf Woman and Infant Center, located entirely on the hospital's renovated ninth floor, "Charlie's Floor" [named in tribute to the late Charles Bendheim], to provide the complete range of medical care to women of all ages and to infants on one floor of the medical center, in a comprehensive setting.



ORT and Russian Federation Sign Agreement on Education

World ORT Union Director General Robert Singer, right, and Dr. Alexander Kondakov, Russia's Deputy Minister of General and Professional Education, signed an agreement in London on May 27. This high level accord will enable ORT to expand its provision of educational services within the Russian Federation. ORT was founded in 1880 in St. Petersburg, Russia, to train poor Jews of Eastern Europe in marketable skills of the day. ORT remained in Russia, educating hundreds of thousands there, and later, in the Soviet republics, until Stalin's purges in 1938 forced operations to close throughout the USSR. In 1990, ORT returned to St. Petersburg and the former Soviet Union. ORT is now focusing on improving educational standards in Jewish schools thereby introducing technology and computer studies. There are 22 ORT schools and centers are operating in 16 communities in Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, and Estonia. American ORT and Women's American ORT raise funds to support technical and technological training for 262,000 students in ORT schools in 60 countries around the world. ORT is the Jewish world's leader in technology education and the world's largest non-governmental education and training organization.

Photo courtesy of American ORT

Rhode Island's Economic Future Looks Bright

by Leonard Lardaro
Professor of Economics at URI and
Forecast Manager for the New
England Economic Project, R.I.

The economic picture for Rhode Island improved along with the surging national economy in the first four months of 1999. March's Current Condition Index was revised upward from 75 to 83, now exceeding its year-earlier value, while April's CCI rose all the way to 92, also bettering the value one year ago.

Not surprisingly, the best news continues to be ongoing dramatic reductions in the number of unemployed Rhode Islanders. In April, the number of jobless Rhode Islanders again remained below 16,000, allowing our state's unemployment rate (of 3.1 percent) to remain close to the 3 percent "magic number" that we witnessed in March, keeping us at full employment. More importantly, this sharp drop once again coincided with a strong rise in our resident labor force, a 1.6 percent annual increase. Both the low level and sharp improvement in our state's unemployment rate were enough to give Rhode Island its second

consecutive #1 national ranking in my Jobless Improvement Index.

Accompanying these spectacular declines in unemployment were continued excellent performances by both new claims for UI (-10.7 percent) and benefit exhaustions (-6.4 percent). New-found strength in construction employment helped seasonally adjusted payroll employment growth to finally exceed the 2 percent threshold that has alluded us for almost this entire recovery. The hourly manufacturing wage continued to grow at or above a 3 percent annual rate, which it has done for every month this year.

The interest-sensitive portion of our economy turned in a mixed picture in April. Our long-running star performer, existing home sales, was flat on a year-over-year basis, although sales remained above the 9,000 annual unit mark. Single-unit permits grew by 3.8 percent, extending the streak of 2,500+ annual units that dates back to last October. Retail sales displayed the greatest strength of

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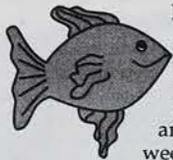
HAPPENINGS

Entertainment For Children

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

June

- 24 **Play & Learn.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 2 to 4 explore the fun forest environment of Littlewoods. Kids stretch their developing skills with games and activities designed especially for their ages and needs.
- 25 **Free at Five.** The Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free for everyone from 5 to 8 p.m., courtesy of Metropolitan Life Foundation.



Preschool Friday. ARTS SMART! From 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m., curious preschoolers ages 3 to 5 design their own aquariums! Kids make the underwater world come to life by creating brightly colored fish, seaweed, seashells and more. Pre-registration for an eight-week series is recommended for this program. Call 273-KIDS, ext. 234, for enrollment information. Same-day registration at the admissions desk may be available, space pending. There is a \$1 fee above the price of admission for same-day registration.

- 26 **ElectriCity!** From 1 to 3 p.m., children ages 5 and up learn how a battery stores electricity and why certain fruits do too! Kids test lemons, oranges, apples and even a pickle to see how electrifying they are. This program is part three of a four-part Saturday series investigating the mystery of electricity, sponsored by Narragansett Electric.



- 27 **Clarinet Clarity.** From 1 to 3 p.m., children ages 7 and up meet a musician, learn about the versatile clarinet and listen to its beautiful tones.
- 29 **Compass Curves.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 5 and up explore the magic of circles and create colorful, eye-dazzling spinners.
- 30 **Water Art.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 5 and up make effervescent bubble prints to colorfully capture the bubbling patterns of water.

Calendar: June 25th thru June 29th

- 25 "Wines of the World" wine-tasting cruise. 7 p.m. Wine consultant Chris Carmone on an adult-only cruise. Reservations required. Snug Harbor Marina, S. Kingstown. Call 783-9977.
- 26 **Free-For-All Saturday** at the RISD Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence. 11 to 4 p.m. **Reed & Barton Annual 12/metre Regatta.** View the 12 metres, moderns and classics under sail. Fort Adams State Park Museum of Yachting, Newport. Call 847-1018. **Summerspectacular—1999—Outdoor Craft Fair.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wickford Place, Inc., 1340 Tower Hill Rd., North Kingstown. June 26 and 27. **Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Durham** at McCoy Stadium June 26 through 29. **The Warwick Musical Theatre,** Rt. 2, Warwick, welcomes Debbert McClinton and NRBQ. 8 p.m. Call 821-7300 for tickets. **Live at Foxwoods Resort** and Casino presents Motown legend Aretha Franklin. June 26 at 9 p.m. and June 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$49.50 and \$60.50 Call (800) 200-2882. **K & S Ballroom Dance** at the Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Swing lessons 7 to 8 p.m., dancing until midnight. \$10 per person. Call 821-4108. **Free-For-All-Saturday** at RISD Museum of Art. Wander through Barnaby Evans' labyrinth of bamboo in "Rikyu's Second Dream." 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 27 **Annual Blessing of the Fleet.** Boats queue up in the area off Goddard Park and follow procession led by the East Greenwich and Warwick fire boats, East Greenwich Cove, Water Street, East Greenwich. 2 p.m.
- 29 **Jazz with the Hal Crook Group** at AS220, 115 Empire St., Providence. \$5, 9 p.m. Call 831-9327.

Cranston Library Will Hold Ronald McDonald Show

Celebrate the beginning of summer vacation at Cranston Public Library. Adults and children of all ages are invited to the Ronald McDonald Magic Show, where the most popular clown around will help children discover the adventure of reading through music, magic, fun and games — June 24, 1:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road and June 29, 1:30 p.m. at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St. Cranston's Summer Reading Program is sponsored by Cranston Public Library, the R.I. office of Library and Information Services, Cranston's Citizens Banks and your R.I. McDonald's restaurants.

Strange and Stranger, a program about weird happenings will be held on June 29, at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Library, for students entering grades three through five. Based on the books *Tuesday* and *June 29, 1999*, written by David Wiesner, this program will invite participants to wonder about the author's intentions and the strangeness of these two titles.

Also on June 29, at 6:30 p.m., a family game night will be hosted at William Hall Library. Bring your favorite board game or play one of the many we will provide. We'll have a giant floor checkers game for those who really want to get into the game! Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Call your local Cranston library to save your place in any of our programs.

'Aladdin' Appearing at Z

Summer 1999 kicks off with the Zeiterion's Summer Fun Series on July 7 with "Aladdin." Follow Aladdin when he leaves his home to seek his fortune. Meet exciting characters who weave plots of intrigue and mystery. The pace truly picks up, however, when he finds a rusty old lamp that is home to a mischievous genie.

Two performances are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The 10 a.m. performance is designed to accommodate groups (10 or more), but families are welcome to attend as well. The 12:30 p.m. performance is designed to accommodate families.

Tickets are only \$5, general admission, and are available at the Zeiterion box office. Call (508) 994-2900 or visit the box office at 684 Purchase St., Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New Treatments For Rheumatoid Arthritis

The Arthritis Foundation and Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories are cosponsoring a series of free public seminars entitled "Advances in Treating Rheumatoid Arthritis." These programs are being offered throughout Rhode Island. Upcoming programs are scheduled in the early evening on June 29 at Elmhurst Extended Care Center, an affiliate of Roger Williams Medical Center and July 8 at The Westerly Hospital. The last 18 months have shown tremendous growth in the treatment choices available for people with RA. To help inform people about these options, Rhode Island rheumatologists will present information about the new treatments.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a systemic disease that affects the entire body and is one of the most serious, disabling and common forms of arthritis. It is characterized by inflammation of the membrane lining the joint which causes pain, stiffness, warmth, redness and swelling. The inflamed joint lining can invade and damage bone and cartilage. The cause of rheumatoid arthritis is not yet known; however, it is known that RA is an autoimmune disease. The body's nature immune system does not operate as it should, resulting in the immune system attacking healthy joint tissue and causing inflammation and subsequent joint damage. Researchers suspect that agent-like viruses may trigger RA in some people who have an inherited tendency for the disease.

For a free brochure on rheumatoid arthritis, to inquire about seminar times or to pre-register for one of the free seminars, call the Arthritis Foundation at 434-5792. Pre-registration for the seminars is recommended to guarantee a seat.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Selya Receives JNF's "Tree of Life" Award

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

The land of milk and honey desperately needs water.

One June 15, as the Jewish National Fund held its Tree of Life Award dinner in honor of the Hon. Bruce M. Selya, JNF Emissary Colonel Moshe El'ad delivered this message to more than 100 guests.

Speaking at an event that raised about \$55,000 for JNF's afforestation and land reclamation projects, including a 10,000-tree forest that will be planted in tribute to Selya, El'ad spoke of how Israel's water supply is vital to the peace process.

A former head of the Regional Security Committee to the Palestinian Authority, an agency that played a very active role in implementing the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord in the West Bank, El'ad emphasized the need for peace, both within the state and between Israel and its neighbors.

"The last 51 years has been a crucial period," he summarized. "We have a healthy economy, and we've achieved a lot in the fields of technology, science and agriculture. We've met the Zionist challenge of absorbing immigrants. We have much to be proud of, but there is much to be done—we have to live together in this region."

Arab citizens, said El'ad, must obtain full equality. There is peace between Israel and Egypt, and between Israel and Jordan. Peace talks with the Palestinians are expected to progress. But in order to achieve peace, said El'ad, Israel must obtain the water resources that are vital to maintaining its strength.

"We are a country with a great past and a very controversial present," he said. "We must recognize that for the sake of the future, Israel must solve the problem of the scarcity of water."

El'ad told of how the Negev, which constitutes some 60 percent of Israel's territory, only gets one or two inches of rain per year, then showed how the lack of water posed problems with the recently achieved peace accords with Jordan.

"We have been in a drought for three years," he explained. "Ninety-five percent of our water is consumed. The accords between Israel and Jordan stated that we would give them 55 million cubic meters of water per year."

Because of the drought, Israel initially said that they could not fulfill that measure this year, El'ad explained.

"But the Jordanians insisted that we fulfill it, and eventually, we did," he said. "But in the meantime, the new king went to visit President Assad of Syria. He offered them water. If we had not been able to deliver the water, Jordan would have gone to Syria."

Additionally, said El'ad, the water in the Gaza Strip is unfit to drink.

"The JNF is working with them on plans for desalinization," he said. "It is essential to have water in this country.



The Honorable Bruce M. Selya (left) is presented with the JNF "Tree of Life" Award on June 15th by JNF Emissary Colonel Moshe El'ad. Ronald Machtley, president of Bryant College, was also on hand to honor his friend. Photo by Allan E. Dines.

People keep digging—that is why Israel is called the Holy Land."

El'ad also extended his congratulations to Selya.

"In regard to our distinguished honoree, I'm proud to be the one who is responsible for saying 'mazel tov,'" he said.

Other speakers also praised Selya, a United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit judge.

A graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Law School, Selya is also an adjunct professor of law at Boston College and the Boston University Law School, as well as a guest lecturer at Harvard University, New York University and the University of Southern California Law Schools.

A former member of the board of directors of the Federal Judges Association who has been a member of the committee on the Judicial branch of the Judicial Conference of the United States, Selya is the chairman of the Rhode Island State/Federal Judicial Council.

Selya has been chairman of the board of directors at Lifespan Health System since 1994, a trustee, chairman and presently trustee emeritus of Bryant College, a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, a trustee and present trustee emeritus of The Wheeler School. He has also served as Rhode Island area chairman and regional vice president for New England Anti-Defamation League.

"Some know him as a skillful and able lawyer, others know him as a superb judge, and some know him as an inspiring teacher," said Senator John Chafee. "I'm here to salute him as a longtime best friend, a trusted and sage advisor."

"No one ever did a better job than Bruce," said Ronald K. Machtley, president of Bryant College.

Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci offered congratulations, a proclamation and a key to the city.

"I really admire him," said Cianci of Selya. "He's one of those people that others model their actions after. He's the quintessential champion of justice and a source of common

pride."

