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University Assesses Influences on The Coming Election

Arafat Backed Taba Talks to Influence Israeli Election, Says Hebrew University Professor

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has realized that he would have more to lose if Ariel Sharon were to be elected as Israeli prime minister than if Ehud Barak were to win. To try to influence the Israeli election, Arafat backed the recent peace discussions at Taba, said Professor Amnon Cohen, director of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Harry S Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, at a press briefing held Jan. 28 at the university.

The press briefing was held for the foreign media in Israel to explore the possible consequences arising from the election campaign for prime minister on Feb. 6.

Regarding the possibility of the Israeli-Arab vote influencing the outcome of the race between Barak and Sharon, the speakers agreed that even if there were to be a shift in the current calls for Israeli Arab voters to abstain from voting on Feb. 6, it would not be significant enough to provide the margin for a Barak victory. In the last election in 1999, 97 percent of the Arab vote for prime minister went to Barak, said Dr. Yitzhak Reiter of the Truman

Institute, who is an expert on Arab affairs.

However, the Arab political leaders feel a great sense of disappointment, exclusion and discrimination in their relations with the Barak government, he said, feelings that were greatly exacerbated by the Arab rioting and deaths in Nazareth last October. Even if as many as half of the Arab voters were ultimately to vote for Barak again, he would still have to take 44 percent of the Jewish vote to win, said Reiter.

That kind of Arab support is highly unlikely, since "the Arab political leaders want their protest to be effective," said Reiter, which is why they are calling for Arab voters to stay at home on Feb. 6 or to cast a blank ballot. "They want to shock the left-wing sector," he commented.

Disappointment with Barak is not only felt among the Arabs, but also among Russian immigrant voters, said Professor Gabi Sheffer of the Hebrew University's political science department. These voters also are influenced by feelings of a lack of security, a desire for a strong leader, and hawkish views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, said Sheffer, in explain-

ing why it is expected that many of the immigrants who voted for Barak in 1999 will shift their vote to Sharon this time.

The recent U.S. elections will also play a role in U.S.-Israel relations. Sheffer noted that the new U.S. administration has a number of people with broad experience in the Middle East. He thought that generally, there would not be a major shift in U.S. policy, other than a possible greater emphasis on improving relations with the Gulf oil-producing states. This would not necessarily adversely affect U.S.-Israel relations, said Sheffer.

Gadi Wolfsfeld, professor of political science and communications, noted that Barak has not been successful in trying to change the political agenda for the election campaign by trying to focus on the peace process. Sharon, on the other hand, has been relatively successful in running a "quiet" campaign, stressing peace and security while trying not to anger the Right, nor to scare off the center, he said.

Founded in 1965, the Hebrew University's Harry S Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace is the oldest peace institute in the Middle East.



A Musical Night Filled With Hope and Justice

by Luke O'Neill
Herald Editor

Seemingly countless cars lined Morris Avenue and Sessions Street on the East Side last Saturday night. And even more people gathered inside Temple Emanu-El for a special interfaith singing concert. The annual community event, "Songs of Freedom and Justice," sponsored by the Historic Congdon Street Baptist Church and the Temple Emanu-El Social Action Committee, is held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The end of the concert, pictured above, had everyone in attendance hold hands and sing "We Shall Overcome." Pictured is special guest and storyteller Len Cabral, Judy

Kaye, the Rev. Theodore Wilson and Rabbi Wayne Franklin.

Young, old, black and white audience members came together in a remarkable display of community togetherness, freedom and justice. Commenting on the special nature of the interfaith concert in his brief remarks, Rev. Wilson said with a smile, "Rabbi Jesus would be very pleased." The reverend went on to say that Jews, Christians, blacks and whites and the entire community can walk hand in hand together, helping and hoping with one another.

Several local (and very talented) musical groups per-

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Israel's Economy and The Intifada

Renowned Israeli
Economist Gives
His Perspective
by Jon Rubin
Assistant Editor

Although the day-to-day terrorist and counter-terrorist activities in Israel regularly make international headlines, far less is publicly known about the important economic effects of the crisis. For assistance on this matter, I contacted Shlomo Maital, an internationally renowned economist and the academic director of the Technion Institute of Management and professor of international economics and finance at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Maital currently lives in Israel, and we corresponded via e-mail.

First, a broad overview: For a country as young and as small as Israel, it is generally doing very well in economic terms, ranking 119th out of 175 countries in terms of gross national product. From the years 1990 to 1998, its GDP grew at a rate of

5.4 percent per year. Israel is largely a service-based economy like the United States (67 percent of its GDP is service-based, which includes tourism), with manufacturing, mining and agriculture rounding out the other industries.

Previously, Israel's economic picture had been fantastic. In the year 2000, about \$3 billion worth of capital flowed into Israel, three times more than the previous year. Israel had \$36 billion of exports per year. Its agricultural exports have been declining in recent years, however, and its traditional diamond business is not really impacting the economy very much, since Israel now imports the same amount that it exports. Israel also produces clothing and leather products in addition to the mining of minerals.

The effects of the intifada dramatically affected Israel's booming economy, Maital said, although a portion of the damage done was caused by a "deflationary process stemming

from high real interest rates." Whatever the cause, Israel's fourth quarter in 2000 was disappointing. From October to November last year, outside investment dropped from \$250 million to \$125 million. This was unfortunate, but not unforeseen; all of Israel's high-tech businesses are aware that foreign investors are less likely to put forth money and intellectual capital into an unstable environment. "The main impact of this conflict," Maital said, "is that it delays Israel's full and complete integration with global markets."

The tourist industry is the major loser in this conflict. "I'm afraid that the tourist industry was caught napping," Maital said. "It's very sad, and there are many very expensive hotels that are largely empty." Most of the layoffs have been from the tourist industry. Many travelers returning from Israel note with dismay how many of its boardwalks and main streets are devoid of guests and tourists. He

estimates the industry has lost 80 percent of its business already.

Both Israelis and Palestinians alike are affected by the crisis. In fact, since the Palestinian economy is highly dependent on Israel (the Palestinian Authority receives a third of its GDP from its 120,000 workers in Israel), the PA will suffer far greater setbacks. Per capita income has dropped an estimated 30 percent in the PA since the crisis began, and West Bank sales of cheap goods to Israeli settlers has dropped by hundreds of millions of dollars in annual sales.

Israel exports 2.4 billion New Israeli Shekel's worth of goods to the West Bank and Gaza (4.14 NIS = \$1 U.S.), but this represents only 1.2 percent of its total exports. Maital remarked that because Israel has been practically at war with the PA, it would normally be customary to cut off economic ties with them until the conflict was resolved. The PA would lose 30 to

35 percent of its GDP if Israel were to sever ties. However, Maital also remarked that it is unlikely that the wealthy Palestinian leadership would be swayed at all by the "economic suffering of their people." He remarked, however, that there are signs that this attitude is changing.

Israeli Bonds have always been one of the main ways American Jews have supported Israel. Maital said that Israel Bonds were crucial to supporting Israel's infrastructure during the first few decades of its existence. He remarked that more bonds will have to be sold to pay off interest on bonds that are now maturing. Bond sales have been declining recently, he said, and have been replaced by venture capital instead. He remarked that the Bank of Israel is slowly lowering interest rates, although the next lowering will be a 0.5 percent decrease rather than the 0.2 and 0.3 percent decreases in recent months.

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HAPPENINGS

Entertainment for Children

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

February

- What Color Day.** 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. The museum's Preschool Friday series (Jan. 26 to March 23) continues as children, ages 3 to 5 think pink! Mold a pretty pink playdough present and sip a pink drink. Each session is 20 minutes long. Pre-registration is recommended for this popular series. Call 273-KIDS, ext. 234 for enrollment information. There may be space available for walk-in registration for individual sessions. There is a \$1 fee above the price of admission for walk-in registration. Check at the admissions desk.
- Miles of Smiles.** 1 to 3 p.m. February is Dental Health Month! Kids age 3 and up join local dentists and see how to fill a cavity and put sealant on teeth. Meet the Tooth Fairy!
- Free First Sunday.** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Families visit the museum for free all day! From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up climb in a real dentist's chair and learn all about visiting the dentist with guests from the community outreach group "Providence Smiles." Meet the Tooth Fairy!
- Museum Closed.**
- Play & Learn.** 1 to 2:30 p.m. Preschoolers ages 2 to 4 play games and explore the nooks and crannies of Littlewoods.
- Tooth Boxes.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Celebrate Dental Health Month! Children age 5 and up decorate tiny boxes to leave a treasure for the Tooth Fairy.
- Lacy Valentines.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Make a fancy, old-fashioned Valentine out of delicate paper and lace! Kids age 7 and up create a beautiful card for a loved one.

Cranston Senior Guild to Meet

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. Nancy Berman, president, will preside.

Claire Ernstof, vice president for programming, has arranged for an inspiring speaker: Susan Leach DeBlasio, who has a most impressive background practicing law, has most of her expertise in advising medical professionals and health-care institutions. She has had the honor of being the second woman president of the Rhode Island Bar Association and the first woman president of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation.

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Calendar: February 1 Through February 8

- "Reflections"** exhibit at the Bannister Gallery of Rhode Island College starts Feb. 1 and goes to the 24. Free admission. Opening reception is Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Exhibit features works by former faculty of the RIC art department.
- Ground Hog Day Winter Census** — in an age-old tradition, the winter residents of Block Island converge by a fire to have their official head count estimated during the cold month of February. Samuel Peckham Inn, Block Island. Call 466-5200.
"The Piano Lesson" at Trinity Repertory Theatre, 201 Washington St., Providence, Feb. 2 to March 11. Call 351-4242.
Borders Bookstore at Providence Place mall storytime every Friday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. with Miss Susan.
- The Grand Victorian Ball**, 7 to 10 p.m. An evening of 1890s dance and entertainment. Period style dress or attire recommended. The Astors Beechwood Mansion, 580 Bellevue Ave., Newport. Call 846-3772.
Rose Island Seal Watching Tours. Bundle up, bring your binoculars and cameras and enjoy a one-hour harbor tour viewing seals in their natural winter habitat. Departs from Goat Island Marina, Newport, Feb. 3, 4 and 17 to 24. Call 847-4242 for times.
K&S Ballroom Dance at MacKenzie Center, 1337 Centre St., Newton, Mass. Complimentary cha cha dance lesson from 7 to 8 p.m. Dancing 8 to midnight with complimentary food and beverage. Smoke free, \$10 per person, couples/singles welcome. Call 821-4108.
Jazzapella Night, a musical fund-raiser hosted by Camp Yavneh, will be held at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, Chestnut Hill. Tickets are \$25. Call (617) 739-0363.
- Brown University men's hockey** versus Colgate at 7 p.m. at Meehan Auditorium, corner of Hope Street and Lloyd Avenue on the East Side.
New Jewish Cuisine 108 "Soups" at 4:30 p.m. on Channel 36 WSBE. Recipes include mushroom barley soup, lentil soup, stuffed cabbage soup.
- New Members Show**, Feb. 4 to 25, Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.; closed Monday and holidays. Rhode Island Watercolor Society Gallery, Slater Memorial, Armistice Boulevard, Pawtucket. Call 726-1876.
Noam Zion speaks on "The Politics of Passover: The Four Children in Art and Midrash" at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. See the *Jewish Herald's* Jewish Community pages for more information.
Temple Beth-El Sisterhood in Providence kicks off its film series at 2 p.m. in the temple's meeting hall at 70 Orchard Ave. Refreshments will be served and films are free and open to the public. The Feb. 4 movie is "Jumpin' Night in the Garden of Eden" with Klezmer music and discussion with Cantor Judith Seplovin.
- New England Institute of Technology** in Warwick holds its first "Tech Nite" of the year from 4 to 8 p.m. NEIT is located off Route 95 at exit 13 and one mile south of Green State Airport.
- "Cabaret,"** Feb. 6 to 11 at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence. Call 421-ARTS.
For Your Information lecture series continues at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, with former R.I. Atty. Gen. Jeffrey Pine speaking about "Matters of Public Trust and Confidence" at 1:30 p.m. FYI is a collaboration between the Jewish Seniors Agency and JCCRI.
- Slater Mill Harness Loom Weaving**, Feb. 7 to 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Hoxsie Gallery, 44 Broad St., Westerly. Call 596-2877.
A free, introductory Reiki class will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Women & Infants' Center for Health Education, 1168 G.A.R. Highway in Swansea, Mass. Learn the healing energies and therapeutic touch that can relieve discomfort and stress — but first call (508) 730-1010 to register.
Rabbi DovBer Pinson lectures on Reincarnation and Judaism at 7:15 p.m. at the CHAI Center of Chabad of West Bay, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick. Call 732-6559.
Playreading at Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington, at 7 p.m. with Elsa Grieder and "Isn't It Romantic" by Wendy Wasserstein. Call 247-1920.
- Winter Film Series**, 6 p.m. with "Babette's Feast," Best Foreign Film, 1987. Rosecliff, Bellevue Avenue, Newport. Call 847-1000, ext. 154.
Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, holds an opening reception for its new exhibit for the month. Reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. Show runs from Feb. 5 to 28.

