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News At A Glance

- A popular internet site that operated in the United States was shut down last weekend because of suspicions that it was offering illegal software. A 14-year-old Israeli boy operated the internet site. The Elkayam Networks Company that hosts the site received complaints that the site was offering free downloading of pirated programming and games, including Windows '98, Office 2000, Norton programs, and others, including the necessary passwords to operate the pirated programs. The site's contents were examined and there were found materials concerned with breaking into computers and connections to sites offering illegal and pirated programming. The American company that supports Elkayam Network has demanded that a complaint be made to the Police Computer Crimes Unit against the Israeli youth within two weeks.
- Officials of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York City have acknowledged that following the shooting attack last week in a Los Angeles Jewish community center, Jewish institutions in the NYC area have been told to exercise increased vigilance. New York City police are also cooperating — giving special attention to institutions, which may be at higher risk to a hate attack. Officials quickly added they were acting in a cautious manner and not based on intelligence information pointing to the likelihood of an attack.
- Commenting on the attack which took place Aug. 10 in a Jewish community center near Los Angeles, Prime Minister Ehud Barak said "the attack is very grave, in terms of the international significance of the spread of terrorism against Israelis and Jews. This attack is part of a series of serious anti-Semitic acts all over the world," *Yediot Aharonot* reported. Rabbi Michael Melchior, who is the minister in charge of the Diaspora and social affairs in the prime minister's office, described the assault as "vicious and abhorrent." He expressed concern due to the increase in violent and anti-Semitic acts occurring in the United States and in other parts of the world.

An Act of Violence Rips Through the Community

Local leaders and community centers react to the Los Angeles Shootings
by Kimberly Ann Orlandi
Herald Editor

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs

Maybe that was the problem in the case of Buford O'Neal Furrow the man, who in a matter of minutes altered the lives of children and adults alike when he allegedly walked silently into a Jewish community center on Aug. 10 in Granada Hills, Calif., spraying ammunition from an automatic weapon. His victims: a 68-year-old woman who was the secretary at the center, two 6-year-old boys, a 16-year-old girl and most critically a 5-year-old boy. His reasoning — "a wake-up call to kill American Jews," except these victims were not just Jews, they were children — innocent youngsters concerned more with playing with friends than grappling with the evils of society.

According to the 1997 statistics released from the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, there were 8,049 reported cases of hate crimes nationwide; 59% of those were racially motivated, with 15% motivated by religious bias. Although the trend in hate crimes, overall, has declined in recent years, it is still an issue which needs immediate attention.

"We've never seen any incidents here like the one in Los Angeles," said Diane Kolb of the Anti-Defamation League, Boston. "With the exception of a murder a few years back of a skinhead, what we mainly see, when we do, are random acts of graffiti like the one a few months ago at a temple in Sharon, Mass."

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, of Montgomery, Ala., a law practice founded in 1971 by attorneys Morris Dees and Joe Levin dedicated to eradicating bias and prejudice based on religion, sex and ethnicity, the most recent hate crime in Rhode Island occurred on Aug. 31, 1998 in Charlestown when a pornographic photo was attached to a gay man's door. In November of that same year, Providence

police reported a hate message left on the voice mail of the Affirmative Action Office at the University of Rhode Island.

But do these otherwise non-violent acts of hatred lead to violent acts of rage? It's unlikely, according to Kolb. Those who commit these cowardly murderous acts of violence are usually members of organizations which promote hatred — groups, according to Kolb, the Northeast doesn't have many of. "They are more prevalent and active in the West and Midwest," said Kolb. And it is those groups to which Furrow is said to have ties.

For nearly 15 years, members of The Order (also known as Bruders Schweigen or Silent Brotherhood) have been terrorizing innocent people around the country. Their founder, Robert Mathews, was killed in a stand-off with federal agents at his home on Whidbey Island in Washington in 1984. For many years, Mathews had been an active recruiter for the National Alliance, the largest and most active neo-Nazi organization in the country. It is these organiza-

tions to which Furrow has been found to have significant ties. According to the SPLC, Furrow is listed in a data base which is maintained by the CIA. Mark Potok, editor of the CIA's *Intelligence Report*, has said Furrow was a member of the Aryan Nations in 1995 and that they have a photograph of Furrow taken in a Nazi uniform at the Aryan Nations compound in Idaho.

The organization, which models itself after a group depicted in *The Turner Diaries*, a novel written by William Pierce, head of the National Alliance, has committed numerous acts of violence over the years, including the 1984 murder of Denver talk show host Alan Berg, who was gunned down in the

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Help For Fighting Hate is On the Way

On Sept. 20, the Southern Poverty Law Center's web site will launch *Responding to Hate at School: A Guide for Teachers, Counselors and Administrators and Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide*. At the same time, the center will begin mailing free copies of these resources to every school principal in the United States. Individual educators may order free copies after the release date.

Developed by the award winning Teaching Tolerance program, in consultation with school officials from across the nation, *Responding to Hate at School* contains the best advice the center has to offer. The guide contains proven strategies, model policies and concrete recommendations for addressing both everyday problems and emergency situations that schools may face.

Ten Ways to Fight Hate is an updated and expanded version of a current center publication that is designed to help individuals and communities promote tolerance, prevent hate events and crimes, and respond effectively to those that do occur. Copies will be mailed to every United States mayor, governor, state attorney general and congressman. *Ten Ways* will also be distributed to thousands of police and human relations professionals.

For more information, visit the Southern Poverty Law Center's web site at www.splcenter.org



Presidential Medal of Freedom Recently Bestowed

Edgar M. Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, is congratulated by former President Gerald Ford. Both were awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton (far right) at a White House ceremony on Aug. 11. As president of the World Jewish Congress, Bronfman has fought persecution, helped preserve Jewish heritage, and struggled to secure justice for victims of the Holocaust. First lady Hillary Clinton assisted in the awards ceremony.

Photo by Marshall H. Cohen, photojournalist

HAPPENINGS

Entertainment for Children

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

AUGUST

- 22 **Balloon Badminton.** 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 3 and up use miniature racquets and play a silly version of the beloved game.
- 23 **Creative Studio.** 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 3 and up use their imaginations to create amazing works of art with reusable materials.
- 24 **Emergency!** 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 3 and up board an ambulance, meet EMT's and find out what happens when you dial 911.
- 25 **Animals in the Wild.** 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up meet a turtle expert and a troupe of real turtles. Become well versed in turtle trivia and find out where you can visit turtles in the wild.
Pet Pals: Reptile Invasion. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Children ages 4 to 7 listen to reptile stories, meet cold-blooded specimens and make a reptile project.
- 26 **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.

Open House For Y's Owl Nursery School

The Cranston YMCA Y's Owl Nursery School will be having Family Night for the Nursery School Program. The Family Night will be held Aug. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cranston YMCA. It will be an opportunity for the child to meet his/her teacher and to become acquainted with the school.

The Nursery School Program is state certified and has experienced staff. The preschool program offers personality growth in an enriching and a safe environment as well as swimming lessons and preschool gym each week.

Antoinette Hoffman, director of the nursery school, has been with the school since 1973. She, along with her staff, will be available to answer questions regarding the school's curriculum.

The Y's Owl Nursery School offers a five-, three- or two-day per week morning program. For more information, call the Y at 943-0444 or stop by at 1225 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I.

Calendar: August 19th thru August 25th

- 19 **Weekend of Coaching** in Newport. The event recaptures an era of elegance when the Vanderbilts, Belmonts and Astors paraded along Bellevue Avenue. Exhibition of driving skills, horn-blowing contest, description of carriages. Aug. 19 through 22. Call 847-1000.
- 20 **Mr. Las Vegas** himself, Wayne Newton, brings his show to Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Aug. 20 and 21 at 9 p.m. Tickets \$38.50 and \$49.50. Call (800) 200-2882.
Leukemia Cup Regatta, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Fort Adams State Park, Newport. All sailors invited to participate. PHRF, One Design, Cruising Class and 12-Meters. Social follows competition. Call 943-8888.
- Country great Kenny Rogers** makes an appearance at the Warwick Musical Theatre, Quaker Lane. 8 p.m. Call 821-7300.
- 21 **The Paw Sox** takes on Buffalo, Aug. 21 and 22 at McCoy Stadium. Call 274-7300.
Wet Paint Auction '99. A live auction featuring oils, pastels, watercolors. Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport. Aug. 21 and 22. Call 848-8200.
Join Perspectives for Havdallah in the Park and Waterfire. Say goodbye to Shabbat and welcome the new week in the park on Congdon Street, between Bowen and Cushing streets, at 8:30 p.m. Then head down the hill to Waterfire. Call 863-9357 to R.S.V.P.
- The Antiques Roadshow**, PBS's most watched television show, will make a stop at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Call (888) 762-3749, ext. 3752, for information on times.
Farmers Market, Hope High School, corner of Olney and Hope streets, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every Saturday now until the end of October.
- 22 **Touro Synagogue Reading** of George Washington Letter. The annual event features a reading of a letter written to the synagogue in 1790 by President George Washington. The letter set the standard for civil liberties and religious freedoms in America. 1 p.m. Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport. Call 847-4794.
After enjoying the reading at Touro Synagogue, head over to the International Yacht Restoration School, 449 Thames St., Newport, for the 4th annual Family Day, 1 to 7 p.m. Entertainment for the entire family.
Hold onto your seats ladies! Engelbert will be on stage at the Warwick Musical Theatre at 8 p.m. Call 821-7300.
- 24 **Theatre-by-the-Sea**, 364 Cards Pond Road, Matunuck, presents "Dames at Sea." Aug. 24 through 31. Call 782-8587 for tickets.

Treasures of Tuscany

Join Barrington Community School Director Sandi Tinyk as she celebrates the "Treasures of Tuscany" in a slide-talk at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, on Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Savor the romance of Italy and the genius of great men as you explore the art, history, and scenic beauty of Tuscany. In Florence, explore the most important holdings of the Uffizi and the Galleria dell'Accademia, the 15th century Duomo, and scenic views of the city which breathed life into the Italian Renaissance. In addition, take a look at the beautiful resort town of Montecatini Terme, the former maritime republic of Pisa, the former Roman colony, Lucca, medieval San Gimignano and Siena, and the Etruscan and Roman ruins of Fiesole.

This talk concludes the library's Summer Slide Travelogues Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Barrington Public Library. It is free and open to all.

Dolls and Paintings at The Library

Barrington dollmaker Lynn Ruggieri will be exhibiting some of her dolls at the Barrington Public Library during the month of September. Ruggieri, who makes dolls under the label "L. Michelle," creates porcelain dolls as well as other unique ceramic pieces. These dolls and ceramic designs begin with clay poured into molds and fired in a kiln. The facial features of the dolls are then painted on by hand and refired. Ruggieri enjoys making bride dolls and recreating French and German dolls from the mid-19th century.

Another specialty is the creation of ceramic pieces such as swans, Victorian boots and angels, which, when filled with flowers can become centerpieces for festive tables. A variety of unique ceramic articles and dolls will be included in her display at the library.

Reflection and Inspiration

Before the High Holidays, it is the custom of the Jewish people to gather at the cemetery to visit the graves of relatives and teachers — to remember the sanctity of their lives and to gain inspiration for the coming year.

There are those that perished in the Holocaust who have no one to say *Kaddish* for them. This year, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford, Ahavath Achim Congregation and Tifereth Israel Congregation will join together, in front of the Holocaust Memorial Stone, at the Jewish Cemetery on Plainville Road on Aug. 29 at 12 p.m.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Hadassah to Honor Its Male Supporters at Annual Donor Event

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

The term "Hadassah man" may sound like an oxymoron, but for members of its Rhode Island chapter, it is anything but that. So on Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Hadassah will hold "Men Who Support Hadassah!" an annual donor event that will honor some of the men who have supported the organization and its members over the years.

Monika Curnett and Carol Schneider are event co-chairs, and honorees include Harvey Rappoport, Louis Millen, Jack Cokin, Mervin Bolusky and Herbert Spivack.

"Men Who Support Hadassah" will also feature "Uproar," an all-male a cappella quartet and a Viennese pastry buffet.

Tickets are \$36, and proceeds from the event will go to Hadassah Medical Organization, which is made up of two Israeli teaching and research hospitals located on Mount Scopus and in

Ein Kerem. The hospitals have a brand-new mother and child pavilion, an on-site hospice and training programs for doctors, nurses, dentists and public health professionals.