Colonel El'ad presented Selya with the Tree of Life Award, and Selya responded with an address about the values of friendship.

"I'm very grateful that the JNF has chosen me, and I'm grateful to all of you for your support," he said.

"No one succeeds in life on his own," he continued. "I have a wonderful family, I've been lucky to receive a superb education. I've benefited from talented and generous mentors, and enormously gifted colleagues. I like to think those who I have met have become a part of me—those events and persons who have shaped what I have been able to accomplish. I know those accomplishments are shared attainments that were only achieved with the efforts of those who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with me—there is nothing sweeter than the friendships I have made over the years."

Teen Authors Tell of Embarrassing Parents

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

New York teen-agers Zack Elias and Travis Goldman were sick of being embarrassed by their parents.

One day at Zack's house about two years ago, he and his best friend Travis were complaining about various and unrelenting parent-induced humiliations.

That day, Zack's mom, Betsy Elias, happened to hear them.

A native Rhode Islander and managing editor at Random House, Betsy encouraged the boys to write the annoyances down rather than simply whine about them.

The result was *How Not to Embarrass Your Kids*, an 80-page plea from teens to their parents that presents 250 big-time "don'ts" in handbook form that was published by Warner Books in 1998.

"All that embarrassment just kind of built up," explained Zack, a recent graduate of the Fieldston School in Riverdale, of his urge to co-author the book. "The premise is that the general presence of your parents is embarrassing. I'm no more embarrassed than anyone else. It's not specific to us—it has value for any teen-ager."

According to Travis, about 99 percent of anecdotes came from painful personal experiences. "The rest we got from friends," he said. "It was fun to write. I've learned a lot of things my parents do really annoy me."

Some of the "don'ts" are: Don't pretend to like our music — and if you really do like it, don't tell anyone; don't reminisce about your hippie days; don't fix our clothes in public; don't ever lick your finger to

wipe schmutz off our face.

When we're with friends don't make jokes unless you are absolutely sure they are funny; don't show our friends our baby pictures or tell them about cute things we did when we were little; don't kiss our friends. When it comes to recreational activities don't try to do any tricks; don't show off (for example, when playing football, don't yell, "Go for it!"), and don't ever ask another kid to teach us something.

School has its own rules. Don't walk in during the middle of class and wave to your child. He/she will know you've arrived even without the wave; don't be friendly with parents unless the kids are friendly; and don't hug, kiss or show any affection to your child anywhere on the school grounds. Both boys are college bound—Travis to Boston University and Zack to the Talent Achievement Program at the University of Massachusetts. According to Zack, one of the most embarrassing things his mother ever did to him took place on the UMass campus.

"I was visiting the school and she was walking behind me," he said. "Suddenly, I heard a scream. She had tripped and fallen, and she screamed. Everyone was staring at her."

Later that same day, Betsy reached into one of the bags she had been carrying when she fell and took out a seltzer.

"We were in an orientation session," he said, "she decided she had to have that seltzer. She didn't check it before she opened it, and it sprayed all over her. Everyone laughed."

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OPINION

For All of Our 'Private Ryans'

by Butch Miller
Earn this." That was the challenge at the end of the movie "Saving Private Ryan" from one hero of World War II to another. "Earn this." In the movie, the phrase means: Honor the sacrifices of America's combat veterans by living a truly good life.

For those of us in The American Legion who work every day with countless Private Ryans from every major conflict of this century, we know that the hardships and sacrifices of military service have earned America's veterans the right to a modern, accessible VA health-care system.

For the burdens of military service don't end when the battle flags are furled and this nation's Private Ryans take off their uniforms and return home. Wounds may heal and injuries may improve but many veterans leave the military with medical problems that stay with them the rest of their lives. Commonly, these problems worsen with age.

Fortunately, over the decades, this nation has built an impressive network of 173 hospitals dedicated to serving veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs, still known as the VA. Unfortunately, the VA health-care network, by some standards the largest in the nation, where half of all physicians receive a portion of their professional training, is on the verge of collapsing through financial neglect.

The VA, you see, is in its third year of a frozen, no-growth budget. And Congress is in the process right now of putting together a VA budget that could guarantee a fourth year with spending locked at 1997 levels.

This sort of belt-tightening made sense in 1997 when a burgeoning federal deficit threatened to drag down our

economy. Veterans have always been willing to share the pain during the tough times. But why, when the federal government estimates it will take in at least \$100 billion more than it spends this year, is anyone having any pain?

We can't freeze the medical needs of veterans. Our World War II veterans are making more demands upon the VA medical system. Newer vets are trying to enter VA hospitals and clinics every day with their own problems.

The VA's top doctor has estimated that he'll have to lay off 8,000 medical workers, reduce hours, eliminate programs and even consider closing hospitals if Congress does not remove the financial shackles of a no-growth budget.

To reverse this alarming trend, The American Legion has embarked upon a campaign to preserve the VA medical system from slow financial strangulation. We call it "Budget Warning 2000."

We're urging our 2.8 million members, their families, and the rest of America's 26 million veterans to contact their members of Congress and insist that the VA's medical system receive adequate funding. The American Legion has determined that less than \$2 billion, added to the \$18 billion now being considered in Washington for VA health care, would put the VA back on the right financial track.

I urge everyone who cares about veterans — about the Private Ryans of this country — to call or write the people who represent them in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Members of Congress work for you. You're not stepping out of line by contacting them. Let them know what you want them to do. Tell them that you want them to increase the VA budget by \$1.9 billion over the presi-

dent's proposed recommendation. Tell them that if the VA is not properly funded, the VA may resort to the rationing of medical care with the possibility of eliminating care for non-service connected veterans, treatment and screening of veterans with hepatitis C, termination of critical health care providers and the possible closure of medical facilities. Letters with details about the way you depend upon the VA — and the effect upon you of future cut-backs — are especially effective.

When America's Private Ryans were called upon to serve their country, not one suggested that we take a no-growth approach to pain and suffering. They did what this country asked them to do.

Like Private Ryan, they earned it. Now it's our responsibility to honor that debt.

Butch Miller is national commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion, the world's largest veterans organization. For more information on Budget Warning 2000, visit The American Legion website at <www.legion.org>.

U.S. Embassy Not to Move to Jerusalem

Responding to reports that President Clinton will soon announce that he is going to waive relocation of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the leadership of the Reform Jewish movement announced their support for that decision.

The president's decision was precipitated by legislation passed in 1995 that mandates that the president begin moving the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by May 31, 1999, or certify to Congress that "suspension is necessary to protect the national security interests of the United States."

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Paul Menitoff, executive vice president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of the American Reform Zionist Association/World Union NA; and Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, issued the following statement:

We believe, with all of *am Yisrael*, that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel. That belief is unshakable, and it naturally follows that we support moving the American Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. For us, it is indisputable that is where the embassy belongs.

There are, nevertheless, understandable reasons not to force a decision on moving the embassy at this precise moment. To be clear, this is about when, not about whether, to move the embassy. Both Congress and the president recognize that our embassy belongs in Jerusalem, but there are a number of critical, and complicating, factors at play right now:

- The American role in the Middle East Peace Process hinges on its ability to serve as a trusted partner. Any action outside the context of negotiations, including moving the embassy, compromises that indispensable role.

- Israel and the Palestinians have themselves agreed that issues concerning Jerusalem

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Give America's Veterans The Recognition They Earned

On June 16, Sen. Kerry of Massachusetts placed a hold on the reappointment of Dr. Kenneth Kizer as the Under Secretary of Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In a speech on the floor, Sen. Specter of Pennsylvania called for the resignation of Togo West as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. These two ardent supporters of veterans have finally reached the same conclusion that many veterans organizations and their members have reached — that West and Kizer are neglecting the very essence of their department — the veteran.

National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Michael B. Berman is-

sued the following statement:

"For many months now, Dr. Kizer has been focusing on the bottom line — dollars spent. If he can save a couple thousand dollars here or there, then he'll do it. If he can close down this hospital or that one, maybe eliminate a few hundred beds here or there, then he will. As long as he saves some money, then he'll do it. And as for the veteran who needs that bed or that hospital? Well, in Dr. Kizer's mind that veteran can go elsewhere or he can go without."

"The same can be said for Togo West. In the past few months, Togo West has not fought for veterans' benefits the way that he should have. The

health care budget for the VA is \$18.1 billion, which is not enough to keep the hospitals open, the staffs employed and the veterans adequately taken care of. But has Togo West gone back to fight for more money? No, he has bought a bullet-proof car. Is this the kind of Department of Veterans Affairs that we need? No. Thanks to Sens. Kerry and Specter, the problem will now gain even more exposure and the call for an employee overhaul of the VA department will ring out loud and clear."

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Meet G-d Halfway

Someone, sometime has probably said to you, "Oh, people can use the Bible to excuse anything. That's why I can't take religion seriously. It's been responsible for more bad than good."

And what's your response? The easy answer is that persons with evil intent can, indeed, use Torah, or any other religious text, or a dictionary or cookbook, to excuse what they do.

But there's a more reasoned, more studied answer that is important to understand.

Does Torah have war in it? Yes. Does it have theft, adultery, blasphemy, and other sins in it? Yes. Are they explicitly punished? Not always, and sometimes not obviously. There are vivid moments like the story we read this week of Korach

and his followers, who rebelled against Moses and were swallowed up by the earth. But there are other deeds that do not result in swift retribution, which we must work harder to understand.

Living Torah

Torah is described as a Tree of Life. And so it's not about just the pleasant or righteous parts of life. It's about all of life. In it, you'll find horrible things that will sadden and dismay you. Those who extract only those passages that suit their purposes are being untrue to G-d's intent — for us to understand the totality of the world He gave us.

The other is that, once you do

see the totality, you can better separate what is expected of you from what is not. G-d has provided the instructions on building a better world; you must read them carefully, so you don't build just part of the world.

There is a story of a poor man who prayed again and again to G-d to help him win the lottery so he could provide for his family. One night he is reciting this prayer for the 100th time and he hears a voice, "Yonkel, meet Me halfway! Buy a ticket!"

Meet Him halfway. Let yourself understand all of life, all of Torah. Then the way will be clear to you, and you will use what you've learned only for the right purposes.

Submitted by CHAI Center of Chabad of West Bay, Warwick.

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Gypsies Among Us

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

It wasn't easy to order my new silver circle CD of Rumanian Gypsy music. I had to spell out the title: "Taraf de Haidouks: la musique des tziganes." Store clerks frowned. It took months to get my hands on it. It was worth the wait, the lively strings of the clan just north of Bucharest who bring back that sad country's spirit. I love songs from long ago and far away. But I also like the fresh and nearby. Joe Bartone keeps his own band of musicians on the go from the roost he rules on Brenton Avenue. Stop by. Write about us, he urges me.

Joe and his crew settle down among kerosene torches in buckets of sand at the corners of the upstairs porch overlooking cherry trees at the sidewalk. A girl named Burgundy sits with a kindly smile next to him. Housemates come and go, bearing trays of iced tea or coffee, beer or clear water. Sometimes the dining room table holds a banquet feast for friends who stop by for a jam session. Yes, Joe presides over a Rom realm of klezmerim. He has also travelled to the lands where klezmer flourished and then perished. Joe visited the

whole restaurant to lunch. I picked up everybody's tab and walked down the street to the train handing out huge tips to beggars, peddlers, porters. But the people in the railroad dining car took advantage and overcharged outrageously. I lost my temper, held out, and made a safe exit with my budget intact."

Now, Joe is a stalwart, heavyset fellow, goodnatured but no pushover. He speaks with authority and a certain audacity. Once I make up my

mind to take off for home, he asks me to listen to a tape of his latest musical experiment. Right now he is working with fragments of overheard conversation. You press a button on the machine placed on the parlor coffee table, and comments from company here and gone create a collage of sound, rhythm, dadaistic nonsense.

I'm never quite sure of my ground with today's wandering minstrels. They play too loud for me, and I miss the harmony and sentiment of the ballads of my boyhood. But *la musique des tziganes* from the streets and blocks of my familiar East Side world carries me genially along on a merry parade in the soft night air.



Gypsies on Tour

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Bright Things

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

The recent cinematic incarnation of "Midsummer Night's Dream" with Kevin Kline taking the role of Bottom—a part created on screen by James Cagney in the depression-era Hollywood Bowl Max Reinhardt production—gave me a midsummer night's adventure.

I took my daughter Lily and her neighbor-friend Sarah O'Rourke: Sarah liked all the things I didn't go for. The rather brazen love scenes and the lush sets in the time zone of bicycles and lavish luxury. I thought they drowned out the poetry itself. In fact, some fine dialogue was cut short to make time and room for show and spectacle. And then, of all Shakespeare's plays, it is "Dream" that inspired Mendelssohn to create his elegant score, which was also curtailed and clipped in this version.

