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## News At A Glance

- Eight persons were injured on Aug. 5 as a result of stone-throwing attacks south of the PLO Authority autonomous city of Ramallah. A passenger on a bus traveling from Jerusalem to Hebron was injured lightly in a stone-throwing attack near Bet Omar. An IDF officer was injured in Hebron when he was stuck with an empty bottle. He was treated on the scene and released. A rubber-coated bullet seriously injured an Arab youth, who was involved in attacks against IDF troops on Aug. 5 in Hebron. PA sources confirmed that Arab youth in Hebron were throwing stones and firebombs at Israeli security forces in Hebron. At some point, the order was given to open fire with the rubber-coated bullets in an attempt to control the escalating violence which has increased since the curfew was clamped on the area following a recent terrorist shooting attack of two Jewish residents.

- Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Torricelli, and the rest of the New Jersey Congressional delegation joined in writing a letter to agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman urging him to designate all 21 of New Jersey's counties as natural disaster areas. "New Jersey's farmers and crops are in dire straits," said Lautenberg. "There's just not been enough rain over the last two months or so to make everything grow. It's a serious condition that requires immediate action. If Secretary Glickman designates these counties as natural disaster areas, it will mean that New Jersey's farmers will get a chance to alleviate some of their tremendous losses." New Jersey has received less than 2 inches of rain in the last two months compared to an average of more than 8 inches over that same period in a normal year. Preliminary reports show that approximately 406,000 acres on more than 7,000 farms in New Jersey sustained crop damage from between 30 to 100 percent.

## U.S. Must Incorporate Lessons of Holocaust in Foreign Policy

Speaking before the Young Leadership Associates of Yad Vashem recently, former Sec. of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger declared that the Holocaust was a seminal event that should influence American foreign affairs in the 21st century. He stressed the need to document, in high school and college curricula, the failure of the U.S. government to do all it could to ameliorate the Holocaust. The onetime U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia charged that the United States is still not applying effectively the lessons learned from that failure.

According to Eagleburger,

evolution of U.S. foreign policy on humanitarian crises, such as were recently addressed in Kosovo, must be guided by an awareness, on the one hand, of the terrible cost of our handling of the Holocaust and, on the other hand, the danger of committing U.S. troops to another Vietnam.

Among the programs organized this year by the Young Leadership Associates of Yad Vashem has been a teachers' conference on the theme, "How Do We Teach the Holocaust to Our Students?" "Mr. Eagleburger's remarks were highly



### Writing a 'Women's Torah'

The 613th commandment in Judaism declares that it is a *mitzvah* for every Jew to write a Torah scroll. Women of Reform Judaism, The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods has announced a project to create a "women's Torah" — or *Torah Nashim*. Members of more than 600 Sisterhoods will be asked to sponsor this Torah through a "Fund for the Generations," created to ensure the future of Women of Reform Judaism. Individuals are being encouraged to make a contribution to honor a *bat* or *bar mitzvah*, to celebrate an anniversary or other life cycle event or memorialized a loved one.

The project received its ceremonial birth at a specially created service held during a meeting of the board of directors of the women's group.

The scroll will be entirely handwritten and identical in content to all other Torah scrolls. It will be used by Women of Reform Judaism at special celebrations and events, "in order to connect all Reform Jewish women to one Torah," according to the leaders of the organization.



THE HON. LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER, Israel Singer, secretary general, World Jewish Congress, and Neal M. Sher, chief of staff, International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims. Photo courtesy of American Society for Yad Vashem News

relevant to our teachers' program," said Caroline Arfa, chairperson of the Young Leadership Associates. According to Arfa, more than 250 teachers took part in the 1999 conference.

"I believe deeply," said Eagleburger, "that the American people and the American government owe a debt to Israel and to World Jewry, to try to make up for the mistakes, the lack of consideration, and on occasion, the complicity of the American government in the Holocaust itself." He attributed America's indifference to the

suffering of Hitler's Jewish victims as the product, in part, of a cadre of "elegant anti-Semites" in the wartime State Department, who deliberately ignored the Holocaust.

Elie Singer, vice chair of the Young Leadership Associates, observed that their programs often seek a partnership with government administration and legislation to effect change. "We look forward to working with Mr. Eagleburger," said Singer, "to establish legislation mandating Holocaust education in (Continued on Page 15)

## Eichmann's Children Demanding Father's Notes From Prison

The children of Adolph Eichmann are planning to request the notes written by their father in prison prior to being hanged in Israel in 1962 according to a German publication. It was Eichmann who was placed in charge of implementing the "final solution" after 1941. He was said to have written memoirs from his prison cell, which his children now plan to request through their attorney.

Since his execution, the letters have been kept in the national archives and are not accessible to anyone. The sons of Eichmann told the German *The World* magazine that the time has come for them to receive what their father left behind.

"The handwritten notes must be available to the public," they added, explaining they did not care if they were given the original letters or photocopies.

State Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein will have to decide to whom the letters belong and who has the rights

to publish them. The prime minister's legal advisor, Shimon Stein who was approached by the national archive, which was seeking a direction to take, brought the matter to him regarding the request.

According to Yehuda Bauer, a senior Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum official, submitted to the German magazine, there are approximately 1,200 to 1,300 handwritten pages written in a most difficult handwriting. Bauer stated that it appears Eichmann wanted to leave something to his children and perhaps the general public.

"A portion of the pages are memoirs and a portion represent his opinion. It is interesting that Eichmann wanted to portray himself as only he could," added Bauer.

Bauer added that the government decision not to permit the publication of the pages was understandable during a certain era but now; the government may reverse the earlier decision.

# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment for Children

The Providence Children's Museum, 1010 South St., Providence, announces the following activities. Call 273-KIDS.

### AUGUST

- 15 **Bubblemania.** 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 3 and up explore the effervescence of bubbles. Bubbly kids make soapy orbs and discover why tiny bubbles make us feel happy.
- 16 **Creative Studio.** 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 3 and up use their imaginations to create amazing works of art with reusable materials.
- 17 **Emergency!** 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 3 and up climb aboard a tow truck and a tractor trailer and learn how vehicles help in an emergency.
- 18 **Animals in the Wild.** 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up meet a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and learn what critters lurk in Rhode Island backyards. Go wild over some real native wild animals!  
**ALSO Pet Pals** at 3:30 and 4:15 p.m. Children ages 4 to 7 drop in to learn about wild and pet birds, meet a colorful parrot and make a mural of our feathered friends.
- 19 **Time Travelers.** 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 7 and up take a trip back in time to meet people who shaped Rhode Island's past. Find out what it was like to settle in a brand new colony.

## Swing and Sway With Sammy Kaye

The second annual Summer Swing Zeiterion Theatre fundraiser kicks off on Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. with the Sammy Kaye Orchestra.

The band is conducted by Roger Thorpe, who was personally chosen by Kaye to take the reins when Kaye discovered he was terminally ill. Thorpe has been with the band since 1976 and was recently inducted into the Big Band Hall of Fame.

All of Kaye's old standards like "Harbor Lights," "Daddy," "It Isn't Fair," and "Red Sails in the Sunset" will be performed. Another big favorite sure to be performed is "So You Want to Lead the Band."

Tickets are only \$18, reserved, and are available at the Zeiterion box office. Call 994-2900 or visit the box office at 684 Purchase St. Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Calendar: August 12th thru August 18th

- 12 **Best of Rhode Island Party.** Enjoy tastings prepared by more than 80 Rhode Island restaurants voted the best by *Rhode Island Monthly* August edition. Proceeds benefit the March of Dimes. Rhode Island Convention Center. Call 781-1611.  
**The PawSox** take on Scranton at McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket Aug. 12 through 14. Call 724-7300.  
**Rhode Island International Film Festival** in Providence and Woonsocket. 7 p.m. Aug. 12 through 15. Call 861-4445.  
**Interactive Performance:** Motivation exercises to stimulate a positive attitude by Marcia Smith, Ph.D. at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. In conjunction with the "Art of Healing" exhibit at the Ise Art Gallery, 101 Orange St., Providence. Noon to 2 p.m. Call 729-3546.
- 13 **An Evening at the Casino.** 8 p.m. Opening night of the JVC Jazz Festival. Jazz artists perform on stadium court at the Newport Casino, International Tennis Hall of Fame. Call 847-3700.  
**Cumberland Fest,** Diamond Hill Park, Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland. Carnival, live music, food, games. Aug. 13 through 16.
- 14 **Newport JVC Jazz Festival,** Fort Adams, Newport. Aug. 14 and 15. Call 847-3700.  
**Sixth annual Block Island Arts Festival.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Block Island Market Place. Have a relaxing vegetarian dairy potluck picnic in one of Providence's parks with perspectives. R.S.V.P. by Aug. 13 and bring a dish! Call Sharon at 863-9357 for more information.  
**Rhode Island's own Roomful of Blues** helps close out the Warwick Musical Theatre's final season at 8 p.m. Opening act, Asleep at the Wheel. Call 821-7300.
- 15 **Blueberry Social** at Smith-Appleby House, 220 Stillwater Road, Smithfield. 1 to 4 p.m. Call 231-7363.  
**The King is Alive!** or at least his impersonator is. Foxwood Resort and Casino presents an Elvis Tribute starring Shawn Klush. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 and \$38.50. Call (800) 200-2882.
- 16 **Sixth annual East Greenwich Waterfront** canoe race. 12:30 p.m., Greenwich Cove, Water Street. Team of four required to participate. Call 884-6363.  
**Author Arthur Golden's *Memoirs of a Geisha*** will be discussed at the Perspectives Book Club meeting, Books on the Square. 7:30 p.m. Call 273-9824.
- 17 **Cool Times Quartet** play from noon to 2 p.m. at Providence Washington Plaza as part of the Providence Washington Lunchtime Concert Series, South Main Street, Providence.
- 18 **You Are Not Alone.** Support group for persons living with cancer and their caregivers. Meets first and third Wednesday of every month. 6 to 7 p.m. Hodgson 6 Classroom, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. Call 729-2789.

## Concerned Citizens Join to Recruit Big Brothers

A committee is presently forming, led by Kimberly Wright and Deidre Andrews, to help promote Big Brothers of Rhode Island in the South County area where there is a tremendous need for more Big Brother volunteers. The committee's goal is to inform and educate the people of South County about Big Brother work and recruit potential Big Brothers.

A volunteer Big Brother can provide the friendship and guidance for a fatherless boy to find his way in a sometimes frightening world and act as an alternative to some of the more dangerous "role models" a child might find. Big Brothers of Rhode Island can make a tremendous difference in our society combating youth violence, school dropouts and drug abuse.

For more information, contact Big Brothers of Rhode Island at 432-9955.

## Attention!

The Jeremy Stein and Flutopia concert scheduled for Aug. 19 at Jazz Masters, Providence, has been postponed. The *Herald* will print the date of the show as soon as it becomes available.

## Roger Williams National Memorial Offering Educational Workshops

On Sept. 1, Roger Williams National Memorial will begin accepting reservations for the education programs being offered in the upcoming school year. These daytime classroom presentations are free and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For reservations and information, call 521-7266.

Program choices available are:

**What Cheer, Netop** — Grades one to three. Explore the cultures of the local Native Americans. A show-and-tell experience.

**Travels with Roger** — Grades four to eight. An award-winning interactive program involving participants in Roger Williams' journey in New England and his quest for religious freedom.

**This Land is Our Land** — Grades four to eight. "Travel" across our country and learn about the wealth of natural and cultural resources preserved in the National Park Services' sites.

If teachers are planning a field trip to Providence, arrangements can be made for an on-site visit. Programs can also be presented on the grounds of the Roger Williams National Memorial, but logistical requirements have to be arranged. Call 521-7266 to make reservations.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Camp JORI and The Nature Conservancy Purchase

Campground on  
Worden Pond

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Camp JORI, Rhode Island's only Jewish overnight camp, has acquired a 73-acre site that will more than quadruple its size.

On July 1, in a partnership with the Nature Conservancy that is being hailed as a victory by conservationists, the two non-profit groups paid \$1 million for Card's Camps, a 247-acre decades-old campground on Worden Pond, Rhode Island's largest freshwater lake.

The Nature Conservancy paid \$400,000 for 176 undeveloped acres north and south of the camp that are home to an Atlantic white cedar swamp, rare plants and numerous declining species including the bog

board is looking for a "naming gift," or individuals, families or foundations that will give the camp a gift of \$1 million or more. The camp would then merge that party's name with the JORI name and fund-raising efforts would move forward, explained Schuster.