Lazy Sunday Story Hour Comes Alive

On Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Books on the Square on the East Side hosts Nudging The Imagination as Steven Krasner tickles your funny bone with a fun-filled and highly interactive workshop where he shares one of his favorite stories and leads us through to the creation of a story all our own.

For more information, call Books on the Square at 331-9097.

North American Home Show Opens in Boston

The 22nd annual North American Home Show opens its doors Feb. 3 and runs through Feb. 11 at Bayside Expo Center, Boston, Mass.

Tour the fully furnished model home; view landscaping by Modern Landscaping; see the latest in appliances, kitchens, bath designs, windows, doors, swimming pools, furniture, and much more.

The North American Home Show is a great place to start planning those spring projects. Talk to the experts, compare products and services, and get some great ideas for your home improvements.

Show hours are Monday through Friday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bayside Expo Center is located off exit 15 on Route 93. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 (children under 6 are free). Call (800) 225-1577 for more information.

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On Leadership and Moral Authority Have Compassion

by State Rep.

David N. Cicilline
(D-Providence) districts 4 and 5

Change, for a single person, an institution, a city or a nation, brings with it opportunities for self-examination and renewal. Neither quality was evident in City Hall on Jan. 2 and 3.

Throughout two lengthy press conferences in which we learned of the changing of the guard at the top of the Providence Police Department, neither Mayor Vincent Cianci, Public Safety Commissioner John Partington, outgoing Chief Urbano Prignano, nor Colonel-designate Richard Sullivan uttered a meaningful word about the serious problems that plague the PPD.

Alleged corrupt promotion and assignment practices, the mistrust and overt hostility that characterize police/community relations in too many neighborhoods, rogue behavior by bad-apple officers whose horrific actions taint the good names of their colleagues and, perhaps most tellingly, officers' lack of confidence in their chief and the system that elevated him to that office, apparently were not considered worthy of mention by those from whom we expect enlightened leadership and ethical example.

Instead, all we got were symptoms of denial: tired platitudes, misleading statistics, skewed priorities and empty reassurances: The PPD is the country's finest. Crime rates are down. Let's get the media off our backs now. Trust us.

Deafening silence remains the Cianci administration's official response to crises within the PPD in particular, and to the investigations, indictments and convictions of the ongoing Operation Plunderdome in general. Here is the question most central to our predicament: To whom can police officers, city

employees and indeed, all citizens of Providence look for leadership empowered by moral authority?

Under the best of circumstances it would be unfair to pile on the next chief (interim or otherwise) or second-guess the mayor. Colonel-designate Sullivan deserves a chance to demonstrate his fitness for the job. Mayor Cianci's sense that the PPD could not function leaderless through lengthy search and confirmation processes was on-target. But these are hardly good times.

Allow me, then, to be specific not only in terms of enumerating many of the problems facing our city, but also about solutions as I currently see them.

Ours is not the best police department in America. It can be. Improvement begins at the top, so now more than ever our new chief must be politically independent. He or she must be an experienced leader whose record strongly suggests the ability to deal effectively with difficulties the likes of which currently plague the PPD.

The new chief must understand that the community can be a law enforcement ally rather than an adversary. The people's lack of trust in the PPD must be acknowledged. A wary, uncooperative citizenry hinders the effectiveness of its police. The new chief must mend the department's relations with all the people of our city. Community policing must no longer be the province of a special unit, but rather a governing departmental principle.

The roles and needs of our police are changing, too. Along with new cars and computers and enhanced firepower, the new chief must provide sensitivity training, family counseling, financial management advice and other necessary professional and social services to his

or her officers. If the PPD is to deal effectively with the realities of 21st century law enforcement, if it is to perform to the highest contemporary standards as established and refined by admired departments nationwide, then the government and citizens of Providence must become "pro-cop" in the best sense of that term.

The Providence Police Department is comprised of 459 officers. The overwhelming majority of these men and women are honest, competent and hard-working — in spite of the dearth of moral authority at the highest levels of civilian leadership. They are deserving of our respect. It is just wrong to "profile" a person because of the uniform he or she wears as it is to engage in racial stereotyping.

But bad cops exist, and the PPD must weed them out and never hire another. In Providence today, rogue officers do not fear retribution from leadership. The best police department in America would not allow one of its officers who assaulted a journalist to go unpunished, let alone to be put back on the street only to be accused subsequently of committing a similar act.

If our police officers are to operate from a position of moral authority, they must first demonstrate, individually and collectively, moral behavior. Their department must insist upon nothing less. I strongly favor the creation of a civilian review board to address complaints of police misconduct and, in appropriate instances, recommend punishment.

I urge state legislators, the Providence City Council, community action groups and the Fraternal Order of Police to support the creation and refinement of an entity with the working

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To the Editor:

I'm in Florida and just read Wally Spiegler's interesting columns about a mensch and a perfect world (Jan. 4 and Jan. 11). I believe both subjects are closely related, in fact they both boil down to one word: compassion. I'll give one example. Not long ago I rushed back to Rhode Island for my wife's funeral and when my daughter saw me she told me I must get a haircut. So my son-in-law rushed me to a place open on Sunday, not his regular shop. The hairdresser did a very good job, but I told her I wouldn't come back again — quickly explaining the circumstances. I did not want her wondering why I never would be back. Be compassionate — it's so easy to do!

Not being a very observant Jew and risking the label of being called self-righteous, I'm beginning to believe the soul is actually a form of electrical energy — a force that we do not yet comprehend. Each religion truly believes their path is correct, and most follow the concept of one G-d. I also understand that rituals are necessary to maintain a cohesion and discipline among the earth's inhabitants. Want a more perfect world? Just be a mensch — and have compassion for everyone you meet.

Leon Sloane

Boynton Beach, Fla. and Narragansett, R.I.

JCPA Condemns U.S. Attorney for Tarring Jews as Potential Criminals

Hannah Rosenthal, executive director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, issued the following statement Jan. 26 in response to reported comments by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Landis in a letter sent to then President Clinton on Jan. 16, four days before Clinton commuted the sentences of Benjamin Berger, Jacob Elbaum, David Goldstein and Kalmen Stern:

"The Jewish Council for Public Affairs is appalled that Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Landis would stoop to tarring an entire religious community, in an effort to stop a possible presidential action. Although JCPA takes no position on the merits of former President Clinton's decision to commute the sentences of four Jewish men convicted of stealing \$40 million in U.S. government funds, we believe that Landis crossed the line when she argued in a letter to President Clinton that a pardon or com-

mutation would 'send a message to that worldwide community that its pursuit of its own religious customs justifies fraud against the government regardless of its magnitude.'

"Landis' suggestion that Hasidic Jews will break the law to pursue religious customs is offensive to the entire Jewish community.

"While Deborah Landis may not have intended to tar the Jewish community as potential criminals, all of us, especially those who work in law enforcement and the legal community, must be vigilant in our efforts not to stereotype, smear, or misrepresent a whole group or even a minority part of it in order to achieve a means to an end."

JCPA is the public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community that serves as the national coordinating and advisory body for the 13 national and 123 local agencies comprising the field of Jewish community relations.

Say It Again

It's a common experience that even those who don't have any religious conviction can suddenly find faith when thrust into dire circumstances. This is where we get the deathbed confessions, the prison conversions and the foxhole revelations that make believers out of cynics.

But it does raise the question of why everyone else does not see things as we do. Why are they immune to the wonders of the world, the miracles that inform our existence, the blessings that inhabit each person's life? Why do they have to be victims of their own vulnerability before they call on the intercession of G-d?

Could it be that G-d speaks selectively, and that only some of us get the message? No, it couldn't be that. Here's what it is: He needs those of us who are hearing Him to help deliver the message to others. Not everyone gets it right away, so we have to be part of the communications team.

Last week's portion, Va'eira, begins with G-d saying to Moses, "I am the L-rd, and I appeared

unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as G-d Alm-ghty, but by My name Ad-nai I made me not known to them."

How can this be? Here is the One who has performed countless miracles, influenced our forebears to establish Judaism on earth, promised that He will free the Jews from bondage in Egypt, and yet He is telling Moses that there are ways in which He has not yet been known?

One explanation of this passage is that He is sealing the

and that each person experiences this uniquely. It is his task, and ours as well, to find the way to help others see the L-rd and understand His word. This prefigures the rest of the portion, in which Pharaoh seems to accept the word of the L-rd over and over, yet keeps changing his mind about freeing the slaves. His heart is "hard" and "stubborn," as Torah says. But isn't that true of everyone? We all have a hard or stubborn spot that refuses to accept what our soul is telling us.

That's why we have not done our job by merely passing on the word of the L-rd once, or twice, or weekly, or daily. Those of us with the good fortune to know our blessings have to free the spirit of those who don't

by living our lives in Torah. When G-d says to Moses "I am the L-rd," He is not telling Moses something new: He is telling Moses to tell others something new. And to keep saying it until they understand.

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

Torah Today

covenant — telling Moses that the possession of Canaan, where a great nation would be established, is finally at hand. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew of this in principle, and now Moses would lead the people to the reality.

But there is more (isn't there always?) Moses is being made to understand that there is always a new way to know G-d,

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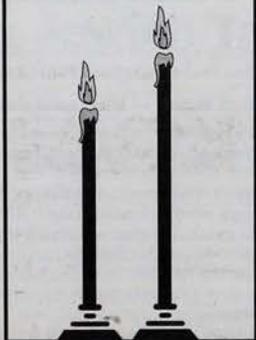
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JEWISH COMMUNITY

More Local Students Honored as Feinstein Scholars

The Jan. 18 issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* featured three local Jewish students who were honored as Feinstein scholars. Pictures of the students and their inspirational essays were featured.

If a student, a high school senior, attends a college or university in Rhode Island, the student will receive a scholarship for \$8,000 to commend the scholar's dedication to public service and for personally trying to make a difference in the world. All students will receive \$2,000 upon graduation. Thirty-five high school seniors are recognized from the Class of 2001.

This week, the *Jewish Herald* features two more local Jewish students — Adam Deitch, a Lincoln High School student who lives in Lincoln and Lori Wilfand, a Toll Gate High School student who lives in Warwick. Both Adam and Lori were also honored as Feinstein scholars and their essays, which were submitted as part of the scholarship application, appear in this week's *Jewish Herald*. Enjoy.

by Adam Deitch

As the founder, organizer, and current director of my school's community service program, CAST (Community Action and Service Team), at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, R.I., I have had the opportunity to have a great impact on people from across the state. The purpose of the organization is to offer numerous opportunities for students to perform community service. In its first year in existence, more than 100 student volunteers have compiled more than 1,000 aggregate hours of service.

Events at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, "Vol-

unteers in Providence Schools," the Lincoln Animal Shelter, ornament making before the holidays, and a townwide "Wellness Fair" are just a few of the many ways this organization is making a difference in the community.

Personally, I have performed extensive service at the Food Bank, volunteered at inner-city libraries tutoring elementary school and middle school-aged children, worked at the townwide Wellness Fair targeting the town's youth in drug, fire, and crime prevention and tutor a student on Jewish-related topics weekly.

The greatest reward for me is when I see the recipients of the service benefiting from the CAST events. Community service is the bridge which connects the problems of today with the successes of tomorrow. Performing service myself and inspiring others to do so is how I have an impact on my community. The students receiving help with their homework, the families that get that extra meal, and the elementary school stu-

dents being alerted to the common dangers of the world are just a few of the many ways my CAST group is impacting the town and the state.

As a result of the exponential growth of this program from day one, I was nominated and later selected to serve on the state-wide Youth in Philanthropy Board. This group, co-sponsored by Alan Shawn Feinstein and the Rhode Island Foundation, is in charge of making grant recommendations for awards to youth-oriented organizations around the state. Seeing philanthropy through the grant-reviewing process was an invaluable and enriching experience.

The CAST program's success has also paved the way for many students to achieve their required service hours for church or school. These students then go above and beyond their required hours because they find satisfaction in the knowledge that they are bettering the lives of others. It is this satisfaction that serves as the impetus for my ongoing commitment to serve my school and community.

Next year I plan to expand the CAST program to many other high schools. This summer I am meeting with school officials in regard to my proposed community service conference, in which representatives from all Rhode Island high schools will be invited to learn about the need for and the process of establishing a high school community service program.