According to Curnett, the concept behind "Men Who Support Hadassah!" came about shortly after last year's donor event.

"Last year, we honored women" she said. "After it was over, we looked around the room and saw a group of men who have always been involved in many of our functions, either quietly or obviously. We thought it was time to honor them."

The idea was received favorably by the chapter, whose members sent in letters nominating their spouses, relatives or friends.

"This event is long overdue," said Rosalind Bolusky, who has been involved with Hadassah for 54 years. "We never could have accomplished what we have if our husbands didn't cooperate and encourage us."

A past president of the Fall

River and Pawtucket chapters, Bolusky nominated her husband, Mervin, for the honor.

"My husband has worked on many projects, including the gift wrapping campaign and the golf tour," she said. "Also, if I had to get to a meeting, I left him to do the dishes and look after the kids."

Hanna Rita Millen, who has been involved with Hadassah for some 40 years, also nominated her husband, Louis.

"I could not have done it without him," said Millen, who has chaired the Hadassah Israel Education Program for 15 years. She recalled how she and Louis once had to load up their car with 22 cases of oranges that he then carried into a number of private homes. "I felt that he and others in the group should be recognized."

Other members commented on how the drive to honor male associate members and supporters reflected the organization's trend toward modernization.

"I support them," explained Reva Curran, who nominated Cokin, a man who has worked for Hadassah both before and since his wife's passing. "They should get equal honors for equal time." Curnett said that as more women have entered the workforce, support from husbands and friends is even more vital.

"With our busy lives that include families and job, we really depend on them so that we can remain active volunteers," she said. "Also, a number of us just came back from the National Convention in Washington, D.C., and the convention really put forth just how much impact Hadassah has, not just on us and on Israel but around the world. There is a value to all of us here."

Rhode Island Chapter President Lorraine Rappoport also shared her feelings of gratitude toward her husband, honoree Harvey Rappoport, and her assessment of the changing organization.

"My husband has always been supportive of the things I wanted to do personally, and Hadassah was one of them," she said. "Also, we are trying to recognize the fact that we do have associate members. The fact that we are recognizing them is a step out of the mold — we have not done it in the past."

According to Rappoport, the Rhode Island chapter plans to uphold the organization's plans to modernize over the year to come.

"Hadassah has been in Rhode Island for decades," she said. "For various reasons, we came to the idea that we might function better as a single chapter than as the Providence, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, Kent County, South County and Newport groups. Now, we are all one chapter, and we hope that this will avoid the duplication of efforts to facilitate communication between members, and make us a more viable organization."

Because national demo-

graphic surveys showed that Hadassah's population was aging and that there was a national trend away from volunteerism, Hadassah is looking to appeal to younger women as well as older women, said Rappoport.

"We're giving ourselves a bit of a face-lift," she explained. "We want to get away from our dowdy, stuck-in-old-ways image."

Some of the newer changes at the national level include the creation of a Women's Health Department and the merging of the American Affairs and Israeli Affairs Departments into the Israel Zionist and International Affairs Department, and a new emphasis on political awareness.

"Hadassah is not a political organization," Rappoport explained. "However, we do encourage our members to be aware of political issues that affect them and that affect Israel, and we want them to follow their hearts."

On a more local level, the Rhode Island Chapter will continue its education format, which features Lunch and Learn program study sessions, and *al gal galim*, a new mommy-and-me playgroup program that has become very popular.

The Rhode Island Chapter also intends to continue its doll program at Hasbro Children's Hospital, and is also looking into expanding its community service programming.

Some of the "Men Who Support Hadassah!" honorees who have helped the organization meet its evolving goals are pleased yet surprised by the upcoming donor event.

"I helped out because [Hadassah] was a good cause and because I wanted to help Hanna Rita," said Millen. "I never knew anything would come of it."

"I feel very honored to be honored," said Bolusky. "If you have a Hadassah wife it's almost impossible not to help her. I hope that this event will serve as an incentive for other men to get involved."

JFRI Forms Young Leadership Council

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island has announced the formation of the Young Leadership Council, a new body that will represent community and Federation programs that reach out to young Jews between the ages of 25 and 45.

According to JFRI Director of Young Leadership Elisa Mirkin, the idea for the new council came about last year in response to rising numbers of young Jews who were looking to find their places within the growing numbers of JFRI programs.

"The lay leadership and I were both feeling frustrated," said Mirkin. "People were coming in, but there were not enough places to put them — two of four programs start in the fall. We really needed a way to coordinate our people."

At present the Federation offers LEADERS a yearlong program that teaches community members leadership development skills; the Breakfast Club, an outreach program for younger business people that features an address from a local business person and information about the Federation; and the Young Leadership Campaign Solicitor Training Program.

This year the Federation is adding a Men's Lunch Club, a lunch group with a speaker in downtown Providence that was modeled after the women's Net and Nosh group which has run successfully for two years; a wine and cheese reception to honor donors; and the Ben Gurion Society, a recognition level for households between the ages of 25 and 45 who make a minimum gift of \$1,000 to their local Federation campaign.

In addition, the Federation's long-standing Women's Division and Business & Professional Women's Affiliate recently reformed into the Women's Alliance and was identified as a way to reach out to younger women.

"There were too many frag-

ments, and they were in different places," said Mirkin. "Now, it's in my portfolio, and there is a Young Leadership Council, which David Soforenko will chair."

According to Soforenko and Mirkin, the Young Leadership Council will facilitate communication between the chairs of the various programs and will help to make sure that the needs of the respective groups and their members are met.

The Young Leadership Council will include about 10 people who will represent LEADERS, The Breakfast Club, the Men's Lunch Club, Perspectives, the Women's Alliance, B'reisheet, Perspectives and three representatives-at-large.

"There are far more younger leaders and participants," explained Soforenko, a 34-year-old Cumberland resident and Rhode Island native who initially got involved with the JFRI through the Breakfast Club. "There is a good core of persons who come to different events, and they are looking for a home." The Young Leadership Council, he said, will

serve a forum where community leaders can critique and share their thoughts.

"We need to share ideas," he said. "We want to make sure we're hitting our largest audience — young people between 20 and 45 years of age." According to Soforenko and Mirkin, the young dynamics have changed dramatically, largely because of improvements in data gathering and computerization as well as increased programming and more active recruitment techniques.

"We have a young leaders code in our computer now, and we have gone through it and added as many people as possible," said Mirkin. "We've poured over synagogue lists, and we have added names."

"It's a combination of things," explained Soforenko of the rise in young interest and activity. "There has been a focus on outreach, when someone comes to an event, we try to engage them and say hello. People do not just walk in and walk out. We have a better marketing list and a better marketing approach."



David Soforenko and Elissa Mirkin
Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

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OPINION

The Latest Clinton Con Job!

by Americans for a Safe Israel

Yes, we, too, were fooled by cunning Clinton's latest con job. When Bill Clinton exercised the waiver attached to the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, we assumed that what we had been told was true — that the president had the right to stall on the building of the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem if he felt that U.S. security would be endangered. Not true! The waiver only applied to the use of money for "acquisition and maintenance of buildings abroad." It has nothing to do with stopping the relocation of the embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal, indivisible capital. Clinton is in violation of U.S. law — and 84 U.S. senators wrote him a letter telling him so. It's time the American public did the same. As for Hillary, now is the time to prove to her New York public that she isn't merely mouthing statements in support of "indivisible Jerusalem." Let her use her influence with her husband and tell him to stop conning the

American people and to follow through on U.S. law. As Clinton pretends that what he's doing is legal, Mrs. Clinton unashamedly panders to the public. Let her actions, not mere words, disprove AFSI's claim that "Hillary Clinton is no friend of Israel."

Herbert Zweibon, chairman of Americans For a Safe Israel, quotes Arieh Stav, author of *The Israeli Death Wish*: "In case anyone has forgotten, Israel, and not the PLO, is Washington's official ally. Israel has five strategic agreements with the U.S., signed in 1975, 1981, 1983, 1985 and 1987... As a result, Israel is supposed to be, at least formally, Washington's ally. On the other hand, Arafat and many of the heads of his organization are, under American law, habitual criminals, leaders of terrorist gangs..." Zweibon asks, "Why, then, does Clinton continue to raise Arab expectations on Jerusalem by refusing to move the embassy? It is the Jewish capital of the Jewish State, and will never be anything else. The U.S. embassy should be moved there immediately."

ADL Expresses Outrage at Shooting at Jewish Community Center

The Anti-Defamation League expressed horror and outrage at the shooting attacks at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, Calif.

David A. Lehrer, regional director of ADL's Pacific Southwest Region issued the following statement: "We are confident that the perpetrator(s) will be... brought to justice for what we believe is a hate crime."

In light of the rash of hate crimes throughout the country, including the synagogue arsons in Sacramento and the shootings in the Midwest, the shooting at a Jewish Community Center has understandably led many to conclude this horrific incident was motivated by anti-Semitism. The recent tragic shootings at schools in Littleton, Colo., and Conyers, Ga., have focused public attention on another dimension of the problem — the ease with which virtually anyone is able to obtain a gun in America.

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

Hadassah Condemns Attack in Granada Hills

Strongly urges Congress to pass tougher gun control and hate crime legislation

Bonnie Lipton, national president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, deplored in the strongest of terms the Aug. 10 shooting at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, Calif.

In a statement, she said: "While this act of insanity hits particularly close to home for the Jewish community, we at Hadassah are also deeply concerned by the recent rash of violent acts plaguing our schools and communities. Long

a supporter of gun-control legislation, Hadassah believes that easy access to guns and automatic weapons is aiding and abetting those who are intent on committing evil acts. The incident — and the other recent acts of gun violence — should serve as a wake-up call to Congress to pass long overdue gun control laws that will provide stronger protection for all citizens, and especially for our children.

"We are likewise horrified by the hate component of [this] crime. It is hard to imagine that someone would be so motivated by hatred that he would attempt to extinguish the lives

of young children. As Jews and women, the members of Hadassah cannot help but have a special understanding of the dangers of bigotry. We believe that hate crimes threaten the viability of our community and that the federal government has an obligation to protect all of its citizens from such violence. We call upon Congress to immediately pass the pending federal legislation ["Hate Crimes Prevention Act"] to send a strong message that hate crimes against any group will not be tolerated.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, and their families."

Hate Crime in L.A.

To the Editor:

As we learn more about Buford Oneal Furrow, the man who reportedly opened fire on children at a Jewish [community] center in Los Angeles and killed Joe Ileteo, a Filipino American, we experience a sick sense of déjà vu. Once again, prejudice has turned violent. It is frightening to think it is happening again, so soon. But we should not be surprised.

As Sanford Cloud, Jr., national president and CEO of The National Conference for Community and Justice, observed:

"Our nation is experiencing a rash of prejudice and a wave of copycat crimes, all grounded in hate and targeted toward individuals because they are somehow different. The trauma directly experienced by the children in the [community] center is a mirror for a national trauma, where violent bigots are making hate crimes daily news stories.

"This pattern leaves us with choices. We can be silent but we know that is wrong. We can condemn the hate crimes but we know that is not enough. We can support comprehensive national and state hate crimes legislation as a reflection of the American value that all of us are equal and serve full opportunity to reach our potential. But that is not the complete answer. We must actively participate in the solution, come to know one another and learn how to work better together, and make our communities more inclusive for all."

We must do that in Rhode Island. Help NCCJ in the uphill effort to build a community of justice where prejudice turned to hate will not be tolerated.

Anthony Malone
Executive Director, R.I. & S.E. New England Region, NCCJ

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Of course! You're out of range of your favorite stations so you touch the "seek" and "scan" buttons and manage to find a local station that has the information you need.

Jewish teachings speak often about the importance of the individual reaching out to G-d, communicating with G-d through prayer and enhancing the relationship with G-d through the study of Torah and performance of *mitzvot*.

But isn't a relationship a two-way street? Shouldn't we expect G-d to reach out to us, as well?

G-d calls out to us through our soul, the Divine spark within each of us. Our sages explain that, even though we don't always hear it, "Every day a heav-

enly voice comes forth calling: 'Return to Me, my errant children.'"

This is similar to the scenario of the radio station described above. However, for the person to be aware of the signals and to hear the Divine call, the signals must also be received by the body, by the conscious mind. The soul, being part of G-d, always remains loyal to G-d and is always receptive to these signals, but the physical body, with its physical desires, may "interfere" with the reception and that

mentaries for thousands of years). Even in the worst cases of distortion and non-reception of G-d's call, the signals are there (for the soul is always receptive) but often remain buried in the subconscious. From the subconscious state of mind, impulses, thoughts and stimuli beg to be admitted into the conscious state. This is why an individual may suddenly experience an inner desire to find out more about Judaism, to reconnect with his roots, study more Torah or perform a *mitzvah*.

