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News at a Glance

Congregation Beth-El in Norwalk, Conn., was recently the target of an attempted fire bomb attack that was foiled by a witness armed only with a car horn. The attempted attack on Nov. 2 at 9:30 p.m. was the second sign of vandalism the synagogue has seen in the past three months. Two white men, who appeared to be getting ready to throw two Molotov cocktails at the synagogue, were thwarted by a witness blowing his car horn. There was no damage to the synagogue as the men sped away in a blue car, leaving the fire bombs. The two Molotov cocktails were later seized by Norwalk Police. A bridge club social gathering was being held during the attempted attack. The meeting was not affiliated with the congregation. Police said they are "not identifying anyone yet" in the foiled attack. A representative from Congregation Beth-El did admit that the recent vandalism is something new to the community. In August, a container of medical waste with a swastika drawn on it was discovered in the parking lot of the Norwalk synagogue. Temple Beth-El in Stamford, Conn., experienced a similar problem around the same time. A medical waste container covered with anti-Semitic messages was found in the temple's parking lot as well. The Stamford and Norwalk police departments are working together to solve the case. After the August vandalism, Congregation Beth-El hired a uniformed security guard from a local guard service to patrol the area.

*A Veteran's Day
Message to the men and
women who gave their
lives in war so that future
generations could live
free — thank you.
To the Jewish war
veterans who made it
home but may still
suffer the effects.
A dank! A Shatnen dank!*

Jewish Serviceman Remembered

by Luke O'Neill
Community Reporter

A dedication honoring Private First Class Alfred Silver, the only Jewish serviceman from Rhode Island killed in action in the Korean War, took place on Oct. 23, in downtown Providence. The Alfred Silver Memorial is a bronze and granite plaque commemorating the Jewish war



hero who died nearly 50 years ago on Aug. 27, 1951 at the ripe age of 23. The dedication took place at the Downtown Providence Korean Veterans Monument located on South Main Street, directly opposite Superior Court. A color guard from the Ocean State Chapter #1 of the Korean War Veterans Association opened and closed the dedication. Mayor Vincent

Cienci Jr. declared Oct. 23 "PFC. Al Silver Day."

Currently, the Korean War Veterans Monument consists of red and gold bricks that form a walkway around the memorial. Red bricks have the inscribed names of those men who served in the Korean War. The inscribed names of those who were killed, or are missing in action are on the gold bricks. Silver's name is inscribed on one of the bricks, but the plaque is a special added feature.

Harold Jacober, a Hope High School friend and classmate of Silver, and Rabbi Bromberg-Krause, a professor at Wheaton College, said a few words about the brave Jewish serviceman. Jacober described Silver as "quiet, soft-spoken, with a pleasant smile on his face, and a future in music." Rabbi Bromberg-Krause cited passages from Israeli poetry as he talked about Silver, but also remembered war veterans in general, "...the souls of our soldiers, illuminating like the brilliance of the sky—those who have given their lives for our country...that they may rest in peace."

The dedication, which included a rifle squad and a somber playing of Taps by Sgt. Abatecola, lasted about a half hour. A decorative wreath was placed by Silver's marker.

Silver, a bazooka man with the 15th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division in North Korea, died in an attempt to rescue a company surrounded by North Korean troops. He died one year

after his graduation from Hope High School, servicing his country and defending his fellow army comrades. The United States sent more than 39,000 troops to the Korean War, which is referred to as "The Forgotten War."

Funding for the memorial was provided solely by donations from Silver's friends, Hope High School classmates, and Korean War veterans. The generous donations, totaling more than \$3,500 in just a short time, paid for the plaque and two cast aluminum posts to illuminate the memorial at night. The original idea was for a bench, but officials and friends decided on the plaque.

Donations and a request for an Alfred Silver Memorial were headed by Hope High School classmates, Lew Weinstein and Arthur Bergel, both of whom served in the Korean War —

Weinstein as a marine, and Bergel in the army. More than 40 people donated money to support the memorial. Bergel and Weinstein worked with the chairman of the memorial commission, Theodore Low, who informed them of the cost. Bergel and others seized this valuable opportunity, not only to improve the appearance of the monument, but also to remember an old friend.

"The guy had nothing," Bergel said of Silver, except, of course, an indomitable spirit worthy of remembrance. Silver, with no known relatives, is survived only by the memories of his friends.

The bronze and granite plaque reads, "In Memory of PFC Alfred Silver USA, 15th Regiment—3rd Infantry Division, Killed in Action, August 27, 1951, 'Rest in Peace' (in Hebrew), Donated by his Friends."

A Partnership Built on Technology

A Mission of
Economic Priority
by Kimberly Orlandi
Herald Editor

What do Israel and Massachusetts have in common? Both have a world renowned cultural scene—the Israel Museum where visitors can view the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Museum of Fine Art, Boston, where art enthusiasts can view paintings by Cezanne and Sargent. Israel has the Israeli Philharmonic; Massachusetts the Boston Pops. Both are outlined by a spectacular coastline—the Dead Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. But more importantly, both Israel and Massachusetts share an economic interest—technology—and it is that technological bond which Massachusetts Lt. Governor Jane Swift hopes to strengthen well into the millennium.

During the week of October 24, Swift lead a Massachusetts trade delegation to Israel and Jordan. Their purpose was to promote increased trade and investment between Massachusetts and the Middle East.

"What struck me most upon my visit was the similarities between the two states," said Swift. "Israel is on the cutting edge in terms of technology and computer advancement and they seem to be attracted to Massachusetts because of our highly skilled work force."

That, said Swift, is where the

opportunity for joint business ventures begins. During the visit Swift and her team, which included Senator Robert Bernstein, as well as local business leaders representing the state's leading industries in biotechnology, financial services and information technology, made stops in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and Amman, Jordan. During the eight-day mission, Swift met



Remembering Yitzhak Rabin

On Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m., the Consulate General of Israel and the Jewish Community Relations Council held a community-wide commemoration ceremony honoring the memory of Israel's fallen Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Eitan Haber, a close personal friend of Yitzhak Rabin and former director of the late Prime Minister's Bureau, shared personal recollections of Rabin. Consul General of Israel to New England Yitzhak Levanon also addressed the audience. Above, from left to right, are Geoffrey Lewis, Keynote Speaker Eitan Haber and Consul General Yitzhak Levanon.



Massachusetts Lt. Gov.
Jane Swift

with high-ranking government officials in the areas of health care, education, environmental and economic sectors.

Currently, Massachusetts has a number of Israeli companies operating in the state. Over the last several years, that number has doubled and according to Swift, the reason is Massachusetts' confidence in Israel as a

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HAPPENINGS

Entertainment for Children

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

- 11 **Play & Learn.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Kids ages 2 to 4 stretch their wildest imaginations by joining Gramma Hope to hear fairy tales, play games and explore the playful and safe woodland environment of *Littlewoods*.
- Stick Structures.** 1 to 3 p.m. Kids ages 5 and up make stick structures using giant dowels and rubber bands.
- 12 **Preschool Friday, Scinterrific.** 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 experiment with the amazing push and pull of magnets making colorful magnets to take home and place on their refrigerators. Pre-registration is recommended for this popular program. Please call 273-KIDS ext. 234 for more information.
- 13 **Dragon Hunt.** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children ages 3 and up celebrate all the dragons at the museum by hunting high and low for mythical creatures of all colors, shapes and sizes.
- 14 **Dragon Hunt.** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. How many dragons can you find? Children ages 3 and up celebrate the dragons at the museum by hunting for legendary creature of all kinds.



"Blue's Clues Live!" Leaps onto the PPAC Stage

Blue's Clues Live!, a new stage presentation for preschoolers that will revolutionize kids' theatre, begins its national tour in October 1999 and will arrive at the Providence Performing Arts Center Nov. 17 through 21. Tickets are \$12, \$16, and \$26, and are available by calling (401) 421-ARTS; tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster locations. For groups of 10 or more, call 421-2997 ext. 3121.

Families will experience the wonders of theatre through a truly unique, interactive production where even the curtain becomes a character. "Blue's Clues Live!" features familiar and well-loved characters like Blue, Steve and all their friends...Mail Box, Slippery Soap, Tickety Tock, Mr. Salt and Mrs. Pepper...along with some brand-new characters that are part of the live show. This live theatrical presentation will invite preschoolers and their parents to think, imagine and be an active part of the show as they embark on a search for clues to the most spectacular place.

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Calendar: November 11 thru November 17

- 11 "A Passion Play," by Sarah Ruhl will be performed at the Leeds Theatre, Brown University, 77 Waterman St., Providence. Nov. 11 through 14 and 18 through 21. 8 p.m. Call 863-2838. The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre, 31 Elbow St., Providence, presents "The Dresser." Through Dec. 5. Call 831-2919 for ticket information.
- The Worcester Foothills Theatre Company, 100 Front St., Worcester, Mass. presents "Camping With Henry and Tom." The play strands Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and President Warren Harding together in the woods of Maryland as they explore friendship and politics. Call (508) 754-4018 for information.
- The Bert Gallery presents the work of Bonnie Buck and Susan Sarantos in "Small Pleasures: Jewelry Designs." Through Dec. 2. The gallery is located at 540 South Water St., Providence. Call 751-2628 for information.
- 12 **Waterfire Providence** along the pathways of the Providence River. Dusk, weather permitting.
- Warwick Heritage Festival.** Warwick City Park, Asylum Road, Warwick. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Period demonstrations, artifacts, memorabilia. Nov. 12 through 14.
- "Big Impressions: the large-scale print in contemporary art" will be exhibited in the Main Gallery of the Fine Arts Center, U.R.I. Kingston, through Dec. 15. Call 874-2775.
- ACT presents "Scapino!" at the Vartan Gregorian School Theatre, 455 Wickenden St., Providence. Tickets: \$6 children, \$8 adults. Nov. 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. Call 331-7174.
- 13 **Lego Day at Lincoln School,** 301 Butler Ave., Providence. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Receive a hard hat and building permit and go to work building a Lego creation.
- Nature Hike** at Fisherville Brook Refuge, 99 Pardon Joslin Road, Exeter. 10 a.m. Call 295-8283.
- Philharmonic Classical Concert** at Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, Francis Street, Providence. 8 p.m. Call 831-3123.
- The East Greenwich Odeon, 59 Main St., East Greenwich, presents "Northern Lights." 8 p.m. Tickets: \$13 advance, \$15 day of play. Call 885-9119.
- K&S Ballroom Dance** at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Learn to swing from 7 to 8 p.m., with dancing until midnight. Complimentary coffee, pastry and pizza. Smoke free. \$10 per person. Call 821-4108.
- Bresler's Klezmer Orchestra performs at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes St., Providence at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8. Call 781-0061 for information.
- 14 **Ocean State Marathon** 9 a.m. A 26.2-mile race from Warwick to Providence. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Call 943-8888 for entry information.
- The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, presents the exhibit "Pharaohs of the Sun: Akhenaten, Nefertiti, Tutankhamen. The exhibition continues through Feb. 6, 2000. The MFA is located at 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Call (617) 267-9300 for information.
- The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston presents Beginners Genealogy Workshop. Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington St., W. Newton, Mass. 2 to 5 p.m. Call (617) 796-8522.
- Join Perspectives,** the Rhode Island Jewish Adult Project, for persons in their 20s and 30s, for the Israeli Young Tourism & Food Fair. It is a fall kosher catered buffet of Israeli cuisine and a performance by the Brown Israeli Dance Troupe. Free! It will be held at 106 Angell St., Providence. 11:30 a.m. Call Sharon at 863-9357.
- The Rhode Island Youth Philharmonic opens the 1999-2000 season with a 3 p.m. concert at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$3 seniors/children. Call 831-3123.
- 15 **The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum** shows Steven Spielberg's award-winning documentary, "The Last Days." 10 a.m. at RIHMM. Call Tara at 453-7860.
- 16 **Bruno Feitler,** noted Sorbonne scholar, will speak at Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport. His topic, "The Jewish Community in Dutch Brazil." 7:30 p.m. Open to the public. Reception to follow at the Levi Gale House.
- 17 **The Social Seniors of Warwick** are planning a visit to Independence Harbor Restaurant for lunch with entertainment provided by Mel Simon. Call Estelle Miller or Tillie Orleck for reservations.
- The Center for Jewish Culture at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth presents a lecture and book signing with author Ingrid Kislick, *Unveiled Shadows*. 7:30 p.m. in the Library Browsing Room. Call (508) 910-4586.
- Babies, Kids & Kibbutzing.** Join women with young children for an opportunity to socialize and play. Sponsored by the Young Women's Committee. Federation Ballroom, 11 a.m. Call Elissa at 421-4111, ext. 172, for information.
- As part of the Noah Krieger '93 Memorial Lecture, Brown University welcomes Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She will discuss "The Supreme Court: A Place for Women." 4 p.m. Salomon Center for Teaching. Call 863-2476.

