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## Max Dwares Finds a Match!

Bone Marrow Donor Found in Undisclosed Location

by Jon Rubin  
Herald Editor

Max Dwares was looking for that special somebody, and he just found him. Or her. Max, whose leukemia requires a bone marrow donor, has found a matching donor, but the confidentiality of the bone marrow registry doesn't reveal who the donor is or where they live.

Not that it matters very much to the Dwares family. "[Max] was very happy. We were exuberant!" said Barbara Dwares, Max's mother, in a recent telephone interview. Dwares said that she was in Stop & Shop when her husband called her on her cell phone to tell her the news. He had just received an e-mail from the national registry that told him that a donor had been found.

What lies in store for the Dwares family now? "We're kind of at a quiet point right now," said Dwares. "We can't do anything until we know the day [of the procedure]." In the meantime, the New England Medical Center will quickly contact the donor and set up plans for the marrow extraction. The donation process is quick, and full recovery usually comes in a day or two. The marrow is hand-delivered to the medical facility where Max will receive the infusion. Max has a lot of testing to go through before that

point, but once the ball starts rolling the procedure could take place sooner than later, perhaps within a few months. Most of Max's energy now will be spent finishing up for his high school graduation on June 12.

Although Max's mother feels it is unlikely that any of those who showed up for the marrow drives in Rhode Island ended up being Max's match, she continues to urge people to add themselves to the marrow registry to help other people in need. There will be additional marrow drives in the near future, including one at Cranston West on June 14. Contact the Rhode Island Blood Center for more information at 453-8564 or (800) 283-8385.

The Dwares family has been working with the National Foundation for Transplants, who is helping the family with fund raising for Max's procedure. "The foundation does the work for the family," said Dwares. "They help coordinate the whole thing."

Information about the NFT is available online at <www.transplants.org> or by e-mailing <NFTPR@aol.com>. Donations can be sent to NFT, with "Max Dwares" written somewhere on the check, to: NFT, P.O. Box 603051, Providence, RI 02406.



Dr. George Goodwin, center, stands with past presidents of the Hebrew Free Loan Association.  
Herald photo by Jon Rubin

## Hebrew Free Loan Association Celebrates its 98th Anniversary

by Jon Rubin  
Herald Editor

Dr. George Goodwin is thrilled. And he has good reason — the Hebrew Free Loan Association, of which he presides as president, has just celebrated its 98th year in existence. The group started in 1903 as a way for Jews to receive interest-free loans to get past financial obstacles. The group is one of the oldest remaining Jewish financial groups in Rhode Island.

On May 30, Goodwin, was

elected into office along with the current slate of officers of the Hebrew Free Loan for the year 2001-2002. The new officers are:

President: George Goodwin  
First Vice President: Barry Pickar

Second Vice President: Abby Link

Secretary: Murray Gereboff  
Treasurer: Gerald Sherman  
Custodian: Herbert Wagner

The group meets twice a month to discuss applicants and financial matters. All of the board members are volunteers.

Loans, which are interest-free and a maximum of \$2,500, are repaid in 12 months starting one month after the loan is given. Goodwin said that the number of loan recipients that meet all of their scheduled payments is "excellent."

Membership at the HFLA represents a cross section of Jewish life in Rhode Island, from Orthodox to the unaffiliated. They boast more than 850 members from all over Rhode Island. Many of these  
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## Kosher Eatin' Blues

Rhode Island Jews who want kosher food are driving out of state to get it. What happened, and what, if anything, can be done about it?

by Cary Eichenbaum  
Community Reporter

For many years, the Jewish population of Rhode Island partook of all their delicacies at kosher delicatessens, bakeries, butcher shops, dairy creameries, catering services and restaurants. But lately, "Little Rhody" is lagging behind in the kosher food department. There are currently only two places where a Jew can walk into an eating establishment and purchase kosher food — Davis' Dairy Products and Kaplan's Bakery — both on Hope St. in Providence. (There are also two kosher caterers — Izzy's in Warwick and Prima Kosher in Pawtucket).

But for a state so ripe with religious freedom in its history and about 17,000 Jews in its population, including an ever-growing Orthodox throng on the East Side, this is a sad story.

No kosher sit-down restaurants exist anywhere in the state, no kosher pizza shops, falafel stands, butchers, not a single dwelling where a Jew can relax and enjoy a meal in a strictly kosher environment.