To help generate revenue, JORI hopes to continue to operate Card's Camps under its present management, said Schuster. "We also hope to raise enough money to winterize some of the facilities and make the property available to other groups during the non-camp season," he said. Next year, JORI will open its Clarke Road site and operate its waterfront programming from the new property.

The plan to acquire the site began only 2 1/2 weeks before the deal closed as Schuster

to the existing Camp JORI, but that property had gotten too expensive," he said. "We faxed them a letter asking permission to use the money for a parcel on Worden's Pond instead of the adjacent property. They responded and told us they were working with the Nature Conservancy to buy that parcel, and they said that we should talk."

On June 29, JORI and the Nature Conservancy began discussions. The two non-profits formed a partnership agreement on June 30 and on July 1 bid against several developers at a receivership auction and successfully acquired the property. "The partnership was formed to purchase the properties," said Schuster. "They received the parcels that they were interested in and we received the parcel we were interested in. Now, we have a working partnership with them in regard to development. They're planning to put in trails and our campers will have use of those trails. And they are attempting to buy enough land to create a 5-mile corridor down to the ocean."

Although the camp is certain to grow in size and enrollment, the board is determined to make sure that certain JORI characteristics do not change. "The main question that the board is struggling with is how we will maintain what we call the JORI values," explained Schuster.

First, said Schuster, JORI must be available to children regardless of their abilities to pay. "We must have the ability to provide a good overall Jewish camping experience to children regardless of their families' financial situations," he said. "With this location, we could easily turn JORI into a very expensive camp. We could fill it with New Yorkers — it's closer to New York than New Hampshire or Maine — but if we did that we would fail to meet our major mission. We are not going to do that — there is absolutely no interest or aspiration to move in that direction."

Secondly, said Schuster, JORI must remain affordable for the families that do pay in full. "We will work to maintain affordability," he said. "The expectation of our families is that the camp continue to improve its programming and provide increasingly better staffing." By making the camp larger, said Schuster, the camp will be able to generate more resources to direct towards its facilities and staffing.

The board is also contemplating how they will maintain JORI's intimate, familial atmosphere within a larger setting. "One of our thoughts is to have



NEWLY ACQUIRED by Camp JORI, this 247-acre campground adjacent to Worden Pond, will provide campers with a place to enjoy water activities.



CAMP JORI COUNSELORS Brian Ditman and Dave Zuller gather with a group of 7- to 8-year-olds in one of the camp's newly refurbished bunk houses. Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

copper butterfly and the ringed bog haunter dragonfly.

Camp JORI paid \$600,000 for a 732-acre parcel that includes Card's Camps and an adjoining lot. Located near the South Kingstown-Charlestown line about 7 miles from JORI's 13-acre site on Clarke Road in Narragansett, the campground includes some 276 tent and recreational vehicle sites, a pool, five small waterfront cottages and a house and barn. Originally the summer quarters for the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island, which closed in the 1940s, Camp JORI has been operating for 63 years.

"We're looking at the question of moving the camp," said Michael Schuster, president of JORI's, 24-member volunteer board. "The general thinking is that we're going to build a new camp. It will be the same Camp JORI, but it will be bigger and have a significantly larger enrollment. It will have first-class waterfront facilities — the lack of a waterfront has always been a problem at our camp." It could take several years and more than \$2 million to open the new facility, said Schuster. "We hope to open the new camp for the summer of 2002 or 2003," he said. "It's going to take additional funding to accomplish that. We're estimating the cost at more than \$2 million. The speed at which it will be accomplished depends on how quickly we can raise the necessary monies."

At present, said Schuster, the

ticed an article in *The Providence Journal Bulletin* that said the campground was in receivership. "I was on a plane to Michigan," said Schuster, a resident of Providence and Narragansett who is a professor emeritus of management and human resources at Syracuse University and a managing partner of Competitive Human Resources Strategies LLC, a management consulting firm with offices in Rhode Island and Connecticut. "I called another board member and asked him to get more information. When I found out what was going on, I asked three more board members to go down and look." The board members responded to the beauty and value of the site, he said.

"Initially, there wasn't great enthusiasm for moving the camp," Schuster explained. "But they fell in love with the place."

The board began a process of due diligence, examining the legal and environmental issues as well as their financial capabilities. "On June 27, we had an emergency board meeting," he said. "We had tremendous board participation that included three past presidents. The decision to move ahead was unanimous." Attorney Edward Felstein donated his legal services to represent JORI, said Schuster.

"Also, two years before we had received a grant from the Champlin Foundations to purchase some property adjacent

a camp-within-a-camp situation that would include three or four division heads so that everyone will continue to know everyone else and the director will still have daily contact with every child," he said.

As the JORI board considers acquisition and relocation issues, JORI staff and campers are enjoying an exciting if exceptionally hot summer. According to Camp Director Ronni Guttin, this summer JORI will serve some 290 overnight campers and about 25 day campers, an enrollment figure that has more than doubled since 1993 and which represents an increase of approximately 30 percent over last year. "Enrollment is way, way up," said Guttin, who has served as camp direc-

tor for three years. "Parts of our program were sold out in January. According to Schuster, this increase is particularly noteworthy given that JORI encountered pressures in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Then, a 40 percent decline in enrollment almost forced the camp to close. "The Rhode Island economy was very troubled, and the program and facilities had become dated," said Schuster.

In response, some two years ago, JORI began an aggressive capital campaign that raised more than \$800,000 and made dramatic improvements to the site and program offerings. "Within the last three years, we have improved the rec hall,

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# OPINION

## Ten Minutes Towards Jewish Spirituality

by Velvel 'Wally' Spiegler

It's 7 a.m. on any ordinary weekday. There's breakfast to be prepared, children to get off to school, a review of necessary chores, and a frenzied host of activities before the day actually begins. Who has time to include the far-reaching spiritual dimension in our lives of the inclination to show up at a local synagogue for the daily morning service. Yet so many people seek some spiritual practice to start the day off right. Prayer is the Jewish path that directs your thoughts inward, from the hectic outer world to the love, personal guidance and healing of the stillness deep within. How can we find a way to engage in a daily, meaningful Jewish practice without leaving the confines of our homes. Try this 10-minute daily practice every morning, except Shabbat; it works for me, perhaps it can work for you, too. The routine is based on traversing the Four Worlds of Kabbalistic — body, mind, emotions and spirit — which can be readily found, in that same order, on the first few pages of a standard *siddur*, the Jewish prayer book.

Upon arising, open any standard Jewish prayer book that contains *Shachrit*, the morning service. It begins with a short prayer of gratitude, "*Modeh ani l'fanecha, I give thanks to You, living and eternal King, for You have returned my soul within me with compassion — abundant is your faithfulness.*" Recite this in English or Hebrew, whichever you prefer — most prayerbooks are printed in both languages. This and the prayers that follow, no more than a few lines each, are found on the next few pages of your *siddur*. It is important to say these words quietly but with a clear and open mind, without judging yourself for any thoughts or sensations that may arise.

Then take a moment or two to

focus on your body. Ask yourself such questions as; Does my body move smoothly or am I experiencing tension or soreness? How healthy do I feel? Are any of my physical systems malfunctioning? Softly affirm your answers with "Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, King of the Universe, Who fashioned man with wisdom and created within him many openings and many cavities" to "Blessed are You, Eternal our G-d, who heals all flesh and acts wondrously."

Next look at the quality of your thoughts. Are you obsessed with negative thinking or do you emphasize the positive? Are you open to new ideas and change? Are you interested in pursuing new areas of inquiry? And once more recite these words of the prayerbook, "Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments and commanded us to engross ourselves in the words of Torah" to "Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, Who teaches Torah to His people Israel."

What do you feel in your heart right now? What do you do to assist others in need? How open and compassionate can you be to others? How can you make this world a better place to live? Then declare "These are the precepts whose fruit a person enjoys in this world, but whose principal remains intact for him in the world to come" to "bringing peace between man and his fellow."

How close can you come to G-d? In what ways do you realize your own uniqueness? How do you understand your purpose in life? In what ways do you connect with your authentic self? And prayerfully add, "My G-d, the soul You placed within me is pure" to "as long as the soul is within me, I gratefully thank you. Eternal my G-d."

At this point, it would be ap-

propriate to add the first short paragraph of the *Sh'ma*, "Hear O Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is One" to "And you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates," and the brief healing prayer located further on in the daily *Amidah*. "Heal us O L-rd and we shall be healed" to "Blessed are you, Eternal our G-d, who heals the sick of His people Israel. Amen."

This daily practice should take no more than 10 minutes, if performed slowly and with intent. Try it for a couple of weeks and see if it makes a difference to your day, then to your week and from there, who knows. Prayer, even as brief as this, forges a strong spiritual link between us and G-d. This connection teaches that "created in the image of G-d" we are able to impart G-d's love on ourselves. So many of us suffer from a lack of self-esteem, the source of both personal and social problems. The remedy to all of this is a good dose of self-love, doing something special for yourself. That's your prayer!

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## GI Bill of Health Answers GAO Critics

From the American Legion

Government policies are creating inefficiencies in Veterans Administration medical facilities and under-using many hospitals and clinics, said Butch Miller, the national commander of the American Legion.

"There are no unneeded VA facilities — just valuable national assets that senseless rules keep from being fully used," said Miller. About half of all doctors receive some of their training in VA facilities.

The Legion commander said charges that VA facilities are being under-used only strengthen the American Legion's case for adopting the GI Bill of Health, which would bring more patients into VA health care.

"The families of our older veterans are desperate to find long-term care for their loved ones. Military retirees are searching for hospitals to replace military facilities that have closed. Americans everywhere want good, affordable health care," Miller said. "All of those problems can be solved by expanding and strengthening the VA's health care system."

The Legions commander's remarks came on the heels of a General Accounting Office report that charged the VA was wasting \$1 million a day on un-

needed medical facilities. The report noted that the number of patients in VA hospitals dropped from 49,000 a day in 1989 to 21,000 a day in 1998. The report failed to mention the overall increase in people receiving VA health care during that period.

"Hasn't GAO gotten the word that VA medicine is moving toward out-patient care? Haven't they heard that VA has been squeezing veterans out of the system for years by tightening its eligibility rules because of inadequate funding?" Miller asked.

The GAO report was also critical of VA officials for giving veterans service organizations and other interested parties the chance to comment on many local VA decisions involving the allocation of resources.

"It's ironic that, at the very moment that Congress and the White House are discussing a so-called patients bill of rights, the GAO is trying to deprive veterans of a voice in their own health care," Miller said.

The American Legion has continued to promote a sweeping change in VA health care, called the GI Bill of Health, which would solve many of the GAO's concerns. The GI Bill of Health would open up under-

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## Adam and Eve in the Garden of Jerusalem

by Sarah Shapiro

It was difficult for my relatives, right from the start.

When did it start?

Not when my daughter got married in Jerusalem. They already knew what to expect: that the men would be on one side, women the other.

Was it back in the '80s, then, when they first heard we had put her in an all-girl high school? Or before that, in an all-girl kindergarten? Maybe it dates back to when they first found out about the religious emphasis in the educational curriculum —

morning hours, Torah studies; afternoon for secular subjects. But how will she get into a good college?

Was it when I myself got married? This is segregation, my father had murmured, pained, under his breath. It makes your mother and sisters into second-class citizens. Can't we enjoy the wedding all together, as a family?

Didn't it start back in the early 70s, when I stopped wearing pants? When my hemlines got lower, my sleeves longer, when I stopped going to coed college

parties? When I wouldn't eat with them at restaurants, when I first koshered one of my mother's pots, one of her pans, a single set of her silverware, when I had to say no to her vegetable soup, that I'd always loved, her homemade herb bread. On Saturdays, when I wouldn't join in on family outings anymore, when I wouldn't turn off and on lights... The phone would ring and they'd call, "Sarah! It's for you!" I — sitting there on my isolated Shabbat, looking deaf and

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## You Own it All

You're about to move into a new house. The deed is signed, the moving truck is pulling up, and the former owners are walking through the place one last time with you.

And that's when they tell you about the problems with the ceiling cracks, the mice and the nosy neighbors.

Until now, you had been alight with pleasure over the blessings of the house. Now the curses have been added to those.

But the truth is that the departing residents have actually done you a favor. They have given you the opportunity to consider the problems and plan to address them, rather than confronting them by surprise later on.

No area of life is unadulterated joy. Everything has its challenges. Therefore, it's better to know these as far in advance as possible.

At the beginning of this week's portion, *Re'eh*, Moses said to the children of Israel, "Behold, I set before you a blessing and a curse." The offer is simplicity itself: the blessing is cleaving to the Commandments, the curse is ignoring them. And yet the statement is made as

or theft, or adultery, but that's because you do have the gift — the gift of knowing.