Jewish National Fund Cancels Radio Program

JNF has canceled its broadcast, "JNF-Israel Hour," a weekly radio program on stations in Rhode Island and Arizona, due to scheduling difficulties.

Save The Bay Launches "KIDSWEB"

Save The Bay proudly announces the launch of KIDSWEB, a destination for children of all ages on Save The Bay's website. The website features interactive games, a monthly feature (harbor seals this month), school project ideas, maps, bay facts, bay events, links, coloring pages and much more. The site has information and projects suitable for grades 3 through 12. KIDSWEB may be found at <www.savebay.org/kidsweb> on Save The Bay's website.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Jewish Family Service Urges Celebrates National Family Week

Jewish Family Service joins the Alliance for Children and Families in proclaiming and celebrating National Family Week, Nov. 21 through 27. National Family Week is designed to recognize and support families and their contributions to a strong society. This year's theme, "Strong Roots Build Strong Branches," stresses the importance of healthy family life on future generations. In October, JFS honored two families of the year with awards. The agency suggests that family members reflect on the things they value about their own families.

Family is a basic institution in our complex society. As our society advances and the year 2000 approaches, this basic institution encompasses more and more diversity.

- Married couples with their own children under 18 make up 25 percent of all households. (U.S. Census Bureau, 1997)

- The nuclear family is growing to include the child's grandparents. About 5.4 million children, or 7.7 percent of all children in the United States, were living in homes with a grandparent in 1997. (U.S. Census Bureau, 1999)

- Parents are living longer.

This allows them to enjoy future generations, but also places their adult children in a position to care for their own parents as well as their own children. By 2030, there will be about 70 million older persons, more than twice the number in 1997. People over age 65 are projected to represent 13 percent of the population in the year 2000 and 20 percent by 2030. (Alliance for Children and Families)

- Nearly 22 million adult (age 18 or older) sons and daughters live in a home maintained by one or both parents. (U.S. Census Bureau, 1998)

- Single parents are raising children in 27 percent of family households with children. There are now 2.1 million single fathers and 9.8 million single mothers. (U.S. Census Bureau, 1998)

- Ten percent of children in the United States live in a family where at least one parent is from another country. (The Urban Institute, 1999)

National Family Week celebrates the diversity of today's families and emphasizes their significance to each other, the community, the state and the nation. Jewish Family Service urges support for families and individuals carrying out their irreplaceable roles.

Jewish Fraternal Association Saving Lives

by Luke O'Neill
Community Reporter

The largest independent Jewish fraternal order in the Northeast, Touro Fraternal Association, made some generous

donations to the community on Nov. 2 at their Cranston headquarters at 45 Rolfe Square. The 81-year-old association, which consists of more than 600 members, made three separate donations toward an academic scholarship, the Hanukkah Joy project, and most importantly a \$25,000 grant to the Lifespan Cardiac Care Initiative for eight automatic external defibrillators. The first of the eight AEDs were donated to rescue units from Cranston, Providence, and Warwick where many of the Touro Association members reside.

The popular AEDs are used to shock the heart back into normal rhythm during a sudden cardiac arrest.

The first donation presented was a \$1,000 academic scholarship to one of the children of a member of the Touro Fraternal Association. This year was the first year of the scholarship and the recipient

was Sarah Hodosh, a sophomore at the University of Rhode Island.

The second donation was \$1,000 to the Hanukkah Joy

with the inclusion of Touro Fraternal as a sponsor.

The Touro Fraternal Association, established in 1918, is known for its numerous dona-



THE TOURO FRATERNAL Association donated automatic external defibrillators to the Providence, Warwick and Cranston rescue units.

program which helps underprivileged Jewish children and needy seniors during the Hanukkah season. Hanukkah Joy is in its third year and has donated hundreds of gifts to children in Providence, Boston, and Israel. Lydia Dershowitz, president of Hanukkah Joy, a non-profit organization, said her program has been able to expand their area of giving

including the recent \$25,000 grant to equip fire department rescue vehicles with AEDs. The Cranston and Warwick departments will receive three units each and the Providence unit will be given two. Officials and rescue personnel from each of the three departments joined Touro members for the presentation along with Elizabeth Lamonde, project coordinator of the Lifespan Cardiac Care Initiative.

Representing Touro was Arthur Poulten, chairman of the board of directors; Robert Miller, vice chairman; Andrew Gilstein, co-president of the association's Harmony and Friendship Lodges; and Andrew Lamchick, chairman of the Community Involvement Committee.

Poulten believes all three communities will benefit from the donated AEDs which help first rescue responders save the lives of people stricken with a sudden cardiac arrest. According to Lamonde, the purpose of AEDs is to "jump start the heart" if someone is having a cardiac arrest and may be appearing in schools and malls in the future. The AEDs consist of gel pads which are placed on the patient's chest to shock the heart into a normal rhythm. Striking more than 350,000 people each year, sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States.



LYDIA DERSHOWITZ, president of Hanukkah Joy accepts a \$1,000 donation from Andy Gilstein and the Touro Fraternal Association. From left are: Robert Miller, Susan Shanbar, Margaret Davidi, Arthur Poulten, Dershowitz, Lamchick and Andy Gilstein.

Herald photo by Luke O'Neill

The Deadline is Approaching



The deadline for submitting entries for our annual Chanukah Art Contest is Monday, Nov. 15, by 4 p.m. Get your drawings into the Herald office, 99 Webster St., Pawtucket, or drop them off at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

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Finding Truth in a Bottomless Pit

A lawyer's search for justice
by Luke O'Neill
Community Reporter

Jan Schlichtmann, the trial lawyer who fought for nine years for several Woburn, Mass., families, who complained of water contamination, spoke at Wheaton College on Nov. 2 to discuss his life and legal battles. Schlichtmann, whose court struggles are depicted in the best-selling novel and movie *A Civil Action*, was the college's Deemer Lecturer on Ethics and Professions.

A University of Massachusetts graduate in 1973, Schlichtmann is best known for his extended legal dispute with W.R. Grace and Beatrice Foods for the contamination of the Woburn, Mass., water supply. Representing many local Woburn families, Schlichtmann eventually lost in court to Beatrice Foods and reached a disappointing settlement with W.R. Grace. Schlichtmann, a Massachusetts native of the North Shore, reached national prominence in the bitter legal affair as his trial and legal action formed the basis for the best-selling book by Jonathan Harr and movie, *"A Civil Action."* John Travolta portrayed Schlichtmann.

His fast-talking, animated lecture on the Norton campus was more of a story of nature rather than an intense recollection of his groundbreaking case. Instead of confusing the audience with obscure legal jargon, Schlichtmann touched upon numerous nature analogies to relate his thought process and actions throughout the Woburn case. His speech was dotted with the stories of past nature lovers, including Henry David Thoreau, who respected nature's beauty and encouraged others to do the same. "In the wilderness is the preservation of the world," said Thoreau. This preservation was part of Schlichtmann's message.

Speaking with his hands just as much as with his mouth, he recalled the time of his life when he questioned the validity of law and how to "civilize power." Schlichtmann, earning his law degree from Cornell in 1977, contended that many large corporations abuse their power and it was up to others to find the truth in life. Considered one of the best lawyers in America, Schlichtmann remembered when clients questioned him about the environment. Searching for answers, he rested atop a cliff, looked out onto the

dark sea and his thoughts began to flower. Schlichtmann, with the help of concerned parents, searched for the elusive truth.

In Woburn, Mass., two dozen children in a 12-year span contracted leukemia and parents speculated water contamination as the source of the ill-

said Schlichtmann. At the meetings, parents and professionals concluded, "When people make things, they make waste. So what happens with the waste? Where does it go at the end of the day?"

While Schlichtmann was seeking the connection between truth and life, Beatrice Foods and W.R. Grace were depositing their wastes (and the truth) in vast pits. Schlichtmann demanded the truth. In Harr's book, a representative of Beatrice Foods said, "You want truth? Truth is at the bottom of a bottomless pit." The representative did not know how right he actually was. Small, shimmering metallic objects and chemicals rested at the bottom of seemingly bottomless pits. Schlichtmann, a tall and imposing man, dug through these pits, discovered these objects staring back at him and found they were evidence of contamination and perjury.

Schlichtmann cited that his case was the first time a Fortune 500 company was indicted by the EPA. In the end, the parents were right. The EPA met with Beatrice Foods and W.R. Grace and had them write a check for \$70 million; the clean-up will take 50 years.

Schlichtmann, whose career was nearly destroyed by the time-consuming case, now supports "alternative dispute resolution," a process that keeps plaintiffs from long and costly court battles and mediation sessions. Presently, he is the lead attorney in a similar case in Toms River, N.J., with Union Carbide and Ciba Special Chemicals. Both cases, which have drawn national attention, have given birth to partnerships and agencies to help determine such environmental and health issues.

The Woburn case set Schlichtmann on a spiritual, medical, legal, and personal journey to find truth, honesty, respect, and dignity. "When life is shared, life is given, so life can grow and maybe in that life we can all work and share this life together," said Schlichtmann. His voyage of truth and civilized power came full circle as he returned to his cliff and his life began to flower all over again.



Jan Schlichtmann
Herald photo by Luke O'Neill

nesses. The water was tainted with unheard of chemicals. The Center for Disease Control and the Environmental Protection Agency confirmed the water was indeed contaminated, but could not draw a direct correlation to the children's diseases. Parents sought answers with Schlichtmann as their representative.

Schlichtmann had trouble helping parents at first. They held up their sickly children and said, "My children are choking to death on their lies. Schlichtmann, who began his law practice in Massachusetts in 1978, researched the water contamination evidence and found it pointed to the major "play makers" of Beatrice Foods and W.R. Grace.

Gathering with families and a board of professionals, Schlichtmann and his firm discussed the water contamination possibilities as they began to learn from each other. "The truth comes to us when we share experience...when we share experience, life is given,"

Head Professor Deborah Dwork to Speak at Brown

The Brown Program in Judaic Studies and The Arthur B. and David B. Jacobsen Lecture Fund present a lecture by Professor Deborah Dwork, Rose Professor of Holocaust History and director, Center for Holocaust Studies Clark University. Her topic is "Child Survivors in Post-War Europe" Nov. 16, in Wilson 102 at 7:30 p.m.

Her new classic *Children with a Star* gave voice to the silenced children of the Holocaust; it was the first history of the daily lives of those young people caught in the net of Nazism. *Children with a Star* received international critical acclaim and was translated into German, Italian, and Dutch. Dwork's most recent book, co-authored with Robert Jan van Pelt, *Auschwitz*, received the National Jewish Book Award in 1996 and the Spiro Kostoff Award for 1997. The recipient of many academic honors, she has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies.

Hebrew College Presents a Talk on "German-Jewish Relations: Forced Labor"

Hebrew College's Center for Adult Learning will present "Perspectives on German-Jewish Relations: Compensation for Forced Laborers," a lecture sponsored by the German Consulate on Nov. 14 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at 43 Hawes Street, Brookline, Mass. The lecture is part of the Hartmut Lang Lectureship in German-Jewish Relations and will feature speaker Miriam Kleiman, a senior researcher at Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld and Toll, a leading law firm involved in this legal matter.

Kleiman will discuss the long-known fact that companies in Nazi Germany used forced labor during World War II. However, she will examine how the scope of this forced labor, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is only now being revealed as Ger-

man industry comes to grips with its past and will discuss the historical period and the current status of litigation in these cases.

Hebrew College has established the Hartmut Lang Lectureship in German-Jewish Relations to strengthen the rapport between Germans and Jews. The lectureship was established through the generosity of Dr. George Berkley in honor of the late diplomat who served as deputy German consul in Boston during the late '80's. During Lang's four years in Boston, he worked tirelessly to improve German-Jewish relations and organized a group called the German Jewish Dialogue.