Not too long ago, South Providence and Providence's North End — as well as the East

End; Star's and Hockman Delicatessens on the North End; Fred Rothfuss and Kolodoff Delis in S. Prov.; Louie's Catering (circa 1955) on Orms Street, and Shea Large, Julius Katz, Snell's and Perler's Bakeries on Willard Avenue in South Providence. There were also many places where a Jew could buy

Accounts vary of exactly how many kosher butchers there used to be. Some say just eight. Some say 32.

Side — were literally teaming with Jews, numerous Jewish eateries lined its streets. In the 1940s numerous places served kosher food in our capital city: Bazarsky's, Berlinsky's and Bernstein's Kosher Meat Markets in South Providence; Abrams, Harry Mittleman and Glantz Butchers on the North

exclusively kosher dairy products, and a handful, including Jewett's and Public Model creameries, lined Willard Avenue.

Accounts vary of exactly how many kosher butchers there used to be. Some say just eight. Some say 32. Izzy Yamuder, co-proprietor of

Izzy's Kosher Catering in Warwick, remembered between 25 and 30 kosher bakeries in the state back then, along with 8 to 10 Jewish delis, and that the Biltmore and Crown (now defunct) Hotels had kosher kitchens.

Marian (nee Mallenbaum) Golditch was born off Broad Street in South Providence and was 14 when her family moved to the East Side. "I remember one kosher butcher in Newport and one, Cape Kosher, in Pawtucket," Golditch said recently from her Providence home. "There must have been at least a half-dozen kosher delis and a half-dozen bakeries. There were also fish markets and creameries on Willard Avenue. There was also a fancy sit-down Jewish restaurant, Zinn's, on Weybosset St. And it was always quite a thrill when I was a  
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# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment for Children

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

### June

- 10 **Garden Hunt.** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children 5 and up explore The Children's Garden by hunting high and low for different plants, trees, woodland shrubs, even plants that grow by the beach that have the silliest names.
- 11 **Creative Studio.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Kids 3 and up create amazing works of art with a variety of materials — recycle cool things folks might throw away.
- 12 **Play & Learn.** 1 to 2:30 p.m. Preschoolers, ages 2 to 4, play games and explore the nooks and crannies of Littlewoods.
- 13 **Discover!** 3 and 3:45 p.m. Experiment with the bathtub science of sinking and floating. Kids 5 and up make a mini-submarine and investigate its diving ability!
- 14 **Fantastic Flags.** 3 and 3:45 p.m. It's flag Day! Children 7 and up learn about the American flag and what the symbols on it mean. Learn about the power of symbols and make a personal flag with symbols that stand for you!
- 15 **Sciencerrific.** 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. The museum's Pre-school Friday series (June 1 to July 20) continues as preschoolers, age 3 to 5, burrow into the world of worms and learn how they help the soil. Give a worm a bath! Each session is 20 minutes long. Pre-registration is recommended for this popular eight-week series. Call 273-KIDS, et. 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.  
**Free at Five on Fridays.** 5 to 8 p.m. The museum is open for free every Friday evening! Families are invited to romp and play in the museum's hands-on exhibits. As a special service to families, the museum will offer a Car Seat Safety Check. Sign up and find out if your infant, toddler or booster seat is installed correctly. Representatives from SafeKids, Providence Safe Communities Partnership and the Governor's Office on Highway Safety will be on hand to check seats and make suggestions to ensure safe travel. Pre-registration is required for the Car Seat Safety Check. Call 273-3437. Free at Five on Fridays is sponsored by Metropolitan Life Foundation.

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## Calendar: June 8 Through June 14