Since G-d is constantly calling to us, does this reduce the importance of our seeking H-m?

No! The Torah commands us, "And you shall seek G-d" (Deut. 4:29).

For unless we reciprocate and make an effort, the signals remain weak and, the way for us to respond to and strengthen the Divine signals is by studying Torah and doing *mitzvot*, and making them part of our daily lives.

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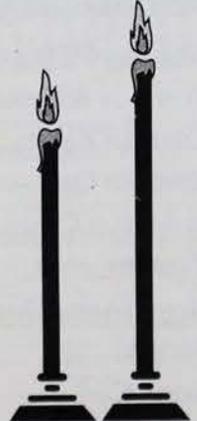
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Go There and Be There

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"I have to be honest with you. I didn't breastfeed all my children. There is a special bond with those I did. You take time with them. My mother-in-law supported and helped. We can't get so busy we forget the most important thing of all, our children."

Deloris Jordan came to Newport to say a few words about her famous son Michael for the celebration of World Breast-feeding Week. To cooling tents on the surfside lawn of the Eisenhower House at Fort Adams in Newport, Mrs. Jordan arrived by limousine. Elegant and gracious in a silver suit among women in special logo t-shirts, she shone and glittered and drew a happy crowd wherever she stepped.

My son, who wears Jordan sneakers and even keeps a cardboard cut-out statue of his basketball hero in his bedroom, greeted Mrs. Jordan politely and listened to her every pronouncement in her Carolina drawl. The Shaare Zedek Medical Center conferred its 1999 Raoul Wallenberg Hu-

manitarian Award on Mrs. Jordan. "Wallenberg wasn't Jewish, but he helped others. That's what I try to do. I also visited Israel, and even Alaska. I reach out as far as I can. I didn't write my book for myself. Publishers asked me to do it."

"I thought she was very intelligent," my son commented later while munching his picnic

Busloads of mothers and infants from the four corners of the state came to the parched acreage not just for its principal speaker and star, but for a series of events set up to promote better health for parents and children. Rhode Island is among the lowest states in its percentage of breastfeeding mothers. Yet clearly that is the best choice for all concerned, even for society itself. There was a touch of irony in the colored photo-portrait of Ike who presided over the era of the baby boom, when lactation went out of style and the postwar plastics industry found substitutes for all things.

Velvet thrones and silken loveseats offer comfort in the fancy parlors of the mansion. I found the baby whose circumcision at Temple Emanu-El was reported this past springtime. Things out of context always have charm.

"Be There" was the keynote theme of Jordan's visit. We were there. "Thanks for coming," my wife said gently. "You get everybody's story," said my son with a smile, and added, "But we forgot to get autographs."



Deloris Jordan in Newport
Herald photo by Mike Fink

lunch. After all, he gave up a river ride at Middle Bridge to keep me company over bigger bridges to watch his mother hold forth at one of the seminars, and to meet the greater mother of the sports world.

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Paths Not Taken

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Maud Lewis came into her world and family in Canada rather like a strange Thumbelina. She was a tiny gnome, forlorn and forgotten by siblings and strangers. In midlife she married a local fisherman well known at saloons. He had a house at the railroad tracks, and cooked and cut wood for his bride. He brought her paint cans he found floating near the docks where he kept his traps. She made pictures of their simple life on chunks of wood from the dump.

In time, like Grandma Moses, she won the esteem of the art world. President Nixon hung one of her paintings in the White House. After her death, he sent the widow a sympathy card. He sold it for a drink for a buck at the bar. Punks robbed and killed him. My school librarian sent me the book about the remarkable career of Maud Lewis. Get this though. She lived in Jew Cove!

My daughter Emily is spending her August vacation in this area of Nova Scotia. She called on her cell phone to tell me about her research into the origin of that name, "Jew Cove." "We think it's just a misspelling of 'Jewer's Cove,'" she told me. I love to search out the accidental poetry of coincidences. Maud Lewis

had the outsider insights which artists and Jews often share. I like to think of my friends, students, and particularly my children, as my ambassadors and special envoys in the great world, bringing me reports from afar into my wee kingdom.

My daughter Lily is spend-

ing and has some fine new muscles to show off for it.

A student interning in Oakland, Calif., called to invite me to the launching of a project called ArtShip, a 1939 art deco ship restored after World War II duty in the Pacific and serving as headquarters for a Peace University gathering of scholars. A Serbian Yugoslav named Slobodan (the word means "freedom" or "liberation") takes charge of the event and asks to ask me to come aboard. I figure I'll get a full report from my student, Johann Pauwen, in due time.

"You used to get up and go," my wife says, "and now you sit still and talk about going." She's right as usual. Travel seems more complicated than it used to be. There's the dog to think about, for one thing. Give her a pillow and she's all set for a long spell.

My grandfather used to say, "Just wait and whatever you were looking for will come to you." He was thinking about the shifting seasons. It's now the deep south here, where everybody was heading last January. By now, it's hit our coast in August.

I have many paths not taken. I wander in words. Those I care for fax me the news on a lazy postcard and I fix a glass of ice water and while away another afternoon.



Fala followed FDR everywhere.
Statue by sculptor Neil Estern

ing her summer in Washington, D.C., where my own research would have taken in the F.D.R. monument. She's working in a flower store, and also doing social service public relations. My son shoots baskets with troops of other boys in a U.R.I. gymnast-



"I Face Life Cheerfully"

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"If you look across the sand and surf, maybe there, in another time zone, the soul, the past, may still hide in the shimmer. At least, I think that's what Einstein said."

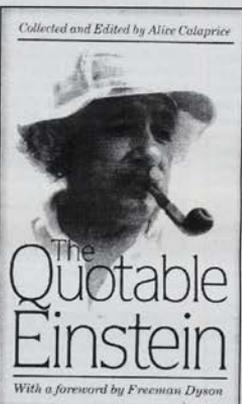
Paul works at the North Beach. He made this ancient mariner speech to me and handed me a small, neat, new volume of Albert Einstein's letters and excerpts, titled *The Quotable Einstein*. I took it home to my rocker and read every word, all on a sweltering weekend. The great scientist, philosopher, and Zionist believed only in "Spinoza's God who re-

volinist, he had that unmythical abstraction that ruined his role as a father and husband. Earlier selections from his papers left out the traces of his failures in personal relations. The forward to the current collection edited by Alice Calaprice and with a foreword by Freeman Dyson fold in and hold onto passages reaching across his lifetime that tell a lot about his need for solitude and the price he paid for it.

He loathed the House Un-American Activities Committee and blamed the Cold War on western refusal to oppose Hitler early enough, forcing Russia on east Europe. Never a dull phrase or trite comment.

I took the attractive little volume with its frontpiece of the author in a sailing cap clenching a pipe off to the shore to give it back to Paul. "Hold onto it a little longer," he said and explained why he had shared it with me. "A life guard died here just the other day. He took too much of something. They held a memorial ceremony in his honor, throwing stones with messages on them into the sea. It was moving and meaningful. That's why I wondered if you believed the soul survives the body."

I'm not satisfied with the physicist's realism, however glorious. Like Paul, I keep looking for my loved ones and playing games of fantasy about some grand rendezvous like a scene from an old movie. But nothing can be healthier on a hot dry day in August than the bracing words of the beloved refugee whose every consonant rings like a wind chime with blessings and wise relativity.



veals himself in the harmony of all that exists, even vegetables and cosmic dust, dancing to an invisible piper, but not in a God who concerns himself with the fate and actions of human beings."

Of his native Germany he spoke and wrote quite directly. "They treat psychopaths like knights. The entire people are responsible for the mass murders and must be punished as a people. I will have nothing further to do with them. The conduct of their intellectuals was no better than that of the mob."

No matter what you know or recall of the Princeton professor with the shock of white hair and sockless feet, every new edition of his journals brings astonishment and admiration. Liberal and kindly, he was also tough and elusive. A dreamer and

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Israel Bonds Launches 5760/1999 High Holy Day Campaign

"The High Holy Days, when we pause to take stock of our lasting inheritance, is an especially pertinent time to remember how precious Israel is to us," said Gideon Patt, Israel Bonds president and CEO, in a letter sent to the synagogues. "Participation in the annual bonds campaign is an inspiring and practical way to establish a personal connection to the land of our heritage."

High Holy Day Campaign kits have been sent to rabbis and lay people at more than 800 synagogues throughout the United States and Canada.

Last year's campaign generated \$80 million in bonds sales through pledges made with the traditional tab cards during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. The organization expects to exceed \$80 million this year.

Israel's new finance minister, Avraham Shochat, noted that the 5760/1999 campaign is especially crucial given the added cost Israel will bear as a result of the expected peace agreement.

"Bonds dollars will be essential to help ease the transition to a peace economy," Shochat said. "Roads, bridges, housing and other infrastructure necessities will need to be built to maintain

security and a lasting peace once negotiations are concluded."

Shochat added that Israel also needed bonds dollars to finance the ongoing resettlement of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. The rise in anti-Semitic attacks in Russia could make funding for immigration even more urgent, he said.

In addition to providing campaign kits for the High Holy Days, Israel Bonds will offer to synagogue and other Jewish groups a wide range of speakers with expertise in current political and social concerns in Israel.

For more information about the High Holy Day Campaign, call State of Israel Bonds at (800) 229-9650.

Card of Thanks

After these past several months I would like to say thank you to my many dear family, friends, neighbors and patients for their sincere concern and support during my recent illness earlier this year. Their overwhelming outpouring of cards, well wishes, flowers, and books made my road to recovery so much easier.

A special heartfelt thanks goes to my wonderful wife, Dorothy, whose love, devotion and dedication to all my needs and care was and still is beyond compare. Even now your acts of kindness continue and have extended to seeing Dorothy through her current crisis.

As the New Year approaches, LeShana Tovah, Tiko Sayvu! May all of you be blessed with good health, peace, prosperity and a year of abundant contentment.

Bernie and Dottie
Bernard J. Berstein, M.D.

Lifeline RI Needs Volunteers

The non-profit Lifeline RI program of Jewish Family Service needs volunteers to help with maintenance of personal emergency response system units.

Lifeline RI provides seniors and people who are homebound with the sense of security that comes from knowing assistance is nearby, and their children or caretakers with peace of mind. A personal emergency response system that enables the user to summon help immediately, Lifeline RI is on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day. A simple push of a button, worn or carried by the user, activates the system, instantaneously giving the professionals in the response center the user's medical history, any special instructions for emergencies, and a list of relatives, neighbors, and local medical services. The person need-

ing help can communicate through a speaker on the device, which is connected through the telephone. Within minutes, help is on the way.

Simple routine maintenance to keep everything in top working order — like changing batteries and replacing personal help buttons — are the kinds of things volunteers would be asked to do.

Volunteers would need to attend training sessions, then would be assigned to go into the homes of clients and make the replacements. The schedule is flexible and volunteers would be able to specify a geographic area — the program serves clients throughout most of the state.

To volunteer or for more information, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.



Avodah Dance Ensemble to Perform at Beth-El

The Avodah Dance Ensemble will perform at Temple Beth-El at 8 p.m. on Sept. 4 in conjunction with the Selichot Service. Selichot is a beautiful moment of contemplation and music, preceding the High Holy Day Services. Avodah is a New York-based company which integrates contemporary dance and the ancient use of dance as ritual.

Avodah is a dynamic modern dance company rooted in the Jewish tradition. The ensemble tours nationally presenting its repertory at Sabbath services, concerts and art festivals. All are welcome to come and enjoy this innovative troupe as a prelude to late night Selichot Services. Temple Beth-El is located at 70 Orchard Ave. on Providence's East Side. For further information, call Ruby Shalansky at 331-6070.

Attention College Students! Spend the Winter Break in Israel

Birthright Israel has announced that free trips to Israel leaving this January and February 2000 will be available for North American Jewish youth ages 18 to 26. College students will be able to sign up for a variety of approved programs through trip organizers including Hillel, Young Judea, and others beginning fall semester 1999. Birthright Israel, created by philanthropists Charles R. Bronfman and Michael H. Steinhardt, was established as a worldwide initiative to fund visits to Israel for Jewish youth.

