

On a plane ride, Michael Schuster read about rural land in Narragansett being auctioned off. In just three weeks, serendipity and *hutzpah* combined to make Camp JORI the top bidder for 72 acres of property edging the shores of Wordon's Pond and the shady byways of Southern Rhode Island. The lush and rolling land, to be known as the Southern Rhode Island Jewish Campus, will also be home to the Jewish Collaborative. This new statewide resource will be especially valuable to the area's growing Jewish community. The capital campaign is underway. **Story begins on page 3.**

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Israel Items

Maccabiah judgments

TEL AVIV: Four defendants will spend up to 21 months in jail for their roles in the collapse of a bridge during the 1997 Maccabiah Games in Israel. The bridge collapsed as the Australian team was crossing it during opening-day ceremonies, plunging dozens of people into the polluted Yarkon River. Four people died from injuries or drinking river water before they could be rescued and a fifth remains seriously ill.

A fifth defendant was sentenced to community service.

Members of the Australian Maccabiah Association called the sentences scandalous and a whitewash and some have

threatened to boycott the next games, scheduled for 2001. The defendants included the bridge engineer and the heads of the company which constructed it, as well as the individual in charge of the games.

The matter is not yet finished. A number of people who were injured and families of the dead are bringing suit for damages. The Israeli government has promised to pay one third of any compensation ordered by the courts.

Houses of worship firebombed

JERUSALEM: Two houses of worship in Jerusalem, one a Conservative synagogue and the other a meeting place for

Compiled primarily from Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatches by Yehuda Lev.

Messianic Jews, have been vandalized in recent weeks and the police are looking for a possible connection between the two events.

The Conservative synagogue (see photo page 6), in the Ramot district of Jerusalem, was firebombed and had been the subject of an earlier attack from ultra-Orthodox Jews living in the neighborhood.

The first, two weeks previous, led to no arrests. Rabbi Ehud Brendel, who heads Israel's Conservative movement, said that the lack of a firm response to the earlier incident told extremists that "in the Jewish state it is possible to set fire to synagogues and no one cares." Three days later a Torah scroll



Pensive President: Israel's President, Ezer Weizman, looks very contemplative after deciding to resign his position. Weizman was the subject of a probe over inappropriate receipt of funds. Though not formally charged, he decided to resign in the wake of the scandal. Brian Hendler/JTA Photo

was stolen from a congregation of Messianic Jews in the Rehavia section of Jerusalem. Here, too, there have been

problems with neighbors. The congregation, Roei Yisrael, is 20 years old and has about 60 followers.

In the United States

Israeli aid package meets resistance

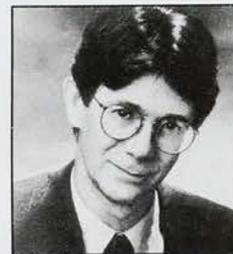
WASHINGTON: Next year's foreign aid allocations for Israel, scheduled to reach nearly \$3 billion in both military and economic assistance, have met with some rough going in Congressional corridors this year although a number of pitfalls have been avoided.

Among the issues is Israel's decision to sell an airborne early warning system, the Phalcon, to China. Critics say that this will give mainland China a great advantage over Taiwan, should the two come to blows over the issue of Taiwanese independence. In addition, since much of the technology for the system came from the United States, the Americans are claiming the right of approval for this sale or any other involving American technology.

AIPAC, the Washington lobby supporting Israel, has had to deal with several attempts to reduce the aid package because of the Phalcon but so far it has been successful.

The problem is complicated by some American Jewish

leaders, including several from AIPAC, attempting to discourage President Clinton from holding a three-way summit with Israel and the Palestine Authority. They are afraid that Israel will be pressured to concede more to the Palestinians than they believe advisable. Both Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat have indicated their interest in such a summit.



J.J. Goldberg

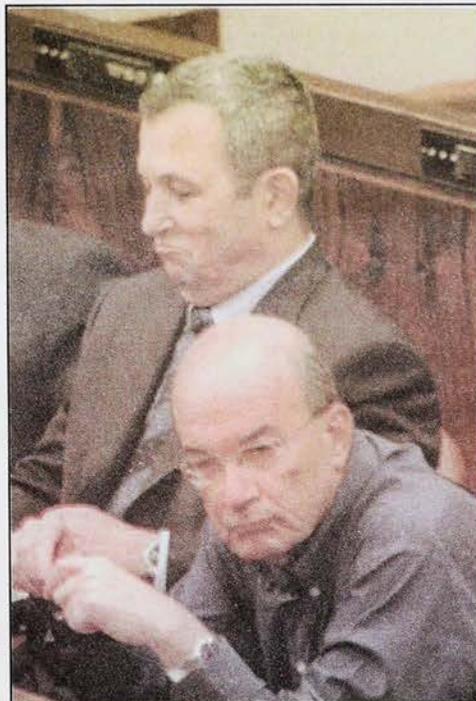
J.J. Goldberg new Forward editor

NEW YORK: J. J. Goldberg, a columnist for Jewish newspapers whose writings have appeared in *The Voice*, has been appointed the new chief editor of *The Forward*,

replacing Seth Lipsky who resigned last month.

Goldberg, whose background includes some time spent on a kibbutz and membership in Habonim-Dror, the youth movement of Labor Zionism, brings to the only national Jewish weekly in the country a more liberal stance than did Lipsky, who regarded Zeev Jabotinsky, founder of the Revisionist Movement, as his personal hero. It was Lipsky's support for the Israeli Right that is believed to have led to his departure from *The Forward*, which was founded by and is the descendant of the Socialist Yiddish language *Forward*. With a circulation of 250,000, the original *Forward* was the leading Jewish newspaper in the United States. The English-language *Forward* has a circulation of under 30,000 and is said to be losing \$2 million a year.

Goldberg made no secret of his intention to move the *Forward's* editorial page more to the left. "My friends say I'm pretty liberal and I'll be writing the editorials so you're probably going to see a difference."



Prime Pout: Prime Minister Ehud Barak was not a happy man when this vote in the Knesset last month challenged his hold on a governing majority. The far right religious party, Shas, threatened to bring down the government unless they got more money for their schools. They got it, but without a promise to support the PM on a peace vote. Brian Hendler/JTA Photo

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When dreams become reality

Southern Rhode Island Jewish Campus, new home to Camp JORI and Jewish Collaborative

by Jane S. Sprague

Mike Schuster seems to be a pretty laid-back kind of guy. Working as a consultant from home, one normally finds him in a sports shirt and slacks. But get him to talking about the future of Camp JORI, and his demeanor takes on obvious excitement.

In fact, the entire Jewish community in Rhode Island should be just as excited about what's going on in southern Rhode Island.

What has so many people buzzing is the wonderful potential in the community's own brand new camp grounds on 72 acres of rolling, wooded land that fronts on Worden's Pond, the largest fresh-water lake in Rhode Island. Banked on all its other sides by hundreds of acres owned by the Nature Conservancy, these grounds will be protected, perpetually ensured of holding on to their rural atmosphere.

THE PRICE OF DREAMS

All dreams carry a price tag, and the development of the Southern Rhode Island Jewish Campus, new home to Camp JORI and the South County Jewish Collaborative, is projected to cost \$4.8 million.

How will it be paid for?

First, step back to the purchase of the 72 acres on Worden's Pond, known as Card's Camp, a facility that includes several cabins, an 1800s house, a swimming pool and infrastructure for dozens of camping trailers, plus an area for tents.

At an auction on July 2, 1999, Camp JORI and the Nature Conservancy were the successful bidders (against several aggressive developers) for the property. JORI paid \$583,000 for its 72 acres. "We only had \$240,000 on hand," Schuster recounts, most of that coming from pledges made to JORI's recent capital campaign, including a grant from the Champlain Foundation. "The balance came as an anonymous loan from a major JORI supporter. So, we owned it."

JORI continues to operate Card's Camp, using the revenue to clean up the site and prepare for new construction. "Town officials tell us this is the first time the property has been in compliance in years," Schuster is proud to note.

So, there will be a capital campaign. In fact, it is now underway, and being conducted jointly by JORI and the Collaborative, with advisory and administrative help from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Schuster says that donors may designate whether they want their gift credited to JORI's obligation of \$3.75 million or to the Collaborative's share of \$1.05 million.

What happens to the assets each organization now owns? Lorraine Nelson, who heads the board of the Collaborative, says they will sell their land and contribute the net receipts toward their share of the campaign.

Proceeds from the current 13-acre JORI campgrounds, which Schuster estimates will sell at around \$1 million, will be used to establish an endowment to increase scholarship assistance.

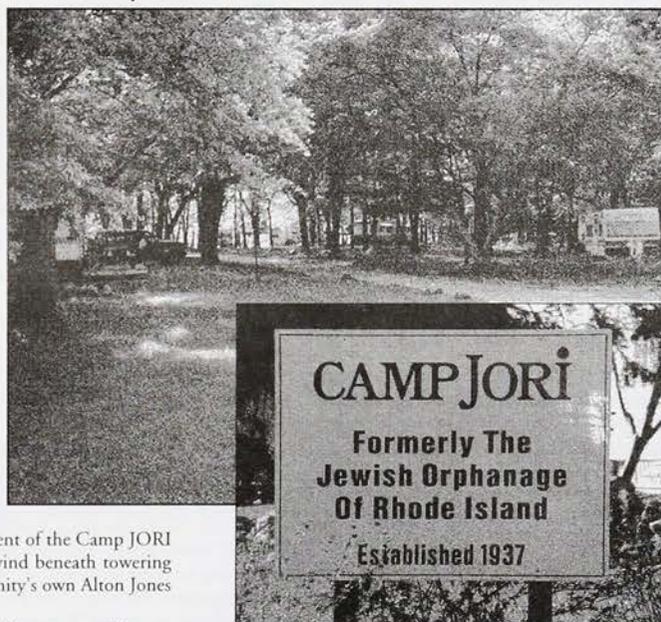
"JORI was founded as a summer camp for orphans," Schuster says. "After the orphanage closed it began providing scholarships so no child would be left out. Since we will double our enrollment at the new facility and increase our fees from \$1315 to an estimated minimum \$1500 (for four weeks, overnight) we will have to give more scholarships." JORI currently provides over \$54,000 a summer in scholarship aid.

Schuster, in his 6th year as president of the Camp JORI board, leads us along the paths that wind beneath towering trees. "This will be the Jewish community's own Alton Jones campus," he says.

The concept for the broad use of the property will meet the needs of organizations other than Camp JORI and will allow Jewish groups throughout the state to plan programs they heretofore had only dreamed about.

Here's the concept: The Southern Rhode Island Jewish Campus will be home by summer, 2002 to Camp JORI

The South County Jewish Collaborative, which includes
The South County Hebrew School
The Jewish Community Council
Temple Beth David
Hadassah



One of the many shady paths at the Southern Rhode Island Jewish campus, behind Camp JORI's sign on its current 13-acre facility that has become hemmed in by development and roads.

What a change this will mean for the primary users.

Although 63 years ago JORI was in the countryside, today the 13 acres that comprise the little camp off Route 108 in Narragansett are hemmed in by developments. A busy and often noisy four-lane highway forms one of its boundaries. All of its buildings and sports facilities have been renovated, and some new ones built, but still the camp is dated and cramped. Please turn to page 24.

On turning 50

BJE to celebrate with a spa for the mind

by Jane S. Sprague

Reaching the half century mark is a milestone in each of our lives, one that many of us celebrate with a gala party (albeit sometimes decorated by "caring" family and friends with black balloons), perhaps a long-awaited excursion to some enticing corner of the world, or a luxurious weekend at a spa. We may even inject a note of Judaism with an *aliyah* in recognition of our "special" birthday.

Just how will an institution like the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island go about celebrating 50 years of service? It appears the key words for this anniversary year will be the ones usually used to describe the agency year in and year out: Innovation... Depth... Boldness... Model... Partner.

A spa for the mind, a visit to enticing ideas.

And you can bet there will be no black balloons.

This small agency, headquartered in a few rooms on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center's building at Elmgrove and Sessions in Providence — which normally serves over 3,000 people a year — aims to expand its reach significantly this year, by bringing Jewish learning — and a longing to expand it — to more and more Jews in every nook and cranny of Rhode Island, the Attleboros and several other Massachusetts communities. With a lot of effort and the help of a \$53,000 grant from the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, this 8-month long party should reach its ambitious goals.

Led by an enthusiastic group of volunteers and staff, with the BJE's new president, Gloria Feibish, and celebration co-

chairs Ron Salavon and Selma Stanzler in the drivers' seats, the kickoff will be spread over two nights — October 23 and 25. Those nights, groups in at least seven different locations around the state will gather to consider "Ethical Monotheism in the 21st Century: One God, One Torah, One People."

Under the direction of subcommittee chair Lana Israel, the seven facilitators, all graduates of the Melton Institute's program for leadership development among volunteers, hope to help bridge the gap between the Bureau and adults who are or want to become Jewish learners.

As Feibish says, "Family is the core of Judaism, it is what has perpetuated Judaism through the millennia. We want to enhance community as a family. Our goal is to celebrate the Jewish Renaissance."

Salavon, a past president of the BJE, sees that Renaissance reflected in the Bureau's mission. "We are no longer just a teacher-training and school-certification program. We deliver programs across the generations."

That's right, from pre-school to Hebrew school, day school and high school, in adult book clubs and classes, bookmobile and video library, the BJE helps children and adults make the Jewish connection.

"We promote lifelong learning in a variety of ways and venues," Stanzler says. "The more the better."

To make more even better, the 50th anniversary celebration will continue with a *havdalah* ceremony that will precede the opening of a giant shug on the night of Saturday, November 4 at the JCC in Providence. Booths of every description will Please turn to page 18

Something for us all

The cooperative efforts of Camp JORI and the South County Jewish Collaborative to create a Southern Rhode Island Jewish Campus is one of the most exciting projects our state's Jewish community has seen in a long time.

Wonderfully creative foresight envisions a 72-acre rural, wooded property, with 600 feet of waterfront on the state's largest fresh water lake, and transforms it from a narrowly defined, seasonal facility into a multi-purpose campus that has the potential to serve the entire Jewish population of Rhode Island.

Envision this: a camp ground in the summer for over twice the children now served by Camp JORI with an amazing range of new programming potential generated by both the waterfront location and the adjacent hundreds of acres owned by the Nature Conservancy. Now add new buildings that will be designed to convert to a home for the South County Hebrew School, September through May, and will feature a soaring two-story high center that will be a sanctuary for High Holy Day services, weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and become an auditorium for cultural programs. Add in eight winterized cabins, making the campus ideal for retreats of up to 110 people.

Of course, this comes with a price tag and neither JORI nor the Collaborative has the development resources on hand. But, again, they are being bold: a combined fund drive. Together, JORI and the Collaborative have launched a \$4.8 million capital campaign (with naming opportunities galore!): \$1.05 million as the Collaborative's share; \$3.75 as JORI's. This project will enhance the quality of Jewish life for us all. When the appeal comes to you, please make a commitment as generous as your means allow.

Letters

JSA parental role leads to staff resignation

The dismaying erosion of the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island staff brings surprising and unwelcome news, especially for the frail Jewish elderly and their families, whom they served so faithfully.

Almost seven years ago, after the controversial closing of the Jewish Home, JERI's staff (co-directed by Bonnie Ryvicker and Penny Faich) stepped in to salvage the resulting disarray. Without apparent need for intervention, they created and administered life-enhancing programs, winning, by their efforts, many awards and community recognition. Both the JCC, which housed them and the Jewish Family Service, which served as mentors, shared with JERI a mutually respectful and cooperative relationship.



A majority of one

Shas delivers the beef from its porkbarrel

by Yehuda Lev

As Time.com, one of the internet news services, put it recently in describing the ongoing conflict between Shas, the ultra-orthodox Sephardic party in Israel, and Prime Minister Ehud Barak: "Pork-Hungry Rabbis Imperil Israeli Government."

