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News at a Glance

Israeli Elections For Israeli- Americans Today

- Israeli elections are being held Feb. 6. The Israelis who live abroad and are eligible to vote will be voting today, Jan. 25. The voting for New England will be taking place at the Consulate of Israel to New England in Boston. The votes will be cast in advance to allow time for them to be escorted to Israel to join the other votes being cast on Feb. 6 for official counting. The Consul General will be casting his vote on Jan. 25.
- Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, applauded the Jan. 16 decision by the United Nations Economic and Social Council's Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to recommend that Hadassah be approved for special consultative status. Hadassah applied for this status in 1998, and its application was first considered in January 2000, and has been reviewed three subsequent times. Bonnie Lipton, national president of Hadassah, stated: "We are most gratified that Hadassah's application was accepted on the basis of our almost 89-year record of humanitarian work in Israel, the Middle East, and around the world. We are pleased that the committee has seen fit to acknowledge our accomplishments by recommending Hadassah be granted this status. "While the committee's recommendation must be approved by the full Economic and Social Council, we are sure that it will be an uncomplicated process."
- The Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston honored state legislators at their annual legislative reception Tuesday. Nearly 200 Jewish leaders from throughout the state participated in the event. Five legislators and two legislative aides were honored for their leadership on a range of issues, including social services and the privacy of genetic testing results. The event took place at the Boston Bar Association, Beacon Street, Boston.

Miriam Rutman, President of Rhode Island Jewish Herald, Dies at 91

A Legacy of Scholarship Development

Providence philanthropist Miriam Bornside Rutman, 91, owner and president of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, Herald Press, Ondine Publishing Co. and Post and Star Publishing, died Jan. 20 at EPOCH Assisted Living on Blackstone Boulevard. Born in Providence on Oct. 7, 1909, she had lived at 198 Governor St. on Providence's east side for some 30 years. Later, she moved to Highland Court eight years ago and she had been living at EPOCH since last June.

She was the wife of the late Walter Rutman, who bought the *Jewish Herald* in 1935 and founded the Herald Press in the mid 1940s. She was married to Walter for almost 45 years. They spent part of their winters in Barbados where Walter served as an honorary board member of the Sandy Lane Country Club.

Miriam was a former member of Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk and a lifetime member of the Women's Association at Miriam Hospital. Both Miriam and her husband had always believed in the importance of giving.

In 1985, Miriam pledged \$1.5 million to the Walter and Miriam Rutman National Scholarship at Brown University. Twelve years after the pledge, at least 32 students had been

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Mrs. Miriam Rutman

R.I. Jewish Federation Expresses Solidarity With Israel

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island offers the community several different avenues for expressing solidarity with Israel including wearing a blue ribbon, contributing to a targeted campaign to replace destroyed ambulances in Israel and traveling with other Rhode Islanders to Israel.

The federation has launched a Blue Ribbon Campaign to promote public awareness of Israel's struggle for peace and the solidarity of North American Jewry with the people of Israel. The goal is for Jews and others across North America to wear the blue ribbon as a constant reminder of young Israeli soldiers who have been abducted and are still missing; as a symbol of the peace desired by Israelis; and as a demonstration of the support of North American Jews for Israel.

Blue ribbons and an accompanying action-oriented flyer will be available at JFRI, 130 Sessions St., Providence, as well as other agencies and synagogues throughout the state including Alperin Schechter Day School, the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Seniors Agency, Congregation Ohave Shalom, Temple Am David, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Shalom. Community members are encouraged to wear them and display them in our homes and synagogues.

According to Linn Freedman, chair of the Community Relations Council, the blue ribbon campaign "enables each one of us to show our solidarity with Israel in a clear and meaningful way." The federation has

also found other avenues for community members to meaningfully show their solidarity with Israel.

JFRI and Miriam Hospital have initiated a "Save a Life" campaign to raise funds to replace an ambulance in Israel. During the current crisis, hidden from the headlines, 37 life support ambulances have been destroyed, including one in Afula/Gilboa, our community partnership region. Red Magen David has asked for emergency assistance to replace these vehicles. Donations can be sent to the Jewish Federation at 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I. 02906. Note on the check that the money is for this targeted ambulance campaign. All funds donated will be used to replace an ambulance.

The federation also is show-

ing its support of Israel by organizing groups traveling to Israel. A group of 21 community members took Rhode Island's first solidarity mission to Israel in December and we hope even a larger group will be able to go on the second trip, scheduled for Feb. 25 to March 2. This mission will provide first-hand experience and the most up-to-date information about the current situation in Israel. The trip is highly subsidized by United Jewish Communities. The \$935 cost includes most meals (dietary laws observed), round-trip airfare from New York, five-star accommodations (double occupancy) and all programming.

For more information on these programs, call the JFRI at 421-4111.

HAPPENINGS

Entertainment for Children

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

January

- 26 **Scienteriffic.** 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. The museum's Preschool Friday series (Jan. 26 to March 23) begins anew as children, age 3 to 5 investigate "same" and "different." Play matching games with your eyes and ears. Use jars, nuts and bolts, shaker cylinders to explore similarities and differences. Each session is 20 minutes long. Pre-registration is recommended for this popular series. There may be space available for walk-in registration at the museum's admissions desk. There is a \$1 fee above the price of admission for walk-in registration.
- 27 **World Music.** 1 to 2 p.m. Students from Roger Williams Middle School lead a celebration of music from around the globe. Kids 3 and up travel from Africa to Portugal through dance and music.
- 28 **Monkey Business.** 1, 1:45 and 2:30 p.m. A wildlife educator explores the fascinating world of primates through beloved children's characters — what do Curious George and a real-life chimpanzee have in common? Kids 5 and up watch videos to learn how primates live in the wild compared to the hijinks of fictional monkeys.
- 29 **Museum Closed For Normal Hours**
ALSO Jan. 29 Parent Workshop: Who's in Charge? 7 to 8:30 p.m. Parent educator Marsha Schlesinger of the Childcare Support Network presents the first of a two-part parent workshop centered around issues of discipline and behavior management in children. In Part One, parents ask questions, discuss a variety of discipline approaches and review resource materials. In Part Two on Feb. 26, parents return to share success stories and talk about their continuing challenges. Appropriate for parents or caregivers with children ages 1 to 11. \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited for these special presentations. Call 273-5437, ext. 234.
- 30 **Parent Talk.** 1 to 2:30 p.m. Preschoolers, ages 2 to 4, play in Littlewoods while adults chat with a parenting expert.
- 31 **Discovery!** 3 and 3:45 p.m. Make music from milk bottles?! Kids age 5 and up watch sound waves vibrate and play simple tunes on a homemade instrument.

February

- 1 **Frame-A-Name.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. What does your name mean? Kids age 7 and up figure out the origin and meaning of their first names and make a picture frame for a favorite self-portrait!

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Calendar: January 25 Through February 1

- 25 **Bob Nelson** performs at the Comedy Connection, 39 Warren Ave., East Providence at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. Nelson has been in nine HBO specials and "Kindergarten Cop." Call 438-8383.
Folks Together performs at Café Espresso at 7 p.m. at Borders, Garden City, Cranston. Call 944-9160.
Open House for early childhood program at Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Parents and children can learn about programs offered for kids age 3 to kindergarten. Evening sweet treats included from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 861-8800.
- 26 **Sale of the Century**, public show at the R.I. Convention Center Jan. 26 to 28. Exhibit halls A and B. Call (419) 578-1600 for more information.
Storytime every Friday morning, 10 to 11 a.m., at Borders, Providence Place with Miss Susan.
- 27 **Victims of Crime Helpline** seeking volunteers to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and complete 36-hour training program. Next session begins Jan. 27. Call 421-4100 for more information.
New Jewish Cuisine 107 "Chanukah" at 4:30 p.m. on Channel 36 WSBE. Recipes include brisket, potato latkes and challah zepoles.
Jewish Theatre of New England presents Neshama Carlebach Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahanton St., Newton, Mass. Call the Jewish Community Center box office at (617) 965-5226 for ticket information.
- Great American Train Show** Jan. 27 and 28, public show at R.I. Convention Center. Exhibit halls C and D. Call (630) 834-0652 for more information.
K&S Ballroom Dance at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Complimentary Cha Cha dance lesson, 7 to 8 p.m. Dancing from 8 to midnight with complimentary food and beverage. Smoke free. \$10 per person. Couples and singles welcome. Call 821-4108.
"Cheryl and Rhonda's Night Out" comedy show live on stage at 8 p.m. at Stadium Theatre, Monument Square, Main Street, Woonsocket, R.I. Tickets are \$12. Call 762-4545.
- 28 **Pianist Peggy Satti** performs at Café Espresso at 1 p.m. Super Bowl Sunday mother/daughter tea — get away from the football madness with a high tea and teddy bears for a parade through the store, 4 p.m. Both events at Borders, Garden City, Cranston. Call 944-9160.
Conservation Lecture Series — How to Care for a Polar Bear at 2 p.m. at Meller-Danforth Education Center, free with zoo admission at Roger Williams Park Zoo. Call 785-3510.
- 29 **EPOCH Assisted Living** on Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, hosts a free cooking demonstration and tasting from 2 to 4 p.m. A guest chef from Bella Restaurant will be featured. Call 273-6565.
- 30 **EPOCH Assisted Living** on Blackstone Boulevard, 353 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, hosts an hour of stories and songs from 11 a.m. to noon. Rabbi Natan Schafer conducts this traditional program in EPOCH's Fireplace Lounge. Event is free and open to the public. Call 273-6565.
Joan Richards, Brown University professor, discusses her book *Angles of Reflection: Logic and a Mother's Love* at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington at 7:30 p.m. Call 247-1920.
- 31 **Domestic Violence in the Jewish Home** discussion session held at 12:15 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard St., Providence. A video will be shown and three distinguished speakers will be featured.

February

- 1 **Winter Fashion Series** with Rhode Island School of Design, 11 a.m. The Grande Costume Ball: Society Beauties, Fashion, and Parties at Newport. The Elms, Newport. Call 847-1000, ext. 160.
Jason XII: Hawaii — A Living Laboratory, Feb. 1 to 3 and 5 to 9, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.; 12:45, 2:15 and 3:45 p.m. A one-hour live interactive satellite broadcast of Dr. Robert Ballard (discoverer of the Titanic) and his team of student and teacher argonauts, exploring the volcanoes of Hawaii. URI Bay Campus, South Ferry Road, Narragansett. Call 874-6211.
Jim Breuer of "Saturday Night Live" performs at The Comedy Connection, 39 Warren Ave., East Providence, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. Call 438-8383.
Music in the African American Tradition at UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth at 12:30 p.m. Free. Concert features three artists. Recital Hall, Room 153, College of Visual and Performing Arts. Call (508) 999-8568.
R.I. Technology Council (RITech) hosts its 2001 annual dinner at the Providence Marriott at 5:30 p.m. Public is invited. Call 433-0104 for more information.

Jane E. Smith to Deliver Sixth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture

Jane E. Smith, president and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., will give Brown University's sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. lecture on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Salomon Center for Teaching on The College Green. Smith, named one of the "Fab 50 Most Influential Speakers" for 2000-2001 by *Success Guide*, will discuss "Interchangeable Experiences: Building America in a New Century." This event is free and open to the public.

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OPINION

Support For Israel

To The Editor:

It is up to us as American Jews to support Israel politically and economically. Israel must be allowed to make her own decisions regarding her security because it is her citizens who make the ultimate sacrifice; their very lives.

Be that as it may, we need to keep in mind the sacrifices Israel has made to the Palestinians vis-a-vis land for peace. Israel has opened a road between the West Bank and Gaza as well as opening a Palestinian airport, thus paving the way for a Palestinian state. The continuation of this policy would be acceptable if not for the continual Palestinian uprising beginning this past fall and the new demand that Palestinians be granted the right of return. This is totally

unacceptable because it would mean the end of the Jewish State as we know it.

As American Jews, we must be Israel's watchdog regarding the news media and counteract any misinformation and one-sided reporting by the press. We are fortunate that our congressmen and our president are pro-Israel, but we must not take that for granted. We must praise their actions when they do the right thing and inform them when their decisions put Israel at risk.