And you have the gift of choice as well. It's not always easy, but it's much more satisfying once you choose good, and understand that you did so of your own volition.

We read this portion prior to the beginning of the Jewish month of Elul. The Hebrew characters that make up the name Elul are an acronym for the famous Song of Songs verse, "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine." Our Sages take this to mean that we are, in loving embrace, choosing to take what is set before us — the blessing and the curse.

Because it is only in the recognition of evil that we can subdue it.

Submitted by Rabbi Yossi Laufer of CHAI Center of Chabad of West Bay, Warwick.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Movie Mavens Mentor

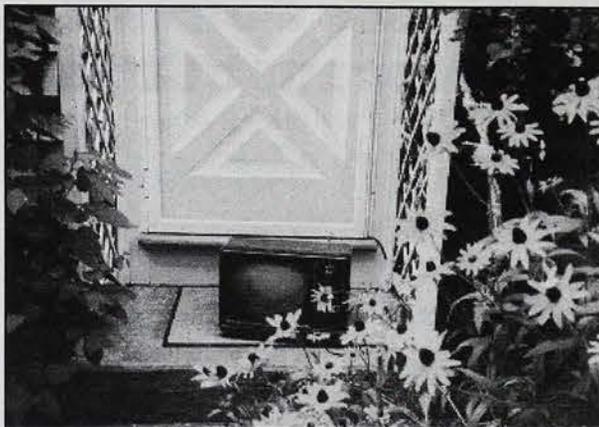
by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Sherry Lwin was born in Burma. With our mutual friend Tsuyoshi Kimoto and my former student and one-time director Rob Nassau, she made a feature-length documentary film she brought to our Narragansett parlor for a rough-cut preview on video. The first thing we did to greet our honored guests was to take them on a cooling cruise of Narrow River, followed by supper on the screened porch.

Then, we turned our tiny sitting room into a mini cinema. Jim Wolpaw drove over the bridges from Newport to join the jury of fellow filmmakers. Sherry traced the route of a group of young women bikers who pedaled over hill and dale from Canada to Mexico, last June through September.

With her crew in a truck, she spent all summer covering this



together to face a physical challenge that rotates round into a social and psychological test as well.

The rules were, that everybody must stick together. One failure, and they all fail. You get to hear and see all the teen hys-

teria brought on by cold and heat, thirst and exhaustion, anger and loneliness. Along you way, you also get to gain respect for the patience and stamina of Sherry, Yoshi, and Rob as they capture and then edit all the footage from north to south and from runaways to returns. I write this rave because mostly we go to the moviehouses to escape from stress, for fast fixes and cool comfort. Greater pleasure sometimes comes from digging in to documentary facts of life.

Hollywood has come to Rhode Island in past seasons. Another kind of academy of motion picture art and science got set up in our Middlebridge midsummer. Then Sherry and Tsuyoshi wrapped up their equipment and drove under moonlight back to Manhattan. They left behind an intimate audience of admirers.



Yoshi, Michael and Sherry

saga. The girls were students at a special school for troubled drop-outs. Families unable to deal with intense conflicts may send their daughters off into the care of faculty. The bike trip started out as an experiment in rescue. Victims of abuse band



## Go For the Glory

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Victory Day is as good a time as any to recall Hollywood's coverage and history of World War II. Video shops store Henry Fonda's 1943 portrayal of the shy Canadian soldier, "Immortal Sergeant," directed by Lewis Milestone. Thomas Mitchell plays the title role, but he dies and inspires Fonda's heroism. The quality that shines through

Murphy's remarkable masterpiece "To Hell and Back," made in 1955 retrospect from his field journal of the same name. Aaron Rosenberg produced this strange saga, directed by Jesse Hibbs.

You may remember from a recent letter published among these pages that Murphy was the most highly decorated American of the entire war, honored even by other Allies, notably the French. Yet though he won the war, he lost the peace. Wounds kept him out of West Point, and inward damage harmed his Hollywood career.

Yet there is an existential poignancy that seemed to elude '50s audiences. The flick is held up as patriotic fare, but it struck me as so much more than that.

Murphy was a Texas lad, whose father had taken off during the depression. Mother died, and the siblings went to orphanages and foster care. Audie learned early on both responsibility and the lessons of tragedy. He was small and young, but great of heart and deed. A certain grandeur mixes with pathos and turns "To Hell and Back" into strong and subtle drink for the mind. The best of the movies of that post-war period pushed action within the characters. Action stood for something solitary. Endearing but unsentimental, Audie Murphy made an unlikely G.I. role model. But like Fonda, he made us look at all America as a culture that rises to the occasion, courage without cruelty, self without selfishness.



the black and white classic is its inwardness. Fonda is a timid soul, unable to win the hand of the fiery redhead Maureen O'Hara, whom we meet in flashback. Once upon a time, war propaganda dealt with the soul, not just the body. We found ourselves on the battleground.

I went out and ordered and waited for and bought Audie

## Plovers Pipe and Pray

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

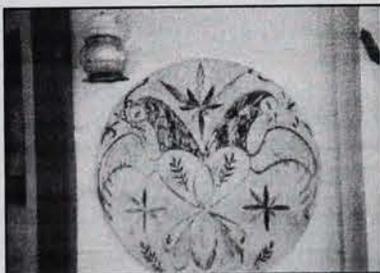
Two rockers face twin cots in our chalet parlor. I pose like the duke for a portrait in the blue glider and let some hot hours slide along. I stare at the patient pictures on my rustic walls, the bird design my mother painted for another summer cottage, the piping plover print that came with the house we bought. It feels more like Savannah, Ga., than South County, R.I.

When the sweltering sunshine goes off somewhat, we make our brief way to the spot where river, dune, and surf meet their fate. A woman in uniform stops my stroll with her hand like a traffic police. Why? There, right at my feet, a pair of piping plover chicks are running up and down from a clump of eelgrass to the gentle waves. The delicate beauty of these fairy-like creatures takes our breath away in wonder, like prayer.

They hatch and they run to feed. Besides skunks and foxes, weasels and dogs and cats, there are also the unwary feet of jog-

gers to watch out for. It's a plain Sunday, and boats are beached. Glare and umbrellas with chairs go together and space is scarce. We have a bird sanctuary absurd as dada to take care of a family of four fledglings.

The lady warden, whose badge reads "Carol Thompson,"



A bird blessing between lamp and meguzah  
Herald photos by Mike Fink

fills me in on this season's history of endangered species. "The least terns nested when the dunes were higher. Egrets were abundant. Now we have to watch out for each brood, against predators and tourists."

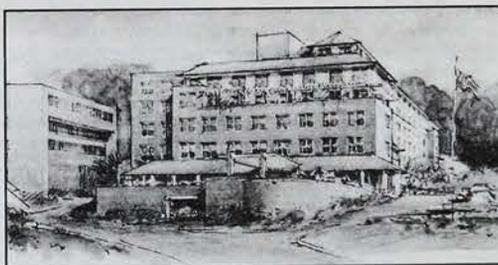
I did my part as well. I told Carol about my family's cruises

to this sacred shrine from 1957 through 1965.

The whole river system seemed like one surprising everglade. We took it for granted, like solace. In the summer of drought and the spread of suburbia and macadam, each single baby bird, the color of the sand like souls shaped by syllables, gives reason to stand stock still and marvel. Less is more finds the perfect objective correlative and we go along.

The day comes to a cool close. We sit on the benches at the wall and watch the soft pearl gray sunset and listen to the music of the spheres, the lapping of mild surf by the towers, all that is left from the glory days of Narragansett.

There isn't much to do over by Middlebridge. My second *yahrzeit* has come and gone. Ethan Adler told me, at good times you need to make some noise to scare away evil and happenstance. The little piping music of my hatchlings at Narrow River does the job for me. Like hope and memory, they promise that souls come back.



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## Brandeis Names Professor Polonsky to Holocaust Chair

Brandeis University has named Antony Polonsky, professor of Judaic and Social Studies, as the first Albert Abramson Chair of Holocaust Studies. The fall appointment is part of a cooperative agreement between Brandeis and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The chair was established by The Hon. Albert Abramson of Maryland, who donated \$2 million to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council to fund the chair and related academic programs organized jointly by the museum's center for Advanced Holocaust Studies and Brandeis University. The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies supports research, the growth of the field of Holocaust studies, and the ongoing training of future generations of scholars.

Polonsky is a distinguished scholar whose research and writings are focused on the history of Polish Jewry. He is the author of *Politics in Independent Poland*; *The Little Dictators: A History of Eastern Europe Since 1918*, and *The Great Powers and the Polish Question (1941-1945)*. He is currently working on a history of the Jews in Poland and Russia from 1764 to the present. This past spring he was

the Skirball Visiting Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and senior associate member of Saint Anthony's College at Oxford. In 1999 he was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (the highest honor that can be awarded a non-citizen) for his "outstanding contribution to studies in Polish Jewry."

Polonsky is vice president of the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies in Oxford and of the American Association for Polish-Jewish Studies. He is an editor of *The Library of Holocaust Testimonies*, and a member of the International Board of the Mordechai Anieliewicz Center for Jewish Studies at Warsaw University.

A native of South Africa, he studied history and political science at the University of Witwatersrand and was a Rhodes Scholar in 1961. In 1970 he was appointed lecturer in International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science and in 1989 was awarded the title of professor. In 1993 he was appointed to his current position at Brandeis. He chaired the department of Near Eastern and Judaic studies from 1995 to 1998.

## JFS Home Care Service Staff — Longevity Benefits Clients

In this era of tumultuous changes in the health care field and high staff turnovers elsewhere, the Home Care program at Jewish Family Service has retained 75 percent of its certified nursing assistants for at least eight years. In fact, one staffer has been with the program 22 years. It has been five years since a CNA left the program, and that was only to move to another state.

"Here at Jewish Family Service, we see that our CNAs develop a close bond with our clients. They know and anticipate needs and often share unspoken communication," said Vicky Briggs, R.N. She adds, "One of the things that we do is to develop a routine with each client so they know what to expect and can feel comfortable." Having the same health care worker over the years can mean a lot to someone who is frail.

The nurses at JFS who assess new clients work to match the

personalities and skills of the CNAs with each client's needs. As much as possible, CNAs are assigned on a long-term basis with each client so they can enjoy consistency of care.

In addition to fair wages, provision of health insurance and benefits, there are intangibles that have contributed to Jewish Family Service's ability to retain quality staff. "Our CNAs know that they are valued, and we treat them with the respect that hard-working professionals deserve." Lines of communication are always open, with routine check-ins to provide input and discuss concerns. The CNAs know they can reach the agency's Registered Nurses Deborah Lambertson and Vicky Briggs by pager or by phone 24 hours a day with any questions or issues.

Assignments are arranged in a balanced way so that no one is overwhelmed. Informal recognition is given once a month at a staff meeting, when positive

comments from clients and supervisors are shared. Two of the staff — Dorothy Raffa and Signe Entwhistle — have received commendations from Gov. Almond's office for excellence in caring for the elderly.

Training is ongoing, and goes beyond the state-mandated requirements for in-service continuing education. The training is taken very seriously and includes verbal presentations by nurses and social workers, informational materials, discussions of hypothetical situations and ways to approach solutions, discussion of issues and concerns, question and answer sessions, an occasional video presentation with professional follow-up and brainstorming sessions. Topics which are covered in great depth include nutrition, seasonal changes and the constant updating of skills. The CNAs are also trained in Jewish dietary law and Jewish customs and traditions.

"We serve the entire client — not just their needs for specific kinds of care. We can focus on the little things that make us unique," said Lambertson. For example, in addition to kosher and meal preparation and personal care, the CNAs take clients to the doctor, to a mealsite, to do an errand, even out for coffee or for a visit. Lambertson adds, "Our small numbers allow us to provide individualized care."

For more information about Home Care at Jewish Family Service, call 331-1244.

## What's in Your Attic?

If you're not sure what to do with some of those old clothes, suitcases and other odds and ends in the attic, why not donate them to the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum?

The museum is looking for donations of (cleaned) old material, clothing and other objects, especially old suitcases, for a new and exciting educational project. The Traveling Trunk program, funded by the Jewish Federation of R.I., is one of the newest developments at Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

"The trunks will travel throughout R.I. and southeastern Massachusetts in order to assist in the museum's goal of educating students about the important lessons of the Holocaust annually," said Tara V. Liscandro, executive director of RIHMM. "The trunks, which will be made to look like those carried by survivors, will contain all types of materials including teaching resources and activities for classrooms, edited RIHMM survivor videos, books and more. There will also be replicas of survivors' uniforms, eating dishes, old photos, yellow stars and other tangible items for students to study."