The headline did not refer to new changes in the practice of kashrut, but to an ancient political practice that reaches even to the hallowed halls of government in Rhode Island, the providing of "pork," or goodies, to segments of the voting population in return for their votes. These goodies are usually expensive, which is why the battleground is almost always over budgetary decisions.

And politicians opposed to granting such goodies, always, of course to uphold their impeccable moral standards, also have a list of their own since they too depend on the support of voters to remain in office.

In most democratic societies these often conflicting demands are dealt with democratically: all sides get much of what they want and the politically disconnected, for whose needs no money remains, are left out.

In general this is how things worked in democratic Israel, too, until recently. Unlike this country, in which different ethnic, class,

religious and other minorities combine to form two political parties which compete against each other, in Israel the two main parties, basically Labor and anti-Labor, have broken up into their different factions so that instead of two snouts in the public trough there were, at last count, 15, none of which can command a stable majority.

It is easy to blame Shas for the recent political crisis in Israel. Led by a Council of Torah Sages, their relationship to the world in which most Israelis live is tenuous at best. Any political party headed by religious extremists has difficulty accommodating to the requirements of a democratic political system. But Shas, for all of its use of miracle-working rabbis and holy amulets in shepherding its voters to the polls, is simply playing by the rules when it demands more and more money and a minimum of governmental oversight for its schools and institutions.

After all, a Labor government, some years ago, provided millions of dollars to rescue bankrupt kibbutzim and there was little talk then about governmental oversight.

Much of the blame for the current crisis lies with the secular, largely Ashkenazi majority. Shas made inroads into the poorer, Sephardi population largely because a succession of right and left wing secular governments failed

All of this changed abruptly when JSA (Jewish Seniors Agency) assumed a parental role and created an executive director position, installing Susette Rabinowitz as its head. Within a few tension-filled months, the new director(s) announced the (virtual) *en masse* departure/resignation of nearly the entire staff.

Even with the distinct probability of differences in methodology, management, and personality, did JSA capably exercise its parental imperative to criticize constructively? Guide and assist? Encourage and support? Did JERI unaccountably resist? Did the staff suddenly become inflexible? Incompetent? Unneeded? Unnecessary? Were mistakes made on both sides? Were interpretations incorrect? Will we ever know?

What is obvious is that the JSA Board (many members of whom also served on the Board of the now defunct Jewish Home) are willing to seek, interview, hire and train a new director and replacement staff, whatever the time and cost. More challenging may be using its considerable assets (from the sale of the former Jewish Home) and apparent influence, to match, if not exceed, the well-earned accomplishments and proven reputation of the previous JERI management with its own.

Judith Spindell
Providence

Editor's Note: The Voice reported on the staff changes in the JERI program on page 29 of the June issue in an article entitled "Volunteers step in to fill gap in JERI program"

to provide essential services for the poor. The school day in Israel ends before 1:00 pm. Does the government provide a safe place for children during the afternoon? No, but Shas does. There is no universal government nursery school or kindergarten system in Israel. Shas provides both. And the public schools are often of poor quality, without resources, with little discipline or stress on "Jewish values," as Orthodox Jews define them. Shas attempts to fill the gaps.

(It does not, however, educate its students for the world of the 21st Century, being locked ideologically into the Jewish worlds of centuries past. Therein lies the greatest danger to its students and to the nation as a whole. In a world increasingly dependent upon interaction among nations, cultures and economies, Shas educates its youth to ignore the non-Jewish world as irrelevant and to despise the secular majority in its own country as enemies.)

None of this has anything to do with the peace process, which has become just another goody to be traded off among rivals. Part of the hold that Shas had on Barak was its threat to vote against an agreement with the Palestinians if its financial demands were not met. And one of Barak's future problems is that Shas, in agreeing to remain in the government, did not make a firm commit-

ment to support Barak on a final vote on the issue of peace. The possibility of future support from Shas only in return for additional funds, is a very real.

If schools are in such a critical state in Israel, what happens to those families whose children go to underfunded and underachieving schools but who don't want to accept the ideological limitations set by Shas?

If they have money they pay for additional teachers and courses in their schools. Much of the public school system in Israel is thus funded. And if they don't have money, their children do not get very good educations.

Sound familiar? Compare, if you have the stomach for it, the quality of public schools in Barrington with those in Providence. Keep in mind that the worst of Providence's schools will compare favorably with most public schools in Israel.

Small, revolutionary, ideologically driven movements often survive because they make available social services that the government fails to provide. The Palestine Liberation Organization in the occupied territories and Hezbollah in Lebanon are two examples. Shas has learned that lesson well. If Barak intends to bring an end to Israel's external wars, he might look first to the conditions of its kindergartens.

by Daniel Pipes

A huge argument has raged since the signing of the Oslo accord in September 1993. Those concerned with the security of Israel have intensely disagreed among themselves whether that country's policies are leading to peace or to renewed war. Now, thanks to the dramatic recent developments in Lebanon, that debate is about to be settled. Before the end of 2000, one side will be proved correct and the other side wrong.

The Left argues that Israel should give its enemies all of what they can legitimately claim: Lebanon, the Golan Heights, a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza; then, backed by a strong warning against further force, it can expect them henceforth to live peaceably with the Jewish state.

To be sure, unpleasanties (anti-semitic statements, the celebration of killers of Jews, talk of eliminating Israel) will continue, but the Left counts on Israel's powerful military ensuring that these hostile intentions remain inoperative.

The Right worries that unilateral concessions do not reduce enmity to Israel but reward violence — breeding more violence. The Right sees anti-Israel sentiments not as

This Pivotal Moment

ineffectual dreams but as operational statements of intent. As for Israeli military, it is powerful on paper but its utility is reduced by a low state of national morale and a reluctance to incur casualties. Israel's enemies understand this and perceive Israel as weak and vulnerable, and so are more prone to resort to force to impose their will on Israel.

The Left's optimism and the Right's pessimism mostly concerned the Palestinian Authority and Syria. The debate over policy went around and around without closure because Israel never gave either Yasser Arafat nor Hafez al-Assad all they sought. This meant that neither Left nor Right could credibly claim corroboration for its views. They merely belabored the same arguments, unable to produce definitive proof for their claims.

But, as of the early morning of May 24, closure exists. As of that date, Israel has endeavored scrupulously to carry out United Nations Resolution 425 by evacuating all its soldiers from Lebanese territory and reverting exactly to the old international border. Then, completing the Left's program, Prime Minister Ehud Barak at full volume warned

would-be aggressors to desist ("Shooting at soldiers or civilians within our borders will be seen as an act of war which will necessitate response in kind").

What will Israel's enemies in Lebanon (Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, radical Palestinian groups) now do? The Left counts on them rewarding Israel for its complete withdrawal by henceforth living quietly side-by-side with it. The Right expects them to build on their victory in southern Lebanon by moving the battle to northern Israel. Which of these scenarios occurs has vast implications.

Should the Lebanese border remain tranquil, Israelis can conclude that the policy of magnanimity works. Skeptics (like myself) will have to acknowledge that what had appeared to be unilateral concessions made by a state lacking in morale was in fact a subtle and effective approach to problem resolution. Israel will have shown it can end its conflict by setting reasonable goals and filling them.

But if the Lebanese border remains hot, with rockets or terrorists or other forms of aggression impinging into Israel proper, then Israel's policy since 1993 will be proven hollow — a case of wishful thinking, perhaps even of self-

delusion. Those who encouraged this approach (foremost among them, the Clinton Administration) will be morally bound to admit not just that they backed a failed policy, but they will have to reassess and adopt a very different, more conventional, and much tougher approach to solving the problem of Arab aggression against Israel.

What happened in Lebanon also will likely affect Palestinian and Syrian relations with Israel. They have a choice: They can fulfill the Left's expectations — that is, note that Israel intends to treat them fairly, respect Israel's arsenal, and agree to live as good neighbors. This conclusion will lead to a diminishment in bloodshed along with a revival of the Palestinian and Syrian diplomatic tracks.

But if, as the Right predicts, Palestinians and Syrians conclude from the Lebanese conflict that violence works, negotiations will falter and they will emulate the Lebanese by resorting to terrorism and generally becoming far more confrontational.

In short, this is a pivotal moment in Arab-Israeli relations, both in terms of resolving the great Israeli debate and setting out the main lines of future Arab policy.

Pipes is director of the Middle East Forum.

New York survey: rituals decline yet identity grows

by J.J. Goldberg

Three in five adult Jews report that their level of Jewish involvement has changed substantially over the course of their adult lives. Remarkably, their involvement is nearly as likely to have increased as to have declined.

What's constant is change. American Jews continually adapt and reinvent their identities throughout their adult lives.

Those are the most important findings in "Connections and Journeys," a landmark new study of Jewish identity by UJA-Federation of New York. Four years in the making, it's one of the most complex looks ever at how American Jews form and re-form their Jewish identities.

"The perspective taken in this study is that identity is the result of an ongoing process, rather than an entity that is fully acquired at some point in a person's lifetime," writes the author, Brandeis University social psychologist Bethamie Horowitz.

The study suggests that Jewish attachment is subject to many influences, from family attitudes to Jewish schooling, teenage programs and adult relationships. One of the most important is family stability — strained childhood relations with parents point to declining adult Jewish attachment.

Some of Horowitz's findings will cause fireworks. Only 5% of respondents report being positively influenced by rabbis; 10% say rabbis have turned them off. As for Jewish schooling, it's decisive only among Orthodox Jews. For others, crucial influences come later: youth groups, Israel visits, relationships, childbirth.

Most troubling, increases are in feelings of

Jewish attachment, while practice declines. For traditionalists, at least, that's what counts.

But most of all, Jews are in continual flux. "A person constructs a sense of Jewishness from his/her own mix of experiences, engagements, interactions and contexts," Horowitz writes. "We see evidence of a more pliable, 'personalized' identity, which for many has more to do with personal meaning and expression than with communal expression." A useful metaphor, she suggests, is "a salad-bar."

The study combined telephone surveys with one-on-one interviews and focus groups. In all 1,504 subjects were included, all born in America after World War II. Ages ranged from 22 to 52. All lived in the New York area, which could skew the findings. As a metropolitan area that's fully 13% Jewish — and home to one-fourth of all American Jews — New York, Horowitz writes, "can serve as both an exception and a rule about American Jewish identity."

Horowitz begins by dividing her subjects into three basic "modes" of Jewish identity: assimilated (she politely calls them "Otherwise Engaged"), "Intensively Engaged," and "Mixed Engagement." Each "mode" comprises almost one-third of the population.

Divisions are based on survey responses in three categories: "Subjective Jewish Centrality" (pride in Jewishness, sense of belonging); "Ritual Practice" (candle-lighting, separate dishes), and "Cultural-Communal Behavior" (owning Jewish books, etc.).

What Horowitz does next is one of her most important innovations. She divides her three "identity modes" into seven subgroups, a Jewish equivalent of market segments. These

become the building blocks for the rest.

Some subdivisions were a surprise, Horowitz writes. The Tradition-Oriented, with high ritual involvement, tend to be young, 4th-generation Americans. This suggests a quiet resurgence of religiosity.

Then again, the most assimilated had been expected to subdivide into a group that was "outright hostile" and another that was passive. Instead, Horowitz found, only 1% showed outright hostility, while fully 63% were "very positive." Hence the division into "Really Indifferent" and "Some Interest."

This led to one of her most important conclusions about contemporary Jewish identity: In contrast to past generations, "the range of emotion about being Jewish has shifted, from acceptance versus rejection to meaningfulness versus indifference." Jews aren't running away anymore. They just aren't being drawn in.

Horowitz's most ingenious advance, and her riskiest, is her analysis of types of changes Jews undergo. Using survey data asking how subjects acted and felt in childhood, she picks two indicators — Sabbath candle-lighting and Jewish pride — to compare individual Jewish "journeys."

If the subjects' memories are to be trusted, two-fifths haven't changed much since they were 12. One-fifth maintain a "steady, low-intensity Jewish involvement" in attitude and behavior. Another fifth show a "steady, high-intensity" involvement.

The other 60% show clear movement. For one-sixth, 17%, involvement "lapses or decreases" in at least one dimension, with the other either lapsing or low. Another 10%

show increasing involvement in one measure, with the other high or increasing.

The largest group, one-third of the population, showed an "Interior" journey: rising subjective Jewish involvement, coupled with low or declining ritual practice.

Journeys were closely linked to Jewish denomination. Three-fourths of those raised Orthodox followed Steady-High or Increasing Journeys. Among those raised Conservative, one-fourth had High or Increasing journeys, while 44% were Interior. Among Reform Jews, 10% had High or Increasing journeys, 36% Interior and 55% Steady-Low or Lapsing journeys.

This is risky stuff. We could be looking at nothing more than Jews who've stopped lighting Sabbath candles, but think it's OK. Pessimists will look at this and see confirmation of a disintegrating Jewish community.

But Horowitz could be onto something big. Fully 70% of her subjects report low or declining ritual observance. Yet nearly as many, 63%, report high or increasing levels of subjective Jewish attachment. American Jewish identity "isn't necessarily declining," Horowitz writes. But it is changing, becoming more personal, more, well, Interior.

The challenge for the Jewish community is to begin understanding those market segments, to find ways of helping Jews grow. "Although people have journeys which can be very idiosyncratic," Horowitz writes, "the Jewish community can develop pathways to help bolster people along the way."

JJ Goldberg was named Editor in Chief of The Forward at the end of June, making this his last column for The Voice.

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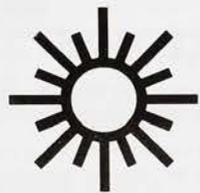


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Israel getting serious about desalination

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Every summer, Israeli water officials alert the public to the same dry reality — that the nation is suffering water shortages.

But this year, the officials are more worried than ever. If current usage continues, they warn, the country will run out of water. The level of Israel's main water reservoir, the Sea of the Galilee, is well below the danger line.

The water issue has important political implications. Those who oppose giving away land in exchange for peace with the Palestinians argue that Israel should never give up the vital water sources of the West Bank and Golan Heights.

In mid-June, Israel's senior water officials went to Turkey, which is blessed with seemingly unlimited water, to see if it would sell Israel some 50 million cubic meters of water. Turkish officials expressed a willingness to sell, and bargaining has already begun.

The Turkish side is asking for as much as 86.3¢ per cubic meter, according to Israel's Mekorot water company. Some experts maintain that it would be cheaper for Israel to desalinate sea water.

In late June, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak convened a group of ministers for an emergency session on the water crisis. "The water system suffers from catastrophic shortages," said Dalia Itzik, the environment minister. "And if the premier deals with it," she added, "this is a sign that we have reached the verge of an abyss."

Barak and his ministers agreed to seek bids in the coming weeks to build a desalination plant. The plant will be built on the Mediterranean within 20 months at a cost of \$130 million to produce an annual water supply of 50 million cubic meters. They also agreed to continue contacts with Turkey to import water as an emergency measure.

Water officials say that imports from Turkey would be just one of several strategies, including desalination, recycling sewage water and finding ways to make large-scale savings of current supplies.

Last year, the region suffered its worst drought in 120 years.

Natural resources supply 1.6 billion cubic meters of water annually, but the demand exceeds 2 billion cubic meters.

According to the World Bank, the deficit between the current water supply and the actual water needs of Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians will be more than 1 billion cubic meters annually by 2015.

Environment Minister Itzik warned recently that 40% of the water in Israel is undrinkable be-

cause it contains large amounts of dangerous pollutants.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat often threatens Israelis who do not agree with him "to go drink water from the sea."

The truth is that in the long run, both Arabs and Jews will have to do this — literally — because in the long run desalinated sea water will provide the parched region with the only dependable supply of water. Critics say this option is far too costly, but this is disputed.

According to the estimates of former Water Commissioner Meir Ben-Meir, the cost of desalinating water should not exceed 70¢ per cubic meter. This is lower than the price currently being quoted by Turkish officials.