We need to be vigilant and alert to insure that the United States continues to act in Israel's interest and to set the record straight regarding public opinion when the media distorts the news.

Lenore Ciora
West Warwick, R.I.

Celebration Time

by Velvel 'Wally' Spiegler

I was motoring along I-95 in Rhode Island on a dreary winter afternoon, listening to the news which was suddenly interrupted by a live audio-cast of an articulate rabbi eulogizing the seven victims of that recent vengeful massacre in the Wakefield suburb of Boston. I remember him saying that the souls of these innocent victims are now at peace — perhaps in contrast to the killer whose soul is probably in turmoil — and they will never know suffering again. The rabbi's words brought back memories of all sorts of rhetoric I sat through at other funerals, and I also recalled the flowery speeches of graduations, inaugurations, sermons, toasts, and memorials of every description. They always struck me as meaningless words we have to tolerate out of respect, but this rabbi's eulogy was different for me. Something new flashed across my internal monitor. His words suddenly took on new meaning; they were delivering a message that was fulfilling a human need to acknowledge life changing events, even death.

That might explain some of the long-winded speeches we're forced to endure at bar/bat mitzvahs and weddings, yes and funerals too. But when we start to examine our lives in more detail, we find so many occasions that demand affirmation. A baby is born and soon there's either a bris, a baby naming or maybe a pidyon haben (the redemption of the first born male). Someone invariably stands up to say a few words, maybe a blessing for the child's future. What would happen if no one said anything? On one hand, you might say, "nothing," but on the other, we need to hear those words; it's part of human nature to acknowledge the pivotal mo-

ments of life. It's built into our human operating system. The speech itself doesn't mean as much as the communal participation in the event, maybe it's part of our legacy as social creatures.

I wondered if that rabbi realizes the service he provides with his rabbinical rhetoric and his supervised rituals. We need to hear this eloquence, not only for the honored guests — the bride and bridegroom, the bar/bat mitzvah — but also for ourselves in order to feel kinship with a community, a very human endeavor. Jewish tradition specifies certain rites of passage — the bris, the pidyon ha'ben, the bar/bat mitzvah, the wedding and the funeral. These are significant life turning points. But there's more: birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and so many other occasions for which Hallmark stays in business. New forms of celebration continue to evolve in order to address events, not included in our traditional sources — for instance, grandparenting, retirement, or job change. These events signify certain life changes that occur for all of us, but change does not always make for easy adjustment, sometimes it's downright stressful, particularly the loss of loved ones. Cultures throughout the history of mankind have designed celebrations or rites of passage to ease neophytes through their ordeals. Change is often painful and celebrations help to ease the loss of the original status. I can still remember the distress I dealt with on becoming a teen-ager: the physical changes, the sexual awareness, the social shift, all resulting in rebellion against school and parental authority.

Celebrations need not only acknowledge change in status, but also to commemorate

changes in time. To our farming ancestors, the changes of season brought with them signs of impending danger like drought or flooding. So our festivals — Passover, Shavuot and Succot were originally agricultural holidays that we still celebrate with food, wine, song and dance. In addition, we celebrate spans of time: the week (Shabbat), the month (Rosh Chodesh) and the year; Judaism specifies no less than five New Years. We should also include the seventh year (Sh'mittah) when the crops are left to wither in the field, and the 50th year (Jubilee) when debts are canceled and property reverts to its original owner. Does the rabbi understand the power he wields by smoothing the transition from one week to another by creating a fresh start for the opening of every new interval of time?

We need festivities to balance the humdrum routines of everyday life with our sense of the sacred. Our life cycle events, holidays and particularly Shabbat enable our transition from secular time into sacred present moments. A wedding, for example, instantly transports us into the space of the holy union between G-d and his female counterpart, the Shechina. Unfortunately, too many of us have found temporary distractions from daily life through the wide scope of entertainment possibilities, when Jewish tradition provides an on-going sense of spiritual satisfaction.

For sure the rabbi on the air helped me to reformulate my opinion of pretentious discourse. No more yawning, looking towards the chandeliers or staring into space, for me. Now I listen intently. The words still may not thrill me, but I know behind the mask lies a restrained pride bursting to shout out with passion.

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NCJW Outraged by Anti-Family Planning Executive Order

The National Council of Jewish Women National President Jan Schneiderman issued the following statement in response to the re-installment of the gag rule on international family planning providers by President Bush:

"The National Council of Jewish Women is outraged that, one of his first acts in office, President Bush has attacked not only the reproductive health of indigent women around the world, but the most basic democratic right of free speech.

"This issue is not about government funding of abortion. U.S. law already prohibits the use of federal international aid funds for performing abortion. Instead, this Executive Order allows the U.S. government to tell international family planning organizations what they can and cannot do or say with their own, private funds. It affects not only what U.S. groups say but also dictates what foreign organizations can say to their government and in their communities — a clear infringement of free speech, one of the basic foundations of democracy. Such restrictions will surely have dire consequences for the continued success of these critically needed health programs which save the lives of thousands of women and children every year.

"NCJW is deeply disappointed that the president has decided to begin his term by trampling on the rights and health of poor women worldwide."

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You Must Forget This

A science fiction author once described this technique for learning to fly: you leap off a high place, and just before hitting the ground, forget that you don't know how to fly.

Have you started something new in adulthood? Changing your diet? Exercising? Learning backgammon? Taking up photography? Each of these has its challenges, not the least of which is overcoming your own resistance to altering your daily habits. In other words, you have to actively forget that you typically watch television at 8 p.m. in order to establish a new system of developing the pictures in your darkroom. You have to forget that you hate the cold or the rain in order to keep up your new jogging regimen.

Faith is similar. You have to forget that you have a physical nature — that your body may want a peanut butter and banana sandwich, but it's time to go to synagogue — in order to experience the great pleasures that faith provides.

Last week we began the book

of Exodus with the portion Shemot. The very first paragraph describes 70 descendants of Jacob ("seventy souls") who lived in Egypt, and then leaps ahead a few generations, noting that "the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them."

hostility was masked; but, as we see in this portion, the larger the group, the more enmity they inspired.) In other words, they had to "forget" that the odds were against them, and orient toward the truth and beauty of their beliefs.

What do we need to forget? Unfortunately, it's not an oppressively obvious enemy that threatens us today. It's the seductiveness of acceptance that siphons off our identification. We need to forget, sometimes, that it's nice to be embraced by others; that it's easy to live your whole life in financial comfort without benefit of mitzvot; that we can derive pleasure merely by not being "different."

What we need to remember at these times are the incontrovertible truths of Torah. And, you will find, if you stop in the middle of your material day and just ask yourself what's important... you will remember what's right. And then you'll do it.

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

Torah Today

Why the repetition? Perhaps it is to emphasize that each succeeding generation, or even each member of that generation, had to actively cling to his or her Judaism, to not become an "Egyptian," to spread the ideas of our faith, despite the overwhelming influence of the culture they lived in. The effort expended in being fruitful and increasing and multiplying was not only in producing the children; it was in keeping those children part of the Jewish faith within a hostile culture. (When they were few in number, the

JEWISH COMMUNITY



A Lesson on Giving

The Pre-schoolers at Providence Hebrew School Day learn the lesson of giving charity every day. Tali Bessler and Jesse Brennan present Marvin Stark, the school's financial director, with their third full "pushke" of the year.

Photo courtesy of PHDS

Feinstein Petition to End Hunger Passes 800,000 Milestone

Alan Shawn Feinstein's petition to Congress and the president, asking them to make a commitment to ending hunger in America, has drawn 814,008 signers to date from throughout the country.

Feinstein started the petition in 1999, moved by news of increasing demand on food pantries and soup kitchens in many states, mostly from working families at low income jobs unable to stretch their paychecks to make ends meet.

The signers have come from churches and anti-hunger agencies in every state.

"To have 30 million people going hungry or in danger of hunger in the richest country in the world is a disgrace," said Feinstein.

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

To sign the petition, just visit www.feinsteinfoundation.com where you can sign it electronically.

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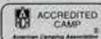
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Now Is The Time

150 People Join OU in Solidarity Trip to Israel

We are taught from a young age that actions speak louder than words. In the face of the current crisis in Israel, many feel that now is the time to take a stand and actively show our support for Israel, not as bystanders but as participants in the struggle for our homeland. The Orthodox Union has announced that 150 people from across the country are participating in its Solidarity Trip to Israel (Jan. 21 to 29).

The trip will be based in Jerusalem, at the Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union World Center, the OU's newly dedicated international headquarters. Participants will hear speakers talk about the current situation in Israel from both the political and religious perspectives. There will also be guided tours of Jerusalem and other locations such as Chevron, Beit El and other areas of Yeshiva that are currently in the public's spotlight.

National Director of Synagogue Services Rabbi Moshe Krupka said, "All year long we praise Israel in our prayers, we celebrate Israel's Independence Day as we mourn for the fallen Israeli soldiers on Israel's Day of Remembrance. We send our children to Israel for a year of study or summer programs and we teach them Israel's national anthem from the time they are old enough to say the word *hatikvah*. Now it is time to act on our commitment to Israel. This Solidarity Trip enables American Jews, and in particular the Orthodox community, to show the American government how important Israel is to us while also showing the Israeli people that we are behind them and will unconditionally support them."

The Solidarity Mission is coordinated by the Department of Synagogue Services, a division of the Orthodox Union.

Orthodox Union's Top Professional Resigns Post

Rabbi Raphael Butler, executive vice president and the top professional of the Orthodox Union, said last week he was resigning his position and will pursue other professional opportunities.

Rabbi Butler has served in his current position since 1994 after having been national director of the OU for four years and the head of the OU's National Conference of Synagogue Youth for the prior nine years. Rabbi Butler's resignation is effective immediately, although he will remain for 90 days to assure an orderly transition. The organization is commencing a formal search for a successor.

In his resignation letter to newly installed OU President Harvey Blitz, Rabbi Butler said that the same sense of mission that brought him to the OU some

20 years ago is the reason that he is tendering his resignation now. He was alluding to criticism top lay and professional leaders received in a commission report released on Dec. 26 that confirmed "abusive" behavior toward children by Rabbi Baruch Lanner, a senior professional in NCSY, who resigned his position last summer after the allegations became public.

"I firmly believe that the appropriate recommendations of the NCSY special commission must be implemented within a movement wholly united in its resolve to rise above the fray," said Rabbi Butler. "The pursuit of that resolve must begin at the top. My decision is intended to prevent the divisiveness and rancor that threaten the mission of the OU. To my mind, the mission is paramount, and far out-

weighs any personal considerations."

In accepting the resignation, Blitz commended Rabbi Butler for his dedication and commitment to the Jewish community over the past two decades.

"Rabbi Butler has been an innovator and creator of our most successful programs and services over the past 20 years. We are thankful for his service and are confident in his continued contributions to our community for many years to come," Blitz said.

In response to recommendations in the commission report, Blitz is creating committees to restructure operations and to institute more formal policies and procedures in the areas of OU structure and governance, NCSY, finance, and human resources.

School's In For Summer?

Year after year, high school students from around the world flock to Israel to participate in the National Conference of Synagogue Youth summer programs — Kolllel for boys and Michlelet for girls. What is it about this intense educational

summer camp that continues to draw increasing numbers of teen-agers during their summer vacation?

Zachary Grauer, a junior at Manhattan Torah Academy high school in New York, spent two summers in Kolllel. He said,

"I went to regular sleep-away camps for many years, but my summers in Kolllel helped me to develop my love for learning."

Kolllel and Michlelet are intensive six-week programs for high school boys and girls. The daily schedule includes classes in Jewish law, Talmud, Bible, and Jewish philosophy combined with free time, organized sports and weekly hikes and trips. The students are offered seminars delivered by world-renowned Torah scholars such as Rav Aaron Soloveitchik, Tova Lichtenstein, the Bostoner Rebbe, Rav Aaron Lichtenstein, Rav Herschel Schachter, the Chief Rabbi of Israel Rabbi Yisroel Meir Lau and the Belzer Rebbe.