Admission is \$15 with refreshments. For more information call Hebrew College's Center for Adult Learning at (617) 278-4939.

Providing the Community With a Happy Chanukah

Temple Sinai seniors will fill Chanukah baskets for needy families at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. Drop off non-perishable food at the office any time prior to the meeting. Any questions, call Balla at 461-6124.

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Providence Hebrew Day School News Briefs

NEAT Math Team Competes

The students at the New England Academy of Torah keep their math skills sharp by participating in a statewide math meet. This competition involves students in each grade of high school. The math meets are held each month.

The NEAT girls have as their coach/advisor, Aviva Jakobowicz, a teacher at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

NEAT Offers College Credit Courses

For girls at the New England Academy of Torah, high school can provide an early start toward a college education. Students at NEAT are eligible to participate in the Early Enrollment Program at Rhode Island College.

EEP is a school/college partnership, which offers high school seniors and select juniors an opportunity to earn college credits while they are completing their high school diplomas. In many instances, students have eliminated as much as one full semester of college work by enrolling in the EEP.

Students at NEAT this year are receiving college credits for calculus, Jewish history and English. Every senior this year is enrolled in the EEP program at Rhode Island College.



After-School Hours Come Alive

With the newly expanded after-school program at the Providence Hebrew Day School, students are finding new ways to learn, create, and have fun. Presently there are five different after-school activities at PHDS.

Chess Club

A group of 18 children from grades two through grade seven are participating in activities to visit the elderly and the sick; entertain at nursing homes and collect food and clothing for those in need. Parent volunteer Stephanie Kessler, is organizing the club. The group plans to work with the Jewish Elderly of Rhode Island to make holiday visits to nursing homes.

Art For the Fun of It

For the second year in a row, our art class led by Beverly Hall is overflowing with 24 children. Participants are involved in watercolors, sketching, and other medium to create their works of art.



Touch Football Club

Now in its second year, the PHDS Football Club consists of 18 boys in grades four, five, and six. Two teams are selected each week by student captains and the players are schooled in the area of sportsmanship and teamwork. This year we are thrilled to announce that the players now have PHDS football sweatshirts, thanks to a donation made by Dr. David and Ruthie Kerzer.

Fall after-school programs end the first week of December and a new series of activities will be held in the winter session. Call the school at 331-5327 and ask for Marvin Stark for more information.

Bob Kerr at Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club's Sunday meeting will be held on Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry. Guest speaker for the program will be Bob Kerr, reporter and columnist for the *Providence Journal*. He will speak about some of the problems he thinks the *Journal* is facing, including all the alternatives people have to get their news.

In addition, he will also discuss his column, which appears in the *Journal* regularly, as to what he thinks it should be and some of the wonderful and sometimes bizarre experiences he has had while writing.

A social hour will follow the program.

U.S. Establishes Wye Peace Agreement

by Luke O'Neill
Herald Community Reporter

In the midst of peace talks with the Palestinians, Israel received financial support from the United States in the form of the \$1.825 billion Wye Peace Agreement. The agreement, part of the U.S. House of Representatives Fiscal Year 2000 Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill, passed on Nov. 4 and will be allocated all at once — spanning three years instead of the usual year-to-year basis.

Rhode Island Congressman Robert Weygand said in a phone interview that with the funds allocated all at once, expected in the next 11 months, Congress sends a stronger message that the United States "wants to see peace succeed in the Middle East." Citing strong Republican opposition, Weygand and other peace agreement advocates were concerned the Wye River Agreement would not be incorporated into the Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill.

The funding, which comes from American taxpayers, provides \$1.2 billion for Israeli military support, \$400 million in economic support and assistance for the West Bank/Gaza, \$200 million in support for Jordan, including \$50 million in economic assistance, \$150 million for military support and \$25 million in military support for Egypt.

"It's important that the Wye Agreement, which we have strongly supported, be funded this year," said Weygand, who feels there is a sense of urgency in the Middle East as peace talks continue. According to Weygand, the Wye River Agreement gives the United States a chance

to "put our money behind our mouth," as both sides are in the middle of a long and sensitive peace process.

Weygand is especially optimistic that the peace process will continue to move with the efforts of Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Weygand, considered one of the strongest leaders on pro-Israel issues, approved the reactions of both sides to the pipe bombings on Sunday.

Prime Minister Barak regarded the Nov. 7 terrorist bombing in Netanya with the utmost severity and sent his best wishes for a speedy recovery to the injured. He has ordered the security services to take urgent action to track down those responsible.

Barak added, "My government is determined to crush terrorism and is doing — and will continue to do — everything in order to remove this threat to Israeli citizens' peace and security. The government expects that the Palestinian Authority will act effectively to prevent terrorists from harming chances to advance the peace process." At present, no group has claimed responsibility for the pipe-bomb blasts that injured 33 people.

Weygand said that Middle East conflicts, and the recent Wye Peace Agreement, are very influential to Americans and Jewish Rhode Islanders. With many relatives traveling to Israel, the issue of international security becomes important. Weygand believes the agreement is also important because of its economic ramifications since, "Israel is a good trading partner with the U.S."

Most importantly, Weygand would like to see a clear defini-

tion of borders that would provide a better sense of security. "While I'm not in full agreement about some of the areas, I think the Israelis are giving away, in a sense, too much property," said Weygand.

The main issues at the peace talks in Ramallah center around borders, settlements, refugees, and Jerusalem. Both sides claim Jerusalem as their capital and are reluctant to give up their property. The fast-paced negotiations are scheduled to meet two to three sessions a week. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have set a 100-day deadline to establish general guidelines of an elusive peace. The optimistic peace talks opened earlier this week with both delegations conversing for more than an hour. The main concerns are: the borders of a future Palestinian state; what will happen to Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; the fate of millions of Palestinian refugees; and most importantly the status of Jerusalem.

"Israel has been not only a wonderful economic partner, but more importantly, it has been one of our greatest military allies in the Middle East," said Weygand, who believes the United States has a responsibility in establishing peace.

Weygand has made two trips to Israel, one in 1993 and one in 1997. He admitted that in those four years, he saw an increase in chaos, but now believes Barak is making positive efforts toward peace.

With the Wye Peace Agreement, Weygand feels that Israel, the Palestinians and the United States can continue their quest for peace — with America being sensitive to both sides.

Shabbos Siddur For The Blind

The Jewish Heritage for the Blind is pleased to announce the availability of new large print *Shabbos Siddur* (Hebrew Only — *Nussach Sefard*) free of charge for the visually impaired. Mail or fax your request, accompanied by a note from your medical doctor or eye specialist confirming that you have a vision problem and need large print.

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RI Hadassah to Host National Speaker

At a meeting to be held in Middletown, the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will host a member of the organization's national board, Chris Nance Adler. She will share the latest developments on the organization's Women's Health Initiative and discuss Hadassah's latest program of Organ and Tissue Donation.

In addition, as a founder of Hadassah's "Check It Out" program, she will bring members up to date on the organization's national breast screening program which has been presented to more than 200,000 high school students and faculties across the nation.

In addition to her many leadership positions in Hadassah, Adler serves on the boards of several community organizations. She also served eight years on the board of trustees of the Corpus Christi, Texas, Independent School District, two years as its president. She was awarded "Jewish Woman of the Year" (1983), "Newsmaker of the Year" by the Corpus Christi *Caller Times* (1992), and the "Golda Meir Award" by the State of Israel Bonds. She holds a BS in Education and has taught in and mentored in public schools.

The meeting will be held at the home of Rene Kaminitz on Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. For directions, call the Hadassah office at 463-3636 or 849-2343.

Activities at The Jewish Family Services Kosher Mealsite Abound

During November, seniors will have an opportunity to participate in many special celebrations as well as the usual array of activities at the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston.

The group will be eating lunch early, at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 16, so they can go to the SAGE concert featuring Judy Bressler's Klezmer Kabaret at Temple Beth-El at 12:30 p.m.

On Nov. 15, Ronni Guttin of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island will present a program on the history of Hanukkah, and on Nov. 18 there will be a party for everyone with November birthdays, with musical entertainment by Chuck Dee.

Those wishing to attend the Dec. 2, Hanukkah party at the mealsite are reminded to sign up by Nov. 18. Call 781-1771, ask for Ronda or Gloria.

Regular activities will include writing class, tai chi, dance therapy and exercise

classes, bingo, visits from the JFS Registered Nurses and the Bureau of Jewish Education Bookmobile. The activities and programs accompany a hot kosher meal every weekday throughout the month. The November schedule includes:

- Bingo—Nov. 17, 29 and 30
- Tai chi with Allan Knight—Nov. 23

- Dance Therapy with Theresa—Nov. 22 at 11:15 a.m.
- Exercise Class with Sylvia Shockett—Nov. 24

- Visits from the Bureau of Jewish Education Bookmobile—Nov. 24

- Special Program: The History of Hanukkah, presented by Ronni Guttin from Jewish/Eldercare of RI—Nov. 15

- Early lunch/SAGE Concert—Nov. 16, lunch at 11:30, SAGE concert at 12:30

- Deadline for sign-ups for Dec 2 Hanukkah party—Nov. 18

- Birthday party with cake and entertainment by Chuck Dee—Nov. 18

- Men's/Women's Discussion Groups—every Friday
- Weekly Shabbat meal—every Friday.

The mealsite will be closed Nov. 11 to observe Veteran's Day and on Nov. 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

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

The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Transportation is available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick.

For reservations and more information, call Mealsite Coordinator Ronda French at 781-1771.



Getting a Helping Hand

The Classroom Buddies Program at the Alperin Schechter Day School has kicked off with eighth-grade students helping the first-grade students with a drawing assignment. Shayna Hersh works side by side with Rebecca Kanter as they complete self-portraits and describe their favorite foods, friends, sports, etc.

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Temple Sinai Book Fair — New and Used Jewish Books

It's time to go shopping for some great readings! Bring your quarters. Come to Temple Sinai at 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, on Nov. 21 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. You will have a wide selection of new Jewish books, as well as a variety of used books. Both adult and children's Jewish books will be sold. Titles include *Hebrew Dr. Seuss, Madeline*, and other popular children's books. Jewish cookbooks, crossword puzzle books, origami, crafts, and sports books are just a few of the new books offered for sale. First come, first served. And be sure that you get your choice. All proceeds from this book fair will go to Temple Sinai's Family Education Program.

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For decades, the Surgeon General has reported the health risks associated with smoking. The connection between tobacco and several chronic illnesses has been established by research over the last several decades.

• **Smoking causes cancer.** Tobacco smoke contains at least 43 carcinogenic (cancer causing) substances. Smoking causes many kinds of cancer, not just lung cancer. Tobacco use accounts for 30 percent, or one in three, of all cancer deaths in the United States. Smoking is responsible for almost 90 percent of lung cancers among men and more than 70 percent among women. Cancer of the mouth, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, kidney, bladder, pancreas, and aorta are also caused by cigarette smoking.

• **Cigarette smoking causes several lung diseases.** Chronic bronchitis — a disease which causes the airways to produce excess mucus, forcing the smoker to cough frequently — is a common ailment for smokers. Cigarette smoking is also the major cause of emphysema, a disease that slowly destroys a person's ability to breathe.

• **Smoking increases the risk of heart disease,** which is America's number one killer. Smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and lack of exercise are all risk factors for heart disease, but smoking alone doubles the risk of heart disease.

• **Pregnant women who smoke endanger the health and lives of their unborn babies.** When a pregnant woman

smokes, she is really smoking for two because of the nicotine, carbon monoxide, and other dangerous chemicals in smoke enter her bloodstream and pass directly into the baby's body. Research shows a direct relation between smoking during pregnancy and spontaneous abortions, stillbirths, death among newborns, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

• **Smoking decreases a person's life expectancy by 10-12 years.**

• **Smoking not only harms your health but the health of those around you.** Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (also called passive smoking or secondhand smoke) includes exhaled smoke as well as smoke from burning cigarettes. Studies have shown that environmental tobacco smoke can cause lung cancer in healthy non-smokers.