The Center for Middle East Peace & Economic Cooperation in Washington suggests an even lower cost — 55¢ per cubic meter, 10% of the cost 20 years ago.

As part of their water-shortage alert, Israel's water authorities told Israelis to stop watering their gardens and washing their cars.

They recalled how during a previous water shortage crisis, former Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan recommended that couples

take showers together to save water. While couples are left to work that one out for themselves, the search is on for other measures.

Professor Arye Issar of Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, for example, claims he has discovered a treasure — 1 billion cubic meters of salt water in a southern Negev aquifer that could be desalinated and shipped to the north at a less than water from Turkey.

Others propose curtailing the wasteful use of water for agricultural purposes.

Nehemia Strassler, the economic editor of the Israeli daily Ha'aretz, argued that rather than importing 50 million cubic meters of water from Turkey, officials should stop allocating the same amount for fishponds.

Some point to the subsidies farmers get for their water. Farmers pay an average of 20¢ per cubic meter. By contrast, an urban customer or an industrial plant pays almost 35¢ per cubic meter.

Cheap water leads to wasted water, say critics.

Several months ago, the government decided to cut water subsidies to the farmers by 20%—but so far, nothing has been done.

Conservative synagogue burned



Hilary Herzberg, president of the Conservative synagogue, Kehillat Ya'ar Ramot, in Jerusalem surveys damaged prayer books and seats. Vandals threw burning rags into the synagogue on Saturday, June 24 and were chased by community residents.

Brian Hendler/JTA Photo

Settlers' rhetoric gets threatening as PA deal nears



Hundreds of settlers demonstrated near Prime Minister Ehud Barak's residence in Jerusalem last month with signs that say, "Barak is losing the country." They are protesting to anticipated devolution of West Bank and Gaza lands to the Palestinians.

Brian Hendler/JTA Photo

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — After a period of relative quiet, settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are gearing up for what they describe as the "final battle for our home."

And as happened five years ago before the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the extremist fringe of the settler movement is making statements that can be interpreted as threats on the premier's life.

The settler protests are growing as their fears increase that an agreement with the Palestinians is nearing — one that will require them to give up their homes when Israel gives up additional lands to the Palestinians and the final boundary lines are drawn.

Public Security Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, who is leading the Israeli negotiating team, predicted this week that an agreement would be reached in early July.

The settlers, for their part, do not want to wait until that happens.

In Jerusalem on June 19, thousands of Jewish settlers converged on the Knesset to protest any further territorial concessions and what they say are government plans to abandon settlements.

Many of the demonstrators

ened regime of his excellency Yasser Arafat."

He was referring to the possibility that some West Bank settlements would become part of the self-rule areas. Katzover suggested that protesters not stick to the "law book" in their demonstrations.

Rabbi Daniel Shilo of Kedumim reiterated recently that "the transfer of parts of Eretz Yisra'el amounts to treason."

Similarly, Shimon Riklin, leader of a group of young, militant settlers, recently warned: "If Barak evacuates settlements, he might be murdered."

Carmi Gillon, head of the Shin Bet domestic security service, recently warned against such statements, saying the possibility of their leading to violence should not be underestimated.

He drew parallels to the activities in 1982 of the Jewish underground, which was uncovered just as it was about to blow up mosques on Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

Perhaps the biggest concern

prompted by the heated rhetoric is that it will prompt another Yigal Amir, Rabin's assassin, to try to change the course of history.

An anonymous letter, recently sent to Moledet Knesset Member Benny Elon, read, "To the best of my judgment, one should prepare a shelf plan to assassinate Ehud Barak. Just like the Oslo Accord process was slowed down after the annihilation of Yitzhak Rabin, one can prevent withdrawal in the Golan by annihilating Ehud Barak."

A recent poll commissioned by the Israeli daily Ma'ariv indicated that 46% of Israelis believe there is a real danger that another premier will be murdered.

Settler preparations for the "final battle" are strongest in the areas where radicalism is usually most pronounced — Hebron, Beit-El and Kedumim.

Significantly, anti-government activities are at a lower volume in areas like Gush Etzion and Ariel — areas that Israel has no intention of conceding.

Sources in the Shin Bet have stated time and again that ever since Rabin's murder they have worked under the assumption that another political assassination is possible.

For their part, moderate settler leaders maintain that their camp will not be responsible for any violence. In their view, Barak is to be blamed for deliberately creating an atmosphere of civil unrest to recruit public opinion against the settlers. They add, however, that they will not add to this atmosphere.

Shlomo Filber, director general of the Yehsa Council, said settlers should avoid illegal activities because this would only play into the hands of those wanting to make concessions to the Palestinians.

Similarly, Rabbi Zalman Melamed of Yehsa's rabbinical council last week urged protesters not to use violence, either physical or verbal. "Even if, God forbid, we will be shot at, we shall not return the fire. We will be ready to be hurt, but we shall not hurt."



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Assad's unfinished business

by Peter Ephross

NEW YORK (JTA) — After US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger negotiated the cease-fire that ended the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he tried to set up a regional peace conference. But Kissinger found that Syrian President Hafez Assad had no intention of taking part in a meeting on a comprehensive settlement with Israel.

It was not to be the last time that the United States and Israel had their hopes raised and then dashed by Assad, who died June 10 at the age of 69.

Assad's death leaves Israel without its most elusive and implacable adversary, a dictator as respected for his political skills as he was opposed for his views.

It also marks the end of an era of secular Arab leaders whose careers were fueled by the military and financial support of the Soviet Union and shaped by the ideas of Arab nationalism and staunch anti-Zionism.

Indeed, one of Assad's first goals when he came to power in a bloodless coup in 1970 was to erase the memory of the Arab world's humiliating defeat to Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Assad served as Syria's minister of defense in that war, during which Israel captured Jerusalem, the Sinai Desert, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the Golan Heights, which Syria had controlled.

Along with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who had not yet become the peacemaker for which he

is remembered, Assad used the Cold War to his country's military advantage. He asked for, and received, military support and advice from the Soviet Union.

But Assad failed to achieve his aims in the 1973 war.

During the next quarter-century, as Sadat, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan reached agreements with Israel, Assad refused to do so.

As Assad maintained his grip on power by running a police state, cracking down on dissidents and rivals for power with no concern for human rights, he also carved out a role as a major player in the Middle East, particularly in the areas of international terrorism and control over Lebanon.

After Iran's Islamic Revolution in 1979, Assad allied with the fundamentalist leaders of Iran in aiding international terrorists against Israel. On the US list of state sponsors of terrorism, Syria supported the Abu Nidal group, which carried out a string of attacks in the 1980s, including attacks at El Al ticket counters in Rome and Vienna in 1985.

The Damascus-Tehran alliance also gave supplies and training to Hezbollah gunmen who fought to push Israel out of southern Lebanon. Assad lived just long enough to see success on the southern Lebanon front.

Syria uses Lebanon as part of its country, unfairly separated by European colonists. It first intervened in 1975, during the beginning of a complicated and bloody

civil war involving Lebanese Christians and several disparate Lebanese Muslim groups, as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization, which had set up headquarters there following the group's expulsion from Jordan in 1970.

Assad, who believed that the Arab world needed to boost its military capability if it was ever to have a chance against Israel, did not respond when Israel invaded Lebanon in 1978. In 1982, Israel again invaded its northern neighbor in an attempt to reduce Syrian influence and eliminate the PLO. After Israel withdrew to a nine-mile security zone in southern Lebanon in 1985, Assad moved his troops in and again became the main power broker there.

In the early 1990s, Assad appeared to shift course. After years of repression against the Syrian Jewish community, he opened the doors to secret Jewish emigration as long as they did not go to Israel. In the operation engineered by the Jewish Agency for Israel, about 1,300 Jews left Syria. Now, fewer than 200 Jews remain.

At the same time, Assad allowed for his country's participation in the 1991 Madrid Peace Conference.

Negotiations between Israel and Syria occurred during the reign of Yitzhak Rabin, with Israel allegedly agreeing to give up the Golan Heights in return for a full peace. But negotiations broke off in 1996 after Syria refused to condemn a series of Hamas suicide bombings carried out in Israel.



Newspapers report the death of Hafez Assad.

As late as last year, when Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Assad exchanged mutual words of praise for each other, prospects for peace between Israel and Syria appeared bright. The recent round of talks, however, yielded no results and Assad was criticized for

sending his foreign minister to negotiate with Israel, rather than going himself.

With his death, Assad's work is unfinished. He met Israel on the battlefield and more tentatively at the negotiating table. But he left the issue of peace for his son Bashar.

What has Bashar to say?

NEW YORK (JTA) — Little is known about the political views of Bashar Assad, 34. Some clues, however, may be found in his few published comments.

In media interviews, Bashar has echoed his father's line, bitterly criticizing Arab states that have signed "unilateral peace deals" with Israel. He also confirmed that Syria used Hezbollah fighters as a bargaining chip to pressure Israel into withdrawing from southern Lebanon.

On June 12, in an interview published by the Saudi-owned newspaper A-sharq al-Awsat, Bashar said most Syrians think Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is either unwilling or too politically weak to make peace with Syria. He also said Israeli concerns about who would have control over the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee were "unrealistic." Barak, who has agreed to return nearly all of the Golan Heights to Syria, balked at giving Syria control over that shoreline.

Bashar accused Barak of using the issue as a pretext for not allowing the Israeli-Syrian talks to advance to a final peace deal.

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Touro tees off for breast cancer

The men of Touro Fraternal Association don't always do just "guy" things. Sometimes, the women come first.

That will be the situation on Monday, July 17 when the proceeds of their golf tournament at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln will be donated to the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition. The Coalition conducts public education and provides assistance to those with breast cancer.

More than 100 golfers are expected to participate in the 18-hole event which is open to the public. The \$150 entry fee includes full use of locker room facilities, two golf carts per foursome, access to Kirkbrae's practice driving range and putting green, and a reservation for the awards dinner that evening in Kirkbrae's new clubhouse. The shot-gun tee-off time is 1:00 pm.

"Touro Fraternal is predominantly a male organization but its members are well aware of the potentially devastating effects of breast cancer on our families," said Arthur Poulten, who chairs the Association's board of directors. "So, we'd like to do something about it. Our motives may be considered somewhat selfish: we're concerned about the health of our mothers, wives, daughters and other family members. But if what we raise helps them, it will help millions more as well," Poulten said.

To obtain a brochure and registration information about the golf tournament, call Touro Fraternal's headquarters at 401-785-0066.

POULTEN IN 12TH TERM AT TOURO'S HELM

Arthur Poulten, Cranston, has been elected to his 12th term as chairman of the board of Touro Fraternal Association. Robert Miller, Warwick, was elected vice chairman for the 7th time and Gerald Hodosh, Cranston, begins his 33rd year as treasurer. Gerald Tebrow, West Warwick, begins his first term as secretary. Hodosh is also the association's administrator.

Poulten appointed Judah Rosen, Cranston, as chaplain and Barry Shaw, Warwick, as inside guard.

Botwick scores at MetLife



Steven Botwick

Steven Botwick of MetLife's East Greenwich Sales Office received the company's Presidential Seal of Approval for customer satisfaction and loyalty. Botwick joined MetLife Auto and Home in 1988. He is assistant manager for the Rhode Island market, responsible for recruiting and training new agents. He also has been cited for sales excellence and is a 7-time qualifier of MetLife's Advanced Property and Casualty Council for underwriting quality, one of only six agents countrywide to achieve that distinction.

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Rickie Leiter, a past president of the Western New England Region of Hadassah, reinstated Lorraine Rappoport for her second term as president of the RI chapter during recent ceremonies.

Installed as vice presidents were Jenny Klein and Ruth Siperstein, education; Monika Curnett and Carol Schneider, fund raising; Meredith Drench, PhD, and Barbara Portney, membership, and Pamela Schiff, programming. Judith Silverman is treasurer and Ruth Ross is recording secretary.

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How whipped cream machines led to brainstorm on culinary arts

by Jane S. Sprague

When you go to the Dunkin Donuts on Guam or Starbucks in England, Foxwoods in Ledyard or Macy's in Puerto Rico you should feel right at home, for you will be surrounded by ambiance and fixtures made in Pawtucket.

Out of the creative minds and productions skills of over 400 employees, led by the Friedman family at their facilities in Pawtucket, come the paneling, counters, shelves, equipment and, quite often, the financing for thousands of restaurants and department stores across the world.

And if that establishment just happens to be owned or managed by a graduate of Johnson & Wales University (J&W), you can thank David Friedman for that, too. It was Friedman, as president of Paramount Restaurant Supply and Monarch Industries, who in 1972 suggested to Morris Gaebe, then president of J&W, that the school expand its business program to include the culinary arts.

It's all a far cry from the whipped cream machines that Edith and Eli Feingold sold in 1940 when they started Paramount Fountain and Restaurant Supply Corporation. And they hardly could have anticipated that that young salesman they hired just five months after starting the business would lead it into a vastly diversified conglomeration that would, at various times, include a shipyard (now the waterfront campus of J&W), the accessorizing of imported automobiles, container ship off-loading cranes, a golf course, a restaurant finance enterprise, various pieces of real estate, a chain of 10 bowling alleys and a management company to oversee all its diversified holdings in New England and New York, plus outfit restaurants from soup pots and industrial stoves to table tops and bar stools. But that is exactly what happened.

Not all of it by 1967 when Friedman bought the business from the Feingolds, but Paramount and Monarch were well on their way by then to becoming the \$75,000,000 corporate entity that, by its 60th anniversary in the year 2000, would rank as the 6th largest restaurant supply and architectural outfitting business in the country.



Michael Friedman, president of PMI, (left) stands by the portrait of his late father, Larry. David Friedman (right), chairman of the board and his daughter, Diane Ducoff, secretary of the board, with Michael and a cadre of dedicated and talented employees keep the company at the forefront of the industry.

Management company (PMI) president Michael Friedman thinks Paramount and Monarch actually may be unique. "Almost 100% of what Monarch creates is custom wood work," he says. "We do not have a product line as do many of the five larger companies. We do what our customers tell us to do." Paramount alone, the young Wharton School of Business graduate tells us, is the largest restaurant equipment distributor in New England and among the top 20 in the United States.

Michael is the third generation of Friedmans to be engaged in the business. His aunt, Diane Ducoff, is secretary of the corporation, while grandfather David is chairman of the board. Michael's late father, Larry Friedman, joined Paramount in 1973 in the supply department and led the company through a strong growth period until his sudden and untimely death in 1997.

While some might be taken aback at so recent a college graduate heading a multi-million dollar management company, Michael is at ease with his responsibilities, which actually come after more than a decade of working at Paramount and Monarch.

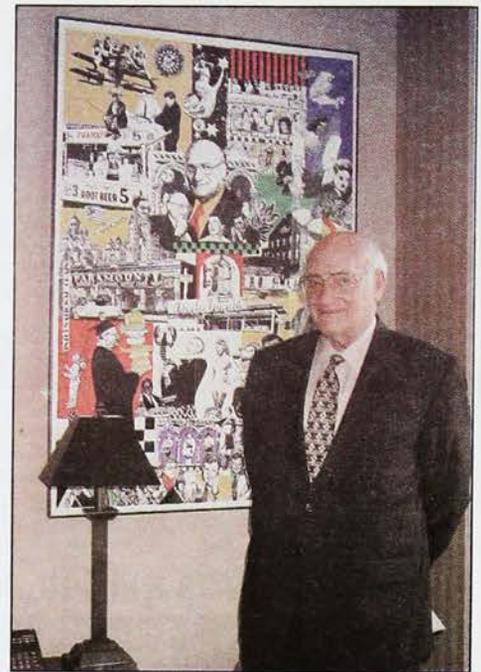
"I started," he says, "at 13. I have shoveled mulch, swept up the shop, been a stock boy and order picker, made sales calls, analyzed contracts, audited time cards and worked in marketing."