In summer 2000, there were 252 boys enrolled in Kolllel and 180 girls enrolled in Michlelet.

For more information, or to apply for the NCSY Kolllel or Michlelet programs, call Sarri Singer at (212) 613-8168 or e-mail sarris@ou.org.

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AJWS Collecting Contributions for El Salvador Victims

American Jewish World Service is raising funds to provide food and medicine to help the survivors of the devastating earthquake in El Salvador. AJWS has a long history of work in El Salvador with project partner La Coordinadora/Foundation for Self-Sufficiency, a network of 86 communities working cooperatively on community generated development projects.

AJWS is working directly with the Israeli Humanitarian Aid Organization to provide food and emergency health care in El Salvador. AJWS is also partnering with Direct Relief International to provide urgently needed medical supplies requested by partner organizations. Direct Relief International has already sent one shipment of supplies, and with AJWS's help will be sending future donations. AJWS will also continue its partnership with La Coordinadora/Foundation for Self-Sufficiency as it works on relief and reconstruction.

AJWS has been ranked among the top national orga-

nizations to provide international emergency relief. Ninety-five percent of all funds raised are applied directly to relief efforts.

Contributions can be sent to: American Jewish World Service, 989 Avenue of the Americas, 10th floor, NYC, NY 10018. Credit card donations can be accepted by phone (800) 889-7146 or (212) 736-2597, or at the Web site <ajws.org>.

AJWS is a non-profit, international development organization dedicated to providing humanitarian support, technical assistance and emergency relief to disadvantaged people — regardless of race, ethnicity or religion — in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine. Founded in 1985, AJWS has supported projects in more than 50 countries, representing Jews as global citizens committed to social justice. AJWS is a 501(C)3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent provided by the law.

PHDS Pre-School Opens Registration

The preschool program at the Providence Hebrew Day School is now open for preregistration for the 2001/2002 school year. The school offers two separate programs for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds.

The prekindergarten program is a child-centered, warm and supportive environment where children learn through actively exploring with materials, teachers, and other children. This five-day-a-week, half-day program stimulates learning in all areas of a child's development — physical, emotional, social, and cognitive.



The friendly, enthusiastic teachers guide the children, introducing them to the world of school and the community. They lead group discussions about such topics as the calendar, weather, upcoming holidays, transportation, and "show and tell." There are field trips to "community helpers" such as a fire station, library, and police station, as well as exploring the school and enjoying the well-equipped outdoor playground.

The children come to recognize their identities as Jews and to enjoy the celebrations and observances of the Sabbath and holidays. The lessons of the weekly Torah portion are presented and reinforced with songs, games, and art projects.

There are many opportunities for learning through various media — paints, clay, crayons, glue, papier mâché, water, and sand. The children string beads, sort shapes, cook, plant, measure, and experiment. There is time for dress-up and pretend, learning songs, listening to music and stories, working in groups and exploring individually.

An optional afternoon program supplements the morning's activities with less structured activities such as rest time, listening to music, reading stories, outdoor and indoor play, and extra art projects. Prekindergarten is a great start to a lifetime of learning!

For information about registration and to schedule a classroom visit, call Maureen Sheehan at 331-5327.

Braude Lecture Held On Feb. 4

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island invites you to the Rabbi William G. Braude Memorial Lecture with Noam Zion and his talk "The Politics of Passover: The Four Children in Art and Midrash" on Feb. 4, 12 Shevat 5761 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Providence, R.I.

Zion, of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel, is the author of *A Different Night: A Family Participation Haggadah and A Different Light: The Hanukkah Book of Celebration*.

Free and open to the public. For further information, call the BJE/RI at 331-0956.

Songs of Freedom and Justice

With Special Guest, Storyteller Len Cabral

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr., the entire community is invited to a special interfaith singing event sponsored by The Historic Congdon Street Baptist Church and the Temple Emanu-El Social Action Committee. The concert will be held on Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Temple Emanu-El Alperin Meeting House, 99 Taft Ave., on the east side of Providence (corner of Morris Avenue and Sessions Street, up the street from Nathan Bishop Middle School and the Jewish Community Center).

Several local groups are scheduled to perform, including: Congdon Street Baptist Church's Senior Choir, Gospel Chorus, and Youth Choir; Temple Emanu-El's Choral Club and Youth Choir; and Brown University student ensembles Kol B'Yachad and Shades of Brown.

Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Audience members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the Camp Street Ministries. There will also be an opportunity at the concert to sign up for a racial dialogue group sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice.

For more information contact Judy Kaye at 751-8665, or Rev. Theodore Wilson at 421-4032.



THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Elementary School Lower Glee Club of second- and third-graders sings at last year's "Songs of Freedom and Justice" at Temple Emanu-El.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

OU Solidified as Leader of Kosher World

Kosher Certification Agency Reports Record-Breaking Year

For more than 75 years, the Orthodox Union kosher symbol (a U with a circle around it) has been synonymous with tradition, with quality and, most important, with trust. As 2001 begins, the OU has announced that it certifies more than 250,000 products, 2,400 companies and 4,760 plants in 68 countries around the globe. In the year 2000, the OU added 5,565 new products, 268 new companies and 445 new plants under its supervision. This increase represents more than 10 percent growth in the number of companies and plants certified by the OU, solidifying its standing as the largest and most recognized kosher supervision available. In fact, the OU symbol appears on 75 percent of all kosher products manufactured worldwide.

In the food industry, new products are constantly being added to the competitive arena and new companies are regularly attempting to break into the market. Making products available to the kosher consumer has become a way to broaden a company's market reach while giving it the edge needed to corner another segment of the consumer market.

There are an estimated 10.5 million kosher consumers in the United States. In addition to observant Jews — who follow the

kosher laws as outlined in the Bible — kosher consumers include: Seventh Day Adventists, Moslems, vegetarians, people with lactose intolerance and those who are health conscious. The dollar value of the kosher consumer market is \$5.5 billion and the value of all kosher produced goods in the United States is \$135 billion. Sales of kosher foods have been increasing at a yearly rate of 13 to 15 percent since 1992.

The Hebrew world *kosher* means fit or proper as it relates to dietary (kosher) laws. If a product is kosher, that means it meets certain requirements and is acceptable to eat. The sources for the kosher laws (also known as the laws of *kashrut*) are of Biblical origin and expounded in rabbinic legislation. Given the complex and extensive nature of the laws of *kashrut*, it is necessary for those who observe the laws to rely on certifications from accredited rabbinic organizations before eating a product. Kosher consumers only buy foods that have a symbol on the packaging indicating its permissibility.

In 1924 — a time when kosher food supervision was riddled with abuse — the OU created the first non-profit, communally sponsored kosher certification. Today, many of the basic ingredients required for kosher manufacture anywhere in the world, and by all certification agencies, are produced under OU supervision. In 1924,

H.J. Heinz Co. became the OU's first client, and helped co-design the widely recognized OU symbol.

The worldwide OU *kashrut* network, headquartered in New York, is composed of five divisions including: New Company, Ingredient, Labels, Pass-over and General Company Administration. General Administration is further subdivided into 30 different industries with rabbinic coordinators serving as specialists in areas including dairy, snacks, beverages and wine.

OU Executive Rabbinic Coordinator Rabbi Moshe Elefant explained, "Anytime you find a produce that has a certification other than the OU on it, chances are that at least three of the ingredients that went in the final produce were OU certified. For example, if you buy a chocolate chip cookie certified by another company, in all probability the vanilla flavoring, the chocolate chips, the raisins, the flour and the shortening have been certified by the OU."

The efficiency of the OU operation manifests itself in the dedicated staff of more than 50 rabbinic coordinators, working on-site at the OU's headquarters in New York, who supervise the more than 350 rabbinic field representatives working in plants throughout the world. The OU's revamped, state-of-the-art computer and technical capabilities mean that for new companies interested in becoming kosher, the

process — from the initial application through the kosherizing of the plants — takes an average of four to six weeks; for new products of already certified companies, the process can take as little as a few hours.

As the leader in kosher supervision, the OU staff is always trying to help simplify the process of kosherizing plants and products. In the past year, the OU has created a Web site that allows all application and request forms to be filled out online at www.ou.org/kosher/application/default.htm, thereby significantly reducing paperwork and the amount of time needed to submit forms. In the near future, the OU database will include all supervised products listed not only by product name, but by RMC (raw material code) as well. Additionally, all of the OU files will soon be scanned into the new system so that information will be available to OU rabbinic coordinators and field representatives with just a click of the mouse.

Companies the world over choose the OU to certify their products because, above all, the number one priority of the OU is confidentiality. Rabbi Elefant said, "With all of the changes and options that are now available for the convenience of our customers, the need for security is of the utmost importance to us. Under no circumstances will the privacy and trust of our companies be compromised."

When people think kosher, they think OU. Looking at the OU's statistics and track record, it's not hard to see why.

For more information on obtaining OU certification, contact Rabbi Moshe Elefant, director of new companies, by

phone (212) 613-8211 or e-mail elefantm@ou.org.

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Attention Readers

Bridal

2001 ISSUE

WE WANT YOUR WEDDING PHOTOS

THE R.I. JEWISH HERALD IS PUTTING TOGETHER ITS SPECIAL BRIDAL ISSUE SET FOR FEB. 15.

The Herald would like your help and participation by sending in old and new wedding pictures of friends, family members and especially yourself! Send in your pictures with the proper identifications and brief explanations of the wedding story. Old wedding photos accompanied with long-time anniversary pictures are especially welcome. The deadline for submissions is February 7.

Send your submissions to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald
P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940
Phone (401) 724-0200 or fax (401) 726-5820.

Please indicate if you would like your pictures returned. Also include proper contact names, addresses and phone numbers if we have any questions.

Thank you.

Stars of David Events

Stars of David is the R.I. chapter of an international support organization for Jewish and partly Jewish adoptive families.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

• **Feb. 3** — 6 p.m. Parent-only discussion at the home of Deborah Siegel and Rick Reamer. Join us for Havdalah and a kosher (dairy) pot-luck dinner and an informal chat about parenting issues. Contact Deborah or Rick to confirm (728-4428) or creamer@ric.edu.

• **March 16 to 17** — Adoption Rhode Island Conference. Many helpful workshops for adoptive parents. Call 724-1910 for brochure and information.

• **April 27 to 28** — Open Door Society annual conference, Milford, Mass. (40 minutes from Providence). One of the largest and best-known adoption conferences nationally, offering lots of valuable information for adoptive parents. Call (800) 93-ADOPT for a brochure.

• **June 1** — We will gather for an early Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner at Temple Emanu-El, 5:45 p.m. (Call Deborah or Rick if you can volunteer some time that afternoon to help with dinner preparation: 728-4428 or creamer@ric.edu).

• **June 22** — Annual Stars of David Shabbat picnic (details to follow).



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Future Faces

On Feb. 12, Jewish Outreach and Leadership Training, a program of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, will sponsor the annual Future Faces Teen Recognition awards. Future Faces recognizes Jewish high school students in grades 11 and 12 who possess outstanding abilities and show contributions to Jewish life and values in the greater Rhode Island area through participation in activities such as: community service, leadership, social action, Jewish studies, and religious activities. The Future Faces nominees and awardees have demonstrated an understanding of and internalization of primary Jewish teachings such as: *Klal Yisrael*, the unity of the Jewish people, *Ahavat Yisrael*, the love of one Jew for another, *Tikun Olam*, making the world a better place for all humankind, and *Kol Yisrael Arevivim Zeh b'zeh*, every Jew is responsible for every other Jew.

This year, JOLT will recognize five young men and women as Future Faces award recipients: Adam Deitch of Lincoln, Danielle Ostrowsky of Warwick,

James Ross of Newport, Alexander Schoenfeld of Providence, and Stephanie Steingold of Cranston. These young men and women will be recognized for their achievements on Feb. 12, at the Donal L. Saunders Family Inn at Brown University, 101 Thayer St. in Providence. At the ceremony, we will also be recognizing the Future Faces nominees: Abby Berkelhammer, Anna Cable, Rochelle Cotton, Ari Davies, Max Dwares, Eliana Gutman, Ilana Guttin, Andrew Hale, Rachel Lieberman, and Elyssa Monzack.

