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News At A Glance

• Barak government is taking shape. After clinching a coalition deal with Shas, Prime Minister-elect Ehud Barak notified acting Knesset Speaker Shimon Peres that he intends to put his coalition to a vote of approval this week, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. Shas initiated a coalition agreement in Barak's Tel Aviv office, but left the controversial issue of control over the Religious Affairs Ministry to a decision of the Party's Council of Torah Sages. Following a day of cliff-hanger talks on whether to join the coalition, the Center Party decided to join Barak's government, bringing the coalition total to an expected 75 Knesset members — 26 from One Israel, 17 from Shas, 10 from Meretz, six from Yisrael B'Aliyah, six from the Center Party, five from the National Religious Party, and five from United Torah Judaism. The agreement between Barak and the Center Party specifies that MK Yitzhak Mordechai will be appointed Transportation Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, and will also have a seat on the Security Cabinet. Mordechai is also expected to chair a ministerial subcommittee on economic and social affairs. The agreement also specifies that MK Amnon Lipkin-Shahak will be named Deputy Tourism Minister, MK Dan Meridor will be chairman of the Knesset Security and Foreign Relations Committee, and Dalia Rabin-Philosof will be deputy chairman of the Knesset. Yisrael B'Aliyah has announced that it wants appointment power over two deputy prime ministerships, the same amount afforded to the National Religious Party. It already wrested control of the Interior Ministry from Shas, which was compensated with the National Infrastructure Ministry, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, and the Health and Religious Affairs ministries. For its part, the National Religious Party will control the Construction and Housing Ministry, and is expected to have a deputy minister in the Religious Affairs Ministry. United Torah Judaism is not taking any ministerial positions at the present time.

New Rabbi at Temple Sinai Guides Congregation Into The Millennium

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

It's natural to wonder what kind of coffee Rabbi David E. Lipman drinks. At 8:30 a.m., three days after his wedding and one day before he began his job as rabbi at Cranston's Temple Sinai, he was at the temple clad in a crisp shirt, anxious to get to work yet steady enough to joke. "My coffee is awful," he admitted as he snapped on the lights and opened doors. "People have told me it's terrible. I believe in one and half scoops of coffee per cup — I drink it high-test."

But after just a few minutes with Rabbi Lipman, it's obvious that he has the kind of energy that does not come from caffeine alone. Now 49, the rabbi grew up in Long Island and Chevy Chase, Md.

As his late father was the renowned Reform Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman, the rabbi gained exposure to his eventual calling early on.

"My father was the founder of the Commission of Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations," the rabbi said. "The last thing I

wanted to be was a rabbi. But later, I discovered that the actions and successes of being a rabbi kept drawing me back."

Back in the 1950s, explained Rabbi Lipman, rabbis' families were very much a part of the rabbinic job. "Religious school was horrible," he remembered. "We were taught by well-meaning, but not well-educated teachers. I learned how to disrupt classes at an early age."

After graduating from Oberlin College, where he majored in voice and studied psychology, the rabbi served as a worker student on various archeological digs, cooked in the kosher dining hall at Princeton University and worked as a tour guide and program planner in Israel.

Finally heeding the rabbinate's pull, Rabbi Lipman headed to Israel where he studied at the Hartmann Yeshiva, Neve Schechter, and Hebrew University. He returned to the United States to attend Hebrew Union College, and was ordained in 1978.

For the 13 years prior to his move to Rhode Island, Rabbi Lipman served as the rabbi of



Rabbi David E. Lipman
Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

Court Sets Timetable For Holocaust Settlement

A United States federal court judge has set Nov. 29 for the Fairness Hearing on the proposed \$1.25 billion settlement of Holocaust-era claims between Nazi persecution victims and Swiss banks and other Swiss entities. Although the legal action was filed in the United States, the proposed settlement affects both survivors and heirs worldwide. The Fairness Hearing is the last stop before court approval of the settlement.

The court directed that Holocaust survivors and heirs be informed of their rights under the proposed settlement through distribution of a mailed notice package that includes the complete legal notice and an initial claim questionnaire. In the United States and Canada the mailed notice package is available by writing to: Information, Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation, P.O. Box 8300, San Francisco, CA 94128-8300; by calling a special toll-free telephone number (888) 635-5483 that will accommodate English, Hebrew, and Yiddish speakers; or by downloading the notice documents from <<http://www.swissbankclaims.com>>.

The worldwide notice program for the settlement will include sending direct mailed notice to known Holocaust survivors and heirs, purchasing advertisements, alerting the news media, and enlisting civic organizations to help contact potential claimants. The four-month notification effort will concentrate on 108 countries where potential class members are thought to reside.

Claims Process

The claims process will go forward only if the U.S. Court approves the settlement as being fair and reasonable at the Nov. 29 hearing. There is not yet a claims process. Persons who may want to make a claim under the \$1.25 billion settlement must follow the procedures set forth in the mailed notice package.

If the settlement is approved, then a Special Master whom the court already has appointed — Judah Gribetz, Esq. — will draft a Plan of Allocation and Distribution for presentation to the court by Dec. 28. The U.S. Court then will adopt a final plan and a claims process swiftly will be put into effect. The court has

invited interested parties to contact the Special Master now to present their views on allocation and distribution of the \$1.25 billion fund by writing to: Special Master/Distribution, Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation, P.O. Box 8039, San Francisco, CA 94128-8039, U.S.A.

Prior to the Fairness Hearing, persons who wish to object to the settlement must do so by writing to the address listed in the mailed notice by Oct. 22. Also, victims or targets of Nazi persecution who choose to exclude themselves from the settlement must notify the court by Oct. 22 of their decision in writing. By excluding themselves, individuals preserve their right to pursue independent legal actions at their own cost, but may not participate in or receive a share of the settlement. Persons who wish to participate in any claims program must also write to the notice administrator by Oct. 22.

Who is Affected?

Persons may be affected by the settlement if they fit into one of the following five settlement classes. Four classes consist of victims or targets of Nazi perse-

cution (any individual, business, or group persecuted or targeted for persecution by the Nazi Regime or its agents because they were or were believed to be Jewish, Romani, Jehovah's Witness, homosexual, or physically or mentally disabled or handicapped), AND who:

1. Had assets on deposit with any Swiss bank, investment fund, or other custodian, prior to May 9, 1945; or

2. May have claims against Swiss Entities relating to assets looted or taken by the Nazi Regime. (The second settlement class also includes claims against Swiss entities relating to cloaked assets, which are assets disguised by a Swiss entity for the benefit of an Axis company or person associated with the Nazi Regime, between 1933 and 1946); or

3. Performed slave labor for entities that may have deposited the revenues or proceeds of that labor with or transacted that profit through Swiss entities; or

4. Unsuccessfully sought entry into Switzerland to avoid Nazi persecution or, after gaining entry, were mistreated, and

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HAPPENINGS

Entertainment For Children

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

July

- 8 **Play & Learn.** From 1 to 3 p.m., toddlers ages 2 to 4 explore the cozy environment of Littlewoods. Kids stretch their developing skills with games and activities designed especially for their ages and needs.
- 9 **Preschool Friday. Stories Aloud.** From 9:40 a.m. to noon, preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, listen to *Rainbow Fish*, make colorful fish magnets to take home and "fish" in a sparkly stream.
Free at Five on Fridays. 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.
- 10 **Animals at Work.** From 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 5 and up meet a 10-year-old and his working steers.
- 11 **Balloon Badminton.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 3 and up use tiny racquets and play a silly version of the beloved game.
- 12 **Creative Studio.** From 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 3 and up create amazing works of art with recycled materials.
- 13 **Tangrams.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up have geometric fun acting out *Grandfather Tang's Story*, a tale told with shapes.
- 14 **Animals at Work.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up meet lovely long-lashed Bolivian llamas and find out about a llama's work.

Children Will Learn Spanish

at Cranston Public Library

A new program called "Hola Stories" will bring children wishing to learn Spanish together with children who are fluent in the language. Together they will enjoy stories and craft activities.

Spanish words and phrases will be taught. Children ages 6 and up who know or are interested in learning Spanish are invited to enjoy this bilingual story program. The English/Spanish program will be held Mondays, July 12, 19, and 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wm. Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., Cranston. Space is limited. Phone 781-2450 or in-person registrations will be accepted.

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Calendar: July 8th thru July 14th

- 8 **Summer Concert Series.** Outdoor concerts featuring local talent. Bring lawn chairs. East Providence Senior Center grounds, 610 Waterman St. July 8, 15, 29. Call 435-7511.
The Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington, presents local poet Karen Donovan. Donovan will read from her new book of poetry, *Fugitive Red*. 7:30 p.m. Call 247-1920.
- 9 **Shake-a-Leg's Wall Street & Corporate Challenge Cup.** 9 a.m. Corporate and investment firms make donations, and receive the privilege of sailing aboard vintage 12-meter sloops. July 9 and 10. Newport Harbor, Newport. Call 846-2316.
31st annual Newport Music Festival. Unique chamber music programs, American debuts, world-class artists and special events in the grand "summer cottages" of Newport. Various Newport mansions. July 9 through 25. Call 846-1133.
Listen to the sultry sounds of Johnny Mathis as he takes the stage at Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Uncasville, Conn. July 9 and 10 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$38.50 and \$60.50. Call (800) 200-2882.
The Barn Summer Playhouse at Roger Williams University Performing Arts Center, Bristol, presents "The Norman Conquests: Table Manners," by Alan Ayckbourn. July 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances are \$10 general admission, \$5 seniors and adults. Call 254-3666.
- 10 **Tennis Hall of Fame.** Enshrinement Ceremony. Induction 1999 includes John McEnroe and Ken McGregor into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, 194 Bellevue Ave., Newport. Call 849-3990.
Wickford Art Festival. 10 to 6 p.m., Wickford Village, N. Kingstown. July 10 and 11. Call 294-6840.
Newport Flower Show. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring artistic and horticultural classes, a garden marketplace on the grounds of Rosecliff, Bellevue Ave., July 10 and 11. Call 847-1000, ext. 140.
Country singing sensation Wynonna comes to the Warwick Musical Theatre, Quaker Lane. 8 p.m. Call 821-7300.
K&S Ballroom Dance at Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Learn to waltz from 7 to 8 p.m., with dancing continuing until midnight. \$10 per person. Call 821-4108.
- 11 **Women Sharing Strength.** Musicfest, holistic health fair, juried craft show, children's activities and food. Old Mountain Field, Kingstown Road, Wakefield. Call 783-9755.
Summer Concerts By-The-Bay. Classical, popular, folk and jazz music on the grounds of Blithewold Mansion & Gardens, 101 Ferry Road, Bristol. 5 p.m. July 11 and 25. Call 253-2707.
- 14 **Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island Blood Drive.** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sayles Conference Center, 111 Brewster St., Pawtucket.
The Village Retirement Center at Waterman Lake welcomes all persons to tap their toes to the sounds of Dixieland Band. 6:30 p.m., 715 Putnam Pike, Greenville. Call 949-1333.

Social Seniors of Warwick Hold Installation

The Social Seniors of Warwick held their 24th installation at West Valley Inn. The multi-talented Jim Silverman entertained and gave a great performance.

The next meeting will be held July 14 at Temple Am David at 1 p.m. The entertainment will be provided by the Fascinating Rhythms. Try to attend, as this will be the last meeting until September.

'Stories by Melodie: Buggin' Out!'

Storyteller Melodie Thompson will present "Stories by Melodie: Buggin' Out!" at the Barrington Public Library, 221 County Rd., on July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Her performance is part of the 1999 Summer Reading Club "Don't Bug Me — I'm Reading!" sponsored by the R.I. Office of Library and Information Services, your Rhode Island McDonald's restaurants, and the Friends of the Barrington Public Library.

The program lasts 45 minutes. Call the library at 247-1920, ext. 4, for information.

Community Representative Needed

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico, and the former Soviet Union countries, with local program support.

Community Representatives plan an annual student orientation, meet with the local high schools, provide support counseling for participants, screen potential host families, and meet with the exchange students on a monthly basis. Representatives also attend an annual training workshop and report to the regional coordinator. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering new international friendships, be community minded, and enjoy working with teen-agers and adults. Community Representatives spend an average of one to two hours a week with the exchange students, and time and expenses are reimbursed by the organization.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the World Heritage International Student Exchange Program or would like to find out what other opportunities are available, contact Barbara Hazelwood at (716) 684-7270 or at (800) 785-9040.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Study Declares Israeli 'ultra-Orthodox' Ardent Users of Reproductive Technology

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

"Increase and multiply."

It's the first *mitzvah* of the Torah, and a recent study by Susan Kahn, research director of the International Research Institute on Jewish Women at Brandeis University, shows that Israel's "ultra-Orthodox" Jews are embracing the latest reproductive technology as they attempt to fulfill it.

Kahn's study, titled "Reproducing Jews: A Cultural Account of Assisted Conception in Israel," won the 1998 Musher Prize, awarded biennially by the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. "Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel are enthusiastic consumers of the new reproductive technologies," Kahn said. "In part because the state of Israel makes these technologies widely available and also out of a compassion for those suffering from the problems of infertile Jews."

According to recent figures, "ultra-Orthodox" Jewish communities are the fastest growing segment of the Israeli Jewish population, increasing annually by 4 to 5 percent, or doubling every 18 years. By 1993, the number of live births projected for the average "ultra-Orthodox" woman increased to 6.9 percent, up from 5.8 in 1980. That compares to a decrease in live births for the average non-"ultra-Orthodox" Jewish woman from 2.9 to 2.6.

According to these figures, wrote Kahn, the average "ultra-Orthodox" woman in Israel can now expect to have three times as many children as her non-"ultra-Orthodox" counterpart.