Even so, the play has some lovely one-liners. You know them: "What fools these mortals be!" and "So quick bright things come to confusion." The alas or *oy* of the poet's elfin insights.

Lily and I had fun just taking in the marvelous sights of braggart Bottom getting stuck with a donkey-head, and Puck with his pointy ears and horns like a cheerful devil, and even Michelle Pfeiffer as the Queen of the Fairies bossing her little winged servants with the names of weeds and wildflowers and herbs.

The story is slight. A foursome of teenagers get all confused about their romances. The spirits battle over an exotic little adopted boy, a kind of modern custody dispute. Fathers and dukes try to put things right in the world of human authority. And meanwhile in Bottom's caste of working class bumpkins, a sfilly tragicomedy is rehearsed to celebrate the wedding feast that ends the tale after too much of everything, in this overwrought extravaganza.

It was the perfect midweek evening for this diversion, seeing it on a hot night in airconditioned American comfort, with a pair of pretty maidens, my own Hermia and Helena joining me as Theseus the duke in charge. I told them we had put on the play within a play in my college common room, my suite mates and I. "That's the boring stuff," Sarah put in. Wouldn't it be grand for the college I teach at or the one where Lily goes, to buy the Old Stone Bank and use its great dignity for our own local stage and motion picture dream-world in midsummer?

I think perhaps my Lily found my chauffeuring more exciting than Will Shakespeare's playwrighting. "Dad breaks all the rules I learned in driving school," was her report to her mom. Ah well, I guess the course of Thayer Street, like that of true love, never did run smooth.

Mamet Keeps His Cool

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



Theatres offer a special comfort in hot spells: cave-like air-conditioning and a dark cool withdrawal from the heat of the long day. "The Winslow Boy" chills you down further with its subtle wit, its icicle irony, and its breezy understatement.

Surprising as an unusual cocktail, this small masterpiece from the pen of David Mamet refuses most of the obvious tricks of modern melodrama. All the "excitement" is offstage-offscreen. You never see the event of petty theft, the angry shouting or the triumphant cheering of the crowd. You only hear reports from the plot, action, and settings. Instead, you have the treat of quiet eloquence, delicate performances and characterizations, and a strange Jewish influence

brought by Mamet to the Rattigan original script. This is not a remake, but a variation on a theme.

A boy is falsely accused of a school crime and expelled. His dad makes a huge financial sacrifice to defend him in court. The sister falls for the lawyer. The lad is not broken, in fact he is blithely unaware of his own drama. The girl learns a bit of a lesson in moderating her point of view. Only the father is truly, deeply affected by the incident. The whole show has a touch of the Dreyfuss Affair about it. The Catholic issue is never raised, and it is the postmodern refusal to hit any note of prosaic propaganda that makes this production so remarkable and refreshing—especially in the midst of a heat wave!

Cakes, Ale and Hourglass

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Before June passes into the past, a look back at our R.I.S.D. commencement, the last of the Providence graduation group. Seniors prevailed over administrators to bring the ceremony back to our own campus. A strange and bright floating canopy covered the familiar parking lot, and the class staged a parade along Main Street that went back to the merry band of jesters I recall from the start of my teaching career.

There were puck-like punks painted elfin green all over, oddball constructions put on over the conventional cap, and a carnival mood that mixed laughter and the melancholy of farewell.

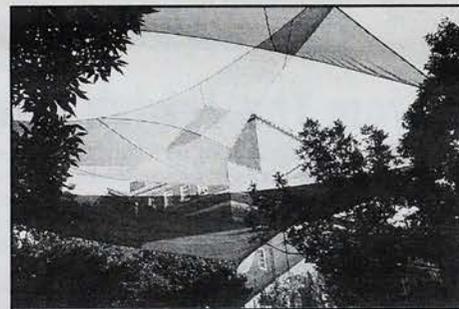
This professor doesn't genuinely enjoy the last day of the school calendar. I feel close to some of my pupils and sorry to

take my leave. I go back to my outsider feelings with parts of the long morning that stretches into an afternoon, weary of the speeches and all done with my own reminiscences.

yards for the handing out of diplomas. Then the house master or mistress offers you martinis or champagne and caviar.

I have recommended a local treat: a breakfast of jonnycakes.

They are an Indian pancake similar to corn flapjacks made anywhere in the world. Here, they were used for journeys, a perfect and apt metaphor for the degree. But the committee never quite got it. They only laughed at me. One day they'll come around and go with it. They'll make the June send-off a simile of grace and beauty with the brevity of



Sails to Shade Market House
Herald photo by Mike Fink

I like the way Yale does it: they break the event into three parts—Class Day for awards, the Old Campus for speeches, and the residential gardens and court-

wit. Until then, all I have to show for it is the tassel that fell off my cap and moved from pocket to shelf, a souvenir of the last class of the millenium.

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ASDS photo by Liz Goldberg

Memorial Scholarship Naming Available— at URI's Feinstein College of Continuing Education

The University of Rhode Island's Feinstein College of Continuing Education in Providence announces the availability of scholarships to be named in honor of Rhode Islanders whose lives have been tragically cut short.

Cranston philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein and the Feinstein Foundation, who have

pledged \$3 million towards scholarships at the college, want to provide an opportunity to people who would like to remember a loved one by having a scholarship named in their memory.

The scholarships are available to adults who want to begin or resume taking courses to improve their job skills. Schol-

arships are also available for their children at the Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center, located at URI's Providence campus.

If families had a recent tragic occurrence for which they would like to see a scholarship named, please contact Joanne DiBello at URI Feinstein College at 277-5174.

Dedicate Sabbath Service to Imprisoned Iranian Jews

The Rabbinical Council of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America will dedicate Shabbat services to the thirteen Iranian Jewish religious and communal leaders in Shiraz and Isfahan. Special prayers and *Tehillim* will be said for their safety and quick release. Among the recommended chapters of *Tehillim* (Psalms), to be recited are chapters 130, 121 and 20. Rabbis are being asked to give *drashot* (sermons) on the important of the *Mitzvah of Pidyon Shevuyim*, the redemption of the captives.

Mandell I. Ganchrow, MD, Orthodox Union president, said, "The Orthodox Jewish community has been shaken by the arrest of the thirteen Iranian Jewish teachers, rabbis, and communal leaders who have been arrested on trumped-up charges

of espionage. The *mitzvah of Pidyon Shevuyim* obligates us to save those whose lives are in immediate danger. Since the charges of espionage in Iran carry the death penalty and seventeen Jews have been executed since 1979 in Iran on similar false charges, we dare dedicating Shabbat to the study of *Pidyon Shevuyim* and to *tefillah*."

Rabbi Kenneth Hain, RCA president, said, "In our tradition, the *mitzvah* of redeeming of captives is among the highest expressions of compassion and is a religious duty of the greatest importance. The RCA memberships and the Orthodox Union synagogues around the country will join together this Shabbat in solidarity with Klal Yisrael on behalf of the Iranian Jewish whose lives are in jeopardy.

Lincoln School Graduate Receives Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Scholarship

Providence resident Ramesh T. Radparvar, daughter of Mansoor and Roohi Radparvar, was recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship by Mayor Vincent A. Cianci to assist in the pursuit of her college education at Northeastern University. This award recognizes the hard work and determination displayed in her academic studies as well as her involvement in extracurricular activities and community service.

In addition to this scholarship award, Radparvar was honored at Lincoln's Upper School Awards Night and received the *Student Life Leadership Award* for outstanding service to the school and the community and the *Yearbook Award* in appreciation

for her tireless work and tremendous contribution to the 1998/1999 *Lambrequin* as co-editor.

Also, as United Synagogues Youth President Radparvar has received the Future Faces Award by JOLT, Jewish Outreach Leadership Training. Each recipient is an extraordinary teen who has demonstrated outstanding abilities and made a significant contribution to Jewish life and values in the community. Radparvar also showed her involvement in many school activities as president of JEWL, Judaism Emerging within Lincoln, a member of SAAD, the vocal ensemble and Lambrequins, the school's premier singing group.

Selections From The Jewish Artists Network

The Starr Gallery is pleased to announce the Summer Exhibition: Selections From The Jewish Artists Network. This group exhibition features the work of fifteen members of the Jewish Artists Network, an organization of about seventy artists and the arts relevant to Jews. The Jewish Artists Network was conceived in 1997 by Fay Grajower and Tho-

mas Barron along with the JCC's Visual Arts Director, Henry Altmann, primarily as a coalition of professional and nonprofessional visual artists. For this exhibition the artists responded to the Ashrei prayer (Psalm 145:4-6, 10-12). It begins with the phrase, "Each generation will praise Your deeds to the next". Each of the participants responded in a unique way, using the text as launching point, the exhibit is a result of the artists' inquiry, looking both externally and internally for inspiration. They have responded with a tremen-

dous range of ideas, from more obvious illustrative images to pieces using an abstracted language. There is a broad variety of mediums represented, such as

acrylic, bronze, monotype, oil, handmade paper, needlework, wall-hanging and artist books. Several other pieces by each artist will also be included.

The exhibition is unified by this wide and interesting approach to the visual interpretation of thought and spirit.

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This summer you can learn to swim at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Classes have been announced for children and adults alike. Learn to swim with certified instructors in the JCCRI's refreshing 75-foot swimming pool.

Swimming lessons are open to everyone, though members of the center save 50 percent off the class fee. "The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is committed to providing swimming and other classes to the community," said Executive Director Vivian Weisman. "We are very proud of our dedicated

instructors and volunteers and the quality life skills that they impart."

Swimming lessons for adults are offered on Tuesday mornings at 10:30. Children age 2 to 3 are taught Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Ages 3 to 8 are taught twice—Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and children age 3 to 14 are taught Tuesday and Thursdays at 4 p.m. All classes are open to all ability levels.

Are you already an expert swimmer? Want to take it to the next level? Call the Jewish Community Center at 861-8800 to learn more.

Prospective Adoptive Parents Invited to Meetings

Adoption Options, the adoption program of Jewish Family Service, offers informational meetings about adoption for anyone interested in exploring the choices. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the offices of Jewish Family Service.

The next meeting will be held on July 7. The agency is located on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The meetings are free and open to anyone interested in pursuing an adoption. Call Adoption Options at 331-5437 for information or to arrange a confidential consultation.

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That's Life — The Elderly and Modern Technology

by Daniel Kane
Jewish Family Service
Clinical Social Worker

For seniors who are willing to accept the computer age, surfing the internet may be a source of intellectual stimulation and socialization.

As individuals age, their bodies, and therefore their abilities change. Sometimes, adapting to this change can be a daunting task. Everybody needs to have a sense of purpose, as well as a direction toward a goal. For many, these needs get met either through raising a family or employment. This work can be not only a source of income, but also an important way to validate self-worth and attain feelings of self-esteem. However, when we feel we have no purpose or goals, stagnation can occur.

There are many elderly people who are struggling with the issues of purpose and goals. For many, employment and raising a family, as well as other important areas in life may no longer be available outlets. Stressors in an individual's life, such as grief, loss, financial or physical concerns, may overwhelm a person, making adaptation a

difficult task. Stagnation can lead to depression and despair.

To cope with change, an individual needs to be flexible enough not only to accept changes as they occur, but also to seek new challenges. By pursuing new challenges, and therefore, seeking new goals, a person can eventually find new purpose.

For some elderly, modern technology has provided an answer. The internet, with its vast array of options, is a highway that can lead to knowledge, events, games and companionship. chat rooms, set up for particular sub groups, provide a medium for people to get together to talk about common interests or concerns. Frequently, these chat rooms can be a form of support as people entering the rooms may have had similar issues and ways to resolve them. Most importantly, the names are displayed in code, so interactions are anonymous.

The internet is also a resource for finding information on topics of interest or concerns. Search engines allow a user to type in keywords, funneling the enormous amounts of information into key phrases. For example, a

person looking for information on the Holocaust, can type in "Holocaust," and information related to this topic will be displayed. To narrow the search, one can type in "Holocaust and Hitler and Roosevelt" to find information on topics that list all of these criteria.

Likewise, the internet can be a useful information clearing-house. To find out the side effects of a certain medication, one can use a search engine to learn details about the product. Or enter "Support Groups and Divorce in Rhode Island," to find self-help groups that are provided in the Rhode Island area that relate to divorce.

To access the internet, one does not need to own a computer. Many libraries offer computers to the public free of charge. They may also offer courses on how to use computers or access the internet. Local educational facilities may also be a source for this information.

The internet can be a valuable resource for seniors. It can lead to correspondence, information, or chatter with people all over the world. Although it is not a panacea, it can be a source of information and socialization.

Twenty-First Annual Meeting Held at ASDS

At the 21st annual meeting of the Alperin Schechter Day School, those assembled were welcomed by Steven Jablow, parent and faculty member. He introduced Cantor Brian Mayer of Temple Emanu-El who delivered the D'var Torah. The director's message was then given by Head of School Dr. Penney Stein, who voiced her vision for the future of ASDS. This vision includes the "pursuit of excellence which means that each child is stretched intellectually every day. We provide an environment both challenging and secure, where demands are difficult but achievable, where goals are set, monitored and met. Everyone works hard to ensure that learning is coherent, relevant, powerful and meaningful, and that everyone feels secure enough to take risks and thus, to learn."