JOLT and the BJERI would like to congratulate both the nominees and the awardees for 5761 and encourage them to continue to seek leadership opportunities and make a difference in their communities.

JOLT is funded through a continuity grant given by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. For more information about JOLT, Future Faces, or other teen programs offered by the BJERI, contact Rich Walter, director of teen education at 331-0956, ext. 178 or by e-mail at <rwalter@bjeri.org>.



PHDS Commemorates Black History Month and Martin Luther King Day

The third grade of the Providence Hebrew Day School made a special presentation for Black History Month for an assembly of the entire school. Each child selected a famous black American from the past or present and made a presentation about them. They dressed up like the person and wrote a poem about the person's life and achievements. Some of the famous black Americans whom the students presented were: Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammad Ali, Wally Amos, Harriet Tubman, Wilma Rudolph and Barbara Jordan. Pictured above is Chana Diamond is Harriet Tubman for PHDS Black History Month Program.

Photo courtesy of PHDS

UAlbany to Create Major Northeastern Center for Jewish Studies

President Karen Hitchcock of the University at Albany announced plans to create a Center for Jewish Studies that will eventually establish Albany as the hub of Jewish Studies for the State University of New York system and for public higher education in the Northeast.

A gala opening is planned for the center in spring 2002 at which Tel Aviv University President and former Israeli ambassador to the United States Itamar Rabinovich is scheduled to attend and deliver a public address.

A Jewish Studies Advisory Board, made up of distinguished community leaders and nationally renowned scholars in Jewish studies, has been formed to provide valuable input regarding both the creation of the center and the growth and expansion of UAlbany's department of Judaic studies.

"We are very proud of this effort, which represents the University at Albany's ongoing commitment to overall academic excellence and in particular to the field of Jewish studies," said Hitchcock. "Our university is home to one of the oldest Jewish studies departments in the country, and the Jewish community in the Capital Region has a long and significant cultural history.

"We therefore look forward with confidence and enthusiasm to the creation of a vibrant Center for Jewish Studies based here at the university."

Mark A. Raider, chair of the department of Judaic studies, said that the advisory board met in November 2000 and approved a major fund-raising campaign. It raised an initial \$50,000, including a \$25,000 challenge grant from Marty

Silverman of New York to launch the campaign. "The Center for Jewish Studies will significantly enhance the mission and reach of the Judaic studies at UAlbany through new educational initiatives, communitywide programming, scholarly endeavors, and distance-learning technology," said Raider.

The advisory board's charge is to facilitate greater interaction among the university, the field of Jewish studies, the Capital Region community, and all residents of New York State. "This is an important undertaking," said Alan P. Goldberg, president and director of First Albany Corporation and a founding member of the board. "It is also a special opportunity for the community to support and shape Jewish studies at UAlbany. And with Albany being the capital of New York State and the headquarters for SUNY Central Administration, UAlbany is the ideal place to create a center for Jewish studies."

For more University at Albany information, visit the Web site <www.Albany.edu>.

UJC Solicits Funds For El Salvador Earthquake Relief

In response to the major earthquake that struck El Salvador last week, United Jewish Communities, through its overseas arm, has opened a mailbox to collect funds for victims and their families.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee will collect relief funds on behalf of UJC and the Jewish Federations of North America. The JDC will work with a coalition of Jewish organizations to meet the challenges of this crisis.

"While the Jewish community in El Salvador was spared any damage, many others were not as fortunate," said Stephen D. Solender, UJC president and chief executive officer. "We cannot stand by silently while this tragedy unfolds in a neighboring country in Central America."

Tens of thousands of people have been left homeless throughout the country and the Health Ministry is concerned about the possible outbreak of disease. Combined with the devastating toll in human lives, the government estimates the earthquake caused up to \$1 billion in damage in a \$6 billion-a-year economy.

Donations should be sent to the JDC mailbox at: JDC, 711 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017. Checks should be payable to JDC-El Salvador Relief Effort. In addition, payments by credit card can be made on the JDC Web site: <www.jdc.org>.

The UJC president also praised the Israeli government for its humanitarian efforts to

meet the situation in El Salvador. The Israeli response includes a medical team to assist the victims of the earthquake as well as a shipment of medicines and medical supplies.

"I'm proud that the Israeli government has responded, even as it continues to deal with its own crisis at home," he said.

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Reincarnation & Judaism

Chabad CHAI Center of West Bay invites you to the Journey of the Soul, an evening with the author of *Reincarnation & Judaism*, Rabbi DovBer Pinson, at 7:15 p.m. on Feb. 7. Suggested donation is \$5; sponsors are welcome. The event will be at the Chabad CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick. R.S.V.P. at 732-6559.

Rabbi Pinson, author, thinker and lecturer will explore the intriguing concepts of reincarnation and its inner purpose and meaning as taught by the masters of Kabbalah throughout history.

So join us, Feb. 7, on this special journey of the soul.

FEATURE

Protests at Bush Inauguration Showcase Both Humor and Outrage

Middle East Reactions Present As Well

by Jon Rubin
Assistant Editor

As you probably know, George Walker Bush became President George W. Bush on Jan. 20. I felt that Washington, D.C. would be a good place to find some interesting opinions. So I hopped a van and went on down. I decided to attend a Voter March at DuPont Circle, which would gather and gain intensity for a few hours before marching onto the Ellipse.

A huge crowd was gathered on the lawn there, and for those unfamiliar with modern protests, it looked like a children's book and a political science book had traded chromosomes and exploded into the real world. There were men on stilts. There were giant papier-mâché faces carried around on poles. There was a man dressed as the five conservative members of the Supreme Court, with five plastic heads coming out of a long black robe. Rounding out the edges with balloons, huge colorful signs and catchy political songs, one thing was certain:

the protesters were certainly interesting to look at.

It was raining and cold all day, but the air was certainly fun and exciting. People were there from all over to teach and express their concerns. The DuPont Circle grouping was mainly a pro-Gore rally, and those called up to the microphone all mainly spoke of alleged injustice in Bush's campaign and called for election reform. Chants such as "Gore got more!" and "Count all the votes!" were repeated with increasing vigor as time went on. There was a gaggle of opinions all over the city calling for all sorts of things, rally cries for issues such as police brutality, affirmative action, and slave labor. Signs reading "Count all the votes!" and "End the Racist Death Penalty" were printed en masse and distributed for free to the entire crowd.

There were hundreds of people there, and Bush seemed to be the target for all of them. One man carried a black bunch of balloons and handed them out to people with a spacey look on his face. When I asked him about the balloons, he simply



Protesters dressed as caribou march in order to create awareness of proposed oil drilling that may endanger deer herds in the Arctic.
Herald photos by Jon Rubin

smiled and summarized his view of the administration in two simple words: "Black Cloud," he said metaphorically. Adam Shoop from Salem, Ohio, wasn't happy with Bush either. "I think he's of middling intelligence and questionable integrity. I don't like him at all."

Despite the high saturation of anti-Bush sentiments, a few Bush supporters were sighted on the outskirts of the demonstration; I assume the majority of them were probably attending the inauguration ceremonies. We would see more Bush supporters later near the North side of Pennsylvania Avenue, which is closer to the hotels where many of the guests of the Bush administration were staying.

The most effective protesters infused a deep sense of irony and parody into their demonstrations, which made them much more acceptable to the public. This is often more effective (and less frightening) than overt preaching, lecture-based guilt trips and ranting and raving, although there was a lot of that too. One method of presentation that is a staple of protest rallies is role playing. I spoke to a woman dressed as an Arctic caribou, who expressed her concern about Bush's plan to drill for oil inside caribou-breeding grounds. "The Arctic preserves are very important grounds for us," she said. "We're an ancient herd — for 20,000 years we've had a relationship with the [indigenous] peoples."

Some people chose to role play the very object of their protests. Steve Wilson from Worcester, Mass., stood on the sidewalk with a little sign that read "OBEY NOW!" His schtick was pretending to be overjoyed with the Bush administration. He expressed, in sarcastic enthusiasm, his belief that the Bush administration was going to take advantage of the American public. "Domination is here to stay," he said happily. "It's the way! Hegemony is cool — everybody's buying into it! It's the new thing!"

Two men dressed as 7-foot bananas were walking around,

and I felt they deserved an interview. "We are Banana Republicans for Bush," they said proudly in humorous protest. "We are here because the Western Hemisphere has a long history of supporting banana republics... In this time of compassionate conservatism, it's nice to see a little right-wing extremism still has a home in our nation's capital." When asked what they had planned for the day, one man replied jovially, "Stay out of jail, stay out of the hospital, and stay in the way."

Despite the vibrancy and variety of responses I got, it became clear that although many people were activists, many other people were simply admiring the spectacle. It was a good place for trinket sales, as well; vendors milled through the crowds selling T-shirts that read "We've been Bush-whacked! D.C. Jan. 20, 2001." Buttons that read "Hail to the Thief" seemed to be sold everywhere, usually by people who could care less about the election. Knowledge was not necessarily all-pervading, either; one student started to speak about reasons why he didn't like Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft, then admitted he hadn't done significant research on the topic to say exactly why.

After about two hours I wanted to see more of what was going on, so I took the metro over to a good spot near Pennsylvania Avenue to see who else had come. Here the full diversity of the day really hit me. The Gore rally was mainly Gore supporters, although a hearty share of other groups were camping out there as well. Here, in the streets near the White House, every kind of person was everywhere. I can't stress enough the kind of diversity of opinion I was seeing, the heaping amounts of creativity and thoughtfulness put into people's paraphernalia. There were numerous drum circles, people in polar bear outfits, people dressed as clowns. A man with a George Bush mask dressed in royal attire waved to the crowd, a crown the size of a dining room table stood next to

him and sported the words "King George" in massive gold letters.

I ran up with some Bush supporters outside one of the many nice hotels that overlooked the crowds. I stopped a man with a 10-gallon hat and asked him what he thought about the protests. He told me he was from Texas and remarked that he wasn't terribly bothered by the protesters. "I think they have the right to express themselves. I think it's just fine," he said. Other members of the Republican party stood on the front steps smoking cigarettes and watched the protesters with amusement, sometimes taking a picture or two. "Bush/Cheney 2000" signs could be seen every once in a while. There were some families about, and young children were covered in buttons and waved American flags.

We had to clear a checkpoint in order to get to Freedom Plaza, a slow process in which they checked my bag. Police were in force but there didn't seem to be any trouble. Freedom Plaza was packed with a huge mass of humanity—thousands and thousands of people. They remained here, at a major nexus of the protest, for hours and hours in the freezing, interminable rain. The Freedom Plaza event was the product of the International Action Center, a protest organizing and activist group. Here protesters filled every square inch near the parade barricades, and even occupied one of the massive bleachers used for Bush supporters. They were prevented from filling the other bleacher by a chain of volunteers. The grounds everywhere were filled with people, and a portable megaphone was used to give speeches. "January 20th is just the beginning of a broad, militant, multi-national, multi-generational, multi-issued movement in this country," one speaker said.

I picked out Felice Shays from the crowd by the neon Jewish star on her vest. Her mother lives in Providence and

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Pro-Gore protesters at DuPont Circle

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FEATURE

Protests at Bush Inauguration

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is the president of The Greater Providence Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. "I'm here to represent gays and Jews," said Shays, who is from Brooklyn, N.Y. "The system is so corrupt and I'm just so... sick of it. It's so easy to understand how [this election] is all completely, utterly wrong and I'm watching everything I believe in go down the toilet."

She was extremely pessimistic about how the Bush campaign would affect Israel's well-being in the Middle East. "I think it's already such hell in a handbag that it can only get worse." In her view of policy decisions made about Israel, she stated that, "Bush has absolutely no idea who to elect, who to nominate, who to put into positions... and anybody who he does put in position is really just going to put nails in the coffin."

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict might have been the subject of many Jewish protesters at the rally — if only the protest had not been on Shabbat. This left a rather unfortunate one-sided debate against Israel by a few protesters. One activist had a huge banner which gave support to the Palestinians. He defended the Palestinians, saying that "When you put people in a pressure cooker, you're gonna

get something that explodes." He then added that even despite this view, he could not condone Palestinian acts of terrorism either, especially "if it ends up in murder or violence."