This high birthrate, she wrote, helps to boost overall fertility levels among Israeli Jews to rates that are higher than any eco-

nomically developed nation; rates which are twice as high as those in Western Europe." Israeli Jews in general are leaders in the use of artificial technology — there are more fertility clinics per capita in Israel than in any other country," said Kahn, who in her study attributes Israel's pronatalism to a variety of factors besides the commandment.

Kahn points to early state propaganda about the need to produce soldiers to defend the fledgling state, and to perceived demographic concerns about maintaining parity with Palestinian and Arab birthrates. She also writes that for others, having children is a direct response to the loss of the 6 million Jews in the Holocaust and reflects a desire to "replace" those who were killed, and says that many Jews have emigrated to Israel from traditional cultures that are very child-centered.

Noting that in Israel, fertility treatments are subsidized by insurance at unprecedented rates, she focuses on the "ultra-Orthodox," whom she says only seek out fertility treatments with explicit rabbinic guidelines and in close consultation with rabbinic authorities.

"What's interesting about ultra-Orthodox Jews is the extremes to which they will go to ensure that their use of these technologies follow rabbinic law," Kahn said. "Ultra-Orthodox Jews have proved extraordinarily innovative and resourceful in this area, both practically and theoretically."

In Israel, she wrote: "Ultra-Orthodox" Jews seek out fertility specialists who are sensitive to their particular needs, and go to clinics where rabbinically trained *meshgichot* supervise

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New Rabbi at Temple Sinai

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Sinai Temple in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

"It was great," he recalled of his tenure there, which he just recently finished with a June 19 service. "We focused on our learning center. The first year, we had 14 students. The following year, we had 85." While at Sinai Temple, he worked hard on its education programs.

"One of my goals was to create Jewish education programs that were exciting," he said. "I found that many of the best teachers had found religious school boring themselves. I also discovered how difficult the teaching process was."

In 1978, Rabbi Lipman began to utilize a reel-to-reel video camera to help older religious school students make teaching tapes for younger ones. "We had one camera watching the kids and one watching the teachers, so the teachers could see themselves and watch the kids' reactions," he said. "We also had one of the first computer learning centers."

Recognizing the power of computers early on, Rabbi Lipman created Gates of Jewish Heritage, a learning website layered for different levels of interest and study.

"It's the third largest Jewish website in the world," he said of the site he operates. "I get between 8,000 and 10,000 hits per day. The address is <www.Jewishgates.org>."

Despite these successes, the Westchester rabbis realized that the Jewish population in Mount Vernon was thinning rapidly. "We ran out of demographics," he explained. "Mount Vernon is the most southern congregation in Westchester, and the majority of Jews were moving. There was no way to find more." In an effort to maintain their numbers, Sinai Temple merged with another congregation. "It was that or watch the congregation wither," he explained. "I thought I was too young for that." His May 18 move to Rhode

Island with then-fiancée Robyn Tevah presented new opportunities as well as major changes.

"I'm a city-boy," said the rabbi, who moved from a West 122nd St. apartment in Manhattan to a five-acre Warwick farm. "I still can't believe there's no super in the basement."

But Tevah, a former Jewish Theological Seminary student of Jewish texts and feminism and operator of a 54-acre farm in Strafford, Vt., has already started gardening and making the property into a suitable home for themselves, the five children the couple has between them, and the congregation.

Lipman and Tevah invited the entire Temple Sinai congregation to the wedding, at which former Temple Sinai Rabbi George Astrachan was one of the three officiants.

Members of the Temple Sisterhood helped prepare the food for some 170 guests. "It was a great wedding," he said. "It was a second marriage for both of us. We're going to have a cool blended family." Rabbi Lipman's children, Kivie Cahn-Lipman, a cello major at Oberlin, and Shira Cahn-Lipman, a junior at Fieldston Ethical and Cultural School in New York, where she resides with her mother, both performed at the ceremony.

Robyn's daughters, Aviva, Shira and Zemorah, will reside with them on the farm.

Rabbi Lipman, who officially took over on July 1, plans to build a sense of community at Temple Sinai — already well underway.

"The community is eager for, and needs, a sense of supportive Jewish community," he said. "Our congregants live in Warwick, West Warwick, Cranston, East Greenwich, Coventry, Kingston, Massachusetts and other places. I want to create Jewish community for where their lives are. Also, there are about 1,400 to 1,500 unaffiliated family units in this area."

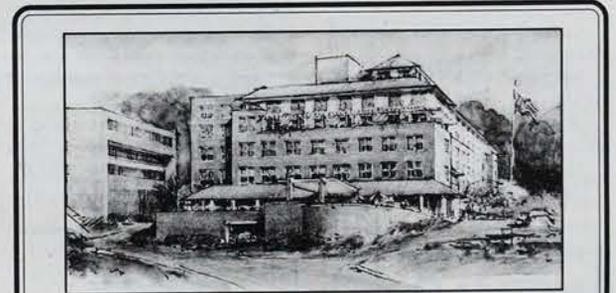
Rabbi Lipman has begun an outreach program in an attempt to meet with these and other families. "We've started a new membership committee," he said. "On July 14, we're having an open-house for the congregation at our home. We're having people who have joined the temple within the last three years send out letters to their contacts for me."

The rabbi laughed when his program was termed "aggressive."

"I'm a very aggressive person," he explained. "I'm not shy, and I'm not laid back."

The rabbi is contemplating ways to bring this feeling of community to and beyond the temple for those who may be reluctant or unable to travel.

"We will be offering programs here," he said. "Members of the congregation are holding a series of coffees where I will be able to meet people. Starting in September, I have made myself available on some specific dates. If they can provide a minimum of 12 Jews, I will go where they want me to and speak about or teach whatever they want."



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Honoring the 20th anniversary of the Reform Movement's Outreach efforts, the UAHC Press has published a newly revised edition of *Introduction to Judaism: A Sourcebook*, compiled and edited by Stephen J. Einstein and Lydia Kukoff, with Lisa Edwards, Marjorie Slome, and Hara Person.

"Today, virtually every Reform congregation offers instruction to those who are considering conversion to Judaism and those rediscovering their Jewish heritage," said Dru Greenwood, director of the UAHC-CCAR commissions on Reform Jewish Outreach and Synagogue Affiliation. "Tens of thousands of people throughout the Reform Movement in North America have used the original Einstein-Kukoff *Introduction To Judaism* curriculum since it was published in 1983. This new publication is for a new generation."

The long-awaited, comprehensive, revised version of *Introduction to Judaism* reflects

changes in the political situation in Israel, the creation of alternative liturgies, the use of gender-neutral language in prayer, the Reform Movement's new approaches to life-cycle celebrations, and other recent developments. At the sourcebook's core, readers will find lessons about what it means to live the full spectrum of Jewish life, including Torah study, home observance, synagogue worship, and *mitzvot* that repair the world. The book's accompanying *Facilitator's Curriculum Guide* suggests lesson plans, goals for each class session, and assignments.

Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, president of the UAHC, recently called for the Reform movement to expand its outreach efforts, especially in the area of inviting conversion.

"There is no question that the outreach work of this movement must be seen as nothing less than a triumph," Yoffie said at a symposium in April. "In the absence of outreach, tens of

thousands of intermarried couples who are now members of our congregations would be forever lost to the Jewish people; innumerable Jews who marry non-Jews would be denied any but the slimmest hope of a Jewish future; there would be far fewer Jews-by-choice; and our would be a weaker and more divided movement, denied the surge of energy, religious renewal, and adult learning which is a direct outgrowth of our outreach efforts."

The UAHC Press is a part of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in North America, uniting 1.5 million Reform Jews in more than 880 synagogues. UAHC services include camps, music publishing, and educational programs.

Introduction to Judaism is \$15.95 and its accompanying *Facilitator's Curriculum Guide* is \$10. Items from the UAHC Press can be ordered toll-free, (888) 489-UAHC or through the website at <<http://www.uahcpress.com>>.

OPINION

Save Our State Presents Letter To Governor Almond and RIEDC Board

Save Our State, a statewide coalition of 14 groups supporting responsible development at Quonset Point, presented a letter to Governor Almond and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation urging them to apply consensus principles developed out of the Stakeholder Process in evaluating the port proposal submitted to them by Quonset Point Partners.

Save Our State has focused on the potentially grave environmental impacts of large "load center" container ports backed by QPP during the Stakeholder Process. It noted that, in addition to long-term environmental concerns, RIEDC's evaluation of the port development proposals needed to start with a clear-eyed view of the economic potential of a port at Quonset Point/Davisville. Save Our State's letter posed several questions to help guide the board.

"Save Our State has not yet had an opportunity to review the June 30 submissions from QPP," said Dick Pastore, president of the Concerned Communities Coalition, speaking on behalf of Save Our State. "We will initiate a critical review of the plan with respect to both the economic and environmental issues that Save Our State have raised during discussions regarding redevelopment of Quonset Point/Davisville. A key factor will be whether the proposals protect Narragansett Bay and respect the concerns of all communities that could be affected."

Governor Lincoln Almond, chairman

Members of the Board of Directors

Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation
One West Exchange Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Almond and Members of the Board,

Thank you for your continued commitment to a fair and thorough review of the port development proposals submitted by Quonset Point Partners, LLC (QPP). We believe the 23 principles outlined in the Stakeholder Process should serve to guide your evaluation of QPP's proposals.

As you know, Save Our State has expressed serious concerns about the "load center" container ports proposed by QPP over the past year. While our primary focus has been on the environmental and quality-of-life impacts of these proposed projects, we share the view of a growing number of business leaders who question the fiscal soundness and economic development potential of this kind of project. Further, we believe that a load center port, such as those previously proposed by QPP, cannot succeed given the formidable permitting hurdles clearly outlined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As EPA Regional Administrator John DeVillars stated in a June 8 letter to you: "the various large load center ports considered during the stakeholders process have the potential to cause serious direct and indirect environmental impacts to Narragansett Bay... smaller scale ports that utilize existing upland and infrastructure will face few regulatory obstacles."

We recognize that the starting point for the board's evaluation is the economic viability of these proposals. In the course of your review, we urge you to carefully consider the following questions:

- Has the state performed a due-diligence review of the Quonset Point Partners, and in particular can it definitively say

that QPP currently has the equity capital necessary to fund a 4-8 years, \$5-8 million permitting process?

- What, if any, contractual commitments has QPP successfully acquired to date? In what way do "letters of interest" from shipping companies constitute adequate substitutes for binding contractual commitments?

- How accurate are QPP's cost projections for dredging and filling for the port? The Draft Environmental Impact State-

ment for the Providence River and Harbor Maintenance Dredging project prepared by the Corps should provide general parameters. Presently, there are no active in-water dredged sediment disposal sites in Rhode Island. Given the failure of the State to identify acceptable in-water disposal sites over the last 25 years, you should not assume that it will be easy or even possible to create a dump site in Narragansett Bay that could accommodate the millions of cu-

bic yards that a load center port will generate.

- QPP has announced that a competitive port will need to include "progressive" labor contracts. The nature of these contracts needs to be explored and explained to the public in detail. Does this entail undercutting competitors' wages? Will the State have a role in these negotiations?

- If a port development is to be "fully privately financed" this

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ADL Applauds House Action on Israeli MIAs

The Anti-Defamation League recently welcomed House passage of a measure that would require sustained U.S. action to seek the safe return of Israeli soldiers missing in action since 1982 (HR1175). The bill passed by a vote of 415 to 5.

The bill, introduced by Reps. Tom Lantos (D-CA), Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) and Sam Givens (D-CT), requires the Department of State to raise the issue with relevant governments, such as Syria and Lebanon, and make their willingness to cooperate a factor in considering eligibility for economic assistance. It also requires the Department of State to report to Congress on its efforts and on any new information on the soldiers. Companion legislation,

S.676, introduced by Sen. Ben Nighthorse-Campbell (R-CO), is awaiting action in the Senate.

Howard P. Berkowitz, ADL national chairman, and Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director issued the following statement:

"While there is no easy solution to this problem, enactment of this bill will ensure that the United States will continue to take action and increase our foreign policy focus on the plight of these soldiers and their families. Its unanimous passage in the House demonstrates that Congress is committed to asserting the kind of moral leadership that can advance the cause of the missing soldiers. We urge the Senate to follow their lead."

The bill is named after Zachary Baumel, a citizen of both Israel and the United States who was captured during a battle with Syria in 1982. Baumel and two fellow Israeli soldiers, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman, who were also captured were also known to be held by a Palestinian faction splintered from the PLO operating in Syria. In 1994, Palestinian officials agreed to cooperate with Israel in locating and working for the return of the soldiers yet nothing was done to this end.

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.

Weygand Condemns Synagogue Burnings

Congressman Bob Weygand joined Congressional colleagues in officially condemning the intentional burning of three synagogues in Sacramento, Calif., by voting in support of House Resolution 226. The resolution states that "The House rejects such acts of intolerance and maliciousness and interprets such attacks on cultural and religious institutions as an attack on all Americans."

"Whether it be across the country, or here in our backyard, the desecration of places of worship is an intolerable act of domestic terrorism," Congressman Weygand said. "Freedom of religion is a basic constitutional right of all Americans. The founding fathers of the United States of America formed this nation, in part, to escape acts such as those hate crimes committed in California and the United States will not stand for such actions."

The resolution implores the Sacramento and Federal law enforcement agencies to aggressively pursue their investigation to find the perpetrators of these hate crimes and bring them swiftly to justice. H Res. 226 also calls upon all Americans to reject the forces of hatred and bigotry wherever and in whatever form they may manifest.