Besides increased health risks, there are personal, social and economic burdens that often motivate smokers to quit:

• **The cost of cigarettes is increasing rapidly.** At an average of \$3.75/pack, a pack-and-a-half-per-day smoker now spends more than \$2,000 per year on cigarettes. Multiply this number by the number of years as a smoker, and the numbers are astounding.

• **Smoking is less socially acceptable now than it was in the past.** Finding a place to smoke can be at best a hassle, at worst embarrassing.

• **If you have children or are around children, you want to set a good example for them.** When asked, nearly all smokers say they don't want their children to smoke, but children whose parents smoke are more likely to start smoking themselves. You can become a good

role model for them by quitting now.

• **Smoking negatively affects personal hygiene.** Smoking causes premature wrinkling of the skin, bad breath, unpleasant smelling clothes and hair, and yellowed nails.

The good news is that many of the health risks caused by smoking can be reversed over time. For example:

• **Twenty minutes after quitting:** Blood pressure drops to a level close to that before the last cigarette. Temperature of hands and feet increases to normal.

• **Eight hours after quitting:** Carbon monoxide level in the blood drops to normal.

• **Twenty-four hours after quitting:** chance of heart attack decreases.

• **Two weeks to three months after quitting:** Circulation improves; lung function increases up to 30 percent.

• **One to nine months after quitting:** Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, and shortness of breath decrease; cilia regain normal function in the lungs, increasing the ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce infection.

• **One year after quitting:** Stroke risk is reduced to that of a non-smoker five to 15 years after quitting.

• **Ten years after quitting:** Lung cancer death rate about half that of a continuing smoker's; risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidney, and pancreas decrease.

• **Fifteen years after quitting:** Risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker's.

For more information from the American Cancer Society call 1-800-ACS-2345, 24-hours a day, seven days a week.



The Great American Smokeout — Nov. 18

Annual American Cancer Society Event Educates About Tobacco's Danger

On the day of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout — Nov. 18 — Rhode Island will be abuzz with activities to promote smoke-free environments, educate kids about the benefits of staying smoke-free, and offer support to smokers who want to quit.

Initially begun as a date when smokers would pledge to quit for one day, the Great American Smokeout has, over the past 23 years, grown to include year-round advocacy on behalf of smoke-free environments, the problems of youth access to tobacco, and many other issues. Local activities include a Commit to Quit clinic at the Warwick Mall, education and motivational programs at local schools, a public smoke-free community challenge by Patricia Nolan, M.D., MPH, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, a public testimonial of successful smoke-free businesses, and an awards ceremony for smoke-free restaurants conducted by Governor Almond at the Rhode Island State House.

Since 1977, when the American Cancer Society began the Great American Smokeout as a nationwide quit-smoking day, adult smoking has declined from 35 percent to its present 24

percent. However, despite these gains, tobacco use remains among the greatest health problems we face today. It is the number one cause of cancer deaths in both men and women, accounting for one third of all cancer deaths. Each day, 3,000 more children pick up a cigarette and begin their battle with addiction.

• Smoking is the most preventable cause of death in our society.

• The nicotine in tobacco is a drug as addictive as heroin or cocaine.

• Smoking accounts for at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths, and approximately half of all continuing smokers die prematurely.

• Nationwide, 70.2 percent of high school students have tried cigarette smoking.

• Approximately 70 percent of the addicted children who smoke will become addicted adults who smoke.

• The tobacco industry targets youth as replacement smokers for those adults who have either quit or died.

• Approximately 53,000 non-smokers nationwide will die from inhaling secondhand smoke.

For those who plan to use the Great American Smokeout as an occasion to quit smoking, the American Cancer Society can help. Call 1-800-ACS-2345, or accessing their website at <www.cancer.org>.

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Update Your Attitudes About Alzheimer's Disease

"She's in her second childhood." "Granddad has hardening of the arteries." "Mom is just getting senile."

If you've ever caught yourself saying or thinking any of the above, you need to modernize your ideas about Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's is not an inevitable part of growing old. It's a disease.

What is Alzheimer's Disease?

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible loss of brain function. It can be characterized as a slow but steady process of "brain failure." When the disease is present, brain cells become clogged with the abnormal accumulation of a protein, which forms insoluble plaques and tangles of fibers. These plaques and "neurofibrillary tangles" are the physical hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease. The symptoms of Alzheimer's are most likely a result of the death of these brain cells and the connections between them.

What are the Symptoms of Alzheimer's?

Alzheimer's disease causes dementia, a medical term that refers to far more than memory lapses. The dementia of Alzheimer's disease leads to the gradual, permanent loss of memory, judgment, language skills, and the ability to reason.

Alzheimer's patients often feel confused and disoriented. The Alzheimer's patient slowly but steadily loses awareness of herself and her surroundings until, in the later stages, she loses physical coordination, even the ability to swallow. Alzheimer's is always fatal.

How Widespread is the Disease?

It is estimated that 250,000 new cases of Alzheimer's are diagnosed each year, and that 4 million Americans are now living with it. Every year, 100,000 of them die, making Alzheimer's the fourth leading cause of death. With the aging of the population, those numbers are predicted to rise sharply. It is projected that by the mid-21st century, 14 million Americans could be victims of Alzheimer's disease.

What Are my Chances of Developing Alzheimer's?

While Alzheimer's is not an inevitable part of aging, your lifetime chances of developing it does seem to depend on how long you live. If you're over 65, your chances of having Alzheimer's is one in 10. The risk goes up dramatically as you age, so that by age 85, your chances of having Alzheimer's is almost one in two. The reason the number of Alzheimer's patients is projected to increase so sharply over the next few decades is because

Americans are living longer than ever before. In fact, the fastest-growing segment of the population is the over-85 group.

Can Alzheimer's Disease be Treated?

There are two prescription drugs now available for treating Alzheimer's disease. The first to receive FDA approval, Cognex, has been shown to improve the functioning of Alzheimer's patients and temporarily slow the progress of the disease. Some patients on Cognex have experienced side effects, including liver damage. Aricept, the latest FDA-approved drug for Alzheimer's patients, provides similar results but with a lower incidence of side effects. Both drugs can delay the later stages of the disease for a significant amount of time, but neither drug cures or arrests the disease itself.

Where Can I Get More Information?

For basic information to help you understand Alzheimer's disease, call the American Health Assistance Foundation at (800) 437-2423. Your area agency on aging, located in the capital of your state, can also provide you with a wealth of information and referrals. Another excellent source of information is the Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center, located in Silver Spring, Md. A part of the Federal Government's National Institutes of Health, the ADEAR Center can be called toll-free at (800) 438-4380.

Fight Against Memory Loss Gets a New Weapon

by Alan A. Mazurek, M.D.
For News USA

One of the most critical health issues facing our aging population is memory loss, and experts in the fields of neurology, biochemistry and aging have had to fight this important battle. Until now.

New research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicates that an herbal compound, Huperzine A, provides promise as a treatment for patients experiencing memory loss problems. This research is so compelling that Huperzine A is one of the few herbal compounds to be embraced by U.S. medical practitioners and researchers.

In an important study conducted in China on Huperzine A, a double-blind placebo controlled protocol was used to evaluate the effectiveness of Huperzine A in treating benign memory loss. This statistically significant study showed a total improvement rate for the Huperzine A group of 86.7 percent, with 50 percent showing significant improvement. The placebo group showed a 20 percent improvement rate, with 3.3 percent significant improvement.

A collection of similar evidence in support of Huperzine A led me to conclude that Huperzine A holds the promise of improving the quality of life of people with a wide range of memory impairments, including Alzheimer's disease.

Therefore, for the last four months, I have been conducting

an open label study with Huperzine A on my patients with memory loss and dementia. In approximately 30 patients, more than half have shown an improvement of arrest of progression of their dementia, which represents a significant result. More definitive studies in the United States are needed to determine the exact dosage and further usefulness of Huperzine A, but it clearly is a major advancement in the treatment of memory loss and dementia.

Teaching older people to take care of themselves through diet, exercise and supplementation can be the beginning of a more promising and satisfying future. Huperzine A is available in health food stores nationwide and select drug stores.

Community Service With a New Slant

Local Service to Provide Free Respite Care to Area's Most Deserving Family Caregivers

Free respite care services will be provided to this area's most deserving family caregivers who would otherwise not be able to afford outside care for an elderly parent or relative on Nov. 20 and 21. This all-volunteer community service program is called Countrywide Companionship, the first such program of its kind in the nation dedicated solely directly assisting America's most deserving family caregivers.

The event is being sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, a local provider of non-medical companionship and home care services for the elderly.

Local social agencies, hospitals and other community-based elder care assistance resources are now working with Home Instead Senior Care to identify deserving family caregiver candidates. Those selected will each receive three hours of free respite companionship service provided by Home Instead CAREGiver volunteers.

Home Instead CAREGivers in this area will provide a variety of friendly conversation, respite services such as companionship, meal preparation, reading, correspondence and cultivating hobbies and activities that make the elderly the unique individuals they are.

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Alzheimer's Treatment Study at Memorial Hospital

A potential treatment for Alzheimer's disease is currently undergoing testing at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that a treatment that delays the actual onset of Alzheimer's disease by even five years would produce a savings of \$50 billion in health and long term care expenditures each year.

A drug called leteprinum potassium, trade name Nootrofin, is being used in a double-blind, placebo-controlled, Phase 2 clinical trial study. Memorial Hospital is one of 53 clinical trial sites across the country involved in the study.

"This study will examine whether the drug will alleviate symptoms of memory loss and reduce functional decline caused by Alzheimer's disease," noted Brian Ott, MD, the study's principal investigator, director of Memorial Hospital's Alzheimer's and Memory Disorder Center and associate professor of clinical neurosciences at Brown University School of Medicine.

The drug was originally de-

veloped in an effort to repair and/or regrow nerve cells in patients with brain or spinal cord injuries. Preliminary studies of the drug have demonstrated positive effects on memory and behavioral function on a small number of Alzheimer's disease patients.

In Alzheimer's patients, brain cells die slowly due to an accumulation of a microscopic debris of protein, known as amyloid, on the areas of the brain that control memory, reasoning, and judgment.

Enrollment in this study will be limited to 10 to 20 outpatients, who have mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease. Participants will be enrolled in the study for a three month period and receive either the active drug or placebo.

Physician visits, medical tests, and medications will be available free of charge to those chosen for the study.

This Phase 2 study is a predecessor to a large scale trial planned in the future.

For more information on the study, contact Meg Lannon, RN, MS, at 729-3750.

Five Fast Facts on Family Caregiving

1. Nearly a quarter (23.9 percent) of U.S. households are now involved in caring for an elderly family member or relative, spending an average of 18.1 hours a week over a four-year period. (Source: *National Alliance for Caregiving/Glaxo Welcome Report, 1997*)
2. Women provide 72 percent of all family caregiving, and nearly 65 percent of family caregivers are employed. (Source: *National Alliance for Caregiving/Glaxo Welcome Report, 1997*)
3. More than one-half (60 percent) of all family caregivers say they have suffered from depression. (Source: *National Family Caregivers Association/Fortis Long Term Care, 1998*)
4. Long distance caregivers miss nearly 15 million days of work each year. (Source: *National Council on Aging/The Pew Charitable Trusts, 1998*)
5. Long-term family caregiving takes a significant toll on workers. Lost productivity, absenteeism, interruptions and replacing employees due to elder care costs American business in excess of \$11.4 billion annually. (Source: *National Alliance for Caregiving/Glaxo Welcome Report, 1997*)

Five Fast Facts on the Elderly Population

1. People in the United States now live to an average age of 76.1 years. (Source: *Health, United States, 1998, U.S. Government Report*)
2. The number of Americans over 65 years of age will grow from 33.9 million in 1996 to 70 million in the year 2030, a 106 percent increase. (Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, 1996*)
3. By 2030, 20 percent of the U.S. population will be age 65 or older, compared with 7.5 percent in 1996. (Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, 1996*)
4. Americans age 80 or older are the fastest-growing group of people in the United States, increasing at a rate of more than 16,000 persons each month. (Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, 1996*)
5. In the last 10 years, the number of Americans age 85 years and older has grown by 42 percent. (Source: *American Demographics*)

Caring For The Caregiver

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Month

Family caregivers are the unsung heroes and hidden victims of Alzheimer's disease. They are also the backbone of care for America's 4 million sufferers of the disease. The primary caregiver, usually a husband, wife, daughter or son, has a 24-hour-a-day, 365-days a year job. For these caregivers, coping with the physical and emotional demands of caring for an Alzheimer's patient may be the most challenging job of their life.