I am happy to say I didn't see any violent scuffles while I was there. The only real injury I saw was a man who, according to EMTs on the scene, had had a serious seizure and hit his head on the pavement when he fell. He was still shaking when the ambulance took him away. I also met a self-designated medic who had a red cross taped on the back of his jacket to identify himself. He described an incident that day where protesters, who were trying to march down 14th Street to rejoin other protesters, were sealed off suddenly by barricades. Using obstructions and barriers to divide a crowd is a common police method of dispersing and controlling large crowds of people. These protesters grew angry at the police's attempt to divide them, the Red Cross worker said, and there started to be a pushing battle which resulted in some people receiving minor injuries from police batons. "Today wasn't that bad..." he said, "...compared to what it could have been."

Public opinion of the protests were varied. Three women,

who stood on the sidelines watching the protests at DuPont Circle, were happy to see so many people out. One woman, Judy Singleton, said, "It's wonderful to see democracy in action. This is what the political process is all about." Not everyone was so happy. A woman I met on the subway who had voted for Bush thought that protesters had been crude, inarticulate and offensive. She felt that the protesters she saw were an angry, vulgar group who liberally used profanities in front of children. She felt the protesters had disgraced themselves.

I wish I had had more time to cover more of the events there. Most of the events where Bush was present required a significant wait and were probably packed to capacity. It was hard to interview Bush supporters because they, unlike the protesters, didn't always visibly identify themselves as being supporters in the protest areas I visited. Overall, I was impressed by the enthusiasm despite the harsh elements and the limitless creativity of the human imagination. The rally leaders promised to continue the protests throughout the rest of Bush's term, and vowed to remain in the public eye for the remainder of his presidency. Politics, but definitely *not* as usual.



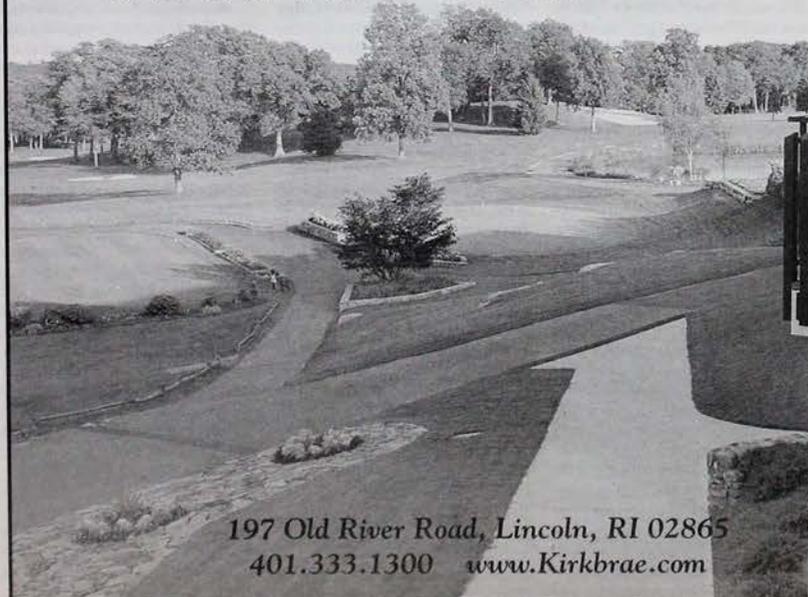
Protesters fill the bleachers and streets around Freedom Plaza despite the freezing rain.

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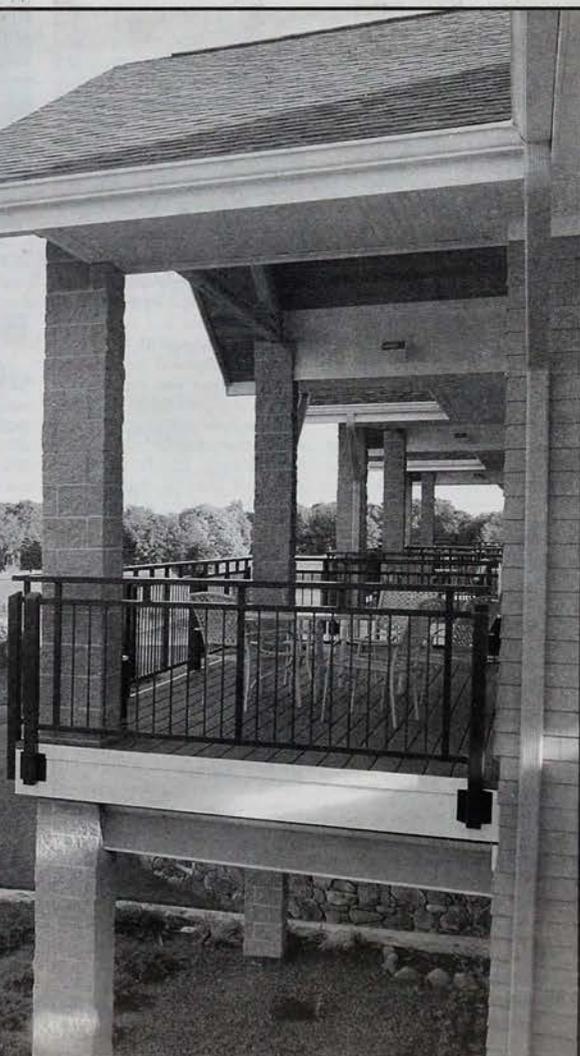
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Call For Jewish World War II Memories

To the American Jewish Community:

I'm an American Indian descent person researching diverse topics related to World War II history. I hope to make contact with Jewish American senior citizens who have memories of the 1940s to share.

I'm interested in how Americans of different backgrounds viewed the indigenous populations of America. I would like Jewish American perspectives on encounters with American Indians, Metis, native Pacific Islanders, Eskimo and Alaskan Indians during the war.

As a result of military or Red Cross service, did anyone encounter indigenous persons from other countries? This includes Canadian Indians, New Zealand Maori, Norwegian Lapps (Sami people), Japanese Ainu, French Polynesians and other similar populations.

For my research, I'm considering Jewish persons who lived in pre-1948 British mandate Palestine as indigenous. Does anyone know of such persons?

Finally, I'm interested in the experiences of Jewish Americans independent of interactions with indigenous peoples. I would like to correspond with any Jewish American who served in the military, Red Cross, merchant marine, Civil Air Patrol, USO, civil defense organizations or war related industry jobs. Women are especially encouraged to reply. I'm also interested in childhood memories during the war years — whether someone was living on the American homefront or elsewhere during the 1940s.

Persons of half-Jewish or partial Jewish heritage are also encouraged to respond.

Send responses to: Robert J. Clark, 629 Burroughs Ave., Collinsville, IL 62234



Israel Flora, Fauna Database on Internet

A unique database of Israeli flora and fauna has been developed as an Internet site by a team of researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, headed by Dr. Ronen Kadmon, chairman of the department of evolution, systematics and ecology.

The database, the first of its kind in Israel, called BioGIS, is a geographical information system providing advanced tools for querying, analyzing, modeling and visualizing patterns of species distributions in Israel. It is expected to be of particular value to researchers as well as to conservationists. BioGIS, currently in an early stage of development, can be accessed at <www.biogis.huji.ac.il>.

The BioGIS database compiles records of plant and animal species from herbaria and museum collections, as well as from surveys carried out by academic institutions, individual scientists, governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in Israel.

Also in the database is information on a wide range of ecological factors, such as precipitation, temperatures, rock formations and soil. In addition, there is information available related to environmental issues, such as the location of nature

reserves, roads and populated areas.

"The BioGIS project has placed Israel on the world map of computerized ecological information," said Kadmon. "For the first time, not only researchers but decision-makers, as well as members of the general public, can gain access through the Internet site to valuable information about the flora and fauna of Israel that has been gathered by various researchers for more than a century. This integration of material, as well as the interactive tools provided on the site, make BioGIS one of the most advanced systems of its type in the world."

A geographical information system center was initiated by Kadmon at the Hebrew University some six years ago. It is this center that provided the technological basis for the development of BioGIS. The center serves researchers in a variety of disciplines, including geology, atmospheric science, ecology, agriculture, environmental sciences and others. It also is involved in cooperative activity with government agencies working in areas of environmental planning and preservation.

The first stage of the development of the system has been funded by the Yad Hanadiv Foundation. This stage focuses on two groups — plants and snails. Within the next year, information on reptiles, fish and mammals will be added. When the project is completed, it is expected that it will play a key role in development and preservation policy in Israel. In the past year, Tel Aviv University and the Nature Reserves and National Parks Authority have joined the project in order to expand its scope to make it into a truly national biodiversity information system.

Animal Adventures in Israel

Father and Daughter Co-Hosts Say Visiting Israel Was One of The Highlights of Their Lives

Father and daughter television hosts, Jack and Kathaleen of "Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures," independently produced and aired across the United States and in 65 foreign countries, recently returned from Israel. They both said their 12-day trip last December exceeded all expectations. They called the portrayal of Israel in the media an injustice with tragic consequences, as they and their entire crew felt safe at all times.

"Having traveled all over the world during the past 20 years, Israel is the most special place I have ever visited," Jack said. "I have been to every continent, the North Pole, Alaska, all over Asia, and to 12 countries in Africa — yet I have never found any country to be so overwhelming." He described this

trip as, "one of the highlights of my life, since Israel not only offers fascinating animals and wildlife, but a unique combination of history, culture, landscape and people — unlike anywhere else."

According to Kathaleen, "There were many thrilling moments in this trip such as our visit to Eilat's Coral World Marine Park where we helped release a group of sea horses and sea turtles into the Red Sea. I loved the mud treatments at the Dead Sea and swimming with the dolphins as well."

"Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures," now in its eighth year, filmed a series of episodes in the Old City of Jerusalem, at the Dead Sea, in Eilat and Tel Aviv. Wildlife highlights featured the ibex at the oasis Ein

Gedi, and the wild asses, ostrich, striped hyena and desert snakes at the Hai Bar Nature Reserve. They filmed at two camel ranches and one amazing alpaca farm in the Negev Desert, an international migratory bird watching site in Eilat, a bird park in Tel Aviv, Asian elephants and a cheetah at the beautiful Jerusalem Zoo.

Jack described Masada as "one of the wonders of the world and the high point of the trip. After reading the Bible my whole life, my visit to Israel brought the Bible dramatically to life. I look forward to coming back!"

Tourism information on Israel is available by visiting the Ministry of Tourism's North American Web site: <www.goisrael.com>.



IN ISRAEL, Kathaleen Hanna feeds a Scarlet Macaw while her father, Jack Hanna, holds a Cockatoo at the Tzipori Bird Park in Tel Aviv while filming "Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures."

Photo courtesy of Israel Ministry of Tourism North America

Blood Test For Diagnosing Schizophrenia

A relatively simple blood test for diagnosing the mental illness schizophrenia has been proposed by researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science. The study, conducted by Professor Sara Fuchs and graduate student Tal Ilani of the Immunology Department, appears in the Jan. 16 issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Schizophrenia, which affects approximately 1 percent of the population, is characterized by disturbances in the person's emotional functioning, perception of reality and thought processes. Because the biological basis of this disease is still a mystery, diagnosis is based on psychiatric and behavioral assessment. Still, numerous research findings suggest a possible connection between the disease and an excessive activity of dopamine, a chemical messenger, or neurotransmitter, involved in communication between nerve cells in the brain. This activity is dependent, among other factors, on the number of dopamine receptors on the surface of nerve cells. In fact, postmortem studies of the brains of schizophrenic pa-

tients, as well as PET scans of the brains of live patients, have suggested that the number of these receptors is increased in schizophrenia. Therefore, by measuring this number it may be possible to diagnose the disease. Unfortunately, however, it is impossible to assess the number and location of dopamine receptors in the brains of live schizophrenic patients with sufficient precision.