Speak Out!

by Sue Ann Wasserman

This week we read a double Torah portion, *Matot Mas'ey*, which depicts both the limitations and the heroism of women in the Bible. I was drawn to the laws and stories that bookend this double portion. *Matot* opens with a discussion of *nederim*, vows. It focuses almost exclusively on women's vows and the right of their fathers and husbands to nullify them. (Numbers 30:4-17) *Mas'ey*, the final *parashah* in the Book of Numbers, ends with a return to the story of the daughters of Zelophehad (Numbers 36:1-12) and their right to inherit land from their father, for which they fought in *Parashat Pinchas*. (Numbers 27:1-11)

What is meant by a *neder*, a vow, and a *shevuah*, an oath? "A *neder* changes the status of the object: for example, if I have made an apple forbidden to myself, the apple has the status of a forbidden food to me... In contrast, an oath places an obligation only on the person: for

example, if I have sworn to eat an apple, there is a new obligation upon me, but the halachic status of the apple itself is unchanged." (The *Chumash: The Stone Edition*, Rabbi Nosson Scherman, New York: Mesorah Publications, Ltd., 1993, pp. 900-901.) Although the making of vows was popular in ancient times, it is no longer practiced today. It fell out of use because

the rabbis disapproved of that practice for two main reasons: The voluntary denial of permitted pleasures was considered to be an unnecessary asceticism, and vows were often made on an impulse or in anger and therefore had to be upheld at great cost.

It is difficult for us to read about the right of a father and/or husband to annul a woman's vows, thereby limiting her free will and self-determination, es-

pecially when the passage includes the statement "This is what *Adonai* has commanded." (Numbers 30:2) As Judith Antonelli writes, "It is difficult for a self-affirming, modern Jewish woman to accept that such male domination is indeed 'G-d's will.'" (In *The Image of G-d*, New Jersey: Jason Aronson, Inc., 1995, p. 383) We know that there were limits placed on a man's control: for example, he couldn't impose a vow on his daughter or wife; the "day" (Numbers 30:6, 8-9) in which he could annul the vow extended only until sundown regardless of when he heard about it; and because widows, divorcees, and unbetrothed girls over the age of 12 1/2 were considered independent adult women not under any man's control, their vows were binding. But even with these limitations, it is still hard to accept the fact that the rights of women and men in the Bible are not equal.

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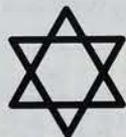
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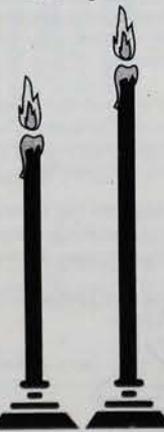
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Bell and His Bow



France and England, R.I.

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

There was a summer course in France on the history of the Maquis—the wartime underground against Vichy collaboration. I didn't get the scholarship invitation. But as I wandered down my street to the little bank of Narrow River—the strip of waterway that joins the dunes and surf at Narragansett—I found nearby what I might have researched in vain far and wide.

A lady staying in a stone cottage a few doors down joined me in a moment of conversation. "It's such a pleasure to speak in my native tongue," she started, and complimented me on my fine schoolboy accent.

"I was born during the days of liberation, just as the war was ending. My father had already disappeared, probably having perished at the cruel hands of the Gestapo. They tortured him, drugged him, pulled who knows what secrets from him. He vanished into the void of history. I never met him. War makes everything twisted.

"On the other hand, maybe that tragic hero wasn't my father after all. My father may

have been the Nazi rapist who attacked my mother and beat her. I don't know. It's better sometimes not to know too much about yourself and where you come from."

French people are surprised sometimes by my familiarity with the films, the songs, the poets, and the politics of the postwar era. I was just there at this moment to give my dog a bit of exercise. Her visiting cats and dog were back at the house. She was going off to rejoin them, feed them. We looked behind at the noble lone swan and the vulnerable family of mallards, half tamed by tots and toddlers idly throwing bits of bread. "You can almost pretend this is a turning of the Loire river," I said, and she smiled.

We talked about wine on the short stroll back. "Your American whites can be compared to the ones I knew in the Touraine," she said kindly. We shook hands and promised to speak again.

Imagine, wondering if your father was fighting for good or for evil. As it turned out, in fact,

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by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

A movie flicking down from the cool Canadian province of Quebec carries promise of a summer treat. "Red Violin" drew us in and held us fast. Its elegant portraits of things, objects like a deck of Tarot cards, parts of a Stradivarius, even chairs and tables, compel close attention.

So do the costumes and cosmetics, the close-ups of faces and the scale of spaces. A pregnancy dress, the high heels of a gentleman courtier, the long manicured nails of a prince, these visual details show the care and wit of the director, Francois Girard. Further, the casting of a wide array of small cameos, the auctioneer, the not-so-young women of chic and spirit who run the elite world of business, and the general look and air of anxiety mixed with flair, all add to the delights of "Red Violin." This excellent effort captures the mood of modern Canada as much as the period eras covered in this curious and picaresque film.

There are ambitious narratives that work better in fragments than as a whole. I would thus judge this feature. In one episode, a fabulously gifted or-

phan prodigy, who has a weak heart, sleeps with his instrument like a toy, a friend, a pet. Although the world treats him with respect and esteem, he is at the same time being used for his talent. He meets his terrible fate in a scene both touching and

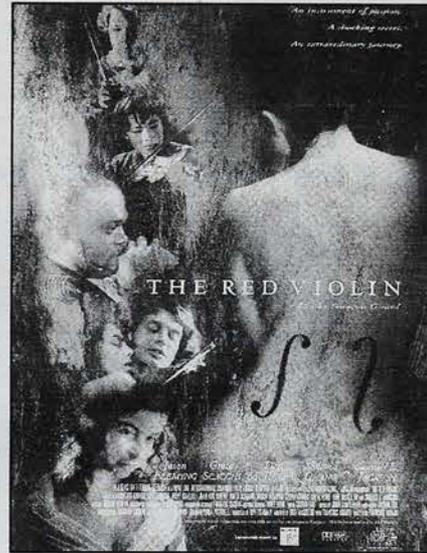
deus ex machina that gives away the secret agenda of the filmmaker, an attack on wealth and power that lowers its aim toward the merely politically correct.

Maybe even in offbeat exotics today, you still have to tack on a "happy," or at least obvious, ending in the same way you had to bring boy and girl together and kill off the bad guy in the old studio days. It hamstringing the tension of storytelling.

A Gypsy band on road or in wood makes good use of the red violin, though they swipe it from the grave of that enchanted boy. But, interestingly, there are no Jews, no davening klezmerim. Unless you count as a Jew the heavy villain-fool who bids for the wrong Strad, a symbol of oafish judgment.

"The Red Violin," an intriguing and often gorgeous spectacle, packed with superb studies and ironic insights, spoiled perhaps just a bit by too much insisting.

Joshua Bell picks up his bow and plays behind the scenes in some passages, fast and slow, reminding us just how much sheer commanding beauty has entered the world with the Enlightenment and Emancipation.



"The Red Violin"

meaningful. It is far and away the finest sequence, the most telling, but also restrained.

But the anecdote I liked the least was the finale. We meet a black hero who wins the prize red violin, against all odds, a

Sweet Seventies

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

A bumper sticker pronounces with scorn: "Nostalgia ain't what it used to be." We're working up some sentimental longing for the good old days of the seventies. From the cellar we hauled a couple of cartons of depression-era Luray dishes that came back in to fashion in the aftermath of the '60s. They were packed away with the cute kiddie patterns on the dishes we picked up for our infant daughters. Beatrix Potter bunnies and ducks run in circles around cups and saucers. These items look out from the shelves of a pantry hutch and recall the early days of yore for our family unit.

For an end of term task, our youngest had to produce a paper and present a decade of the century. He chose the Nixon time and in the crystal ball of his computer downloaded a profile of Patty Hearst, who went from heiress to victim to terrorist and on to housewife and runway model, the whole progress of that strange 10-year stretch, the me parade, the Ms. magazine publication, the march from protest to profit.

Now, like Queen Elizabeth, we also pack up papers and plates en route to our summer palace (sic) and go through everything past and present. Does H.R.H. also stuff milk crates with shoes as she makes her way from Buckingham to Sandringham, from Balmoral to Brenchley? We collect the commemorative cups for the royal weddings. The gala event of local '70s memory is the celebra-

tion of that fabulous 1976 national bicentennial. Tall ships sailed past Jamestown. Red, white and blue banners flew everywhere you turned your head. New coins were struck, bright and cheerful. Scandals and triumphs mixed everything up. So you hunkered down.

I guess for me that was a season for nesting, for gathering whatever materials it took to feather a little bed to raise a brood. I try to pull together an account of some of those summer adventures. Once, I took off for a short sojourn at summer's end among the lakes of northern New England. Hot spells and dog days can get you down. You hoard the long hours, but by the time you get them sorted out, the children settled and the house furnished, you feel the tug of the last tide. A brief escape down a tree lined lane with a cool pond at its end offers relief.

The prelude to the Reagan reign doesn't have the retro chic of the hard times of the '30s, or the heroic, tragic, epic grandeur of the '40s, or the horn of plenty of the '50s, or the radical energy of the '60s. It wasn't the best or the worst, the way Dickens described the '70s a couple of centuries ago, the focus of the French Revolution. But it was the most important age of enlightenment for my own household. It's fun to watch my gang grow up like nestlings learning to fluff up and fly. But it was a small joy watching our son tasting the sweet pleasure of reviewing yesteryear, making a sort of odyssey from his last summertime homework job of the century.

Make Your Mark on Paper

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"We work on paper. That's all we share. Our work is quite diverse." Marion Wilner of Fall River showed her close-up study of gladiolus blossoms among other artists in a refreshing show on the roof of the Westin Hotel. You step from the elevator to be greeted by a table of waters and wines. The inner lobby offers cheeses and good breads. The walls display colorful and thoughtful page images not on canvas.

Ms. Wilner also writes on paper. "I like to describe my travels and to make sketches that suit my words instead of snapping and clicking a camera. It was such a delight to travel on a barge down the Seine to the scenes painted by the impressionists. The French do it up right. They turn tourism into something wonderful and inspiring."

You almost felt as though you were in a lighthouse, up above the afternoon traffic along the town rivers and highways, cool and comfortable among the charming pictures. I was looking for Riva Leviten's piece, a more abstract work, cream-colored and suggestive. But the entire group, from representational studies of the streets and structures below us to the Japanese geometric designs, shone with civic good will.

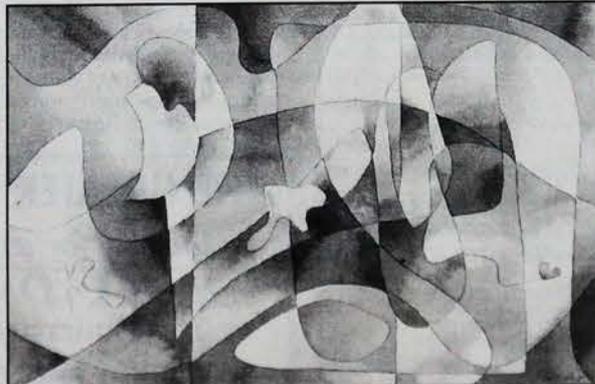
"I feel that we have met before. I know you through your articles. You can take the tiniest event and make a column." Marion Wilner's comment caught me off guard. "Nothing happens, at least the way most people might see it. But you build the ordinary into adventure." I think this is what my cordial artist acquaintance was saying.

In the end I have to plead

guilty to the charge. If a flock of common English sparrows nests in the eaves or awnings of a coffeehouse, I brood on the words, "His eye is on the sparrow." I recall an article about a Jewish boy in the Bronx who raised one. It followed him to school like a pet. How satisfying that must have been. Sometimes I make friends with a tree, or a statue, or a passing silhouette.

You don't have major turning points every day, but if you live on paper, you must center on something that stands out among the ticking seconds. Yesterday a young cabbie asked me to join him as he picked up and dropped off his passengers. We spent half an hour, but the episode made my day. That's all it takes for me, a new chum, a tale on the way, or the glimpse of something hopeful and sympathetic.

I thank Marion Wilner, Riva Leviten, Carolyn Wolfe Simon, and all the other artists and servers who made the desert of downtown at day's end into an oasis of insight and pleasure.



"Endless Fun #32", Hiroko Shikashio, Watercolor

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Happy Kids at the JCC RI Summer Day Camp!

Ruben Litmanovich, Sylvia Catania and Natalie Sidman in the JCCRI field preparing for another fun-filled day at the JCCRI Day Camp. Space is still available for most weeks this summer. It is not too late to sign up your child for camp! For more information, call the JCCRI at 861-8800.

Golf Tournament a Huge Success

The sun was shining on the 14th annual Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Charity Golf Tournament on June 21. It was clear that the 120 golfers were equally ecstatic to see the sunrise above the clouds as they were to see the amount of money brought in to support the JCCRI's programming rise over past years.

"What a wonderful time everyone had," said Vivian

Stacy Emanuel and included Francine Beranbaum, Cheryl Blazar, Donna Frank, Harley Frank, Paul Formal, Art Jenkins, Alan Litwin, Stephen Litwin, Linda Mittleman, Richard Mittleman, Cathy Oresman, David Rubin and Jeffrey Vogel.

The golf tournament prize-winning foursomes included:

1st Place Gross: Issac Shalom, Alan Ferreira, Joseph Vales and Bill Lonardo

1st Place Net: Stephen Litwin, David Geller, Marty Carey and David Schachter

Longest Drives: Men: Paul Frogrol and Women: Sandy Sandperil

The evening featured a delicious dinner buffet and both silent and live auctions. Auctioned were such items as a visit to the set of the NBC television show, "Providence," a beautiful glass sculpture by renowned artist Steven Weinberg, a golf get-away to Pinehurst and much more.