While most caregivers put the needs of their loved one first, the exhausting role of caregiving makes them vulnerable to depression and serious illnesses. The following are tips for coping and staying healthy.

Tips for Coping

1. **Learn as much as you can about Alzheimer's disease.** Understanding how the disease will affect your loved one as time goes by will help you prepare for the future and make you a more effective caregiver.
2. **Join a support group.** Sharing with others in the same situation can be instrumental in helping you deal with feelings of anger, isolation, and frustration. And members of support groups will remind you that you are not alone.
3. **Take time for yourself — it's a necessity, not a luxury!** Find out about local adult day care centers, visiting nurses and volunteer services, and utilize them to guard against burnout.
4. **Recognize that some problems are outside your control.** Focus on solving the problems you can. Remember that while there is much you can do for

your loved ones, the disease will still run its course.

5. **Be aware of your patient's changing abilities and needs.** Your loved one's needs will change over time, and it's important that you stay flexible.

Seek assistance from family, friends and local agencies. Call the American Health Assistance Foundation at (800) 437-2423 for information, referrals and helpful publications.

9. **Prepare for the future.** The



What works today may not work tomorrow.

6. **Allow yourself to grieve.** Alzheimer's takes away the person you love and replaces them with a stranger. Allowing yourself to grieve this loss will help you adjust to the changes and move forward in life.
7. **Maintain your sense of humor.** Some days can be so frustrating there's nothing left to do but laugh. Keeping a positive attitude will have a calming effect on both you and your patient.
8. **Know your limits and ask for help.** No matter how much you want to, you can't possibly do everything on your own.

average Alzheimer's patient lives seven to eight years from the time of diagnosis, but some live much longer. Planning ahead, especially on financial and legal matters, is essential and should be done as early as possible.

10. **Order an Alzheimer's Caregiver Kit from the American Health Assistance Foundation.** The kit contains an expandable organizer for documents, a comprehensive resource guide, a calendar, and helpful stickers to place around the house as reminders for your patient. The kit costs \$5 and can be ordered by calling (800) 437-2423.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Totally Take-Out, Totally Convenient

by Luke O'Neill
Community Reporter

With busy work schedules and people pressed for time, there seems to be little opportunity to cook a sufficient meal. That's where J. Elliott's saves the day with their new Totally Take-Out.

J. Elliott's, the New York-style deli on Hope Street, introduced Totally Take-Out about three weeks ago and according to owner Jeff Kohn there has been an overwhelming response.

Kohn's 6-year-old kosher-style deli has received several awards with the take-out system a pleasant added feature. "The Totally Take-Out is really designed to be take-out. But the restaurant will still remain open with this new addition," said Kohn. Customers can

come in and pick up the prepared foods in the deli case or call in advance.

"With everybody's schedule being so busy, you're not having time to cook and local com-

petition in the area opening up with take-out. I thought it was time for J. Elliott's to offer that service," said Kohn, a Johnson and Wales graduate.

So what can you find in



JEFF KOHN shows off his new totally take-out deli case at his Hope Street restaurant.



THE KOSHER-STYLE Totally Take-out includes: roasted chicken, macaroni, cole slaw, brisket, baked ziti, lasagne, casseroles, and much more.

Herald photo by Luke O'Neill

Totally Take-Out? A wide variety of foods: blintzes, potato pancakes, whitefish chubs, spinach pie, American chop suey, salads, pastas, quiche, breaded eggplant, chicken cutlet, kugel and much more. Kohn, said the entrées change seasonally and daily, but can also be "recreated" by request.

Kohn, said he would like to have people eat more health-conscious using low fat oils. The deli, with weekly and daily specials and animated art hanging from the walls, attracts all walks of life.

"Our main goal," said Kohn, "is quality, diversity, and freshness, with freshness being the most important."

Feinstein Petition to End Hunger Passes 400,000 Milestone

Alan Shawn Feinstein's petition to Congress and the president, asking them to make a commitment to ending hunger in America, has attracted 406,681 signers to date from throughout the country.

Feinstein started the petition last November, moved by news of increasing demand on food pantries and soup kitchens in many states, mostly from working families at low income jobs unable to stretch their paychecks and make ends meet.

"To have 30 million people going hungry or in danger of hunger in the richest country in the world, is a disgrace," said Feinstein. "We should be setting an example for the rest of the world by making the ending of hunger a top priority. The time to do it is right now."

To sign the petition, just visit <www.feinsteinfound.com> where you can sign it electronically. You can also send a free meal to a hungry person at that web site.

Feinstein has been in the forefront of helping hungry people both in this country and abroad for many years. He has founded food pantries in more than 200 churches throughout the country as well as in the Philippines and Africa. He recently founded the Center for a Hunger Free America with President Carothers at the University of Rhode Island, which now is also actively working on anti-hunger issues.

Feinstein said he will continue the hunger petition drive until Congress and the president respond to the will of the people.

Most of the petition signers to date have come from churches, synagogue groups and anti-hunger agencies and their constituents in every state. Feinstein recently received a gigantic wall-sized poster from the National Council of the Churches of Christ, featuring the names of 495 signers from Chicago, Ill.

Boy Scouts Collect 225,000 Pounds of Food for Food Bank

Volunteers Urgently Needed to Sort Food

Last Saturday, the Boy Scouts once again helped fill the shelves at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank by collecting 225,000 pounds of food in their 12th annual Scouting For Food drive.

"We are grateful for the determination and hard work of the Boy Scouts and for the generosity of people who donated food," said Bernard J. Beaudreau, executive director of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

"Volunteers are currently inspecting and sorting the donations for distribution, but we desperately need more help so the food can get to needy families in time for the holidays," Beaudreau said.

Corporate, civic, and church groups, as well as individual volunteers, are urgently needed. Beginning Nov. 11 and continuing through Nov. 20, the following times are available:

Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to noon, noon to 3 p.m., 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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FEATURE

EL AL Purchases Three New Boeing 777s

EL AL Israel Airlines recently announced the decision to purchase three new Boeing 777-200 aircraft as part of an ongoing effort to further modernize the airline's fleet, already one of the youngest in the industry. These new 777 aircraft, the first of which is scheduled for delivery in early 2001, are designated to replace several existing 747-200 aircraft in EL AL's fleet, some of which have already been retired. The long-awaited decision comes after months of negotiations and offers to EL AL's board of directors from both Boeing and Airbus.

EL AL's board of directors is also considering the Airbus A330 aircraft as the most suitable replacement for its 767 aircraft. In the next two weeks, EL AL will decide if the airline will purchase three-to-four A330 aircraft from Airbus to be delivered in two years.

As a result of these recent negotiations, both Boeing and Airbus have committed to purchase local products from Israeli companies amounting to at least 50 percent of the value of the total aircraft purchase agreement. In addition, the Boeing Company has agreed to provide EL AL with aircraft overhaul contracts amounting to \$40 million.

EL AL board of directors acknowledges the tremendous ef-

fort made on the part of both Boeing and Airbus throughout these negotiations, as well as the joint cooperation which existed between their negotiating teams and EL AL's own representatives.

The decision to make this purchase was reached following a thorough analysis of EL AL's current needs and through the use of outside advisory companies, Chase Manhattan and Monitor, who assisted in the evaluation process. The final decisions were reached on the basis of professional statistics and figures presented to EL AL's decision makers.

The 777, the world's largest twinjet aircraft, is Boeing's newest plane. The size of the 777 is between that of the 767 and the 747. The 777 has one of the most spacious passenger cabins ever developed, and can carry between 305 and 320 passengers in a typical three-class configuration.

EL AL President Joel Feldschuh announced at a recent press conference the airline's commitment to continually enhance and improve customer service.

As part of this commitment, EL AL is currently in negotiations with a major American carrier and other international airlines to implement additional code-sharing and frequent flyer

partnerships. The airline has recently signed a code-sharing agreement with South African Airlines, effective Nov. 1, making EL AL the only carrier in the world providing direct service between Israel and South Africa. Frequent flyer partnerships have also been established with American Airlines and Qantas Airways, providing EL AL passengers with more wide-ranging opportunities to earn free tickets and upgrades.

As evidence of his personal commitment to the highest level of passenger service, Feldschuh personally interviews all flight attendants to ensure that they meet and reflect the airline's high standards. "Flight attendants give a face and a personality to the airline because they interact most directly with our passengers. It is important that they understand their role, and reflect EL AL's commitment to ensure the comfort of each and every passenger," said Feldschuh.

On Dec. 8 EL AL will take delivery of a brand-new Boeing 737 aircraft, the eighth new aircraft this year. In its continuing effort to increase passenger comfort, EL AL has expanded the legroom in Business Class on all of its 747 aircraft by removing seats. EL AL already has one of the youngest fleets in the industry and Feldschuh is committed to continuing this ongoing fleet modernization. By the end of the year 2000, every aircraft in EL AL's fleet will be less than 10 years old. EL AL has already retired two 747-200 aircraft.

Tipper Gore: 'Chances for Peace Have Never Been Better'

"The new millennium holds great promise for a secure and just peace for Israel," Tipper Gore, wife of the vice president of the United States, declared at the annual tribute luncheon of State of Israel Bonds' Greater New York Women's Division.

"Prime Minister Barak has reintegrated the peace process and announced an ambitious schedule for the next year," Gore told an audience of more than 500 people at the New York Hilton. "The chances for peace have never been greater," she said, adding: "My husband and President Clinton will be there every step of the way."

Gore lauded the Israel Bonds program, saying: "Israel Bonds are one of the most tangible ways that Americans can show our unwavering support for Israel." She stated that "the money from the sale of these bonds has helped Israel from an infant state to the economically strong and democratic state it is today."

She called the Women's Division "particularly close to my heart, because it shows... the power of women to stand up and make a difference on issues we feel strongly about. Not just women alone, but women together."

Gore was the keynote speaker at the luncheon, at which 22 women were honored for their leadership in Israel Bonds campaigns in their communities. The event produced more than \$2.2 million in bond purchases.

Gore was presented with a menorah designed and signed by the late world-renowned artist Salvador Dali. The presentation was made by Mimi Collier, Israel Bonds chairwoman in Queens, N.Y., and Anne Patt, wife of Israel Bonds President and CEO Gideon Patt and honorary international chairman of the Women's Division.

Gore was also made an honorary member of the Israel Bonds National Women's Division when Vicki Erlbaum of Philadelphia, the Division's chairwoman, presented her with its 1999 Honor Pin.

Other speakers at the event included Bat-Sheva R. Waitman of New York, Greater New York Women's Division chairwoman; Helen Sax Patatznik of New York, luncheon campaign chairwoman; Bobbie Goldstein of Spring Valley, N.Y., honorary chairwoman of the National Women's Division; and Gloria Hirsch of Livingston, N.J., the luncheon's President's Club chairwoman.

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Open House at Wheeler School

Interested students and their families are invited to The Wheeler School's annual open house, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon on the school's campus at 216 Hope St., Providence.

Visitors will be able to tour the classrooms, meet teachers and students and collect information on programs and financial aid offered by the 110-year-old independent school for children in nursery through grade 12.

Also featured are tours of Wheeler's 120-acre athletic facility and farm property in Seekonk, Mass. Shuttle buses will take families to and from the facility which is a 10-minute ride from Providence and features playing fields, a new running track, and the site of the Wheeler summer camp. The Hamilton School at Wheeler for students in grades one through eight with language-based learning disabilities will be open for tours of that special program.

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FEATURE

Kislev Kindles Flames

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Kislev kindles memory and renews and restores shared history. Even before the first candle of the *chanukiah*, past chapters come back. Several such stories find their way to me.

Joshua Waldman, a Brown senior, spent his junior year in Katmandu studying Tibetan Buddhist culture. He asked his guru and guide to visit the Providence campus and share his insights with Josh's classmates. He called me at home and urged me to attend.

They set up the basement chamber of a university brick block like an *ashram*, a circle of lights in jars like *gohartz* candles or a Chanukah floor model menorah. Upon a low raised dais or *hima* the rabbinic Buddhist sat with a trio of translators at his side.