I would love to be a Feinstein scholar because I feel the characteristics required to achieve such an honor — brotherhood, compassion, integrity, leadership, and philanthropy — are the quintessential attributes I strive to embrace every day.

by Lori Wilfand

As a committed volunteer, dedicated teacher, and loving sister of a person with a disability I recognize how important it is to help those in need and do everything in one's power to enhance the lives of others. It is always rewarding to watch the response or see the ecstatic reaction of the person that I had just interacted with, whether the betterment of their life was through playing a game, engaging in conversation, or teaching a new skill.

I will never forget the looks on the faces of the girls on the Trudeau Tiger Cheerleading Squad after the Special Olym-

prise of myself and the other coach, a representative from SORI came over to the girls and handed each one their own medal. One girl, Janet, ran up to me to show me her medal. She nearly bowled me over with the hug that she gave me after proudly showing her medallion in my face. That was a moment that made me very proud, not only of the squad for all of their hard work throughout the basketball season, but also of my efforts which had affected the lives of these girls.

I hope to further my service to others and expand the compassion that I possess beyond the Trudeau Center and Special Olympics. I intend to live a life that exemplifies my drive and desire to help others. There are so many avenues that one can travel down in life and I chose one of dedication and community service to something that I am passionate about — those with disabilities.

I feel that my self-confidence has been boosted and my ability to speak in front of and to people that I do not know has been greatly enhanced. I now believe that I am capable of doing much more than I ever imagined in relation to taking control and being a leader of a group regardless of the size or purpose. My experience as a coach and a chaperone has greatly enhanced qualities within myself that I can in turn use to my advantage in helping others.

I want to be a Feinstein Scholar because the recognition that I would receive would draw attention to the fact that there is a strong need for people to become involved with those with disabilities and better the life of somebody else, but also their own.



Lori Wilfand

pics Rhode Island basketball tournament. All day, the girls had cheered their hardest and had so much fun. It was hard for them, however, because they were the only squad in the state and the responses to their presence were varied. At the end of the day, the medals were awarded to the teams in the order of their placement in the tournaments. Much to the sur-



Adam Deitch

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club — Jazzes It Up

The Sunday meeting of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will be held Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. The guest speaker for the afternoon will be William Miles. He will speak on "The New Jewish Jazz."

As a youth, Miles was a first place winner of the National Bible Contest, and went on to represent North America in the International Bible Contest in Israel. He is now the Stotsky professor of Jewish historical and cultural studies at Northeastern University, a position which he has held since 1998. Miles is also a professor of political science. Author of six books and the recipient of four Fulbrights, he specializes in questions of ethnic identity and culture.

Miles has conducted field work in such varied settings as French-speaking islands in the Caribbean, South Pacific and Indian Ocean, Black Muslim villages in West Africa and Reform Jewish kibbutzim in the Negev Desert. During his last sabbatical, he and his family spent six months at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. A member of Temple Emanu-El with his wife Loiza, the Mileses have a son in kitah vav of the religious school and a daughter in midrasha.

Mazel Tov

It's A Boy

With grateful thanks to G-d on the birth of a baby boy to Rabbi Yossi and Shoshannah Laufer. The brit-circumcision took place Jan. 28 at the Chabad CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick.

Brit Milah — Circumcision

1. Why do we have a bris? Baby boys enter into the covenant with G-d the way Avraham did more than 4,000 years ago, through a circumcision. The bris is a physical reminder of our connection with G-d.
2. Is it a mitzvah? Yes. In the Torah it is written: "At the age of eight days, every male among you throughout the generations shall be circumcised." (Genesis 17:12)
3. When is it performed? A bris milah is performed on (or after) the eighth day after the baby is born. The commandment is so important that the ceremony takes place even if the eighth day is Shabbat or Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year.
4. Who performs the bris? An observant person who is properly trained both medically and in the Jewish laws of circumcision.
5. Why the covenant? So that Jews everywhere, in all times and places, are bound to G-d through this mitzvah, as one people.
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The Trees Are Having a Birthday!

The Jewish environmental festival called Tu Bishvat falls on Feb. 8. Literally the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, Tu Bishvat is often called the Jewish Arbor Day or the new year for the trees.

Once a nature festival of Jewish peasants, this holiday draws our attention to two commandments related to the land: one requiring farmers to give away a tithe (one tenth) of all crops grown during a given year, the other prohibiting people from eating the fruit of a tree until the fourth year after planting. Both mark time for nature and for trees, and the day evolved into a religious birthday celebration and a harbinger of spring. It remains one of the minor Jewish holidays.

Celebrating Tu Bishvat Today

- The focus is on the environment both locally and in Israel. Planting trees in Israel is a popular custom, especially for children.

- We eat foods and fruits grown in Israel, especially carob, nuts, raisins, figs and almonds. Kabbalistic tradition assigns a variety of meanings to the different fruits we eat, from levels of creation to categories of interpersonal relations.

- The Tu Bishvat seder, originated in the 16th century by a group of Jewish mystics in Safed, has gained in popularity recently. It involves eating fruits, drinking four cups of wine and reciting certain biblical verses.

The Promise of Tu Bishvat

by Johanna Ginsberg

This year it's going to be different. As a child of the 70s growing up in Brooklyn I had no deep religious or spiritual connection with Tu Bishvat. There were no rituals. Sure, we "planted" trees in Israel. But the real annual ritual was deciding whom to honor with the tree; whose name would appear on the Jewish National Fund certificate (one year, my Hebrew school class bought a tree in honor of the Fonzy). We sang a few Zionist songs; we received baggies filled with dried fruit and a hard, dark, tasteless, impossible-to-eat substance they called "bokser" — as if naming it explained everything — and

we went home. Why were the trees having a birthday? Why in the middle of winter when snow covers bare branches? What did this holiday have to do with the indoor Judaism of my childhood neighborhood and the shtetl of generations past? And how did Israel fit into it all?

This year, finally, it's going to be different. Now I live with my husband and two young children on the edge of a nature preserve. Trees abound. Our Shabbat walks inevitably lead to quiet awe at G-d's creation. My

came a harbinger of spring. In the Diaspora, especially in the 20th century, it became a day to celebrate our connection to the land of Israel. And over the last few decades, Tu Bishvat has taken on ecological overtones, returning in a way to its agricultural roots.

Earlier this year, around the time of my son's birthday, we planted the cedar tree we had intended to plant at his birth. At Tu Bishvat, we're going to celebrate his tree with a special ceremony. We'll offer some berakhot (blessings) and we'll

The following recipes are from Chef Dvora Buhr's Tu Bishvat kitchen. Buhr, a student in the JTS's H.L. Miller Cantorial School, is also an award-winning, certified pastry chef with a specialty in chocolate and candy production.

Candied Clementines

1 dozen clementines, unpeeled
(washed with top stem removed)
4 cups sugar
3 cups water
Pierce oranges with knife or

or sugar. Serve at room temperature as a treat with coffee or tea. Store in airtight container.

Mixed Nut Brittle

2 cups water
4 cups sugar
2 cups corn syrup
2 tsp. salt
4 cups assorted unsalted nuts
(Try walnuts, almonds, pecans, pine nuts, cashews, etc.)
1/4 cup butter
1/2 tsp. baking soda, dissolved in 1 tsp. water

Combine all ingredients except baking soda mixture, butter and nuts and bring to a gentle boil. Boil until candy thermometer reaches 225 to 230 degrees. Add the nuts and continue to stir until the temperature reaches 290 degrees. Remove from heat and add baking soda mixture and butter. Stir until incorporated. Spread on greased baking sheet. Let cool and break into pieces. Store in airtight container.

Spicy Fruit Compote

1 cup prunes
2 cups frozen sweet cherries
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup dried apricots
1 cup dried cherries
2 cups sugar
2 cups wine (or grape juice)
2 cups apple or orange juice
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. allspice
1/8 tsp. black pepper

Put all ingredients in pot except frozen cherries. Simmer over low heat until liquid is absorbed by the dried fruit (about 45 minutes to 1 hour). Add water if the pan becomes dry. After the fruits have plumped up, you may cut them into smaller pieces. Add cherries (with their juice) and continue to simmer until hot and liquid thickens slightly. Remember to keep on low heat, stirring often.

Delicious hot or cold; as a side dish or over ice cream or cake. May be refrigerated up to one month.



PLANTING THE ORANGE GROVE, Jerusalem, circa 1920 from the JTS library postcard collection

Photo by Suzanne Kaufman

2-year-old loves to go hiking to "see the trees decaying" in the woods. Our connection to the land is again palpable. And now we understand, deeply, that while we live in New Jersey, our land is Israel; that while many books fill our shelves, our book is the Torah.

To fulfill certain precepts of the Torah involving agricultural calculations (one requiring farmers to give away a tithe (one tenth) of all crops grown during a given year, the other prohibiting people from eating the fruit of a tree until the fourth year after planting), the rabbis established a new year for the trees on the 15th day of the month of Shevat (this year coinciding with Feb. 8). The rabbis believed that the trees' first fruits were beginning to form at this time, and the festival be-

water the tree. We'll explain that this is the tree's birthday, and my son will sing "Happy Birthday," his favorite song. Instead of birthday cake, we'll eat the fruits that grow in Israel, symbolically celebrating the trees growing there (no bokser, though, which I now know is carob and was used because it was one of the few fruits that could be shipped to Diaspora communities from Israel without risking spoilage). And my son and his tree will grow up together. The promise of the land, the promise of Israel and the promise of my son will be forever intertwined. And the gift of Tu Bishvat will not be lost on him.

Johanna Ginsberg is publications director at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

toothpick eight to 10 times. Combine sugar and water in a deep pot. Place clementines in this mixture and cover. Bring to gentle boil over medium heat taking care not to boil over. To prevent the mixture from foaming over, add 1 tsp. oil. Continue to simmer clementines for 1 1/2 hours until translucent. The syrup should thicken but must not caramelize. If the mixture becomes too thick, add additional water.

Recipe may be varied by adding cinnamon stick, cloves

Area Businesses to Host Early Morning Jewish Text Study

Torah study, biblical explorations and Jewish approaches to contemporary social issues are among the topics to be explored in a unique array of early morning study groups to be held at area workplaces beginning in late February. Hebrew College's Center for Adult Jewish Learning in collaboration with Combined Jewish Philanthropies is sponsoring the eight-session classes.

One of the series highlights is a course with Rabbi Moshe Waldoks entitled "The Language of Truth: Exploring the Weekly Torah Portion with Mystical Commentary." Rabbi

Waldoks will teach at Solomont Bailis Ventures in Newton Corner, examining the texts through the lens of one of Polish Hasidism's last great masters, Rabbi Yehudah Alter, using Professor Arthur Green's translations of Rabbi Alter's mystical commentary.

At Needham's Interface Group, Rabbi Alan Ullman will teach "Sacred Words to Live By." Dr. Gilbert S. Rosenthal will offer "Reading the Prophet Hosea: From Suffering to Reconciliation" at Boston's Children's Hospital. At Foley, Hoag, and Eliot (in Boston's Financial District), Dr. Yohanan

Petrovsky-Shtern's class will explore "Reading the Book of Job: On Good and Evil in the Jewish Tradition." Finally, "Mining the Rabbinic Tradition: Jewish Approaches to Contemporary Social Issues" is the subject of Rabbi Aryeh Klapper's course at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

These special learning opportunities, open to participants of all backgrounds and knowledge levels, begin the week of Feb. 26 and run from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. (Note: The Waldoks course runs from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.) Tuition is \$195. For further details, contact Lina Reznikov at (617) 278-4939.

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Brandeis University Launches New Dual Degree

Beginning this June, Brandeis will offer a new graduate-level dual degree — a master of business administration from the Heller Graduate School and a master of arts from the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service.

"As Jewish agencies nationwide face an increasingly complex environment, we need to ensure that our next generation of professionals is prepared to create innovative and effective organizations," said John Ruskay, executive vice president and CEO of UJA Federation of New York. "They must have the perspective of top business leaders and an intimate knowledge of our community's needs. Brandeis's new dual degree offering provides this powerful combination of cutting-edge skills and values-based orientation."

The new program will complement the nationally recognized dual master of management and MA in Jewish Communal Services degree program offered by Heller and the Hornstein program. While the MM/MA degree prepares individuals for leadership positions in community-based Jewish service organizations, the MBA/MA degree will provide students with the skills to be effective managers in large, multi-site Jewish service agencies.

"Students enrolled in the MBA program will learn how to design and deploy new managerial strategies and how to develop and implement strong financial management strategies aimed at improving service delivery," according to Jon Chilingierian, director of Heller's MBA and master of management program. "What makes this program unique is the progressive curriculum that is designed to educate individuals who will take the lead and create innovative and effective organizations."

The Hornstein Program has been preparing professionals for leadership roles in the Jewish community for more than 30 years. Susan Shevitz, program director and professor says, "Our program is rooted in our core belief that highly skilled professionals, well-versed in the key concerns of contemporary Jewish life, are the best candidates to shape the future of the Jewish community. A dual degree with the Heller School's MBA program will only strengthen our mission."