SHEILA AND ARNOLD Kaufman with the new addition to their Steven Weinberg glass sculpture collection. The Kaufmans purchased the sculpture called "Buoy" at the 14th annual Jewish Community Center of RI Golf Tournament and Gala Auction.

Photos courtesy of JCC

Weisman, executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. "The smiles were as bright as their sun tans as the players joined in at the gala and auction after playing 18 holes." While she stopped short of crediting the organizing committee for the fine weather, she did say, "Thank you to the entire committee, fine staff and dedicated leadership for organizing an event that brought the entire community together in a spirit of fun and philanthropy." The committee was chaired by Douglas and



RABBI MANN, president of the Jewish Federation of RI, with Steve Rakitt, executive director of JFRI, at the 14th annual Jewish Community Center of RI Golf Tournament.

You're Never too Old to Learn

Phyllis Mayer is more than persistent. The 84-year-old New Bedford resident has been going to college or university for the past 66 years. On June 6, she finally received her bachelor's degree in humanities and social sciences summa cum laude from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

And she doesn't plan to stop. "I wake up each morning eager to learn," she said. So despite the fact that she now has a bachelor's degree, she is planning to enroll in more courses and become actively involved in the university's Gerontology Center.

Mayer began her academic career at the age of 18 when she enrolled at the Emerson School of Oratory (now Emerson College). "I was going to be an actress," she recalls.

Her parents thought more practical training was in order, however, so she continued her education by enrolling in secre-

tarial courses. She learned shorthand and typing, which eventually did lead to a "practical job" — that of secretary to the mayor of Taunton. Subsequently, she married and she and her husband adopted three children. The family moved several times. Her husband died; she remarried and moved to New Bedford.

"No matter where I was I took college courses," she said.

She also developed an extensive portfolio as a paid administrator or volunteer in Jewish philanthropies and organizations, in educational institutions, and in women's issues.

She traveled to 48 countries, including a climb up the Himalayas. Her interest in women's issues earned her delegate status for the United Nation's Decade for Women event in Nairobi (1985) and to Moscow in 1987 for the World Council of Women.

Locally, she was one of the

original group that established the Rape Crisis Center. She developed a reading program for children and families at New Bedford's Buttonwood Library. Currently, she is president of the New Bedford chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

She takes this whirlwind activity lightly, declaring proudly that all her international travels were accomplished with a "21-inch suitcase." It is her educational attainment that strikes her most profoundly.

At a recent birthday celebration (April 21) in the office of UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Peter H. Cressy, she said, "I can't believe I'm going to graduate... I grew up in the Depression. My father couldn't afford to send me to college... When it finally sunk in that I was really going to graduate, I just broke down... If I can convey this love of learning to others, then that will be a good enough reason for being put on this earth."

Genesis Program at Brandeis is a Success For Jewish Teens

At a time when it seems every other day there's a story in the news about teen-agers in trouble, a program at Brandeis University is getting high marks for making kids feel good about themselves and their communities.

Genesis is a summer school for Jewish adolescents that runs through July 25. Steven Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundation gave it initial funding two years ago. Ever since, the filmmaker has been getting dozens of letters from gradu-

ates who can't seem to say enough about how the program "changed our lives." Spielberg's foundation is now funding research to see how Genesis can be used as a model for other youth programs across the country. The study is being conducted by the Jewish Education Service of North America, in conjunction with Brandeis.

All courses are small — between 12 and 16 students. Students learn about living together in a diverse community.

A strong academic core integrating the arts, humanities, Jewish studies and social action supports Genesis' focus on community building. A typical day might involve a mock trial in a law class, improvisational theater exercises, a discussion about foreign policy-making with a visiting diplomat, and a game of softball.

The program is made up of top teachers in their field and "community informal educators" — either graduate students in the field of education or professionals. Each is highly trained

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Tribute for Rabbi Lazer Levy

Shabbaton! an evening in tribute to Rabbi Lazer Levy on the first yahrtzeit, will be held July 16 at 7 p.m. at the CHAI Center of Chabad of West Bay.

Welcome the Shabbat with service, traditional foods, spirited Shabbat melodies, and Chassidic story-telling. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for a child. Reservations are necessary. Call 732-6559.

Sponsors are welcome. There will be a simultaneous children's program under the direction of Johnny & Chana Orgell.

Fun in the Sun with B'nai B'rith

Impact Unit of New England Region B'nai B'rith will host a summer fun afternoon for young adults on July 18.

The group will meet at 3 p.m. for miniature golf at the Route One Miniature Golf in Saugus, Mass., followed by dinner at Kowloons at 5 p.m. Reservations are needed by July 14. Call (978) 927-3620.

Impact is a group of young Jewish adults from their 20s to the early 30s who wish to participate in social gatherings, community service function, public affairs programs, and cultural events. Members and non-members are welcome at this event.

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JCC Association and Young Judaea Forge New Coalition

Consider this problem — for years, the North American Jewish community has struggled to discover ways to engage young people in meaningful Jewish activity that will lead to a lifelong connection between these individuals and the Jewish community-at-large. In fact, the broad range of existing programs, organizations, and options continue to impact only a small fraction of the total number of Jewish youth that might be served.

The Jewish Community Centers Association of North America and Young Judaea, the Zionist Youth Movement sponsored by Hadassah, are forging a new coalition to strengthen Jewish knowledge, identities and practices of young people — especially those who aren't currently involved in activities sponsored by Jewish organizations.

"In an era of declining Jewish community resources, growth and development of programs can best be achieved through the pooling of resources and coalition building between organizations with similar interests and goals," says Doron Krakow, director of Young Judaea.

Over the next two years, the project will launch 25 new Young Judaea groups as endorsed programs at local JCCs

where there is currently little or no working relationship between the JCC and Young Judaea, with the goal of increasing the number of participants in youth and teen programs at the pilot sites by at least 20 percent.

Additionally, this project will strengthen the relationship between young Judaea and JCCs which already serve as the host to Young Judaea; provide training, supervision and educational and programming resources for 40 to 50 youth professionals; enhance Israel-oriented programming at host JCCs; involve a minimum of 20 percent more teens in the Young Judaea Year Course in Israel; and identify ways for the JCC Movement and the Young Judaea to work more effectively together on a continental and local level.

Young Judaea has a long history of changing the lives of American Jewish youth. Celebrating its 90th anniversary, Young Judaea proudly points to alumni — numbering in excess of 100,000 — the overwhelming majority of whom have gone on to become committed members of their communities across United States and Israel. But one of the challenges facing Young Judaea was

the lack of the physical home in the community. Dedicated to the community building as a non-denominational youth program, Young Judaea enjoys no natural institutional home in synagogues or other community institutions.

Jewish Community Centers provides a wide array of ongoing program opportunities including the JCC Maccabi Games, theater, dance, college preparation and caravans, drivers education, sports and aquatics. JCCs also provide enhanced supervisory and marketing expertise, which will assist the growth and development of this project with Young Judaea.

Funding for the two-year initiative has been committed by both organizations, and the potential for expanding the program is significant.

For more information about the Young Judaea-JCC project, contact: Leonard Rubin, assistant executive director for Program Services, JCC Association, 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010, (212) 532-4958, fax (212) 481-4174, e-mail: <info@jcca.org>; or Doron Krakow, National Director, Young Judaea, 50 W. 58th St., New York, NY 10019, (212) 303-4598, fax (212) 303-4572, e-mail: <dkrakow@aol.com>.

Local Couple's Granddaughter Gives Graduation Speech

Jaime Orloff, granddaughter of Melvin and Hope Globus of Providence, R.I., recently gave a heartfelt student address at Cohen Hillel Academy's Class of 1999 graduation ceremony at Temple Ner Tamid.

Many of the school's 28 graduating eighth-graders have attended the school since kindergarten, receiving an education in both general and Jewish studies. In her address to her classmates, Orloff, daughter of Sherri Globus Orloff of Swamp-

"Cohen Hillel Academy has prepared us for our journey through life," she said. "Many may feel that graduating is the end to something. Yet in reality, our graduation from Cohen Hillel is only the beginning; the beginning of our journey down the path of life.

"Just as we started out like Noah who had no knowledge of how to build an ark, we are now at the end of our journey," she said. "The waters have receded, we are ready to go forth into high school, and onward into our lives, with Hillel's promises of bright rainbows in our memories."

In a presentation before the graduation ceremony, Orloff was given another honor, receiving the Friends of the Hillel Library Award for outstanding achievement in literature and creative writing.

Started in 1955, Cohen Hillel Academy is a Jewish day school that teaches 250 students from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The school is located at 6 Community Road in Marblehead, Mass., and can be reached at (781) 639-2880.



Jaime Orloff

scott, Mass., spoke about how Cohen Hillel has prepared them for high school and beyond.

Jewish Community Center Opens in Bombay, India

Judge Ellen Heller of Baltimore led 13 other Americans on a mission with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee that recently traveled to India to witness the dawn of a new era for that country's ancient Jewish community — the opening of a Jewish communal gathering place — India's first JCC.

While Jews have been living in India for thousands of years, recently they have become very scattered throughout the vast city of Bombay with no recognizable Jewish neighborhoods or communal facilities. Over the past 12 years, JDC has been sending Jewish Service Corps volunteers to India to help initiate and support activities within the Jewish community. Programs such as youth groups, the women's Rosh Hodesh group, summer camps, and a Jewish newspaper *Kol India* (the voice of India) were successfully initiated, but community groups had no central place to meet.

"We reached a point where we had the activities of a JCC

without building," explained Linda Levi, JDC's assistant executive vice-president. "With astronomical real-estate prices in Bombay it seemed like such an unattainable goal."

With the support of the American Jewish community through JDC and the Weinberg Foundation, the goal was finally attained. "In such an enormous society like India it is so great to finally have a little corner where Jews can come together with other Jews," said Levi.

The dedication ceremony of the new Bombay JCC exemplified the spirit and diversity of the Indian Jewish community. No sooner had the mezuzah been affixed to the JCC's doorway, then the festivities began. The swirl of activity included a Havdalah service conducted by the JCC's youth club, a reenactment of a biblical story by the women's Rosh Hodesh study group and a fashion show featuring costumes from the different regions of India presented by the Bombay JCC teen club.

NCJW Scholarship Winners

Recipients of the National Council of Jewish Women's \$750 Scholarship Grants for the 1999-2000 academic year are left to right: Andres Velasquez, graduate of Classical High School, will attend Northeastern University, an NCJW scholar. Maria Meyerovich, graduate of South Kingstown High School, will attend Brandeis University. She received the Sylvia Rossman

Galkin Scholarship, given by Anne Krause in memory of her mother. Jaqueline Green, graduate of Pilgrim High School, will attend Rutgers University. She is the Stephanie Zaidman scholar, given by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Zaidman in memory of their daughter. Ellina Khaykin, graduate of Cranston East High School who will study at the University of the Sciences in

Philadelphia, she is the Maurice Shore scholar, donated by Fanny Shore in memory of her husband. Josephine Shagwert, graduated from Classical High School, will enter her second year of studies at Clark University. Irma Gross gave this scholarship in memory of her husband, Herman Gross. Not present in the picture are Erik D'Itri, a graduate of Cranston West High School, studying at New England Institute of Technology. He received his scholarship from the National Council of Jewish Women. Shayna Kulik graduated from Wheeler School and will study at George Washington University. Robert and Warren Galkin donated this scholarship in memory of Sylvia Rossman Galkin. Cynthia Prudence, a graduate of Charles Shea Senior High, will continue her college education at the University of Rhode Island.

Photo courtesy of NCJW



JCCRI Announces New Publication

In July, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will be launching a new on-line publication, JCCRI Direct. This e-mail newsletter will feature upcoming events and activities and is designed to keep the community informed about the variety of events at the center.

"We are pleased to offer this service to the community," said Vivian Weisman, executive director of the JCCRI. "The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is offering community members of all ages so many events, programs and activities this fall we felt that an appropriate forum for distributing information would be an e-mail newsletter." This newsletter will be published in addition to the traditional publicity methods used by the JCCRI to inform the public of its activities.

People interested in subscribing to the JCCRI Direct e-mail newsletter can send a message to the following e-mail address: <subscribe@jccri.org>. The first issue of JCCRI Direct will be sent out by the end of July and will publish on a monthly schedule. There is no fee to subscribe to JCCRI Direct.

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The Creditors' Trustee has been unable to locate the following individuals:

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HEALTHWISE

Rashes — Skin Shows First Sign of Trouble

Your skin acts as a flexible barrier that protects your internal organs and other delicate tissues from outside assaults. Skin typically can handle the daily assault of bumps, cuts and bruises, but just as important, your skin is the initial indicator of a trouble.

Contact dermatitis is a broad term used to describe the sun's inflammatory reaction (rash) to a substance. Irritant reactions are caused by exposure to irritating materials such as harsh chemicals, while allergic reactions occur when the skin develops an intolerance for a substance. Often the two go hand in hand.

It can be difficult to determine exactly what causes some cases of allergic dermatitis. The culprits are not always as obvious as a chemical. A dermatologist can determine what substances should be avoided. Because contact dermatitis can

start out as a case of dry skin, be sure to help prevent the situation with proper moisturizing treatments to keep skin intact and functioning properly.

Allergic reactions can also manifest themselves as hives. When the body ingests a substance it is allergic to, histamine is released into the bloodstream, causing these pink swellings to crop up all over the body. When hives form on the face, the swelling can be quite alarming, but typically fades within 24 hours. Other hives may take days or weeks to go away.

Hives are usually a reaction to something that has been eaten. Fresh foods are often the culprit — typically foods such as nuts, chocolate, fish, tomatoes, eggs, fresh berries and milk. Food additives and preservatives are also a cause. Millions of people are allergic to various pain medications, antibiotics, sedatives and diuretics.