Stein thanked the parents and lay leaders for their continued support of ASDS through generous financial contributions and contributions of time and expertise when called upon to serve on task forces or committees. Stein extolled the faculty for challenging students, "to think and to think for themselves, to weigh evidence and state their opinions, to ask questions and to demonstrate understanding." As guides and facilitators, they "help the students make discoveries, they counsel and act as role models, and teach both by precept and example."

She concluded her address with recognition of several faculty members who reached milestone years of service to ASDS: Wendy Garf-Lipp, Judaic studies, 20 years; Steven Jablow, Judaic studies, 10 years; Brenda Redding, science, 10 years; Roberta Thomas, physical education, 10 years; and Rina Sky Wolfgang, Judaic studies, 5 years. Additionally, special rec-

ognition went to Director of General Studies Meredith Costa who has shared her expertise, wisdom, and love of children and learning with everyone at ASDS.

Co-presidents Leah Ehrenhaus-Hersh and Deborah Shuster recapped the progress of the school, highlighted the fortitude and dedication of faculty and staff, and the strength of commitment that parents consistently demonstrate in support of ASDS. They announced the record-breaking fund-raising campaign and generous grants given to ASDS.

Special thanks went to Ed Greene and the interim search committee for their success in bringing Costa to ASDS and recommending Stein as acting head of school. Additional thanks went to Hope Hirsch, head of the national search for head of school, who with committee members reviewed applicants from all over the country and recommended Stein to become head of school.

Elaine Kroll presented sixth-grade students *siddurim* in memory of Sanford I. Kroll and *haggadot* in memory of Shirley Aaronson Goldberg in a special ceremony marking their transition into middle school. William Kolb gave the nominating committee report and Steve Rakitt, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, installed the officers and board members of 1999-2000. Everyone looks forward to the continuing success of the officers and board of directors in charting the course of the Alperin Schechter Day School, and the continuing success of the faculty and staff in developing the young minds entrusted to them, and the success of our students as they take their Jewish day school education beyond their Schechter years.

Brandeis University to Host Two-Day Conference

New Research on American Jewish Identity and its Implication for Jewish Education and Community Building

Brandeis University is hosting the two-day conference, "New Research on American Jewish Identity and its Implication for Jewish Education and Community-Building," to be held on campus, July 5 and 6.

Academic, communal and educational leaders will meet to discuss how current research on Jewish identity can strengthen the North American Jewish community, and enhance Jewish education.

The conference is part of a year-long project initiated by The Jewish Education Service of North America and the Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora of the Hebrew University. Its goal is to develop effective approaches to strengthen Jewish involvement and commitment.

For more information, call Leonard Saxe or Christie Cohen at (781) 736-3946.

Bureau of Jewish Education Presents 'Breakfast and Books'

The Library Committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is pleased to offer a reading/discussion series of Jewish short stories, "Breakfast and Books," on three Wednesday mornings, July 7, 14, and 21 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. These BJE/RI classes will be held at the Jewish Community Center/Rhode Island. A light breakfast will precede the discussions.

Facilitators are:

July 7 — Blossom Kirschenbaum, contributing editor to the *Jewish Spectator*

July 14 — Andrew Jay Hoffman, prize-winning author of *Inventing Mark Twain, the Lives of Samuel Langhorne Clemens*

July 21 — Suzanne Cane, librarian and French teacher, Lincoln School, Providence.

Those who attend are asked to read the stories in advance of each session. Copies of the stories can be picked up at the BJERI, 130 Sessions St., Providence. Mail service is available if you cannot come in person.

The donation for the series is \$12 or \$5 per individual session. Each week's session will be independent of the others.

To register or to obtain further information, call Toby Rossner, director of media services, Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island at 331-0956, ext. 184.

ASDS Middle School Honors Announced

Middle-school students of the Alperin Schechter Day School received special awards in a ceremony marking their outstanding academic achievements as well as exemplary character.

The Creativity Award went to Shira Adler, sixth grade, Benjamin Savitzky, seventh grade, and Nina Zharkova, eighth grade. The Kochav HaShachar ("Morning Star") Award for outstanding effort was given to Samantha Weinshel, sixth grade, Rebecca Chaika, seventh grade, and Irina Yegutkin, eighth grade. Jessica Spellun, sixth grade, Shayna Hersh, seventh grade, and Noah Jablow, eighth grade were recipients of the Keter Shem Tov ("Crown of a Good Name") Award. Sixth-grade students Aaron Abrams and Ruth Furman, seventh-grade students Michael Wolpert and Hope Sholes, and eighth-grade students Noah Jablow and

Rebecca Gold were awarded the All Around Athlete Award.

The Alan Shawn Feinstein Award for community service was given to Jessica Spellun, sixth grade, David Miller, Josh Gillman and Adam Cable shared the seventh grade, and Elana Kieffer for the eighth grade. Noah Jablow, eighth-grade student, was the sole recipient of the Klara Lowy Memorial Award, given to that person who demonstrates a love of Jewish learning. The Rabbi Baruch Korff Scholarship, an award given for *mitzvot* to the community, went to Elana Kieffer, eighth grade. Noah Jablow and Jonah Gabry, eighth-grade students, received the Hebrew Language Award and Jonah Gabry received the Simon D. Wegner Award for Excellence in Mathematics. Math League Awards were given to sixth-grade students Miriam Klein, Shira Adler, Jessica

Spellun, Hannah Mellion and James Rotenberg, seventh-grade students Ben Savitsky, Leah Weissburg, Ben Odessa and Richard Maidman; and eighth-grade student Jonah Gabry. The Principal's Award this year went to Benjamin Matusow and Aaron Matusow. *Mazel Tov* to our award recipients.

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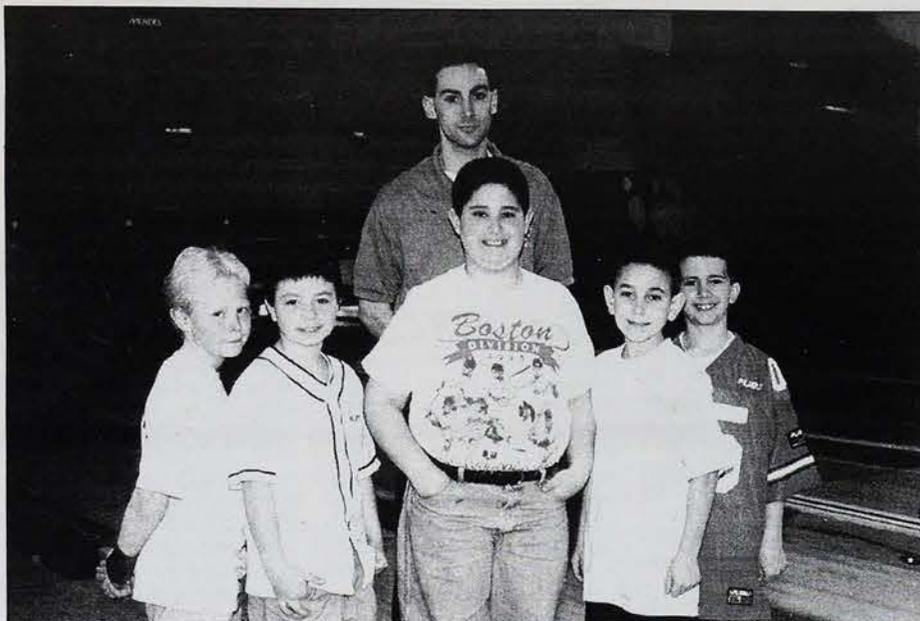
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This team from the East Providence Bowling Academy placed first in the state duckpin youth tournament. Traveling to the nationals in Maryland in July will be team members (left to right) J.R. Davidson, Kyle Pascia, Jason Hochman, Timothy St. Pierre, Zachary Borges and coach, Lenny Cipolla.

Photo by Carol Roy of the East Providence Post

B'nai B'rith New England Installs New Board

New England Region B'nai B'rith International held its annual meeting on June 10. Featured speaker was Dr. Mark Borowsky who reported on his trip to Fritzl, Germany, his mother's hometown. He shared observations from her return on the 127th anniversary of the community in which she lived until the war years.

The officers and board for 1999-2000 were elected and installed. The slate includes: Deb Lakin of Newton, president; Steve Handler, Newton, vice president; David Boyarsky, Brookline, member at large; Elliott Margolis, Beverly, member at large; Mary Waldman, Providence, member at large.

Appointed to the board are Ben Summers, Scituate, chair, publicity and communication; Maurice Dancour, Gloucester, member at large; Debbie

Wennett, Waban, member at large; Josh Lakin, Boston, chair of Community Action Center and member at large/ Also, Harold Fienberg, past president and advisor and Marilyn Fienberg, co-chair, cookbook committee, BBI.

Ben Summers was chair of the annual meeting, and Harold Fienberg installed the officers and board members. Alfred Geller of Framingham was honored for 52 years of B'nai B'rith membership and he spoke to the group about his history with the organization. New England Region Director Deanne Stone reminded the audience of the global and local activity of B'nai B'rith.

There was a presentation to Ruth Spritz of Brookline, acknowledging her service to the region as administrative assistant for several years.

Graduation Programs Abound at the JCCRI Preschool



Eric Stillman, associate executive director of the Jewish Federation of R.I., Jane Stillman, of the Bureau of Jewish Education with their preschooler, Zachary.

The halls of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island were alive and teeming with the excitement of graduation exercises. More than 125 children participated in the programs which included the presentation of certificates, the exhibition of completed projects and the performance of successful learning.

Songs were sung both in English and in Hebrew.

"It was very moving," said one observer, "to see the number of children participating. It is amazing how many close friendships were formed while they learned."

"We are very proud of our kids," said Vivian Weisman, executive director of the JCCRI. "They are such a great group of children, eager to learn and to grow. We are so fortunate to have an unbelievable team of

caring teachers and caregivers."

Nearly all of the children will continue in the JCCRI's preschool programs next year and many will be attending the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's day camp which begins this week with "Transition Camp" and continues throughout the summer. Camp programs for preschoolers are operated in a cooperative manner with the JCCRI Summer Day Camps and the JCCRI Preschool. Children have the opportunity to experience the camp for a week or for the en-

tire summer.

For more information on the Preschool or the Summer Day Camps at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, call 861-8800.



JCCRI board member, Steven Litwin, with his wife, Sari, and their daughter, Rachel, celebrate the graduation of their other daughter, Jessica.

Tell Us What You think!

The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* wants to hear from you and asks for the community's input. We would like to know what you like and dislike about the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, your community newspaper. Your opinions are important to us and we appreciate your ideas and comments.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief questionnaire and feel free to add any comments at the bottom, then mail it back to: Attn.: RIJH Comments, RI Jewish Herald, PO Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940.

1. What do you enjoy the most/least about the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*? _____

2. What sections do you enjoy reading the most/least and why? _____

3. What would you like to see more of? less of? _____

4. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest) how would you rate the following pages for content:
 ___ Happenings ___ Jewish Community ___ Feature ___ Arts & Entertainment ___ Healthwise

How would you rate the following special supplements:
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What other supplements would you like to see? _____

5. Do you often read... (please circle one)
 a. the entire issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* or
 b. only certain sections?

6. Do you believe the stories and content are unique, interesting and community-oriented?
 (please check one) Yes ___ No ___

7. Would you like to see (please circle "more" or "less")
 more/less foreign news more/less local community news
 more/less arts and entertainment news more/less feature news stories

8. If you have been a subscriber to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* for more than 3 years, what changes have you enjoyed/disliked the most? _____

9. If you have been a subscriber to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* since the 1930s, 1940s or 1950s, please tell us what you recall about the first few years of the RI Jewish Herald. _____

10. Please feel free to add an extra sheet for additional comments, ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your time!



Pre-K Graduation Exercises at The Jewish Community Center of R.I.

Recent graduates of the pre-kindergarten program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island: (back row) teachers, Lori Adler, Laurie Noorparvar; (middle row) John Phillip Kennedy, Noah Jennis, John Cunha, Zeb Stern, Simone Leon, Samantha Lerner, Beatrice Malsky, Joshua Rosenfield; (front row) Adam Singer Berk, Allison Robbio, Rebecca Heath, Silvia Catnaia; (not pictured) Sarah Susma. Many of the students will be continuing at the JCCRI kindergarten, and at other private public schools in the area.

Photo courtesy of JCCRI

Tapping a Great Source of Information — Our Seniors

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi
Herald Editor

Mandatory retirement! Not on your life. They are not the words many seniors want or like to hear as they approach age 65. For many, they're at the peaks of their lives—both personally and professionally. With the average woman living to age 75, and the men living to age 73, many seniors don't want to just pack up and move to a retirement village in Florida. That's not to say that others don't welcome the opportunity—but they believe that the decision on when to retire should be left up to the individual, not the government.