"I especially thank Joshua Waldman for inviting me to meet you," he began, and took questions from the class. What struck me forcefully was the desire of our pressured, sometimes stressed, students for the serenity and inward fervor of spiritual leadership. "What are the rules of conduct about relationships?" asked an Asian undergrad, bringing a little light laughter to the group. All seated in the lotus fashion, cross-legged, head held high in attentive contemplation. With a polite nod of request I took some snapshots of Josh and guest, wrapped in the dignity of muted orange robe and moving through the Brunonian and somehow also Chassidic gathering. "Helping others through acts and deeds of compassion and caring, that is the most excellent, noble and kind thing of all," was the message he left with.

Noah Schwartz, lately in the news as a victim of violence, below the college heights, in downtown Providence, stepped into my classroom to address the RISD audience, not about that incident, but about his research into the architecture of the Divine metropolis. "I went up the lift to the hidden upper story of the Fleet, or Industrial Trust [Building], and dug out the secret. It was designed and furnished exactly like the deluxe deck of the doomed dignitaries that met their dark destiny in the sky." Noah criticizes the new mall, a move off to the right of the fabulous skyscrapers of yore that gave off glitter and glamor. "The Turk's Head and the Arcade joined the legions of theaters, monuments and restaurants that told a rich story in stone. They have been betrayed and bypassed, while traffic ties us up and corporations claim such a thing as progress."

An inventor, innovator, and industrial design scholar, Schwartz declares, "I am not a victim. I help others. I dedicate my research to reinvesting in the city center, from a place of will will to a space for peace."

My father-in-law, Morris Weintraub, came to shabbat dinner and brought a photo of the late Senator John Chafee with Jack Benny standing beside him, and surrounded by Morris, his wife Florence, and her sister Sylvia. The ladies had played for the Benny show in town. I fit in this anecdote as

an example of fame and celebrity like shining lights that brighten our yesterdays. "Senator Chafee wrote my ailing father David a personal letter wishing him a recovery and re-



Florence and Sylvia, John Chafee, Jack Benny, Morris Weintraub

turn to work. I never forgot that gesture of courtesy. That's why his death brought tears to my eyes," confided Morris.

Blossom Kirschenbaum phoned me and said, "Somebody noted that I looked like a Cretan. So I discussed the Jewish history of Crete with Phil Davis, applied math professor emeritus at Brown. He had just returned from a visit and lecture there, and wrote a travel piece about the restoration and re-

Chanukat ha-Bayit, the recovery of the small temple, was a three-day affair. From a shamble and rubble with chickens scratching in the dust, carpenters were finishing a splendid scene. The *hima* and *aron ha-kodesh* faced each other from opposite walls. An overflow crowd poured out into the courtyards. Delegations from Athens and Salonika witnessed the mounting of *mezuzot* and the installation of a *sefer* Torah. Prayers were offered for the Jewish community which had vanished and perished completely by June 1944."

Professor Davis was seated at dinner next to the German cultural attaché. "But there is no Jewish community left. Nevertheless, the creator of the entire project, Nicholas Stavroulakis, plans a seder come spring. He has to make sure the pure olive oil beaten for the light will keep the *ner tamid* glowing. As for the regular *mincha maris* service, who knows? The world renews itself in strange ways."

Kislev is the month that mixes memory and launches desires, Thanksgiving to Chanukah, the brilliance of harvest and the brown study of the fallen oak leaves, wicks of *hatikvah* and *zachor*, hope and recall, bonds of friendship and the steel hoops of loyalty.

Displaced Persons

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

I quit the weed sours ago and put the ashtrays out of sight. But once upon a time a cigarette created conversation in a shared cloud of friendly smoke.

My last twilight in Paris as a Sorbonne student and left bank stroller was spent in the shadow of the church of St. Sulpice. I rented room and board from M. and Mme. Dauchez. They gave me lunch and a tiny bedroom with a coal stove and a French window looking over a convent garden. M. Dauchez liked nothing better than a Gauloise or a Gitane to light up after soup and salad. He hacked away happily while his wife clucked in disapproval of the nasty habit.

I kept my worldly goods in a large steamer trunk decorated with cartoons my brother had painted on its lid. In its depths my dad had packed away cartons of his favorite Camels, without fancy filters or foreboding warnings. One day M. Dauchez, checking my parlor heater, took note of my buried treasure with long eyes.

"I'll swap my French pack for yours. It's one good thing Americans make." In that postwar period, the G.I. 20-pack still counted for something. "Okay," I said with my best gallic accent.

M. Dauchez kept in his pocket a large lighter and a tiny pair of scissors. The cutting tool was used to make a fag last longer. First, you break the spine of the cigarette to make the air circulate better. After you pull in a few puffs, you snip off the lit end and taste that deep drag. You put the butt back in your shirt pocket for later, like a special snack. The coughing and wheezing were part of the

pleasure.

M. Dauchez was so delighted with his bargain that he offered an unexpected and kind invitation.

"I ask you to walk around the familiar block with me and try to see it my way." I put on my cotton scarf and my silky beret, pushed aside the draperies that held the warmth against the drafty corridors, and we wound our way downstairs, through the courtyard, round to the alleys and streets near St. Germain des Pres.

The rest of our conversation was that Paris wasn't what it used to be — what I had seen and tasted. "They don't bake the baguettes, the broches, the croissants, with the proper dough, in the correct ovens. They save money on cheeses

the precise pattern of the courtesy of their country. They corrected every syllable, every consonant or vowel I might have mispronounced. Words sound different with every variable. They wanted me to meet a Viscount. It wasn't an aristocrat, it was a fellow from "Wisconsin," oddly pronounced. I waited for afternoon tea with a perhaps Asian person from "Oyo" who turned out to be a classmate from Ohio.

Often I passed for a Canadian, not a complete lie, since my relatives lived in Montreal. When I asked for the location of a "temple," they pointed me toward a Huguenot prayer hall. I found my way to the Jewish quarter, and my aunts, Lillian and Minnie, separately, came over to pay a call. We went off to Pigeon, and dined at the Moulin Rouge. I might listen deeply to the displaced young persons who drank and talked at the corner bistros. But mostly, M. Dauchez took me for a typical American bearing gifts of nicotine with the logo of a dromedary.

Not so many years later, I revisited my old haunts, after a summer sojourn in Jerusalem. M. and Mme. Dauchez had disappeared. Neighbors told me they had left, had passed away, leaving nobody behind. Their son had perished in the war. There was no way I could recall the charm of that last friendly stroll.

I still follow the footsteps of an old habit down the rue Cassette when I march through the city of light. I recall how dark it was in the mid '50s, before the return of de Gaulle and the sandblasting of the palaces. How thriving the town was, es-

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Bening Bombs

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter



Am I the only person in Providence who couldn't find the beauty in "American Beauty?"

Annette Bening plays a hardworking wife and mom who loses everything, even her adulterous lover, because she's so heartless and ambitious. I find humiliation painful to behold, never entertaining to witness. She has no saving grace, only bony-kneed awkwardness.

Kevin Spacey, on the other hand, in a Billy Wilder rip-off as the dead narrator, comes across supposedly as a charmer. Why? Because he works out, erasing his paunch and thus deserving the attentions of his daughter's classmate? What values are we getting here?

And then, to continue the theme of humiliating disgrace, we get a neighbor dad, an ex-Marine, who collects Nazi plate relics, despises gays, and yet reveals himself as a repressed and enraged homosexual. The son of the Marine and the

daughter of the weightlifter fall in love and run off. But they, too, get their share of embarrassing moments. The boy is a delusional voyeur. The girl is an exhibitionist who plays to his pompous perversion.

Put it all together. You may have a masterpiece as reviewers and viewers alike seem to agree, including students in my movie class. But this critic finds it all both hollow and unlikely. Film does not necessarily have to mimic life in literal terms, but faithfulness to the ordinary will always rank as a virtue in the narrative and performing arts. Insight as well as imagination share worthwhile value.

I vote thumbs down to the unlovely and insulting script of "American Beauty," for its lack of subtlety, dignity, restraint, and charm. Have we grown so harsh and dull that nothing but cruelty can tempt our visual palates? It's an embarrassment to go to the cinema, not an entertainment.



that haven't got the power they packed. The ordinary, daily wines, they aren't aged, stored, bottled, in the proud traditions of our past. Every monument, every facade, every inner garden, held stories and sakes for M. Dauchez that I had taken for granted on my American student errands.

As a Jewish visitor in a Catholic neighborhood, I had lain low, absorbing the language and the routines of life, from coffee to brandy. The family Dauchez had insisted that I sit, drink, speak, even move, in

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Sound and Fury's Sparkling Portrait of a Shattered Family at Perishable Theatre

by Amy Eller Lewis

Forget about *The Sound and the Fury* that you read in high school. Perishable Theatre's New England premiere of Erik Ehn's stage adaptation cuts right to the heart of William Faulkner's classic novel. Director Peter Wallace brings us a visually stunning story of betrayal, loss, and a family broken and enduring. The play begins as fragments of a shattered family portrait that are slowly put back together; the cracks of their tragedy are still visible. This is a fragmented story for a fragmented family, where the themes of deceit, incest and sexuality are as poignant today as they were in Faulkner's time.

The members of the Compson family take turns telling their own stories, and from this we piece together the mystery of their singular tragedies and the ones they share as a whole. Ben, the 33-year-old mentally disabled brother, is unable to tell the difference between times past and present, and exposes us to a confusion of voices and characters. As the story continues to move, we are able to piece together the suicide of the brother Quentin, the bitterness and greed of Jason, the elusive and pivotal sister Caddie, and Ben who waits for her at the fence for 20 years, waiting for her to come home. Finally we hear from Dilsey, the family's long-time housekeeper, from who we get a message of painful endurance.

These stellar actors perform with a balletic precision; Max Vogler is powerful, almost evil as Jason, while Mark Pecham's Ben howls with bone-chilling woe. Kat Lester's sexually potent Caddie is equal parts poignant and thrilling, and James Barton's portrait of the divided Quentin is eloquent and poetic. Sylvia Ann Soares gives us a straight-forward, loving and often funny Dilsey, and Mark Anthony Brown as her son Luster, brings a strong, purposeful quality to the stage. These actors perform as a seamless ensemble, and it was a joy to watch a stage full of such able performers.

Peter Wallace has created a dark and sparkling world where we accept the fact of our own confusion at times, knowing that he will eventually lead us into the light. And he does so, with great reverence and precision. Not once did I feel the need to refer to the Cliff Notes (which incidentally, ARE available in the lobby).

Jeremy Woodward's inspired, yet deceptively simple set design establishes the tone perfectly, along with Deb Sullivan and Peter Hurovitz offering some of the most imaginative lighting and sound design I have seen in quite a while. All the parts of this production come together to make a shining and seamless whole.

This is a profound and ambitious production from a brave theater with the ability and imagination to make it work. This is a challenging play made accessible and real, meaningful in any time. Don't miss it.

Amy Eller Lewis is a free-lance writer living in Providence.



The Sound and the Fury — left to right Kate Lester, James Barton (seated) and Max Vogler at the Perishable Theatre's Mainstage, 95 Empire St., Providence, Oct. 23 thru Nov. 21. Tickets \$6 to \$15 general admission. For more information, call 331-2695.

Photo courtesy of Perishable Theatre

Berlin Metropolis: Jews and the New Culture, 1890-1918 Opens at the Jewish Museum

The Jewish Museum will present "Berlin Metropolis: Jews and the New Culture, 1890-1918" from Nov. 14, through April 23, 2000. As a city in the midst of rapid economic, social, and physical growth, Berlin at the turn of the century experienced turbulent change that exerted a profound influence on the creation of modern art forms. Jews were central to the development of modern culture in Berlin during these years. The energy of the modern metropolis, its heterogeneity, and the rapid stimuli assaulting the city dweller in the form of crowds, urban transportation, and the barrage of images and text from store displays, kiosks, newspapers, advertisements and posters are reflected in the art and literature of Berlin at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. All of these facets of the city and its cultural life will be explored in the exhibition and its accompanying catalogue. Works on view are being loaned from major museums and private collections in the United States, France, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden.