Almost any prescription or over-the-counter medication can cause hives. If you do break out in hives, call your dermatologist immediately. It is sometimes hard to identify the source of an outbreak. Try to recall what you recently ate. Antihistamines can be prescribed to ease the symptoms of an outbreak.

More than 1 million Americans suffer from hand eczema, a



painful, chronic skin condition that causes hands to dry and crack. Typically occurring in the winter months, the skin becomes dehydrated and the outer layer that normally retains moisture becomes dry, causing cracks in the skin. These cracks turn into red or brown raised areas that form itchy patches on the hands. Scratching leads to a painful itch-scratch cycle which could lead to blisters, swelling and eventually sores. Although it may look

nasty, eczema is not infectious. However, secondary infections may result from hand eczema if left untreated.

The cure? Gentle care, washing with mild soap, patting dry and then sealing with an oil-based moisturizer.

Want to commune with nature? Be careful what you come in contact with! Ten to 50 million people suffer mostly mild allergic reactions to either poison oak, poison ivy or poison sumac. "Leaves of three, let them be" is a wilderness rule of thumb. But nature plays a cruel trick: leaves on these plants may grow in groups of three to groups of five, seven and nine. Some features to look for (but not to touch):

- Poison ivy grows like a climbing vine with white berries.
- Poison oak grows like a small tree with yellow berries.
- Poison sumac grows like a shrub with cream-colored berries.

Eighty-five percent of the population is allergic to the plants and will develop a streak of rash, redness, swelling blisters and severe itching within 12 to 48 hours of contact. But don't scratch! This could open the skin to infection-causing bacteria. Head for a cool shower, and over-the-counter lotions to help ease the itch. Dermatologists

warn that over-the-counter hydrocortisone creams aren't strong enough to help. Research shows that manganese salts reduce the itching and may help dry up infected areas quicker. A severe reaction characterized by extreme swelling requires prompt attention by a dermatologist.

You don't need to go back to nature to get stung by a bee. Summer is their most active season, and they can be found everywhere. Reactions to bee stings can vary from mild pain to death. An extreme reaction to a bee sting includes hives or difficulty breathing. Seek medical attention immediately. Normal stings typically result in mild discomfort, swelling and itching at the site of the sting.

As painful as it may be, the stinger must be removed. Gently scrape it with the edge of a knife until it loosens. Do not use tweezers or try to squeeze the site of the sting:

- Wash the area with cool water and apply a cold compress for 30 to 45 minutes.

- Apply a "home remedy" paste made up of one teaspoon of unseasoned meat tenderizer and water.

- Use an over-the-counter lotion to relieve itching.

- If pain, swelling and itching persists, call your doctor.

Aquatic Arthritis Class Registration

The Arthritis Foundation YMCA aquatic program is currently being offered at the YMCA of Cranston.

Trained personnel lead the program participants through a series of specially designed exercises. This program is a recreational series of gentle activities in the pool and is open to anyone with arthritis. The program is designed to help relieve pain and stiffness caused by arthritis while providing a fun, social opportunity. The program has been developed by the National Arthritis Foundation and is co-sponsored by the R.I. Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation in collaboration with the YMCA of the USA.

It is not necessary to know how to swim in order to participate in the class. Preregistration is necessary and enrollment is limited. For more information, contact Scott at the YMCA of Cranston at 943-0444 or stop by at 1225 Park Ave.

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- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays and has a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or greater, even on cloudy days.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, especially if you're swimming or sweating.
- Wear protective, tightly woven clothing. Dark colors give more protection.

- Wear a 4-inch wide broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses with UV protective lenses even when walking short distances.

- Stay in the shade whenever possible.

- Avoid reflective surfaces, which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.

- Protect children by keeping them out of the sun, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Apply sunscreens, beginning at 6 months of age.

- Avoid sunlamps, tanning beds and tanning parlors.

- Listen to the UV Index reports. Take special care when exposure levels are 5 to 10+.

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The hospital's director of operations and patient care, William White added, "Receiving this perfect score is clear evidence of the clinical and service excellence of our residential programs. While children should not have to live away from home, it's heartening to know that when they must do so at Bradley, high quality care and service is the order of each and every day." Bradley provides both on-campus and community residential care for the children with psychiatric and/or developmental disabilities.

In addition to the residential program, Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital provides inpatient acute care, partial hospitalization, outpatient and special education services. Founded in 1931, it was the nation's first psychiatric hospital devoted exclusively to adolescents and children. It is a Lifespan partner.

HEALTHWISE

Get Ready For Camp The Heat is On... So Be Careful!

Asthma Action Plan

An asthma action plan is one of the most important things the parent of a child with the disease can pack away in a duffel bag for summer camp this year.

"The biggest mistake that's made is when children are sent to camp and no one is told they have asthma," explains Epi Mazzei, R.N., manager of LUNG LINE@ at National Jewish Medical and Research Center. "Make sure that the camp nurse has a copy of the asthma action plan and knows the steps to take for emergency treatment."

Along with telling camp counselors a child has asthma, an asthma action plan provides written instructions on how to treat a child's asthma if it becomes an emergency. With the help of the child's doctor, you can write an asthma action plan, which typically includes the child's asthma triggers, asthma early warning signs and what to do in an emergency. Asthma triggers vary by person, but at camp triggers can include exer-

cise, molds and pollens, perfume, cologne and strong odors, trees and grasses, insect stings, and animal dander, including dogs, horses and cats.

For children whose asthma is triggered by exercise, pretreatment — an important way to keep an exercise-induced asthma attack from happening — may be necessary before hiking, swimming and other strenuous activities.

Parents should check with camp administrators on their policy of allowing children to keep medication with them. LUNG LINE recommends that a child with asthma carry a "rescue" inhaler, used for quick relief of symptoms such as wheezing, coughing or chest tightness.

For more information, call LUNG LINE@, (800) 222-LUNG, e-mail <lungline@njc.org> or visit our website, <www.nationaljewish.org/pa>.

A patient should consult his or her personal physician before changing or considering any medical treatments.

'Virtual Reality' Simulates Cancer Patients' Fatigue

For the first time, medical professionals and caregivers can experience for themselves cancer fatigue, a debilitating condition that affects up to 78 percent of cancer patients during their course of chemotherapy.

Through the use of virtual reality technology titled "In My Steps," health care providers and clinicians examine the exhaustion and frustration associated with cancer fatigue. The most common cause of cancer fatigue is anemia, a frequently overlooked, underrecognized and undertreated condition in which decreased numbers of red-blood cells prevent sufficient oxygen from reaching body tissues.

Designed to help medical professionals and caregivers gain a better understanding of cancer fatigue, "In My Steps" takes users on a 15-minute journey in which they actually become the cancer patient. The simulator was developed under the guidance of leading cancer specialists and was tested by cancer survivors.

As a result of the experience, more than 60 percent of physicians who have gone through "In My Steps" indicate they plan to alter the way they treat fatigue caused by anemia in cancer patients.

To experience "In My Steps," the user "becomes" the patient,

and begins to experience firsthand what it's like to live with chemotherapy-related fatigue while trying to perform everyday tasks.

Seated in a simulator, users don a helmet that provides audio and visual input. With specific instructions from a guide, the user is asked to move from room to room in a simulated home while attempting to perform routine tasks that become increasingly challenging and taxing.

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The summer months provide a much-awaited opportunity for us to enjoy some of our favorite outdoor activities, like running, hiking, baseball, soccer and swimming. Most of us know that exercise like this is good for us. In fact, the American Institute for Cancer Research, in its new international report, *Food, Nutrition and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective*, recommends that we get at least an hour of moderate physical activity each day to help reduce our risk for certain forms of cancer. But while the summer temperatures and sunshine bring us outdoors to exercise, we should take extra care to avoid heat exhaustion. Otherwise, the healthy benefits of exercise that we're aiming for could be offset by injury and illness.

Heat exhaustion occurs when the heart and vascular system do not respond properly to high temperatures, and the mechanisms our body uses to cool itself fail. When we exercise, we lose vital fluids and salt from our bodies as we sweat. That's why one of the most important things to remember when exercising any time, especially in hot weather, is to drink lots of fluids before, during and after exercise. Since thirst is not a reliable sign that your body needs fluids, don't wait until you feel thirsty before drinking something. Alcohol or beverages with caffeine speed up fluid loss, so it's best to drink water or a commercial sports drink when exercising.

To further reduce risk of heat exhaustion, try to avoid vigorous outdoor physical activity during the hottest times of the day. Instead, exercise early in the morning or later in the day,

near sunset. If the outside temperature is 82°F. or above and humidity is high, do your activity for a shorter time. Also, wear light, loose-fitting clothing, such as cotton, so sweat can evaporate.

We should all be alert to the symptoms of heat exhaustion, especially during the hot summer months, when it is most common. The symptoms include cool, clammy, pale skin; sweating; dry mouth; fatigue and weakness; dizziness; headache; nausea; muscle cramps; and weak and rapid pulse. If you suspect that someone is suf-

fering from heat exhaustion, get the person out of the sun and go to a cool spot. Lay the person down, elevate the feet slightly, and loosen or remove clothing. If the person can swallow and is not nauseated, give cool (not iced), lightly salted water or a commercial sports drink.

Exercise is vital to good health, as long as it's done safely. So enjoy the variety of sports and activities that are so popular this time of year, but remember to be conscious of the heat and how your body is reacting to it so you can slow down and seek shade when you need it.

Keep Your Feet Fit

Keep your feet fashionably fit by following these tips offered by the American Podiatric Medical Association.

- Pamper your feet. After a long day, massage them, soak in lukewarm water and elevate. If you indulge in pedicures, consider bringing your own sterile tools to prevent infections of the skin and nails. Don't let a pedicurist do any cutting or filing of the skin on your feet. A podiatrist is the specialist to see if you are experiencing any pain or deformity in your feet or ankles.
- Keep feet moisturized to avoid dry, cracked skin. Apply lotion to the bottoms of feet after bathing to keep skin soft and smooth.
- Do stretching exercises. Those who regularly wear high heels are susceptible to shortened tendons. Switching from high heels to low heels for strenuous physical activity, without appropriate warm-up exercises, creates an ideal situation for Achilles' tendinitis.
- Keep heels lower than 1.5 inches. A good rule of thumb is that the higher the heel, the wider the heel base width should be.



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FEATURE

The Renewal of Israel's Water Supply

by Russell Robinson
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A drought this winter so severely drained Israel's water reserves that the government was forced to postpone delivery of 20 million cubic meters of water to King Abdullah's new government as part of the Jordan-Israeli peace agreement.

The drought is a portent of an even drier future unless Israel and her neighbors work together to conserve scarce water resources in a fragile ecosystem.

Today, Israel is living on the edge with its water supply. There is no surplus for drought, nor surplus for economic or population growth. There are even predictions that Israel could run out of water in the next 15 to 20 years.

General Uri Sagey, an Israeli military intelligence chief, said: "The matter of water is more vital than all other matters. Wrong handling of this problem is liable to accelerate frustration and prevent economic development."

Israel survived for 50 years with a meager water supply. Today, with a 10-fold population increase since 1948 and increased urbanization, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians are draining and abusing the Middle East's natural waters system. It is as if 12 million people tried to live and prosper in Phoenix, Ariz., with its existing waters and scant rainfall.

This winter's drought — the worst in 49 years — is a recurring natural phenomena. But in recent years, the environment, too, has been abused. Today, Israel is in ecological turmoil. Almost every river and stream is polluted. The aquifers under Tel Aviv are no longer being replenished with rainwater. The Kinneret is nearing the redline, and runs the risk of water salinization.

In Israel, where the land is 60 percent desert, such abuses can-

not be tolerated. The major source of sweet water is Lake Kinneret, which comprises 35 percent of the water storage in Israel. Natural springs, coastal and mountain aquifers augment the lake. The only other natural source of water is annual rainfall, which ranges from 39 inches in the north to under 2 inches in the south.

The natural sources yield about 1.6 billion cubic meters each year. Annual consumption is 2 billion cubic meters. Therefore, Israel must recycle, desalinate and harvest floodwaters to make up the balance.

There are dramatic schemes to pump fresh water through a pipeline under the Mediterranean from Turkey to Haifa. A Swedish shipper suggests floating barges with huge poly-balloons filled with fresh water, traveling from the mouth of Turkey's mountain rivers to Gaza or Ashkelon. And engineering firms are prepared to design multi-billion dollar desalination plants.

These are exorbitant schemes. Israel already has 40 small desalination plants yielding 50,000 cubic meters of water daily, and all of Eilat is fed with desalinated water. An expensive proposition.

The alternative is to reduce consumption (though Israelis have one of the lowest water consumption rates in the world), share water with Israel's neighbors, and enhance natural resources.

A research group from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences recently sketched the outlines of a remedy in 40 years, all fresh water in the region should be reserved for household use, with treated wastewater and saline (brackish) water used to supply agriculture and industry.

"Existing water supplies are barely sufficient to maintain a quality standard of living," the National Academy of Sciences reported. "This is a very dry

region and very tiny region that will almost assuredly live under conditions of significant water stress in the near future."

With watersheds and rivers crossing political boundaries, the panel of American scientists recommended to the World Bank and water authorities in Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian National Authority that alternatives to fresh water be used for agriculture and that new technology be explored for recycling wastewater.

For instance, the annual water supply required for human consumption in Israel is 0.5 billion cubic meters; industry takes 0.15 billion cubic meters, and farming absorbs the lion's share with 1.45 billion cubic meters. The data are similar for Jordan.

General Uri Sagey, an Israeli military intelligence chief, said: "The matter of water is more vital than all other matters. Wrong handling of this problem is liable to accelerate frustration and prevent economic development."