Fuchs and Ilani propose a way of getting around this problem. They suggest evaluating the presence of dopamine receptors on the surface of white blood cells called lymphocytes as a potential diagnostic test for schizophrenia. To examine this possibility, the scientists compared blood samples taken from people with schizophrenia in mental hospitals in Israel with blood samples from healthy individuals.

Since identifying dopamine receptors on the surface of white blood cells is extremely difficult, the scientists focused on an earlier stage in receptor formation — the stage at which messenger RNA molecules convey the genetic information needed for

making dopamine receptors from the cell nucleus to the ribosome, the small cellular "factory" where the receptors are manufactured.

A statistical analysis showed that the blood of patients with schizophrenia contains, on average, 3.6 times more messenger RNA molecules of dopamine receptors of a particular kind, called D3, than the blood of healthy people. The high levels were observed in patients treated with a variety of drugs, as well as in patients who received no medications. On the basis of these findings, the scientists propose to use the blood test determining the levels of mRNA that encode D3 receptors on the membranes of white blood cells as a test for schizophrenia.

The research team included Dr. Dorit Ben-Shachar from the Rambam Medical Center and B. Rappaport Faculty of Medicine at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology; Drs. Rael D. Strous and Moshe Kotler of Beer Yaakov Mental Health Center; and Drs. Marina Mazor and Ala Sheinkman of the Mental Health Center in Tirat Hacarmel, Haifa.



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Warwick and Providence Firms Merge

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The Warwick-based accounting firm of Jarcho, Schwartz, Yarlas & Santilli, Ltd. has merged with the Providence firm of Kaplan, Moran & Associates, Ltd., and the new firm will be known as Yarlas, Kaplan, Santilli & Moran, Ltd.

The new firm is a partnership of specialists who have been providing quality audit, accounting, financial and business consulting, tax services and litigation support to a select group of individuals and companies since 1952.

"The strong backgrounds and diversified skills of the partners and professional staff, a team approach and a responsiveness to the ever-changing needs of growing client companies combine to make Yarlas, Kaplan, Santilli & Moran, Ltd. a firm with the expertise necessary to fulfill all of the accounting and tax needs of our clients," explains co-managing partner Stephen B. Yarlas.

"The firm is structured to provide timely, comprehensive service to privately held companies," added co-managing partner Richard A. Kaplan. "We emphasize continuing communication through close client contact. This provides a comfortable working relationship and enables us to anticipate our clients' needs, and encourages them to use us as a sounding board when considering various corporate or personal financial options."

The firm will move into ex-

panded offices at 27 Dryden Lane in Providence and the phone number will be 273-1800.

Yarlas, CPA, JD, LL.M. is regarded as one of the preeminent estate planning professionals in the state. He provides counsel and guidance in all areas of accounting, corporate planning, business valuation and tax issues. He has been practicing for 38 years. He is a past president of Temple Torat Yisrael, a past chairman of Israel Bonds for the State of Rhode Island and a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Yarlas is a resident of Cranston, R.I.

Kaplan, CPA, JD, has a diversified public accounting

and tax practice which includes the valuation of closely held businesses for buy/sell agreements, divorce settlements, stockholder disputes and estate and gift planning. He is regarded as an expert witness by state and federal courts in these areas and has served as a court-appointed mediator. Kaplan has been practicing law for 37 years. He is a board member and past president of the CCRI Foundation and Jewish Family Service. He is currently treasurer of the Providence Rotary Club and an area vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and resides in East Providence, R.I.



PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES (front row) Salvatore Santilli, Richard Kaplan, Stephen Yarlas; (second row) Joseph Orlando, James Sinman, Paul Moran; and (third row) Mark Woods, Luis Lourenco, and Thomas Lisi.

Photo courtesy of Yarlas, Kaplan, Santilli & Moran, Ltd.

Stop & Shop Unveils Smartmouth Technology



'Virtual Nutritionist' Available to Supermarket's Card Holders

Becoming the first supermarket retailer in the nation to provide personalized online nutrition advice, Stop & Shop announced a revolutionary new benefit for Stop & Shop cardholders designed to make eating healthy easier. Stop & Shop now offers <SmartMouth.com> — a pioneering online service that analyzes grocery shopper's past purchases and guides them to potentially healthier choices.

"SmartMouth is an innovative concept that makes it easy to eat a healthier diet, said Ed Porter, director of consumer relationship marketing. "We think Stop & Shop shoppers will find this new technology informative and fun to use."

Serving as a free "virtual nutritionist," the service can be accessed through a link on the Stop & Shop home page at <www.stopandshop.com> or directly at <www.smartmouth.com>. Site users enter their Stop & Shop card number and get immediate personalized feedback and guidance based on their nutrition goals and Stop & Shop purchase history. The site also helps consumers create their weekly shopping list, generates quick-meal ideas, and provides the latest nutrition news and information.

The SmartMouth program relies only on customer card numbers and purchasing data.

No personally identifiable information about customers, such as name, address or other information is used — thus assuring customers personal privacy.

Stop & Shop is testing the SmartMouth program with consumers in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. As part of the launch, Stop & Shop and SmartMouth will air a 12-week, "SmartMouth Mystery Theater" radio ad campaign promoting the new service in the Rhode Island media market. In-store displays in 39 stores in southeast New England also will direct shoppers to <smartmouth.com>, where each log-on enters users in a "Win Free Groceries for a Year" sweepstakes.

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Herding Up Some Memories

Photo and information submitted by Sylvia Ziman

Pictured is Helene Ziman at the age of four in 1950. Helene, now 54, is the daughter of Sylvia Ziman, a senior citizen now living in Providence. Behind Helene is a one-ton cattle truck that her father used. The following excerpt is a small snippet of time in Sylvia's memory of her husband and his cattle truck:

[We lived] at 94 Gordon Ave. [My husband Jordan, now deceased], used to park his cattle truck in the backyard. He woke up at 4 a.m., I was curious so I decided to go with him.

He backed out of the yard with pigs and cows in the truck. As he backed out, the pigs hollered "Oink, oink," and the cows hollered, "Moo, moo." [All the] neighbors looked out, awakened by the strange noise—they thought they were on a farm. [Jordan] was heading for the auction to sell his animals.

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'Cabaret' Comes to Providence Performing Arts Center Feb. 6 to 11

Andrea McArdle to Star
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SFX Theatrical Group, in association with Eric and Scott Nederlander & Jujamcyn Productions, announces that the Roundabout Theatre Company production of "Cabaret" will begin a limited engagement at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Feb. 6 to 11. Tickets are on sale to the general public — prices range from \$35 to \$55. Performance times are Feb. 6 at 7 p.m., Feb. 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 10 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Feb. 11 at 2 and 7 p.m. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 421-ARTS or order online at <www.ppacri.org>. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster.

With music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb, and book by Joe Masteroff, "Cabaret" tells the story of an English woman's romance with an American writer set against the background of a crumbling Germany at the start of the Third Reich. "Cabaret" features some of the best-known songs in musical theater, including "Wilkommen," "Tomorrow Belongs to Me," "Money" and "Cabaret."

"Cabaret" is based on the true-life observations of Christopher Isherwood. He wrote *The Berlin Stories* about his experiences in Berlin between 1929 and 1932.

Kander and Ebb, who won the 1998 Kennedy Center Hon-



SCENE from "Cabaret"

Photo courtesy PPAAC

ors for achievement in the arts, are two of the most successful and prolific collaborators in American theater. In addition to "Cabaret," they are currently represented on Broadway with the award-winning revival of "Chicago." Their shows include "70 Girls 70," "Woman of the Year," "Kiss of the Spider Woman," "The Rink," "The Act" and "Steel Pier."

Co-director and choreographer Rob Marshall, a Tony nominee for "Cabaret," recently staged the Broadway production of "Little Me," starring Martin Short and Faith Prince, for which he also garnered a Tony nomination for best director. His choreography includes "She Loves Me" (Tony nomination) and "Company," both at the Roundabout Theatre Com-

pany, as well as Broadway's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Victor/Victoria," "Damn Yankees," and "Kiss of the Spider Woman." Most recently, he made his directorial debut with "Promises, Promises" for City Center Encores! Series. He directed and choreographed "Annie" starring Kathy Bates as Miss Hannigan, and choreographed "Cinderella" featuring Whitney Houston for ABC-TV.

In addition to winning eight Tony Awards, including best musical, the original production of "Cabaret" also received the New York Drama Critics' Award, the Outer Critics' Circle Award, the Variety Poll of New York Critics, and London's Evening Standard Award, and Plays and Players Award.

Savor 'Sum Yum Soup' at Striar JCC

Chase away the winter chill with a belly full of laughter and "The Mystery of Sum Yum Soup." This fast-paced musical parody by playwright/director Jules Gelade of Rhode Island will be presented at Striar Jewish Community Center, 445 Central St., Stoughton, Mass., on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. It features nearly two dozen adults and children in a lighthearted modernization of the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve and David and Goliath. Advance sale tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children; \$14 for adults and \$12 for children at the door. A dessert reception with the cast will follow the performances. The play is making its Massachusetts debut.

You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the flavor of "Sum Yum Soup." "Although the play is performed by the Jewish Theatre Ensemble of Rhode Island, it's not just for Jewish people," explains Assistant Director Karen Gelade. "It's a story that reaches all denominations and religions. Everybody knows the stories of Adam and Eve and David and Goliath. But no matter what synagogue or church you belong to, you've never heard them this way before. It has universal appeal." Previous performances bear out the assessment. When "The Mystery of Sum Yum Soup" was presented at the JCC of Rhode Island last May, it received rave reviews from Jews and non-Jews alike, and sold out six times.

"We haven't done musical theater at Striar JCC since C.H.A.I. Arts began, so this will be a unique addition to our cultural arts line-up," observes Striar JCC Cultural Arts Outreach Director Sharon Grahn. "It appealed to me because it was a departure from the rest of the things we've done and was another outstanding opportunity for a multi-generational experience."

Gelade notes that "Sum Yum Soup's" brightly colored visuals, fast-moving dances, and amusing musical parodies will hold the attention of children as young as age 7. "If a family wants to come as a family, the adults will love it and the children will love it at their level," she relates. Grahn agrees, "This is a great opportunity to bring people together in an environment where they can share cultural enrichment and enjoy the company."

"I saw it as something that would really be attractive to a broad audience, and enhance our efforts to reach out to the whole South area."

Tickets may be purchased at the Striar JCC reception desk. For more information about "The Mystery of Sum Yum Soup," contact Grahn, (781) 341-2016, ext. 264, or email <sgrahn@ccjcb.org>.

Striar JCC is the largest, community-based organization serving the 35,000 Jews in 38 cities and towns in the region and south of Boston.

Creative Thinkers! Be Part of First Night Providence 2002

Proposal Deadline: Feb. 15

First Night Providence is seeking artists and performers for the annual New Year's Eve festival of the arts. First Night Providence 2002 will culminate with the clock striking midnight once again on Dec. 31, 2001 with an arts extravaganza inspired by imagination and creativity. Rhode Island's most dynamic celebration of the arts seeks proposals for a multi-generational audience including music, dance, magic, theater, comedy puppetry, interactive activities and visual arts. The festival will feature more than 1,000 artists on 40 stages, transforming

Rhode Island's capital city with first-rate artistry in an alcohol-free, family-oriented environment. Sites range from theaters to non-traditional space such as store fronts.

The three proposal categories are:

- Festival Programs — Indoor or outdoor performances, concerts, dance parties, street theater, parade creations, workshops and visual art works. Of special interest are performances representing the many cultures within our community.

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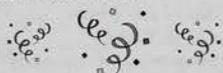
minating in a New Year's Eve performance or exhibition. Educational projects as well as large-scale high-impact art work.

- New Visions — Original works using experimental techniques, new media, collaboration, or re-envisioned classics.

Proposals should include: name, size of group, project description, requested fee, technical and other requirements, number of performances, and an audio or video tape, if applicable.

Materials must be sent by Feb. 15 to: First Night Providence, ATTN: Review Committee, 10 Dorrance St., Suite 920, Providence, R.I. 02903.

Call First Night at 521-1166 to request an application or more information.