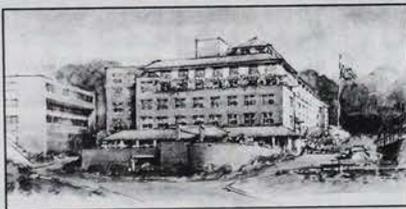
The Birthright Israel gift is funded through contributions from individual philanthropists, Jewish communities worldwide, and the people of Israel through their government. The Birthright Israel gift covers round-trip air-

fare from designated cities and the first 10 days of programming in Israel for Jewish youth who have not yet participated on an Israel Experience. Information about the variety of trips departing this winter 2000 will be available by calling toll-free (888) 99-ISRAEL or by visiting <www.isralexperience.org>. Sign-up is handled directly through the trip providers.

The goal of the program, to reach as many Jewish youth as possible, is based on the vision that an Israel experience can be the spark to revitalize and reinvigorate youth interest in the Jewish community — now and for years to come. Statistics have shown that Jewish youth who visit Israel at a young age are more likely to retain ties to the Jewish community. By introducing Jewish youth to their heritage and to the living dynamic culture of the modern state of Israel, they can discover their past, and begin building their Jewish future.

Birthright Israel is a worldwide initiative to provide peer group trips to every Jewish youth between the ages of 15 to 26. While the first winter break trips are offered to college-age students, high school students participation in the program is planned for 2001.

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Don't Throw That Away...

Do you know how much that's worth?

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi
Herald Editor

How many of us, at one time or another, have thrown out something that we probably shouldn't have? Something, unbeknown to us, that was worth more than what we thought it was. Granted, some items in our closets and attics are nothing but junk, but others can be hidden treasures—and the best way to find out is to take it to someone who knows, like Nancy and Arnold Nasmussen, proprietors of the Consignment Barn, on Fall River Avenue in Seekonk.

Nestled in a quaint old barn, Nancy and her husband have quite an eclectic collection of small collectibles, glassware,

dolls, jewelry and furniture. Walking through the shop is like taking a trip back in time when you were young and used to ravage your grandmother's cluttered attic. Although much of her merchandise does come in from a devoted clientele, both she and Arnold are out at least three times a week at various estate sales, moving sales and yes, even garage sales, stockpiling people's discarded treasures. Items placed in the store may be new, but according to Nancy it "has to be in good condition." The way a consignment shop works is that people bring in various items they want to sell and get a portion of the sale when the item is sold. According to Nancy, there is no fee for people to place items in the store and the inventory usually turns over quite quickly.

"We try not to keep anything over three months," said Nancy. "But I am flexible about it."

Small items, according to Nancy, sell quicker than pieces of furniture, but that's not to say that she doesn't carry those pieces. In fact, with Arnold's more than 25 years experience in the antique business, specifically with regard to 18th-century furniture, collecting furniture for their store is still a priority, and if you don't see it in the store, ask Nancy. She does try to accommodate her customers who are looking for something specific which may not be found within her well-stocked shelves.

The hunt for good antiques takes time, leg work and most importantly knowledge. It's easy for novice collectors to be taken, but it is equally easy for seasoned professionals like Nancy and Arnold to be duped as well.

"Sure, we make mistakes," said Arnold. "Yes, many of them are in our home," laughs Nancy. "The trick to not being taken is to educate yourself before going out," replied Arnold. "Anyone who tells you they don't make mistakes isn't doing business."

Although there are several fine institutions in the country which teach the art of antiqui-



ties—it's not necessary to spend a fortune on an antique education. There are plenty of informative books on the subject and knowledgeable dealers, like Arnold, who are always happy to answer a question. My lesson in antiques began with an elementary definition of what an antique is. "In 1930," said Arnold—"Here he goes," quips Nancy as she smiles at her husband—"the government passed a law which said anything made prior to 1830 was an antique. But, then came the question 'Is anything 100 years old an antique or anything made prior to 1830?' So, the government decided that anything 100 years old was considered an antique," said Arnold. But today, items from the 1940s and 1950s are also considered antiques, as well as Shaker furniture and other items from the Arts & Crafts Movement. With antiques' recent rise in popularity, more and more young people are delving into the world of antiques, but with that comes a vast amount of people who believe what they have is worth money. Today, according to

both Nancy and Arnold, the hot collectibles include Jadeite and Fireking, which Martha Stewart has made quite popular.

"A lot of times when we go out, people will say, 'I didn't think that particular item was that great,' and of course there are the times when they expect more," said Nancy. Nancy compares the whole process to gambling at the casino—a simple roll of the dice determines a big win or a disappointing loss. "You have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find your prince."

The 6-year-old business started from Arnold's love and knowledge of antiques, specifically antique beds. At the time, Nancy had a "real job," as she describes it, "one that made money," she jokes. Now, although the work is harder and they may make less, they love what they do.

So, put on a pair of old jeans and get up in that attic or out in the garage and dust off the cobwebs to uncover possible hidden treasures. Remember—one man's garbage is another man's treasure!

Herald photos by Kimberly A. Orlandi



Washington Ceremony at Touro Synagogue

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue will present its annual George Washington Letter Ceremony on Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. in the synagogue.

The letter ceremony commemorates Washington's famous letter "To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport," in which he affirmed the founding fathers' commitment to the principle of religious freedom by pledging that the new nation would "...give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..." With those few words Washington set the standard for religious freedom in America. Each year the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue presents a reading of Washington's eloquent letter to celebrate our precious and unique heritage.

At the ceremony Noreen Stonor Drexel, civic leader and preservationist, will read President Washington's letter. In recognition of the 200th anniversary of Washington's death, James Rees, resident director of Mount Vernon, will introduce Drexel. Stephen B. Kay, a senior director of Goldman, Sachs &

Company, will read the letter written by Moses Seixas to which Washington replied.

The keynote address will be given by Rhode Island Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse. The Hon. Bruce Sundlun, former governor of Rhode Island, will serve as master of ceremonies.

During the ceremony the society will present the Judge Alexander George Teitz Award to David Duffy, chairman of the National Board of Directors for

Community and Justice (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews). The award is given annually to an individual who best exemplifies the ideals of religious freedom and Brotherhood set forth in President Washington's letter. The Hon. Claiborne Pell, Allan Shawn Feinstein, and retired R.I. Supreme Court Judge Florence K. Murray are past recipients of the award.

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The Accents of Jewish Life

by Rabbi Bob Alper

One of my favorite classic stories concerns a Jewish woman who changed her name in order to become a member of a restricted country club. As she stood by the edge of the pool, a teen-ager ran by, accidentally pushing her into the very cold water. She emerged from the water screaming, "Oy vey!"

Then she quickly recovered and, with a saccharine smile, told the many onlookers, "Wha...wha...whatever THAT means!"

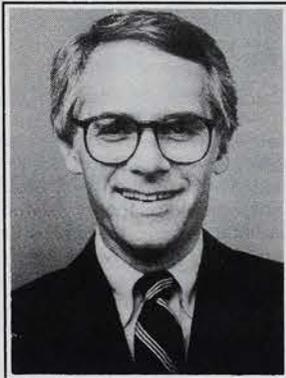
Restricted country clubs are pretty much a thing of the past, as are, alas, many of the colorful terms we learned from the immigrant generations. A few words like *chutzpah* and *kosher* have made it into the vernacular, but onomatopoeic gems like *shlemiel* and *shlemozzly* are either lost, or at best, are only heard during the theme song lyrics of "Laverne and Shirley" reruns.

Accents are disappearing too. Nowadays Jewish voices are homogenized, as we witness the end of the generations that sound like Mel Brooks' Two Thousand Year Old Man. Which is a shame, because we need people with accents to tell us what to do in life. A thick Yiddish accent commands respect, obedience.

I've never seen it fail: when a family is in crisis, and making a ritual decision, inevitably it works this way: "When we get back to Aunt Birdie's house for *shivah*, should we cover the mir-

rors?" The debate flows back and forth, until the older guy with the accent says, "Dis is vot you do. You coevh all deh mirrors, but not in deh bathroom or deh litle vuns in mimmen's poises. You don't coveh dem. In deh car, coveh deh inside mirror, but deh Talmud says you don't coveh deh outside vun on deh driver's side."

The strange thing is, everyone will go along with these



Rabbi Bob Alper

"rules." Because, after all, the speaker has an accent. He must know. Never mind that he was raised as a radical socialist who never set foot inside a synagogue. All deference goes to the accent.

It's not just the linguistic connection with the old country that's fading away. Even charming differences between regions are fast receding, with everyone

sounding more and more like Katie Curic and Dan Rather. My father, a proud Yankee, loved to tell the story of his travels into the deep south where a Jewish customer once injected into a business negotiation, "Ain'ty'all got no *rachmones* (pity, compassion) for a po' southern boy?"

In my own sojourn through life I've developed a bland, colorless speech pattern. But it wasn't always like this. While I have no tape recordings or videotape, I know that as a kid, I definitely spoke with a regional inflection. The proof is in my bar mitzvah book.

At age 12 I met with my rabbi, Selig Salkowitz, to receive my assignments. He gave me a small brown volume containing the verses from Exodus that I was to prepare, and also gave me my Haftarah, instructing me to copy down the assignment inside the front cover of the brown book. Which I did, carefully, in my seventh-grade scrawl, and, apparently, in my Providence, Rhode Island, accent.

It reads "Haftarah. Chapter 31. Verses 1-17. Book of Jeremeyer."

Rabbi Alper is a Providence native, stand-up comic and author of *Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This*. Visit him at www.bobalper.com



- According to Dalia Harel, the deputy director of the Ministry of Agriculture, the nation will have to import 170,000 tons of wheat as a result of the past winter's poor rainfall. Most of the normal annual wheat crops did not survive the drought conditions. As it became apparent that the water problem was becoming increasingly serious, the government informed farmers growing high-water-demand crops, such as cotton, to abandon the annual yield and they would be compensated.
- Converse Technology has acquired Massachusetts-based In Touch Systems, a leading developer of carrier-class speech-processing software for the telecommunications industry in a share swap worth an estimated \$26 million, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. In Touch's technology, called InFlexion, enables wireline and wireless network operators and Internet service providers to attract new subscribers by offering them a natural voice interface to help them access and manage their enhanced services more easily.
- After passing amid a surprisingly sizeable opposition from within the Cabinet, Prime Minister Ehud Barak's 2000 budget proposal received mixed reviews in economic circles as well, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel expressed satisfaction with the structure of the budget outline, even though he would have preferred a slightly lower inflation target.
- Alabama-based United States company SCA has won a tender published by ECI Telecom for the sale of the private exchanges and access products manufacturing activity of former Tadiran Telecommunications, *Globes* reported. The contract with SCA has not yet been signed as the details are still being negotiated. The tender was published as part of ECI's new policy of farming out manufacturing activities to subcontractors, in a streamline effort.

Do You Remember.....

by Sylvia Ziman
Providence

Rubin's Kosher Meat Market? or Seidman's Dry Good store? They were on Douglas Avenue, at the corner of Goddard Street, next to Konopky's Barber Shop. These are just some of the memories shared by me, Sylvia Ziman. My father, Louis Rubin owned Rubin's Kosher Meat Market.

Like many who reach my age, memories of years past become very important. They not only live in black and white photographs, but in the color and detail within their minds. I was brought up in an Orthodox household in Providence's North End. My mother, Goldie, used to help her father prepare the daily meat orders at the shop and also deliver them when their regular driver, Frankie, wasn't there.

Today, as generations change and technology replaces the once-friendly face behind the counter, we've become less concerned with quality and more concerned with quantity and immediacy. As we reach the close of the 20th century, it is a bit worrisome to think that one day, personal contact may be replaced by computers and robots.

The Star Delicatessen was the best place in town to get a sandwich, or so says Sylvia. "You could pick the pickles right out of the barrels." Next door was Abrams Kosher Meat Market surrounded by quaint houses of modest means. Traveling further down the road, you'd run into people coming and going from Pollacks and M.

Winer grocery store. Across the street stood Congregation Sons of Jacob, today one of the oldest synagogues in Rhode Island.

My grandmother and grandfather lived above Aaron's Kosher Meat Market, which was next to Bertram's Variety Store where candy bars were five cents and the other candy was two cents. Boy, those were the days! Today, nothing costs under \$1. When her grandparents would need ice for the ice box, all they would have to do is place the box in the window and the ice man would know you needed ice. *Zadie*, a man of many trades, had a horse and wagon and used to deliver fresh fish to the locals. He and *Bubie* also had chickens, which they used to kill, pluck the feathers and sell to their loyal customers. Now, everything is done for you at a processing plant, packaged and shipped to your local Stop & Shop. Progress? Maybe, but there is something to be said about the days of yesteryear.