Today, he spends about half of his time in administrative duties that include risk management, human resources, technological upgrades, and accounting and finance. The other half of his time focuses on new investments — real estate, acquisitions and partnerships.

"We are not looking to sell," Michael says. "We look for partnership opportunities that have the ability to grow, across the world, either horizontally or vertically. We are an international player."

And with Starbucks planning to open 2,500 more coffee emporiums around the world in the next four years, Monarch and Paramount will expand that international presence.

Michael describes Starbucks as a



Paramount recently celebrated 60 years in business, its growth and diversity depicted in the montage that David Friedman, the driving force behind the company, spearheaded.

"very sophisticated customer." So is Lord & Taylor's.

We walk with Diane Ducoff past a large open space on the Monarch side of the headquarters building and production plant in Pawtucket. It seems a mishmash of huge carpet samples, crazily angled walls covered in varying fabrics or woods, a few shelves, lots of track lighting — a rather odd space that someone has just abandoned. This was a Lord & Taylor's in miniature. Just the previous week the marketing department for the upscale clothier's new prototype store had been on site with art work and merchandise — every detail — to see how the new store was going to look, and whether some of the components to be built by Monarch needed modifying.

These are high stakes decisions for restaurateurs and department stores, and Monarch is up to making the grade.

David Friedman is eager to see that people realize their ambitions and "make the grade." PMI's finance company, he says, offers the most lenient terms in the industry and its bad debts are less than one-half of one percent of the business. Now, in memory of his son, Larry, he will assist even more people. He has matched a \$2 million grant from restaurateur Ned Grace that will jump start the Larry Friedman International Center for Entrepreneurship at Johnson & Wales University.

Not limited to restaurant or department store ideas, the new center is "to act as an incubator for new business ideas, manage a venture capital fund, offer practical professional development for current business owners and provide a practicum property for entrepreneurial students," according to the brochure describing the Center.

This exciting concept also will include financial management services, organizational development and international management. And although initiated as a component of the J&W business school, within its third year of operations, it is to offer its services and opportunities to students at almost every other college and university in Rhode Island.

The ripple effect of the creative minds at PMI is vast. So wherever you go, from Capitol Grille and Hemenways in Providence, to Showcase Cinemas in Warwick, to Togos Sandwich Shops in California, to a Nordstroms, Howard Johnsons, Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks most anywhere in the world, there's likely to be something or some one there from home.

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Federations take more control over distribution of overseas funds

by Julie Wiener

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time ever, American Jewish federations will soon have a say in how a portion of their overseas allocations will be spent. But whether this change represents a dramatic overhaul of the old communal system of providing support for Jews around the world or just a small step depends on who you ask.

The Overseas Needs Assessment and Distribution Committee, a panel composed primarily of federation leaders, including Robert D. Mann, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and JFRI Executive Vice President Steven A. Rakitt, is recommending that each US federation decide where 10% of its overseas funds go.

Each federation would select from a list of pre-approved projects of the system's long-standing overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Last year, federations around the country allocated \$237.7 million for overseas needs, most of which went to helping needy Jews around the world, bringing new immigrants to Israel and helping

absorb them in the Jewish state. That included over \$1.6 million raised by Jewish Federation of Rhode Island from its annual campaign.

Saying that the needs are far greater than what federations are currently allocating, ONAD, as the committee is known, is also urging the federations to step up their overseas giving.

Federations that increase their overseas allocations from what they gave in 1998 could, under the plan, designate more than 10% into the choice projects, called "community" funding.

It is expected that most federations will make feeding elderly Jews their top funding priority.

The remaining 90% of federation-raised overseas money — nearly \$215.1 million — will continue to be funneled through a central system that will, as in the past, give approximately 75% to the Jewish Agency and 25% to JDC.

In theory, the ONAD process is a significant departure from the past, when allocations decisions were determined entirely by the United Jewish Appeal, which last year merged with the Council of

Jewish Federations to become the United Jewish Communities.

Before, the two recipient agencies — the Jewish Agency and the JDC — could spend their allocations at their discretion. Now, even

though those two agencies will continue to get the lion's share of overseas funding — most of the 90%, called "collective" funding — ONAD must review the projects. Please go to next page.

HASSENFELD ON NEW PHILANTHROPY TRUST

Rhode Islander Sylvia Hassenfeld has been appointed a trustee to the new Trust for Jewish Philanthropy, which was created in January by United Jewish Communities as an independent foundation to develop philanthropic partnerships and substantial strategic investments to benefit the Jewish people and all humanity worldwide.

United Jewish Communities (UJC) is the new organization which consolidates the former Council of Jewish Federations and United Jewish Appeal.

Hassenfeld, a director of Hasbro, is a past chairman of the board of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. She also is a past president of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, where she also is an honorary director, and she has served in other key national Jewish philanthropic posts.

Charles Goodman, Chicago, chairs the new board. He, too, is associated with The Joint and also is a trustee of Brandies University, on the board of governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel and of UJC.

Other members, such as Charles Bronfman and Marvin Lender, represent a mix between prominent business executives, activists and philanthropists and leading professional representatives of Jewish federations.

JFRI invites groups to send grant ideas

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island has distributed the Request for Proposal (RFP) in response to identified needs in the Jewish community that are not currently being met through allocations from the community-wide annual campaign.

This past year JFRI Endowment Grants funded such communal projects as the exhibition of the art works of Alice Lok Cahana at Providence College; new playground equipment at both Providence Hebrew Day School and Alperin Schechter Day School; special needs services at both day schools and religious schools through the coordination of the Bureau of Jewish Education, and an interdenominational Jewish learning project which kicks off in the fall at Temples Beth El and Emanu-El and Congregation Beth Shalom.

All grants are funded by the JFRI Unrestricted Endowment Fund which comes from the investment income of endowments made by many people and that are intended to help provide long-term stability for the Rhode Island Jewish community.

According to Jeffrey Brier, who chairs the JFRI Endowment Grants Committee, the grants are aimed at enhancing Jewish communal life by responding to capital and emergency needs, and by providing seed money for new programs and services that are designed to ensure the vitality of the Jewish community. Brier said that applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals which will strengthen Jewish education, campus life and elderly services as well as build bridges in the greater Rhode Island community and in Israel.

This year, Alan Litwin will serve as the committee's vice chair. To receive a copy of the RFP, or to discuss a concept for a proposal, contact Sharon Gray at 401-421-4111 ext. 170. All proposals must be submitted to JFRI by Friday, September 1, 2000.

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- ☆ Building Bridges with Greater RI & Israel

The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, September 1, 2000

Collaboration between agencies is strongly encouraged.

Please call Sharon Gray at 421-4111, ext. 170 to receive your copy of the RFP and to find out more about the guidelines for applications.

Organizations must have 501(c) (3) status to apply.



DORFMAN ON EXEC SEARCH COMMITTEE

Jerold Dorfman, president of the board of Jewish Family Service, has been appointed by Robert D. Mann, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, to the Federation's search committee for an executive director.

Pizza, ice cream and Shavu'ot draw young adults



Andy Weisner takes the pizza challenge by tasting all entries in the Perspectives' annual contest.

Jewish graduate students and young professionals in their 20s and 30s, married and single, celebrated a special 5th Annual Pizza Challenge on the first night of Shavu'ot. From 6-8:00 pm they tasted and judged pizza donated by 11 Providence pizzerias and won door prizes donated by local restaurants and stores.

Then, from 8:00 pm until the wee hours of the night, Rabbi Mark Bloom from Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, led a traditional Shavu'ot study of the Torah while the group noshed on rich dairy desserts and snacks that were donated by local ice cream parlors and grocery stores.

The big winners of the eight categories of the survey were Prima Kosher, Adesso, Brother's Famous Pizza, Bob & Timmy's Grilled Pizzas and Gepetto's Grilled Pizza.

Other competitors included Checkers, Caserta Pizzeria, Papa Ginos, Pizza Pie-Er, Calzone Heaven, and the Hope Street Pizza and Family Restaurant.

Donors of door prizes and desserts were Oop!, Pie in the Sky, Kabob-N-Curry, Paragon Cafe, Perishable Theater, The Gap, Bread & Circus, Stop & Shop, Newport Creamery on Angell Street, Ben & Jerry's on Thayer, Shades Plus, Coiffurium, Uncle Sigs, College Hill Books and Avon Cinema.

For more information about Perspectives and to be added to the mailing list call the Perspectives Hotline, 401-863-9357 or email perspectives@brown.edu. You can also visit the web site at www.brown.edu/Administration/Hillel/Perspectives/sharonframe.htm.

Bargain rates to Israel for young adults

Young Jewish adults, aged 21-26 who have never been to Israel with a peer group, are being offered the opportunity to enjoy two educational and recreational weeks exploring their heritage in Israel for \$300, including round trip airfare from New York.

These trips are made possible by the Birthright Israel gift. Created by philanthropists Charles R. Bronfman and Michael H. Steinhardt, the Birthright Israel gift covers roundtrip airfare from designated cities and 10 days of programming in Israel for Jewish young adults who have never before participated in a peer-group trip to Israel with the balance of the program costing only \$300. The Birthright Israel gift can also be applied to programs longer than two weeks. Livnot U'Lehibanot is the hiking, study and community service program with campuses in Jerusalem and Tzfat.

Using this opportunity, young Jewish adults with minimal background in Judaism, see and experience Israel and learn more about their Jewish heritage in a traditional yet non-denominational, open and questioning environment. A number of different programs have been scheduled between now and the end of the year. Visit the Livnot website at www.livnot.org.il for full program information, a downloadable application form, and additional details about the programs.

The New York office can be reached at 1-888-LIVNOT-0 or (212) 613 1413, or e-mail livnot@livnot.org.il. For more information about the Birthright Israel gift, call Birthright Israel at 1-888-99-ISRAEL or visit www.israelexperience.org.

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that are funded.

Depending on whom you talk to, ONAD's first recommendations are either a fundamental change or a very modest step toward giving federations greater decision-making powers.

ing powers.

"What we're trying to do this time is to create the road map for the future," said Alan Jaffe, chair of ONAD and a former president of the UJA-Federation of Greater New York.

While some believe ONAD's recommendations do not represent a big enough change for the federations, for the Jewish Agency and the JDC it presents new challenges: they must now market their projects directly to federations.

Overall, the two beneficiary agencies say they are satisfied with the ONAD recommendations. But the JDC is — at least publicly —

more apprehensive.

"If the federations come through by meeting their share, then we'd be able to continue functioning at our current level," said Michael Schneider, the JDC's executive vice president. "But if they fail to produce those figures, we'll have shortfalls. We hope they rise to the occasion."

The JDC added an appendix

to ONAD's recommendations expressing its "deep concern that, while needs overseas are increasing, funding for these needs are steadily eroding."

Avinoram Bar Yosef, the Jewish Agency's director of media and communications, said simply, "We're supporting the decisions. We will start now having meetings with individual federations about the electives."

Toys from Hasbro US Jews help Lebanese refugees



Behind the dignitaries are the Bundles of Hope headed for refugees who fled Hezbollah.

NEW YORK (JTA) - More than 800 boxes of clothing, toys and toiletries - including a bundle of 1,050 toys from Hasbro - were sent to Israel the week of June 20 to help Lebanese Christian refugees who fled when Hezbollah took over their towns.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations sent cartons of goods to Israel as part of its "Bundles of Hope" initiative. The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island was just one of many across the United States which participated in the project by alerting Hasbro chairman Alan Hassenfeld to the need.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Presidents

Conference, met with Col. Sharbel Barakat, former deputy commander of the South Lebanon Army, which helped Israel patrol its security zone until the Jewish state withdrew from Lebanon.

"He said how much it touched the Lebanese Christian community when they heard about this campaign and the immediate response from the Jewish community," Hoenlein said. "We want to send a message that we stand by our friends."

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Women's Alliance installs officers, board members



Rabbi Wayne Franklin swore in Cheryl Teverow for her second term as president of the JFRI Women's Alliance. Teverow was instrumental in revamping the former Women's Division and B&P Women into one organization.

In its first year, the new Women's Alliance raised over \$985,000 and reached out to over 2,000 contributors in the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Campaign 2000.

Each year, over 200 women dedicate their time and energy to activities ranging from campaign to outreach and leadership development, performing the twin mitzvot of tzedakah and tikkun olam.

Through training and education, women active in the Alliance also have a chance for meaningful personal growth.



Lenore Sones, education director at Temple Sinai in Cranston, chats with Leah Daniels before the annual meeting begins. Sones led off the evening with a lesson on Ruth and Naomi, an extension of the popular Rosh Chodesh program the Women's Alliance created for its spring programming.

Photos by Seymour Glantz



Officers sworn in at the Jewish Federation's Women's Alliance meeting are (l to r) Dianne Isenberg, Elaine Odessa, Linda Miller, Stacy Emanuel, Susan Froehlich, Cheryl Blazar, Cheryl Teverow and Judy Robbins. Not pictured are Amy Dressler, Sharon Gaines, Melba Meister and Joyce Robinson.



Joyce Starr was at the podium in her duties chairing the annual meeting.

Lions of Judah celebrate endowments

At right, Gloria Feibish, who heads the Lions of Judah effort to teach members how to endow their annual gift, leads the presentation on June 5 in the home of Pat and David Cohen.



Before a musical concert by the Israeli husband and wife team known as Duo Dmitri, who played classical music on flute and piano, the Lions took time to schmooze. At upper left, Judge Marjorie Yasher and Grace Alpert get reacquainted, while in the dining room old friends and Board members Elaine Odessa (standing) and Myrna Rosen and Selma Stanzler (seated left to right) talk about summer plans.

At left, past campaign chair and president of the former Women's Division, Bobbie Holland, talks with Susan Froehlich, who is beginning her second year chairing the women's campaign.

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Friday School teaches Hebrew, history, heritage

by Yehuda Lev

Every Friday afternoon during the school year, the (figurative) school bell rings at the Jewish Community Center in Providence and the grade school children of 23 families sit down to two hours of Jewish study. The Friday School is in session.

If anyone should question the viability of the Friday School, consider the following: Its parents are much involved with its operation and it has a budget problem. All of which is similar to what happens with many Jewish schools around the country.

Last year the Friday School held classes for kindergarten, grades 3 through 5 and a 7th grade. For the first hour of every grade, Hebrew is the focus of study. While not intended to create Hebrew scholars, the experience provides a familiarity with letters, words and structure that will come in useful when they turn to the study of Jewish texts and also make them more at ease at synagogue services.

The second hour was given over to Jewish history and traditions, varying with age. The 3rd grade concentrated on the Jewish community, how it works and who works for it. Grade 4 studied the Bible and grade 5, the Jewish life cycle. The 7th grade, with five students, was in preparation for Bar or Bat Mitzvah services, four of which will or already have occurred. All of the school shared in Jewish holiday celebrations and twice last year, Shabbat services were conducted in private homes.

More traditional Jews and most Jewish educators might argue about the level of Jewish education being dispensed, but in general the parents of the Friday School are satisfied with their children's education. The school caters to families who want a Jewish identification for their children but who are not comfortable with the greater commitment required by day schools or synagogue schools. Many of the families are intermarried and do not feel welcome in synagogues, and others simply want their children to appreciate something of the background of their Jewish parent.

There is a third group of parents in which both are Jewish but prefer the one session a week to a more intensive schedule. For them the Friday School often serves as a way back into the Jewish community from which they have been estranged.

Last year, for the first time, the Friday School hired a part-time

director, Emily Mathis, school director of Tiferet Israel, a Conservative synagogue in New Bedford. (It has always paid its teachers, most of whom are students at Brown.) She says this is a response to a feeling among the parents that there was too little structure and that many did not feel they had enough input into the direction of the school. A number of committees were formed

including curriculum and finance.