The traveling trunk program has been implemented into other Holocaust museums and

educational resource centers in the past few years and has been excellent at bringing Holocaust studies into the classroom.

There will be a set of four trunks created by the museum during the first year (estimated Oct. 2000-2001). As the progress of their use and success is studied by RIHMM, more trunks will be made available. "Thanks to the generosity of a grant from the Jewish Federation of R.I., this much-needed program will be implemented in classrooms across the state for years to come," added Liscandro.

The trunk program was developed based on the stories of Holocaust survivors. "Although traveling trunks will never replace the words of a survivor, they are wonderful secondary sources for schools and students to learn from," said Liscandro. As years continue to pass, Holocaust centers and museums across the United States are not able to offer speakers in every classroom which was possible just a few years ago.

If you are interested in donating materials to this very important project, or volunteering to assist in creating the traveling trunks, contact the museum at 453-7860 or visit RIHMM at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

## Yes! You Can Learn Hebrew in One Day

Temple Beth-El in Providence is offering a daylong class that promises to have you reading Hebrew in just one day. This "marathon" has proven successful around the country for those who have no Hebrew experience or for those who are just feeling "rusty." It is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holidays.

Hebrew-in-a-Day will take place on Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 for materials and lunch. Hebrew-in-a-Day is part of a full Jewish Adult Enrichment program at Temple Beth-El. For information, call 331-6070.

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## BBYO Comes to South County

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization announces that the South County Hebrew school parents association has chosen BBYO as its youth organization. Plans are to have two different chapters. The first is to develop a co-ed chapter comprised of youth in the eighth through 12th grades. The second will be the teen connection program, which is for children in sixth- and seventh grades.

BBYO is the oldest and largest youth organization in the world serving more than 30,000 in the world. In Rhode Island there are more than 100 members. BBYO offers young people a unique opportunity to gain firsthand in leadership positions and the opportunity to create and conduct their own programs. Members have the chance to meet other Jewish youth throughout the New England area.

The new chapter in South County will elect their own officers. They will decide on a name for their chapter. Fundraising will be the responsibility of the chapter members. The members work with volunteer advisors. The first event will be held on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. The location will be announced.

For additional information, call the regional office at (617) 969-8455 or the state coordinator, David Hochman, at 467-BBYO (2296).

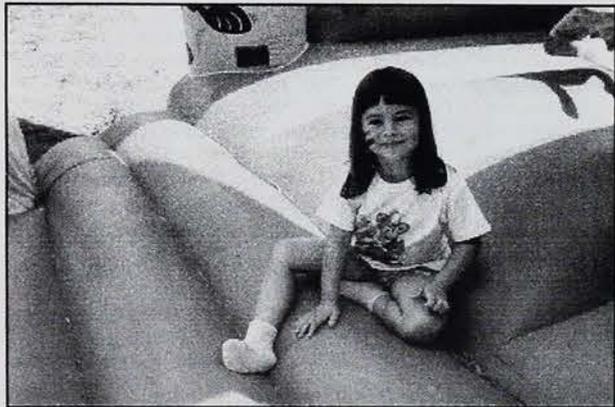
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## JCCRI Announces One Last Hurrah!

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has just announced their Transition Camp for the summer of '99. Transition Camp is a fun-filled week of "After-Camp-Before-School-Camp" running until Sept. 7.

Activities include a cruise on a chartered boat, exploring Newport Harbor; a canoe trip on the Providence River; a day of fun in Downtown Providence (rollerskating at the Fleet Center Rink, lunch at Waterplace Park and more); a day at Beach Pond; a day of Shabbat surprises and a trip to Polaski State Park.

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



SYLVIA CATANIA at the JCCRI Summer Day Camp.

Photo courtesy of JCCRI

## Congregation Agudas Achim Opens Religious School Registration

Registration has begun for the coming school year at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro. Congregation Agudas Achim, the area's only Reconstructionist synagogue, serves more than 100 students from 10 area towns in its religious school program. The religious school holds weekly classes for children in kindergarten through seventh-grade and also provides programs for pre-school and high school students.

Kindergarten through second-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings at Congregation Agudas Achim while students in third- through sixth-grade attend on Wednesday afternoons as well as Sunday mornings. A special pre-bar/bat mitzvah class for seventh-graders meets Monday and Wednesday

afternoons. The religious school classes include curriculum on Jewish holidays, Hebrew language, Bible, prayer and Jewish history. A monthly class is offered for pre-schoolers ages 3 to 5, and mini courses will be offered throughout the year for high school students. The first day of school will be Sept. 15.

Registration information is available from the synagogue. Registration by mail is encouraged due to the early High Holiday season this year. A registration night will be held at the synagogue on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. for those who are unable to register prior to that date.

For more information about Congregation Agudas Achim and the religious school, contact the synagogue at (508) 222-2243.

## South Shore Mikvah Organization Hosts Evening for Women

"The Sexual and the Sacred: Thoughts on Mikvah" is the topic of a lecture to be held on Aug. 29, at 7:15 p.m. at Congregation Etz Chaim, 74 Billings St., Sharon, Mass. Internationally acclaimed lecturer, teacher and activist Rivkah Slonim, author of *Total Immersion: A Mikvah Anthology*, will present the lecture, followed by a dessert buffet and book signing. The program, which is sponsored by Chevrat Nashim (the mikvah organization of the South Shore), is free and open to all women.

Slonim is the educational director at the Chabad House Jewish Student Center in Binghamton, New York. She travels widely, addressing the intersection of traditional Jewish observance and contemporary life, with a special focus on women in Jewish law and life. For more information, call Alyssa at (781)784-5584.



Rivkah Slonim

## Elul Preparations Underway at Temple Sinai

by Rabbi David E. Lipman

We recently moved to Rhode Island. I'm used to an apartment in New York City, so we bought a large old farm house on more than five acres of land. Culture shock. Since we were getting married a month after our house closing, I decided it would be nice to paint the house before the wedding. Besides, I had some relatively cheap labor because my son needed money for the summer.

I've never painted a house. I assumed you washed the walls and painted. Robyn was horrified. Apparently, you have to scrape all the old paint off the house. Moreover, with an old house, large clots of paint cling to the wood. So my son began scraping. It took him hours and hours. We tried to make the job easier by renting a power washer to scrape away the paint. But the power washer threatened to tear up the wood of the house as

well. So my son continued scraping. There were no short cuts.

Once the house was scraped, it was a quick, easy job to lay down primer and paint. The scraping took days and days; the painting was done in a day or two.

The same thing is true about our preparations for the Yamim Nora'im, the Days of Awe. To be ready for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur requires preparation, a lot of preparation. We have to scrape away a whole year of missed moments, mistakes, rationalizations, and hurtful actions. Some cling to us like clots of pain, and the scraping becomes especially difficult. But there are no short cuts; we have to spend a whole month preparing.

We have a month to do this preparation. On every day of Elul (except on Shabbat), we blow the shofar to get our spiritual house-scraping in motion. It's not easy; it's never easy, but it's necessary.

If we do our Elul preparations, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will go smoothly for us. We have prepared ourselves, the music, the prayers, the themes, and the At-One-Ment process enrich us, cover us, comfort us, give us a true new coating for the coming year.

Just coming to services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is like trying to paint my house without ever doing any scraping, the paint will peel right off.

The first day of Elul this year is Aug. 13. Hear the shofar calling us to prepare ourselves, to get ready. Spend the month of Elul wisely, looking back over the past year. You'll be amazed at how much more meaningful and powerful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are if we spend a month thinking about our actions over the past year. The shofar is sounding; let's scrape! May it be a sweet and special year for all of us.

## South County Jewish Collaborative Meeting

The last of the three Community Design Workshops will take place Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Narragansett Community Senior Center, 53 Mumford Rd., Narragansett. The topic is "Development of Design Concepts."

The South County Jewish Collaborative purchased a tract of land on the South Kingstown/Narragansett borders, off the Rotary on Kingstown Road, Narragansett. The architect Jay Litman has held two previous workshops to enable the South County Jewish Community to address their needs and desires.

Based on the design approaches recommended for further study in workshop two, along with information developed in other meetings and discussions, a design option or fusion of options will be selected for the New Jewish Community Center.

In this workshop, the architect will present and discuss, using both drawing and study models, architectural concepts of the building's design and functional characteristics. These will include circulation, program layout, building massing, flexibility, and architectural character.

From the information developed in these workshops, a clear design direction will be determined and documented by the architect and engineer. At this point, a conceptual cost estimate will be prepared, based on the full scope of work described and the expected level of finishes both inside and out.

This forum is being held in a large, air conditioned facility which will enable everyone to be comfortable.

## New Show Opens at Gallery 401

Gallery 401, the art gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, is currently exhibiting a solo showing of Judith Naftygjel. Fourteen watercolors of scenes in the Providence and South County areas will be shown through Aug. 30. Naftygjel is a Rhode Island watercolorist who received her BFA in printing from the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth. Her work has been shown at Wickford Art Association, Bonn Bonn's, Donovan Gallery and many more.

Gallery 401 is located on the East Side at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

In September, Gallery 401 will feature a showing of Judaica two- and three-dimensional artwork.

For more information call Sue Suls at 861-8800.



Gallery 401 chairperson, Patricia Schreiber, admires the watercolors of artist (on right), Judith Naftygjel. Photo courtesy of JCCRI

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# HEALTHWISE

## New Molecule Boosts Stem Cell Survival

### Development May Improve Success Rate of Bone Marrow Transplants

Weizmann Institute researchers have developed a molecule that allows blood stem cells — the body's most primitive, immature cells that originate in the bone marrow — to multiply without differentiation in the test tube.

This achievement, described in the August issue of the journal *Blood*, may improve bone marrow transplantation, in which stem cells are infused into a patient to replace defective or malignant marrow. The study may also advance gene therapy research.

The new molecule was developed by Professor Michel Revel and Dr. Judith Chebath of the molecular genetics department, and its effects on blood stem cells were studied by Dr. Tsvee Lapidot and graduate students Orit Kollet and Ronit

Aviram of the immunology department.

Most stem cells originating in the bone marrow mature on a daily basis to supply our blood with the differentiated blood and immune cells that it needs. A small number of stem cells, however, survive and renew themselves without differentiation thanks to a natural mechanism by which the cells receive signals from molecules called cytokines. Among these cytokines is interleukin-6, a chemical messenger discovered in the 1980s in Revel's laboratory. In order to respond properly to interleukin-6, the stem cells have to form on their surface a multimolecular cluster which binds this cytokine. The cluster consists of a receptor molecule known as gp130 on the surface of the stem cell, and another molecule called the interleukin-6 receptor, which the cells pick up from surrounding fluids.

In contrast, when isolated in the test tube, the stem cells do not efficiently form the receptor cluster which binds interleukin-6 and fail to survive. They start to mature into various types of blood cells and lose their original properties within three to five days. The short survival time of stem cells in culture, has caused great difficulties in studying stem cells and using them for therapeutic purposes.

In their study, Weizmann Institute scientists used a so-called "chimera" recombinant molecule, consisting of interleukin-6 and its receptor fused together. The "chimera" molecule proved very efficient in forming a cluster with the gp130 receptor. When the chimera was added together with other cytokines to isolated stem cells, the cells were able to survive in the test tube for two weeks, and their numbers increased significantly. In the future, this new approach may make it possible to keep the stem cells, purified from human bone marrow or from human umbilical cord blood, proliferating without maturation for much longer.

When the treated human stem cells were transplanted to mice with severe combined immunodeficiency, they successfully repopulated the bone marrow and differentiated into all the various types of blood cells, demonstrating that the stem cells had indeed remained immature. A large increase in the efficacy of transplantation was observed with the stem cells that had received the chimera treat-

ment compared with cells treated with other cytokines.

If the Weizmann Institute molecule is adopted for clinical use, stem cells can be preserved for longer periods of time, their numbers can be greatly increased, and the success of bone marrow transplantation can be improved. Such transplantation is currently used to treat an increasing number of diseases, including different types of leukemia and cancerous tumors, several blood cell disorders and even autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis.