Agriculture is crucial for the Mideast. Farming is a way of life. But the water usage for farming is out of all proportion to agriculture's economic importance, as farmers account for only 3 percent of the gross domestic product but use 57 percent of the water.

In Jordan, farmers use 72 percent of the fresh water. In the West Bank and Gaza, farmers consume 64 percent of all water.

The situation is so critical that if solutions are not found in the next three to five years, there may not be enough drinking water. In fact, a quiet revolution is being orchestrated to make the renewal of Israel's scarce water resources a major national and ecological priority.

Here is what is being done

through the Jewish National Fund and government-sponsored programs.

Lake Kinneret. As Israel's only fresh water source, some 470 million cubic meters are pumped annually from the lake and transported via the national water carrier system as far south as Sde Boker. Yet in recent years, the lake's banks have deteriorated, and soil erosion in the Chula Valley which drains into the Kinneret has polluted the water.

The drainage of the Chula Valley's marshes was one of the largest land reclamation projects in the early years of the state. But serious ecological problems emerged with time: the ground sank, fires erupted from the accumulation of nitrate deposits in the soil and the organic matter seeped into the lake. Consequently, a large-scale intervention is planned to replant the area. The program includes constructing an underground barrier to block the flow of groundwater from the Chula to the Jordan and Kinneret.

Restoration of the Kinneret and the surrounding Galilee region will help assure future water supplies. Only clean water will flow into the lake, and inferior waters will be recycled for irrigation. This is a major development project of Jewish National Fund in cooperation with the Israeli government.

River Restoration. Except for the upper reaches of the Jordan, all of Israel's rivers became polluted due to discharge of industrial and urban effluent. Water quality declined, killing flora and fauna, and mosquitoes and algae re-emerged. The Jewish National Fund was asked to take responsibility for a River Rehabilitation Authority, which is detailing a master plan to clean up each river and assure future water supplies while establishing a green zone around each watershed. Restoration projects have begun and others have been completed along the Yarkon, Alexander, Lachish, Kishon, Ayalon, Taninnim and Poleg rivers, providing new and clean water supplies.

Reservoirs and Dams. Since the mid-1980s, more than 100 reservoirs and dams have been built to capture waters for irrigation. These reservoirs and projects built by JNF have increased Israel's water supply by more than 5 percent. New projects in the Beit Shean Valley and Besor in the Negev will yield more than 15 million cubic meters of water, reducing the demand on the Kinneret, and lowering water prices. Older reservoirs are also being expanded, such as that at Dalton in the upper Galilee, which was renovated with double its original capacity.

Smaller dams are being used as large holding pools for recycled water. Nearly 70 percent of Israel's waste waters are now treated for irrigation of non-food crops. It is expected that recycling of effluent can yield 20 percent of irrigation requirements for farming, seriously reducing water allocated for agriculture.

Flood Dams. A new innovation is to build a "stow dam" to trap and redirect winter floodwaters. For instance, a flood dam in the Arava at Nahal Hayun built between two hills with Jewish National Fund funding contains a 17-meter high retaining wall to stop and capture the flow from winter floods. The Nahal Hayun stow dam collects almost 3 million cubic meters of water, replenishes underground aquifers, curtails salinization and creates a new ecological balance. A similar project is planned for the Besor riverbed in the northwestern Negev desert.

Saline (Brackish) Waters. Israel has abundant underground brackish waters. Major R&D projects in the Negev and Arava are experimenting with the production of new crops irrigated by brackish waters. Agronomists also are trying to grow trees with brackish waters. Such a breakthrough would preclude the need to use treated waters, or worse, sweet waters.

Using brackish waters reduces costs by an estimated two-thirds. That is why Israeli authorities prefer to invest in R&D of brackish water, rather than construct additional desalination plants. Delivering fresh water in Israel costs about 40¢ to 50¢ a cubic meter. Desalting seawater could cost \$1 or more per cubic meter.

"Savannization." JNF's afforestation programs in the desert halt encroaching desert sands, while encouraging rainfall. In order to maximize precious rainwater to young saplings planted in the Negev, JNF created a technique called "savannization." Saplings are planted on contoured terraces located on hilly slopes, dependent only upon low annual rainfall.

The goals and remedy and warning of the U.S. National Academy of Science that the Mideast "is a very dry and a very tiny region," and that it will live "under conditions of significant water stress in the near future," can and will be heeded.

It has been said that what Israel needs is to take out the desert from the land, the salt from the water and the violence from the people if we are to guarantee the future. *The New York Times* wrote as much when it reflected that: "beyond all the hopeful talk of peace in the Middle East, a battle is shaping over an issue as powerful as land, as basic as oil: the region is running out of water..."

Ronald S. Lauder, president of Jewish National Fund, said: "Sound water and lands use policies are the foundation for economic development, and they are the heart of the quest for a sustainable peace in the Middle East."

Only the renewal of Israel's scarce waters and the greening of its ecological system can assure a stable future and help avoid the potential threat posed by the scarcity of water whose roots know no national boundaries. With sufficient resources and determination, the programs described above can begin to reverse the water crisis.

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FEATURE

Hasbro Kicks Off Corporate Campaign

With an initial gift of \$25,000 and an additional \$50,000 anticipated over the next two years, Hasbro, Inc., is inviting area business leaders to partner with them in a new venture called Kids Cafe. The Kids Cafe program, a partnership of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence, aims to feed needy children a hot, nutritious, evening meal. This fund-raising campaign will help to expand the program from four sites in Providence to all 15 Boys & Girls Clubs across the state. Statewide, the number of schoolchildren living at or near the poverty level has increased more than 50 percent since 1990. One in three R.I. children are currently living at or near the poverty level.

In October 1998, the Food Bank opened its first two Kids Cafes, delivering hot meals to the Fox Point and Wanskuck Boys & Girls Clubs in Providence every Tuesday through Friday evening. The South Side and Olneyville Clubs were added in April. With the expansion to 15 Girls & Boys Clubs, the number of children receiving a meal at Kids Cafe will increase from 450 to more than 1,200 every day.

"This essential meal program has proven to be so successful that our goal is to raise the necessary funds to expand it to every Boys & Girls Club in Rhode Island over the next two years," said Wayne Charness, Hasbro's senior vice president, corporate communications and chair of the campaign.

Kids Cafe meals are created in the Food Bank's job training and meal production program, Community Kitchen. Trainees are donated food to create meals for the Kids Cafes and other community meals sites. At the same time, they are preparing for entry level jobs in the food service industry. Last year, Hasbro provided \$15,000 in funding to outfit the Community Kitchen site at the Food Bank with commercial food service equipment.

"There are many more children in Rhode Island whose needs are not being met under the current Kids Cafe program," said Bernie Beaudreau, the Food Bank's executive director. "With a relatively small investment from area businesses, Kids Cafe can grow from feeding 450 kids to more than 1,200 low-income children per day. We're very grateful for Hasbro's leadership in this important program."

Hasbro, one of the world's leading toy and entertainment companies, is chairing the campaign to raise \$460,000 to expand Kids Cafe. Corporations are being invited to provide "Dinner Parties" for different numbers of children for an entire year, depending on their level of sponsorship. Kids Cafe sponsoring levels range from \$50,000 to \$3,000. Sponsorships are payable over three years.

For more information, call Lisa Roth Blackman at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank at 826-3073, ext. 215.

Holocaust Settlement

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may have related claims against any Swiss entity.

The fifth settlement class includes any individual, whether or not a victim or target of Nazi persecution, who performed slave labor in a work site, wherever located, owned or controlled by a Swiss entity.

All settlement classes include heirs and successors of the persons and entities described

above.

The lawsuit was brought in the form of a class action; that is, a group of individuals who sue on their own behalf and also on the behalf of all members of a broader class of unknown victims who are similarly situated. If approved by the court, the proposed settlement then binds the entire class to the settlement's terms.

Providence Hebrew Day Graduation and Awards Ceremony

The Providence Hebrew Day School is proud to announce its 1998-99 graduates from the eighth grade: Jacob Benesch, Gavi Berman, Rafi Gerber, Dovid Gerber, Shifra Kaufman, Seth Kirschner and Moshe Massouda. The graduation ceremonies held at the school included two special presentations. One went to Michael Weiner who has served as the president of PHDS for the last four years. Weiner is also a graduate of PHDS. The second presentation was made to Maureen Sheehan for her 20 years of service as a teacher and administrator at the school.

Annual special awards were also made to the following students: The Benjamin and Rose Gershman Award for overall academic achievement went to Shifra Kaufman. Kaufman also received the Jeffrey Berman Scholarship Award for outstanding character, service and commitment to further Jewish education. The Benyl Segal Memorial Award for excellence in Chumash (Torah) study was given to Dovid Gib-



1998-99 GRADUATES from the eighth grade of the Providence Hebrew Day School. Photo courtesy of PHDS

ber. Rafi Gerber received the Dr. Mitchell Sack Award for service to the school. The Hyman and Jean Blasbalg Award for outstanding improvement in secular studies went to Benesch. Massouda was awarded the Cantor Morris Schneider Scholarship Award for dedication to Jewish Heritage. For outstanding work in English, the Pessell Hassenfeld

Award was given to Berman. Both Kaufman and Kirschner received the Presidential Academic awards for outstanding achievement.

Graduating from the New England Academy of Torah was Rivky Rubenstein, who also gave the "Torah Message" — an address given annually by a graduating senior.

Study Declares Israeli

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and oversee all laboratory procedures.

Although Kahn's study observed "ultra-Orthodox" Jews in Israel, local Orthodox rabbis said that they would also advocate the use of reproductive technologies for couples experiencing fertility problems.

"Of course I would also advise such a couple to see a doctor," said Rabbi Peretz Gold of the Providence Hebrew Day School. Having children is a Jewish commandment, and one does whatever it takes."

Rabbi Yossi Laufer of the CHAI Center of Chabad of West Bay said he would encourage such a couple to see a doctor and an informed Halachic authority as well.

"There can be Halachic problems with the treatments," he said. "I would consult Chabad headquarters, and encourage them to sit down with someone who is aware of the details they

need to be careful about." Rabbi Eliezer Gibber, dean of the New England Rabbinical College, said he would also absolutely advise those with fertility problems to see a doctor.

"Having children is the first mitzvah of the Torah," he said. "It's also what most young married couples would like to do."

According to Rabbi Gibber, questions about the treatments should be put to a "competent Halachic authority."

"A competent Orthodox rabbi can do the research and counseling," he said. "A rabbi in the traditional Orthodox sense has achieved a certain amount of expertise, and its capable of doing the Halachic research."

Rabbi Gibber also suggested

that interested parties contact ROFEH, an organization operated by the Bostoner Rebbe that connects Jewish patients with doctors who will be sensitive to their concerns. According to ROFEH Medical Director Leon Katzeff, cases of infertility have to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

"There may be issues of distance, location, and costs," he said. "We've heard of problems [regarding Jewish law and treatment procedures], so there has to be very good supervision. In New York, we know of a rabbi who works directly with a fertility clinic. We would send them to a person we know in their area, who would examine them, then make up a report. We would take it from there."



Grand Opening

Affordable Caskets, Inc., 903 Warwick Ave., Warwick, now offers an alternative to purchasing a casket from a funeral home. Thanks to a 1994 ruling by the Federal Trade Commission, the savings can be tremendous. Pictured, l-r, Charlie McGraw, Michael Quaine, owner of Affordable Caskets, Mayor Chafee and Diane Perry. Photo courtesy of The Warwick Beacon



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PPAC Presents 'The Male Intellect – An Oxymoron?'

Providence Performing Arts Center welcomes Robert Dubac's outrageous and insightful one man show, "The Male Intellect – An Oxymoron?," to the stage this summer for seven weeks featuring eight shows each week. Performances start July 13 and run through Aug. 29. Performances times for the first five weeks, July 13 through Aug. 15, are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Performance times for the final two weeks, Aug. 17 through Aug. 29, are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. All tickets are \$25. To charge tickets by phone, call 421-ARTS or Ticketmaster at 331-2211. *Photo courtesy of PPAC*

Barbizon Searching for Models

Big, beautiful women are big business today – and top agencies throughout the country are constantly seeking new faces for their Plus Size departments. One of the area's top Plus Size models, Marialana Cook, will be visiting Boston to scout for new faces for the Plus Size modeling industry.

Cook will be conducting a model search for plus size women for the internationally affiliated Barbizon Modeling Agency on July 11 at the John Hancock Conference Center, 40 Trinity Place near Copley Square in Boston. A free personal interview and models' consultation will be given by Cook for all women sizes 12 to 24 who are interested in pursuing modeling careers. Interviews are by appointment only. Women interested should call the Barbizon Agency at (800) 223-4613, to reserve their appointment so long as they have the crucial three Ps – pretty face, proper proportions and pleasant personality. Within the 617 area code, call 266-6980.

Don't Monkey Around! Come to the Zoo

On July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled will sponsor a day at Southwick's Zoo to raise money to place more monkey helpers with disabled companions. The day's activities will include face painting, raffles, monkey crafts, games of chance.

Helping Hands, a national not-for-profit organization affiliated with Boston University School of Medicine, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for quadriplegic individuals by training capuchin monkeys to assist them with daily activities. As guide dogs are eyes for the blind, monkey helpers are hands for the disabled. Mon-

key helpers perform simple, everyday tasks, such as getting something to eat or drink, retrieving dropped or out-of-reach items, assisting with audio cassettes, video cassettes, CDs, and books, turning lights on or off – tasks that most people take for granted. Just as important, Helping Hands monkeys are affectionate, responsive friends, whose companionship can brighten a person's outlook on life. Helping Hands provides monkey helpers at no charge to their disabled companions. The proceeds from this event will go directly to sponsor upcoming monkey helper placements.