Because only 23 families are connected with the school at present, and the addition of a director has added to the budget, both Mathis and Allan Raskin, a former board chair, said that they need to recruit another eight to 10 families. Of late, flyers have appeared in the windows of Providence's East Side stores ad-

vertising the Friday School, a new departure for what its members believe to be the best kept secret in Rhode Island

Persons interested in information on the Friday School should call its current co-chair, Marci Fischbach at 331-3107 or Allan Raskin, its former chair, at 274-0091.

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WARWICK—What do Jews do with old religious books, no longer used? Most children and many adults at Temple Am David could not answer that question a few months ago. Today, they all can: Religious books are buried in

a ceremony called Geniza.

On Sunday, June 4, 75 people gathered on the grounds of the synagogue at 40 Gardiner St., to participate in this ritual act of loving kindness.

Michael Smith, owner of Shalom Memorial Chapel, donated a traditional pine casket and his hearse. Beth Veltri, director of Lincoln

Park Memorial Cemetery, sent a member of her staff with equipment to help lower the casket in the grave.

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, president of the RI Board of Rabbis, addressed the congregants, and Cantor Stanley Rosenfeld recited the psalms.

Not a sound was heard as the group walked behind the casket. Children and adults also placed old books, tallot and tefillin in the grave. Then everyone took a turn placing earth over the coffin and books.



In a casket provided by Shalom Memorial Chapel, congregants at Temple Am David in Warwick buried old books and disused ritual objects.



Children and adults lovingly placed their own books and ritual objects in the grave.

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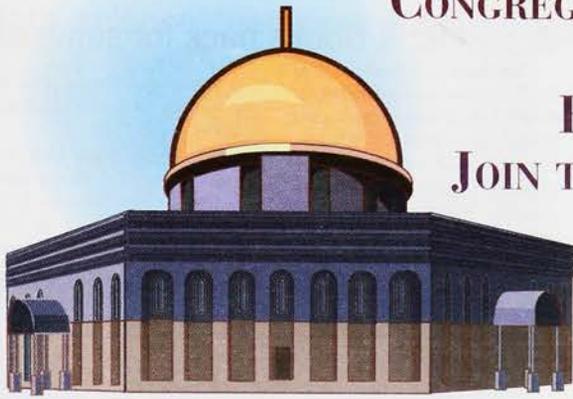


After 18 months of exploring holiday and life cycle traditions and the rituals of the Friday night service under the tutelage of Toby Liebowitz and Rabbi James Rosenberg, 10 women, including Sheila Blumstein, the interim president of Brown University, became benot mitzvah at Temple Habonim in Barrington on Friday evening, June 16. From left to right, Ellen Angres Loeb, Blumstein, Lois Kemp, Ann Kittner, Linda Hominoff, Liebowitz, Arlene Kennedy, Ruth Fain, Sara Foster, Alayne White and June Poses.

Beth-El installs officers

Rhode Island Superior Court Judge Richard J. Israel was installed for a second term as president of Temple Beth-El at the congregation's 145th annual meeting on May 21. Serving with Israel is senior vice president Kenneth Hirsch; vice presidents Selma Stanzler and Marvin Lax; treasurer Scott Libman; assistant treasurer Neil Steinberg, and secretary Frances Katzanek. Elected to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms were George Borts, Jaffa Davies, Katherine Haspel, Elizabeth Hollander, Alan Jacober, Stanley Smith, David Soforenko, Deborah Tate, Lisa Van Allsburg, Jonathan Weiss and, to a one-year term, Roberta Lasser.





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March of Living remembers those lost, celebrates future



Among the participants in March of the Living 2000 were 17 Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Maine students. They are, pictured above: L-R, back row, Ezra Stieglitz, staff; Ariel Davidson, Sara Steiman, Rachel Lenore, Dena Gromet, Lauren Wier, Gabi Mitchell, David Zuller, Jonathan Jagolinzer, Ari Davies, Eva Fenton. Middle row, Claire Roche, staff; Alicia Little, Rachel Lieberman, Reuben Olinsky, Max Dwares, Leah Wallich, Zach Witman, Arielle Wachtenheim, Ali Bolotow, Stephanie Leen, David Reidy, and Ron, Israeli security. Front row, Ruth Page and Rich Walter, staff.

A group of 59 teens and 18 staff from New England spent two weeks on the March of the Living in May.

The New Englanders were among 7,000 youths who spent Yom Ha-Shoah in Poland on a three kilometer silent march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. After exploring other sites in Poland, from Majdanek and Treblinka to the restored Nozyk Synagogue and the Lauder Morasha Jewish Day School (over 150 children, grades K-8), the teens traveled to Israel.

There they viewed and discussed Jewish history from ancient days to contemporary times and celebrated Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, Israel's 52nd birthday in Caesarea.

An endowment grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island funded much of the Rhode Island teens' costs, with coordination by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

For more information, contact Page, Regional Director of the March, or Walter, Secondary Edu-

cation Coordinator at 401-331-0956, e-mail duffypage@aol.com or RSW178@aol.com

Harry Elkin Midrasha graduates 17



The class of 5760 (l to r) front row: Abigail Levine, Reuben Olinsky, Jessica Portney; middle row: David Resnik, Zachary Witman, Judah Jacobson, Ilana Licht, Rachel Lenore, Lauren Wier; back row: Isaac Mamaysky, Richard Walter, BJE Secondary Education Coordinator, Stephanie Markoff, Ariel Hersh, Michael Furman, Joshua Beraha, Asher Fink, Ari Berenson.

Breakfast & Books back for summer

Breakfast and Books will be back at the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) for summer-time readers Wednesday mornings, July 5 -19.

Sponsored by BJE Library Committee and underwritten by a grant from the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities, the reading/discussion Jewish Literature Series, will meet at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. A light breakfast will precede the discussions.

The facilitators, who in two cases are also the authors, and the literature are:

July 5: Karen Stein, Professor of

English and Women's Studies at URI, on Jewish short stories.

July 12: Sylvia Barak Fishman, Professor of Contemporary Jewish Life at Brandeis University, on her new book, *Jewish Life and American Culture*.

July 19: Lynn Davidman, Professor of Sociology and Judaic Studies at Brown University on her new book, *Motherless*, an absorbing account of the impact of losing one's mother at an early age.

Copies of the materials to be

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THE BJE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT PACKAGE FOR THE RHODE ISLAND JEWISH COMMUNITY

Ethical Monotheism in the 21st Century: One God, One Torah and One People

Monday, October 23

Wednesday, October 25

Chaired by Lana Israel; facilitators: Israel, Ron Salavon, Elisa Silverstein, Mike Thaler, Toby London, Bob Landau, Irving Waldman

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Saturday, November 4

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Zelniker Conference

Sunday, January 28

Guest scholar: **Saul P. Wachs**, the Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor and chairman of the department of education at Gratz College in Philadelphia.

Braude Lecture

Sunday, February 5

Guest Scholar: **Noam Zion**, Director of curriculum development in Israel's public schools, and Director of the Russian Scholars program at Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem. Author of *A Different Night: The Family Participation Haggadah*.

Chaired by Cindy Kaplan

Teverow Lecture

Sunday, April 22

Guest Scholar: **Carol Ingall, EdD**, Associate Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary and author of *Transmission and Transformation: A Jewish Perspective on Moral Education*.

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Artist in Residence

Sunday, March 18

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focus on topics that will keep a family roaming and learning all evening.

As 5761 moves along, families will be able to create ritual objects out of pottery to use at home. Each month the BJE will present a special family education page in *The Voice*. Teachers will be inspired at a special Zelniker Conference in January. Adults will learn from engaging speakers in February and April. An artist-in-residence will bring creative energy to a family workshop in March and in May the 50th anniversary annual meeting will be a "gala" under the creative inspiration of anniversary co-chairs Salavon and Stanzler.

It will be a year to remember and to build upon.

Math, science, teamwork aboard Sloop Providence



5th Grade general studies teacher Marty Roberts and her pupils got history and nautical lessons aboard the Continental Sloop Providence.

Under the auspices of The Providence Maritime Heritage Foundation and its educational program Classroom Under Sail, 5th Grade pupils of The Alperin Schechter Day School took a step back into history.

Aboard the Continental Sloop Providence, docked at India Point Park, lessons in team work were the first order as children learned the nautical terms necessary to raise the sails. Instructors then incorporated lessons in history, math, science and literature as they readied the students and the ship for a sail out into the harbor.

Children thrilled to take this replica of Revolutionary War Hero John Paul Jones's first command out under sail, living the life of seamen, if only briefly. Components of the program also focused on maritime, cultural and ecological history, making this a jam-packed educational experience.

More Grads

The article in the June issue of *The Voice* which listed the 2000 graduates of Alperin Schechter Day School and the high schools they will attend omitted the names of two pupils:

Hope Sholes will attend Rocky Hill School and Marissa Weinschel will enroll at The Wheeler School.

From wooden sloop to paper ships, pupils study American Revolution



Jonathan Wolpert, Deborah Furman and Shayna Weinschel cast off their milk carton pirate ships.

Fifth grade pupils did more than explore the Sloop Providence as part of their study of the American Revolutionary War period.

Beyond the dry facts that lay the foundation of all history lessons, teacher Marty Roberts brought her students a broad sense of daily life during this period. For her students, life in the mid 1700s has many dimensions, including art, science and papermaking.

Papermaking is an ancient art dating back thousands of years and an art form still practiced. From its beginnings as a luxury item, paper has become a common, cheap commodity for everyday use. Children

learned that in the revolutionary period paper was laboriously handmade. They even tried their hand at this craft and amid puddles of water and lots of soggy newsprint and construction paper, their handmade sheets took form.

The second segment of the lesson involved the art of scrimshaw, an art form now illegal because of its use of whalebone. Students used a plaster of paris form to replicate the process. Many carved designs relating to naval life, while others scored the surface with their initials. Students learned that for sailors, who spend long periods of time aboard ship, carving whalebone was an enjoyable pastime.

Lastly, everyone met the challenge of building a sailable milk carton boat. Boasting a mainsail topped with the Jolly Roger, naval emblem of the pirate, each boat was seaworthy, though propelled more by rubber band than wind.

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HOW ARE DAY SCHOOLS DIFFERENT?

by Penney Stein, PhD, Head of School
Alperin Schechter Day School

Why do we do what we do at day schools? And what makes the learning experience in a day school different? And how can this message be communicated effectively?

When a child is born, the parents dream about a future filled with successes. Dreams of a football scholarship may dance in their heads — visions of their child's becoming a doctor, a teacher, an artist. Parents have hopes for achievement in the tangibles — school, sports, the arts, career — as well as in the intangibles — growing up to be independent, responsible, moral, happy. In other words, becoming a mensch.

As I observe our day school students in their daily interactions, I am often struck with their wonderful sense of purpose and their sense of self. They have an understanding of why we are here, why we do what we do. At those moments I know why a day school education is so important.

In their everyday curriculum our students are exposed to the gift of Jewish

living that is given from one generation to the next, and they learn that they are links in this chain. With our history, we pass on our understanding of the world and our values, an affirmation of who we are, where we come from, and what we hope for in the future.

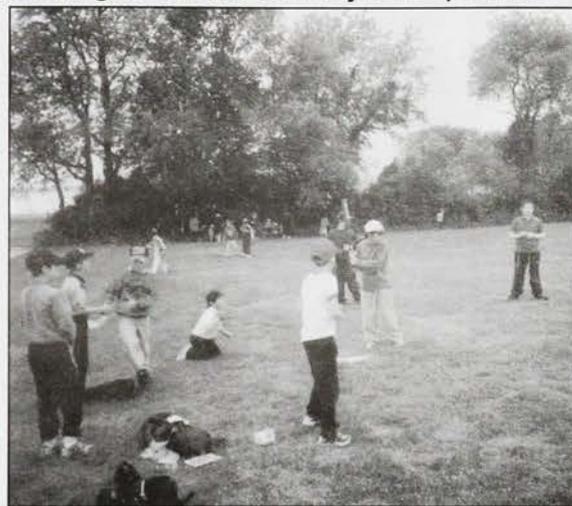
Our students experience daily the values that are the basis for a moral life. From their teachers, from text study and from each other they learn to grapple with ancient, yet timeless concepts. They understand that there are many questions without answers, and that sometimes asking the question is more important than finding the answer. They also learn how to temper tears with laughter.

Our students are creative, self-assured, exposed to the best in both secular and Judaic studies, and are grounded in a sense of values. We are delighted to offer youngsters this opportunity and to help them become another solid link in the chain of their heritage.

This article, one in a series that offers information about the day school experience, is brought to you by a collaboration of The Alperin Schechter Day School and The Providence Hebrew Day School.

PHDS activities

At Lag B'Omer, life is just a picnic



Springtime and Lag Ba'Omer mean picnic time, so the Providence Hebrew Day School took off for Colt State Park for its annual Lag Ba'Omer picnic, with games, races, nature hikes and a barbecue planned and organized by the faculty and upper classmen.

To the consulate for Yom Ha'Atzma'ut



As part of its celebration of Yom Ha'Atzma'ut on May 16, 7th graders from Providence Hebrew Day School visited the Israeli Consulate in Boston. Anat Gilead, consul, talked with the pupils about Israel's past, present and future. Here, the youths present her with their donation to Magen Dovid Adom, the Israeli Red Cross.

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read in advance of each session can be picked-up at the BJE, 130 Sessions Street, Providence. Mail service is available, free of charge, upon request.

Each week's session is independent. Participants can attend one or all three sessions

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Adoption Options adds China contact

Anyone interested in exploring the possibilities of adoption may attend informational meetings offered by Adoption Options, a program of Jewish Family Service, on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the offices of Jewish Family Service. The next meetings will be on August 2 and September 6.

In addition, Adoption Options also hosts informational meetings with China Adoption with Love, an agency that assists families

in adopting children from China, on the third Thursday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The next meetings will be July 20 and August 17.

Adoption Options is on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman Street in Providence. Call 401-331-5437 or toll-free at 1-800-337-6513 for information or to arrange a confidential consultation. Or visit www.adoptionoptions.org.

Julie Gutterman's peers gather from across US for first memorial lecture

Representatives of the Directors of Programs and Services (DPS) of the Alliance for Children and Families, who served on a national steering committee with the late Julie Gutterman, made a donation to the Julie Claire Gutterman Memorial Lecture Fund and presented a plaque to Jewish Family Service in recognition of Julie's commitment to excellence.

The first annual Julie Claire Gutterman Memorial Lecture, sponsored by Jewish Family Service, featured internationally recognized expert and published author Cloë Madanes, director of the Family Therapy Institute of Washington, DC. More than 150 mental health professionals, social workers, certified counselors, nurses and psychologists heard Madanes speak about "Brief Strategic Therapy In Addressing Family Violence."

Madanes provided an intervention model and treatment techniques that therapists can use in their clinical practices with step-by-step methods for preventing future violence.

Paul L. Segal, Jewish Family Service's Executive Director, has announced that the next program on June 8, 2001 entitled "The Impact of Technology on Families and Family Therapy," will present guest speakers from the well-known Ackerman Institute for the Family: Peggy Papp, MSW; Peter Fraenkel, PhD, Director of Research and Program Evaluation, and Evan Imber-Black, PhD, Director of the Center for Families and Health.

The Julie Claire Gutterman Memorial Lecture was established to honor the memory of Julie Gutterman, who served as Director of Professional Services at the agency for six and a half years before her death in the spring of 1999. The lecture is funded by "The Julie Claire Gutterman Memorial Lecture Fund," which resulted from the desire of many to donate in a meaningful way to commemorate her life.

For more information about the Julie Claire Gutterman Memorial Lecture or to be added to the mailing list for next year's registration, contact Jewish Family Service at 401-331-1244.



Pictured are (left to right) Andy Teitelman, a former DPS Chair and Executive Vice President of Programs and Services/Metropolitan Family Service, Chicago, IL; Peter Goldberg, President/CEO of the Alliance for Children and Families; Perry Sutherland, incoming Chair of the DPS group and Coordinator of Outpatient Counseling Services at Community Counseling Center, Portland, ME; Gail Rothrock, outgoing DPS Chair, Vice President of Program Development at Family Service Association of Central Indiana, Indianapolis, Ind. The group represents members of the Directors of Programs and Services (DPS) of the Alliance for Children and Families who served on a national steering committee with Julie Gutterman and made a donation to the Julie Claire Gutterman Memorial Lecture Fund. They also presented a plaque to Jewish Family Service in recognition of Julie's commitment to excellence.