JTE Plans Auditions

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble is casting for their spring production of "Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!," the off-Broadway musical comedy hit of the 70s. This "wacky" play was based on comedian Allan Sherman's song parodies about camp life.

Auditions will be held Jan. 30 and 31, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Bring a prepared song to sing. You will also be required to read from the script and do some movement. Needed are male and female adults of all ages. There are also parts for younger actors and actresses who are age 10 or older. Show dates are April 26, 28, 29, May 3, 5, 6.

For further information, call 751-9357.

Slater Mill Historic Site Announces Fiber Arts Studio

Slater Mill Historic Site has announced a new program called the Fiber Arts Studio. People interested in fiber arts such as weaving, spinning, knitting and hooking rugs are invited to join expert area instructors. Instructors are available to teach novices techniques in many types of fiber arts as well as help experienced crafters with works in progress. Each evening, students work on projects that give them the skills needed to continue to make unique handmade artworks.

The Fiber Arts Studio meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the second floor of the Old Slater Mill, starting Jan. 31 continuing through May 23. Classes are \$20 a night with multiple class discount packages available. Preregistration is not necessary. For more information, call 725-8638. Members of Slater Mill Historic Site receive a 10 percent discount off registration cost.

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Tony Award-Winning Actress in 'The Belle of Amherst'

Rhode Island College Performing Arts Series presents five-time Tony Award-winning actress Julie Harris in a revival of her tour de force performance in "The Belle of Amherst" on Jan. 31, in the auditorium in Roberts Hall at 8 p.m.

The Laguna Playhouse production, in association with Don Gregory and Columbia Artists Theatricals, Inc., reunites Harris, director Charles Nelson Reilly and author William Luce 25 years after "The Belle of Amherst" was first produced — on Broadway, national tour, on television and in a Grammy Award-winning recording.

Her five Tony Awards are the most ever won by a performer. She received them for her portrayal of the free-spirited Sally Bowles in John Van Druten's "I Am a Camera" in 1952; as St.

followed by appearances with Britain's Old Vic during its fabled 1946 American performances of "Henry IV, Part II" and "Oedipus." It was in 1950, in Harold Clurman's production of Carson McCullers' "The Member of the Wedding," that Harris gained genuine prominence.

For the next two decades, almost every season brought her to Broadway in a wide variety of productions that demonstrated her enormous range, from Restoration comedy to French boulevard farce to musical comedy.

As a film actress, her career embraces many memorable performances, including the role for which she is best known, as Abra opposite James Dean in Elia Kazan's screen version of John Steinbeck's "East of Eden."



Julie Harris

Photo courtesy of Rhode Island College

Joan in Lillian Hellman's adaptation of "The Lark" in 1956; for her work in "Forty Carats" in 1969; as Mary Todd Lincoln in "The Last of Mrs. Lincoln" in 1973, and "The Belle of Amherst" in 1977.

Widely considered one of the finest theatrical performances of our time, Harris in "The Belle of Amherst" depicts one of America's greatest literary figures, 19th century poet Emily Dickinson, as a vivacious and joyful woman who, despite being reclusive, used the language of poetry to "dwell in possibility."

Harris made her Broadway debut in 1945 in "It's a Gift,"

Harris's television appearances have earned her 11 Emmy Award nominations. Perhaps her best known TV performance was as Lilimae Clements on the long-running CBS series, "Knots Landing."

Reserved seat tickets are \$30 with discounts for senior citizens and students and may be purchased in advance by telephone via VISA or MasterCard by calling 456-8144 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For in-person purchases, the box office in Roberts Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and up to performance time on the day of the event.

Trinity Rep Seeks Princes of Maine, Kings of New England

Trinity Repertory Company announced last week that it will hold auditions for children ages 8 through 13 for various roles in its upcoming production of "The Cider House Rules."

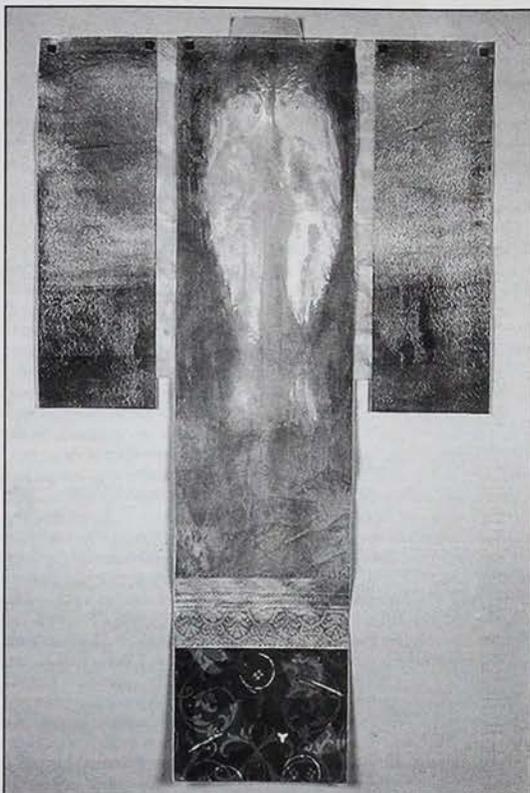
Auditions are by appointment only and will be held on Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Feb. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Audition appointments will be taken only after parents have read the Trinity Rep information packet on the topics of rehearsals, performances and the subject of the play.

Rehearsals begin on Feb. 20. The show runs until June 17.

Information packets are available at Trinity's front desk, 201 Washington St., Providence, or you may request the information packet to be sent to you by mail or email. Contact Becky Whelan at 521-1100, ext. 321 or Neal Baron at 521-1100 ext. 275, <nbaron@trinityrep.com>. If you will be leaving a telephone message, make sure to spell your name and to speak clearly when leaving your address.

Those auditioning must be at least 8 years of age and may not be turning 14 by July 1. This ruling is part of a legally binding agreement between Trinity Repertory Company and Actors Equity Association (the stage actors and stage managers' union) and will be strictly enforced.



Providence Art Club Presents 'Clotho'

Arlene Wilson will show her exhibit "Clotho" on Feb. 4 to 16 at the Providence Art Club, Dodge House, 11 Thomas St., Providence. Opening reception is Feb. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 331-1114. "Yukata," above, mixed media, is 76 inches by 46 inches.

Photo courtesy of Providence Art Club

R.I. Philharmonic Presents Teatro Lirico D'Europa

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present Teatro Lirico D'Europa in a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida" on Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at VMA Arts & Cultural Center in Providence. Teatro Lirico D'Europa specializes in touring large-scale opera productions and has presented more than 2,000 performances in 250 different venues worldwide since 1986. It is the only opera touring company in the United States that travels with an orchestra of 50 musicians and a chorus of 40 trained singers. Artistic Director Gogio Lalov will stage the opera on sumptuous sets of ancient Egypt. Principal Conductor Maestro Krassimir Topolov will conduct the 50-performance tour and American lighting designer, John Vestal is chief technician and light designer for the production.

The Teatro Lirico D'Europa production will be the first of two operas presented by the philharmonic in the 2000-2001 season. On April 3, the philharmonic presents Helikon Opera in a fully staged and costumed performance of Verdi's "La Traviata." Two-opera subscriptions are available at a significant saving. Subscription prices for both operas, depending upon seat location, are \$34/ \$43/ \$68/ \$85 and \$128 for adults and \$29/ \$37/ \$63/ \$80 and \$122 for full-time students and seniors. Single tickets to individual operas, again depending upon seat location, are \$20/ \$25/ \$40/ \$50 and \$75 with dis-

counts for students, seniors and groups of 10 or more.

Tickets for the "Aida" are available only at the philharmonic office, until Feb. 1, 3 p.m. The philharmonic box office is located at 222 Richmond St., Providence, and tickets may be purchased by phone 831-3123 using MasterCard or VISA, in person during box office hours Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. or online at the Web site <www.ri-philharmonic.org>. On Feb. 1 tickets will also become available through Ticketmaster phone lines, Web site and outlets.

On Feb. 7, the day of the performance, tickets are available at the philharmonic, Ticketmaster and at the VMA box office. After 3 p.m. tickets are available only at VMA, in person or by calling 272-4862.

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OBITUARIES

ROSE APPLEBAUM-BLOOM

PROVIDENCE — Rose (Steiner) Applebaum-Bloom, 91, of North Main Street, a former professional opera singer, and co-owner with her husband of the former Applebaum's restaurant, died Jan. 18 at Summit Medical Center.

She was the wife of the late Louis Bloom for 20 years, and the late Harry Applebaum for 38 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Dora Steiner, she had lived in Miami Beach, Fla., for 20 years before returning to Providence in 1989.

Trained in New York and Providence, she was a professional opera singer and dancer. She sang as a member of the International Opera Co. and performed with the Rockette Chorus for more than three years.

She performed locally at the former Metropolitan on Broad Street and was known throughout the entertainment industry. Before moving to Florida, she worked as a saleslady at Casual Corner for 1 1/2 years.

She was a former member of the Chopin Club and Temple Beth-El. She also sang in the Temple Emanu-El Choir.

In 1944, she received a certificate of commendation for distinguished public service from the Miriam Hospital Building Fund Campaign.

She leaves a son, Maurice Applebaum of Providence; a sister, Esther Mednitsky of Hazleton, Pa.; and two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Jack Steiner.

The funeral service was held Jan. 22 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

BERNARD BOGRAD

WARWICK — Bernard Bograd, 87, of Shalom Drive, a

retired officer manager, died Jan. 19 at the Miriam Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of the late Goldie (Flint) Bograd. Born in New Bedford, Mass., a son of the late Jacob and Eva (Elman) Bograd, he had lived in Tucson, Ariz., for 30 years before moving to Warwick three years ago. He had previously lived in Westerly and Cranston. He was an office manager for E.&A. Markets in Westerly for 10 years and worked in the food industry in Arizona for 10 years, retiring 11 years ago. He was the treasurer of the Senior Men's Club in his local temple in Tucson and was a member of the former Congregation Sons of Abraham Synagogue in Providence.

He leaves three daughters Joyce Bograd of Boulder, Colo., Marilyn Bell of Binghamton, N.Y., and Suzanne Gilstein of Warwick; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Barbara Bograd. He was the brother of the late Morris Bograd and Freda Efras. Funeral services were held Jan. 22 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Miriam Hospital. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.



ALBERT I. CHASE

PROVIDENCE — Albert I. Chase, 83, of Blackstone Boulevard, a retired manufacturer's representative in the house-ware industry, died Jan. 21 at Philip Hulitar Hospice Center.

He was the husband of the late Joan (Goldberg) Chase. A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Jacob and Bessie (Cherwinsky) Chase.

He was the proprietor of the former Albert Chase Co. for 40 years before retiring. He graduated from Classical High School and was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in India.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, and a former member

of Ledgemont Country Club. He was an avid golfer.

He leaves several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Martin Chase, Fay Kelman, Sarah Bliviss, Molly Chase, Gertrude Wolfson and Lillian Zall.

The funeral was held Jan. 23 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Betty and Leon Goldberg Endowment Fund, c/o Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906 or Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, R.I. 02904. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

MYRON 'BUSTER' GORODETSKY

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Myron "Buster" Gorodetsky, 88, of Water Oak Manor, Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Providence, a retired liquor salesman, died Jan. 15 at home.

He was the husband of Charlotte (Shushansky) Wolf Gorodetsky, and the late Dorothy (Sherman) Gorodetsky. Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Sarah (Axelrod) Gorodetsky, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to Florida in 1982.

He was a wholesale liquor salesman for the former Eddy and Fisher Inc., Providence, for 35 years, retiring 23 years ago.

He was a founding member of Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, and an avid golfer who had scored two holes-in-one.

He was a life member of Temple Am David, and the Touro Fraternal Association, and a former member of Temple Emanu-El. He was a member of the Providence and South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Associations.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Edward Gorodetsky of Los Angeles; three daughters, Sayre Gorodetsky of Boston, Enid Goldberger of Boca Raton and Sherri Wolf of Cranston; a stepson, William Wolf of Cranston; a step-daughter, Cynthia Feldman of Warwick; a brother, Louis Gorodetsky of North Providence; and five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. He was the brother of the late Dorothy Goldberg,

Rose Broomfield, Anna Sax and Mildred Schleffer.