The institute study may also provide a boost to gene therapy research by giving scientists a larger window of opportunity for inserting genes into human stem cells maintained in the laboratory. The increased efficiency of gene transfer into stem cells may enable scientists to achieve greater success in developing gene therapy for various genetic disorders such as thalassemia, severe combined immunodeficiency, Gaucher's or other diseases. When the transplanted stem cells repopulate the bone marrow of the recipient and mature into billions of blood cells, inserting a gene in these cells prior to transplantation would ensure a steady supply of the protein made by this gene. This may be used to compensate for various disease-causing genetic defects.

The institute scientists collaborated with researchers from the Bone Marrow Transplantation Center at the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, from the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot and the Jackson

Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine, United States.

Professor Revel holds the Ruth & Jerome A. Siegel and Freda and Edward M. Siegel Chair of Virology, and Dr. Lapidot, the Pauline Recanati Career Development Chair of Immunology. The study was supported in part by the Ares-Serono Group, the Israel Academy of Science, the Balfur Peisner Bone Marrow Cancer Research Fund, the Minerva Foundation, Munich, Germany, and the National Institutes of Health, United States.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel, is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study. Its 2,500 scientists, technicians, and engineers pursue basic research in the quest for the enhancement of the human condition. New ways of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, and harnessing alternative sources of energy are the Weizmann Institute's highest priorities.

### Program on Internet For People Newly Diagnosed With MS

People recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis can log onto the Internet for four, interactive programs about the disease. Experts on topics ranging from MS research to keeping a job will present the live, one-hour Internet "broadcasts" sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 8:30 p.m. There is no registration required.

Topics are: "MS the Disease and Research Directions" on Aug. 17, presented by Henry McFarland, M.D., chief neuroimmunology branch, National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke, National Institutes of Health; "Employment and MS" on Aug. 31 presented by Nicholas LaRocca, Ph.D., director, Health Care Delivery and Policy Research, National MS Society; "Treatment Options and Symptom Management" on Sept. 14, presented by Barbara Giesser, M.D., associate professor of clinical neurology, University of Arizona; "Living with MS" on Sept. 28, presented by Deborah M. Miller, Ph.D., director of comprehensive care, Mellen Center, Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Each session will start with a half-hour live audio presentation, followed by half an hour question and answer segment when people can e-mail questions to the presenter. Free audio software, RealPlayer, can easily be downloaded from <www.nmss.org>, the website of the National MS Society. The society suggests downloading a day before the first program. The archived program and its transcript will appear on the site after each program.



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# HEALTHWISE

## Getting The Most From a Pediatrician Visit

When your child is miserable and bored and other kids fill the air with coughs and cries, you have trouble remembering why you're seeing the pediatrician, let alone the dozen questions you've wanted to ask since your last visit. If you dread trips to the doctor's office, try making your next visit more sane and productive by spending

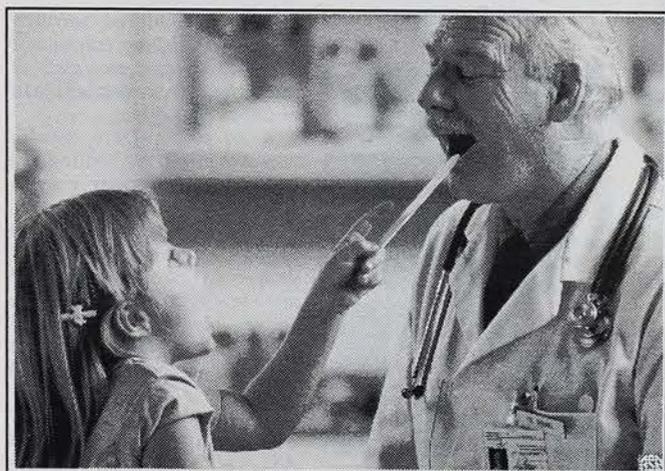
doctor for an examination is not a punishment (and never use a doctor visit as a threat when your child is misbehaving).

- Role-play what might happen during the office visit: Use a doll or a stuffed animal to demonstrate how the doctor or nurse will measure height and weight and check her eyes, ears, and throat; her vision, hearing and

your observations about hearing, vision, and language development, as well as emotions and social interaction.

- Be honest with the doctor. During the visit, let the pediatrician know if something is bothering you, even if you're afraid it may sound foolish or embarrassing. For instance, mention if there's a smoker in the house, or stress due to divorce or illness. If you have trouble enforcing healthy habits (such as getting your child to eat right) or finding time to read to her, share this information.

Remember: By taking steps to make yourself and your child more comfortable with the family doctor or pediatrician, you're developing a healthy and responsible attitude toward and getting the most from your health care.



some time preparing your child and yourself.

- Talk with your child about an upcoming visit and encourage her to express her fears. If she is going in for a routine exam, explain that all kids need to see their doctors regularly to check on how they are growing and developing.

- Be honest with your child about what may happen during the office visit. If you know she is going to have a shot or procedure that could be painful or uncomfortable, explain and gently describe it as something that may hurt a little, but will help her stay healthy or get better.

- If she is sick or has some other problem, explain that the doctor will help both of you figure out what is wrong and how to fix it. Stress that going to the

reflexes, heartbeat and breathing.

- Buy a toy doctor's kit so that she can act out what will happen and perhaps feel more in control.

- Read her children's books that address this topic, such as T. Berry Brazelton's *Going to the Doctor*, Stan and Jan Berenstain's *The Berenstain Bears Go to the Doctor*, or Fred Rogers' *Going to the Doctor*.

- Keep a notebook including any special concerns you want to discuss, a record of your child's growth, immunization history, physical accomplishments and daily habits. Refer to it during the office visit.

- Review what you've noticed about your child's physical development and coordination since your last appointment. Can she hold up her head and roll over? Can she pull herself up to stand? Is she walking, running, or riding a tricycle? Share

surgery options, including breast implants.

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- Forty percent of patients will experience leakage within six years of their surgery; 95 percent will experience leakage within 12 years.

- One in four women require surgery within five years due to implant-related complications, according to the Mayo Clinic.

- When silicone gel implants rupture, the gel leaks into the breast tissue and can migrate throughout your body. Silicone has been found in the liver, lungs, and even leaking from implant patient's nipples.

- Silicone gel is not harmless. In fact, chronic inflammation, swollen lymph nodes, granuloma formation, breast hardening and distortion, breast numbness and nerve damage are among the frequent complications of silicone gel breast implants.

- General immune system problems, joint stiffness and immobility may all be linked to silicone implants

## R.I. Hospital Rated One of America's Best

Rhode Island Hospital's success in treating respiratory disorders has earned it a spot on the list of the best hospitals in America in the issue of *U.S. News & World Report* which hit the newsstands last week.

This is the first time the hospital has been named for respiratory disorders treatment. It is ranked 49 in the 10th annual listing. Two years ago Rhode Island Hospital was singled out for excellence in endocrinology. The magazine assesses care in 16 specialties at 1,800 hospitals nationwide. This year, only about 10 percent of them (188) scored high enough to be ranked. Rankings are based on reputation, mortality rate, and other data such as technology and nursing care.

Edward Wing, M.D., physician-in-chief of Lifespan's department of medicine was gratified by the listing. "The recognition of our pulmonary and critical care division by *U.S. News & World Report* is an honor richly

deserved. Our physicians are some of the best in the country," he said. Sidney S. Braman, M.D., director of the division, adds, "I'm pleased and very proud of the 12 academic physicians in the division of pulmonary critical care and sleep disorders. Four of them are full professors at Brown University School of Medicine, and all are engaged in a wide scope of research and clinical practice."

Among the problems treated by clinicians in the pulmonary critical care division of Rhode Island Hospital's department of medicine are asthma, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), pulmonary hypertension and sleep disorders.

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In addition to Rhode Island Hospital and the New England Medical Center, Lifespan partners include the Miriam Hospital, Bradley Hospital, Newport Hospital, and two home care services, Hospice Care of Rhode Island and VNA of Rhode Island.

## Reflecting On Breast Implants

Ever caught a glimpse of yourself in the mirror and thought if only... The quest for beauty is urgent in the lives of many women. This quest leads many to consider a variety of plastic

options, including breast implants.

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# FEATURE

## Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® Donates \$10,000 to Hasbro Children's Hospital

The Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® recently held its third annual charity golf tournament at The Cranston County Club. The tournament raised \$10,000 for the Child Life Program at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Greater Providence Board President Sharon D. Steele, owner of the Sharon Steele Group in Providence, said: "The Child Life Program creates a child-centered environment which is nurturing. The program addresses not only the physical needs but the entire child and their emotional needs during this time of illness.

Co-chairs of the tournament are: Karl Martone of RE/MAX Properties; Michele Caprio, Center Place Realty; Jerry Centracchio, RE/MAX Preferred, all presented the \$10,000 check to Marianne Cooney, manager, Child Life Services and Doris Feinberg, president of the Rhode Island Hospital Foundation. In accepting the \$10,000 contribution, Cooney said: "The Child Life Program is the back bone of our philosophy to try to create a sense of normalcy in the daily lives of these children."



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jerry Centracchio, Michele Caprio, Karl Martone, Marianne Cooney, Sharon Steele and Doris Feinberg.

## Terror Victim Requests That The President Refrain From Visiting

Ephraim Rozenstein, who was moderately wounded by gunfire in an Aug. 3 terrorist attack in Hebron, requested that President Ezer Weizman does not visit him.

Rozenstein sent a message to the president, realizing that Weizman visits all terror victims as well as bereaved families of fallen soldiers and those killed in terror attacks.

Rozenstein, who lost several digits of several fingers of one hand in the attack, is recuperating in Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem. He stated that the president was among the staunch supporters of the Hebron protocol which led to the Israeli land withdrawals in the area and thereby, provided the PLO Authority autonomous areas used recently as a springboard for Islamic terror against Israeli targets.

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## School Bus Safety

by Mark S. Mandell, Esq.

Every morning and afternoon in every community in America, children bound off to and come home from school. Some walk and some get a lift from parents or friends. But more than 23 million other kindergarten through high school-age children ride a school bus to and from a day of learning, discovery and socializing.

In fact, approximately 440,000 school buses travel about 4.3 billion miles each year, transporting 54 percent of all kindergarten through 12th grade students — our nation's most precious cargo.

Despite the fact that school buses offer one of the safest forms of transportation in the country, about 8,500 children are injured every year in school buses, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The overwhelming majority of those injuries are minor, but nearly 900 are considered moderate and another 350 are serious or critical.

Between 1987 and 1996, an average of 10 school-bus riders were killed in crashes, and another 25 pedestrians — who either were boarding or exiting a school bus — died of accidents.

For example, two children were killed and 25 others injured in a truck-school bus accident this past January near Vero Beach, Fla. The school bus driver reportedly failed to stop at a stop sign and was struck by a truck, causing the bus to roll over. In the immediate aftermath, local police and school officials suggested that the accident might not have been as serious had the bus been equipped with seat belts.

While the number of deaths of school bus occupants and pedestrians dropped slightly from the 1987 to 1996 period when compared to the preceding 10-year period, the deadly accident in Vero Beach makes painfully clear that even one fatality is one too many.

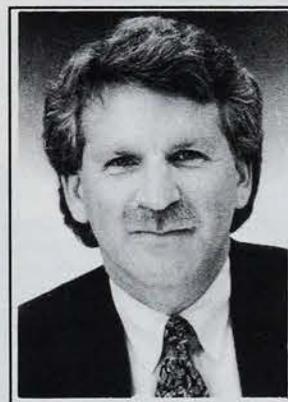
"Some of our biggest concerns involve our youngest children — kindergartners and first-graders — who may be venturing out into traffic for the first time and are unaware of the basic rules," writes Ronald W.

Kosh in *Car & Travel* magazine. "Half of the school-age children who died were 5 to 7 years old, and nearly two-thirds of the fatalities happened on the way home."

These tragedies do not have to happen, and the means are available to all of us — children, parents, school bus drivers, bus manufacturers and motorists — to eliminate them.

Here, then, are a number of school bus safety tips for children, parents and motorists that are offered by safety groups:

### Safety Tips for Students and Parents



Mark S. Mandell, Esq.

- Wait for an oncoming bus in an orderly manner and be on time.

- Make sure the bus comes to a complete stop before approaching it.

- Never — ever — walk behind the bus. The drive very likely will not be aware that you are there. Always make sure that the bus driver can see you.

- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.

- When crossing the street in front of the bus, make sure that you are at least 10 feet in front of the bus and make eye contact with the driver. With small children, it's critical that the driver be able to see them.

- If you drop something around the bus, never lean down to retrieve it or otherwise bend down near or under the bus. The driver will not be able to see you.

- Make sure that loose clothing, drawstrings or backpacks do not become entangled in handrails or other parts of the bus. Several children have been severely injured when such items became tangled in the bus and they were dragged.