The Agencies

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At JFS

Good service demands training

In the interest of maintaining the highest quality of service to clients, the clinical staff of Jewish Family Service regularly attends professional training programs to enhance their knowledge and skills. In addition, members of the JFS staff also provide learning opportunities for their colleagues in their areas of expertise. The following is a sampling of a few of the professional development programs in which Jewish Family Service has been involved.

- JFS hosted a training session sponsored by SAGE (Senior Adult Group Educators) led by the agency's consulting psychologist, Robert I. Cohen, MSW, PhD, which focused on managerial and clinical supervision.
- Holocaust survivor and recipient of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's "Never Again Award," Leah Eliash, told her story of pain and courage during a continuing education training session for JFS staff. Jenny Klein, a founder of the Museum, presented a historical perspective.
- A three-session special needs forum was co-sponsored by JFS and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. JFS Clinical Social Worker Patty Harwood was the facilitator. Topics included Parenting the Child with Special Needs, Enhancing Your Child's Communication and Socialization Skills, and Parent as Advocate.
- Erin Gisherman Minior, Director of Professional Services, attended a national conference on management practice sponsored by the Alliance for Children and Families. Clinical Social Worker Daniel Kane attended a national conference on Grief and Transition, as well as a program on Psychopharmacology for clinical social workers. Several staff members attended the Rosen Lecture at Butler Hospital entitled Turbulent Children: A Spiritual, Psychosocial and Therapeutic Framework.

For information on
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That's Life! New Americans work toward US citizenship

by Daniel Kane, MSW, Jewish Family Service Clinical Social Worker

When Ellen Steingold, who had always done remarkable work, retired from JFS, I was asked to take over the resettlement program. After hearing the refugees' stories, I knew my role was to be that of an advocate.

There are many trials and traumas that mark a refugee's resettlement process. While in the former Soviet Union, a person needs to demonstrate that he or she has been persecuted because of being Jewish before being allowed to emigrate. For example, one family endured persecution which included beatings and victimization for trying to attend a Jewish school.

Relief, joy, sadness mix at immigration

Permission to emigrate to the United States is often viewed with relief and joy for Jewish families, yet mixed with sadness for what is lost. The adjustment can be harder than it seems.

Many refugees come to America leaving most of their friends and family behind. They frequently have minimal social support. Like native-born Americans, many refugees find their self-worth is equated with their careers. However, many of these professionals find they are unable to transfer their skills to this country. They take any job that pays the bills. Although any job is respectable, it is easy to understand how the change can diminish their sense of self-worth and self-esteem.

Older immigrants face the challenges of aging along with the other adjustments. Often, an older person who has been a matriarch or patriarch loses power in the family dynamic and is isolated as younger members acculturate more quickly through jobs and school.

At JFS, we are sensitive to the needs and provide services and referrals to help New Americans ease their transition. Counseling for families or individuals can be helpful in overcoming the stresses and losses experienced as they adjust and adapt to a culture that is foreign to them.

Refugees receive basic government assistance for a limited time when they first come to America, but we find that they are very motivated to thrive on their own.

The thrill of becoming a citizen

One of the goals of our program is to help all refugees eventually attain citizenship so they can avail themselves fully of all the rights and responsibilities of being American. We help them connect with English as a Second Language classes and citizenship classes which teach refugees about civics and basic American history necessary for the naturalization process.

I recently attended the "New Citizens in Action: Voices of the Future" conference. Before the meeting adjourned, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) swore in people who had passed the citizenship test. There were 28 people, representing 21 different nations. Spouses, children, parents, siblings and friends were in the audience. Little children were waving their American flags passionately, and as loved ones received their documents of citizenship, there were more than a few tears in the audience. This was a group who really appreciated the meaning of US Citizenship.

These new citizens, from all over the world, have come to America with a single goal: to achieve a quality of life not open to them in their homelands. To have made it to this point, they have overcome potentially overwhelming odds, both physically and emotionally.

The Jewish Voice does not
publish in August. Deadline for
September is August 15.
Have a great summer!

JCC camp's new Arts unit brings staff of pros to kids

The Arts Exploration camp is a new day camp choice this summer for children who will enter grades 2 through 6 in September and who attend the day camp program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCC). Youngsters may attend any or all of the three 2-week sessions, June 26-July 7, July 10-July 21, and July 24-August 4.

A group of carefully selected area arts specialists will provide a wide range of options for creative growth. Choices include puppetry, watercolor painting, drawing, animation and video production, drama and theater, and dance.

Laura Bennett, a professional dancer/instructor will encourage creative expression and imagination through rhythm and movement.

Holly Gaboriault's expertise in puppet design includes working on marionettes for the Boston Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker Suite*.

Tina Mangiarelli, a graduate of Rhode Island College with a BS degree in Art Education and BFA in ceramics, will join Brown University graduate **Xenia F. Walker**, who brings 10 years of experience with script-writing and directing children's theater.

Emily MacLaren will introduce campers to the fun of animation and video production.

Claire Metzner, drawing and watercolor specialist, will bring a love for landscape and nature to campers. She has her BFA in painting from the State University of New York at New Paltz and is working towards a Master's degree in Art Education from Rhode Island College.

The regular camp day is 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Space is still available in the Arts Exploration camp as well as in the Haverim and Haverim Sports camps which are for children entering grades 1-4 in September. Early arrival and extended day coverage is also available. Selected spaces for younger children in the Early Childhood Center are also available, full and half day.

For more information or to register for any of the JCC Summer Camp programs please call Charli Lurie, Director of Children, Youth and Camping Services at the JCC, 861-8800 extension 147.

The JCC camps convene at 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

JORI staff works at making camp warm, fun environment

Ronnie Guttin says that the warmth and summer fun that have been the hallmark of Camp JORI do not just happen; the staff implementing the programs set the tone for the campers' experiences. "Camp JORI is fortunate to have skilled staff who have been with us for years, as well as some talented newcomers," says Guttin, who is camp Director.

JORI offers a full sports program, including tennis, boating, water polo, swimming, softball, karate, soccer, miniature golf, basketball, aerobics and sports workshops. The extensive sports programming will be supervised by Steve Lehrer, who worked for several years as an assistant director at Camp JORI during the 1980s. A high school teacher with special interests in athletics, camping and computer technology, Steve will also serve as head scheduler for the camp. Because archery is a popular program, Camp JORI has several staff members who are certified archery instructors.

This year's waterfront activities will be more important than ever as the camp makes use of its new property on Worden's Pond. The aquatics program will be directed by Freda Lehrer, a Red Cross Trainer for many years who has taught swimming, CPR and First Aid to children and adults and has extensive experience as a Girl Scout leader and trainer. This year, the entire camp staff will be trained in CPR. Several counselors, in addition to the certified lifeguards in the waterfront program, have life-saving certificates.

The expanded Camp JORI tennis program will be led by tennis pro Steve Matzner, who is returning to sharpen the skills of Camp JORI campers and oversee the enlarged tennis staff. During the off-season he teaches at Cranston West High School.

Campers interested in the arts will find inspiration in the opportunity to learn from artist in residence Bruce Lenore, as he returns for his 4th summer. JORI's arts and crafts programs include ceramics. The Instrumental music and theater will be supervised by Pat Matusow, a new addition to the staff, who is familiar with Camp JORI as the mother of four campers. A talented seamstress, she offers "boundless energy and creativity," according to Guttin.

Children need excellent nutrition, especially when they are as active as they are at summer camp, and making sure food is delicious and appealing is important. Chef Bruce Shuman will return for his 14th summer, and his kosher spe-

cialties include childrens' favorites like grilled cheese, pizza, barbecued chicken and many surprises.

Keeping everyone healthy is the responsibility of the camp's nurse, Donna Kagan, who is returning to Camp JORI after a few years away. "She gives campers the care, moral support and special attention we all sometimes need. And she has eyes like a hawk, a steady hand and lots of patience," says Guttin.

Camp JORI, the only Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island is located in Narragansett offers both day and overnight camps. In addition to the above-mentioned activities, the camp provides nature programs, special events and field trips. For ages 7-13, there is an overnight camp with two four-week sessions, and for first-time campers only there are four two-week sessions. Day camp is available for two-week sessions for children 6-9 years of age

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with very little separation between the three key age groups.

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The property's meadows will become two baseball fields and two soccer fields and tennis courts. The current pool will be devoted to beginning swimmers and an olympic pool will be built. In or at the edge of the woods and the lake, will be a "town center" with an outdoor amphitheater, a health center and an environmental center right where the Nature Conservancy trails begin, a full-scale boating program, and two other key buildings, both of which will be winterized for year round use.

One of those, the three-story arts center, will be the permanent home of the South County Hebrew School from each September through May. Pupils and teachers have been bouncing around from

room to room on the University of Rhode Island campus for years. At last these children, over 40 of them, and their teachers will have permanent classrooms, places to mount the Aleph-Bet and display their projects; shelves to hold their books, just space to call their own.

The architectural focal point of the camp undoubtedly will be the multi-purpose center. To be built into the side

of a hill, the top floor will be the dining hall, with kosher kitchen. Its glass front will provide an expansive view of Worden's Pond. Below it will be a soaring two-story space that will be a sanctuary on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, then transform into a movie theater or production theater at other times. It, too, will be winterized.

The combination of the arts center and the multi-purpose building will open up all sorts of possibilities for weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs, and be an ideal space for the Temple Beth David High Holy Day Services which have grown far beyond the capacity of the tiny synagogue building in Narragansett. Purim parties, community seders, Hanukkah celebrations, all are potential events for this space.

There's more: Because eight of the cabins will be winterized, the campus becomes an ideal spot for retreats, September through mid-June, for up to 110 people.

"We see this campus becoming a statewide resource," Schuster projects, as he even muses about the potential to house regional offices of some of the agencies now centered in Providence.

Steven A. Rakitt, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, sees this project as "nothing short of some of the most exciting developments in the Rhode Island Jewish Community in a long

Community Center, sees the acquisition of this property as "a big plus. It can be the focal point for the Jewish community, where everything can be housed at one location."

Lorraine Nelson echoes the sentiments of both those leaders. As the head of the South County Jewish Collaborative, Nelson and her board worked for several years to acquire land and build

solidated facility, the Collaborative aborted a capital campaign to fold its hopes and dreams into this more comprehensive facility.

"This is an opportunity," Nelson says, "to provide a lot of Jewish programming, more than we originally planned. We think we can do more for several age

groups — teens, pre-schoolers and elderly members of the community. We really like the campus idea and the continuity it provides. Kids who attend Hebrew School here can also become JORI campers."

Someday, maybe they'll even have their weddings and receptions under the towering trees.

Under the governance proposal, a 10-member board, divided equally between JORI and the Collaborative, is to oversee and share the use and maintenance of the arts center and multi-purpose building during the non-camping months.

JORI will expand its director's position to full time and, at least initially, employ a part time secretary and a part time business manager, according to Schuster.

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New film on Nuremberg to air on TNT; setting, testimony extremely effective



Alec Baldwin as the chief prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials addresses the judges. Jill Hennessy, Brian Cox, Michael Ironside, Matt Cravan, Max Von Sydow and Christopher Plummer co-star. Part I premieres on TNT at 8:00 pm Sunday, July 16, with Part II at 8:00 pm, Monday, July 17. TNT will telecast "Nuremberg" several more times.

by Yehuda Lev

The first 45 minutes of the TNT Channel's three-and-a-half-hour, two-part dramatization of the post-war Nuremberg War Crimes Trial of Nazi Germany's leaders, sets the scene, identifies the characters, gives us a feel for the physical surroundings, and lays the groundwork for a romance between the American chief prosecutor and his very vivacious assistant.

The filmic need for the latter was clear: there were no female defendants, no important female court officials, no female participants at Nuremberg whatsoever other than some secretaries, journalists and testifying witnesses. But the romance peters out in the film — which was just as well since the subject matter of the 1945 trial did not lend itself to romance, fictional or otherwise.

As TNT's version of the drama unfolds it is possible to see some of the other problems brought about by one of the least dramatic of theatrical settings, a courtroom. Courtroom scenes emphasize talk, not action. The most successful trial films I recall, *The Caine Mutiny* and *Twelve Angry Men*, were fictional and told relatively simple stories. Anyone telling the story of the Nuremberg Trial however, must include in some way a tale of hatred and horror unmatched in scope and fury, the disturbing presence of the 21 defendants, the participation of four prosecutorial staffs representing the US, Britain, France and the Soviet Union, the four nations sitting in judgment, and the larger political surroundings affecting the trial.

In some important ways "Nuremberg" succeeds. Even after more than half a century, the films of the liberation of the death camps which were presented in evidence, are shocking beyond words. The several individuals who testify, quoting from the actual trial testimony in low, flat, dead voices, are extremely effective. With the exception of the Soviet prosecutor, whose role was written to make him a drunken lout, the actors are believable although, as is too often the case when complex situations and characters are simplified for purposes of drama, they tend to be two-dimensional. Oddly enough, the one character who is most

true to life is Hermann Goering, Hitler's second-in-command, who attempts to make the trial a forum for his justifications of the Nazi regime.

The setting is realistically portrayed. The external shots, showing the ruins of the city of Nuremberg, are exactly as I recall German cities of the time, with mounds of destroyed buildings, rubble lining the streets, children playing in the ruins and ill-clad women (few men) everywhere. The courtroom too, which I attended as a reporter for the second but not the first of the war crimes trials, also seems as I remember it.

Overall, "Nuremberg" serves as a useful introduction for younger generations to the importance of international tribunals in achieving some measure of justice in a world that is increasingly in need of such trials.

The major problem with "Nuremberg" is that its writers and producers seem to have researched the wrong trial. Except for several references to the deaths of 20 million Russians during World War II, there is little recognition of any wartime suffering other than that of Europe's Jews. It is as if we are viewing the 1961 trial of Adolf Eichmann, in which the Jewish tragedy was rightfully emphasized.

But the Nuremberg Trial involved much more than the Holocaust and, given its conviction of an entire regime, was of far greater international significance. A few platitudes stating this are not enough; even with the constraints of time more should have been done to demonstrate the uniqueness and the morality of bringing such criminals to justice. More emphasis could have been placed on the individual defendants and the nature of their criminal actions rather than highlighting the difference between Goering and Albert Speer, the latter prepared to admit his guilt, to the disgust of the more fanatical Nazis in the dock.

One of the great questions that hovered in the air throughout the trial was how could a nation so culturally, socially and economically advanced as Germany have produced such leaders and what, about their own lives, led them to do what they did? Please go to the next page.

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Nuremberg to air on TNT. . . from pg. 25

Short of a few more plati- tudes, the film never deals with these is- sues.

The emphasis throughout on the American role in the prosecu- tion and judgment almost makes it seem like Nuremberg involved only this country and Germany. The British prosecutor makes one im- portant statement, the French and Soviet prosecutors none at all. The

diminution of the interna- tional nature of the Nuremberg Trial less- ens its impact and weakens its value as a teaching tool for those who are too young to have experienced the Nazi era.

But Nuremberg is intended for commercial use before a general audience so perhaps it is unfair to expect too accurate a depiction of the subtleties surrounding the trial.

PBS, with fewer commer- cial considerations, might take on the task of presenting a documentary on the actual trial, assuming enough film still exists. It may be, of course, that this has already been done, in which case we shall hear from our readers soon enough.

Watching Nuremberg on TNT will be worth your while but you might precede or follow the viewing by reading a book on the actual trial.

There are some events that occurred in the departed century that no one should ever forget and what was brought to the bar of justice at Nuremberg was certainly one of them.