- 8 **Temple Am David** will install Paula Olivieri as its 20th president at 6:15 p.m. during a special Sabbath celebration. Call the temple office at 463-7944.  
**The Festival of Historic Houses**, to benefit the Providence Preservation Society, takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. The tour leaves from Barker Playhouse, 400 Benefit St., Providence. Tickets are \$20, call 831-7440.  
**American Cancer Society** holds its East Bay Relay for Life at the Barrington High School track. The first lap begins at 6 p.m. Call (800) ACS-2345.  
**The John Allmark Big Band** performs at 7 p.m. in Waterplace Park, Providence. The concert is free to the public. For more information, call 621-1992.
- 9 **Thirty-Fifth Annual Gaspee Days Parade** begins at 10 a.m. in Pawtucket Village on Broad Street and Narragansett Parkway in Warwick. Call 781-1772.  
**Eighth Annual Hear in Rhode Island Festival** will be held in the Temple of Music in Roger Williams Park, Elmwood Ave., Providence from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 9 and 10. Enjoy music, arts, crafts and food. Call 949-0757.  
**Rhode Island School of Design** holds commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. on South Main Street in Providence.  
**Navy Days 2001 in East Greenwich**, with festivities continuing until June 17. Events include ship tours, a road race, a parade, pub crawl and more. For a complete schedule, call 788-9133 or visit <www.navydays.org>.
- 10 **Temple Am David** will hold a community picnic at sites 133 to 137 at Goddard Park in Warwick. Attendance is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. The picnic is open to the public. For reservations and more information, call 463-7944.  
**The Zamir Chorale** performs at Temple Emanu-El at 7 p.m. in the Alperin Meeting House. Cantor Brian Mayer will be the featured soloist. The concert is free and open to the public. Temple Emanu-El is located at 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Call 331-1616.  
**Gaspee Days Finale** at Pawtucket Park in Warwick, with festivities such as a concert, children's games and a mock battle. Call 781-1772.  
**Friends Way** presents the second annual Andre Tippett Celebrity Golf Classic to benefit Friends Way and the Max Schloss Foundation. The tournament will be held at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass. Call 454-5445 or visit <www.friendsway.org>.  
**Massachusetts author Leigh Grossman** will be at Borders in Garden City, Cranston at 1 p.m., signing copies of his book *The Red Sox Fan Handbook*. Call 944-9160. He will also appear at Borders in Providence Place at 3 p.m. Call 270-4801.
- 11 **Friends of the Providence Public Library, Rochambeau Branch**, hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. in the library's community room. Syndicated columnist Froma Harrop will be the guest speaker. The community is invited. The library is located at 708 Hope St., Providence.  
**The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah** will host speaker Wendy Garf-Lipp at 6:30 p.m. at EPOCH Assisted Living on 1 Butler Ave., Providence. The topic will be "How to Raise a Mensch." Garf-Lipp teaches at Alperin Schechter Day School. There is no charge, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 463-3636.
- 12 **New England Institute of Technology** holds "Tech Night" from 4 to 8 p.m. offering tours of the campus. The campus is located at 2500 Post Road, Warwick. Call 739-5000.  
**EPOCH Assisted Living** on 353 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, hosts a jewelry show and sale at 2 p.m. For information call Julie Fox at 273-6565.
- 13 **Waterfire Providence** begins at sundown. This week join Perspectives for dinner at Pizzeria Uno in the Providence Place mall at 6 p.m. before heading to Waterplace Park at 8 p.m. For information contact Andy Weiser at 435-5035.  
**Temple Beth El in Fall River** holds its annual meeting and the election of officers at 7 p.m. The temple is located at 385 High Street, Fall River. Call (508) 674-3529.
- 14 **Classic Car Show** at Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence, at 7 p.m. Fifties music provided by the Vini Ames Band. The public is invited. Call 273-2220.

### Correction

The photos accompanying the May 31 story on The Miriam Hospital were provided by The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

## Monotypes on Display at the Barrington Public Library

Richard Harrington, artist and new Barrington resident, will be exhibiting paintings at the Barrington Public Library to June 29. The paintings are a result of a recent exploration of and focus on developing monotypes. Often called "painterly prints," monotypes are one-of-a-kind images on paper. The monotypes are produced by painting on a prepared Plexiglas plate and pressing the image onto wet paper with the use of a printing press.

Using non-toxic materials (watercolor and water misable oils), he paints a variety of subjects; including landscapes, flowers and still lifes. Using strong composition and saturated color, he paints in a realistic, representational manner to capture the unique and quiet beauty around us. An award-winning painter and juried member of local and regional art organizations, Harrington also works in watercolor and acrylic mediums. His work can be viewed at several Rhode Island and Cape Cod galleries.

The Barrington Public Library is located at 281 County Road, Barrington. Call 247-1920.

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## Solidarity: Then and Now

by Marvin Lender and  
Joel D. Tauber

Ten years ago, in May of 1991, the world witnessed what Jewish unity and solidarity can accomplish. "Operation Solomon," a 36-hour airlift that took more than 14,000 Jews from mortal danger in Ethiopia and brought them to safety and freedom in Israel, was underway. Arriving at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, they wore faces of hope and we felt immense pride at what Jews can achieve together and for each other.