That seemed to be the sentiment echoed by a vital group of seniors at the JFS Kosher Meal Site at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. "I wanted to retire," said one woman, "I enjoy going to Foxwoods."

"When I retired at age 62 due to injury, I found that there wasn't enough hours in the day to do everything I wanted to do."

For nearly 15 years, the meal site, a coordinated effort of Jewish Family Services, has been providing hot meals, stimulating conversation and an overall opportunity for socialization for a group of men and women who may otherwise not have the chance to get out at all. Before the seniors partake in a delicious lunch, men and women break into their respective groups to discuss issues of the day, problems they may be hav-

ing, reminisce about the past and congratulate one another on the birth of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"One of the things I've learned while being here is not to stereotype seniors," said Paul Segal of Roberta Segal and Associates and a participant of the meal site. "I've also become keenly aware of how much brighter and sharper these people are than many of my contemporaries," said the 62-year-old as he glanced around the room.

"I ran around at age 70 like I was a kid of 50," laughed one gentleman who is now well into his 70s.

Society, in general, has been conditioned to believe that once people reach a certain age, they are no longer a productive benefit to society. In fact, many go as far as saying that the elderly are nothing more than a drain on the community—from providing health care to housing; the responsibility of taking care of the elderly population is growing vastly. These people are very short-sighted in their viewpoints. Although in recent years society has begun to turn their negative images of seniors into positive ones with the establishment of more assisted living centers, affordable senior housing and independent living, the problems of transportation and Medicare still abound.

"Transportation is a big problem," said Rhonda French, coor-

dinator of the Kosher Meal Site. "About 20 percent of the people who use the site actually drive, the rest depend upon private transportation to get around." The Kosher Meal Site does provide transportation for the seniors if they need it. However, with seniors, minimal access to transportation, their options on what they can do and where they can go are strictly limited and with that limitation comes the feeling of isolation and often depression.

Our parents and grandparents are national treasures, much like the Liberty Bell and Statue of Liberty, and many are better sources of historic information and life experiences than school history books. The younger generations should ask themselves, "Where did I come from, what are my roots?" If the answer is "I don't know" then it's time to find out, before the people who can tell you the most are no longer around to speak to.

"My grandchildren don't seem to be interested in my life experiences," said one woman, "They don't ask too many questions about it."

At some point in all of our lives we can trace our ancestral roots to the immigrants who came to this country through the welcome arms of Ellis Is-

land, including many of the men and women seated around the circle of the lobby of Temple Torat Yisrael.

"I love listening to the old stories," said Segal. "This isn't just a place where people can get a hot meal. We try to provide stimulating programs while enriching the mental and physical awareness of the seniors through tai chi or cooking classes."

Everyone in the group has his or her own story. How they came to this country and why? Many came with parents to find a better way of life, others came by themselves to meet with family in the states. "Do you remember the train cars that used to take us down to the beach?" said one woman as she crocheted what looked to be a beautiful white scarf.

"Remember, I recall watching the boys come home from World War I," replies one of the gray-haired men. "Oh yes, so do I," another woman chimed in.

What will Generation X remember most about the 20th century? Computers. The Internet. The crumbling of the Berlin Wall. The opening of Euro Disney and inception of MTV. Shallow? Maybe, but what can

you expect from a generation who seems to care more for themselves than a cause.

"Kids today are too fast," said a grandmother of two. "And take too much for granted."

"The young parents today, what are they doing with their children and grandchildren? They are not experiencing. They are so involved with their own lives and jobs they don't even pick up a newspaper."

"But, today more parents have to work, unlike years ago," replies another in their defense.

Years ago, there was nothing for the elderly in terms of programs and support groups. Today, seniors are living healthy, productive lives well into their 80s. And although they have the normal aches and pains associated with age, they don't let the pain get the best of them.

"There are things that we can no longer do because of age, that's just a fact of life," said a one-time nurse who now performs much of her work with patients through telephone followups. "That's just a fact. We lose a little hearing, our sight becomes less and we get arthritis, but we still get out of bed in the morning, shower, dress and volunteer our time. That's what keeps us young."

For more information on the Kosher Meal Site at Temple Torat Yisrael, call Erin Minor at Jewish Family Services, 331-1244.

The Age Old Dilemma... 'Do I Need a Will?'

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi
Herald Editor

The answer, according to Warwick attorney David H. Sholes is yes.

"No estate is too small for a will," said Sholes. "Everyone dies with something and by having a will you insure that your property will be given to the person or persons you want it to go to."

The legal definition of a will is the "disposition of property, both real and personal, through a set of instructions the person writing the will gives to his executor." "In the will, a person can leave cash, stocks, bonds, personal items, cars, real estate and contents of bank accounts to the people he/she wishes. The distribution, however, deals only with those things in his/her name alone. Accounts and belongings in joint names are reverted back to the joint tenant.

When a person dies, all property owned by the deceased at the time of death which does not pass directly to others through the right of survivorship, or through a trust established prior to death, or life insurance payable to a named beneficiary, is subject to the legal proceeding of "probate." Each city and town in Rhode Island has their own probate court and judges whose only job it is to handle wills and estates. The purposes of probate are to collect the probate property and assets of the deceased, to protect and preserve the property of the deceased; to pay all debts, claims, and taxes owned

by the estate; and to determine who is entitled to share the estate and then distribute the property accordingly. The only exception to probate are estates with a fair market value of \$10,000 or less. Those estates can usually be handled in a simplified manner with special provisions made by the lawyer and the person representative of the estate.

"It's never too late or too early to make out a will," suggests Sholes. "Unfortunately, people don't begin to think about a will until someone close to them dies."

According to Sholes, if a person dies without a will that person is said to have died "intestate." When this happens, the Rhode Island General Assembly has made it very clear as to the distribution of property. The laws governing the disbursement of funds and property are inflexible and non-negotiable. When a husband dies, for example, the court first looks to the wife. If there is no wife, then the court looks for children. If there are no children then it goes to his siblings, nephews/nieces, grandparents and so on. A will is very specific with regard to who gets what and how much and it's something that everyone, as part of their estate planning, should sit down with a lawyer to discuss.

While a will deals with physical property, a living will "deals with wishes and desires with respect to health care decisions." In 1991, the Rhode Island Gen-

eral Assembly drafted and implemented the statute giving anyone 18 years of age or older, who are incapable of making the decision for themselves, the option to have a living will. (In 1996, the law was amended to include do-not-resuscitate orders.)

"A living will allows a person to make a decision as to what type of treatment he/she will receive during the last days of an illness," said Sholes. "A person signs it and declares he/she is of sound mind at the time of signature."

Since the person MUST be of sound mind at the time he/she signs the document, they should not wait until something happens to them to have an attorney draw one up. It should be, according to Sholes, part of an estate plan the same way a will is.

"Waiting until the later stages of disease to sign a living will can make it difficult to ensure the validity of the document if it is proven that the disease or ill-

ness has impaired their judgment," warned Sholes.

The living will also includes a box a person may check off which would withdraw artificial feeding tubes. A person may want to be kept alive through artificial means (i.e. respirator), but may want to be fed.

Once signed, Sholes recommends giving the document to a family member, loved one or keeping it in a safe place in your home instead of giving it to a doctor who would then place it with your medical records. By placing it in your records, you can't get to it, says Sholes. And if you want to change it or if you're rushed to the emergency room, a doctor will not have it.

"The top priority of the emergency room personnel is to save lives, so if they don't know about a living will, they'll resuscitate," said Sholes.

New to the living will is a DNR bracelet. A person can simply fill out a form and all of the information is then placed on the bracelet so when an EMT sees it, he will know not to resuscitate.

"We're living in a litigious society and you can imagine how fearful hospitals and EMTs are of not resuscitating someone. A DNR bracelet gives them immunity from civil and criminal prosecution," said Sholes.

The living will is not designed for a person who has had their first bout with a heart attack. Rather, the living will gives persons who have had repeated problems with the same disease the opportunity to make decisions regarding their medical care. It can, however, be revoked at any time—either in writing or orally.

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FEATURE

Good Vs. Evil In a Spellbinding Production of 'Jekyll and Hyde' at Providence Performing Arts

By Kimberly Ann Orlandi
Herald Editor

It is a story as old as time—good and evil. What drives a man to be evil and can those momentary feelings be suppressed or controlled so that evil may be eliminated? Those questions were answered, to the tune of Frank Wilhorn's orchestration, on Tuesday evening on the stage of the Providence Performing Arts Center when the Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde" celebrated a successful opening night.

The story of Jekyll and Hyde revolves around the good Dr. Henry Jekyll and his evil-consumed alter ego Edward Hyde. Driven by his desire to make a difference within the medical community, Dr. Jekyll uses himself as the subject of a medical experiment which ultimately goes terribly wrong, destroying everything he once held dear. In the end, he learns that it's virtually impossible to predict human nature.

The performance of Chuck Wagner in the dual role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde was but one of the many highlights of this 2 1/2-hour production. From the moment he took the stage, Wagner commanded a presence which held the audience, eyes and mouths open in amazement, in a trance-like state for the entire performance. On stage for nearly 99 percent of the performance, each time Wagner opened his mouth to sing, he was as forceful and as passion-

ate as the time before. The audience definitely got their money's worth and more.

Possibly his best performance was in Act Two when, alone on a dark and smoky stage, Jekyll confronts Hyde in an eerie dual performance where Wagner transforms himself, both physically and emotionally, into each character right before your eyes. Wagner began with the show in 1979 at the University of Southern California and also starred when the show premiered in 1990 at Houston's Alley Theatre. With more than 1,200 Broadway performances to his credit, playing the Beast in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," Athos in "The Three Musketeers," and appearances on All My Children and Matlock, to name a few. Many, however, may know him best by sound rather than sight. He is currently the national spokesman for Zyban and the voice of Hartford Insurance. Listening to his voice, you realize why!

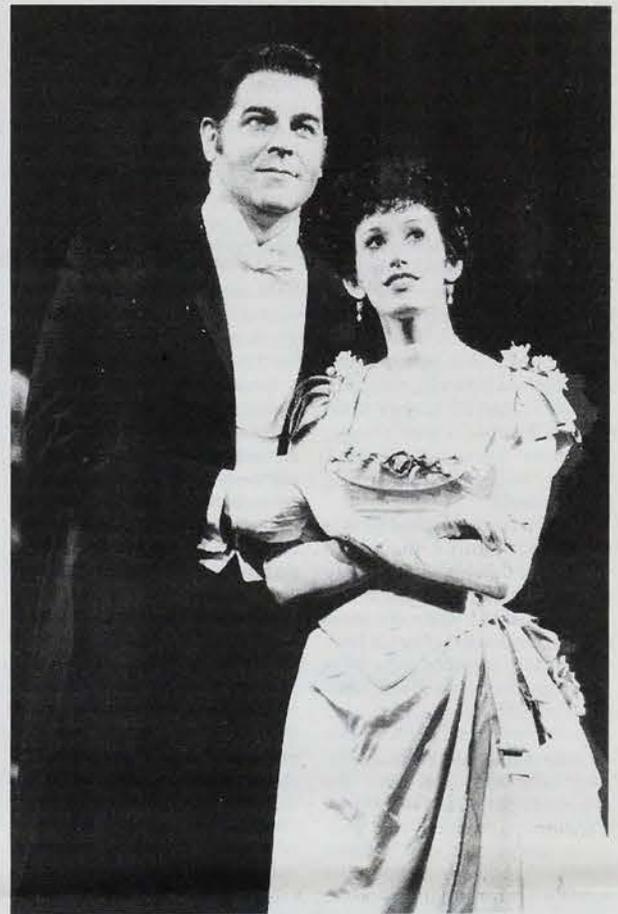
Supported by his two beautiful leading ladies, Andrea Rivette as Jekyll's fiancée Emma Carew, who many may remember from "Miss Saigon," and Sharon Brown as Lucy, the street-smart lady of the evening who becomes the obsession of Hyde, the trio bring to the stage some of the most beautiful renditions of Leslie Bricusse's lyrics ever heard. Brown, backed by an equally strong ensemble, sings a song entitled "Bring on the Men" with the zest and gusto of an old-fashioned saloon singer. Singing

from her toes, her voice filled the 3,000-seat theatre—resonating from the rafters. [Something to watch for is Brown's portrayal of Etta Jones in the upcoming HBO movie "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," which also stars Hallie Berry.]

Both she and Rivette share the stage for a duo, "In His Eyes," that pairs Rivette's gentle, melodic voice with Brown's soulful one. What results is a spellbinding performance which resulted in a thunderous applause from the audience.