### Safety Tips For Motorists

- Red flashing lights on a school bus mean that ALL vehicles, whether approaching from the front or rear of the bus, must stop. There are variations of this law depending on local or state ordinances.

- Amber-colored warning lights are used by school bus drivers to warn motorists of their intention to stop and load or unload children.

- Be particularly careful where children are waiting at a bus stop or otherwise congregating.

Children, of course, are prone to do things that adults find dangerous or unreasonable. But just a few basic tips like the ones above — for both children and adults — can help prevent the school bus-related tragedies that occur every year.

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

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## 'In Sickness And in Health'

by Herb Brown

If your problem is cholesterol, just take a look around, it's not that bad at all.

I know someone who cannot lie down,

He can't sit, and he can't walk, and he can't run around.

Well, you know you're in good company,

A friend of mine has got some "water" on his knee.

And another one who's got the gout,

And a guy, who when he sneezes, why his back "goes out."

If you think that's bad, then listen here,

I know someone who always wants to "bend my ear."

Ev'ry sickness that's been known to man,

He has seen it, and he's had it, and it's all "first hand."

Any ache or pain that you have had,

He owned it, and he'll tell you his was twice as bad.

You should see him when he's "feeling low,"

'Cause he revels in his miseries with such a glow.

Oh, you better count your blessings, friend,

You'll always have your aches and pains until the end,

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As Arie Sommer, Israel's tourism commissioner in North America, puts it, "If it weren't for what happened in Israel 2,000 years ago, there would be no new millennium to celebrate."

A half-hour drive from Jerusalem lies the lowest point on the earth — the Dead Sea. However, on Dec. 31, 1999, 100,000 people will elevate it as never before when they join hands in a circle around the shores of the Dead Sea to welcome the new millennium.

This event — called the Great Embrace — along with hot-air balloon rides, outdoor perfor-

mances, adventure tours and concerts is but one of the ways that Israel is preparing to recognize this rare occasion.

Travel industry experts are predicting that Israel will become the destination of choice for travelers seeking a spiritual dimension to their millennium celebration. And Israel is offering a variety of special events throughout 2000.

As guardian of the holy places of the three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Israelis take their responsibilities very seriously. "It is a sacred duty with which we have been entrusted," said Sommer.

Even though Israel is expecting a hefty increase in tourists, millennium events are spread out over the next 18 months to avoid bottlenecks.

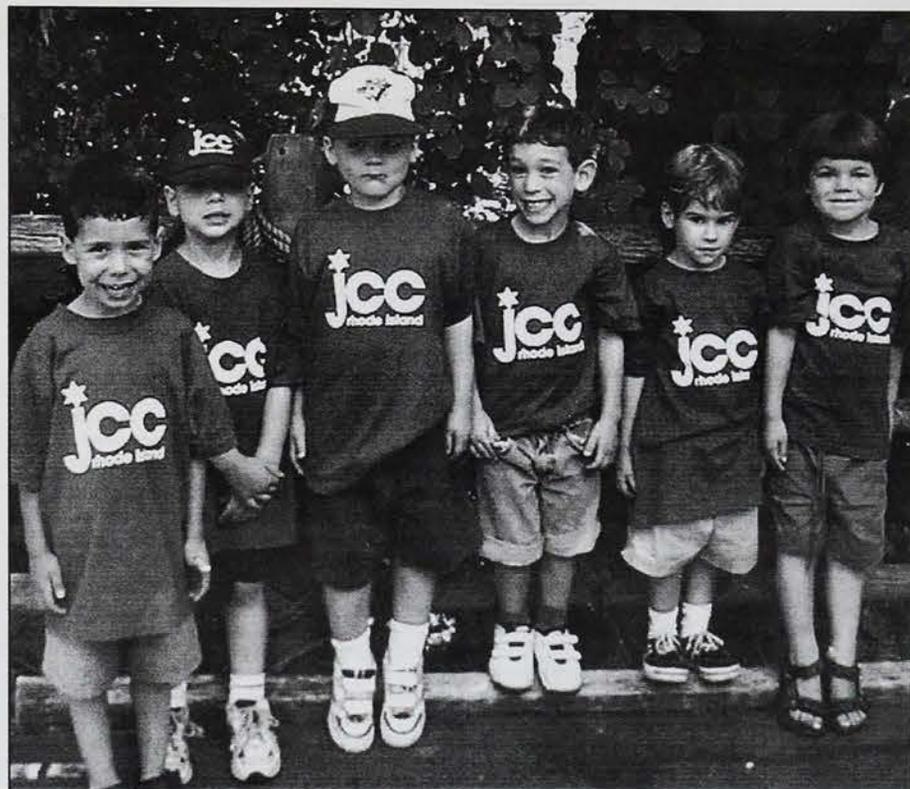
## Israel's Economic Briefs

- Israeli start-up company Comtact has raised \$17 million from American investors in the first two days of last week alone, *Ha'aretz* reported. One of the major investors was the Sequoia venture capital fund, which has also invested in several other Israeli companies in recent months. Overall, Sequoia has decided to invest in 12 to 15 Israeli ventures annually.

- Israel recorded a 12 percent rise in tourism over the first six months of 1999, *Globes* reported. Tourism Ministry Director-General Shabtai Shai said that overseas marketing efforts by the ministry would continue as the year 2000 approaches.

- Mercado, an Israeli Internet company, plans to complete a private placement over the next few days that will net it \$12 million, *Ha'aretz* reported. The placement values the company at \$60 million. Mercado specializes in the construction of computerized catalogs for e-commerce. Its customers include Tower Records, Caterpillar and the American investment bank Merrill Lynch.

- The Bank of Israel reported that foreign investments totaled \$2 billion during the first half of the year, exceeding \$1.85 billion for 1998, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. Of that sum, \$1.7 billion was direct investments and \$300 million was equities. Foreign investments helped reverse a trend toward the end of 1998 whereby more capital was leaving the country than entering.



## Jewish Community Center of R.I. Goes to the Zoo

The entire Summer Day Camp of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island spent a day in the sunshine learning about the animals of the world at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence. Pictured here are (left to right) Ruben Litmanovich, Adam Singer-Berk, Gus Roth, David Flescher, Griffin Thompson and Lincoln Oliver-O'Neil.

It's not too late for your kids to join in the fun at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Summer Day Camp. Imagine your kids playing in the sunshine, swimming in the pool, going on day trips, creating great arts and crafts and more. The JCCRI Day Camps are designed for the convenience of families and for the thrills of children! Children from age 2 through the eighth-grade are already finding out why the JCCRI summer camps have been a popular choice for decades. Transition Camp (filling the week after camp and before school) runs through Sept. 3.

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

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## Recycling For Rhode Island Education Receives Grant

Recycling for Rhode Island Education was recently awarded a grant from the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for \$8,500. Based in Providence, RRIE is a non-profit, educational and environmental organization that collects surplus, cast-off and obsolete materials from Rhode Island businesses, and distributes them to teachers, daycare, youth and out-of-school programs. The materials are used for math and science learning, creative play, art supplies and open-ended experiences such as learning about texture, weight, buoyancy and balance. Last year, RRIE distributed more than 48 tons of discarded materials. Sherry Giarruso-Mulhearn (left), RIRRC, presents a check to Priscilla Miller and Kathleen Fresher-Samways of RRIE. Founded in 1993, RRIE is a 501(c)3 based in Providence. The company promotes recycling ethics and reduces the amount of clean reusable material from the Central Landfill. Staffed by volunteers, RRIE helps divert four tons of waste from the Central Landfill each month through a partnership involving more than 85 R.I. businesses and more than 450 educators and schools.

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Guests at each practice party can mark the enormity of the occasion with a look at the world's largest champagne bottle, certified by the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Beyond viewing the bottle, Korbel offers a number of opportunities for Americans to share their thoughts about the millennium. Additionally, visitors can inscribe Korbel's millennium-sized toast book. This unique archive showcases the country's attitudes, expectations and feelings about the millennium and is expected to collect thousands of toasts and well

wishes. Following the tour, Korbel plans to donate the toast book along with the world's largest champagne bottle to an American historical institution so that people for generations witness a part of millennium history. Also, people are invited to use technologies of the next millennium—interactive touch-screen kiosks shaped as Korbel champagne bottles—that register their millennium answers. The Korbel 2000 Celebration Survey asks questions designed to learn what people believe the future will hold and how they plan to celebrate the millennium.

As part of the tour, Korbel is also inviting guests to share their millennium spirit by participating in a rousing countdown to noon watching a video retrospective of 2000 of the most significant celebrations of the past millennium on a nine-monitor video wall. Visitors will know precisely how many days are left in this millennium by the large electronic countdown clock stationed above the video wall.

In addition to the tour, America's favorite champagne is seeking entries (where legal)

in the Korbel Champagne Ultimate Millennium Toast Contest. Contestants need only write an original toast of 50 words or less and mail the form in along with their name, address and phone number to the Korbel Champagne Ultimate Millennium Toast Contest, 200 East Randolph Drive—Suite 6300, Chicago, IL 60601. Entries must be postmarked no later than Oct. 15 and will be judged based on originality, creativity, sentiment, eloquence, and meeting the 50-word limit. The grand prize winner will earn a trip to New York's Times Square for the millennium celebration including coach class round-trip airfare for two on Delta Air Lines, accommodations at the DoubleTree Guest Suites—New York City for four nights, two invitations to the Times Square 2000 celebration and \$1,000 spending money. Korbel plans to select the winning toast in Nov. 1999.

For details on the tour and other Korbel millennium activities, consumers should bookmark the Korbel interactive Web site at <[www.korbel.com](http://www.korbel.com)> for the latest information.



GARY HECK, president and chairman of Korbel Champagne Cellars, commissioned seven European expert glassblowers to create this masterwork in honor of the millennium. The nearly 120-liter champagne bottle is the largest in existence according to the *Guinness Book of Records*. It weighs more than 370 pounds, stands 5 feet tall and is the result of four years of planning. If poured, this Korbel bottle could serve an estimated 1,000 glasses of champagne. The world's largest champagne bottle will tour the nation throughout 1999 as part of Korbel's Millennium Practice Party Tour, making hundred of stops on its way to Times Square for New Year's Eve 1999.

## Two Snow Leopard Cubs Join the Roger Williams Park Zoo Family

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. said that two baby snow leopards, born at Roger Williams Park Zoo on May 21, have now made their public debut. The cubs, weighing less than a pound each at birth, have remained with their mother since they entered the world. Now tipping the scales at a bit more than eight pounds, the cubs are making their home on the zoo's Marco Polo trail.



Mayor Cianci said, "These births mark another first for our zoo, and a significant leap forward in terms of worldwide conservation. Snow leopards, rarely seen in the wild, are among the most endangered animals on earth. Only about 5,000 are believed to remain outside of captivity."

The proud parents of the newest additions to the zoo arrived in Providence in 1996, with the opening of the Marco Polo Trail.

Since shortly before the birth, the mother snow leopard has occupied a special off-exhibit denning area with her cubs. Both are thought to be girls.

Snow leopard are superb rock

climbers with the ability to jump 10 feet vertically and 40 feet horizontally from crouched position. They live in the Himalayan Mountains of central Asia, at the "roof of the world," from Afghanistan to China. Their distinguishing characteristics include a three-foot long tail and heavy, dense silver and black spotted fur. This thick, dense fur is the primary reason for their highly endangered status. Although it is illegal to hunt snow leopard, one pelt equals a year's income for the average person living in their native habitat.

Now through Sept. 5, Labor Day weekend, the zoo is hosting Leapin' Leopard Sundays. There will be exhibit presentations and a snow leopard craft as part of Storytelling Safaris on Aug. 15. On Aug. 22, 29 and Sept. 5, the zoo will offer craft activities and a chance for visitors to test their leaping skills in special animal education stations.

Roger Williams Park Zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Leapin' Leopard activities are free with regular Zoo admission which is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children aged 3 to 12, and seniors. Children under three are free. For more information, call the zoo at 785-3510.

## Flavored Vinegar Workshop in Exeter

Come learn the fine art of creating delicious homemade vinegars with garden herbs on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. at Fisherville Brook Wildlife Refuge in Exeter. Refuge manager Tara Nelson will spend the morning discussing different herbal uses and everyone will create a very special flavored vinegar to take home after the program. Bring a clear glass bottle (wine bottles work well) along with a cork.

The fee for the program is \$3 for Audubon members, \$1 for member children, \$5 for non-members, and \$2 for non-member children. There is an additional materials fee of \$8. Please pre-register by calling 295-8283.