The lessons of that event go to the heart of why Israel exists and why Jews must now stand together and in solidarity with the Jewish state to ensure that it flourishes, especially during this challenging time in her history.

No longer are Jews a people without a homeland, as we were during the Holocaust. For the Ethiopians rescued in 1991, and for millions more from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere who arrived before and after them, Israel was and is the best hope for lives of opportunity, free of persecution.

To guarantee that safe haven for all of us — forever — is a mission we must never fail to embrace.

In 1991, thousands of Ethiopian Jews lived in great danger. As a long civil war neared a climax, they were at risk of being massacred. This threat was the catalyst for Operation Solomon. With vital support from the U.S. military under the first Bush Administration, the Israeli military accomplished the airlift rescue with astonishing speed and precision.

Generous American Jews,

through local federations and the United Jewish Appeal (since renamed United Jewish Communities), bore a major part of the estimated \$150 million cost of both the airlift and the programs to absorb the Ethiopians into Israeli society.

The process that began for the Ethiopians with the airlift 10 years ago is far from finished. The transition remains full of challenges for the Ethiopians in Israel, and for those who continue to migrate there at a rate of about 400 per month.

And for Israel too, the challenge of absorbing these newcomers and ensuring their success is ongoing.

At a tragic time of tension and increased violence between Israelis and Palestinians, it is important for American Jews to keep focused on sustaining Israel through this and all trials to come. Younger generations that did not witness the Holocaust and the creation of modern Israel — or Operation Solomon — need to recognize and impart the relevance of Israel to generations yet unborn.

With our relative prosperity, freedom and security, American Jewry has a special role to play. If we are to be true heirs to Solomon, we must share his love of wisdom. Like Solomon, too, we must be master architects and builders of community.

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Marvin Lender served as chairman of United Jewish Appeal, now United Jewish Communities, during Operation Solomon. Joel D. Tauber, currently chairman of the Executive Committee of United Jewish Communities, was incoming chairman of United Jewish Appeal in 1991.

## Situational Ethics and G-d

Often, we define the moral position as the one which adheres to objective standards of right and wrong. Consequently, someone who evaluates an action in the light of eternal, immutable values demonstrates a higher level of moral development than a person who uses other, more situational standards. The roots of this perspective lie in ancient Greek thought, which associated the true with the eternal, i.e. what was perfect never changed. Similarly, the highest level of morality would be immutable.

The Greek mind sought out "laws of nature" which functioned in the realm of human morality no less than in the realm of astronomy. Modern psychologists of moral development—primarily students of the late Lawrence Kohlberg—looked to those Greek suppositions and found confirmation in the moral development of boys and men. Apparently, the highest level of moral development among males involves recourse to external rules of ethical standards which are always true and always definitive.

A challenge to this notion of moral objectivity emerges in the work of Carol Gilligan, who argues that girls and women base moral decisions on how the decision will affect human relationships. Rather than rules, Gilligan argues that women govern their moral lives by weighing the cost among different human beings. Consequently, their view of morality is situational and relative.

The Torah anticipates this feminist view of morality, also holding that ethics ought to be

dynamic and inter-subjective: whether between one person and another, or between a person and G-d. The Torah considers a jealous husband who accuses his wife of committing adultery. She appears before the kohen (priest) in the temple and drinks a mixture of bitter water (Sotah water), dust from the temple floor, and a charoal curse containing G-d's name which is melted into the water potion. After drinking the water, if her body begins to deteriorate, she is considered guilty by the court and the entire people. But, as is much more likely, if nothing happens (after all, the only thing she did was to drink some dirty water), her innocence is established beyond doubt.

The G-d of Israel mandates ethics that are not immutable and unchanging.

The ritual of the Sotah provides a method for vindicating an innocent wife in the face of a paranoid husband. But what caught the rabbi's attention was G-d's role in the process: G-d allows erasing the divine name—mixing it in the waters—to confirm the wife's innocence. This act of divine self-effacement becomes all the more striking if you recall Judaism's insistence that G-d's name is too sacred to be pronounced out loud. Books containing G-d's name can never be thrown out—instead they are

buried with full funeral rites or stored forever. Such is the reverence traditional Jews have always accorded G-d's name. Yet here, in the Torah itself, a ritual requires G-d's name to be erased publicly! Why?