Performances aside, the actors could not have put on such a wonderful performance if not for the stage and costumes design, each authentic to 19th-century England. As each scene changed—a total of 16 over the two acts—so, too, did the sets. From the dark waterfront of the Red Rat tavern, where Jekyll first meets Lucy, to the elaborate set of Dr. Jekyll's laboratory, complete with surprise "special effects," the audience is propelled into each scene, becoming immersed in both sound and sight. With each action, the audience supplied the appropriate reaction—be it gasp or applause. The dialogue between actors is smart and quick, lending a sense of realism to the production.

If the nearly three-minute standing ovation at the conclusion of the opening night performance is any indication, "Jekyll and Hyde" is a must-see for anyone who enjoys quality theatre at its best.



Chuck Wagner and Andrea Rivette appear in a scene from the Broadway tour of "Jekyll and Hyde." Photo by Carol Rosegg
"Jekyll & Hyde" continues at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence, through June 27 with matinee and evening performances on the weekend. Tickets range from \$36 to \$50 and are on sale at PPAC's box office or through Ticketmaster, 331-2211.

A Gold Star For Service

The Jewish Healthcare Center of Worcester received an historic and unprecedented fifth consecutive deficiency-free survey from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. This survey is one of the toughest tests for a

healthcare facility for judging the quality of care. No one else has received five consecutive deficiency-free surveys.

The Jewish Healthcare Center is a 141-bed facility offering long-term care; short-term rehabilitative care and outpa-

tient services. A new 80-apartment, assisted living facility now under construction, adjacent to the JHC will open in October 1999.

For additional information, call Steven Willens, executive director, (508) 798-8653.

RIHMM Hosts Special Children's Film

This summer the RI Holocaust Memorial Museum will host a special morning-time film for children and young students on July 14 at 9:30 a.m. "Miracle at Moreaux" (58 mins.), the story of Jewish children fleeing France and saved by a Catholic nun and her students, will be shown. Children's activities about the Holocaust will also be distributed and completed after the film. Call the museum to register by July 12. On August 24 at 10 a.m. "The Garden of Finnizi Continis" (94 mins.), an award-winning film based on the story of a wealthy Jewish family living in Nazi-occupied northern Italy, will be shown at the museum. This film is open to the public. No registration is needed.

RIHMM summer hours for public visits (June 17-Sept. 1): Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment.

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FEATURE

New Legislation to Protect Pets on Planes

At a recent news conference, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Congressman Robert Menendez unveiled legislation that will protect pets when they travel on planes. The bill, entitled the "Safe Air Travel for Animals Act," will hold airlines accountable to ensure that pets are treated humanely.

"For a lot of people, their pets are like a part of the family," said Lautenberg. "When they take their dog or cat on a trip, there is an expectation that they'll be treated with the care and respect any passenger would receive. Instead, pets are often treated like luggage, thrown into the cargo hold with little or no regard for their conditions. As a result, the airlines estimate that nearly 5,000 animals are killed every year and as many as 500 dogs and cats a year. Clearly the airlines can do a better job."

The Safe Air Travel for Animals Act (Pets on Planes) has three main provisions:

Improving Airline Accountability

- Increase the civil penalties that USDA can impose from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per incident on airlines which cause injury, loss, or death of animals. This change accounts for inflation and

places added incentives for airlines to better care for animals.

- Allow pet owners to recover damages from the airlines for injury, loss, or death, of animals. The new liability would be at least twice the amount of any limits the airlines now place on baggage.

Strengthening Consumers' Right-to-Know

Under regulations of the Animal Welfare Act the USDA requires airlines to maintain adequate temperatures, ventilation, and proper handling of animals. USDA conducts regular inspections at airports to ensure that airlines are complying. However, USDA has no way of knowing which flights may have animals on board. In addition, consumers have no information on the safety record of airlines regarding animals. The bill would:

- Require, within 2 years, that the Agriculture Department develop a system to require airlines to make USDA inspectors aware of which flights are carrying animals and immediately report all incidents of mishandling, loss, injury, or death of animals.
- Require the Secretary of

Transportation to publish in its Air Travel Consumer Reports (monthly publication) information about incidents involving airlines mishandling, loss, injury, or death to animals for use by the public.

- Require USDA to report annually to the public on any incidents involving the mishandling injury, loss, or death of animals in air transport.
- Require airlines to include in their contract of carriage with USDOT their policies and procedures regarding transport of animals. It would also require airlines to include in their contracts information about training for employees and risks associated with air travel for animals.

Making Aircraft Safer for Animals

This provision addresses the principal cause of animal fatalities: poor oxygen flow and inadequate temperature control.

- Require airlines that are now retrofitting aircraft for fire prevention (under FAA requirements) to make adjustments to also protect the health and safety of animals, so long as the changes do not compromise other safety measures.

Argentinian President Will Intensify Efforts on Behalf of Imprisoned Iranian Jews

In a meeting June 17, the president of Argentina assured the Anti-Defamation League that he would intensify his government's diplomatic efforts on behalf of 13 imprisoned Iranian Jews. Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director, and Rabbi Leon Klenicki, ADL director of interfaith affairs and an Argentine native, urged President Carlos Saul Menem to advance the issue of the Jewish captives with top Iranian officials.

President Menem told Foxman and Rabbi Klenicki that he has expressed "deep concern" for the situation of the Iranian Jewish prisoners and that he would instruct his foreign minister to pursue the matter in order to effectuate their release.

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.

Student Set Ablaze at College Graduation

Elan Amar arrived at the graduation ceremony of Ohalo College in Katzrin on June 16 expecting to receive his diploma and then celebrate.

After receiving his diploma, he walked off the stage and was hit with benzene and set ablaze by a disgruntled former student of the college.

Participants in the Golan Heights ceremony were shocked when suddenly, they heard a shout and saw the man, who had just handed his infant

son to his wife, on fire.

The injured man was transported to Poriah Hospital in Tiberias and later transferred to the burn unit of Haifa's Rambam Hospital where he is listed in serious condition with 40 percent burns over his chest, back, hands, arms and face.

The expelled student who carried out the attack was arrested. School officials explained that he was expelled from the institution after they realized he was a "problematic" student.

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The Providence Diamond Co. remains committed to serving the public with the finest collections available in the industry.

Teen Authors Tell of Embarrassing Parents

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Back at Feildston, *How Not to Embarrass Your Kids* changed day-to-day life a bit.

"It was different to see my name in magazines and newspapers," said Travis. "I was proud to be a mini-celebrity. I think my teachers were used to thinking of me as a kid who didn't do much, and I wanted to change that. People would come up to us and ask where they could get the book, and also how much money we were making."

The book has sold about 13,000 copies, and 2,000 more were recently printed. The German, English and Italian rights to the book have been sold. Although articles about the book have appeared in the *New York Post*, *Family Circle*, and *Good Housekeeping*, and the boys have been interviewed on ABC and NBC radio programs,

both boys said that taking their embarrassment public has not changed their relationship with their parents.

"When they embarrass me now, my parents just tell me to write a sequel," said Travis.

"We don't fight much, and we're honest with each other," said Zack. "That hasn't changed." Betsy said she was not aware of the extent to which she was embarrassing her son.

"The premise is that we're embarrassing just by our very presence," she said. "I had no idea. I liked the idea that they had an idea and followed through with it, and I thought it was all very funny."

One entry advises moms not to wear thongs to the beach on family outings.

"I never did that," she said.

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"Don't bug me, I'm reading" is what the folks at the Providence Public Library hope to hear around town this year since it is the theme of the 1999 Summer Reading Club currently getting underway.

Kids who join this year are in for some great buggy activities... like creepy-crawly story times, bugged-out storytellers, sing-alongs, buggy activities on the computer, butterfly workshops, four-legged puzzles, games, and more! Each participant who signs up at any Providence Public Library location will receive reading records and bookmarks, and kids who read at least six books will receive certificates of participation, and a Don't Bug Me I'm Reading door-hanger. Incentives to reading include free passes to the Providence Children's Museum, South County Museum, Quonset Air Museum, Museum of Natural History and Planetarium at Roger Williams Park, and free french fries coupons from McDonalds. The line-up for performers visiting the libraries this year, include magician Bruce Kalver, musician Wayne Potash, entomologist George Christie (aka the Bugman), Sparky's Puppets, and storytellers Don Kirk, Katie Latimer and Melody Thompson. Registration for the club will take place from June 27 to Aug. 7.

Kids will also be WOW'ed

this summer as Wheels of Wonder makes its public library debut. WOW is a free engine red bookmobile burning up with fun and interactive entertainment... like the spinning carnival wheels, slide (peep) shows, an interactive video booth, make your own books, and more.

As if that weren't enough, the library will host its annual Storytelling in the Park series at the Roger Williams Park. For kids 18 months to 3 years, stories will be held at the playground from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on July 7, 14, 21, 28. For kids 3 years old and older, stories will be told from 11 to 11:30 a.m. on July 9 at the playground, July 16 at the zoo, July 23 at the Museum of Natural History, July 30 at the playground, and Aug. 6 at the zoo.

The Bell Atlantic Junior Computer Whiz Kids Summer Camp will also take place for kids in grades three, four and five. Instructors will help children work on computers, do projects, have fun and learn something new each day of the three-day session. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Olneyville Branch the week of July 29, at the Rochambeau branch the week of July 26, at the Wanskuck Branch the week of August 9 and at the Washington Park library the week of Aug. 16. For more information, call the Central Computer lab at 455-8026.

Call your local public library.

Mystic Seaport Celebrates Nation's Birthday in 19th-Century Style

Step back in time and enjoy a 19th-century Independence Day at Mystic Seaport, in Mystic, Conn. On July 4 customs and costumes create the look and feel of an old-fashioned, small-town celebration. Visitors join the parade and patriotic ceremonies that begin in the museum's village at 1 p.m. after a noon concert. The parade includes Uncle Sam, in red-white-and-blue, many "townspeople" and a collection of "antiques and horrors"—a 19th-century custom of dressing as historical figures and mythological creatures. Children who wish to take part in the parade can sign up in the Children's Museum in advance and receive paper hats and noisemakers.

After a rousing march around the museum grounds, Mystic Seaport costumed staff gather at the bandstand on the village green for the "patriotic exercises" of oratory and song. Later in the afternoon, visitors mingle with "people from the past" for a game of croquet and children join in an old-fashioned spelling bee. On Independence Day, Mystic Seaport will "dress ship" by adding a multitude of colored signal flags to the rigging of its historic vessels.

Nowhere is maritime America more alive than on board Mystic Seaport's historic ships. Walk the wooden decks, help raise a sail and join in a sea chantey sing-along. Go below on the Charles W. Morgan, the last

wooden whaleship afloat in the world, and check out the "blubber room" and the crew's quarters where dozens of men would live for years at a time. Two other tall ships, the 1921 Gloucester fishing schooner L.A. Dunton and the 1882 Danish training vessel Joseph Conrad, are open and ready to take your imagination on a high seas adventure.

Summer hours at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plan to spend the whole day—it takes several hours to see and do all there is at Mystic Seaport. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$8 for youth (ages 6 to 12). Children under 5 and members enjoy free admission at all times. Mystic Seaport is located one mile south of I-95, exit 90, in Mystic, CT.

Celebrate 4th of July at Fort Adams

On July 4, Ft. Adams will be celebrating the 200th year anniversary of the opening of the fort. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person; \$5 per family. There will be plenty of free parking.

Some of the featured events will be a rock wall to climb, bumper boats, moon walk, kayaking, rappelling and static military displays provided by R.I. National Guard. There will also be live music provided by local bands all day, a variety of food available and many other children's activities including

games provided by Norman Bird Sanctuary.

In the early 1700s Brenton Point served as a watchtower for the state of Rhode Island. In

August 1778 the British invaded Newport and to the accomplishments of the Colonial troops they defeated the British, but Brenton Point was ruined. Later, tension between the Colonies and France grew and Gov. Fenner of Rhode Island felt it was necessary to build a full garrison fort. The building of the original fort was complete in 1799. The fort was dedicated and named on July 4, 1799 in honor of

the second President of the United States, John Adams, who was the president at the time. The fort has tremendous historic value in military history.

Fort Facts

Fort Adams is the second largest State Fort in the United States and served as the U.S. Naval Academy in the early months of the Civil War.

The fort housed sophisticated officers quarters, a bakery, indoor basketball courts and even a bowling alley.

In wartime Fort Adams was designed to house 2,400 men, mounted 458 guns, 20 mortars and 38 carronades (cannon-like weapons).

Community Players Announce Auditions

The Community Players will hold auditions for their third annual One Act Play/Director's Showcase on July 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. at Jenks Junior High School, Division Street, Pawtucket, R.I. (across from McCoy Stadium). All roles are open. Auditioners should be prepared to perform cold readings, participate in improvisations and be dressed to move. The specifics for the individual plays are as follows:

"When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet," by Charles George, directed by Marge Conte, six women, ages 20 to 40.

"Words, Words, Words," by David Ives, directed by Andrew Turner, three men or women to play chimpanzees (a great deal of physical movement is required).