The MBA/MA dual degree program spans 27 months, and includes 27 core courses, a team consulting project, a seminar in Israel and two academic years of fieldwork experience in Boston-area Jewish organizations.

Rabbi Blake Discusses The Effects of Secular Government on Jews

How Will It Be This Time Under Bush?

by Jon Rubin
Assistant Editor

A lot of people seem to be asking: How will President George W. Bush affect the Jewish people? Rather than debate this thorny question outright, Rabbi Jonathan Blake of Temple Beth-El in Providence chose instead to focus on the history of Jewish philosophy concerning non-Jewish leaders. He met members of Perspectives, Rhode Island's Jewish Young Adult Project, in the Sarah Doyle Center on Jan. 25. To best illustrate his point, he brought with him some old Jewish maxims and put them under close scrutiny to test their relevance for today.

The effecting ruling powers has on the Jewish people has always been a deciding factor in the way that Jews vote. A nice generalization is to say that because Jews are a minority, they tend to vote for Democratic representatives, due to the Democratic tendency to concern themselves with the more marginalized in society.

Rabbi Blake presented those gathered with a list of midrashim. Midrashim are a collection of Rabbinic literature, folk-tales and parables that seeks to interpret Torah and other Jewish writings. They illuminate by giving background information to already familiar characters, or by simply creating a scenario that helps illustrate a point. "Midrash is the art of filling in gaps," Rabbi Blake said.

Don't think you know any midrashim? You probably know more than you think. Rabbi Blake brought up the well-known story of Abraham smashing his father's idols as a child, then placing the hammer in the hand of the largest idol and telling his father that it was responsible. When his father said that this was impossible, Abraham asked his father why he bothered to pray to something that is obviously inanimate. Yet this story appears nowhere in the Torah. It's a midrash.

The first midrash looked over was from the Babylonian Talmud, and read, "Samuel said: The law of the land is law." This brought mixed reviews from the audience. One person

claimed that the statement sounded almost "unJewish," in that it seems to give priority to secular law over biblical law. Others brought up the fact that this midrash seems to give legitimacy to all laws, which is not surprising when you consider how law-based Judaism is.

also seems to acknowledge the seductive nature of power. This interpretation seems to clash with another midrash that claims, "Do not become intimate with the ruling power" (Avot 1:9).

Rabbi Blake illustrated that many themes emerge from the sources listed. One major theme declared that the institutions of foreign power that come and go are a mixed blessing for the Jewish people, but are perhaps necessary. It is equally common for Jews to become involved with and interested in the positions of government and influence, but we must resist their corrupting tendencies. The midrash also indicated that successful governing, whether by Jew or non-Jew, is a holy position that should be respected. "R. Eleazer said: Any leader who guides a community gently will merit guiding it in the world-to-come" (B. Sanh 92a).

One of the more interesting parables was this one:

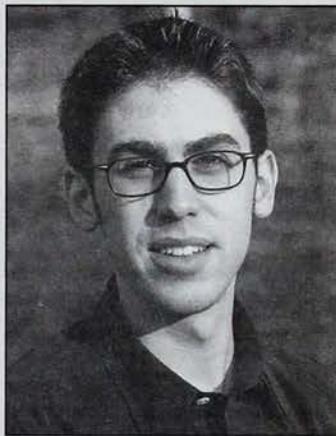
R. Yohanan said in the name of R. Simeon ben Jehozadek: One should not appoint a leader over a community unless he has a basket of reptiles hanging behind him, so that if he becomes arrogant, people may say to him, "Look behind you."

The odd notion of "basket of reptiles" is not actually very odd at all, for today the same concept exists in the well-known phrase "skeletons in the closet." A ruler, then, should not be perfect or without blemish; there is value and humility gained through our mistakes, not to mention crucial experience.

Many Jews today are wary of the Bush presidency, and are apprehensive about the way he might dissolve the barriers between church and state. In voting, most Jews tend to vote on basis of issue rather than the individual. On particular ethical issues, such as gun control, abortion and capital punishment, Jews tend to vote as a group. The newly appointed Republican president believes strongly in many issues that many Jews believe strongly against.

For those who are unsettled by the recent change of events, Rabbi Blake offered the following reminder: Jews have gotten along under far worse conditions than anything we will see over the next four years. In this spirit, Rabbi Blake remarked, "Let challenges to Jewish values become rallying points for the Jewish community."

Perspectives, the Rhode Island Jewish Young Adult Project, is a community of Jewish graduate students and young professionals, both married and single. Perspectives is a project of the Brown-RISD and URI Hillel Foundations and is made possible by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. For more information about Perspectives events, call 863-9357.



Rabbi Jonathan Blake

Another person agreed with Rabbi Blake in saying that it was attitudes like these that allowed Jews to escape destruction countless times. It basically helped keep them out of trouble and to avoid direct conflict with the ruling powers. For most of Jewish history, Rabbi Blake explained, Jews have been under a foreign power. They have had to learn to exist under a secular government and learn when to compromise and when to fight.

For the record, Jewish military confrontations with ruling powers have usually not worked out according to plan; Jews have had a tarnished record with insurrections, with the modern-day liberation of Israel and the redemption of the Maccabees as two rare exceptions. Because of this, it seems like good advice to generally keep quiet and bide our time rather than press our luck as a people.

Because midrashim are not in a single, bound collection and have emerged over time from numerous authors, many are in contention. For example, one midrash says that "A high dignitary took us by the hand, and his [sweet] scent entered our hand" (B. Zev 96b). This seems to indicate a fondness and respect for the ruling powers. It



Storytelling for All Ages

Len Cabral, special guest and storyteller at a Jan. 27 interfaith concert at Temple Emanu-El, sits in the front row the Historic Congdon Street Baptist Church's Youth Choir and watches the Temple Emanu-El Youth Choir, Kol Kesem perform. With a sly style and speaking with hand motions as much as his voice, Cabral told two entertaining stories of perseverance and building friendships.

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I'm Going To Israel — Come With Me!

by Jon Rubin
Assistant Editor

Thanks to generous funding from the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, I will be going to Israel on the huge Community Solidarity Mission from Feb. 25 to March 2. The trip is structured and intense, and I will meet with a huge variety of government officials, military leaders, members of the media and, most importantly, the Israeli people. (Read on for details on how to come along).

And the time could never be more crucial than right now; former President Bill Clinton's peace proposal was an affront to most Israelis — the suggestion to divide Jerusalem was inconceivable! And what are the Israelis to think of us American Jews? It was our very president who suggested this acquiescence. The remnants of this proposal are still lingering. The Israelis need to know that we support them with our thoughts, our contributions, and if possible, with our physical selves as well.

It was about six years ago when I went to Israel on the Young Leadership Program. Back then, I was a totally different Jon. That Jon was a nice kid and all, he had a good head on his shoulders, but he was scared of everything. He hadn't been anywhere and hadn't experienced any culture other than Rhode Island culture. He still didn't have his driver's license at 17, and he liked to have his eyes drag along the streets rather than look anyone in the eye.

Israel was like a spiritual ex-

ploration inside his head, a kaleidoscope of colors, sounds, smells, and emotions that were just emanating out of the ground. He could *feel* Israel, honestly. He remembers the sun-blasted white stones, the 5 a.m. Gadna hikes in the mud, the camp out in the Negev, the sweating, the labyrinthine *shuks*. Granted, he didn't know much of anything about modern Israel, had horrible geography and usually couldn't remember what city he was in most of the time, but he loved every minute. He felt safer in Israel than he had ever felt in his whole life, without a doubt.

I remember going to the Kotel one early morning, crossing through the checkpoint and walking down towards the Wall. People were already there, of course, but there was a lot of space for me. I took a prayer book and walked towards the ancient stones. The Wall is an event all in itself, invisible waves were coming off it, sweating with intensity. It was beyond description. There was a feeling in my ears, a calming silence was growing there inside my head. I was suddenly deep inside myself, as if my consciousness was just this tiny bubble inside the gigantic confines of my body. Time had stopped — I was the only person in Jerusalem. The Wall was calling out to me, the voices of every Jew who had ever stood before it beckoned me closer. And I stood there, barely breathing, leaned forward, put my forehead against the Wall, and I felt the swirling fires of the divine.

I realized a primal truth —

sometimes you need to get away from something to best observe it. So I left Rhode Island, America and myself behind and just lived. Of course, coming home was crushing and painful — I hated having to return to my "old life" — but that is normal after you've been some place that special, to a place like Israel, the very core of the Jewish people. And after the adjustment period, I understood more about who I was and where I wanted to go in life. I didn't exactly gain answers to my questions, but learned which questions were worth asking.

In Israel, the letters of Torah that you have been acquainted

with all your life suddenly take form and come alive. On your left is part of a building commissioned by King Solomon. To your right is an aqueduct that brought water for Jews to drink thousands of years ago. See those people waiting over there on that street corner? They are living in a country that has been wracked with historical conflict, and they wouldn't dream of leaving for the world — because it is their home, and it is our home, too.

And now I'm older. I'm going to be there, again, sooner than later. My geography is still awful, but this time around I'll stare at my maps until they

make sense, and I'll ask people directions. This time around I will engage my Israeli brothers, listen to them, be with them, and do my best to bring their essence back home with me. Soon enough, that El Al plane will come down through the clouds and land in Jerusalem, and everyone will explode into applause. And I will walk down the steps into the warm air. I will bend down low and kiss the ground, and I will feel the ground rise up to meet me.

There still may be spaces available for this trip. Call Janet Engelhart or Michael Balaban at 421-4111.

A Musical Night

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formed, including the Historic Congdon Street Baptist Church's Youth Choir, Gospel Chorus and Senior Choir; Temple Emanu-El's Youth Choir and Choral Club; and Brown University student ensembles Kol B'Yachad and Shades of Brown. Some of the inspirational songs that were sung included "The Lord is my Shepherd," "Our G-d is an Awesome G-d," "Zamru," "Ani V'Ata," "Nachamu," a medley of Negro spirituals, "S'u Sh'arim," and "Amen Shem Nora."

Concert attendants also had the opportunity to sign up for a racial dialogue group sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice, formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

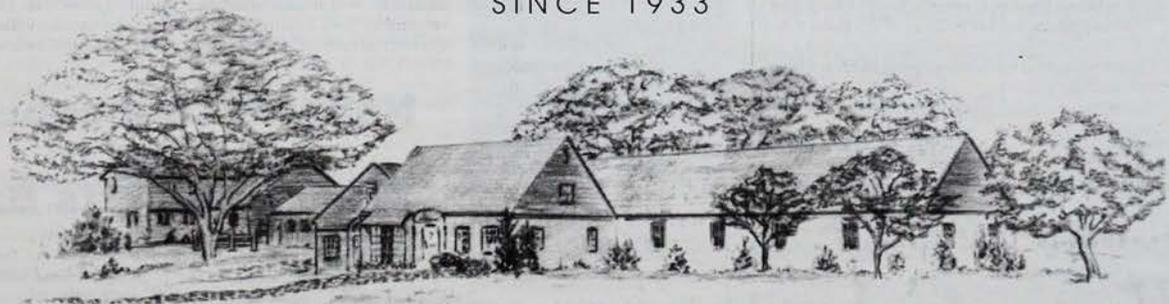


SHADES OF BROWN, a Brown University student ensemble, performed at the Jan. 27 interfaith concert at Temple Emanu-El. The group, which sang a powerful medley of "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around," "Keep Your Eyes on The Prize" and "Stayed on Freedom," received a standing ovation.

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These accumulated monies will cover the significant portion of a trip to Israel making the trip more affordable and a reality for Rhode Island Jewish youth and young adults.

Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard Discusses 'Public vs. Private Judaism'

by Jon Rubin
Assistant Editor

A large crowd gathered to hear Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard from the National Center for Learning and Leadership speak at Congregation Beth Shalom last Monday. CLAL is a Jewish interdenominational cooperative effort which aims to bring members of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox faiths together to discuss Judaism as a complete and nourishing whole. This is the second of many CLAL events between Temple Beth El, Beth Shalom and Temple Emanu-El.

Rabbi Blanchard talked about the differences between the public style of Jewish worship that existed during the time of the holy Temples in Jerusalem, and the more private style of observance that exists today. He described the three main functions of the Temple: as a social meeting and gathering place, as a spot where G-d's spirit can dwell in the midst of his people, and a place for purification and sacrifices. But it was more than that; it was a massive physical justification of Jewish faith, a house of the Lord that people of all faiths could acknowledge.

The second incarnation of the Temple was destroyed on the 9th and 10th days of Av in the year 70 C.E. With the Temple gone, the Jewish way of life was suddenly threatened at

its core. The Temple and the unifying priesthood was destroyed, leaving in its place a frightening void of uncertainty and doubt.