Creating and using flavored vinegars is a great way to infuse the taste of herbs into all types of culinary dishes. Learn what herb combinations work well, and how to use the vinegar once it has been made.

To get a Fisherville Brook, take Route 4 to exit 5B (Route 102 North). Take 102 North for approximately 4 miles to Anderson Quality Furniture; turn right onto Widow Sweets Road and take the second right onto Pardon Joslin Road. The refuge parking lot is approximately 3/4 a mile on the right.

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## Join in Sculpturewalk

Does all the sculpture around Providence intrigue you? CapitolArts Providence has teamed up with the Rhode Island Historical Society to bring you "Artifacts: Sculpturewalk." The sculpture walk is part of the Summer Walks series which runs Tuesdays through Saturdays through Oct. 14. "Artifacts: A Sculpturewalk" takes you on an interesting look at the past and present of public sculpture in Providence and how this work reflects our cultural heritage.

"Artifacts: A Sculpturewalk" starts at Paddle Providence in Memorial Park, located near the intersection of South Main and College Streets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Tour guides take participants on a 90-minute walk along the River Walk, into Waterplace Park, and then through Downcity. Guides shed light on the contemporary sculpture which is installed as part of the city's annual Convergence International Arts Festival. These works are created by local, national, and international artists and the work is installed on a temporary basis. This walk is a

great way to find out more about the sculpture, the artists, and the thought behind the work before it leaves the city for a museum or sculpture park.

The tour also includes permanent works including the World War I monument, Civil War Memorial and the Bajnotie Fountain in Burnside Park. Guides will tell the rich history of these works and discuss the context in which they were created. "Artifacts: A Sculpturewalk" gives insight into both the evolving role of public art in Providence and its historical importance.

Comfortable shoes are recommended. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (7 to 17). A combination ticket is available when you take the tour and visit the John Brown House, \$14.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children (7 to 17). Reservations are not required. RI Historical Society member and senior discounts available. For more information, call 438-0463 or 331-8575. You can also e-mail <www.provwalk@aol.com> or <www.walkingtours@rihs.org>

## 88th Army Band Brings a Piece of History to Providence

Get ready to hear the sounds of American history when the 88th Army Band comes to Providence on Aug. 14. The 88th Army Band will give a free concert at Waterplace Park at 7 p.m. as part of the Liberty Concert Series. Today's 88th Army Band remains the final product of the consolidation of three former army bands. The oldest band dates back to June 1892 in the Rhode Island Militia. On July 2, 1946, the 88th Army Ground Forces Band joined forces with the 125th Army Ground Forces Band to form the current 88th Army Band.

Army music is more than just a marching band. Few musical performances can offer the spirit, victory and culture that the 88th Army Band provides. Presidents and prime ministers, kings and queens, civilian as well as military audiences have all enjoyed the music of the Army for hundreds of years. This is sure to be an event to delight audiences of all ages, so bring the whole family and experience the 88th Army Band as they enhance the image of America.



## 'Children of Eden' Will Play at Cranston High School

Rehearsing for the Cranston Community Theatre's production of "Children of Eden," being presented for the first time in Rhode Island, are, left to right, Michael Zola as Adam and Angela Williams as Eve. Performances of the musical by Stephen Schwartz and John Cairra will be presented at the Cranston High School West Auditorium on Aug. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 15 at 3 p.m. For ticket information and reservations, call 825-2219. "Children of Eden" traces Adam and Eve's adventures as the first couple to face the delights and heartbreaks of parenthood. In Act II, we journey with Noah's family and their fellow travelers as they valiantly sail the ark into the unknown. In a heartfelt and frequently humorous manner, the musical examines the age-old conflict between parents and children. First Adam and Eve, then Noah and his wife, and always the "Father" who created them, must deal, in their turn, with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message that "the hardest part of love... is letting go." With comedy, drama, song and dance galore, "Children of Eden" is truly a show for all ages.

Photo by Bert Silverberg

## Michelob Classic to Benefit Big Brothers of Rhode Island

For the eighth successive year, McLaughlin and Moran, Inc. is sponsoring the Michelob Classic Golf Tournament for Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Inc. It will be held on Aug. 16 at the Wannamoisett Country Club, Rumford, R.I., with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

A full day is planned to make this tournament an enjoyable day for all. Golfers will enjoy a steak dinner. Trophies will be presented for low net and low gross. Each player will receive a gift that includes a hat, golf balls and tees. There will be many other prizes awarded. One lucky golfer could win a new automobile for a hole in one on a designated hole. There will be a Sports/Celebrity Auction that includes: Autographed baseball by Cal Ripken, autographed football by Drew Bledsoe, autographed photo from John Elway and much more.

Monies raised will benefit the Big Brothers of Rhode Island, an organization that provides mentoring to fatherless boys.



## Model Search and Auditions in Rhode Island

Lauren A. Krol, executive director of the Barbizon Modeling Agency, is coming to Warwick, R.I., on Aug. 17 to conduct complimentary auditions at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, located on Post Road near the T.F. Green Airport.

Krol will be looking for girls ages 10 to 25 to train for TV commercials, films, magazines, fashion shows and other modeling opportunities in the Boston area. No experience is required. This event will be limited to one day only, from 2 to 8 p.m., and is by reservation only.

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

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The Antiques Roadshow rolls into the Rhode Island Convention Center on Aug. 21. Those wishing to have their items appraised will begin lining up outside of the Convention Center well before 7:30 a.m.

At 7:30 a.m., tickets will be distributed, on a first-come first-serve basis for one of three scheduled appraisal times — 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. Items for appraisal are limited to two per person. For more information, call the RICC at 458-6000.

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## Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta Sails into Newport

The Leukemia Society of America will be hosting its fifth annual Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta on Aug. 21. A \$75 registration fee will be required for those registering until Aug. 20. All boats competing are doing so in honor of a patient who is currently living with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease or myeloma locally, here in Rhode Island.

All boats are highly encouraged to fund raise as they are desperately needed to support a local researcher at Brown University as well as to provide funding for the society's patient aid program. The society raised \$50,000 from the 1998 Leukemia Cup Regatta for these causes. Incentives are given to fund raise and may include: Leukemia Cup Regatta hats, T-shirts, henleys, and a chance to win a Volvo Cross Country. Additionally, awards and prizes are given to those boats who raise the most money. The highest fund raising boat will be awarded the Leukemia Cup, a handmade perpetual trophy which will be housed at the

winner's yacht club for one year. Other prizes include a Fantasy Sail weekend with ESPN commentator and Leukemia Cup Regatta Chairman Gary Jobson, a Mooring Yacht Charter for five days, a half-day cruise in Newport on a classic 12-Meter yacht for 12 to 14 guests, a chance to win a year 2000 Volvo, West Marine duffel bags and more! Sailing awards will also be awarded to those who place in their class.

After racing out on Narragansett Bay has come to an end, a social will take place. This includes dinner — skippers eat free — cocktails, raffles and a live auction. Items to be auctioned off include a limited addition painting donated by world-famous marine painter John Meccray and more. Additionally, at this time the fund-raising and sailing awards are distributed to all recipients.

If you are interested in participating in the fifth annual Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta, or in volunteering, please call (800) 528-4730 or 943-8888 for more information.

# OBITUARIES

**MORTON L. BLASBALG**  
EAST GREENWICH — Morton L. Blasbalg, 71, of 22 River Run, founder and former owner of K. Feeders Enterprises, died Aug. 5 at home. He was the husband of Inez Lenore (Rosenberg) Blasbalg.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Hyman and Jean (Hassenfeld) Blasbalg, he had lived in Providence and Warwick before moving to East Greenwich 15 years ago. He also lived in Boynton Beach, Fla.

He was the former owner of Kent Electric and Appliance Co. and operating manager and founder of K Realty Co.

An inventor, he had numerous patents for bird feeders. He was a graduate of Brown University, Class of 1949. He was a member of Temple Am David and lifetime member of the Atlantic Salmon Association and the National Lawn and Garden Distribution Association. He was a member of the Quidnesset Country Club and the East Greenwich Yacht Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Dr. Mark Blasbalg of Coventry, Larry Blasbalg of North Kingstown, Paul Blasbalg of Barrington and Jordan Blasbalg of East Greenwich; a daughter, Rhonda Reuter of Barrington; and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 8 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel.

**HARVEY POLLOCK**  
WARWICK —

Harvey Pollock, 72, of 84 Aurora Dr., a salesman for Anderson-Little clothing stores for more than 25 years, retiring 10 years ago, died Aug. 8 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Arlene (Gumbiner) Pollock.

Born in Providence, a son of the late David and Esther (Bernstein) Pollock, he lived in Warwick for 42 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Eric and Lee Pollock, and a daughter, Jodi Moore, all of Warwick; two grandchildren and a nephew. He was the brother of the late Ann Churnick.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 10 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The funeral was private. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

**JEANNETTE ESTHER RESNIK**

PROVIDENCE — Jeannette Esther Resnik, 93, of Oak Hill Nursing Center, Pawtucket, a former teacher, lecturer and translator of Yiddish poetry, died Aug. 7 at the center. She was the wife of the late Morris Shoham and the late Nathan Resnik.

Born in Ozorkow, Poland, a daughter of the late Tobias and Eva Bella (Zawatsky) Strick, she moved to this country in 1913, settled in East Greenwich and later moved to Providence. She also lived in Petach Tikvah, Israel.

She taught Hebrew in

Woonsocket and Sharon, Mass. In 1954, she moved to Petach Tikvah, where she taught English and organized the Americans and Canadians in Israel, a group designed to assist newcomers with the adjustment to living in a new country.

She taught the Bible to various women's groups and worked as a Yiddish translator. Her English translations of *The People of Exodus*, by Yitchock Perov, appeared in 1960; *Silent Tears*, by Eliezer Kazier, in 1961; and *Bontche Zweig*, by Y.L. Peretz, in 1972.

After she returned to the United States, she pursued organizational work in Hadassah, Mishkan Tefilah Sisterhood, Pioneer Women, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Zionist Organization of America. She was a well-known speaker on Zionist issues and a narrator of the Yiddish tales of Sholom Aleichem and Peretz.

She had been a secretary for Rabbi Jacob Sunderling, Rabbi Maurice Mazuer and Rabbi Morris Schussheim at Temple Beth Israel, Providence. She was the first executive secretary of the United Jewish Appeal, now the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

She received a commercial degree from Bryant & Stratton College, now Bryant College.

She leaves a niece, Tamra Mark Baron of New York; two nephews, Harold Mark in Connecticut and Dr. Robert Greenberg of New York; a stepson, Sol L. Resnick of Providence; a stepdaughter, Dr. Beverly Blazar of Sharon, Mass.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 8. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

**DIANE M. SALMANSON**

PROVIDENCE — Diane M. Salmanson, 52, of 37 Glen Dr., a teacher in the Johnston school system, died Aug. 6 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. She was the wife of Jerrold Salmanson.

Born in New York, a daughter of Martin and Toby (Wolf) Salomon of Providence, she lived in Brockton, Mass., before she moved to Providence 28 years ago.

A board member of the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, she was involved with their charitable fund-raising. She was a board member of Temple Emanu-El, and was active in fund-raising and other activities at the Wheeler School as well as with several philanthropic Jewish organizations.

She was a 1968 cum laude graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a degree in education.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves a son, David Salmanson, a daughter, Lauren Salmanson, both of Providence; and a sister, Lynn Leone of Glastonbury, Conn.

The funeral was held Aug. 9 in Temple Emanu-El, Sessions Street and Morris Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**ARLENE L. SALZBERG**

PROVIDENCE — Arlene L. Salzberg, 68, of 341 Simmonsville Ave., died Aug. 4 at Philip Hular Inpatient Center, Providence. She was the wife of the late Abraham Salzberg.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret (Phenes) Miller, she had lived in Providence and War-

wick before moving to Johnston about 14 years ago.

She leaves a daughter, Lori Salzberg of Cranston, and a brother, Robert Miller of Boynton Beach, Fla.

A graveside service was held Aug. 6 at Sinai Memorial Park, 100 Harrison Ave., Warwick. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

**SYLVIA F. SETTLOW**

FALL RIVER — Sylvia F. Settlow, 73, of 27 Courtney St., died Aug. 5 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Isadore and Lillian (Levitt) Settlow, she lived in Fall River most of her life.

She was a life member of Hadassah and the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged, where she was the volunteer coordinator, Temple Beth-El and Congregation Adas Israel and their Sisterhoods. She volunteered for the Jewish War Veteran's Women's Auxiliary.