Meet Van Gogh Face to Face

Meet Van Gogh Face to Face at the Museum of Fine Arts when the Adult Department of the Jew- ish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCC) sponsors a trip to Boston Wednesday, September 6.

This rare exhibit reunites more than 70 of Van Gogh's finest por- traits for the first time in any major museum. Works from all the stages of Van Gogh's life will be exhibited including self-portraits done shortly after his arrival in Paris in 1886 to just prior to his death in 1890.

The Adult Department of the JCC sponsors programs for adults of all ages on Jewish traditions, cultural arts, fitness, sports and aquatics.

Younger adults can join Per- spectives, the RI Jewish Young Adult Project (a cooperative effort with Brown/RISD Hillel and URI Hillel), which offers cultural, holi- day, and social programs.

Seniors can participate in classes, clubs, trips, the brown bag lunch series and more.

For more information on the Van Gogh trip or other adult pro- grams, contact Sue Robbio at 401- 861-8800 ext. 107.

Leisure Club's films continue into August

The Leisure Club's annual summer film festival continues on July 20 with "Number Our Days" and "In Her Own Time," both documentaries by Barbara Myerhoff.

"Number Our Days," which won an Academy Award, explores the histories of men and women in the 80s and 90s who frequent a Jewish community center in Cali- fornia.

"In Her Own Time" is the filmmaker's own search for solace in the spiritual community of Jew- ish religious observance when she learns that she is dying of lung cancer.

The mood changes dramati- cally on August 3 when "Animal Crackers" brings the zany Marx Brothers to the screen in a plot that is silly and the laughs plenty. Groucho is Captain Spaulding, the African explorer just back from the jungle. Chico and Harpo supply the predictably unexpected.

All films are run on a large- screen video projector at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Bohnen Vestry at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Av- enue, Providence.

Ginandes and Weinberg at 401

Gallery 401, the art gallery at the Jewish Community Center, presents an exhibit by Carol Ginandes through July 26. En- titled "Outer Cape Portfolio," the show exhibits large, original color photographs of the Outer Cape.

Mimi Weinberg's "Site: Sight Views After the Dead Sea" will be on exhibition all of August. This recollection of an archaeological site is mastered through plaster sculptures and landscape paintings formed by small plaster blocks. The opening reception will be Thurs- day, August 3, 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

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Chagalls stolen from art gallery

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A skillful thief with apparently pre- cise tastes has stolen two of Marc Chagall's paintings with Jewish themes from a Beverly Hills art gallery. The two paintings, with a combined value of over \$500,000, were taken in a meticulously planned and executed heist from the Timothy Yarger Fine Art Gal- lery on posh Rodeo Drive.

Chagall completed both paint- ings — "Moises et les Tables de la Loi" (Moses and the Tablets of the Law), and "Le Juif a la Thora" (The Jewish Man at the Torah) — around 1981, four years before his death, said gallery owner Yarger.

The paintings, which came from Chagall's personal collection, were purchased directly from his estate, said Yarger. However, a third Chagall painting that was hanging between the other two, this one showing a Parisian scene with flow- ers was left untouched, as were even more valuable paintings by

Picasso, Renoir and Miro in the same room.

"All signs point to a theft-to- order," he said. "It wasn't just a random burglary."

The break-in was discovered May 29 by construction workers on an adjoining project, who no- ticed that someone had sawed a hole through the gallery's rear fire door, and notified police. By climb- ing through the hole, the thief ap- parently circumvented an alarm system, as well as inside motion detectors and surveillance cameras.

"One burglar, or burglars, came in, went upstairs, came right to this location, took the paintings and disturbed nothing else," said Yarger.

Yarger waited almost a week before making the theft public to give police and insurance investi- gators a clear track without inter- ference from the media.

It is likely, however, that the paintings will be kept behind closed doors for decades or generations.



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Retirees to Rhode Island focus skills, talents on Jewish woman's clinic in Mexico

by Yehuda Lev

Nadine Goodman, 43, was a young Jewish woman from Connecticut with degrees in public health and social work when she went to Mexico in 1981 to improve her facility in Spanish. There she met and married Alejandro, an architect, and they made their home in the Mexican town of San Miguel de Allende.

San Miguel de Allende is not the stereotypic, poverty-stricken Mexican village familiar to us from western films. A mountain community with clement weather, it is home to a number of American and European expatriates, largely retirees with assured incomes who demand good restaurants and adequate medical facilities. It has a lively tourist trade and among its residents are wealthy Mexican citizens.

But it also includes a local population that works for the wealthy and shares none of these amenities, and it exists amongst a number of nearby villages where extreme poverty is the normal way of life.

Goodman combined her degrees, a tremendous store of energy and an evident need for medical and social services for the poor, and founded CASA, "house" in Spanish and an acronym for an organization described in its literature as "a non-profit, health and social service model strengthening the most disadvantaged Mexican youth and their families since 1981."

Two years ago Dr. Milton and Bernice Krantz of Charleston, RI went as tourists to San Miguel de Allende. There they



Milton and Bernice Krantz of Charleston work in this clinic for a month every year. Dr. Krantz performed 220 operations in three weeks while Bernice taught women about birth control.

heard about CASA and visited with Goodman whose parents, they learned, have a summer home on Block Island. Milton Krantz, a podiatrist, volunteered his services and worked for several weeks performing foot operations.

Meanwhile Bernice Krantz, a retired teacher, fluent in Spanish, trained women in birth control methods and assisted her husband with translations.

This past winter they returned to CASA together with their son, James, also a podiatrist. In three weeks, Dr. Krantz performed 220 operations. For his next visit, he says, the list of patients is already drawn up.

The Krantz since have joined a large list of people and American foundations which raise funds for CASA. Goodman, it seems, has a talent for recruiting helpers; her net is widespread but no more so than the range of medical and social problems she is attempting to deal with.

CASA has built a hospital and, as part of a student intern program, medical students from Cornell and other universities arrive each summer to learn about diseases they are not likely to see in North American practices. They also staff a widespread network of clinics and home training programs in Mexican villages.

Despite her good works, Goodman, it appears, is not lacking for enemies. CASA does not perform abortions but it does teach women how to practice birth control and this brings it into conflict with those who, like the Catholic Church, believe in other methods of family planning.

CASA also has taken the lead in educating people about the perils of AIDS, a subject that is barely spoken about in some circles, including those interested in promoting tourism.

But her strongest opponents are those who criticize one of CASA's most innovative programs, its school for midwifery which opened in 1997 and is the first of its kind in Mexico. In theory, midwifery is not needed in the country because the government and the medical profession have created a network of rural clinics. In practice, these clinics are often unstaffed since doctors don't want to live in poor areas. CASA is training young people to fill some of the medical and social needs still unmet in much of rural Mexico.

The Krantz returned from their first visit to CASA entranced by what they saw and convinced that they were in a position to assist above and beyond the use of their professional skills. They held a fund raiser in their home to which



Nadine Goodman, 43, has become a hero to the poverty stricken families in San Miguel de Allende, a wealthy mountain community in Mexico, but with an underclass of domestic and other service employees.

they invited Goodman's parents, vacationing on Block Island. Only then did they discover that many years ago they had been neighbors in Connecticut and that the young child who then played in their yard grew up to become the founder and guiding spirit of CASA.

They are planning another event to raise funds for CASA and they hope to have Goodman present for the occasion. It is doubtful that they will spend much time reminiscing over past years in Connecticut. There is just too much waiting to be done in San Miguel de Allende.

Neither medical experience nor a knowledge of Spanish is required for volunteering and persons interested either in giving time and effort to CASA or participating in the fund raiser should call Milton and Bernice Krantz at 401-364-3328.

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Internet helps with genetic disorders

by Mark Mietkiewicz

One of the areas in which the Internet excels is its ability to allow people with relatively specialized needs to exchange information and even forge virtual communities around the world. One example is the field of Jewish genetic disorders. Despite the fact that most of these disorders are relatively rare, the Internet can help you find information, advice and even empathy from others who are facing similar challenges.

I must emphasize very strongly that although you can find a wealth of information out there, the Internet must NOT be considered a substitute for trusted medical or Please go to next page.

Bi-polar sufferer says Jewish community avoids acknowledging mental health problems

by Yehuda Lev

Mental health.

Sticky topic. TB, pneumonia, even stroke, some cancers — curable. But mental health? Tough to define, difficult to work with, not even sure if or when it is cured. And, of course, no one wants to talk about it.

Well, some do. Two of them in our community are Carolyn Joyce Schwartz, a mental health patient since her 20s, and Erin Gisherman Minior, who works with the mentally troubled on behalf of the Jewish Family Service. As befitting a profession in which second opinions are common, these two have different opinions on the RI Jewish role in coping with mental illness, a topic on which they are both authorities.

Carolyn Schwartz is a poet, an activist on behalf of the mentally ill, and founder of, among other things, Oasis, at 1280 N. Main St., a drop-in center for mental health "consumers," the currently preferred term for mental health patients. It is, says Schwartz, a place for people "to talk to friends whom they don't have to pay to listen to them."

Terminology changes are more common than you might think in the field of mental health. Schwartz was diagnosed as manic-depressive many years ago but today she is labeled bi-polar. It is the same illness, about whose effects and need for treatment and understanding she has been speaking publicly since 1986 when she founded her first advocacy group.

Schwartz has seen it all, years of depression, electric shock treatments, incarceration in institutions for the mentally ill, the isolation that awaits those who are "different" and the pity from those who would like to help but who cannot imagine how.

She did find one way out of her difficulties, poetry, an escape she first discovered at the age of eight when she retreated to her bedroom to write after discovering that overweight children were not very popular with their classmates.

Today, her poetry serves her well. A popular lecturer in Rhode Island on mental health, she uses her poems to illustrate the fears that the mentally ill have about life and to wean others from their fears of the mentally ill.

Schwartz says that in recent years Rhode Island has greatly improved its treatment of the mentally ill. It is a small state; people tend to know one another;

there are excellent people working in the field, and government is accessible. Her main complaint concerns the Jewish community which, she thinks, believes there is no such problem among Jews, even as the community once thought there was no such thing as a Jewish alcoholic.

Schwartz complains about how the Jewish community deals with — or fails to deal with — the mentally ill. She suggests Jewish organizations should put this issue on their agendas. Former or even current patients could be invited to discuss matters relating to mental health. In this way people learn that the mentally ill are not to be feared but deserve a more understanding approach to their problems.

Erin Gisherman Minior sees the Jewish response to mental illness quite differently, understandably so since she is a major part of that response. As director of professional services for the Jewish Family Service (JFS), she describes her job as "helping people who run into bumps on the road of life."

"Bumps" hardly describes Schwartz's problems which are more accurately termed mountains. Minior explains that JFS deals primarily with short-term problems and as a referral center for people with long-term care needs. Example of a short-term mental health need might include suddenly and unexpectedly becoming a care-giver for a parent or grieving for a loved one. These kinds of situations create stress which in turn can bring on depression and a possible disruption of family life.

Long-term patients' mental health needs that are met by Minior's office are largely those of the elderly, often Holocaust survivors.

At JFS Minior supervises three social workers who have a caseload of 25 or so clients apiece. Most of the clients are Jewish but the door is open to anyone. It is, in fact, open 24 hours a day since a social worker is always on call for sudden emergencies.

About Schwartz's complaint that the Jewish community fails to recognize the existence of a mental health problem among Jews, Minior disagrees. In this, her first professional experience at working within a Jewish agency (she herself is Catholic), Minior says she finds the Jewish community "very caring. . . The agency is more focused on helping people and less so on things like paperwork. It is a very positive experience for me," she notes.

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by Stanley M. Aronson, MD and Betty E. Aronson, MD

A famine spreads over ancient Judea. Elimelekh, his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, migrate east to the land of the Moabites to seek food. Elimelekh then dies. The two sons marry local Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth. In time, both sons die leaving Naomi and her two daughters-in-law to fend for themselves. Facing an uncompromising future, Naomi elects to return to Bethlehem and advises Orpah and Ruth to seek new husbands in Moab. But Ruth adamantly remains with Naomi, declaring, "For wherever you go, I will go; your people shall be my people and your God my God." The two women finally arrive in Bethlehem at the onset of the barley harvest, without resources, feeling forsaken and discouraged.

Recognizing the need for food, Ruth decides to glean behind the harvesters of grain. The owner of the field, a man named Boaz and a distant kinsman of Elimelekh, inquires about her and is told of her travails. Boaz declares, "May the Lord reward your deeds." He offers her much barley and asks her to sit at his table, saying: "Come over here and partake of the meal, and dip your morsel in the vinegar."

In spite of great tsoris — loyalty, integrity, love

The story of Naomi and Ruth, the biblical Book of Ruth, is a tale of enduring loyalty, integrity and abiding love. Despite famine, perilous migrations and the loss of all the males in her adopted family, Ruth survives, and through her eventual marriage to Boaz, begets a son, Obed, who in turn will father Jesse, the father of David, king of Israel. Except for the solitary mention of vinegar, the story provides little detail of the meal offered by Boaz. Indeed, vinegar (hometz) is mentioned only four times in the Hebrew Bible (Num. 6:3, Ps. 69:22, Prov. 25:20, Ruth 2:14).

Vinegar represents the final product of a complex process that requires an understanding of the chemical transformations underlying wine production. The existence of culinary vinegar therefore speaks of a stable culture able to sustain wineries as well as an enterprise which can take wine and deliberately alter it into vinegar.

To the established, non-nomadic cultures of the Middle East, vinegar was substantially more than a flavor-enhancing condiment for meals. It was also an important pharmacological agent employed in the healing of many diseases, a substance used for marinating foods, a cleansing chemical and an additive to water to abate thirst. It was carried routinely by Roman soldiers when on the march and was sometimes given to crucifixion victims as a way to slaken their thirst (as was the case in the New Testaments with Jesus, John 19:29).

Sometime in the distant past, a vintner engaged in the conversion of fresh grape juice to wine saw some of his product turn into a sour fluid free of the customary sweet taste of wine, and free, too, of wine's intoxicating qualities.

Sourness, how distressing!

At first, the production of vinegar must have caused dismay to the vintner, but it also yielded a curious fluid with many exploitable properties. It was an acid solution and hence had value as a cleaning agent. But this also posed some hazards. For example, vinegar caused erosion of the surface of teeth (see Proverbs 10:26). Vinegar nevertheless became a dining staple in the cuisine of well-established homes. It provided a pungent, piquant taste to a variety of salad greens and cooked foods.

But it was as a medication that vinegar achieved enduring historic importance. The Talmud carried scores of instructions defining the diverse medical

applications of vinegar. For hectic fevers, one was advised to take lentil cakes mixed with vinegar. For intestinal upset, type unspecified, bread soaked in vinegar was suggested. Sipping vinegar periodically was recommended as a way of getting rid of intestinal worms, said the Talmud. Topically applied vinegar was used on all open wounds (presumably as an antiseptic long before sepsis was understood). Migraine headaches, arthritic pains of the hips and even bee stings were said to abate following surface application of vinegar, sometimes diluted with wine. There is further reference to fruit steeped in vinegar as an antidote to poisonings of botanical origin.

Numerous skin diseases, according to the Talmud, were to be treated with vinegar, either directly upon the skin or in the form of embrocations. The affliction of Job (see Job 7:5), sometimes called shehin, was said to respond to vinegar applications. And even the malodors of excessive perspiration were thought to diminish following a rinsing with vinegar.

Asserting the importance of vinegar, the Talmud declares that a home with neither salt nor vinegar is truly impoverished.

Vinegar was prized during the Middle Ages as a culinary luxury. Its supply was limited to those barrels of wine which turned sour by fortuitous fermentation. Why some wines maintained their quality while others deteriorated to vinegar was not understood. But by the 17th Century some French vintners appreciated the commercial value of encouraging wines to ferment to vinegar.