"The 15-Minute Hamlet" by Tom Stoppard, directed by Lori Manney, four men and two women, ages 20 to 60 (performers will be required to play multiple roles).

Production dates are Sept. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. For further information, call Marg Cappelli at 455-0724.

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• Regional championship finals are on July 6, starting at 9 a.m.

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Music For All Tastes at This Year's Newport Sunset Music Festival

The Newport Yachting Center announces a nationally acclaimed line-up of performers for its popular Sunset Music Festival Concert Series, scheduled June 29 to July 1 on the historic Newport waterfront. The diverse list of headliners for the outdoor tented event are blues man Jimmie Vaughan, The Count Basie Orchestra and Livingston Taylor and Jonathan Edwards, as well as Jake Andrews, James Montgomery, Paul Geremia, Clay Osborne, and Kimberly Connors.

Modeled after the Concert on the Commons series that was so popular on Boston's Beacon Hill for the better part of the 1980s, the Sunset Music Festival's line-up and schedule is as follows:

On June 29, a night of the blues will headline Texas Blues

guitarist Jimmie Vaughan with special guests Jake Andrews, James Montgomery and Paul Geremia. A founding member of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Epic recording artist Jimmie Vaughan (older brother of the late Stevie Ray Vaughan) made his first tour as a solo artist in 1993 and has been on the road every since, including opening for Eric Clapton on the latter's 1994 North American Tour. His latest album is entitled "Out There."

One of Vaughan's other special guests will be James Montgomery, who grew up in Detroit and learned the blues first hand from the masters, including James Cotton, John Lee Hooker and Junior Wells. His harmonica playing, combined with his incredibly energetic

show, has earned him the reputation as one of the most dynamic performers on the blues scene. Recently selected to perform at the America's Cup Races in New Zealand to celebrate the year 2000, Montgomery's most recent album release is "The Oven is On." Paul Geremia, a Rhode Islander who remarks he "was born on the Providence River Delta," plays a smooth blend of blues styles and traditions.

Swing will be the theme on June 30 courtesy of The World Famous Count Basie Orchestra. In the 1930s and 1940s, Count Basie became one of the singular names of American musical civilization. Today, under the leadership of Basie's former lead trombone player, Grover Mitchell, the band is the rarest

of all musical ensembles: a full time touring jazz orchestra which has returned to its roots of swing, precision and a focus

The night's other headliner, Jonathan Edwards, has been entertaining audiences for more than 30 years with his folk, pop and country tunes, including "Sunshine" which hit the top five on the national charts and earned him a gold record in the early 1970s. When Edwards is not busy touring and doing session work, he is busy producing music for other talents, including Cheryl Wheeler, and himself. His latest album on Rising Records is "Man in the Moon" which includes several original Edwards songs. Kimberly Connors, a former finalist in the Levi's Lillith Fair Acoustic Challenge who has recently toured with Don McLean, Al Stewart, John Sebastian and Kate Campbell, will be the evening's special guest.



Livingston Taylor

on the ensemble. The orchestra's most recent release is "Count Plays Duke," which pays to the great Duke Ellington.

A night of acoustic music by Livingston Taylor, Jonathan Edwards and special guest Kimberly Connors will wrap up the festival on July 1. Pop musician, entertainer and second most well-known of the five Taylor children, Taylor has earned a reputation as the ultimate crowd pleaser. Throughout his shows he peppers the crowd with antics and anecdotes as he accompanies himself on acoustic guitar, piano or banjo.

Ticket prices for the Sunset Music Festival range from \$15 to \$25 and are available through the Newport Yachting Center box office at 846-1600, ext. 229, or through TicketMaster at 331-2211. Tickets can also be ordered on the internet at <www.newportfestivals.com> or through <www.ticketmaster.com>.

The Newport Yachting Center is located off America's Cup Avenue on 4 Commercial Wharf in Newport. The gates will open at 5 p.m., and the music will start at 6 p.m. Refreshment concessions operated by Kiwanis Club of Newport will open at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Christopher Perrotti at 846-1600, ext. 221.



The world famous Count Basie Orchestra, directed by Grover Mitchell.

Photos courtesy of Newport Waterfront Festivals

Jerusalem the Jewish Eternal City

In 1967, in the midst of the Six Day War, Israel liberated the Old City of Jerusalem, thus finally reuniting the city, and bringing back Jewish control of Jerusalem for the first time in the 1,900 years since the abortive Bar Kochba revolt in 132 C.E. The emotion of the soldiers and the Jewish people was overpowering in this brief moment of exultation in recent Jewish history. To finally return to the Western Wall to pray, to have access to the Holy City as a citizen and not as a supplicant, to reassert one's destiny in one's home was finally to fulfill the promise and destiny of being an Israeli and Jew.

Since then all vestiges of the separation of the city have been destroyed, creating one city. In spite of attempts by the Arabs, and their allies, Jerusalem will never be ceded by any Israeli government or by the Jewish people. The long journey of the Jewish people from exile, discrimination, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, and the final emergence of Israel will not be halted by a divided Jerusalem again. This new collection of videos, "Jerusalem The Jewish Eternal City," shows the indivisibility of Jerusalem, Israel, and the Jewish people.

Included in this collection are

four videos: "Jerusalem is One," "Jerusalem Gates of Time," "Back to Jerusalem," and "Many Faces of Jerusalem." These videos highlight the liberation of Jerusalem by the paratroopers in 1967, the reunification and growth of Israel's ancient and modern capital, the restoration of the Old City, and the religious and ethnic diversity of the old city. "Jerusalem is Ours" is a timely collection that provides an antidote to the anti-Israel propaganda that has permeated our society in all its strata, and a welcome change to the naysayers and critics of the Jewish state.

The collection is priced at \$39.95, \$4 for shipping and handling. To order, write Alden Films at P.O. Box 449, Clarksburg, N.J. 08510, tel. (732) 462-3552, fax (732) 294-0330, or e-mail <aldfilms@bellatlantic.net>

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Independence Day Concert and Fireworks at UMass Dartmouth

The annual Independence Day pops concert and fireworks display at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will be held July 2.

Featured soloists with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra are John C. Laughton, dean of the university's College of Visual and Performing Arts, on clarinet, and Patrice Tiedemann, soprano. The NBSO, conducted by F. John Adams and guest conductor Tom Lyons, BankBoston, takes the stage at 8 p.m. Host for the evening is local radio personality Stan Lipp.

Musical selections include songs from "South Pacific," Rossini's "Introduction, Theme & Variations," and concludes with the "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa to the accompaniment of the fireworks display, which begins at 9:45 a.m.

The music gets underway at 6:15 p.m.

For further information, call the UMass Dartmouth Foundation at (508) 999-8760.



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OBITUARIES

ROSE A. BERLINSKY
Providence — Rose A. Berlinsky, 88, of Bayard Street, secretary of the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital, retiring 12 years ago, died June 19 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Robert Berlinsky.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Abisch and Naomi (Raven) Schwartz.

She had been the owner of Goldstein's Printing Co.

A founder of the Providence Hebrew Day School and co-receiver with her husband of the Amudim Award, she was the former president of its Women's Association. She was former president of Mizrahi, Providence Chapter, a volunteer at the Rhode Island Jewish Home for the Aged and member of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Rabbi Ephraim Berlinsky of Providence; three daughters, Gloria S. Redlich of Block Island, Cynthia H. Osit of Plantsville, Conn., and Sasha J. Cantor of Brighton, Mass.; a brother, Isadore Schwartz of Delray Beach, Fla.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late David and Morris Schwartz.

The funeral service was held June 20 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lin-

coln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

JOSEPH BRENNER
CHELSEA — Joseph "Yosel" Brenner, 93, of the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, died June 14 at the home. He was the widower of Mary Brenner and son of the late Beryl and Rachel (Ambush) Brenner.

Born in Poland, he had lived in New Bedford before moving to Chelsea five years ago.

He was a driver for the Fish Transport Company of New Bedford, until retiring 30 years ago.

He was a life member of the Congregation Ahavath Achim of New Bedford.

He is survived by a nephew, Bernard Spigel of Providence; a niece, Mindy Levine of Danvers; and several grandnieces and great-grandnieces and grand-nephews and great-grand-nephews.

He was the brother of the late David Brenner, Esther Brenner and Rose Spigel.

Graveside funeral services were held June 15 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MIRIAM CHAFITZ
FALL RIVER — Miriam Chafitz, of Rolling Green Drive, died June 16 at Clifton Rehabili-

tative Nursing Center, Somerset. She was the wife of the late Carl Chafitz.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Isaac and Dora (Levine) Taras, she lived in Fall River for more than 50 years.

She was a member of Adas Israel Congregation, Order of the Eastern Star. She had attended Adelphi College.

She leaves three sons, Harvey Chafitz of Framingham, Mass., Steven Chafitz of New Midway, Md., and Jeffrey Chafitz of Rochester, N.Y.; two sisters, Laura Wildman of Philadelphia and Florence Price of Delray Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

A graveside service was held June 18 in Hebrew Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

EVELYN MARKOFF COHEN
LONG BOAT KEY, Fla. — Evelyn Markoff Cohen, 90, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Providence, formerly an elementary school teacher in Norton, Mass., for two years, died June 20 at home. She was the wife of the late Samuel Cohen and the late Theodore Markoff.

Born in Lowell, Mass., a daughter of the late Max and Ida (Cortell) Carp, she had lived in Providence before she moved to Long Boat Key, Fla., in 1972.

She had been an interior decorator.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and a former member of the Temple in Long Boat Key. She was a 1928 graduate of Lowell Normal School.

She leaves a daughter, Sandra

Goldman of Greensboro, N.C., three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Paul Aaron Markoff and sister of the late Frances Bush, Ruth Doctor and Irving Carr.

The funeral service was held June 22 in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HARRY GERSHMAN
PAWTUCKET — Harry Gershman, 94, of 2674 Winkler Ave., Fort Meyers, Fla., owner of the former H. Gershman Sheet Metal Co. in Pawtucket, retiring in 1965, died June 12 at home. He was the husband of the late Miriam Dora (Pomarans) Gershman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Isadore Gershman and Jennie (Gederman) Gershman, he lived in Florida since 1965, previously living in Pawtucket.

He spent many years pursuing his hobby of boating, cruising extensively off New England and in the South. He regularly built and flew kites, many of his own design.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence, Roosevelt Lodge 42, Redwood Lodge 35, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Providence and the Palestine Shrine. He was active in the Blackstone Valley division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

He leaves two daughters, Phyllis Goldberg of Providence and Sheila Duerden of Fort Meyers; three brothers, George Gershman of Rutland, Mass.,

and Edward and Abraham Gershman, both of Pawtucket; sister, Ruth Kimel of Providence; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was brother of the late Anna Gers Edith Matusow and Paul Gershman.

The funeral service was held June 20 in Temple Beth-El, Church Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

STEVEN N. GRAY
BRUNSWICK, Maine — Steven N. Gray, 44, of Brunswick, Maine, sales manager of the Portland, Maine, office of Newpro Inc. for five years, died unexpectedly June 6 at home.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a son of Mort Gray and Mario (Rabin) Chorney, both of Cranston, he lived in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Cranston before moving to Maine 18 years ago. He was the stepson of Joan Gray and Mel Chorney.

He had worked in contracting managing positions at Saco Defense, Inc., Saco, Maine, and Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. He received a bachelor of science degree in business management from Bryant College, class of 1977.

He was a soccer coach, and taught and coached girls' and boys' soccer teams in the junior and senior high schools in Brunswick.

Besides his parents and step-parents, he leaves two daughters, Melissa Sue and Allisyn

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Correction

In the June 17 issue of the *R.I. Jewish Herald* in the obituary of Steven N. Gray (p. 18), Aaron Gray's hometown (brother of the deceased) was incorrectly identified. It appears correct in today's addition.

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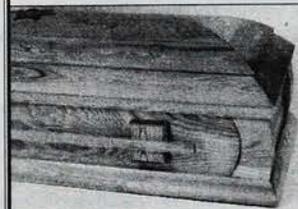
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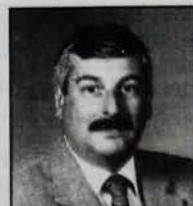
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Stephanie Gray, both at home; two sisters, Linda Klaen of Gutersloh, Germany, and Lois Johnson of Cranston; four brothers, Robert Gray of Chichester, N.H., Aaron Gray of Vienna, Va., Bruce Chorney of Cranston, and Louis Chorney of Somerset, Mass.; and a maternal grandmother, Anna Rabin of Cranston. He was the grandson of the late Benjamin Rabin and Rose and Abraham Grabowsky.

The funeral service was held June 10 at Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial will be in Sinai Memorial Park, 100 Harrison Ave., Warwick. A memorial service was held at Beth Israel Congregation, Bath, Maine, at a later date. Arrangements were by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

JULIE CLAIRE GUTTERMAN

PROVIDENCE—Julie Claire Gutterman, 56, of 131 Elton St., director of professional services at Jewish Family Service, died June 15 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, whose column appears in the *Providence Journal*.