She had been a treasurer for the Tansey School PTA and a Girl Scout leader. She attended New York University, the University of Miami and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and was a graduate of BMC Dufree High School.

She leaves two daughters, Andrea S. Manning of Fall River and Karen S. Lovett of Cranston; a son, Bradley S. Silver of Sharon, Mass.; two brothers, Murray Settlow of Fall River and Allan Settlow of West Orange, N.J.; a sister, Florence R. "Pat" Herman of Mashpee, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 8 at Temple Beth-El, 385 High St. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

**BERTHA SMALL**

PROVIDENCE — Bertha Small, 93, of 20 Randall St., a businesswoman and active volunteer whose association with

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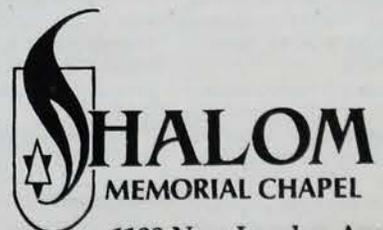


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## Obituaries

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volunteering dated back to World War II when she served as a Gray Lady for the Red Cross, died Aug. 1 at Oak Hill Nursing Center, Pawtucket. She was the wife of the late Edward Small.

Born in Hungary, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pincus Fischer, she came to the United States in 1923, settling in New York City. She moved to Providence as a young woman and lived in the city for the rest of her life.

She was the longest serving volunteer at Miriam Hospital and last October was honored at the Mayor's Own Volunteer Luncheon at Roger Williams Park Casino. Her association with Miriam began in 1963 and continued even though she lost much of her sight 12 years ago and was legally blind.

Prior to that, she typically put in three days a week as a volunteer in such areas as Intensive Care and the Family Support Unit.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Haddassah.

She leaves two sons, Sanford Small of Easton, Conn., and Martin Small of Hamden, Conn.; a sister, Ann Fischer in Israel; and two grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Martin Fischer. She had three sisters and a brother who died in Hitler's concentration camps, as were her mother and father.

The service was held Aug. 5 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I. Interment was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Eagleburger

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states where none currently exists."

Eagleburger acknowledged the crucial role played by Dr. Israel Singer, who was present, in organizing the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (Eagleburger is the chairman of the commission). The purpose of the commission is to assist Holocaust victims and their heirs to obtain payment on outstanding insurance claims.

The most immediate task, and one which he warned might take a great deal of time, is to identify as many potential claimants as possible. To that end, the commission has contracted with Yad Vashem, in Jerusalem, to maintain the necessary archives. Eagleburger pointed out that all 70,000 Jews in Austria following the Anschluss were required to register, listing their name, address and assets. Among those assets there will be insurance policies that could be claimed today. As the commission uncovers these names and policies,

dumb, befuddled, feeling guilty for all this discomfort I was causing. Yes, of course it's wonderful you're finding out more about your heritage, but you don't need to go overboard. Can't you discover your Jewish identity without being so extreme about it? You're going back to the Old World.

Recently they came from America for the wedding. All the relatives—the agnostics and the Conservatives, the Orthodox and the atheists and the female rabbi, the Reconstructionist and the Federation activists and the Jews for whom Jewishness seems so irrelevant that they don't bother to define themselves—we kept joining hands to dance. We danced and danced and danced, not for one hour or two or three or four but 'til the wee hours of the morning, men on one side, women on the other, in what my mother, amazed, called "an explosion of joy that just kept exploding all night," hundreds of us, dancing as if nothing else in the world existed but our feet and our songs and our exhilaration.

What was it that lifted us up off the floor like that, almost as one person? For my part, it wasn't only what any mother feels upon seeing her daughter arrive safely on the opposite shore; it was tasting the first fruits. Here was the first generation born into this way of life after the break in continuity, which had occurred, in my particular family tree, two and three generations back. Here were a young woman and a young man

they will advertise worldwide for claimants.

The commission's search coincides with a current project at Yad Vashem, called Pages of Testimony, which also seeks to document for posterity the names of all Jewish Holocaust victims.

Eagleburger concluded with a prediction that the 21st century will be marked by many instances of regional instability such as we have seen in Yugoslavia. Based on his seven years experience in that country, he felt that all sides have a history of outrageous conduct. Nevertheless, he concluded that perhaps we should have done more, earlier to stabilize the region. The American people will no longer tolerate "ethnic cleansing" and the displacement of large populations. We have, he says, a role to play. We have a responsibility to act in humanitarian crises, to prevent or ameliorate them. We must not forget the tragedy of our failure to confront the Holocaust in time.

## Adam and Eve

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who've grown up in a society that emphasizes not a person's desires for satisfaction but his or her responsibilities; a society that says everything he or she does in the world has meaning, and importance, in ways that transcend human understanding. And one of this society's more noticeable hallmarks, for those looking on from the side, has always been that daunting separation of men and women—a custom that to uninvolved observers seems so oddly archaic and unnecessary as to be outrageous. Why the all-girl, all-boy schools, why those weddings and bar-mitzvahs and synagogues that insist on men on one side, women on the other?

Here was Yael, with all the friends with whom she had grown up, girls who didn't need to devote their girlhoods to trying to be attractive to the opposite sex, who never had to regard each other as competition, nor themselves as objects. And in another sphere, Yehezkel and his community of beloved friends, holding hands and dancing jubilantly on their side of the mehitzah, and hidden from those young men's view, the unrestrained, absolutely celebratory and exultant dancing of the young women, who have imbibed from their earliest days on the planet the understanding that we're each given precisely what we need to get, if we only have eyes to see; that we can rejoice in another person's happiness because it can't infringe on our own. It's society in which children don't judge each other by their clothes, or their coolness, or their good or bad looks; in which the ideal is to perceive each of us as bearing the divine image.

Mine was the joy of seeing with my own eyes what all those years had been for. All those years of mutual embarrassment and mutual apologies for hurting the people we most love, and their subtle sense of having been repudiated by my choice. All was worth it for the two children who have never been wounded by other relationships, so that neither is afraid now of giving himself and herself wholeheartedly, extravagantly, splendidly.

We were all in an old world together, that's for sure, but not the one they expected—not the stereotyped caricature of Orthodox Jewry to which they were accustomed. We were in the old world that is forever a new world, one that's greener, lusher and fresher in our days, one can say now with hindsight, for having been pruned in the tragic cut-offs that first occurred in Europe a hundred or so years ago: the world that lives like a hidden oasis within all of us, the Garden of Eden. When all is stripped away, what are any of us left with? What matters?

The dream at the center of the world: a young man and a young woman, in love for the first time.

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Sarah Shapiro is a writer living in Jerusalem.

## Camp Jori

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painted the exterior of the dining room, painted and renovated the tennis courts, fiberglass the pool, improved the bunks and added about 40 new beds each session," said Guttin.

Program improvements include a brand-new Leaders-in-Training program for 14- to 15-year-old, a radio station, a boating program operated at nearby Indian Lake, an artist-in-residence program that this year features noted ceramist Bruce Lenore, and the addition of Cranston West tennis coach Steven Matzner to the staff.

Over the past winter, said Guttin, JORI staff worked very hard on recruitment, attending camp fairs and going to synagogues to make sure their program was noticed. "Jewish camping in general is doing quite well," she said, pointing to "Expectations, Education, and Experience of Jewish Professional Leaders," a well-publicized study published in 1995 by the Wexler Foundation that pointed to the importance of Jewish camps as a continuity factor. This community building aspect is a key part of JORI life, said Guttin. "The most important thing we do here is build

a sense of community where kids take chances and try new things," she explained. "Jewish children from Burrillville come here and meet Jewish children from Providence, and we all respect one another in an equal way.

"The programs have gradually improved a lot," said Steve Hackett, a 15 year old from Middletown who has attended the camp for eight summers. "It really has a family environment. At first I didn't think the new property was a good idea, but now I think it would be for the best since the camp grows every year."

Eight-year-old Cara Kaplan of Barrington was less aware of the new developments. "I like coming here," she said. "There are a lot of people here that you already know and you can also make new friends. Arts and crafts is my favorite activity—I made a set of candle holders and I will probably give them to my mother when I get home."

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## Firefighters Ask You to 'Fill-the-Boot' for MDA

Firefighters save lives in more ways than rescuing people from burning buildings and extracting victims from car wrecks. Another way they help is with the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual "Fill-the-Boot" campaign.

From now through Labor Day, thousands of firefighters and emergency medical technicians help raise money for MDA programs.

As you drive, you'll see firefighters at street corners and shopping centers asking for help to "Fill-the-Boot" — literally by dropping spare change into empty firefighters' boots.

The campaign is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters. Firefighters are also active in raising money for "Jerry's kids" through golf outings, bowling tournaments and the Jerry Lewis MDA telethon.

The IAFF is MDA's largest national sponsor, with fire departments participating in almost every city and town — 1999 marks the IAFF's 45th anniversary as an MDA national sponsor. Its partnership with MDA dates back to 1954.

Funds raised by the IAFF help support MDA's patient services,

clinics, summer camps, community education and research programs. Every year, firefighters and EMTs have met or exceeded their target pledge amount.

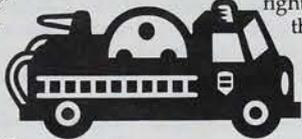
IAFF President and MDA National Vice President Al Whitehead said that MDA is a great cause since so much of the money goes directly to the people who need it.

"Firefighters like to be involved at the local level," Whitehead said. "MDA is a good match, since it is also very grassroots-based. As firefighters work on 'Fill-the-Boot,' serve as MDA camp counselors and help with other MDA events, they're just doing what comes naturally — helping people in their own communities."

"We're extremely grateful to IAFF for helping us 'fight the good fight,'" MDA National Chairman Jerry Lewis said. "Firefighters put in a tremendous amount of hard work. They love to help people, especially children. They do an incredible job for MDA."

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To find out more about the "Fill-the-Boot" campaign, call MDA at (800) 572-1717, or visit <www.mdaua.org>.



## Trigger Locks Given Away at Gun Safety Fairs

Rhode Island, The Miriam, Bradley, Newport, Kent and South County Hospitals are joining with police departments from Providence, East Providence, Newport County, Warwick, Coventry, North and South Kingstown to distribute 2,250 free trigger locks to area residents during a series of gun safety fairs. The Rhode Island Prevention Coalition and Rhode Island Medical Society are supporting the effort to help keep families safe. Health care professionals and police officers have growing concerns about handgun violence and protecting the health and safety of children and families.

At the gun safety fairs, doctors will discuss handgun injury prevention and police officers will demonstrate the proper way to use the trigger locks. The locks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to adults (over age 18) as long as the locks last at each site. There is a limit of one free gunlock per person. Participants must sign a release before receiving the trigger locks, however, no other personal information is needed. Spanish interpreters will be available at the Community College of Rhode Island and Martin Luther King School sites. NO guns

should be brought to any gun safety fair site.

The partnership began with the Lifespan Community Health Institute buying 1,600 trigger locks at cost, which will be distributed at four sites — two in Providence, one in East Providence and one in Newport. South County Hospital purchased 200 gunlocks for distribution in North and South Kingstown. Kent bought 250 gunlocks to distribute in Warwick and Coventry. The Rhode Island Prevention Coalition donated money to buy 200 more gunlocks, which will be divided among all sites. The Rhode Island Medical Society is providing the written materials for distribution at all sites.

The sites are as follows:  
**Aug. 12** — Newport Police Dept., Broadway, 3 to 5 p.m.

**Aug. 14** — Office of Dr. Timothy Manown, 1620 Nooseneck Hill Rd., Coventry, 10 a.m. to noon.

**Aug. 17** — Martin Luther King School, 33 Camp St., Providence. Spanish interpreters available. Noon to 2 p.m.

Potter Conference Center, South County Hospital, 10 Kenyon Ave., Wakefield, 2 to 6 p.m.

**Aug. 18** — N. Kingstown Police Dept., 8166 Post Rd. North Kingstown, 2 to 6 p.m.

For further information on the gun safety fairs and trigger lock distribution, call the Trigger Lock hotline at (877) 543-7726, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This information is also available online on the Health Channel web site <www.oso.com> or <www.lifespan.org>.

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## JCCRI Sports Camp Hits the Links

The Maccabi Sports Camp of the JCCRI Summer Day Camps has spent the summer of '99 learning new sports and making lasting friendships! (Pictured here is Kirstyn Hodziewich learning to play golf).

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

At the JCCRI summer camps children will have the opportunity to explore new interests and develop lasting friendships while having a summer filled with fun! For more information, call Marcy Lifter at 861-8800, ext. 147.

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