Sometimes, scum is just what you need

They recognized that the thick scum which formed on the surface of soured wine, when intentionally transplanted to other vats of wine, hastened vinegar production. This scum was called *mere de vinaigre* (and the word, vinegar, was derived from the French, *vin aigre*, meaning sour wine). The French also discovered that different flavors and nuances might be developed in vinegars depending upon whether the original source was a wine, a beer or a cider. Additional flavors were achieved by fermentation over a bed of balsamic or beechwood shavings.

The mystery of wine and vinegar production was finally clarified in 1864 when Louis Pasteur demonstrated that the conversion of grape juice to an alcoholic beverage was facilitated by the catabolic action of living yeast cells; and further, that certain microorganisms, through oxidation, then converted the alcohol to acetic acid (vinegar).

Vinegar continues today as a widely employed home remedy for a multitude of ills, as a cleaning agent and as a cherished table condiment in many Mediterranean cuisines. In the Book of Ruth, vinegar symbolized the wealth, sophistication and hospitality of Boaz's household.

There is a legend that Cleopatra, to display her boundless wealth, deliberately dissolved a rare pearl in a goblet of vinegar and presented the enriched fluid to her lover to drink. Boaz's more modest sharing of his vinegar with Ruth seems less ostentatious but more compelling, more endearing.

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Genetic disorders. . . from pg. 28

rabbinic experts who are familiar with your particular circumstances. Also, pay close attention to the credentials of the authors of anything you read on the Web. Not every one is a reliable or accurate source of information.

Some of the most famous studies on Jews and genetic diseases looked at the occurrence of mutations of breast cancer genes among Ashkenazi women and found higher rates among Jewish women. There are many articles on the Internet about these findings aimed at lay audiences including the Jewish Communication Network (<http://www.jcn18.com/newstand/wahman/cancer.htm>) and USA Today (<http://www.usatoday.com/life/health/cancer/breast/lhcb006.htm>).

A National Cancer Institute report said that although the breast cancer risk is higher among Ashkenazi women, it is lower than thought: (<http://rex.nci.nih.gov/massmedia/pressreleases/jewishgene.html>).

For articles debating whether to be tested for the gene, log on to *U.S. News and World Report* (<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/geneb2.htm>) or the Ohio State University Cancer Programs (site <http://www.osu.edu/units/cancer/w99frnt/known.htm>).

The controversial question of genetic screening and its ethical and halachic implications is dealt with at length in several areas on the Internet. In his essay on Genetic Screening, North Dakota State University student Mike

Wetzstein gives an overview of this issue and explains some of Judaism's concerns with genetic screening (<http://www.cc.ndsu.nodak.edu/instruct/mcclean/plsc431/students/mike.htm>)

"The obligation with regard to procreation is not suspended simply because of the statistical probability that some children of the union may be deformed or abnormal."

One of the greatest fears about genetic testing is the stigma that could occur if someone is known to be a carrier of a disease. I recommend a fascinating article in the Jewish Homemaker magazine which looks at a Brooklyn-based organization called Dor Yeshorim (<http://ok.org/homemaker/chanukah99/health.html>). Dor Yeshorim tests young men and women before they begin to date. Their results are kept anonymous, and are only available to rabbis who compare the charts when couples seriously contemplate marriage. If a couple are both carriers for a certain disorder, they are told their prospective union is "not advisable." No one is told if he or she is a carrier, only that both people must look for another match. The Dor Yeshorim method has apparently gained wide acceptance throughout Brooklyn's Orthodox community.

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At 100, Fanny stays home thanks to JFS aides

Born in October of 1899, Fanny Sherman has seen many changes. She lived in Odessa under Czarist rule until she was 5 years old, before her parents moved the family to Germany to escape pogroms. Once, she and a sister eluded danger by climbing across the roof of the bathhouse.

She says that her older brother, Alexander, was the first man killed during Hitler's rise to power, and members of her family were sent to concentration camps.

Moving to the United States in 1940, she and her husband learned English and raised two sons. She now has three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She came to Rhode Island more than 25 years ago to be near a son and has used the JFS Home Care Service and Lifeline RI for 13 years.

"I was very lucky with Lifeline RI," she says. Only three weeks after it was installed, Fannie fell and broke her hip one Friday evening. No one was scheduled to check in with her until the following Monday. Fortunately, she was able to get help right away by using Lifeline RI.

She began using Home Care service on a part time basis, but



JFS Certified Nursing Assistant Carol Brennan plays a friendly game of Scrabble with Fanny Sherman who has a reputation as an expert speller among her professional colleagues and her peers.

now uses it about 20 hours a day. The Certified Nursing Assistants help her shower, dress and prepare meals. Breakfast typically includes "my favorite yogurt," she says, to which she attributes her longevity. The CNAs take her on outings in the neighborhood, and every day they take her to the Jewish Community Center's Kosher Mealsite where she visits with friends and does volunteer work. They also take

her to see the ducks and swans at the park. Because Fannie Sherman has a deep appreciation for music, they sometimes arrange for her to attend a concert.

Jewish Family Service RN Vicky Briggs stops by to monitor her medications and health status.

Fannie says, "Without Jewish Family Service, it would not be possible to remain here in my own home. It is very good service, excel-

lent service."

The Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) in the JFS Home Care program are trained in Jewish dietary law to prepare meals, shop and offer personal care. This service can be provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, subject to availability. JFS's Registered Nurses continue to assess and monitor the medical needs of Home Care clients. For the average client, who is in his or her mid-80s, these services can make a great difference in quality of life, allowing the senior to continue living at home with comfort and dignity.

For further information about Home Care at Jewish Family Service, call 401-331-1244.

Samantha calls at Cranston mealsite

On a recent Wednesday, the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston welcomed canine movie actor Samantha and her "mom," Linda Lavigne, of Coventry. Everyone wanted to pat her or give her a treat, and she was very gracious, demonstrating the charm and calm demeanor that made her a natural to play the role of the loyal three-legged dog in Michael Corrente's movie, "Outside Providence."

Samantha, a 7-year-old shepherd/greyhound mixed breed dog did have connections that helped her get the part — her owner is the sister of the movie's director. When he was looking to cast the part, she immediately came to mind.

Samantha had lost her leg in a freak accident when chasing squirrels. Despite medical efforts to save the leg, it eventually had to be amputated, and Samantha adapted beautifully. For the movie, she also had to be trained to wear an eye patch, although both of her eyes are perfectly good.

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JFS ALSO SHIP COORDINATOR

The June issue of The Voice reported that the Jewish Seniors Agency had recently been designated a senior health insurance coordinator for the SHIP program. Members of the community actually have two resources on the East Side for SHIP. Jewish Family Service has been a coordinator for the past two years. The agencies offer free information, counseling and assistance with health insurance problems to Medicare beneficiaries and other adults. For assistance call either JFS at 401-331-1244 or JSA at 401-351-4750.



Fanny Sherman enjoys a cup of tea with Grace Melville, one of the JFS staff members who is with her daily, helping her to stay in her own home.



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As we grow older

The scam artist: a danger of daily life

by Tema Gouse

Daily living exposes us to multiple dangers. But no one is more at risk than the nation's oldest citizens. If the ravages of aging on the health of the elderly were not enough, they further experience attacks from scam artists, businesses, and even the environment.

Ploys to separate senior citizens from their assets are everywhere. Loneliness and desperation often increase vulnerability. So-called free offers and illegal lotteries abound. Offers of gifts and contest prizes seem attractive and bring some excitement to the isolated aged person. When the illegality of such enterprises emerges, the victim is usually shorter of cash and devastated at being so naive.

Gambling is increasing amongst Golden Agers. Travel agencies and community centers are filling buses with day-trippers and heading for nearby casinos. These opportunities to interact and have a day's entertainment are particularly attractive to individuals who no longer have the social outlets of their younger years. But gambling remains a dangerous activity and many Social Security recipients find that such an excursion means they have used funds needed for daily expenses.

Well-intended senior programs would do greater service if they planned opportunities for camaraderie that did not threaten the pocketbook. Board games and low ante card games in settings that are less risky and noisy than casinos can provide social interaction and some of the pleasures of the games of chance.

It is astonishing how many people make it into advanced years and remain naive or unsophisticated about handling their financial assets. When salaries cease but expenses continue the unskilled money manager may need outside assistance. The family member who has never been helpful before but suddenly expresses a willingness to do your money management should be suspect. The more caring relative who offers to guide or teach but leaves decisions to you is an aide to be valued. Reliable financial advice is always available from skilled financial advisors. Beware of the thieves. Recommendations from trusted attorneys or bank officers can usually direct you to needed help.

It is true that most accidents occur in the home. How safe are your living quarters? Smoke alarms and burglar alarms offer great protection. Carbon monoxide dangers are silent and deadly, yet most people living alone do not have

carbon monoxide alarms. Get one — they are inexpensive, easily installed and can save your life. Hardwood floors and throw rugs increase the likelihood of serious injury. Consider covering your floors with lower-risk wall-to-wall carpeting.

How do you reach the top shelves in your closets and kitchens? Is your step stool steady? Are you steady? Do you, like many seniors, experience occasional vertigo? Even if you and your stool are steady and you do not have vertigo, it is still wisest to keep daily needs at reachable levels which do not require use of ladders or stepstools. And if something is stored high, wait till young visitors come to retrieve it.

Telemarketers have discovered that the elderly are pushovers. They recognize easy prey. They call to promote nonexistent charities, second-rate products, and magazines you did not know existed. And they are persuasive and many older people have lost their skill at saying "no." A sad aftermath to being so exploited is that when we have been manipulated we are too embarrassed to tell anyone, which allows these unscrupulous practices to continue. Tell your friends and maybe they won't be so abused.

Many senior citizens promptly pay their credit card bills without cross-checking the charges with their receipts. (Many do not even save their receipts). Intentional or not, or whether it is the credit card company or the merchant that is at fault, credit cards are often double-billed. If noted by the user, credit card companies are willing to check into the complaints and make necessary adjustments. But that is only if you are scrupulous, do the checking and issue the complaint. Checkers in supermarkets are also often charging twice for the same item. It may not be intentional but you are paying twice. I question how unintentional it is that prices scanned in supermarkets do not reflect sales prices. CAVEAT EMPTOR!

Gray-haired customers are adored by auto-maintenance shops, who show their adoration by increasing service rates and providing unneeded services. Older people are appropriately anxious about driving cars that could break down. We, therefore, allow automobile servicemen to use our fears and give them carte blanche on repairs. Costly repairs merit a second opinion. Do not be used. This is the Fleecing of America in the private sector.

Because it is not a nice world out there, caution must be exerted

when out of the home. If feasible, try to do chores and visits during daylight hours. If you can travel with a companion, do so, especially at night. Car doors should always be locked, on the highway or in your driveway. If you sense the presence of a stalker or unwelcome stranger, risk embarrassment, but seek help. A cellular phone in the car should not replace your home phone but should be in your car for emergencies.

The purpose of this lecture was not to instill fear but to encourage precautions and wisdom.

Samantha. . .
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But she actually found her true calling as a therapy dog at the suggestion of a therapist who observed her on the movie set. She now has a regular schedule of visiting sick children at Hasbro Children's Hospital and adults at several rehabilitation and assisted living facilities. She was one of five heroes honored by Coventry Middle School for her work with children.

To become a therapy dog, Samantha had to take a temperament test, undergo training and meet health requirements.

For information
on cultural arts
programs for
seniors,
see page 26.

Glicksman head JSA board



New JSA officers (l to r) are Howard Ostrowsky, treasurer; Susette Rabinowitz, executive director; Patricia Cohen, vice president; Maurice Glicksman, president; Barbara Sokoloff, honorary president; Martin Dittelman, 2nd vice president, and Susann Mark, secretary.

Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, installed the officers and directors of Jewish Seniors Agency at the organization's annual meeting June 14 at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

Maurice Glicksman, PhD, succeeded Barbara Sokoloff as president. Serving with Glicksman are Patricia Cohen, vice president; Martin Dittelman, 2nd vice president; Howard Ostrowsky, treasurer, and Susann Mark, Secretary. Steven Schechter, MD, chaired the annual meeting.

Jewish Seniors Agency, the successor to The Home Corporation, operates or manages several programs for seniors, including the Adult Day Center in Providence, Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, InfoQuest and Shalom Apartments in Warwick.

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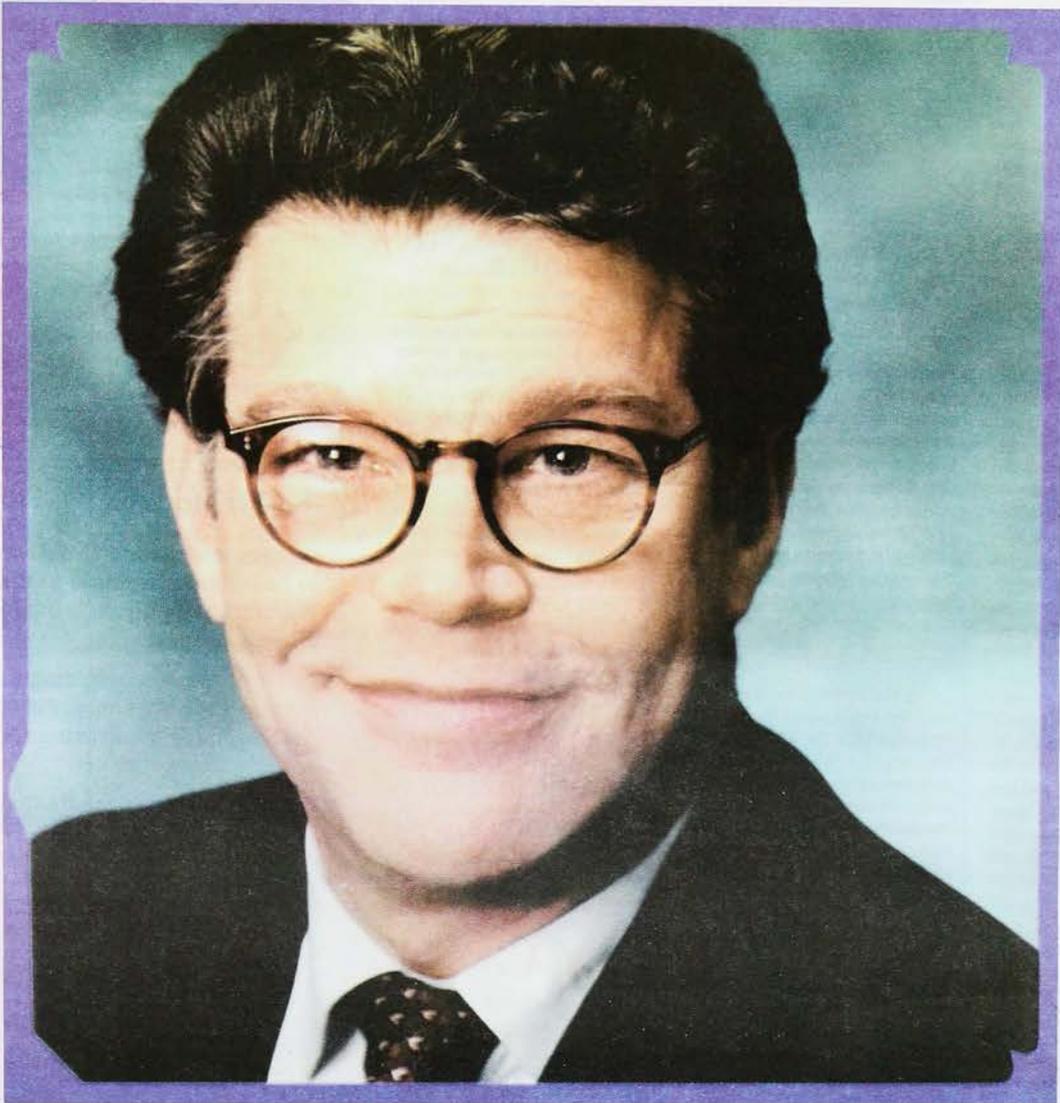
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