Born in Detroit, a daughter of Gene Nagler of Williamsburg, Mich., and the late Virginia (Harman) Nagler; she moved to Providence in 1970.

She was an honors graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1964, and an honors graduate of Northwestern University, where she received a master's degree in teaching. She received a master's degree in social work in 1984 from Rhode Island College, where she later was a professor.

She was a member of many civic and philanthropic organizations, including the National Association of Social Workers. She was an active member of Temple Beth-El, where she led study groups and taught confirmation.

Besides her husband and father, she leaves two daughters, Rebecca Fay Gutterman of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Elizabeth Claire Gutterman of Brookline, Mass., and a brother, Dr. Harman Nagle of Dewitt, Mich.

The funeral service was held June 17 in Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David, Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DANIEL HORVITZ

FALL RIVER—Daniel Horvitz, of Rolling Green Drive, Fall River, Mass., died June 17. He was the husband of Ruth (Kline) Horvitz.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Richard Horvitz, Lafayette Hill, Pa., and Sanford Horvitz, Tucson, Ariz., and two daughters-in-law, Beverly and Susan Horvitz; grandchildren, Amy, Ross, Stacey, Shelby and Scott; he was the brother of the late William Horvitz.

The funeral service was held June 18 at Congregation Adas Israel, 1647 Robeson St., Fall

River, Mass. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MARION OSTRACH

PAWTUCKET—Marion Ostrach, 77, of 151 Oak Hill Ave., Pawtucket, died unexpectedly June 13 at the Cleveland Clinic in Ft. Lauderdale while visiting her daughter. She was the wife of the late Dr. Morris Ostrach, D.M.D.

Born in Newport, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Lily (Bain) Markman. She was a resident of Pawtucket for 45 years.

She attended the University of Rhode Island and was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

She is survived by two sons, Stephen S. Ostrach, Lexington, Mass.; and Michael S. Ostrach, Orinda, Calif.; a daughter, Laurel J. Ostrach, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a brother, Paul Markman of Newport, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 16 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Reservoir Ave., Providence.

Arrangements were by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I.

ARNOLD SOFORENKO

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Arnold Soforenko, 74, of Palo Alto, Calif., president of Fairway Finance, Consumer Acceptance, Master Craft Pen Company and accountant for Ruth Soforenko Associates, died June 6 at Stanford University Hospital, Palo Alto. He was the husband of Ruth (Weiss) Soforenko.

Born in Norwich, Conn., a son of the late Meyer and Sadie (Krieger) Soforenko, he lived in Providence before moving to Palo Alto 20 years ago.

He was a graduate of Brown University and Golden Gate University of San Francisco. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Nancy Soforenko of Carmel, Calif., and a brother, Robert Soforenko of Waltham, Mass. He was the father of the late Suzanne Soforenko.

A graveside service was held June 10 at Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue, Providence. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MAEJANIS SOKOLL

GREENVILLE—Maejanis Sokoll, 71, of Putnam Pike, a teller for Citizen's Bank and later an employee in the customer service department of the American Automobile Association, died June 15 at home. She was the wife of the late Arnold Sokoll.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah (Cohen) Honigblum, she lived in Cranston until moving to Greenville last year.

She graduated from Pawtucket West High School in 1946. She was past president of Temple Torat Yisrael Sisterhood.

She leaves a son, Richard

Sokoll, and a daughter, Marsha Vilker, both of Cranston; a sister, Enid Glazman of Hartford, Conn., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held June 16 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

SARA ZEITZ

NEW BEDFORD—Sara Zeitz died June 16 at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the widow of Kopel Zeitz.

Born in Lithuania, daughter of the late Louis and Dora (Hoffman) Garbatsky, she had lived in New Bedford for 76 years.

She was the co-owner, with her late husband, of Guy's Kitchenware for 48 years until he retirement in 1976.

She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and its sisterhood, Congregation Ahavath Achim Sisterhood, Ladies Helping Hand, National Council of Jewish Women and a life member of Hadassah.

Survivors include three sons, Philip Zeitz and Judd Zeitz, both of North Dartmouth, and David Zeitz of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a daughter, Sandra Moran of South Dartmouth; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Wills

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Another option and something which should also be included within an estate plan is a Durable Power of Attorney. The POA allows a named person to make the decisions for you at your request. Usually, with a POA you wouldn't need a living will but, according to Sholes, it is possible to have both, but when it comes down to it, the courts will usually give credence to a POA before the living will.

"Everyone's needs regarding estate planning are going to be different," said Sholes. "That's why it is important to sit with an attorney to discuss your specific situation and what is right for you. Having a living will is a personal decision, but a will is something everyone should have. It may not be something people want to think of, but the reality is they should."

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East Side Prescription Center, Hope St.
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Rhoda's Judaica, Hope St.

U.S. Embassy

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should be addressed only during "final status" negotiations. It is prudent for the United States to refrain from actions that may interfere with those negotiations.

• Prime Minister Barak is now intensely engaged in the process of forming a new government in Israel. During this critical time, all parties would be wise to refrain from actions that they know will create tension and controversy in the region.

Although we understand President Clinton's decision to exercise his authority not to move the embassy at this time, we reiterate our position that the American Embassy in Israel belongs in Israel's eternal capital—Jerusalem. (This is especially true since the plot of land the United States has purchased for a future embassy, in West Jerusalem, over which there is no controversy.) Let us pray for a speedy resumption of the peace talks, and for a just and lasting peace for Israel, the Palestinians, and for all those in a region that has known so much war.

Rhode Island's Economic Future

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any interest-sensitive indicator, growing at a hefty 8.7 percent annual rate, paralleling national strength in this measure.

The few weak spots that occurred were, for the most part, overshadowed by the strong labor market performance. As usual, manufacturing man-hours fell, but by less than a 2 percent annual rate. The out-of-state job gap remains a concern, since the number of jobs created by Rhode Island firms was only about half the gains in employment by Rhode Island residents. Let's hope this is a statistical aberration.

As we move toward a period of higher interest rates, let's hope our housing and retail sectors sustain their recent momentum.

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Schools Out... Practice for Summer Safety

Allstate Insurance Company Offers Professional Safety Tips

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, each summer one in five children sustains unintentional injuries serious enough to require hospital attention. This year, practice summer safety tips to ensure your children have a injury-free school vacation. Allstate Insurance Company offers helpful safety tips while biking, roller blading, skateboarding and swimming:

Bicycle Safety

Bicycles are the leading cause of head injury among children. Every 16 hours a child dies from a bicycle injury. To prevent unintentional head injuries prac-

tice safety on wheels with a helmet:

- Wear a safety helmet, knee and elbow pads while biking. Adults can set a good example by wearing safety gear too.
- Children under the age of 9 years old should not be allowed to ride bikes in the street. Have them stick to paths and sidewalks.
- Never let children ride after dark.

Swimming Pool Safety

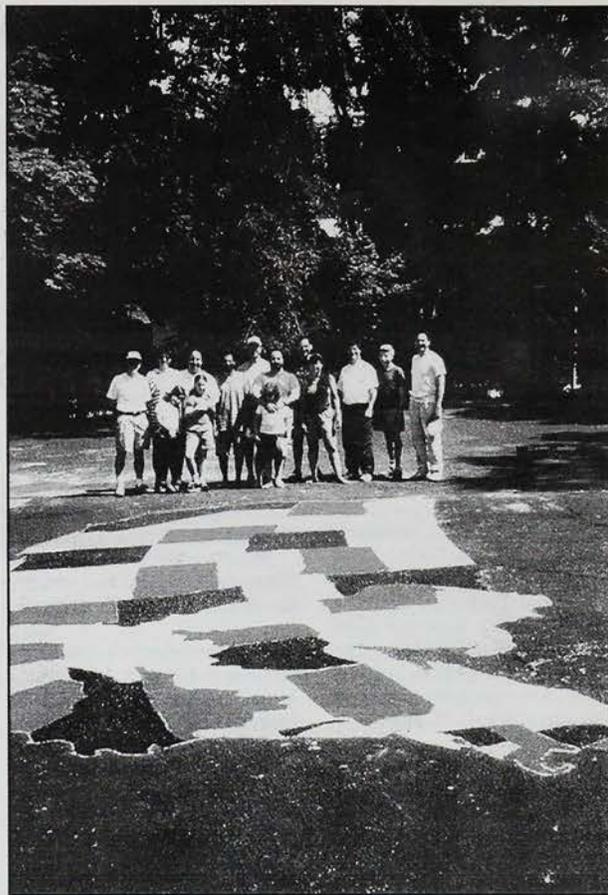
Up to 80 percent of child drownings take place in swimming pools and can be avoided with the proper safety precautions:

- Build a 4-foot fence around your pool to keep young children from finding their way into the pool unsuper-

vised.

- Make sure there is a self-closing and self-locking gate, and that it opens away from the pool.
- Install an approved safety cover for your pool.
- Keep a long pole and coast guard approved flotation device at pool side.
- Keep a phone nearby in case you have to call for an emergency.
- Teach all children to swim as early as the age of 4.

Allstate Insurance Co. is the nation's largest publicly held personal lines insurance company, insuring one of every eight homes and automobiles in the country. The company provides for more than 20 million customers and has approximately 15,000 agents in the United States and Canada.



ASDS Playground Does Double Duty

Dedicated volunteers at the Alperin Schechter Day School decided to spruce up the asphalt playground recently with a learning tool no one could miss. Painstakingly transferring the outlines of each state onto pavement and using bright colors, the map of the United States of America, including distant Hawaii and Alaska, dominates the black tarmac. Students can now enjoy a geography lesson mixed in with recess, or become creative with a new form of hopscotch. *Photo by Liz Goldberg*

Violence in Our Youth: Together We Can Prevent It

The Rhode Island State Nurses Association will present a free public service program, "Violence in Our Youth: Together We Can Prevent It," on June 26 at the Toll Gate High School Auditorium in Warwick, RI, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

George McDonough, coordinator for safe and drug-free schools for the RI Department

of Education, will deliver the keynote address at 9:15 a.m. At 10:30, Judith Jamieson, MA, dean of the School of Continuing Education at Providence College, will moderate a panel discussion among religious leaders from various denominations. At 11:30, Clinical Specialist Sylvia Weber, MS, RN, CS, will head up a panel of local

government representatives.

Focus groups consisting of educators, health care professionals, media representatives, and parents will convene at 2 p.m. The program will conclude with a wrap-up discussion, "Where do we go from here?"

For more information, call 421-9703.

What were the most important events of the 20th century that shaped and influenced Jews and Jewish life?

We want to hear from you!
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Who were the Jewish faces who made the greatest contribution to both American and Jewish society?

From now until December 2nd, the Rhode Island Jewish Herald will be accepting your choices for the most important Jewish events and faces of the last 100 years. Your choices will be included in our special millennium issue on December 30th.

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A Summer of Fun Has Just Begun!

It's not too late for your kids to join in the fun at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Summer Day Camp. Imagine your kids playing in the sunshine, swimming in the pool, going on day trips, creating great arts and crafts and more. The JCCRI Day Camps are designed for the convenience of families and for the thrills of children! Children from age 2 through the eighth grade are already finding out why the JCCRI summer camps have been a popular choice for decades.

With a variety of camp options from Travel Camp, Camp of the Arts to traditional camps and with the JCCRI's policy of flexibility, children can mix or match weeks within our camp or with other area opportunities. Do your kids have plans for most of the summer? Are you

planning to use up your vacation time for the weeks when they are home? The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is the perfect option for you! The JCCRI Day Camps are designed to accommodate campers who come for one week or for the whole summer. There is even a Transition Camp created to fill the week between camp and school with fun and excitement.

Your children deserve a summer in a caring, nurturing and safe environment. At the JCCRI summer camps they will have the opportunity to explore new interests and develop lasting friendships while having a summer filled with fun! It's not too late to sign up for the JCCRI summer camps. For more information, call Marcy Lifter at 861-8800, ext. 147.

YMCA of Cranston Introduces Kayaking Camp

The YMCA of Cranston and Paddle Providence have teamed together to offer a kayaking camp to youngsters this summer.

Campers will be introduced to kayaking at our Camp Massasoit waterfront where the calm water is the perfect place for instruction in paddle strokes, entering and exiting, safety and rescue techniques as well as ethics of outdoor recreation.

Once the "paddlers" feel confident with practicing their kayaking skills at camp, they

will begin exploring some of the Ocean State's rivers and coastal waterways. Trips include Ninigret Park, Providence Harbor and the Blackstone River.

There are two sessions available. For ages 10 to 13 during the weeks of August 16 to 27 and for ages 14 to 17 during the weeks of July 5 to 16. Space is limited to 13 campers, so register early!

For more information, contact Scott at the YMCA of Cranston at 943-0444 or stop by at 1225 Park Avenue.