Because, according to Midrash Ba-Midbar Rabbah, "in the case of the Holy Name, inscribed in sanctity, Scripture orders that it is to be blotted out in water to bring about peace between a man and his wife." What G-d's example teaches is that preserving a relationship is often more important than dignity or honor. G-d is willing to forego the normally-mandated honor in the service of harmony between people. G-d demonstrates the same situational ethics that Gilligan attributes to women. Rather than referring to some unchanging rule (i.e. "never desecrate G-d's name"), G-d's moral imperative is to preserve the relationship between husband and wife. Toward that end, G-d mandates what is normally prohibited. In the service of that higher moral goal, the Torah requires treating G-d's name with contempt.

The G-d of Israel mandates ethics that are not immutable and unchanging. Instead, G-d, as portrayed in the Torah and in later Jewish traditions, is passionately involved in relationships—with the Jewish people and with all humanity. Morality, at its best, is in the service of compassionate and caring human living. Morality, at its core, is about relating.

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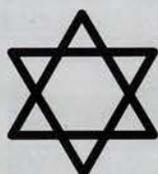
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All of these may not seem so remarkable today, when we complain about being bombarded with too much news, with information overload. But let's look at this from the perspective of the people who lived in the time of *Naso*, last week's Torah portion.

You might expect that they suffered from information deprivation, but that was not so. Without modern social structure, technical assistance, and agricultural expertise, they had much to learn every waking moment just to maintain subsistence. They were on the beginning of the road that has led to our existence — so imagine how much there was still to learn!

*Naso* is a good example. It delivers a lot of lessons, but it's one of those portions that didn't get its sayings into modern quote books, because it begins with a long list of responsibilities of the Gershonites, who carried the hangings and coverings of the sanctuary.

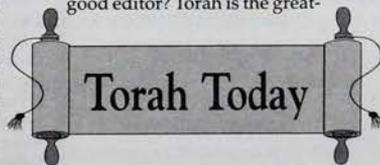
Wouldn't this segment have benefited by the services of a good editor? Torah is the great-

"begetting" and the "the generations of..." The incredible nature of this text is that it was the only one of its time that paid any attention to ordinary people. Everywhere else — in Babylon, Sumeria, and all the surrounding lands which have left us historical material — there was only talk of their deities, their wars and their kings. Torah, on the other hand, was about the descendants of Abraham: it was not written by people about gods, but by G-d about His people.

Torah is about us. Our daily lives, our parents, children, and neighbors, our obligation to make the world a home for G-d. When you read such passages, substitute your own name for the ones in the Torah. Because it's not just about the Gershonites... it's about you.

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



est book in history, the fount from which the world has derived morality, law, religion and so much else. Why do we need to know that the Gershonites were in charge of "the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof?"

For the same reason that Torah has so many passages about

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Feasting and Dancing for Yom Yerushalayim

by Seth Bromley  
Editorial Assistant

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island was the place for kicking up your heels in celebration of Yom Yerushalayim on May 21. As JCCRI Vice President Jenny Klein said, "Rejoice for Jerusalem and be glad for her... Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all the world."

Yom Yerushalayim commemorates the recapture of Jerusalem from Arab forces during the Six Days War on June 6, 1967 (Iyar 28 on the Hebrew calendar). Between 1949, the year of Israel's independence, and 1967, East Jerusalem was under the jurisdiction of Jordan. During that period Jews were barred from that section of the city.

At the JCC there was plenty of food to go around, as volunteer cooks Steven and Nitza Katzoff churned out pans of falafel. Young children gathered together to take part in crafts such as the assembling of an Israeli flag, and in a storytelling session with Rita Braude.

"Jerusalem is always in our minds, especially this year," said Klein. Also in attendance was Dorothy Fox Levin, who said, "It's important to be to-

gether... It's important to celebrate since we've had so much tragedy." Blue ribbons adorned those in attendance, signifying support of the three Israeli soldiers who were kidnapped by Hezbollah and are being held in captivity.

Once everyone was finished eating and the plates were cleared away, the Netsach Band took the stage and soon filled the room with its energetic, guitar-driven klezmer. "I'm going to dance, because it gives me a sense of hope," declared Anne Schwartz as she rose from her seat. The crowd certainly agreed, as the young and old leapt up and joined in.