Southwick's Zoo, at 2 South-

wick Street in Mendon, Mass., maintains the Helping Hands Breeding Facility as a donation to the program. Situated in the midst of 300 acres of quiet shady countryside, Southwick's is home to New England's largest zoological collection. Children can pet gentle llamas, deer and other animals. There are elephant and pony rides, picnic groves, a gift shop, playground, and free parking.

On July 24, those who present special discount coupons or tickets (\$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children) will be supporting Helping Hands monkey helper placements. For these coupons or tickets, contact Jean Amaral at (617) 787-4419.

N. Kingstown Will Hold Performing Arts Festival

The second annual North Kingstown Performing Arts Festival is set for July 17 and 18. This two-day performing arts event offers non-stop entertainment for the whole family in a casual outdoor setting.

The festival will be held at the North Kingstown Town Beach. Afternoon events will use the bandstand and surrounding grass area. Evening events will be held in the great tent.

July 17 — Noon to 5:30 p.m. Entertainers include such local favorites as Sparky's Puppets, ventriloquist/magician Steve Zenoftsky, juggler Tom and the Fool, storyteller Marc Levitt, and magician Bruce Kalver.

July 18 — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pendragon with step dancer Kevin Doyle, Ken Lyon & the Outriders, Chris Turner and the Providence Whole Bellies and Dingle regatta and set dancers.

Saturday and Sunday evening, at 8 p.m., will feature "Faces to the Rain" by T. F. Maguire. Rhode Island premier of play produced Off-Broadway. Directed by Marie Henneidy, featuring Carol Schlink, Carla Volpe, Roxanne Stern and Michael Healy.

All daytime events are free. Tickets for "Faces to the Rain" \$10.00, seniors/students \$8.00.

Feinstein Foundation Sponsors Drama Club

Alan Shawn Feinstein, in conjunction with the Feinstein Foundation, is sponsoring a 20-week, after-school Drama Club for the Feinstein Elementary School, 1450 Broad St., in Providence. The two-part program, designed and implemented by the AllChildren's Theatre, is open to fourth- and fifth-grade students beginning this fall.

During the first eight weeks, up to 16 students will learn fundamental acting skills through physical and vocal warm-ups, drama games and ensemble acting exercises. The remaining 12 weeks will concentrate on the rehearsal process in preparation for a play performance at Feinstein School Drama Day for students, family and friends in May. During the rehearsal process, Feinstein Drama Club students will concentrate on character development, voice projection and articulation, stage movement, reading and memorization while also developing self-confidence, commitment, responsibility, teamwork, problem solving and communication skills.

For information, call 331-7174 or e-mail <ACTinRI@aol.com>.

Keep The Kids Cool at The Zeiterion Theatre

The magic of live theatre visits New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre with "Sleeping Beauty" on July 28.

Part of the theatre's Summer Fun Series, "Sleeping Beauty" follows the birth of a beautiful princess and the evil spell placed upon her. Happily, her 100-year-old sleep ends when a handsome prince awakens the sleeping princess with a kiss. Of course they fall in love and it's happily ever after for the couple.

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 \$5, general admission, and are available at the Zeiterion Box Office, 684 Purchase St., Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call (508) 994-2900

Call All Aspiring Thespians

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble will hold auditions for one of Richard Rodgers' finest musicals, "Two By Two," on Aug. 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Center of R.I., at 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

"Two By Two" with music by Richard Rodgers ("Oklahoma!"), lyrics by Martin Chamin ("Annie") and book by Peter Stone (1976), is contemporary reworking of the Genesis story of Noah, the ark and the flood.

Director Karen Gail Kessler is looking for: four men and four women, who sing, dance and act, ages 18 to 60. Auditioners should prepare a musical selection and be ready to move. All roles are open. The show will be produced at the JCC on Nov. 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14.

For further information, call Sue Suls at 861-8800.

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Historical Society Offers Summer Walks Tours

This summer The Rhode Island Historical Society and Capitol Arts Providence are teaming up to offer a varied selection of 90-minute walking tours in Providence, the "Renaissance City." Tours are led by expert walking tour guides, and reservations are not required. Tours will run Tuesday through Saturday, from now until Oct. 14.

Tour Descriptions & Schedule

Benefit Street: A Mile of History will be offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10 a.m. beginning at John Brown House, 52 Power St. (corner of Benefit). This walk showcases the most historic street in Providence.

Providence on the Road to Prosperity: The China Trade will be held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and also begins at John Brown House. Providence blossomed as a city after the American Revolution. And it was the collective energy of many men of means and vision that laid the foundation for a prospering capital city. John Brown, Edward Carrington and others made (and lost) fortunes in the China Trade years (1784 to 1840). The tour highlights four of these China Trade Mansions.

The Renaissance City Remembers: The Providence Riverwalk will take place Fridays at 5:30 p.m. and starts at the Municipal

Dock at Memorial Park at the intersection of South Main Street and College Street.

ArtiFacts: A Sculpturewalk is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and also begins at the Municipal Dock at Memorial Park at the intersection of South Main Street and College Street. This year marks the 12th International Arts Festival, called Convergence, here in Providence. One focus for this festival is sculpture. This year more than two dozen sculptures have been placed in 20 different locations throughout the city. Tour guides will highlight the permanent sculpture of Providence and point out the sculptural qualities of the city's architecture and landscape.

Ticket prices for walking tours are \$10 for adults (\$9 for RIHS members and seniors) and \$5 for children ages 7 to 17. Combination tickets for a walking tour and John Brown House tour are also available and are \$14 for adults (\$13 for senior) and \$7 for children ages 7 to 17. The combination ticket price is only \$9 for R.I. Historical Society members, as they receive free admission to John Brown House as a benefit of membership.

Call or e-mail Barbara Barnes at 438-0463 <provwalk@aol.com> or call or e-mail the society at 331-8575 <summerwalks@rihs.org>.

Perishable Theatre Announces Auditions

Perishable Theatre will be holding auditions for salaried positions in their shows for young audiences children's theater tour to start this fall. Auditions for males and females will be held on July 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. All interested actors are asked to call 331-2867 to schedule an audition appointment.

Needed are energetic men and women with the ability to sing and dance, who are interested in a full-time salaried position with one of the premiere touring children's theaters in Southeastern New England.

Shows for young audiences is currently entering its 17th season of providing live, original and award-winning theater for children grades kindergarten to eight. Shows for young audiences specializes in developing original scripts based on myths and folklore from around the world, adding to them elements of contemporary social concern. All the shows are full-length musicals that are taken to schools, libraries, recreation centers, etc. around Southeastern New England. Rehearsals start in August and the tour runs throughout the academic year, September 1999 through May 2000.

Actors are asked to come prepared with a one-minute comic monologue, 16 bars of an a cappella song and a current résumé/headshot. There will be no accompanist for this audition.

'Murder at the Café Noir' at City Nights

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces production of David Landau's interactive murder mystery "Murder at Café Noir." The show is produced by David Jepson and opens July 10 and runs as follows:

Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 1, Sunday matinees are July 25 and Aug. 1 and Thursday evening July 29.

David Jepson directs the show. The show features Sonny Dufault, Sue Staniunas, Lee Rush, Wayne Hawkins, Ted Gavriluk, Jim Whitaker and Diane Palmisciano.

"Murder at Café Noir" is a comic tribute to the Bogart movies of the 1940s. This wildly popular interactive murder mystery puts a fun spin on the hard-boiled detective and assorted bad guys,

tough-talking molls and shady characters. Interact and see if you can solve the mystery or simply sit back and enjoy the fun as the cast solves it!

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange Street next to the Pawtucket Times Building.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$24 a person.

Arrival time for evening performances is from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner/buffet served at 7 p.m. Sunday matinee arrival time is from noon until 1 p.m. with dinner served at 1 p.m. Curtain is approximately an hour after serving time.

For reservations or other information, call the box office at 723-6060.



"MURDER AT CAFÉ NOIR" at City Nights Dinner Theatre.

Photo courtesy of City Nights Dinner Theatre

Ahoy There! It's a Whale of a Time

Join the Audubon Society of Rhode Island for an unforgettable four-hour excursion across Cape Cod Bay to Stellwagen Bank, the feeding ground of the world's largest mammals. Join a professional marine biologist aboard Capt. John's Boat to look for humpback, finback, minke, right, and pilot whales.

Directions and departures: Taking a charter bus from the Audubon Society headquarters in Smithfield, departing at 9 a.m. and expecting to return at 4:30 p.m.

To get to the ASRI's headquarters: Take Route 295 to exit 7B to Route 44 West. At your third traffic light, take a left onto

Route 5 (Sanderson Road). ASRI is your second driveway on your left.

Dress and food: Dress according to the weather, this is primarily an outdoor day — rain or shine. Sunscreen is advised. For folks who may have motion sickness, take your usual precautions. In addition, you may want to bring binoculars or a camera.

Food and refreshments are available on board or feel free to bring a bagged lunch.

The cost is member, \$38 adult; \$30 child (12 and under); non-member, \$44 adult; \$35 child (12 and under); senior, \$35 member; \$41 non-member (over 65).



'On The Waterfront a Photography' Exhibit at the Barrington Library

An exhibit of photographs by Eric Broudy will be on display at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road., during the month of July. Broudy, a long-time resident of Barrington, R.I., is a professional writer and amateur photographer. For many years he worked at Brown University, leaving his position of acting vice president for University Relations in 1996 to return to writing. At the same, he reawakened a dormant interest in photography and last fall began studying black and white printing with photographer/artist Angelo Marinosci, Jr. from Warren, R.I. His current exhibition at the library is the fourth showing of his work in R.I.

For more information, call 247-1920, ext. 312.

Diabetes Association Sponsors Golf Tournament

The Diabetes Association's Seventh annual Golf Tournament will take place July 26 at the Fall River Country Club. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:15 a.m., followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Awards luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams, long drives for male and female categories and closest to the pin. Sink a hole-in-one and win a 1999 Buick, round-trip tickets to Europe, a four-day vacation or set of golf clubs.

The association is seeking golfers, sponsors and prize donations. Fees of \$400 per four-

some or \$110 per individual include greens fees, golf cart, breakfast and awards luncheon. All sponsors will be recognized publicly for their support. Call the association at (508) 672-5671 for registration information. Deadline for registration is July 22. The Diabetes Foundation Inc. is a United Way member agency.

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A Grammy Award-nominated guitar player and vocalist, Johnson has carved out a distinctive niche in a Chicago blues scene teeming with talent. Over his 20-plus year career, Johnson has become a true blues professional. A consummate band leader, his soulful vocals and jazzy guitar licks are rendered with a tasteful passion that emphasizes the groove, placing the group sound above the individual.

His discography includes dozens of back-up appearances, as well as five solo albums; 1995 brought his first worldwide Verve/Polygram release "I'm A Jockey," which earned him his second W.C. Handy Award from the International Blues Foundation.

For information, visit <www.caparts.org> or call the Providence Journal line at 277-7777 code park (7275) for concert details.

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OBITUARIES

IDA CHAVENSON

FALL RIVER — Ida Chavenson, 106, died June 29 at Clifton Rehabilitation Center, Somerset. She was the wife of the late David A. Chavenson.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Samuel and Celia Levin, she had lived in Fall River for more than 100 years.

She was a 1912 graduate of Durfee High School. She was an avid reader and bridge player.

She lived independently until she was 100 and drove a car until she was 95.

Active in her community, she was a longtime member of Haddassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Women's Auxiliary of Jewish War Veterans, Post 158. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves a daughter, Anita Chavenson Gross of Providence; a son, Robert E. Chavenson of Somerset; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Morton Chavenson and sister of the late Michael, Isadore, Luis and Francis Levin, Molly Antine, Gertrude Sherman and Bernice Simmons.

A funeral service was held July 1 at Temple Beth-El, 385 High St., Fall River. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SADIE CINADER

PROVIDENCE — Sadie Cinader, 95, of 101 Highland Ave., died at Summit Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Mitchell Cinader.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Abraham and Annie (Prizker) Shwartzkopf, she lived in New York until moving to Rhode Island in 1991.

She leaves a son, Arthur Cinader of Santa Fe, N.M.; a daughter, Alice Oyer of Providence; and nine grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held at Cedar Park Cemetery, Paramus, N.J. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ETHEL ELMAN

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Ethel Elman, 88, of 2710 North Course Drive, Pompano Beach, Fla., a manager of Hallmark in Naugatuck, Conn., for 20 years, retiring in 1990, died June 25 at the North Ridge Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Samuel R. Elman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Max and Hinda (Bachman) Berman, she lived in Waterbury, Conn., from 1935 until she moved to Florida in 1992.

She was a graduate of Hope High School in Providence, and attended the University of Connecticut. She was a member of Temple Israel.

She leaves two daughters, Fredrika Weisenthal of Huntington Woods, Mich., and Deborah Balter of Coconut Grove, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Berman of Providence; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Dorothy Berman.

The funeral and burial were private.

ANNA LIPSEY

EAST PROVIDENCE — Anna Lipsey, 90, of Orchard View Manor, a senior clerk at the Institute for Mental Health in Cranston for many years until her retirement, died June 28 at home.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Louis and Ida (Gershman) Gershman, she had lived in Cranston for 35 years, moving to East Providence four years ago.

She was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, and a member of Temple Sinai.

She leaves one son, Judge Howard J. Lipsey of Narragansett; two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was a sister of the late Harold Gershman and Barsye Nelson.

The funeral service was held June 29 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BENJAMIN REITMAN

CRANSTON — Benjamin Reitman, 95, of Mayflower Drive, the president of and accountant at the firm of Reitman & Company Ltd., died July 4 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Ann (Longowitz) Reitman.