It was progress that tore down the Congregation Sons of Zion, which was located on Orms Street at the corner of Shawmut Street—it became the Marriott Hotel, complete with free parking.

As years passed, Sylvia moved to South Providence, another large area for the Jewish community. Stores like Kaufman Fish Market, Perler's Bakery, Snell's Bakery, Modern Bakery, Fred Speigal's Kosher Meat Market, and others, all lined Willard Avenue. The Sons of Abraham, on Prairie Avenue, was located further down. Rabbi

Abraham Chill and his wife used to teach Hebrew classes.

As World War II approached, the atmosphere in Providence changed — everyone had a cause to rally for. At Harry's Delicatessen on Clemence Street everyone used to place change in a bowl for the boys overseas. We'd go dancing at the Rhode's, that's where I met my husband, Jordan, enjoy the big band music at the Arcadia Ballroom, watch movies at The Strand Theatre and Lowe's, and have lunch at the Shepherd's Tea Room.

Now, we have the Providence Place Mall, Waterplace Park, Warwick Mall, grocery chains and highways. Everything is remodeled, reconstructed or demolished. They may call it progress, but I'll take the old days any day!

Do you have special memories of growing up in Rhode Island? Do you remember when the boys came home from World War II or taking the trolley from downtown to Wayland Square? Then write us and tell us about it. From now until December 31, the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* will print your stories and memories. Send your stories, with pictures if possible, to "Remember When," The Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, Rhode Island, 02940. And don't forget to send in your submissions for our Millennium Issue. What were the most important Jewish events of the last century and who were the Jewish people who made a difference?

Rosh Hashanah is Approaching...

Rosh Hashanah begins September 10, 1999

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FEATURE

Textron Donates \$300,000 to URI's Ballentine Hall Project

Textron Inc. has made a \$300,000 gift to the University of Rhode Island to assist the university in its drive to rebuild the home of its College of Business Administration.

The donation, from one of Rhode Island's Fortune 500 companies, is earmarked for the \$5.6 million Shareholders Campaign, a private fund drive to help transform Ballentine Hall into a top business education facility. The gift has pushed the amount of money raised for the Shareholders Campaign to \$3.5 million. Built in 1967, the facility will gain a 10,000-square foot addition, a new exterior and totally redesigned classrooms.

To honor Textron's generosity, the university will name the entrance to the transformed

Ballentine Hall, Textron Plaza. The plaza, which will face the Kingston campus's historic Quadrangle, will be the building's new focal point and the main entrance.

The plaza will be enhanced with signature sculpture, landscaping, inviting seating and signs prominently recognizing Textron's contribution to Rhode Island.

URI President Robert L. Carothers said he is grateful for Textron's support of the Ballentine campaign and for its long-standing assistance to URI.

"The University of Rhode Island has enjoyed a relationship with Textron since the company's founding years," Carothers said. "Like Textron, the College of Business Administration was founded in 1923

and, since then, Textron and URI have been strengthening Rhode Island together."

The university has educated many Textron employees over the years, and currently employs 41 alumni in Rhode Island. Six Textron staff are pursuing their master's in business administration at URI. In addition, numerous Textron leaders have spoken to URI business students and have served on university boards and councils.

"The university has been very important to our employees and their families," said Donald J. McGrath, director of community affairs for Textron. "All of our URI graduates are making significant contributions here, and most of them have come from the College of Business Administration."

Free White Flowering Dogwood Trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during August 1999.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"The white flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12' trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a sub-

scription to the foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.



To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31.

Back To School Goes Online

After a successful online holiday last year, most annual shopping trips are making their way online. The latest addition is back to school. The dread of schoolchildren everywhere, it has become an unpleasant experience with long lines and jammed parking lots.

In order to ease this annual burden on parents and schoolchildren everywhere, a new website debuted to make back to school shopping quick and painless.

Backtoschoolnow.com is an easy-to-use site that allows parents and children to point, click and buy instead of searching through a store filled with thousands of products. The supplies are bundled according to grade level for students in elementary, middle, and high school as well as students at the university level.

For example, for elementary students a bundle of school supplies includes, pens, pencils, colored pencils, paper, spirals, ruler, scissors, tissues, glue, markers, folders, composition notebook and book covers.

"With the long lines and high prices, buying school supplies can prove to be a major hassle," said Paula Jagemann, CEO Online OfficeSupplies.com, creator of the site. "We decided to offer parents and students an easy way to deal with this annual chore by dedicating an entire site to it."

Pointers for Parents

Non-Violent Games

Many parents are finding brain-stimulating alternatives to violent computer games for "twens" (kids ages 10 and up).

Fortunately, there are now cutting-edge alternatives to choose from, including non-violent games that are fun to play and challenge kids to use their brain power.

A good example is Dr. Brain: Action Reaction, which empowers kids to use their brain vs. brawn. This mind-bending computer game features high-performance game play and realistic 3D graphics without guns, bombs, blood or gore. To overcome obstacles and solve perplexing puzzles, players are required to use geometry, physics, mechanics and logic.

Another feature that sets this game apart from other action games is that players use a "helping hand" device — instead of a weapon — to turn levers, open doors and to move bad guys out of the way.

No one dies in this game. Good guys can only get captured and bad guys can get stunned — with stars and a cartoon-style "Pow!" In this game players set out to save the world, as they explore environments filled with tricky traps, perilous passages and dangerous doorways in which the brain is their only weapon.

Such game experiences can help tweens develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. With this software, up to 16 players can join in the game via the Internet.

For more information on the game by Knowledge Adventure, visit <www.drbrain.com>.



Continental Airlines Opens Service to Israel

Continental Airlines has launched non-stop daily flights to Israel with the departures of the first Boeing 777 to ply the USA-Israel route. Continental's new service brings the total number of airlines flying non-stop from North America to Israel to five (the others are El Al Israel Airlines, Air Canada, Tower Air and Trans World Airlines). Contributing to Continental's decision to add Israel to its route network is Tel Aviv's status as the New York area's highest-trafficked transatlantic destination after London and Paris, according to Continental President and CEO Greg Brenneman. Pictured at the ribbon-cutting prior to the departure of the first flight to Tel Aviv are left to right: Arie Sommer, consul and Israel commissioner for tourism, N.A.; Barry Simon, Continental's senior vice president international; Greg Brenneman, Continental president and CEO; and Barry Lieben, president of Tzell Travel.

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FEATURE

School Uniforms Seen as Key to School Safety

And They Cost Less

by Bruce McConnell

Conscientious parents preparing to send their children back to school may want to know they are not alone in their concerns about their little ones' safety. A new survey shows that such fears are widespread — and shared by the children themselves. Nearly 71 percent of American parents of school-aged children believe that children's safety concerns are so severe that academic performance is affected, the FrenchToast.com Back-to-School Survey has found.

That's the bad news. The good news is that most parents strongly support a wide range of actions to make school safer, including school uniforms and dress codes, unannounced random locker searches, an increased police presence in schools and the installation of metal detectors.

"Parents throughout the country are saying powerfully and unequivocally that school systems must do more to improve security in schools," said Dr. Robin Goldstein, a child development specialist and authority on parenting who teaches child development and adolescent psychology at Johns Hopkins University in Balti-

more, M.D. "We live in a time when we often have to worry about how safe our schools are. Children — as well as parents — have these concerns and take them to school with them. So it's important that both children and parents become confident that schools are taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety of students."

"Parents are worried about the school environment, and many of them see a move to a uniform program as an important part of the larger effort to ensure a basic level of safety in schools," said Beth Silver, brand manager for FrenchToast® OfficialSchoolWear™, the country's largest independent manufacturer of school uniforms.

The nationwide surge in support for school uniforms should be welcome news even for parents whose children attend schools that are already safe for learning. Getting a child ready to return to school can be costly and time-consuming. The FrenchToast.com Back-to-School Survey also found that parents typically spend about 6 1/2 hours per child in shopping alone, at considerable expense. It takes about two workdays to earn enough to outfit each child with clothing, school supplies and accessories (approximately

\$211).

Low-income families, who spend about half a week of earnings for back-to-school shopping, should be especially gratified by the increased recognition of the importance of school uniform policies. Research released in December by NPD Group determined that parents in uniform communities spend 44 percent less to clothe their children for school than parents in non-uniform communities spend.

"Despite the time and money parents spend on shopping, the end result once school resumes is an argument between parent and child over what clothes to wear and how to wear them," she said. "Additionally, many children judge themselves and others by their choice of apparel. Thus, the choice of clothing can cause friction both at home and at school, taking a child's mind off schoolwork and reducing academic performance."

One solution is for schools to require uniforms. "For parents, uniforms not only save money and time when shopping for back-to-school, they also reduce morning arguments over what their children will wear," Goldstein contends. "For children, uniforms can create a feeling of spirit and teamwork."

Choosing Day Care for Your Child

by Mark S. Mandell, Esq.

One of the hardest and most important decisions for any parent to make is whether to put a child under the care of others. And with so many parents finding themselves needing to work these days to make ends meet, the question often becomes, "How can I be certain that the caregiver or day care I choose is good care?"

Choosing reliable and proper care for your child can indeed be confusing. Thankfully, there are a number of available resources that provide parents with a road map to navigate the child care dilemma.

According to the National Network for Child Care, an Internet resource that unites the child care expertise of the nation's leading universities, "good child care requires three important things: (1) a caregiver who provides your child with care and guidance and who works with you and your family to make sure that your child grows and learns in the best way possible, (2) a setting that keeps your child safe and healthy, and (3) activities that are suited to your child's stage of growth and that help the child develop mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally."

The NNCC suggests that parents consider the following questions when choosing child care:

- What type of caregiver is best for your child? According to the NNCC, a good caretaker should be well-trained, and warm and loving toward children. It advises that "whether your child is an infant, toddler, preschooler, or schoolager, the caretaker should encourage the child's interests and stimulate the child to explore and discover new things." Make sure when interviewing caregivers to find out about their training and experience, as well as their outlook on child rearing and discipline.

- Are the facilities safe and healthy? Check that the setting you select is suitable for your child — no matter whether you choose in-home care, family child care or day care center care. All games, toys and furniture should be in good repair and appropriate for the children. And make sure that the number of children in the group is small enough so that your child receives the individual attention he or she needs.

- What will it cost? It is important to research the costs of the different kinds of child care available in your area (including the cost of transportation to and from the child care setting), as well as any local, state or federal financial assistance you may be qualified to receive for child care.

According to the NNCC, there are three main types of child care arrangements: In-home care, family care and center-based care. They can be summarized as follows:

- In-home care. This type of caregiver either comes to, or lives in, your home, and can be a relative, friend or someone you

hire. In-home care is an attractive, less-costly option if you have a number of children requiring care, or a child that needs special care because of physical, mental or emotional problems.

- Family child care. The NNCC explains that this kind of care "is provided in the home of the caregiver, who is often a mother with children of her own," with only a few children being cared for at any one time. This may be an appealing option if you are a single parent raising a child alone, or have only one or two children needing care.

- Center-based care. Child care centers (which includes nursery schools, preschools and parent cooperatives) are established centers where children are cared for in a group away from their homes. One benefit of care centers is that they often



Mark S. Mandell, Esq.

have organized programs of activities to help your children learn. It is important to first examine the center's facilities, staff qualifications and staff/child ratio.

Though one type of care arrangement may appear best for your child, the NNCC stresses that "any kind of child care can be good for your child if the care provides the warmth, supervision and individual attention your child needs," and adds that it is quite normal to want to use more than one kind of care for your child — "for example, in-home care for your infant and center-based care for your preschooler."

The NNCC's child care information, along with a "child care checklist," can be found at <http://www.nncc.org/ChooseQualityCare/qual.parent.checklist.html>. Parents also can visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families Web site at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cbc/faq/4steps.htm> for more caregiver information.

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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Tell Us What You Think!

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your time!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Florine Mark Honors Local 50- to 100-Pound Losers

Florine Mark, president and CEO of the WW Group, Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International, will be in Providence on Sept. 17 to honor local Weight Watchers members, all of whom have lost 50 to 150 pounds on the 1,2,3 SUCCESS program.