Rabbi Blanchard described four Jewish reactions to this monstrous tragedy. First, there was the feeling that Judaism was now a defunct religion, and many Jews went and converted to other religions. Secondly, they felt they had been con-

by some that the Temple was destroyed as a result of the sins of the Jewish people.

A quote Rabbi Blanchard read from the Babylonian Talmud said that the first Temple was destroyed because of "three [evil sins] which were in it: idolatry, sexual sin, bloodshed." The second Temple, however, had none of these things and was filled with Torah and good deeds. Its downfall according to



RABBI TSVI BLANCHARD from CLAL at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin

quered by a superior force, the Romans, and pledged their allegiance to Rome instead. Thirdly, they felt that without the Temple and its traditions, religion as they knew it was dead, and they became atheists. Last, and most fortunately, they felt that the Temple's destruction heralded a new time of change for the Jewish people, and they replaced the institution of the priestly class with that of the teacher, the rabbi.

Before, the Temple was a physical structure that generated holiness to the entire Jewish world; now Jews had a more difficult job — they had to bring holiness into their own lives. And through this challenge a remarkable era of Jewish renewal was born.

The new age of Judaism involved a meticulous review of historical events and deciphering of the actions of the Jewish people. Various explanations came forth for the Temple's destruction — if it had been destroyed by G-d, then where are the Jews to turn? It was thought

the passage, was caused by the hatred amongst the Jewish people, the fighting and squabbling of a people divided. G-d did not neglect us; we neglected ourselves.

The idea of a beracha, or blessing, also came into fruition. This gave ordinary individuals a remarkable connection to a more spiritual existence that they had never had before. G-d could now be thanked and implored throughout the day as His miracles manifest themselves. Rabbi Blanchard provided a list of 61 different daily berachot that can be recited for a variety of events, both mundane and awesome. There are berachot for rain and for seeing a crowd of Jews, for a new house or for crossing a sea, for awaking in the morning and even for seeing an exotic animal like an elephant or an ape. The purpose is to create a permanent sense of awe and respect for the world around us, to create a more mindful existence to the wonders of creation. This is the Judaism we have today.

Nanette Loebenberg Admitted to Massachusetts Bar

Nanette R. Loebenberg, the daughter of Beverly A. Loebenberg and Theodore F. Loebenberg, both of Providence, has been admitted to the Massachusetts bar. She is an associate at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, PC in Boston, where she practices in the firm's business and finance section.

Previously, Loebenberg was a research assistant for the Federal Legislation Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center, where she focused on medical privacy legislation. Before entering law school, Loebenberg was the national field director for the Israel Policy Forum in Washington, D.C.

Loebenberg graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. from Tufts University in 1995 and earned her master's in public policy in 1997 from Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. At Tufts, Loebenberg was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was a recipient of the Tufts Alumni Association's Senior Award. In 1994, Loebenberg was named a Harry S. Truman Scholar. She received her J.D. cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in 2000.

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Attention Readers

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.

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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.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Chased Schel Amess Installs New President

by Luke O'Neill
Herald Editor

The Chased Schel Amess Association, the non-profit organization consisting mainly of volunteer community leaders responsible for the operation and maintenance of Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick, installed a new president at its 89th annual meeting this past Sunday. Sidney Goldman of Cranston, the association's first vice president for the past two years, was officially installed as the group's new president.

Due to construction at the cemetery facilities, the meeting, election and installation of officers and members of the board of directors took place at Temple Am David in Warwick. The 27-acre Lincoln Park Cemetery is the state's largest Jewish cemetery.

Goldman succeeds Steven Sholes who served two terms as the association's president. In some parting remarks, Sholes said that while he served as president, he found an organization that's "attuned to today's running of a cemetery" and mentioned how he learned "what a cemetery means to the community and how it effects every individual in our community."

Sholes cited some rumors in the community years back about the cemetery possibly closing, but then added that the cemetery has actually expanded its boundaries in the last couple years. Cemetery officials recently purchased 70,000 square feet of land to the north of the main property that would accommodate approximately 1,500 grave sites. The cemetery is in the process of going through zoning procedures for the land for cemetery use with the city of Warwick, Sholes said.

The immediate out-going president also mentioned the association's old office building that was recently demolished and is now being relocated to the adjacent one-story office building which will be handicapped accessible. Sholes thanked the board members and volunteers for their work, saying, "You are here because you care for the deceased that are at Lincoln Park." The association consists mostly of volunteers except for four individuals. Sholes called the group's new president "very dedi-

cated," with whom the association will "have a great two years of service."

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom in Middletown officially installed the board members and officers of the as-

serans of Foreign Wars will be adding a permanent memorial at the cemetery which, he said, "will only enhance this hallowed land."

At-large board members installed were Norman Elman,



CHASED SCHEL AMESS officers are, from left to right, Financial Secretary Susan Vederman, Second Vice President Joel Gerstenblatt, President Sidney Goldman, First Vice President Michael Glucksman, Treasurer Irving Zaidman and outgoing president Steven Sholes.

Herald photo by Luke O'Neill

sociation. "For the past 93 years, this time-honored group has served long and well with devotion and dedication for the needs of our Jewish community," he said.

Rabbi Jagolinzer called the installation "not a conclusion, but rather a commencement" for the association to continue its work.

In some brief remarks, Goldman recognized Sholes and his two years of service as president. Although Goldman has held many board positions, he said, "Never have I seen such a group of dedicated individuals that give so much of themselves with very little recognition. The most interesting part about these individuals is they do it for the good of the Jewish community without thought of personal gain."

Goldman cited the continued undertakings of the association including the development of the land and office building. "I only hope that my administration can bring to completion all these charges that have been passed on to us," he said. "I am sure that we will see other duties added to our list and they will be handled in the proper fashion."

Goldman added that the Vet-

Ross Feinberg, Phillip Geller, Barry Glucksman, Stephan Goldman, Leon Goldstein, Sidney Goldstein, Harry Katzman, Howard Kosofsky, Stephen Kosofsky, Sam Mendelowitz, Arthur Poulten, Ken Resnick, Phillip Rosenfield, new member Mona Scheraga, Ernest Schleifer, Gerald Sherman and Herb Wagner.

Sholes joins five other past presidents of the association as a full voting member of the board of directors. A dozen organizations owning land at the cemetery are also represented on the board.

Braude Lecture Promises 'A Different Night'

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is honored to present distinguished, Israeli author and Shalom Hartman Institute scholar, Noam Zion, to deliver the annual Rabbi William G. Braude Memorial Lecture, entitled "The Politics of Passover: the Four Children in Art and Midrash." The lecture on Feb. 4 will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence.

Rabbi Braude, beloved rabbi of Temple Beth-El from 1930 to 1974, was a leading interpreter of classical Rabbinical literature. Known internationally as the translator of *Sefer Haggadah*, *The Book of Legends*, William Braude has written a superbly annotated translation. According to Chaim Potok, "To have *Book of Legends*, *Sefer Ha-Aggadah* available in English, is to open the entire English reading world — Jew, non-Jew, religionist, secularist — one of the very great creations of humankind: a rich and intricately woven tapestry of tales, homilies, legends and dreams that come to us from the very roots of his imagination. What a treasure!"

Zion is the co-author of *A Different Night: The Family Participation Haggadah*. The Haggadah facilitates a seder that includes not only a lively dialogue among all family members, both children and adults, but one that is equally educational. Because this Haggadah is flexible, seders can

be customized to match the needs and religious commitments of each family on an individual basis.

Most recently Zion and the Shalom Hartman Institute proudly announced the publication of *A Different Light* the sequel to its Haggadah, *A Different Night*. Co-authored with Barbara Spectre, this book about Hanukkah provides families with an enjoyable and educational candlelighting ceremony including games, readings and spiritual meditations and is suitable for families with school children, teens and young adults.

Zion will present a Passover Workshop for Educators entitled "Teaching Holidays and Texts, A Family Approach." Zion will show how Jewish texts can become a drama in which people play creative roles and apply what they learn. The workshop will be held at the BJE/RI on Monday at 7 p.m.

For further information regarding either of the above programs, contact Robin Kauffman or Sharyn Yanku Wilk at the BJE at 331-0956.

If you have an event you would like featured on our Jewish Community Pages, please send it to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940 or fax to 726-5820.

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NCJW and State Leaders Meet

The membership of National Council of Jewish Women, R.I. section, will have a first-time meeting with state leaders of both branches of the legislature, on Feb. 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the newly redecorated Governor's State Room in the Capitol.

R.I. leaders of the House will be: Speaker John B. Harwood and Chairman of the House Finance Committee Antonio J. Pires.

Speakers from the Senate will be Majority Leader William V. Irons and Sen. Rhoda Perry.

The R.I. section of NCJW currently has more than 400 members. The organization is one of the foremost non-profit groups working on behalf of women, children and families of all ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds in the country. For more than 100 years, the national group has worked for social justice and individual freedoms for all citizens!

Members are advised to call Linda Kushner, V.P. advocacy/public affairs at 831-3771 if you need a pick-up. Area drivers are available as parking can be difficult. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served in the State Room.

FEATURE

Mark Morse Achieves Board Certification

The National Board of Trial Advocacy has announced that Mark B. Morse, of the Providence law office of Mark B. Morse, has successfully achieved board certification as a civil trial advocate through NBTA. Morse joins a growing number of trial attorneys who have illustrated their commitment to bettering the legal profession by successfully completing a challenging application process and providing the consumer of legal services with an objective measure by which to choose qualified and experienced legal counsel.

Founded in 1977, the NBTA filled a void in the legal profession by creating the first attorney certification program. Most consumers are familiar with certification through the medical profession, which has accepted that no doctor can be knowledgeable in all fields of practice and therefore requires that doctors maintain certification in a particular specialty. No one attorney can possibly be knowledgeable in all aspects of legal practice, but the consumer of legal

services is continually expected to weed through a saturated market of advertisements and unsubstantiated claims with the hope of finding quality representation.

NBTA, founded by Theodore I. Koskoff, was formed out of a strong conviction that both the law profession and its clients would benefit from an organization designed specifically to create an objective set of standards illustrating an attorney's experience and expertise in the practice of trial law. Morse has successfully demonstrated a shared conviction through the completion of NBTA's rigorous application process.

NBTA members maintain active trial practices and are required to report their disciplinary status annually. Every five years members are required to apply for recertification to insure their continued commitment to their designated specialty.

Achieving NBTA certification confirms that Morse, along with all NBTA certified attorneys, has exhibited a high standard of professional conduct.

Tips For Weathering February From JFS Lifeline/RI

For many people, February means vacation and trips out of town. But for those who are elderly, recuperating from surgery or illness or have a physical disability, this can be a difficult time. Temperatures are cold and ice and snow can make it difficult to get out, even with assistance. Road conditions sometimes delay visitors and helpers. Loved ones may be far away.

Jewish Family Service's Lifeline/RI staff offers some ideas to plan ahead for snowy or icy weather. Have your furnaces checked, make sure you have an adequate supply of heating fuel and a reliable contractor to plow and shovel. Keep a container of salt by your door to sprinkle on walkways to prevent slipping. Be prepared for a storm that could confine you to your house and prevent family from being able to visit; keep your pantry stocked with non-perishable foods and be sure to have plenty of warm clothes and blankets available for freezing temperatures. Have a flashlight handy with extra batteries in case of a power outage.

In addition to these practical precautions, JFS Lifeline/RI is a service which can lessen anxiety about the hazards of winter. The 24-hour personal emergency response system brings great comfort to its subscribers and their families. JFS Lifeline/RI is designed to meet the needs of people who enjoy an independent lifestyle, but would appreciate the extra security that comes from knowing that assistance is available with the touch of a button.

JFS Lifeline/RI subscribers receive a personal help button which is worn as a pendant and a small home-installed unit which connects to the phone. In the event of an emergency, the

user simply pushes the button and a signal is instantaneously transmitted via telephone to a response center staffed by trained professionals. The subscriber's medical history, special instructions for emergencies and other pertinent information appear on a screen, allowing a dispatcher to send appropriate help. The Lifeline professionals can talk to the subscriber to ask questions and provide reassurance through the receiver device even when the subscriber cannot reach the phone.

For more information, call the JFS Lifeline/RI program at JFS, 331-1244, ext. 19.

Brown Summer Studies Accepting Applications

The office of summer studies at Brown University invites those in the upper grades of high school to apply to its pre-college summer program. The \$40 application fee will be waived for those who apply by Feb. 15.

The pre-college summer program gives students the opportunity to take college-level courses and experience what college life is all about. Students can choose from the seven-week pre-college program (for credit) or the mini-courses program of shorter, intensive non-credit sessions.

The programs offer a variety of courses from Critical Reading and Writing and Introductory Calculus to Great Modern European Thinkers and So, You Want to Be a Doctor: An Introduction to Medicine. Participants will have access to all on-campus academic and recreational services, as well as scheduled programs and activities.