Visitors to this unprecedented show will experience the sights and sounds of the new metropolis in a uniquely designed installation featuring more than 250 objects — paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, books, letters, posters, and theater memorabilia from the period — revealing the vi-

talinity and diversity of modern art forms created in Berlin at the turn of the century. Works by such internationally renowned artists as Vasily Kandinsky, Oskar Kokoschka, Robert Delaunay, Edvard Munch, Fernand Léger, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, and Kathe Kollwitz will be on view. Paintings by Italian futurists Giacomo Balla, Umberto Boccioni and Gino Severini and well-known German Jewish artists Max Liebermann, Ludwig Meidner, Jakob Steinhardt, and Lesser Ury will also be included. Excerpts from films by pioneers of early German film, including Ernst Lubitsch, who later influenced the American film industry will be shown. The exhibition will also examine the central role that Jews played in the development of a new visual and literary language which had a profound effect on the culture of the 20th century.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Ave., at 92nd St., Manhattan. Museum hours are: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Friday and Saturday. Museum admission is \$8 adults; \$5.50 students and senior citizens; free admission for children under 12. On Tuesday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. admission is free/pay-what-you-wish. For general information, the public may call (212) 423-3200, or visit The Jewish Museum's website at www.thejewishmuseum.org.

'Murder at the Howard Johnsons'

Theatre Company at Pontiac Mills, 334 Knight St., Warwick, announces the production of "Murder at the Howard Johnsons" by Ron Clark & Sam Bobrick, presented Nov. 18 thru 20 at 8 p.m. All's fair in love? Even murder? That's the question posed by this light and funny suspense-comedy about a love triangle in a Howard Johnson's Motor Inn.

General admission is \$15, seniors and students \$12 with a dessert. Reservations strongly suggested, call 734-9554.

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Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Hamm, Bo Peep, the Green Army Men, Rex, Slinky Dog and all the toy friends in Andy's room come to life — on ice — in "Disney on Ice" presents Toy Story.

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"Disney on Ice" presents Toy Story" is performing at the Providence Civic Center from Dec. 9 to Dec. 12. Show times are 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; noon, 3:30, and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets for "Disney on Ice presents Toy

Story" are available at the Providence Civic Center box office or via Ticketmaster. To purchase tickets, call the Civic Center at 331-0700 or Ticketmaster at 331-2211. Tickets are \$10 and \$15 with limited VIP seating available.

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Community Players Present 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Micki Silverman (left) of Warwick and Pat LaVornia of North Kingstown portray Yente, the matchmaker, and Golde in The Community Players' production of the Tony award-winning musical "Fiddler on the Roof," to be presented at the Jenks Junior High School in Pawtucket from Nov. 20 through Dec. 5. For reservations, call 726-6860.

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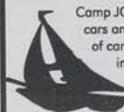
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The Festival Ballet Presents 'Magnificat'

"Magnificat" is an uplifting ballet set to J.S. Bach's heavenly score for orchestra and chorus. It celebrates a classic sense of spirituality.

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A "Discover Dance" performance for schools and senior citizen groups will be on Nov. 22 at 10 a.m.

All events will take place at Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College, Providence, R.I.

Also featured on this program is "Soledad," exploring the themes of reflection and loneliness against the backdrop of a tango society.

Guest artists will be Boston Ballet's internationally acclaimed principal dancers Alexandra Koltun and Paul Thrusell.

The prices are as follows: Special group rates* — \$16/person for groups of 10 or more, \$12/person for groups of 25 or more. Discover Dance tickets at \$5/person.**

*Individual tickets are \$22 for reserved seating; \$20 for general admission.

To order tickets, call 421-ARTS.

**For Discover Dance information, call Festival Ballet at 353-1129.



With The Grace of a Bird

Don Cossacks of Rostov, a company of 50 dancers and musicians present the Don Cossack folk songs in the Potpourri Series, a part of the Rhode Island College Performing Arts Series Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$20 with discounts for seniors and students. For more information, call 456-8194.

Photo courtesy of RIC

Gulbenkian Museum Masterpieces at Met

Much admired by specialists, but little-known in the United States, the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum in Lisbon houses the exceptional collection of artistic treasures that was formed by the late industrialist, philanthropist, and collector Calouste Gulbenkian (1869-1955). This autumn, while renovations are underway at the Gulbenkian Museum, a dazzling selection of 80 works — including paintings by Rubens, Fragonard, Turner, Manet, and Monet, as well as spectacular Islamic ceramics and glass, Lalique jewelry, Ro-

man medals, ancient Egyptian sculptures, Armenian illuminated manuscripts, sumptuous Persian and Turkish silks, and great examples of French 18th-century silver and furniture — will travel to New York for the first time. On view at The Metropolitan Museum of Art from Nov. 16 through Feb. 27, 2000, "Only the Best": Masterpieces of the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Lisbon" will offer a rare opportunity to experience the extraordinary range and quality of this celebrated collection.

Exhibition dates are: Nov. 16 to Feb. 27, 2000; Exhibition location: Special Exhibitions Galleries, first floor, adjacent to Carroll and Milton Petrie European Sculpture Court.



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Holiday Gift Giving Includes Antique Shop

The Greater Boston Antique & Collectible Holiday Toy Show is on Nov. 21 at the Holiday Inn, Dedham, Mass. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$4 (\$3.50 after noon). Children 12 and under, attended by an adult, are admitted free.

Running annually for 10 years, the show has become the place to find rare antique toys and coveted, present-day collectibles to possess or use for unique holiday gifts!

Classic, old, tin wind-ups, banks, Marx, Corgi, Buddy-L and pressed steel toys from the past look at Star Wars heroes and villains, G.I. Joe, action figures, Barbies, Disney and Western toys, Old, battery-operated novelties, antique games and playsets, Tonka toys, pedal cars, dolls, dime-store "lead" soldiers and many other treasures only seen in private collections, television and the Internet will be available for all to enjoy, examine and possibly own! The Dedham, Mass., Holiday Inn is located on Route 1 at Exit 15A off Route 128/95. For information, call Mrs. Devlin at (508) 379-9733. All is wheelchair accessible.

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Red, Hot n' Rollin' Skates into Z

Red Hot n' Rollin's "All on Wheels" is one performance you and your family don't want to miss at New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre on Nov. 28.

There are two shows scheduled: 1 and 3 p.m., and the show is approximately one hour long. The dazzling musical on wheels is part of the Family Fun Series, which is sponsored by Citizens Bank. This action-packed hour has it all: colorful costumes, jazzy music, and skating (both roller blading and figure), performed by national champions. In addition, a special holiday feature opens the program.

Hip hop roller blading blends with the artistic elegance of figure skating to create mu-

sical and dance routines that will have you scratching your head wondering, "How'd they do that?"

Concessions, including hot popcorn, will be on sale before the performance, and patrons can eat and drink inside the theater.

Tickets are only \$5 general admission and are on sale now. Group rates are also available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Zeiterion box office, located at 684 Purchase St. in downtown New Bedford. It is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (508) 994-2900.



Noche De Guitarras

A free concert by the Lisa y Josué Guitar Duo, 8 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Salomon Hall, room 101, Main Green, Brown University. The Lisa y Josué Guitar Duo and dancer Barbara Martinez will present a Latin repertoire of original guitar music, flamenco dancing, and Spanish poetry, with an emphasis on Puerto Rico.

Pictured is Lisa Spraragen, daughter of Barbara Lee Spraragen of East Greenwich and Josué Perez.

PPAC To Hold One-Day Sale For Blue's Clues Live!

There will be a very special one-day sale on Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center for Blue's Clues Live! Tickets for selected performances in selected locations will be available for just \$10 during the one-day sale; for complete details, call PPAC box office at 421-ARTS. Tickets for the one-day sale may be purchased in person or by calling the box office. Regularly priced tickets are also available through the box office and at Ticketmaster or by calling 331-2211. For groups of 10 or more, call 421-2997, ext. 3121.

Blue's Clues Live! will be

performed on Nov. 17 through Nov. 21 at the PPAC. Performance times are Wednesday at 7 p.m., Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m.

Blue's Clues Live! features the familiar and well-loved characters — Blue, Steve, Mail Box, Slippery Soap, Tickle Tock, Mr. Salt and Mrs. Pepper... along with new characters that are part of the live show. Children at the show will be given their own notebook so they can interact with Steve and Blue to find clues.

All Childrens Theatre Announces Open Teen Auditions

The All Childrens Theatre will hold open teen auditions for spring ensemble membership on Nov. 16, by appointment, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Vartan Gregorian School Theatre, 455 Wickenden St., Fox Point in Providence. Theatre entrance is on East Street.

Any interested teen, age 13 to 17 (as of 12/1/99), is invited to participate and should come prepared with two contrasting monologues and an a capella song. The audition should last no more than 5 minutes.

All Childrens Theatre Ensemble membership provides each participant with the opportunity to study every aspect of the dramatic arts with theatre professionals and to perform popular, traditional and experimental plays. Upcoming spring productions are "Amazing Grace," "Romeo and Juliet," "Charlotte's Web," "Peter Pan," and the Fourth Annual RI Youth Playwriting Festival.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call 331-7174. The fee for spring membership is \$375.

Children's Hour at the Kennedy Library

The Children's Hour at the Kennedy Library presents "Tales from Mother Russia," two Russian folktales presented by the Enchanted Circle Theater on Nov. 20. Extraordinary sets and costumes highlight the production of "Bavsi and the Isar's Feast," the story of a stingy farmer who, after witnessing a seven-course feast that he can neither touch nor taste, vows to share his good fortune with those less fortunate than he; and "Ivan Bearmanovich," a tale about the foibles of communication when Ivan, part bear and part man, takes words literally. The hour-long performance begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Stephen E. Smith Hall at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum on Columbia Point, Boston. Appropriate for family audiences and children ages 5 and older. Free to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call (617) 929-1211.



ACT Performs 'Scapino'

Performances are Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 14, 21 at 2 p.m. at the Vartan Gregorian School Theatre, 455 Wickenden St. in Providence. Shown from top are Providence residents Jessica Corely and Belanger Peralta. Photo courtesy of ACT

Holiday Gift Fest at Moses Brown School

The 10th annual Moses Brown School Gift Fest will be held on Nov. 13 and 14 in the Waughtel-Howe Field House, Alumni Avenue, Providence.

Sponsored by the Moses Brown School Parents' Association, Gift Fest will feature 50 unique specialty shops and boutiques, a silent auction, a gingerbread display, and cafe. Shoppers will find jewelry, antiques, children's toys and clothing, pottery, glass, and many other treasures. The specialty vendors travel from throughout New England to participate.

Shopping hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ad-

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OBITUARIES

HARRY FELDMAN CRANSTON — Harry Feldman, 92, of Cedar Crest Nursing Home, Cranston, a retired store district manager, died Nov. 7 at the home. He was the husband of Mollie (Lazaroff) Feldman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Berrel and Esther (Cutler) Feldman, he had lived in Cranston before he moved to Warwick, where he lived for 20 years before moving to the nursing home in Cranston.

He was a district manager for the former Morton Shoe Stores for more than 30 years, retiring 20 years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Berton Feldman of Milford, N.H.; two daughters, Fran Weisman of Warwick and Barbara Feldman of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Rea Holland of East Providence, and Beatrice Pollack of Florida; two granddaughters, and a great-grandson. He was the brother of the late Morris Feldman and Anna Ettleman.

A graveside service was held Nov. 9 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements

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

ISADORE S. GISHMAN FALL RIVER — Isadore S. Gishman, 77, of Courtney Street, an employee at Carousell Mfg. Co., retiring 12 years ago, died Nov. 4 at Sarah Brayton Nursing Home. He was the husband of the late Delores (Cordeiro) Gishman.

A lifelong resident of Fall River, he was a son of the late Nathan and Rose (White) Gishman.

He had worked at Lampport Mfg. Co. until its closing. He was a member of Adas Israel Congregation, the Boys Club and the Tenants Association of Royal Crest Estates.

He leaves several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Morris and David Gishman.

The funeral was held Nov. 7 at Adas Israel Congregation, Robeson Street. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BARBARA A. GREENWALD BARRINGTON — Barbara A. Greenwald, 75, of 23 Surrey Road, a former physical education teacher, died Oct. 31 at home. She was the wife of Sidney Greenwald.