Born in New York, a son of the late Selig and Rebecca (Kleid) Reitman, he lived in Rhode Island most of his life. He was named Man of the Year by the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He attended Rhode Island College, now the University of Rhode Island, and received a

bachelor's degree in accounting from Northeastern University where he was the recipient of the Loren H. Downs Jr. Key for Scholarship Achievement.

He was a member of the National Society of Public Accountants, the Rhode Island Association of Public Accountants, the National Association of Cost Accountants and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at URI. He was an enrolled agent with the Internal Revenue Service and was on the Accreditation Council for Accountancy. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Stanley Reitman of Jamestown, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Charles Reitman.

The funeral service was held July 6 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

DAVID A. SMITH

NEW BEDFORD — David A. Smith, 67, of Stetson St., died June 30, after a brief illness. He was the husband of Sally (Dorra) Smith.

Born in New York City, a son of Yetta (Hollander) Smith and the late Harry Smith, he had lived in Manhattan until moving to New Bedford six months ago.

He was an entrepreneur and founded Bounty Trading and the former Battery Sportswear. In 1991, he started the former L.W. Smith located on Broadway in New York — a manufacturer of women's apparel. He had also worked for New Bedford Medical Associates.

He was an avid baseball fan and player. He had a tryout with the former New York Giants, now San Francisco Giants, professional baseball team. Due to the start of the Korean War, he was not able to pursue that endeavor.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother; a son, Brian Smith of Staten Island, N.Y.; two daughters, Nancy Brown of New Bedford, and Barbara Williams of Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.; a brother, Ronald Smith of Cedarhurst, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren, Jonathan, Jeremiah, Sarah Joy, Jared, Meyer, Jenna Rose and Samuel.

Graveside services were held July 1 in Beth Moses Cemetery, Pinelawn, N.Y. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

JUDITH C. SMITH

PAWTUCKET — Judith C. Smith, 58, of Bedford Road, a reading specialist in the Providence school system for 28 years, retiring in 1996, died July 4 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. She was the wife of Stanley Smith.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., a daughter of Lucille (Radlo) Chernack of Warwick and the late David Chernack, she lived in Providence most of her life, until she moved to Pawtucket in 1985.

A member of Temple Beth-El, she was a former member of the temple board. She received a master's degree in education from Rhode Island College, and was a 1962 graduate of Wheelock College, Boston.

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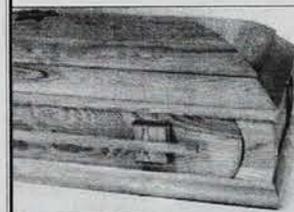
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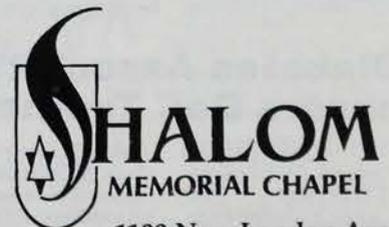


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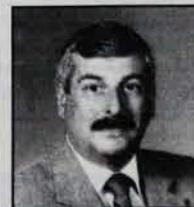


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Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Lawrence Richter of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Michael Richter of San Diego, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Cindy Smith and Cheryl Turcotte, both of Warwick; a stepson, Alan Smith of Rehoboth; a sister, Karen Tannenbaum of Greenville, S.C.; a brother, Kenneth Chernack of Natick, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 6 at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

DOROTHY ELINOR WAHL

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — Dorothy Elinor (Hertzberg) Wahl, 86, of San Rafael, a founder of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and former chairwoman of its Committee on Aging, died June 28 in San Rafael. She was the wife of the late Abram "Bud" Wahl.

Born and raised in Cleveland, a daughter of the late Isadore and Ida (Abse) Herzberg, she moved to Providence in 1954 and lived there until 1996, when she moved to California.

She received her bachelor of arts degree from Flora Stone Mather College of Case Western University and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received a master of science degree in social science from Brown University, where she had been a professor of social work.

She had been a Rhode Island Department of Social Welfare employee and a former clinical social worker for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Providence. She was the first director of Aging Services at the Family Service Society of Greater Fall River, from 1969 to 1979.

In 1988, she was named Rhode Island NASW Social Worker of the Year for her work with the elderly.

She was a member of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Aging from 1994 to 1996, and served on the boards of directors of Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island and the Tockwotton Home. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Gerontological Society.

While she lived in Providence, she was an active member of Temple Emanu-El, where she taught Sunday school and was president of its Sisterhood in 1960 and 1961. She liked music, art and poetry.

She leaves a son, Dr. James Wahl of Coos Bay, Ore.; a daughter, Sharon Litwin of Larkspur, Calif.; a brother, Jack Herzberg of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Grace Roth of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 2 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Save Our State

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private financing needs to cover not only the costs of the construction of the port itself, but also the costs of all infrastructure improvements, environmental mitigation, and appropriate compensation for the loss of publicly owned and accessible waters of the State. Do QPP's plans adequately address these additional burdens? In light of the fact that other port consultants have stated that no other U.S. container port is profitable without public subsidies, QPP's previous profit projections seem anomalous.

• Is the State willing to risk forgoing other potential proposals to develop facilities that respect environmental and community values? The so-called opportunity costs could be sizable if Quonset must be left idle pending the outcome of what will surely be a long, expensive, and contentious permitting process for the proposed load center port.

To date, Save Our State has not yet had an opportunity to review the June 30th submissions from QPP. We will withhold our judgment pending this review, and plan to look carefully at all of the relevant details before issuing a formal position. We urge you to do the same. However, we will measure the viability of these proposals against whether they are protective of Narragansett Bay and respectful for the concerns of all impacted communities. On behalf of our 40,000 members, we will be compelled to oppose projects that are of an unacceptable scale and impact, such as the load center ports previously proposed by QPP.

We hope to work with you all to reach a common vision of appropriate development that will indeed provide for sound economic development and environmental protection. Your choice on whether to proceed with a permit application for a load center container port at Quonset will be critical to the future of our State. Please make every effort to preserve the quality of life and environment that makes us proud to be Rhode Islanders today. Future generations will thank you.

Sincerely,
The Members of
Save Our State

Program Success

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in working with teens, with groups, and in building community (drawing on the hands-on skills of professionals has become a hallmark of Jewish communal education since its development by the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service, also located at Brandeis).

The North American Jewish community faces the challenge of creating programs that engage young people and help them deepen their Jewish identities, says Jonathan Woocher, executive vice president of JESNA. "The success of Genesis give us a strategy for doing this, and we are eager to make it available to communities across North America."

At the end of *Parashat Pinchas*, the daughters of Zelophehad — Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah — gave us a very different view of biblical women's rights and potential. Because Zelophehad had no sons, when land was being apportioned to the tribes in Numbers 27, the daughters of Zelophehad had brought their claim to Moses: "Let not our father's name be lost to his clan just because he had no son! Give us a holding among our father's kinsmen!" (Numbers 27:4) As a result, Moses had consulted G-d, and they were granted their father's inheritance. Their story continues in *Mas'ey* when Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah's clansmen appeal the decision to Moses. They point out that if the daughters marry men of another tribe, the daughters' land would "be cut off from our ancestral portion and be added to the portion of the tribe[s] into which they marry." (Numbers 36:3) It is therefore decided that in order for the daughters to maintain their inheritance, they must marry within their father's tribe, the tribe of Joseph. They do so and thus maintain their inheritance.

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It was on Father's Day that we met. I journeyed along the route of the Resistance with no luggage but language.

I wasn't invited to the wedding in Windsor of Edward and Sophie, either. I got to watch some clips on the telly, though. I loved the long allée with the three brothers in fancy garb and no hats making their way to the ceremony waving and smiling. The event touched me with its sort of fairytale pathos: maybe the baby of the family will win in the marriage stakes where his elders have failed. The prince, now the earl of Essex, has less hair than I do, but there's some spirit in the smile, the bright eyes, the light touch. I have a story here you may not believe. But I swear it's true. Here goes.

The true queen of England lives on my East Side street, a few houses away. And she's Jewish. Yes. It seems that Victoria's eldest had an affair in Paris. The love child disappeared from the pages of British genealogy. Down the line, the true prince married a Jewish American Princess, I mean a Jewish woman, and their daughter dwells two doors down from us. We shared a summertime plate of delicious watermelon and strawberries on a screened in porch.

Make of these odd encounters what you may, happenstance or parable. Believe it or not. From a chassidic viewpoint, every woman is a queen, and perhaps every man is both Cain and Abel.

It takes us the whole of June to settle into summer by the shore. I find adventures moral and physical along the post road between our abodes in town and country.

Speak Out

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One of the most intriguing aspects of the daughters' story is that they are called by their names not once but four times. (Numbers 26:33, 27:1, 36:10, and Joshua 17:3) This should not be overlooked in a text that often renders women nameless (for example, Lot's wife, Noah's wife). Naomi Hyman writes, "This is to teach us that when we speak up for ourselves, we claim the right to name the world as we see it. Another interpretation: This is to remind us that women are important not only in relation to their families, but as individuals as well." (*Biblical Women in the Midrash*, New Jersey: Jason Aronson, Inc., 1997, p. 97)

Question to Consider

• How does the passage about the daughters of Zelophehad from the end of *Parashat Mas'ey* counter the opening passage from *Parashat Matot* on the power of men to curtail their daughters' and wives' speech/vows? What do we learn about the status of women in the Bible from these two passages? What similarities regarding the status of women do they present? What differences do they reveal?

• What aspects of these two different experiences of biblical women are still a part of our lives today? What has changed?

• What do we hope that Jewish women of the next generation will learn from these passages?

Rabbi Sue Ann Wasserman is the associate director of the UAHC department of religious living.

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The activities and programs are served up with a hot kosher meal every weekday throughout the month.

The July schedule includes

- Bingo — July 8, 13, 19, and 26
- Dance Therapy — July 12
- Tai Chi — July 27 at 11:15 a.m.
- Birthday party with cake and entertainment by John Scotti — July 15
- Exercise Class — July 14, 21, and 28
- Nutrition Meeting — Calcium and bones with Annette — July 20
- Blood Pressure Screening with the Registered Nurses

- from Jewish Family Service — July 8
- Craft Class with Ronda Goldstein French — July 29
- Men's/Women's Discussion Groups — every Friday
- Weekly Shabbat Meal — every Friday

The mealsite will be closed on July 22 for Tisha B'Av.

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

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

Don't Get Burned by Summer Heat

AAA reminds motorists that summer weather can cause temperatures inside a parked vehicle to reach levels that can be dangerous or even fatal, especially to children and pets.

"Temperatures inside a parked car can quickly soar to near 200 degrees," said AAA Approved Auto Repair Manager Alfred Ruggiero. "Don't leave children or animals unattended in a car, not even for a short time."

Before entering a vehicle that has parked in high temperatures, AAA says motorists should open the vehicle's doors and let the interior cool for a few minutes. A sun shield can be used to cover the windshield to minimize heat build-up and to help protect the car's interior. Cover metal and plastic parts on safety belts and child

safety seats to prevent burns.

Some motorists opt to leave a window partially open to keep their vehicle cool. This may be appropriate in some circumstances, but it could make your vehicle "hot" by being an easy target for car thieves.

A properly working air conditioning system also will help motorists keep their cool in summer heat. If needed, have the air conditioning serviced by a qualified technician, using the refrigerant R-12 in older systems or R-134a in new or modified air conditioners. Do not use non-approved substitute refrigerants.

Because even the best maintained vehicle can develop a mechanical problem, it's critical that motorists know how to handle breakdown situations safely, advises AAA Southern New England.

The first rule when your vehicle begins to malfunction is not to panic. Signal and pull

completely off the road onto the shoulder. Avoid any sudden or panic maneuvers.

Once on the side of the road, turn on your emergency flashers. Use extreme caution when exiting the vehicle. If necessary, exit from the passenger side of the vehicle to avoid the risk of being struck by traffic.

As soon as possible, set up reflectors, flares or other signal devices to alert passing motorists.

If waiting for assistance and the temperature permits, return to your vehicle and lock all doors and roll up windows. If someone other than a uniformed police officer stops roll down the window only enough to ask them to telephone the police, AAA or a service station.

Since surroundings and hazards vary, use your best judgment in deciding whether to stay with your vehicle or go for help.

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Which Dog is for You?

Did you know when it comes to selecting a dog to become a member of the household, its sex and breed can be very important in determining the quality of the bond that develops between the owner and the pet?

This was one of the subjects discussed at a recent Animal Welfare forum, sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association, devoted to human/canine interaction. Dr. Benjamin Hart, the president of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists, discussed this very subject with his colleagues. He noted that few species have been so specifically bred for interaction with humans and we should take advantage of these characteristics when selecting a dog for a pet.

According to Hart, the objective is always to have the most congenial relationship between the owner and the dog. The best way to have the relationship is to start with the breed and gender most appropriate to your lifestyle and personality. Hart warns. "It is when there is a mismatch that problems develop."

One of the most common

mistakes is to select a puppy on impulse, or base the selection on cuteness, a desire to rescue a young animal or meet the deadline for a holiday or a birthday gift. So, the watchwords here are, "Never get a pet on impulse. Never give a pet as a gift." Do not think about how cute the puppy is. Instead, think about the household where the adult dog will live.

It is also important to remember that there is no all-around best breed. So prospective owners would make every effort to learn and understand the characteristics of the various breeds before making their selection.

Some people claim that mixed breeds are calmer and less high strung than larger breeds. But according to Hart, there is no data to support this belief. Other people make the mistake of selecting a small cuddly breed because they think they are more manageable and are shocked when the dog is aggressive and snappy.

The important thing is to learn as much as you can about various breeds and match the animal to your family and your lifestyle.

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