The event, which is free and open to the public, starts at 12:30 p.m. at the Weight Watchers Center in Shaws Marketplace at 1500 Bald Hill Road, Warwick. For additional information and free tickets, call (800) 441-6643, ext. 312.

Back to School Blast & Book Drive

The ABC 6 "Schoolapalooza" is coming soon! It's a free back-to-school Kids Expo with tons of activities just for kids. They can enjoy:

ABC 6 Jr. Meteorologist Booth; Ocean State Adventures Rock Climbing Wall; Roger Williams Park Zoomobile; Swing Dance Lessons; K&S Music, Arthur Murray, MJD; Providence Bruins; Ronald McDonald Magic Show; America's Best Karate Demonstrations; City Year Face Painting; Patriots Cheerleaders; Safety Demonstrations; Main Stage with acts all day; and much more!

The Schoolapalooza will be at the Emerald Square Mall, North Attleboro, on Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring a new or used book for the Book Drive. We will donate all books to local libraries and schools through the R.I. Reads Program.

The sponsors are ABC 6, Emerald Square Mall, McDonalds, Citra, Infinity, New England Dodge, WSNE.

Celebrate Rhode Island's Heritage

The 10th annual Labor & Ethnic Heritage Festival, a free, family-oriented festival including labor and ethnic performances, children's stage and activities, ethnic foods, folk arts and crafts, labor exhibits, historic site tours and more, will be held Sept. 5 at Slater Mill Historic Site, 67 Roosevelt Ave., in downtown Pawtucket, R.I.

The cost is free.

Call Cynthia Roberts at the Institute for Labor Studies at 463-9900, fax 463-8190 or e-mail <croberts@brainiac.com>.

The following performers will be presented: Elvis and LaBanda Loca, nationally renowned merengue band from New York City; Bill Harley, Grammy-nominated children's storyteller; All Children's Theatre, performing skits from "Mill Girls"; Pendragon, Pawtucket, R.I.-based band performing music in the Celtic tradition; Len Cabral, R.I. storyteller; Rebel Voices, contemporary labor and social justice duo from Seattle, Wash.; Elise Bryant, labor singer and educator from the George Meany Center, AFL-CIO; Peru Mestizo, R.I.-based traditional Peruvian dancers; Claude Leboeuf, R.I.-based juggler and children's performer; Arthur Medeiros Portuguese Band, Pawtucket, R.I.-based, traditional Portuguese music; Lao Lan Sang, Woonsocket, R.I.-based traditional Laotian folk dancing; and Conrad Depot, Pawtucket, R.I.-based French Canadian fiddler.

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All summer long, the Trinity Summer Shakespeare Project fed the public craving for Shakespeare with popular outdoor productions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Twelfth Night" at Waterplace Park and throughout the region. Now the momentum builds as "Othello" arrives at Trinity Rep's upstairs theater from Sept. 3 to Oct. 10.

Under the direction of newly promoted associate artistic director, Amanda Dehnert, teamed once again with acclaimed scenic designer, David Jenkins, and featuring John Douglas Thompson as Othello, Jennifer Mudge Tucker as Desdemona and Eric Tucker at Iago, Trinity Rep's "Othello" promises brand-new fireworks.

Following "Othello" is George Bernard Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession"; "The Cryptogram" by David Mamet; "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" by Martin McDonagh; "Meshugah" by Emily Mann; "My Fair Lady" by Lerner & Loewe; and "Betty's Summer Vacation" by Christopher Durang (pending rights availability). Ticket are on sale now for "Othello," "Mrs. Warren's Profession" and "The Crypto-

gram." Full season and four-play subscriptions are available also, providing the best seating at the deepest discounts plus exclusive benefits such as ticket date exchanges.

Trinity Rep is conveniently located in downtown Providence at 201 Washington St. Parking is available nearby. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 7 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday; and 2 p.m. on Sundays and select Saturdays and Wednesdays. Single ticket prices range from \$26 to \$38, with student, senior, and disabled discounts available.

For ticket information, call the box office at 351-4242. Excellent group discounts are available at 521-1100, ext. 223. Visit Trinity Rep's web site at <www.trinityrep.com>.

'Beetle' Mania at Diamond Hill Park

The Rhode Island Air-cooled Volkswagen Association will be sponsoring the 1999 VW Show Off at Diamond Hill Park in Cumberland, R.I., on Sept. 5. There will be classes for all models of Volkswagens, both air cooled and water cooled.

Show car entry is \$12, general admission is \$2 (kids free), swap vendors \$15, and dealers \$25. Large spaces are available. Gates open at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Derrick at 458-3461 or Ken at 596-4194 or e-mail <dcflash@aol.com> or <kswain@ricconnect.com>.

The cool months of fall in New England are coming quickly upon us and there is plenty to do and see throughout the state. If your organization is having any special fall activities or performances, send the information into the Jewish Herald to be placed on the Arts & Entertainment pages from September through November.



Classic Car Owners Cruise for a Cure

Classic car owners will be revving their engines with a day of music, food, and fun at the fourth annual MDA "Cruisin' for a Cure" Classic Car Show. The show will be held on Aug. 22 (rain or shine) at the Johnston Memorial Park off Rte. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cars can register from 8:30 a.m. to noon, with the first 150 cars receiving a commemorative dash plate. Registration costs \$10. Walk-in donations are also welcome.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A Chair Isn't Just for Sitting In

In conjunction with the current exhibition "Chairs of Choice," the New Bedford Art Museum announces an exhibition tour and lecture with curator Enrique Goytizolo on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. Admission for the tour and lecture is \$4 for general admission, and free to museum members. Call (508) 961-3072 to make reservations or for further information.

Goytizolo is an internationally known expert in late 18th and early 19th-century English furniture. He is the founder of Georgian Manor Antiques, formerly of New York City, now located in Fairhaven, Mass. He served as the first standards director of the Antiques Council, and as a visiting expert on the Antiques Roadshow.

"Chairs of Choice" is a distinctive exhibition of more than 100 chairs, on view now through Oct. 1. Explore each chair's unique characteristics in design, construction, and function

through this remarkable exhibition. A comprehensive selection of chairs acquaints the viewer with the tastes and lifestyles of various eras; illustrates craftsmanship as it evolved in different countries and cultures, and celebrates the chair as an object of significance to its owner's heritage and accomplishments. Chairs from the collections of the Whaling Museum, the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum, area historical societies and individuals, including Chris Jussel of the Antiques Roadshow and Geraldo Rivera, among others are featured.

Museum hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays open until 7 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for seniors and students, children under 17 free when accompanied by an adult. Members are free. The New Bedford Art Museum is handicap accessible. Call (508) 961-3072.

SF-GT Presents the First Annual Providence Shakespeare Festival

The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre announces the establishment of a major theatrical event: The Providence Shakespeare Festival's inaugural production of the epic story of the making of a king, "Henry V," at Waterplace Park, Providence.

This year's festival begins an annual tradition of providing members of the greater Providence community with professional summer theater in one of the city's most beautiful and accessible sites — Waterplace Park. "Henry V" will be presented from Aug. 25 to 29 and Sept. 1 to 5 and will be a re-staged, epic version of the critically acclaimed SF-GT indoor production in June which closed the 1998-99 season.

The dates of the performances are as follows: Aug. 25 at noon, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m., Aug. 27 at 7 p.m., Aug. 28, special 5 p.m. performance (in collaboration with WaterFire Providence), Aug. 29 at 7 p.m., Sept. 1 at noon, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m., Sept. 3 at 7 p.m., Sept. 4 at 7 p.m., and Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 831-2919.

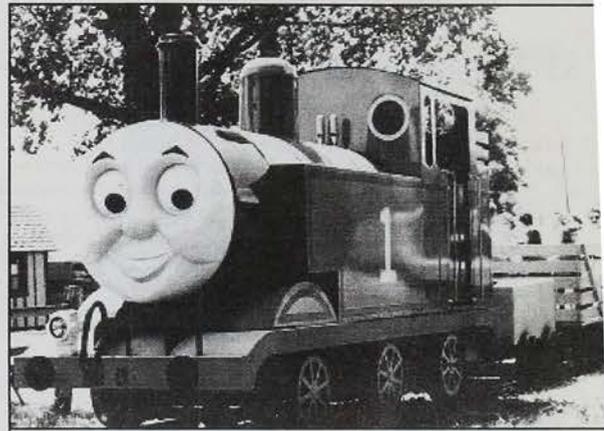
Leadership R.I. Accepting Applications for 2000 Class

Leadership Rhode Island, a community leadership development organization, nationally acclaimed for its innovative methods and approaches, announces the start of its application period for the 2000 Upsilon Class.

Each year, Leadership Rhode Island selects a diverse group of leaders to participate in a thought-provoking, 10-month educational program that consists of a two-day retreat, nine monthly daylong sessions, and a class project. Participants experience a variety of statewide issues presented through lectures, on-site visits, readings, discussion groups, simulations, and other leadership development activities.

Leadership Rhode Island benefits participants, their employers, and the community. Participants gain critical leadership skills, develop a statewide network of top leaders, and acquire a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Rhode Island. Participants take these lessons back to their organizations, offering insights into the community and identifying where strategic alliances might be forged. The community in turn gets committed, knowledgeable and action-oriented people to serve as catalysts in promoting positive change.

Leadership Rhode Island is committed to ensuring a diverse class of 55 individuals, representing a variety of ethnic, cultural and occupational backgrounds, geographic areas, and community interests. Participants represent a broad cross section of established and aspiring leaders and are selected through an application and interview process that is open to all adult Rhode Island residents. Qualified candidates should demonstrate a passion for the future of Rhode Island, a commitment to community service, and a demonstrated capacity for leadership. To request an application, contact Leadership Rhode Island at 273-1574. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 12, 1999, to be considered for the next class beginning in January 2000. Tuition grants are available to help ensure all qualified candidates are able to attend the program.



Thomas the Tank Engine Coming to Newport

The Newport Dinner Train and Britt Allcroft Company, owner of the TV-famous Thomas the Tank Engine and producer of the popular TV series Shining Time Station™, announced the signing of a contract to bring Thomas the Tank Engine to Newport, Sept. 30 through Oct. 3. This is the first time Thomas the Tank Engine has made an appearance in Rhode Island and excitement among parents and children is building for his debut.

"A Day Out with Thomas™" Event promises to be an extraordinary four days with train rides scheduled approximately every 40 minutes daily from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The chance to meet Sir Topham Hatt, the superintendent of the railroad, see lots of clowns, face painters and balloon blowers, win prizes, and have photos taken with Thomas the Tank Engine are only a few of the many events planned for that weekend. A special Thomas the Tank Engine Under the Tent Gift Shop is being assembled with plenty to eat for all.

More than 100,000 children are expected to visit Thomas the Tank that weekend. Price of tickets is \$12 for parent and \$8 for children. Advance tickets are on sale now and seating is on a limited basis. Thomas the Tank Engine Reservation No. is (800) 398-7427. Since this will be the first of an annual event here in Newport, reservations are suggested as tickets are expected to sell out quickly. You may also learn more about "A Day Out with Thomas™" Event by visiting the website at <www.newportdinnertrain.com>.

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Museum to Post Postcard Exhibition

In a day and age when electronic mail, faxes and phone calls are routine parts of everyday life, the picture postcard is a charming vestige of the past. That past is being revisited beginning Sept. 5 through Jan. 9, 2000, in the museum exhibition, "Past Perfect: The Jewish Experience in Early 20th Century Post-

from the secular to the religious, and were as varied as the communities that exchanged them.

The beginnings of the postcard were simple and modest. The early cards, in use from the 1860s, were created to answer the need to mail brief messages inexpensively, without the use of an envelope.

when the first official governmental postal card was issued in the United States.

An international postal treaty was signed on July 1, 1875, that officially allowed the mailing of postal cards internationally.

In 1889, private publishers in Germany began issuing postcards with attractive pictures on

Museum Creates Online Exhibition

The National Museum of American Jewish History's first virtual exhibition available to view exclusively online features 62 American synagogues from 30 different states, many memorializing buildings and communities that have moved on or no longer mark a Jewish presence. The exhibition, "Souvenirs of Community: American Synagogue Postcards from the Collection of the National Museum of American Jewish History," is found at <www.nmajh.org>, the NMAJH's award-winning website. It opens Sept. 5.

The exhibition complements the museum's new temporary exhibition "Past Perfect: The Jewish Experience in Early 20th Century Postcards."

Synagogues were extremely popular subjects for early Jewish postcards. In many cases, some of the postcards provide the only known visual record of synagogues long-since destroyed.