The funeral service was held Jan. 19 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

EDITH MAGNET

FALL RIVER — Edith Magnet, 93, of Weetamoe Street, a former schoolteacher and dress shop owner, died Jan. 17 at Charleton Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Dr. I. Harry Magnet. Born in Springfield, Mass., a daughter of the late Meyer and Rebecca Shapiro, she had lived in Springfield before moving to Fall River 55 years ago.

She was a graduate of North Adams State University and had been a teacher before opening the former Shepards Dress Shop in Springfield.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, and the Women's Auxiliary of Charleton Memorial Hospital. She was a former member of the Allendale Country Club and the Tiverton Yacht Club.

She leaves two sons, Myron Magnet of New York City and Joseph Magnet of Ottawa, Canada; a daughter, Lynn Magnet of San Francisco; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Jan. 19 in Temple Beth-El, 385 High St. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ARNOLD DAVID SHONE

WARWICK — Arnold David Shone, 60, of Pilgrim Avenue, a retired detective in the Providence Police Department, died Jan. 16 at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence.

He was the former husband of Diane (Cuddy) Little. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Frank A. and Marion (Berman) Shone. He was a resident of Providence prior to moving to Warwick 26 years ago.

He received an associate's degree from Bryant College. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and a volunteer at The Samaritans.

Besides his former wife, he leaves a son, Adam M. Shone of Warwick, and a sister, Marilyn Myrow of Lincoln.

The funeral service was held Jan. 18 at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, R.I. 02908. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

MYRON 'MIKE' SILVERSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Myron "Mike" Silverstein, 72, of Emeline St., the former owner and president of the Woonsocket News Co., retiring in 1990, died Jan. 17 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center.

He was the husband of Honey (Silverman) Silverstein. Born in Providence, a son of the late Barney and Pearl (Israel) Silverstein, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He attended Hope High School and the University of Rhode Island. He was a lifelong member of Temple Emanu-El, and served on the board of ACIDA.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Ledgemont Country Club, and was an active member of the Rhode Island Seniors Golf Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Lori Dorsey of Cranston and Lynn Marks of Byfield, Mass.; a brother, Judge Michael Silverstein of Lincoln; a sister, Alice Fierstein of Stamford, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Jan. 18 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Barney and Pearl Silverstein Endowment Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906 or the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, R.I. 02908. The family was assisted with the arrange-

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MIMI SPATT

PROVIDENCE — Mimi Spatt, 86, of North Main Street, a former store manager, died Jan. 16, at Summit Medical Center.

Born in Olyphant, Pa., a daughter of the late Harry and Fannie (Meth) Spatt, she had lived in Providence since August, previously living in Pennsylvania and Brooklyn, N.Y.

She was store manager for a family-owned department store in Olyphant before retiring 32 years ago.

She was a life member of Hadassah, the Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish Home of Scranton, Pa., a former member of the Olyphant Shul and the Prospect Park Jewish Center in Brooklyn.

She leaves nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Freida Weissman, Rose Zuker, and Bess Arnold, Morton and David Spatt.

A memorial service was held Jan. 19 in The Pavilion, 1085 North Main St. Burial was in Dalton Jewish Cemetery, Dalton, Pa. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Heart Association or Hadassah. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



DR. SIDNEY H. STONE

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Sidney H. Stone, 87, of Blackstone Boulevard, a retired dentist, died Jan. 21 at EPOCH on Blackstone Boulevard.

He was the husband of Rebecca K. (Kopelman) Stone. They were married for 54 years. Born in New York City, a son of the late Julian D. and Anna G. (Grossweiner) Stone, he had lived in New York most of his life before moving to Providence in December 1994.

He graduated from Columbia University and from the dental program of the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he taught before entering the Army.

He served as a dentist in the Army Air Forces during World War II, achieving the rank of captain and receiving an Army commendation ribbon and plaque for meritorious service.

He practiced dentistry for more than 50 years in Manhattan and Larchmont, N.Y., before retiring in 1986. He was a member of the 1st District Dental Society of New York, and served as president of the 9th District.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, the Anti-Defamation League and numerous organizations for humanitarian causes. He was a former long-time member of Larchmont Temple and its Brotherhood.

He was an avid golfer and tennis player.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. William M. Stone of Providence; two daughters, Roberta Jane Stone of Palo Alto, Calif., and Julie Stone-Weinreb

of Reading, Mass.; a sister, Pearl Stone Samlin of Philadelphia; and nine grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Rhoda Rothchild.

The funeral was held Jan. 23 in Swan Point Cemetery Chapel, 585 Blackstone Boulevard. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Parkinson Disease Association, 825 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, R.I. 02908 or your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

RUTH YOKEN

FALL RIVER — Ruth Yoken, 74, of Reading Street, a social worker, died Jan. 15 at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of Harry Yoken. They were married for 50 years. Born in Paterson, N.J., a daughter of the late Simon and Fannie (Gerber) Pansey, she lived in Fall River for 51 years, previously living in Providence.

She was a graduate of Hope High School and Pembroke College, and attended the Boston University School of Social Work. She had been a social worker for the State of Rhode Island.

She was a member of Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood and Hadassah.

She was also a member of the League of Women Voters and had been a volunteer transcriber of English to Braille.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Stephen Yoken of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Carol Yoken of Oak Park, Ill.; and two grandsons. She was the sister of the late Norman Pansey.

The funeral was held Jan. 17 at Temple Beth El, 385 High St. Burial was in Beth El Cemetery. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SIDNEY YOUNGER

WARWICK — Sidney Younger, 88, of Kent Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Commonwealth Avenue, a retired auditor, died Jan. 15 at the center. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Warshafsky) Younger. Born in Bronx, N.Y., a son of the late Solomon and Flora (Fadder) Younger, he had lived in Warwick for six years, previously living in Tamarac, Fla., and Sharon, Mass.

He was an auditor for the International Ladies Garment Worker's Union (ILGWU) for 20 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of Temple Sinai in Sharon, Mass., Histadrut and Workmen's Circle.

He leaves two daughters, Bleama Forman of Warwick and Gail Komito of Plainville, N.Y., and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Nathan and Dr. Jesse Younger.

Funeral services and burial were held Jan. 18 in Florida. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements were coordinated by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

Miriam Rutman

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named Rutman National Scholars. Miriam would regularly correspond with every scholarship winner.

Walter passed away in December of 1982 at the age of 74. In 1983 the estate of Walter Rutman willed \$1.5 million to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute to create a scholarship program for needy students called the Walter and Miriam B. Rutman Scholarship Fund. At that time, in 1983, the \$1.5 million gift was one of the largest single donations for scholarships in the school's then 118-year history. Walter was part of WPI's Class of 1930 and Miriam was a WPI trustee.

Miriam later donated \$1.5 million to WPI in 1987 to create the Walter and Miriam B. Rutman Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry. The professorship seeks to attract outstanding faculty and enhance scholarly achievements. Walter was a chemistry major.

Miriam also started the Walter and Miriam B. Rutman Book Endowment Fund at the Providence Athenaeum with a \$50,000 gift in October of 1983; at that time, the gift was the largest single person contribution in the Athenaeum's then 230-year history. Miriam was also a member of the Athenaeum.

Miriam and Walter were significant supporters of the Rhode Island Trinity Square Repertory Company.

Developing scholarship funding was one of Miriam's prime objectives as she sought to assist and encourage local students to take advantage of educational opportunities at the university level.

Funeral services are private.

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Village at Hillsgrove Seeks Volunteers for Seniors

The Village at Hillsgrove, an assisted living community in Warwick, is looking for volunteers to help teach residents how to use the computer. We are looking for individuals who are knowledgeable in using the Internet and Microsoft Word. Please consider putting a little time aside to help residents to keep in touch with family and friends via the computer and in doing so brighten the day for an individual resident or an entire group. If you have any other special talent you would like to share or if you would be willing to spend some time with the Village's elderly residents, contact Jenny Miller, at 737-7222.

The Village at Hillsgrove is in need of large print hard cover books in good condition. If you would like to donate books to the Village at Hillsgrove, please drop them off during the week, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 75 Minnesota Ave., Warwick. If you have questions or need directions, contact Miller at the number above.

Celebration Time

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Velvet "Wally" Spiegler lives in Rehoboth, Mass. He is a certified polarity therapist and a student and teacher of Jewish mysticism whose primary interest is in Jewish approaches to the healing of mind, body, and spirit. He can be reached for comments or questions at his Web site at <www.geocities.com/jewishLink>.

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Israel Ministry of Tourism Launches New Advertising Campaign

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Israel's Ministry of Tourism launched a nationwide advertising campaign on Jan. 16, designed to address the drop in travel to Israel in the wake of the Israel-Palestinian crisis which began in the fall of 2000. "We want to demonstrate to Americans that life — and tourism — are continuing normally in Israel-proper," said Arie Sommer, Israel Commissioner for Tourism, North America, "and that incidents reported on television almost invariably take place in the West Bank and Gaza, areas far off the tourist routes, places rarely visited by tourists to Israel." Some 2.6 million tourists visited Israel in 2000, an all-time record in the 53-year history of the State of Israel.

Technology Makes 'Virtual Advertising' a Reality

Advertisements will appear in *The New York Times*, in Jewish media across the country, as well as in the Christian news magazine, *World*. Two themes will be employed in the advertising, both utilizing photographs taken in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, then transmitted electronically to New York and set into advertisements appearing in the media within days. "We felt it was important to show the

immediacy of life is Israel being normal," said Sommer, "hence our decision not to use stock 'touristy' photography." The advertising will show real people — tourists and Israelis — in real situations, captured candidly on film. Some pictures will appear under the rubric: "The Israel you don't see on the nightly news." A parallel theme will depict individual Americans currently traveling in Israel, including their personal testimonials and names, all under the heading, "Why I'm in Israel now."

"We live in an information age," observed Sommer, "with much of the world instantly connected." The advertising campaign is a natural progression to the sub-Web site introduced by the Ministry in North America in November 2000, "What Today's Headlines Mean to Tourists to Israel," a site that has been visited by more than 20,000 Web surfers since it was inaugurated.

"The conundrum with which we are faced," explained Sommer, "is that despite how it looks on TV, it is no less safe, nor less appealing, to travel in Israel now than it was before Sept. 29, [2000], and we believe that this revolutionary advertising campaign will help us transmit that message."

Tel Aviv Hosts International Israel Food Shows

World famous Chef Paul Prudhomme heats up the skillet for a cooking demonstration as a crowd begins to gather in the Seven Stars Supermarket at the seaside city of Herzliya, Israel. Star Chef Prudhomme was the guest of honor at the sold-out international IsraFood Show held in the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds last month, after which he toured throughout Israel together with a group of culinary colleagues.

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Blue Cross Offers \$1,000 Scholarships

To encourage teen-agers to educate themselves and their peers about health-related issues, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island and BlueCHIP are offering six scholarships to Rhode Island secondary school students interested in writing about health care. Students will write articles for the plan's quarterly publication *Health Care Directions*, and a \$1,000 grant award be awarded to each student who successfully completes the project. The scholarships will be used toward their college education.

Health Care Directions is a full-color publication that reaches 280,000 households in Rhode Island. The free magazine is also available at all CVS/Pharmacy stores in Rhode Island and participating physicians' offices.

Selected students will have the unique opportunity to work with Blue Cross' editorial staff on all aspects of *Health Care Directions*. Students will attend editorial meetings, help decide on content, write health-related articles, and prepare their work for publication.

Students who wish to apply must submit a letter of intent along with two writing samples to Mary Sward, project manager, *Health Care Directions*, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, 444 Westminster St., Providence, R.I. 02903-3279. Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Feb. 2. Selected students will be notified by Feb. 9.

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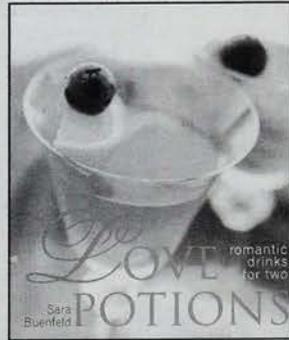


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