JCCRI Vice President Jenny Klein and State Representative David N. Cicilline  
Herald photos by Seth Bromley



Children at the JCCRI work together to make an Israeli flag

## People of the Book

by Rabbi Richard A. Flom  
Congregation Agudath Achim

Summer is here, and many of us, children and adults, will have some time on our hands. I wish to suggest something useful, educational, inspiration, and dare I say, fun, to do with some of that time. Read a Jewish book — by yourself or with your child. Not without reason are we called the People of the Book. Jews buy more books per capita than any other ethnic group in America.

Barnes & Noble's Web site has more than 13,000 titles for the subject word "Judaism." There must be something about Judaism you don't know, but wish you did. Maybe you aren't looking for knowledge, but meaning. Perhaps the tradition doesn't speak to you, and you wish to find another way to en-

ter Judaism. Following is a small sampling of books, in no particular order.

*Tell Me A Mitzvah* by Danny Siegel, 8 and up. *G-d and the Big Bang* by Daniel Matt, adult. *40 Things You Can Do to Save the Jewish People: Parenting Tips for Raising 'Good Enough' Jewish Kids* by Joel Lurie Grishaver, adult. *Jewish Literacy* by Joseph Telushkin, 12 and up. *Judaism and Vegetarianism* by Richard Schwartz, 12 and up. *The Satanization of the Jews* by Joel Carmichael, adult. *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teaching to Raise Self-Reliant Children* by Wendy Mogel, adult. *When Children Ask About G-d* by Harold Kushner, adult. *Jewish Meditation: A Practical Guide* by Aryeh Kaplan, adult. *Teaching Your Children About G-d: A Modern Jewish Approach*

by David Wolpe, adult. *It's a Mitzvah* by Bradley Shavit Artson, 10 and up. *Ten Best Jewish Children's Stories* by Daniel Sperber, 9 and up. *Days of Awe* by S.Y. Agnon, adult. *The Joys of Yiddish* by Leo Rosten, adult. *Seasons of Our Joy* by Arthur Waskow, 12 and up. *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok, 14 and up. *The Source* by James Michener, 14 and up. *The Art of Jewish Living: The Shabbat Seder* by Ron Wolfson, 12 and up. *Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew* by Neil Gillman, adult.

*The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel, adult. *The Shabbat Book: A Weekly Guide for the Whole Family* by Joyce Klein, 8 and up. *Starlight and Candles: The Joys of the Sabbath* by Fran Manushkin, 8 and up. *Mitzvah Means Commandment* by Elliot Dorff, 12 and up. *The Extraordinary Nature of Ordinary Things* by Steven Z. Leder, adult. *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews* by James Carroll, adult. *Liberal Judaism* by Eugene Borowitz, adult. *Being Jewish* by Ari L. Goldman, adult. *Conservative Judaism: Our Ancestors to Our Descendants* by Elliot Dorff, adult. *O Jerusalem!* by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, adult. *The First Hebrew Primer: The Adult Beginner's Path to Biblical Hebrew* by Ethelyn Simon, adult. *Tanakh* by Jewish Publication Society, 12 and up. *Does the Soul Survive?* by Elie Spitz, adult.

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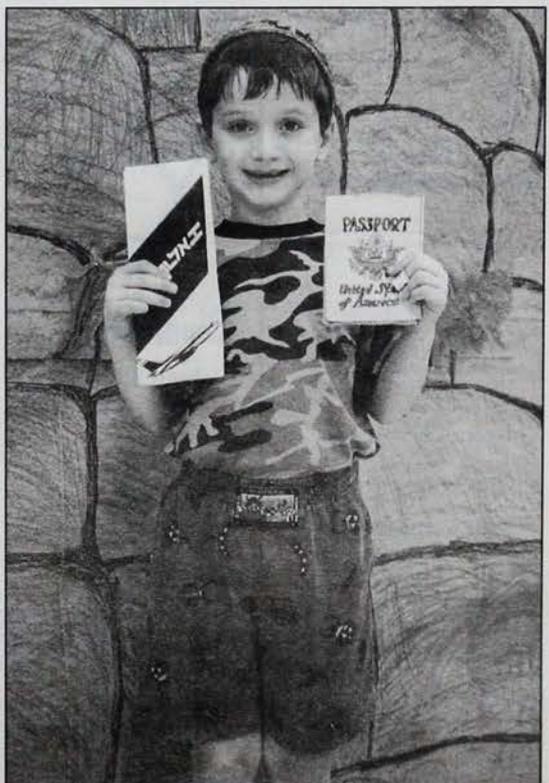
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Congratulations to  
Ellie Elbaum on the  
birth of her grandson.