Need-based financial aid is available to applicants in the form of partial scholarships. To learn more about Brown's pre-college summer and to download an application for summer 2001, visit <www.brown.edu/Administration/Summer_Studies> or call 863-7900.

Women's Summit to Be Held at Bryant College

The fourth Women's Summit will be held at Bryant College on March 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Odyssey 2001: Journey to Success" will feature nationally known and recognized leaders in the business field, local businessmen and women, and Bryant faculty. Keynote speakers include:

- Patricia Dunn, CEO of Barclays Global Investors;
- Phyllis Mindell, founder and president of Well-Read, an international consulting firm, and author;
- Grace Cornish, motivational speaker, relationship expert, author and TV personality.

Dee Soder, a featured presenter, is an internationally recognized CEO coach for Fortune 500 companies and president of The CEO Perspective Group.

The summit will also include morning and afternoon workshops sessions that will provide a forum for the discussion of issues, ideas, and methods to help participants along their personal "journey to success." Workshop topics include leadership, communications, entrepreneurship, marketing, and financing a small business, among others.

Preregistration is required by Feb. 14. The \$10 registration fee includes conference materials, attendance at two breakout sessions, three keynote addresses, morning refreshments, and the afternoon networking reception.

There is an additional charge of \$20 for the optional luncheon at which Mindell will be the keynote speaker. Seating will be available for those who wish to hear the luncheon keynote speaker, but prefer not to attend the luncheon.

For more information or to register, call 232-6565.



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Dick Silverman Named Treasurer of Food Bank Board of Directors

Dick Silverman, retired senior vice president of Bob's Stores, was recently named treasurer of the board of directors for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Silverman has been a member of the food bank board since 1999.

In addition to his work for the food bank, Silverman serves on the advisory board of the Poverty Institute and is a Democracy Fellow of the Democracy Compact. He is also a Providence Chapter Rotarian.

Silverman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania — Wharton School. He and his wife, Linda, are residents of Providence's east side.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization located in West Warwick. In the past fiscal year ending June 30, the food bank distributed a record 5,964,910 pounds of food.



Dick Silverman, R.I. Food Bank treasurer
Photo courtesy of R.I. Community Food Bank

On Leadership and Moral Authority

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title Providence External Review Commission. Modeled on the highly successful body operating in Minneapolis, PERC could provide truly independent review of police conduct, with provisions for punishment, mediation and an alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

Statistics gleaned from the so-called Minnesota Model indicate that a PERC-like program results in a significant lowering of incidents of misconduct, and earns a public approval rating of between 70 and 90 percent. And according to a Minneapolis official, the police there now have embraced the concept of civilian review.

The new chief must institute new recruitment and training procedures. Our citizens deserve the best police officers we can find. And we cannot attract and keep the best if we cannot promise and deliver performance-based advancement, assignment and compensation.

Just as bad cops should be punished, good cops must be rewarded. Promotions must be earned in the course of duty, and not come about as a product of political influence, nepotism and/or bribery.

Yes, certain crime rates are down. But ask the families and loved ones of any of the 30 men and women murdered in Providence last year if they are cheered by these statistics. In 2000, there were 37 murders in Boston, a city with a population of 579,000 — three-and-one-half times the size of our own.

Are the streets of the West End and the South End and Elmwood safer today than they were five years ago? Do women and children and the elderly walk our streets with a sense of security? Where are the statistics to measure peace of mind?

The media belong exactly where they are: on watch, vigilant for signs of corruption and poor performance within public institutions. The new chief must welcome the scrutiny of the print and electronic press. The best police department in America will have nothing to hide. It will invite the media into every corner of its operations.

Trust cannot be demanded. Trust is a quality that is earned. Mayor Cianci's obvious disdain for what he sarcastically termed an "inter-galactic search" for a

new chief is troubling. So too is his illogical pre-determination of Colonel-elect Sullivan as the leading candidate in such a search. Is being a "spit-shine guy" whose "middle name is accountability" sufficient to qualify anyone for the office of chief of the Providence Police Department in 2001?

I join Atty. Gen. Sheldon Whitehouse in calling for the installation of a Search Committee, one that is diverse in its make-up and empowered to find the best man or woman for the job of chief. There must be no arbitrary geographical limits to the search. Political influence can play no role. The public must be convinced that the process is thorough and fair.

As for Colonel-designate Sullivan, if he truly believes what he said — that ours is the best police department in America — he should be disqualified immediately from consideration for the position of his chief.

If, however, he believes that the PPD can become the best in the land, if he understands that professional and political leadership flow exclusively from moral authority, if he is prepared to violate and eliminate those traditions that have rewarded mediocrity and malfeasance and that have alienated a city from its police force, if he is of sufficiently strong character to risk the censure of his colleagues in order to restore the honor, integrity and effectiveness of the Providence Police Department, then he is worthy indeed of the office he soon will hold.

The situation at the PPD is ominous as it bodes ill for the rest of city government. Almost by definition, problems within a police department are high profile. So much of its business is conducted in the streets, in full view of the public and its watchdog media. But what of the other city departments, where operations largely take place in quiet offices? What of the morale and effectiveness of the good men and women who struggle to "work for the city" under the growing strain of corruption at the highest levels of government?

Again the question is begged: To whom do we look for leadership empowered by moral authority?

The silence is deafening.

Joan Rivers is 'Still Talking'... and Still Hilarious

The American Committee for Shaare Zedek Jerusalem Medical Center (Shaare Zedek) recently hosted an evening with Joan Rivers at Congregation B'Nai Israel in Boca Raton, Fla., followed by a decadent dessert reception. Rivers talked about her life's experiences, from losing everything to gaining it all back, and everything in between.

"We take pleasure in hosting a celebrity of this caliber for our supporters," said Norma Fireman, president of the Palm Beach Division of Shaare Zedek.

Rivers was inspirational as she spoke to more than 200 supporters of Shaare Zedek about the importance of learning how to laugh through life's ups and downs. And laugh they did as she displayed the wonderfully hilarious humor that she has been credited with for more than 40 years as a stand-up comedian. She worked the crowd, even stopping to say a few witty comments into a guest's home-video recorder for his daughter, an employee at the Shaare Zedek Jerusalem Medical Center.

"Joan Rivers had the audience enthralled with her amazing and outlandish stories," said Helaine Cantor, co-chairman of the event.

The American Committee for Shaare Zedek Jerusalem Medical Center started its long-standing tradi-

tion of foresight and excellence by meeting the needs of the people of Jerusalem in search of medical care.

For more information on how to get involved with Shaare Zedek, call (561) 832-8868 or (800) 282-8135.



NORMA AND SIMON FIREMAN with Joan Rivers at "Still Talking," an evening with Joan Rivers to benefit the Shaare Zedek Jerusalem Medical Center.

Photo courtesy of the American Committee of Shaare Zedek

America's Religious Congregations: More Than a Place to Worship

New Study Measures Congregations' Contribution to Society

The vast majority of America's 353,000 religious congregations provide services to their communities beyond religious worship and education, according to a new report released by *Independent Sector*. These services cover the entire spectrum of non-profit activity, from basic human needs to the environment, health, arts and culture.

Nearly all congregations provide services beyond spiritual programs, including 92 percent in human services, 90 percent in health programs, 74 percent in international activities, 53 percent in education programs, 50 percent in arts and culture programs, and 40 percent in environment programs.

Nine out of 10 (92 percent) congregations rely on volunteers for their activities. While the majority of volunteer hours in churches, synagogues, and mosques focus on religious worship and education, approximately 43 percent are spent on congregations' other programs.

Congregations also invest significant financial resources in these programs. Forty percent of congregations reported that programs addressing social needs were one of their top three expenses. These included day care centers, drug recovery programs, homeless shelters, food kitchens, and gifts to disadvantaged families at holiday time.

Many religious groups offer programs directly through their congregation, while some collaborate with other organizations to provide services, including other non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, and business.

"This new report makes clear that this nation's religious congregations occupy a unique place in American society in the range of services they provide and the ways in which they are both independent and collaborative," said Susan K.E. Saxon-Harold, Ph.D., vice president, research, *Independent Sector*.

Increased Demand

Congregations have seen an increased demand in recent years, and their first priority is to serve people in need. As a result, 41 percent of congregations opened a new program, 40 percent worked additional hours, and 39 percent added capacity to their existing programs. If they could not serve the increased need, 64 percent of congregations referred people to other organizations. In rare instances, 10 percent of congregations put people on waiting lists while 19 percent of congregations turned people away. For 19 percent of congregations, faith or affiliation with a religion was a prerequisite for gaining access to programs or activities.

Speaking Out

Religious congregations also engage in activities that influence public policy. Thirty-five percent participated in coalitions with other organizations. A similar percentage of congregations sent a representative to personally meet with elected or appointed public officials. More than 27 percent of congregations actively supported issues by writing editorials or letters to the editors, and 16 percent bought advertising time or space in some type of commer-

cial media for advocacy. These efforts by congregations cover the entire spectrum of social issues.

How Congregations Are Funded

The study estimates that total revenue of religious congregations was \$81.2 billion in 1996. Three-fourths (79 percent) of all revenue comes from charitable contributions by individuals. Collections made during religious services were the source of 58 percent of individuals' contributions to congregations. Other sources of revenue to religious congregations came from "earned income," such as dues and program fees (12 percent) and school tuition (4 percent). The remaining 5 percent is from a variety of sources such as denominational funding and foundation support. Less than 0.03 percent (\$20 million) of congregational revenue came from government.

Religious Congregations' Place in the Non-Profit Sector

The nation's 353,000 religious congregations represent nearly one-fourth of all non-profit organizations. Religious congregations engaged 45 million volunteers, nearly half of the 109 million Americans who volunteer. Congregations employ approximately 1.3 million paid staff, or 11 percent of employment within the non-profit sector. Sixty percent of the average household contribution goes to religious organizations.

The full 12-page report is available free on the *Independent Sector* Web site at <www.independentsector.org>.

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.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Lessons To Be Learned

'The Piano Lesson' Begins Feb. 4

An uplifting portrait of an American family and a provocative explanation of the true meaning of heritage, the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "The Piano Lesson" takes a look at a choice we all must make: clinging to the past or moving ahead to the promise of the future. Set in 1937, the play tells the story of Boy Willie, a farm hand from the south, who arrives on his sister's doorstep to reclaim his share of the family legacy.

Selling the hand-carved heirloom piano will let him buy land of his own. Filled with evocative music, smoldering pride, and unwavering hope, Trinity Rep's production is directed by Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe. "The Piano Lesson" runs Feb. 4 to March 11 in Trinity Rep's Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Theater at 201 Washington St., Providence. Tickets are available at the Trinity Rep box office, 351-4242. Tickets to select performances are available at <www.trinityrep.com>.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, "The Piano Lesson" has also received the Tony Award

for Best Play, the Drama Desk Outstanding New Play Award, the New York Drama Critics

course about American history as well as Black history. In a 1990 interview with the *Chicago Tribune*, Wilson observed of "The Piano Lesson": "The play asks two questions: 'Can you acquire a sense of self-worth by denying your past,' and 'What can we do with our legacy?'" Although these questions are specific to "The Piano Lesson," Wilson's themes can also be applied to the broader human experience.

Local actress and 2000 Pell Award-winner Rose Weaver will appear as Bernice, and Ricardo Pitts-Wiley as Doaker. Both Weaver and Pitts-Wiley appeared in Trinity Rep's productions of Wilson's "Fences," "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," and "Joe Turner's Come and Gone."

Following "The Piano Lesson," Trinity Rep's season continues with the world premiere of Eliza Anderson's "The New England Sonata," Peter Parnell's adaptation of John Irving's "The Cider House Rules, Parts One and Two" and Yasmina Reza's "Art." Special discount prices are available for groups of 10 or more; call Dee Davis at 521-1100, ext. 223.



"The Piano Lesson"

Photo courtesy of Trinity Rep

Circle Best Play Award, and the American Theater Critics Outstanding Play Award. August Wilson has won acclaim across the country for contributing the most riveting and important canon of black American drama to the stage. Wilson's plays provide a rare forum for honest dis-

Reflect at Reflections

"Reflections," a free exhibit of the art works of some of the former art faculty members at Rhode Island College, will be held Feb. 1 to 24 in the Bannister Gallery as part of the inaugural year's programming for the new Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. "Reflections" recognizes the devotion to their art and their role in shaping a quality program in the visual arts at RIC. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10. Gallery is closed holidays. At right is Richard Kenyon's "Rossa."

Photo courtesy of RIC



'The Boxcar Children' Rolls Into Town

The Magic Ark Series presents a TheatreWorks/USA production of the popular children's story "The Boxcar Children." Performances are Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Magic Ark Children's Series is located at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahantton St., in Newton, Mass. Tickets are \$8 general admission. Call the JCC box office at (617) 965-5226 for information and ticket reservations.