Among the synagogues in the online exhibition are Beth Shalom Congregation, Elkins Park, from 1959; Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, 1864; Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia, ca. 1859; and Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, 1871.

cards," at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North 5th Street, Independence Mall East, Philadelphia.

Organized by the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, "Past Perfect" showcases more than 150 postcards from the turn of the century. The exhibition focuses on the most popular greetings, the New Year's card, which were produced and preserved in the greatest numbers. The sentiments conveyed on these Rosh Hashanah cards run the gamut from whimsical to the serious,

The exhibition is augmented by postcards of Philadelphia synagogues and Rosh Hashanah pop-up cards from the collection of the NMAJH.

The first postcards were created in the 1860s. A private postal card was copyrighted on Dec. 17, 1861, by John P. Charlton of Philadelphia. He was not successful, however, in obtaining a patent for his invention.

The printer of this pioneering card, Hyman L. Lipman, was a Philadelphia Jew. Lipman acquired the copyright and circulated these early cards until 1873

the front side. The popularity of these picture postcards increased steadily, and countless picture postcards were produced and mailed throughout the world during the Golden Age of the Postcard, lasting from 1898 until 1918.

European and American Jews participated fully in the "Postcard Craze." The colorful images that adorn these postcards afford a nostalgic view into a bygone world and provide the modern spectator with a rich and rare visualization of Jewish life at the turn of the century.

Biographical Impulse: Artists' Books and Related Works

The Starr Gallery presents the work of four artists in the fall exhibition entitled "Biographical Impulse: Artists' Books and Related Works." Laura Blacklow, Frances Hamilton, Rhoda Rosenberg and Stephanie Stigliano are all compelled by the impulse to reflect, to narrate, and examine their own lives and those close to them. The forms and mediums used by these four artists are rich and varied: artists' books, photography, book-installation, acrylic, gouache, collage, electrographics, and pastel.

As we approach the end of this century, artists seem to be turning to the past in an attempt to understand the present, and to move forward. In this exhibition, this takes the form of very personal history, which not only reflects the subject, but also the biographer. Both Rosenberg and Blacklow have created elegiac works in memory of their respective parents, relying on their own memories, as well as photographs, letters, and oral history. Rosenberg creates work

that embodies her emotional response to loss, but which also is a vehicle for coming to terms with the experience. Her installation called "Dear Dad" is made up of 365 pages, representing the passing of a year. Blacklow's book *On Surviving*, using passages from journal excerpts, documents the stages of grief she suffered after her mother died of cancer. One of Stigliano's artists' books, the *Viterbo Quartet* is a combination of a travel journal, fairytale, and a look at mother/daughter relations. In works such as *Two Friends*, Frances Hamilton continues to explore narrative structures, personal imagery, and the ongoing struggle to define oneself in relation to others. In her gouache and collage works on book boards, she evokes childhood memories that become painted stories.

Although there is a broad cultural range represented here, these four artists share a desire to investigate their respective subjects (parents, children, friends). This exhibition ex-

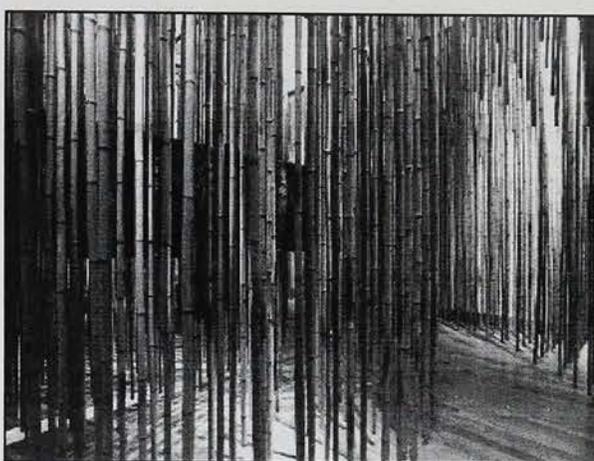
plores the biographical impulse capturing both personal and cultural past, using a vocabulary that gives voice and form to these book-related works.

The opening reception is scheduled for Sept. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. and the exhibition runs from Aug. 22 to Oct. 29.

Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 to 9 p.m. at the Starr Gallery, Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahant St., Newton, Mass. 02459. Call (617) 558-6484, ext. 485.

Related events — Deborah Davidson, director of Starr Gallery, will give a talk at 6:30 p.m. during the reception for the artists on Sept. 16.

Make Your Own Journal: Bookmaking Workshop with Stigliano, Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call Henry Altmann at (617) 558-6482 for further information.



RISD Gallery Transformed Into Maze of Geometric Patterns

Discover the way through a labyrinthine forest of 3,153 hanging, Chinese bamboo poles of varying lengths in "Rikyu's Second Dream" and design a luminary as part of The RISD Museum's "WaterFire: Illuminating the Mirror," a Free-For-All-Saturdays program scheduled for Aug. 26 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition to seeing Rikyu's Second Dream — an exhibition by Barnaby Evans as part of The RISD Museum's ArtConText initiative — visitors can design a luminary with sand and candles and help to create a "luminary path" from RISD to the river. As night falls, the path will form a glowing link from the museum to WaterFire.

The event is free and open to the general public. The RISD Museum is located at 224 Benefit St. in Providence, R.I. For more details about the luminary workshop, call 454-6674. Free-For-All-Saturdays is sponsored by the Rhode Island Foundation.

"Rikyu's Second Dream" is on view at The RISD Museum until Sept. 26.

Photo courtesy of The RISD Museum

Pawtucket YMCA to Open Childcare Center

The YMCA of Pawtucket, Inc., has announced the creation of the newest and largest preschool childcare center in northern Rhode Island to be built at the American Heritage River Center complex (former Carol Cable Mfg. Plant) on Roosevelt Avenue in downtown Pawtucket.

The center will provide care for children ages 18 months through kindergarten in a modern facility that will include food service, air conditioning, an arts center, gross motor play area and 10 classrooms.

The center will have a capacity of more than 200 children and space will be available on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. More than half the children enrolled are expected to receive Rhode Island, private or YMCA financial assistance.

Several important programs will be offered at the center: a childcare program for kindergartners before and after school, and once licensed, a full-day educational kindergarten program; a toddler (18 months to 3 years) and preschool (3 to 4 years) childcare program; an Early Risers care program for early morning care; and a nutritional food program subsidized by the federal government.

There will also be a counseling intervention program for children with abnormal behavior events, a testing and evaluation program for pre-kindergarten children and parenting programs.

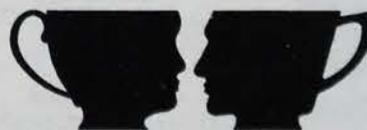
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OBITUARIES

SARA D. ADLER

WORCESTER, Mass. — Sara D. Adler, 90, of the Jewish Healthcare Center, 629 Salisbury St., Worcester, who with her husband owned the former Adler Hardware and Paint Co. in South Providence for 45 years, retiring in 1970, died Aug. 14 at the center. She was the wife of the late Irving J. Adler.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a daughter of the late Louis and Sadie (Resnick) Himelfarb, she had lived in Cranston for 30 years before moving to Worcester seven years ago. She also had lived in Providence.

She was a member of the Miriam Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

She leaves a son, Kenneth A. Adler of Cranston; a daughter, Toby Solomon of Worcester; a brother, Burton Himelfarb of Providence; two sisters, Rose Gordon of Plantation, Fla., and Ada Maidman of Hollywood, Fla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Trudy Rotenberg and Gloria Meyers.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 16 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I.

ETHEL BERKOWITZ

EAST PROVIDENCE — Ethel Berkowitz, 92, of Waterview Villa Nursing Home, formerly a volunteer secretary in the nuclear medicine depart-

ment at Miriam Hospital for 12 years, died Aug. 11 at the nursing home. She was the wife of the late Jacob Berkowitz.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Barney and Fannie (Bliviss) Zukroff, she had lived in Providence and Pawtucket before moving to East Providence in 1994.

She had been a saleslady at the former Gladding's department store for many years.

She leaves a sister, Jennie Sweet of Louisville, Ky.; a brother, Israel Zukroff of Fall River; two granddaughters and five great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Charlotte Ruth Abrevaya.

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

ANN CALEF

ACUSHNET, Mass. — Ann Calef, 81, of Morningside Ave., Acushnet, died Aug. 8 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. She was the wife of the late Solomon Calef.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., she had lived in Acushnet for the past nine years, previously living in New Bedford.

She is survived by a daughter, Shirley Murphy of Acushnet, and three grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held on Aug. 10 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

IRENE GREENE

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Irene Greene, 91, of East 57th St., New York, N.Y., died Aug. 14, at home.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Donner) Greene, she lived in New York for more than 40 years.

She leaves a brother, Robert Greene of Cranston; a sister, Dorothy Friendly of New York; and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Samuel, Morris and Harold Greene and Jeane Fine.

A graveside service was held Aug. 17 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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

HARRIET GREENFIELD

WARWICK — Harriet Greenfield, 68, of 573 Pocasset Court, vice president of Eastern Color and Chemical, Providence, for 35 years, retiring last year, died Aug. 13 at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Sadie (Lipsey) Rogin, she had lived in Providence and Cranston before moving to Warwick in 1984.

She was a graduate of Hope High School and a member of the AARP.

She leaves a son, Marc A. Greenfield of Providence; a daughter, Susan A. Koerner of South Kingstown; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 15 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln

Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel.

ANN LEVIN

CRANSTON — Ann Levin, 83, of 39 Lyndon Road, a state committeewoman Democratic Representative, District 27, in Cranston for 29 years, died Aug. 10 at the Harborside Healthcare, Greenwood House, Warwick. She was the wife of former Democratic State Representative Irving H. Levin.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Sarah (Bernstein) Ross, she lived in Cranston for 46 years. She was a secretary for a sports newspaper in Providence for 10 years, and later worked with her husband in the family insurance and real estate business, Levin Agency, as his "girl Friday" for 39 years, retiring a year ago.

She was a member of the former Jewish Home for the Aged, president of Host 284 of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary in 1964, and state president of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary in 1965. She was a member of Temple Sinai, and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Robert A. Levin of Charlestown and Barry J. Levin of Richmond; a daughter, Carol M. Kaufman of Carlsbad, Calif.; a brother, Joslin Ross of Cranston; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 11 in Temple Sinai, Hagan Avenue, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I.

JESSIE E. PONCE

CRANSTON — Jessie E. Ponce, 86, of 21 West Hamder Road, died Aug. 10 at home. She was the wife of the late Abraham Ponce.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Dora (Bookbinder) Strauss, she had lived in Longmeadow, Mass., before moving to Cranston 37 years ago.

She leaves two daughters, Rita Goldstein of Cranston and Helene Greenberg of Needham, Mass.; a sister, Minnie Kurtzer of Providence; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Gerald Ponce.

The funeral was held Aug. 13 in Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ROSE WEISS

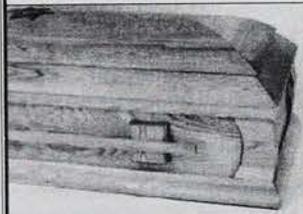
SAN FRANCISCO — Rose Weiss, 96, of 302 Silver Ave., San Francisco, died Aug. 10 at the Jewish Home for the Aged in San Francisco. She was the wife of the late Abraham Weiss.

She was born in Koval, Ukraine, a daughter of the late Joseph and Chassa Feinglass. She lived in Passaic, N.J., Fall River, Mass., and Dubois, Pa., before moving to Rhode Island where she lived most of her life, residing in Providence and Pawtucket.

She was the vice president and office manager of the former Vogue Textiles, The Safety Flag

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Reaction

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driveway of his home. In 1985, members of The Order—nine men and one woman—were convicted following a four-month Federal court case in Seattle. They were sentenced to terms of 40-to-100 years in prison, as well as fines.

"The events of Aug. 10 concern all of us, Jew and non-Jews," said Kolb, "it puts everyone on a heightened level of alert." This includes many Jewish community centers around the country, and here in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Steven Wendell, executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Worcester, said, "As a result of the Aug. 10 shootings, we are reviewing our long-term security here at the center."

As the events were unfolding, Wendell received a phone call from one of the board members who told him to turn on CNN. Within minutes, Wendell had assembled members of his staff and department heads in an effort to insure the safety of the 300 to 400 children who utilize one of the center's three day care centers. With bulletins coming in from the Jewish Community Centers of America in New York City, Wendell began taking appropriate security measures including placing several staff members in the lobby and having police make drive-bys of the center every half hour.