## Eden Garden Club Installs Officers

The Eden Garden Club, which meets monthly at Temple Beth-El in Providence, installed its officers for the 2001-2003 term at a meeting held on May 23.

Bertha Goldberg, the installing officer, congratulated the following officers: co-presidents, Frances Sadler and Martha Finger; recording secretary, Norma Mushnick; corresponding secretary, Lorraine Webber; and treasurer, Gertrude Gordon.



## Ready for take-off

Daniel Katz, a student at the Alperin Schechter Day School, shows off his Passport and plane ticket during Israel Independence Day.

Photo courtesy ASDS

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## ASDS Welcomes Rabbi Dov Bard to School

Alperin Schechter Day School faculty and staff joined Head of School Dr. Penney Stein in a welcoming luncheon for Rabbi Dov Bard to the leadership of the school on April 26. Rabbi Bard will be replacing Marcia Kaunfer as Director of Judaic Studies this fall. At the luncheon, Rabbi Bard spoke with warmth and humor about the need for communication to create community. His remarks were well received by faculty and staff alike. Rabbi Bard comes to ASDS from the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston, where he served as Head of School. Prior to this, Rabbi Bard served for the Solomon Schechter Day School of St. Louis. "Rabbi Bard has a contagious enthusiasm for children, teachers and schools," said Stein. She pointed out that Rabbi Bard's kind and loving nature is an "energizing presence."

Faculty and parents alike spoke with great affection for Marcia Kaunfer, who has served as director of Judaic studies for seven years that Stein called "devoted and distinguished service." Kaunfer prefers to devote her energies to teaching. To parents who say they will miss Kaunfer's humor and wisdom, Stein reminds them, "she'll still be here as a teacher!" Kaunfer also welcomed Rabbi Bard at the luncheon.

In other news, Risa Kolender was named director/head

teacher of the new pre-kindergarten program at ASDS. Kolender comes to ASDS from the D.C. Jewish Community Center Preschool, where she served as director/teacher. Among her qualifications, Kolender holds a degree in early childhood and special education.

### Mazel Tov and Col HaCavod

- Congratulations to ASDS eight-grader, Shira Adler, who received first place in Junior High School Painting for the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Annual Student Art & Writing Competition.

- Eighth-grader Miriam Klein achieved the second best Rhode Island score for the New England Math League contest. Miriam was one of 25 top students in New England.

- The ASDS community is impressed with the accomplishment of alums Jessica Fain and Ari Heckman, who have written and produced a documentary on Rhode Island survivors of Armenian, Nazi and Cambodian genocide, called *Then They Came For Me*. A preview was held on May 6 at the Avon Cinema in Providence.

- Alum Ari Alexander has won the prestigious Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate study in Britain and the United Kingdom. Ari will continue to learn about issues of ethnic conflict.

## JTS to Host Second International Advanced Seminar in Yiddish Studies

Students of Yiddish from around the world will gather on the campus of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City from June 18 through June 29, climaxing their years of training in a field that has gained popularity and stature in recent years. The intensive two-week program of lectures and discussions, co-sponsored by JTS; Beit Sholem Aleichem, which houses the Sholom Aleichem archive in Tel Aviv; the Yiddish department of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and the YIVO Institute will be conducted entirely in the mama-loshn. David G. Roskies, professor of Jewish literature at JTS, has organized the seminar, along with Avrom Nowersztern, a professor of Yiddish at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. They have been assisted by Rebecca Margolis, a graduate student in the Depart-

ment of Germanic Languages at Columbia University, who is serving as the program's administrator.

"JTS is thrilled to be hosting this seminar, which I see as a finishing school for the next generation of Yiddish scholars. By exposing them to the foremost experts in the field, we wish to underscore the importance of Yiddish to modern Jewish scholarship and the commitment of JTS to the 1,000-year legacy of Yiddish and Ashkenazic culture," said Roskies. The program's main focus will be on Yiddish literature and linguistics. The participants, selected from a much larger pool, will study with the following master teachers:

- Yitskhok Niborski of the Sorbonne, Yiddish philology
- Eugene Orenstein of McGill University, ideologies of Yiddish

- Ruth Wisse of Harvard University, the poetry of Avrom Sutskever

- Joshua A. Fishman, professor emeritus of Yeshiva University, Yiddish sociolinguistics

- Mordkhe Schaechter of the League for Yiddish, the normativization of modern Yiddish

- Avrom Nowersztern, Yiddish apocalyptic poetry

- David Roskies, Yiddish impressionism

Following the lectures, which are scheduled for the mornings, the students will present their own research in afternoon sessions. Twenty-three master's, doctoral and post-doctoral candidates from North America, England, Germany, Hungary, Denmark, Russia, France and Israel have already made plans to travel to New York for the seminar.