"The Boxcar Children" is a musical adaptation of Gertrude Chandler Warner's enchanting adventure series about four children of Depression-era America, who find themselves living in a boxcar after their parents perish in a quest for work. Young Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny would rather be homeless than live with their wealthy and cruel grandfather, who

plans to send them to separate boarding schools. Rather than be separated, they strike out on their own. The trip proves to be more challenging than any of them anticipated, and the children are forced to make an abandoned boxcar their home. In the meantime, in his search for the children, the stern grandfather learns that family, not riches, is the most important ingredient in making a real home. The TheatreWorks/USA team responsible for this powerful musical are Darrah Cloud (book and lyrics) and Kim Sherman (music).

TheatreWorks/USA, founded in 1961, is America's foremost professional theatre for young and family audiences. TheatreWorks has performed for approximately 54 million people in 49 states, with an annual audience of more than 4 million.

SF-GT Features 'Betrayal'

Following success with both "The Birthday" and "The Homecoming," the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre presents Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" as part of the 2001 Interim Series. David Gardner, who recently directed "Cinderella," will play Jerry, Nigel Gore will play Robert, and Jim Bray (Lennox and a Witch in "Macbeth,") will play the waiter. This production was first performed at the University of Rhode Island in January of last year ("purely for fun"), and once again, will be directed by the cast.

As with the two plays mentioned above, Pinter's preoccupation remains the mechanics of memory. It's liquid, evanescent quality; how individual perceptions are different over the course of time. What is different about this play is the telling of the story in reverse order. This is much more than a dramatic conceit. Martin Esslin writes: "The unrolling of the story in reverse chronological order establishes a very characteristic dialectic from scene to scene; the audience perceives past events as they appear at a given moment in what is, as we watch it, the present for the characters on stage, only to be jolted into realizing a little later, what actually took place when those events occurred."

The Interim Series was designed to give company members a chance to generate their own work outside the confines of the main-stage season. There are only six performances of "Betrayal," Feb. 2 to 11, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Prints and Paintings at Gallery 401

Benjamin Gross will present his prints and paintings at Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, from Feb. 5 to 28. A reception for the exhibit will be held Feb. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. For gallery hours, call 861-8800. Pictured right is Gross's "Lawrence of Philadelphia," serigraph, 22 inches by 30 inches, 2000.

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Peter Schickele Meets P.D.Q. Bach

Rhode Island Philharmonic Pops Concert

The Rhode Island Philharmonic welcomes the inimitable Peter Schickele to the stage on Feb. 10 at 8 p.m., at VMA Arts & Cultural Center in Providence. Composer, musician, author and satirist, Schickele is recognized internationally as one of the most versatile artists in the field of music. The concert will be conducted by Francisco Noya and features soprano Michèle Eaton, tenor David Düsing and guest conductor Valerie Bretl.

In addition to his composition credits, well in excess of 100 works, Schickele is well known for his syndicated radio program, "Schickele Mix," which has aired on Public Radio International since January 1992 and which received the ASCAP prestigious Deems Taylor Award. Acknowledged as one of the great satirists of the 20th century, Schickele is perhaps best known for his role as P.D.Q. Bach, "one of Johann Sebastian Bach's '20-odd children,'" whose works Schickele alone

has "discovered" and brought to prominence. Several of these unforgettable works are included on the recordings "P.D.Q. Bach: 1712 Overture and Other Musical Assaults," "Oedipus Tex and Other Choral Calamities," "WTWP Classical Talkity-Talk Radio" and "Music for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion." Both Schickele and P.D.Q. will share the VMA stage for this concert. The Feb. 10 program includes Schickele arrangements entitled "Swing Sweet, Low Chariot," a Beatles song set and excerpts from P.D.Q. Bach's "dramatic oratorio" "Oedipus Tex."

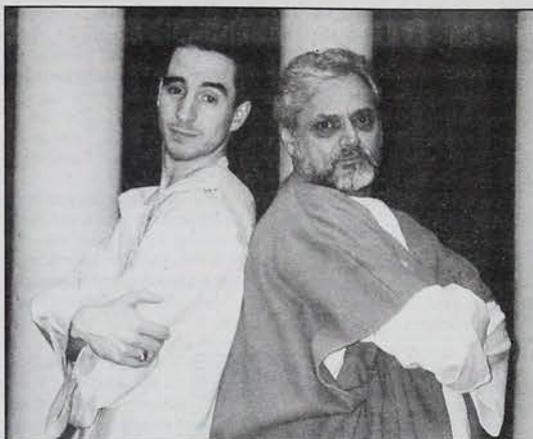
Tickets for Peter Schickele Meets P.D.Q. Bach are available only through the Philharmonic ticket office until Feb. 2 at 4:30 p.m. The Philharmonic box office is located at 222 Richmond St., Providence, and tickets may be purchased by phone 831-3123 using MasterCard or Visa, in person during box office hours Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or online at the Web

Site <www.ri-philharmonic.org>. Ticket prices for this concert are \$25, \$35, \$45, \$50 and \$70, depending upon seat location. There are discounts for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more.

On Feb. 5, tickets will also be available through Ticketmaster phone lines, outlets and Web site. On Feb. 10, the day of the concert, tickets are available only at the VMA box office, noon to one half hour after curtain, in person or by calling 272-4862, or through Ticketmaster until 3 p.m.

If there are any unsold tickets remaining at 7:30 p.m., any full-time student with valid student identification may purchase one ticket for \$5.

There is free parking for all Philharmonic performances both on the streets near the auditorium and at designated parking lots. The Philharmonic provides complimentary shuttle bus service to and from these parking lots before and after the concerts.



Savor Sum Yum Soup at Striar JCC

Jason Arenburg and Carl DeSimone square off in the musical parody, "The Mystery of Sum Yum Soup" by Jules Gelade. This innovative musical comedy will be served again at the Striar JCC, 445 Central St., Stoughton, Mass., on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. It's a play filled with belly laughing fun for all ages. Photo courtesy of Jewish Theatre Ensemble

Spring Flower and Garden Show Begins to Bloom

Ask a Master Gardener

As spring blooms and seasonal planting begins, many questions arise as to what plants and flowers need in order to look beautiful, bright, and healthy. Have all of your questions answered at "Ask a Master Gardener" weekend sessions held at Providence Place mall in the easily accessible pedestrian walkway connector (skywalk between Bed Bath and Beyond and the Westin Hotel). Sessions will be held Feb. 3 and 4 and Feb. 10 and 11 from noon to 6 p.m. URI Master Gardeners will be on hand to give advice and tips on caring for houseplants, indoor and outdoor gardens, and blooms. These gardening experts will be delivering helpful hints from a beautifully designed garden display.

In conjunction with these informative sessions, make sure to visit the eighth annual Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show, Feb. 15 to 18, at the R.I. Convention Center. This year's show features a line-up of gardening enthusiasts as well as numerous garden demonstrations and workshops. Lectures and demonstrations will take place each day, all day.

Flower Show hours are Feb. 15 through 17, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$11 advance, \$13 weekdays, \$14 weekends, seniors/students: \$12 weekdays, \$13 weekends, groups 20 or more: \$10, children (6 to 12) \$7, under 6 free. Advance tickets \$11 are available at Citizens Bank branch locations throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

For ticket prices and information, call the show's ticketing coordinator at 253-0246 or visit <www.flowershow.com>. For general show information, call flower show management at 421-7811 or public relations at 785-9450, ext. 210.

Master Gardener and TV Personality to Appear at Spring Flower & Garden Show

Love to garden? Looking to plant the perfect rose? In need of some new cooking or entertaining ideas? Well, all of your questions can be answered by two of the country's most renowned experts in gardening and entertaining. Master Gardener Rebecca Kolls, host of TV's gardening show, "Rebecca's Garden," and B. Smith, successful author, restaurateur, TV personality and host of "B. Smith with Style," will make special guest appearances at the Spring Flower & Garden Show.

Both Kolls and Smith will hold lectures and meet with the public to answer questions. Smith will hold a book signing in the Borders Gardening Bookstore on the fifth floor of the convention center.

Kolls, developed her appreciation for gardening as a young girl and has always kept to her

"get your hands dirty" approach to gardening. Kolls has served as the gardening and lifestyle contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America" since January 1999. In this role she offers advice pertaining to a wide variety of gardening, crafts, and creative cooking ideas that make use of the garden.

Kolls will speak on Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. She will discuss how she prepared gardens for her show as well as give gardening tips and answer questions.

Smith, a seasoned culinary and lifestyle expert, was recently recognized by *Elle Décor* magazine as one of America's 10 most outstanding non-professional chefs in the country. As the first African-American woman elected to the board of trustees of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, Smith has published three books.

Launching her career as a fashion model, Smith was the first African-American woman to appear on the cover of *Mademoiselle* and has appeared on five *Essence* and *Ebony* covers.



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Smith will hold a lecture entitled "Garden Delights: Edible Flowers and Herbs" on Feb. 17 at noon. A book signing will follow.

This February, escape the cold and welcome spring a bit earlier by attending the Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show.

Give Your Sweetheart a Thousand Roses!

On Feb. 14, the public is invited to indulge in Valentine's Day ambiance and be treated to an exciting preview of award-winning gardens crafted by some of New England's finest nurseries and designers. From 6:30 to 11 p.m., the Friends of Roger Williams Park will host the preview party of the 2001 Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show. Along with a half million blooming flowers, this event promises to be a fantastic evening filled with champagne

toasts, tasty food assortments, and live entertainment, with performances by the Dan Moretti Band and Deborah Mann.

On this special evening, an exciting announcement will be made that will affect the horticulture future of the 436-acre historic "jewel" located in Providence. Proceeds from the preview party will benefit this new venture.

In addition to the Valentine's Day fanfare and spectacular announcement, guests may enter to win fabulous raffle prizes. With an exciting line-up of speakers, a garden awards program will also be held.

This Valentine's Day, treat yourself, your family, or your employees to a fabulous and romantic evening. Preview party tickets are \$80 each, \$150 per couple and are available by calling Roger Williams Park at 785-9450.

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OBITUARIES

ESTHER ABRAMSON

LOWELL, Mass. — Esther "Dede" (Smith) Abramson, 78, of Varnum Avenue died Jan. 19 at Northwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was the widow of Irving Abramson and the daughter of the late Walter R. and Esther (Doyle) Smith.

She was born in Boston and lived in New Bedford for 55 years.

She was a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in West Roxbury and the former Miss Rooney's School of Elocution in Boston.

She was a teacher at Sacred Heart Academy prior to her marriage.

She was a former member of Tifereth Israel Congregation, a member of Hadassah and a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital, in New Bedford.

Survivors include a daughter, Nina Ostrom of Carlisle; a sister, Eleanor Sheehan of Scotia, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Edwin Smith and Barbara Levenson.

A graveside service was held Jan. 22 in the Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Carlisle Education Foundation, P.O. Box 734, Carlisle, Mass. 01741. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

GEORGE BLACKER

PHOENIX, Ariz. — George Blacker, 92, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Fall River, the former owner and operator of the Novelty Braiding Co., died Jan. 26 at Kivel Care Center, Phoenix.

He was the husband of the late Lee (Schongold) Blacker. Born in Providence, the son of the late Harry and Besse (Lovenson) Blacker, he had lived in Fall River most of his life before moving to Phoenix in 1992.

He owned Novelty Braiding, a manufacturer of braided rugs, before retiring 35 years ago.

He had attended Tufts University and graduated from Bryant College.

He leaves a daughter, Ina Cheryl Blacker of Phoenix, and a son, William D. Blacker of Chestnut Hill, Mass. He was the brother of the late Sarah and Alice Schongold.

A graveside service was held Jan. 30 in Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



MAX S. FINE CRANSTON

Max S. Fine, 84, of Norman Avenue, former owner of F&F Enterprises, died Jan. 27 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

He was the husband of Nelly (Brandt) Fine. Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a son of the late Isadore and Rose (Drilich) Fine, he lived in Cranston for 40 years, previously living in Providence.

He owned and operated service stations in the Rhode Island area for 40 years, most recently the Reservoir Shell station on Reservoir Avenue, retiring in 1985.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in Europe and the Pacific, receiving a bronze star and several other citations. He was a member of Rebeck-Weinstein Jewish War Veterans Post 406.

He was a member of the Synagogue for the Performing Arts, Los Angeles, and a former member of Temple Sinai and Temple Torat Yisrael, and the former Congregation Sons of Abraham, Providence. He was a past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

An avid bowler, he won many trophies.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Barry H. Fine of Chicago, Alan P. Fine of New Canaan, Conn., Jeff A. Fine of Cranston and Howard Fine of West Hollywood, Calif.; a daughter, Rita E. Gradus of Cranston; and seven grandchild-

dren. He was the brother of the late Helen Meylach and Harry Fine.