Born in Omaha, Neb., a daughter of the late Roy and Jeanette (Arnstein) Rosenfeld, she moved to Barrington 50 years ago. She had taught in the Boston school system before moving to Barrington. She earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1945 from Boston University's Sargent College.

She was a docent at Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology in Bristol for more than 25 years, and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for 20 years. She was an avid golfer and member of the Barrington Bogies. She was a member of the Barrington Women's Club, and a founding member of the Barrington Chapter of American Field Service, a student exchange program.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Charles F. Greenwald of Jakarta, Indonesia, and Roy F. Greenwald of Winchester, Mass.; a daughter, Betsy G. Zimmering of Cheshire, Conn.; a brother, Charles Arnstein of Dallas, Tx.; a sister, Margery Rosenberg of Dallas, Tx.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Nov. 2 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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Ask The Director

by Michael D. Smith F.D./R.E.
Shalom Memorial Chapel

I have received several questions regarding different aspects of shiva and as the weeks pass I will answer as many of these questions as I can.

Could you explain the who, what, where, when, and why concerning shiva? K.R., Warwick

With regard to shiva, I have consulted the experts concerning these five W's and they have given us this basic explanation:

What and When

Shiva is the Hebrew word for "seven." It refers to the first seven days of mourning the loss of a loved one. Shiva begins immediately after the burial and ends on the morning of the seventh day — after the *Shachrit* service. For a Jewish family, this is the deepest part of the mourning period.

For Whom

Jewish law prescribes the observance of *shiva* for seven immediate family members which include the father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister or spouse. Although grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, etc. mourn with the rest of the family, they are not considered immediate survivors.

Where and Why

Shiva is usually observed in the home of the deceased person or in a surviving family member's home. It is an important time for all of the mourners to be together, to grieve together, and give support to each other while mourning as well as receive support from the community.

Why do we cover the mirrors in the house of mourning? R.A., Providence

There are different reasons for this custom. First, we have been commanded not to be concerned with our appearance during the mourning period. By covering the mirrors, we avoid temptation to adjust our appearance. We set aside vanity during this time. The following are two mystical or superstitious beliefs. One belief is that the soul of a person in the home might be "caught" in the mirror and snatched away by the ghost of the deceased. The other superstition is that due to the supposed presence of the angel of death, those seeing their reflection in the mirror might cause their own lives to be in jeopardy.

Why do people leave small stones on top of the monuments at the cemetery? C.L., Providence

These pebbles serve as a visible sign that family members have visited and remembered the deceased person.

Questions are welcomed and are encouraged. Send your questions to: "Ask The Director," c/o Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, RI 02920, phone 463-7771 or write The Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940.

Michael D. Smith is a licensed funeral director and owner of Shalom Memorial Chapel.

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EDITH S. HOCHMAN

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Edith S. Hochman, 79, of North Course Drive, Pompano Beach, Fla., a fiscal clerk at Davies Vocational School, Lincoln, for four years before retiring, died Oct. 30 at home. She was the wife of the late James Hochman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Hyman and Dora (Tubin) Schoenberg, she had lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Florida.

She had been an office worker at the former Rhode Island Junior College, now Community College of Rhode Island, for seven years.

She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 1, Providence, the 4-H Club of Oaklawn Grange, the Warwick Historical Society, the Cranston Chapter of Hadassah, and the former Temple Beth Israel, Providence, and its Sisterhood. She was a former Cub Scout den mother.

She leaves a son, Howard L. Hochman of Gaithersburg, Md.; a brother, Leonard Schoenberg of Cranston; a sister, Lilyan S. Weinberg of Pompano Beach; and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Milton Schoenberg and Rose Goldstein.

A graveside service was held Nov. 5 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

MIRIAM NULMAN

PROVIDENCE — Miriam Nulman, 69, of Fourth Street, Providence, and Delray Beach, Fla., a purchaser for McLeod Optical Co., Warwick, retiring 14 years ago, died Nov. 3 at Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton, Fla. She was the wife of Saul Nulman and the late Arnold Rappaport.

Displaced Persons

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pecially for a Yankee junior. The thousand lessons I learned, many of them at a luncheon table in a snug dining room. That winter was so cold, the rest of the flat was ribboned off like a museum and closed down in a grey chill.

I wrote a short play about that last lunch and hike upon my return to campus in New Haven. I won a prize and bought a new suit with the cash.

But we all live with ghosts who live in the fog of remembered cigarettes that bear poignant traces. There are people we can never find and see again, or write to or wait to hear from. We can pen a portrait, speak a few kind words, or summon them up before we rise and shine. I salute the snobbism of my landlord, who reminds me of our shared human condition. We think yesterday had better baguettes, or more splendid bagels, richer vintages and nobler buildings, sturdier trees and more jeweled words. That's part of the Paris I knew and loved, as an American, as a Canadian, as a Jewish youth, as a citizen of the world.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose (Finkelstein) Finkelstein, she lived in Providence most of her life.

Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Robin Rappaport of Providence, Susan Rappaport of East Elmhurst, N.Y., and Sharon Strassfeld of New York; a son, Mark Nulman in Israel; a sister, Yetta Bernstein of Melville, N.Y.; and eight grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Lillian Fialkoff and Ruth Nulman.

A graveside service was held Nov. 5 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

TOBY R. SALOMON

PROVIDENCE — Toby R. Salomon, 85, of 101 Highland Ave., a former secretary, died Nov. 7 at Summit Medical Center. She was the wife of Martin Salomon.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Louis and Sarah (Solomon) Wolf, she had lived in Brockton, Mass., before moving to Providence five years ago.

A former secretary at Temple Beth Emunah in Brockton, she was one of its founding members. She was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Emunah and an active volunteer there. She was a member of Hadassah and Temple Emanu-El of Providence.

She was an Army WAC veteran of World War II.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Lynn Leone of Gastonbury, Conn.; a sister, Mimi Yager of Yardley, Pa.; and four grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Diane Salmanson and sister of the late Al and Jack Wolf and Judy Way.

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

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technological super power and the increased attention to the peace process.

"Historically, there has been a reluctance to invest in Israel because of the location," said attorney Brian Goldstein, a partner in the law firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP, Boston, and a member of the team's business delegation. "But, U.S. investors are becoming more and more comfortable with Israel's political climate because of the peace talks and the positive economy." Goldstein's firm has been involved with Israeli investment for many years. The firm represents high-tech Israeli companies and venture capitalists who wish to approach the U.S. market.

"The talent in Israel is second to none," said Goldstein, "their problem, however, is that they are not very good at marketing their product."

The end of the Arab boycott has meant less restriction regarding some of the countries' policies against doing business with Israel, Jordan, South Korea, Japan and many other European nations have all sent delegates to more closely examine Israel's growing technology industry. The problem with Israeli exports is the lack of funds they have to market their product, that's where Goldstein and the other members of the delegation come in.

According to both Goldstein and Swift, the technology of Israel is on par with anyone—including Silicon Valley, Calif., and Route 128 in Massachusetts. Scitex America Corp. is one of more than 50 Israeli companies which are traded on the U.S. stock market. Swift's mission to Israel isn't anything new for Massachusetts. The campaign to attract Israeli companies to the area began years ago under then Governor William Weld and continues under Governor Paul Cellucci. Today, however, the campaign Swift wages has become more aggressive. What makes Massachusetts so attractive to prospective companies, according to Swift, is "Massachusetts' diverse economy and caliber of skilled work force."

"[We're] trying to encourage those Israelis who come to the United States to settle in New England, especially in Massachusetts because of the close proximity to Israel and the numerous programs' incentives the state offers," said Goldstein. Those incentives include specific tax breaks for Israeli companies choosing to locate in Massachusetts.

Over the last decade, the Israeli government has instituted substantial economic and political reforms that have transformed the country into a global high technology powerhouse in such industries as semiconductors, computer software, telecommunications and biomedical equipment. Currently, Israel is Massachusetts' 20th largest trading partner, with 1998 exports from the Bay State to Israel reaching nearly \$200 million.

"As the Israeli government makes future investments in high technology and infrastruc-

ture, the country will prove to be a lucrative and attractive environment for joint ventures between Israel and Massachusetts companies.

In 1998, Massachusetts exports to Jordan totaled more than \$5 billion. More than 250 American firms have sent representatives to Jordan seeking business opportunities since the signing of the peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

"For 50 years, we [Israel] have had to rely on ourselves to sustain our own economy due to the Arab boycott," said Consulate General of Israel to New England Itzhak Levanon. "The first step in building an economic relationship with our neighbors is already underway—the changing political environment. The second is to seek a regional corporation of Israel and its neighbors to come together and talk about joint ventures. That's where the peace process can help."

Swift's trip wasn't all dollars and cents; she did have an opportunity to visit Yad Vashem where she paid tribute to the millions of Jews killed during World War II. She also visited the Mount Herzl Cemetery where she laid a wreath at the grave of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and later toured the Old City in Jerusalem. Upon her visit to Haifa, she met with Mayor Amram Mitzna and visited two youth programs launched some years ago between Boston and Haifa. The Maya House and the Ethiopian Jewry After-School Enrichment Center are examples of what can happen when social services professionals come together to better their separate and collective societies. Combined Jewish Philanthropies was a major player in the funding and launching of both centers. Haifa is a hot-bed city of technology, chemical, petrochemical and metal industries and a main provider of services for the entire northern region of Israel. Several Massachusetts companies already have offices in Haifa.

"The relationship between Boston and Haifa has helped promote economic opportunities, student exchanges and many

other positive initiatives over the years," said Swift. "I feel privileged to see up close the many great things that are going on in Haifa because of the strong bond between our two cities. I hope this visit will build on these friendships and help us pursue new social and business ventures with this city and all of Israel."

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Leadership Development Opportunities Available

The Rhode Island Foundation has launched an exciting program to enable non-profit leaders and staff members to enhance their leadership skills. The program offers Leadership Development Grants of up to \$500 each for professional or personal development opportunities that could enhance leadership capabilities.

While the program's first month drew a large number of applicants seeking to attend conferences and workshops, David Karoff, program officer at the foundation who is spearheading the new program, hopes that Leadership Development Grants will fund a variety of projects. "Grants also could fund such professional development as in-house staff training, strategic planning projects, peer-to-peer consulting, or particular skill development," he notes.

Funds are available on a rolling basis via a simple one-page application that may be obtained by calling Nilda Caraballo at the foundation at 274-4564 or by filling out an online application at <www.rifoundation.org>.

Decisions on applications submitted any time during one month will be announced by the end of the following month.



A Patriots Fan at the Hutchinson Trial?

Andrei Malvuta and Michael Shuster play the parts of judge and bailiff of the court in the reenactment of the Arn Hutchinson trial as part of the Rhode Island history lesson designed by teacher Mrs. Donna Golden, at the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Photo courtesy of Liz Goldberg

PHDS Annual Book Fair

The annual Jewish Book Fair at the Providence Hebrew Day School is now being planned by the school's Parent-Teacher-Friends Association. The fair features a large selection of Jewish books, Judaic computer software, and Chanukah gifts, dreidels and candles. The book fair will be held at the school at 450 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The kickoff event is a Pizza Night on Nov. 13 and all community members are invited to enjoy dinner and check out the books. The fair will from Nov. 13 through 16. The book fair, like most of the events at PHDS, is coordinated by a group of dedicated volunteers. Ruthie Kerzer is the book fair chairperson this year. For book fair information and hours, call the PHDS office at 331-5327.



Who Wants to Bee an Artist?!



The Rhode Island Jewish Herald announces its 14th Annual

Chanukah Art Contest

Entries must be two-dimensional and created on a piece of paper no larger than 16" x 16". No glitter and No foil!
This year's theme:
What it means to be Jewish

The name, age, grade, address and phone number of the artist **MUST** appear on the back of every entry.

If this information is not provided, the entry will be disqualified. Only one entry per child. Entries must be received at the Herald office, 99 Webster St., Pawtucket, by 4 p.m. on November 12. Participants may drop off their posters with Rosemary at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island by 4 p.m. on November 15. **No entry received later than 4 p.m. on November 15 can be considered!!!**

Judging will take place during the following week. The winning posters will appear in the Chanukah issue of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald on November 25.

The Award Party will be held and prizes handed out on November 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the senior adult lounge at the Jewish Community Center. All contest entrants and their families are invited. If you have any questions, call Kim at 724-0200

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