"We want to make this center safe and secure but we don't want to scare the children and parents. We don't want to over react and that seems to be the balance."

At the Worcester JCC, there is currently a card swipe system in the building, but according to Wendell, "it's really just to check memberships" and staff are required to wear identification badges at all times. There is also only one entrance to the center,

but Wendell and his board members are considering implementing several long-term security procedures which may include installing cameras and buzzers to enter the center.

"Our building is very safe," reassures Wendell. "In order to access the early childhood center you have to be buzzed in from inside the building. The problem that we are unable to address is the issue of a weapon which unloads 70 rounds of ammunition. Our elected officials need to put aside their differences and get together to make these weapons harder to obtain. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness applies to children...especially to children."

The main portion of the AR-15 assault rifle used in the community center shooting, and the murder of postal employee Joe Iletto, a Filipino American who was shot and killed on his route after the shooting at the center, was sold, according to authorities, in 1996 at a gun show in the Midwest. According to the ATF, the central portion of the gun is the part which carries the identification number and holds the trigger, pistol grip and the well that receives the ammunition clip. Because Furrow was on probation for an assault charge in Washington state at the time of the shooting, under federal law it is illegal for a firearms dealer to sell him a weapon. But in 1996, when the gun was purchased, it was not necessary for people to submit to a criminal background check before purchasing the weapon. Today, thanks to senators like Frank Lautenberg (D) New Jersey, they do. The recently passed Gun Show Accountability Act (S.443) "will close the loophole that allows criminals to buy guns at gun shows. By requiring that all gun sales at these events go

through a background check, it will prevent felons from using gun shows to obtain a weapon."

Nationwide, according to Kolb, crime, overall, is down and that includes hate crimes and acts of anti-Semitism. The reason, according to Kolb, that the public tends to be more aware of the incidents that do happen is due, in part, to the media. "Technology and the media have advanced so much in the last 10 years. You're able to get the news at the moment it happens and often even while it happens. Although the incidents of hate crimes may be lower than in recent years, it is by no means a sign to let our guard down."

For Rhode Islanders, the issue of security and safety is steadfast on everyone's mind. But, like Wendell in Worcester, Steve Rakitt, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, doesn't want to instill fear in the community, just awareness.

"The JFRI shares the community's concerns about security and safety and we are currently working with local synagogues and agencies to examine our existing security measures. It is a sad time in American history, because as Americans we have long enjoyed a general sense of security," said Rakitt.

At the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum in Providence, Executive Director Tara Liscandro says the key to stamping out crimes of hate is through education. Each year, the RIHMM plays host to school children, young adults and educators in an attempt to teach, not only the historical significance of the Holocaust, but also tolerance and acceptance.

"We get a mix of people through the museum," said Liscandro. "Fifth grade through college level and also older groups from senior centers and temples. Although I do discuss the Holocaust and its relevance to today's society (i.e. Bosnia and Yugoslavia) I do talk with them about the importance of tolerance and the backlash of prejudice. I'd like to think that it's something that everyone knows already, but I'm sad to say that I don't think they do."

Obituaries

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Co., and an owner of Vogue Antiques in Pawtucket.

She was a member of Temple Beth El. She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El, a past board member of the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood, and a founder of the Teenah Garden Club of Temple Emanu-El. She was a life member of the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association, the R.I. Audubon Society and the Jewish Community Center of R.I.

She served as the vice president, corresponding treasurer, secretary of the annual event, and Israel Bond chairman for the Providence section of the National Council of Jewish Women. She represented the organization at the 1959 national convention in Los Angeles.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruth Soforenko of Palo Alto, Calif., eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Judith W. Cohen and Arthur I. Weiss. Graveside services were held

Aug. 15 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HANNAH ZELNICK

PROVIDENCE — Hannah Zelnick, 85, of Blackstone Boulevard, died Aug. 12 at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence. She was the wife of the late Max Zelnick.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Solomon and Sarah (Kosoff) Blay, she had lived in Rossmore, N.J., before moving to Providence last year.

She is survived by two children, Ellen Brookman of Providence and Paul Zelnick of Chappaqua, N.Y.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held on Aug. 15 at Mt. Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, N.Y.

Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

UAHC Recommendations to Synagogues

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in North America, recently released the following security suggestions to the almost 900 Reform synagogues in North America as a result of the Aug. 10 shooting at a Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles.

"All of us have been touched by the recent streak of unimaginable violent incidents which have occurred throughout the United States. Unfortunately, for some of us, these feelings of shock and horror move rapidly from the abstract to the personal.

While we are surrounded by media-hype, listen to concerned parents, and encounter our own fear and concerns, we must remember our role. In response to an irrational act, we who lead congregations need to make calm, rational decisions rather than making hasty decisions based on the emotions of the moment. As leaders of institutions which strive to be welcoming spiritual homes, we must be thoughtful and responsible. Incidents of random, senseless violence are exactly that: random and senseless. No metal barricade, bullet proof glass or armed security guard is strong enough to prevent them."

Security Recommendations

Below is a list of specific suggestions about how to maintain the physical, emotional, and spiritual security of area congregants and synagogues, including the recommendations of the FBI. First and foremost, remember to use common sense.

1. Consider what you want to accomplish by instituting additional security procedures and whether the procedures you decide upon will accomplish those goals.

2. Contact the local police department or precinct for advice. Many police departments have community service personnel who will come to your building and make suggestions about

how to improve the building security.

3. Review existing security procedures.

4. Hold a staff meeting to create or review a crisis/disaster plan. Provide opportunities for staff to discuss their feelings and concerns.

5. Ensure that staff are trained to respond to emergencies.

6. Ensure that all alarm systems are in working order.

7. Monitor incoming mail and packages for anything unusual.

8. Check parking lots for unfamiliar vehicles.

9. Create an ad hoc task force on congregational security to review current systems, consult with knowledgeable authorities and make recommendations.

10. If you see something suspicious, report it to your local law enforcement authority.

11. Ensure that copies of membership, summer camp religious school and nursery school rosters are kept in a secure place away from the congregation in case calls have to be made.

12. Contact the Anti-Defamation League for information about hate groups which are known to be in your area.

13. Consult with local mental health professionals about creating opportunities for adults and children to express and address their fears and concerns.

14. Encourage your local action committee to present educational forums on gun control, anti-Semitism and mental health issues.

15. Consult with the congregational and UAHC youth professionals to create opportunities for teen-agers to discuss and respond to the issues of violence in our society, anti-Semitism and appropriate ways to express feelings of alienation.

16. Strive to create a physically and emotionally safe environment for the community.

17. Search for appropriate texts from Jewish sources to frame discussions of community, safety, and responding to unexplainable occurrences.

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Don't be Unprepared for Hurricane Season

People all over the United States welcome the arrival of summer. But for some living in coastal areas, it's a cause for concern and not necessarily those lazy, care-free days of summer most anticipate during the cold winter months.

The reason? Hurricane season can arrive as early as May in the United States, wreaking havoc and destroying property.

Keep this simple checklist available during the hurricane season nears.

What to Keep on Hand

1. Identification/medical identification
2. First-aid kit and essential medicines
3. Battery-powered radio and flashlights
4. Spare batteries
5. A supply of cash as ATMs and credit cards may be useless due to power failure
6. Bottled water (3 gallons/family member/day)
7. Camera and film
8. Non-perishable food supply
9. Cellular phone with charged batteries
10. Protective clothing and sleeping bags or blankets
11. Written instructions to turn off the gas and water, if advised by authorities
12. Duct tape for windows and glass doors

Alternative Power

Since electrical blackouts are typically an outcome of hurricanes, it is important to keep battery-powered radio and flashlights along with a supply of extra batteries.

Long-lasting alkaline batteries that work well with high drain items such as portable radios are better suited for hurricanes.

An assortment of lighting products for various lighting needs is also recommended.

Make sure your camera has a fresh battery in it so that you can take pictures of any damage to your home for insurance purposes. Remember, cameras may take either alkaline or lithium batteries, so check the type of battery your camera uses before you go shopping.

Stay Tuned

Hurricanes vary in season from one ocean to another. The Atlantic season begins in June and ends Dec. 1, with the most heightened activity for intense storms in September. The Pacific season can last from May to October, with peak activity for intense storms in August.

Experts advise not to take unnecessary risks before or during the storm. Once a hurricane passes, follow the instructions of local officials to ensure safety.



Pointers for Parents

Get Up and Go: Tips on Shopping for Simplicity



According to a recent survey, 62 percent of children start their day between 6 and 7 a.m. And, as kids wake up, the craziness begins.

The survey, commissioned by Lands' End, indicates that children and parents alike try to cram a day's worth of activities into those precious hours before school. Common activities for youngsters before they leave the house include eating breakfast, watching TV, listening to the radio and doing household chores.

"The morning routine and getting ready for school may cause anxiety for both parents and kids," said Susan Lipton. "One great way to alleviate some of the stress as to make the big decisions, such as what to eat

for breakfast or what to wear, the night before."

Clothing decisions are often made well in advance, with back-to-school shopping trips dictating a student's choices for at least the early part of the year. To avoid shopping miscalculations, here's a formula for finding a "Get Up and Go" wardrobe.

• First, conduct a closet audit to determine what still fits and what doesn't. Next, measure the child, so you know what size you'll need. Trying on clothes currently in the child's closet and having measurements on hand will be a great guide to current sizing.

• Next, evaluate which pieces of clothing were worn most often the previous year and which collected dust in the closet.

Sometimes this is a good reminder for parents that youngsters will wear what they like and what is comfortable.

• Calculate a shopping list and budget. This will help both kids and parents to stay on track.

• To alleviate shopping mall distress, try alternative back-to-school shopping methods such as Internet or catalog shopping from home. Children will enjoy the quiet time together with parents.

"Kids tend to lose interest and get frustrated during back-to-school shopping," said Lipton. "Work with them to develop a shopping plan, keep them involved in all decisions and, most of all, remember that shopping with your child for back-to-school clothing can be fun."

Kids and Guns

A fascinating new book examines the causes of violence in our schools and offers some solutions to the problem.

The book, *Kids and Guns* (Grolier, \$9.95), was developed to help children and young adults, ages 10 to 18, understand why their peers are taking violent action and how to break the "code of silence" that author Ted Schwartz says prevents kids

from seeking help when they know about troubled peers. The book:

- examines why recent incidents in schools have occurred
- explains why guns are pervasive in American society and the laws that regulate them.
- discusses how students fear telling on their peers and why they distrust parents and teachers

discusses the role played by television, movies, music, role-playing games and the Internet

- covers basic gun safety
 - takes a look at a successful anti-violence school program.
- The book is available at bookstores or by visiting the publisher's website at <<http://publishing.grolier.com>>.

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The Rhode Island Bar Foundation is now accepting applications for its year 2000 IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts) grants. The grants must be used to help disadvantaged Rhode Islanders gain access to legal representation, to improve the delivery of legal services, to promote knowledge and awareness of the law, or to improve the administration of justice.

IOLTA is a program where lawyers deposit client trust funds in interest-bearing NOW accounts. The interest is forwarded by the banks to the Bar Foundation which in turn awards the money in the form of grants to non-profit organi-

zations which provide civil legal services to the poor.

The IOLTA program uses only interest accrued on deposits held so short in duration or so small in amount that the fractional interest on any single client's deposit cannot be accrued.

The Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$7.5 million since the IOLTA program began in 1985. Prior to the IOLTA program, clients' trust money was kept in non-interest bearing checking accounts.

The application deadline is Oct. 1. For grant criteria and an application, call the Bar Foundation at 421-6541.

R.I. Children to Benefit From Book Drive

As children around the country head back to school, local Starbucks coffee houses are providing an opportunity for customers to donate books to help inspire kids to read. Through the All Books for Children book drive, now through Sept. 8, Starbucks locations throughout North America will collect new and gently used books, then donate

them to schools and literacy organizations in the cities where the books are collected.

The All Books for Children program supports literacy organizations in local communities with critical needs. Literacy Volunteers of America-Rhode Island, Inc., will benefit from the drive.

The goal of The Starbucks Foundation is to create hope and opportunity in communities where Starbucks lives and works.

The All Books for Children program is in its third year of raising awareness of the importance of literacy. Over the past two years, All Books for Children has put more than half a million books in the hands of kids through local schools and literacy organizations across North America.



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