A funeral service was held Jan. 30 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 Synagogue for the Performing Arts, Brentwood, Calif. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

SYLVIA FORMAN

PROVIDENCE — Sylvia (Rosen) Forman of Elmgrove Avenue, died Jan. 27 at Miriam Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Mack Forman. They were married for 55 years.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Joseph and Annie Rosen, she was raised in Boston and moved to Providence when she married.

She leaves a son, Roy Forman of Providence; two daughters, Audrey Robbins of Providence and Jill Starr of Weston, Mass.; two sisters, Gladys "Lally" Seltzer of Providence and Edith Nessen of Brookline, Mass.; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Jan. 29 in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

LILLIAN POTTER GOLDSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Lillian Potter Goldstein, 87, of Blackstone Boulevard, a former biology teacher, and a noted proponent of gun control after her first husband was fatally shot, died Jan. 27 at home.

She was the wife of Hyman Goldstein, and the late Dr. Charles Potter. She and Mr. Goldstein were married for 25 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David Solomon and Goldie (Kaplan) Kelman, she lived in Providence most of her life.

She taught biology at Central and Mount Pleasant High

Schools, and the Lincoln School for more than 30 years before retiring. In 1969, she received an award from the Bausch & Lomb Corp. honoring her as the Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year.

She became an avid supporter of gun control after her first husband, Dr. Potter, was killed by an escaped convict trying to steal his car outside the former Lying-In Hospital in 1970.

She organized and led Handgun Alert, and lobbied on the state and national levels, appearing on television, before Congress and with numerous civic groups. Her efforts led to the passing of the first mandatory pre-purchase training law for would-be gun owners.

She was an ardent supporter of Planned Parenthood, and in 1984 helped to raise funds to name the new home of the organization the Dr. Charles Potter Memorial.

She was a longtime member of the League of Women Voters, spearheading voter-education drives.

She was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and was honored for her community service in 1960. She helped plan the drive to help pay for a planetarium in the Roger Williams Park Museum.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El. She was a graduate of Pembroke College, Class of 1933, and received her master's degree from Brown University in 1936.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Eleanor Potter of Baltimore and Betsey Potter of Los Angeles. She was the mother of the late Deborah Brener, and sister of the late Jack and Fred Kelman.

The funeral service was held Jan. 30 in Temple Beth-El. Burial was in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VNA Hospice, 157 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906 or the Dr. Lillian Potter Fund in Support of Science Education at Lincoln School, 301 Butler Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906 or the Dr. Charles and Lillian Potter Education Program at Planned Parenthood of R.I., 111 Point St., Providence, R.I. 02903. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai

Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



NATHANIEL GUY NEW BEDFORD

— Nathaniel "Nat" Guy, 81, of Tucker Road, North Dartmouth, died Jan. 19 at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. He was the widower of Selma L. (Levine) Guy. They were married for 52 years.

He was the son of the late Joseph and Rose (Wishnetyk) Guy.

He was a lifelong New Bedford resident. He was a Fairhaven High School and Bryant College graduate.

He was a World War II Army veteran, earning the rank of master sergeant while serving overseas in Italy and Africa.

He was involved in the real estate business for more than 40 years and owned Nat Guy Realty in Dartmouth.

He was best known for his athletic prowess. He was a top tennis player locally for many years. In addition to holding many New Bedford championship titles for both singles and doubles, he was a highly ranked player on the New England tennis circuit.

He was a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, the Massachusetts and New Bedford Association of Realtors, the Jewish War Veterans, the United States Lawn Tennis Association and a charter member of the Allendale Country Club.

Besides being a fine athlete and competitor, he enjoyed the company of four very special golden retrievers.

Survivors include his daughter, Louise J. Guy of South Dartmouth, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Barney D. Guy.

The funeral was held Jan. 22 at the Tifereth Israel Congregation. Burial followed at Plainville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Whaling City Tennis Association, c/o Alex Pavao, 71 Colonial Way, N. Dartmouth, Mass. 02747, or Fairhaven High School Athletic Association, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, Mass. 02719. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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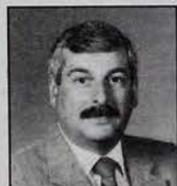


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Obituaries

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DOROTHY S. KAY
PROVIDENCE—Dorothy S. Kay, 88, of the Summit and Pavilion Medical Center, 1085 North Main St., a retired bookkeeper, died Jan. 26 at the center.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Maurice Kay. Born in New York, a daughter of the late Marcus and Lena (Fischer) Schoen, she lived in Providence for 60 years.

She was a bookkeeper for American Universal Insurance Co. for 15 years, retiring in 1978.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Kulanu, Garden Club and Sisterhood, and Temple Sinai in Cranston and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Na'Amat, Roger Williams Hospital Ladies Association, and Brandeis University Women.

She was a past president of the United Order of True Sisters, and a former member of the Cranston Senior Guild, Hadasah and B'nai B'rith. She did volunteer work for the Rhode Island School for the Deaf and the Roger Williams Hospital gift shop.

She leaves a daughter, Marjorie Brown of Pawtucket, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Herbert and Lawrence Schoen, Blanche Snyder, Eleanor Mayer and Gertrude Rosenfeld-Gartenstein.

The funeral service was held Jan. 28 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Emanu-El or Temple Sinai. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

 **GABRIEL LEVINE**
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Gabriel Levine, 85, of N.E. 36th St., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Providence, co-owner of the former S. Levine & Son Tailoring and Dry Cleaning of Providence, died Jan. 20 at Manor Pines, in Fort Lauderdale.

He was the husband of the late Naomi (Rose) Levine. Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Bessie (Moskovitz) Levine, he had lived in Providence before moving to Florida 10 years ago.

He retired in 1985 from the tailoring and dry-cleaning business he had owned with his late father.

An Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, he served in Normandy and northern France as a technical sergeant.

He was a lifetime member of the Touro Fraternal Association, and of the Jewish War Veterans.

He was an avid cigar smoker and collector of pipes.

He leaves two sons, Stanley Levine of Redwing, Minn., and Robert Levine of Fort Lauderdale, and a grandson. He was the brother of the late Gladys Kosofsky.

A graveside service was held Jan. 24 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The family was assisted with the arrangements

by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

CELIA L. PODRAT
CRANSTON — Celia L. Podrat, 86, of Victoria Court, 55 Oaklawn Ave., a violin player and artist, died Jan. 23 at Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of the late Daniel Podrat.

Born in Nashua, N.H., a daughter of the late Joseph and Bertha (Lazavik) Gorin, she lived in Cranston for three years, previously residing in Warwick and Providence.

She was a life member of the Ladies Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged, and a life member of Hadassah. She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and its Garden Club.

She was a champion bridge player, excelled as a violin player and was a creative artist. While at Victoria Court, she designed greeting cards for many people living there. She also knitted baby hats for Women & Infants Hospital.

She leaves a son, Kenneth Podrat of Cranston; a daughter, Diane Podrat-Byer of Milford, Conn.; and two granddaughters. She was the sister of the late Pauline Isenstein.

The funeral service was held Jan. 28 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

MIRIAM B. RUTMAN
PROVIDENCE — Miriam B. Rutman, 91, of Blackstone Boulevard, the president of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, and a philanthropist, died Jan. 20 at EPOCH on Blackstone Boulevard.

She was the wife of the late Walter Rutman. They were married for 45 years. A lifelong resident of Rhode Island, she was a daughter of the late Harry Benjamin and Sara B. (Slack) Bornside. She had lived on Governor Street for many years before moving to EPOCH on Blackstone Boulevard. She and her husband spent their winters on Barbados, where they belonged to the Sandy Lane Country Club.

Besides being the president of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, she also ran the Herald Press, Ondine Publishing Co., and the Post and Star Publishing.

She and her late husband were responsible for the creation of educational endowments at both Brown University and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Twelve years after the initial endowment, 32 students had been named as Rutman National Scholars, and Mrs. Rutman made it a point to correspond with all of them individually.

She was also responsible for the creation of a Book Endowment Fund at the Providence Athenaeum. She and her husband were also major supporters of Trinity Repertory Theatre. She was a former member of

the Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk.

She was the sister of the late Edward S., Irvin Herman and Doris Ester Bornside.

The funeral and burial were private. Contributions may be made to the Walter and Miriam Rutman National Scholarship at Brown University, Prospect St., Providence, R.I. 02912 or the Walter and Miriam B. Rutman Scholarship Fund at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass. 01609. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL CORNELIUS SHATKIN

EAST GREENWICH—Samuel Cornelius Shatkin, 25, of Green Hill Way, East Greenwich, died Jan. 23 in West Palm Beach, Fla., in an automobile accident.

Born in Providence, he was a son of Louis Shatkin of East Greenwich and Laurie Krentzman-Shatkin of Tampa, Fla.

He was a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy. He received a degree in culinary arts and hotel management from Newberry College.

He enjoyed playing tennis and loved to ski.

Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers, David and Drew Shatkin, a sister, Dominique Shatkin, and two nephews, Phillip and Aaron Shatkin, all of Warwick. He was the grandson of the late Simon and Carrie Shatkin.

A graveside service was held Jan. 26 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 400 Main St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

EKHEVOD TSALYUK
PROVIDENCE — Ekhevod Tsalyuk, 87, of Rosewood Manor, Providence, a photomapper, died Jan. 25 at the manor.

She was the wife of the late Michael Rakhman. Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Mortho and Krenya (Sidel'skaya) Tsalyuk, she had lived in Providence for 20 years.

She was a photomapper assembler for the Russian government for several years, retiring many years ago.

She leaves a son, Boris Rakhman of Warwick; a daughter, Asia Seray of Chicago, Ill.; a sister, Clara Tsalyuk of New York City; two granddaughters, Veronica and Stella and a great-grandson, Jonathan. She was the sister of the late Leib Tsalyuk.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 26 at Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

Israel's Economy and The Intifada

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Israel's recent and booming high-tech industry, he said, has fueled 40 to 50 percent of Israel's economic growth, but the benefits of it are seen only by a narrow portion of Israelis. "The bulk of Israel's 2 million workers do not directly benefit [from the industry], though they benefit from the growth in the overall economy."

Israelis I have spoken to as well as Americans recently returning from Israel all say the same thing — they felt very safe and were in fact very far from areas of unrest. This view is in conflict with the U.S. State Department's travel warnings not to visit Israel or the Middle East.

"Not only does this [warning] scare visitors away," Maital said, "but [for] those visitors who do come, their insurance is not in effect. This prevents many of our outstanding scholars from coming to Israel and teaching our managers. The Jewish community should express its outrage at the State Department's unnecessary travel warning."

Maital paints a stark picture. "Israel faces a severe dilemma: The desire of many Israelis for national and personal security, through erection of defensible borders with the PA, and the fact that if such geographic borders are also hermetically sealed economic ones, [will cause] the PA to sink into poverty, further generating violence and instability."

"It is still too early," he said, "to predict the long-term economic consequences of the latest round of Israeli-Palestinian violence."

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Joshua Kaufman, Joshua Orson and Jake Orson prepare gingerbread for baking during a recent Kidspace/Pre-teen connection program at JCCRI.

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Spiritual Poems Sought

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling more than \$3,000.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line at <www.freecontest.com>.

The deadline for entering is Feb. 17. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

Mazon Appoints New Executive Director

A Los Angeles man who first witnessed the ravages of hunger when he served in the United States Peace Corps, and who has devoted 20 years to achieving cutting edge reforms for needy people, is the new executive director of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

H. Eric Schockman, a top consultant to the California State Assembly and Los Angeles City Council, and longtime professor and associate dean at the University of Southern California, will oversee all operations at MAZON.

Founded in 1985, MAZON is a national non-profit agency which allocates donations from the Jewish community to provide food, help and hope to hungry people of all faiths and backgrounds.

In its 15-year history, MAZON has granted \$23 million to emergency feeding programs, food banks, multi-service organizations and advocacy groups which feed hungry people today and seek long-term solutions to hunger in the United States, Israel and in poor countries worldwide.

Schockman succeeds Susan Cramer, who joined MAZON in 1988 and recently retired after 20 years as a hunger relief professional.

Schockman's interest in hunger relief stemmed from his graduate studies in international relations when he "decided that just studying world hunger wasn't enough." He enlisted for two years in the Peace Corps, teaching agricultural development in the African country of Sierra Leone.

MAZON ("food" in Hebrew) provides relief internationally; however the majority of the agencies that it funds are domestic. Schockman's efforts will be on behalf of many of the estimated 31 million Americans, including 12 million children, who are hungry or living on the very edge of hunger.

To help low-income and hungry people, Schockman draws upon years of public policy expertise developed through academic and political experience. A Ph.D. in political science and international relations, he has taught at numerous campuses in addition to USC.

A member of Beth Chayim Chadashim Synagogue in Los Angeles, Schockman is a founder of the New Leaders Project. A program under the auspices of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council, NLP provides young Jews with training in social action and has served as a model for other cities.

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