Visit the JTS website at <[www.jtsa.edu](http://www.jtsa.edu)>.

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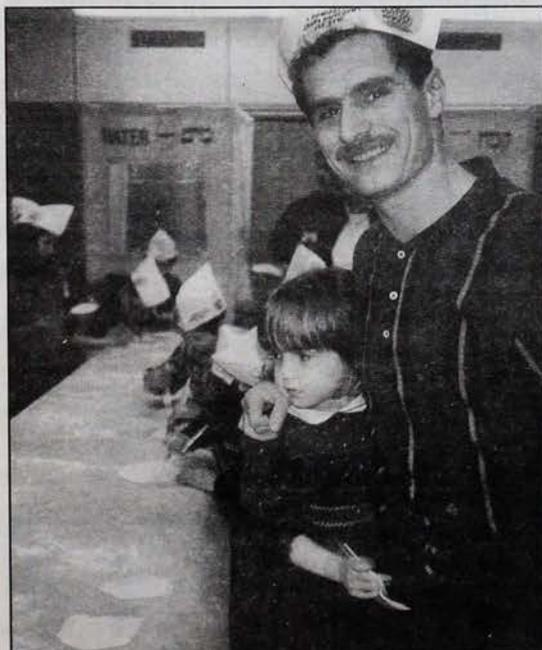
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## Zamir Chorale to Perform at Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El proudly presents The Benton A. Odessa Memorial Concert, featuring the internationally recognized Zamir Chorale of Boston. The Zamir Chorale will be presenting "Passport to Jewish Music," which will include the best Jewish music from around the world.

The event will take place on June 10 at 7 p.m. at 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Seating is free, so come early!



## Matzah For Me at the JCC

Michael and Ronit Stuklov make matzah at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. The JCC was equipped with a fully-functioning model matzah bakery for Passover.

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Hebrew Free Loan

(Continued from Page 1)

supporters are "life members" and some have been supporting the group for 50 or 60 years. There was a great sense of brotherhood and sisterhood between the members there, almost like a family reunion.

The name of the applicant and the amount of the loan are completely confidential, and, because the group chooses not to advertise its service, they generate a minimal amount of media attention. The HFLA doesn't advertise, Goodwin said, because "we don't want to attract droves of non-Jews... [but] we also don't want to turn anybody away because they're not Jewish." The groups by-laws do not require the applicant to be Jewish, and the group has given loans to non-Jews in the past, Goodwin said.

Goodwin said that a majority of the applicants are referred by Jewish agencies like the Jewish Family Service, or by rabbis

or previous loan recipients. The group's funding comes from members dues as well as through various endowment funds that have appreciated over the years. Some of the more common reasons for applying for a Hebrew Free loan have been: to make a down payment on a vehicle; for college tuition; for medical expenses (frequently dental); or to visit relatives in Israel or another country.

Many of the applicants in recent years have been from new Americans who immigrated to the United States from the Former Soviet Union.

"We don't feel [like] we're giving a handout," said Goodwin. "We let people do what they need to do for themselves."

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For more information, call the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association at 331-3081.

## 55 Alive Driving Schedule

55 Alive Driver Safety Courses June 2001 Course Costs \$10

Courses are held four hours each day and attendees must attend both days.

**Providence** — June 11 and 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Ins. George Kempler. Call Rona at 331-6070.

**Westerly** — June 12 and 14, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Westerly Senior Center, 39 State St., Ins. R. Lapan. Call Lucy, at 596-2404.

**Providence** — June 25 and 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Ins. George Kempler. Call Sue at 861-8800.

**Narragansett** — July 9 and 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Narragansett Community Center, 53 Mumford Road, Ins. M. Feyler. Call Barbara at 728-0675.

All instructors with AARP 55 Alive Driver Safety Programs are volunteers. For 55 Alive Driver Safety Courses, call voice mail, (888) AARP NOW, 24 hours a day, or call 896-3863.

## Exchange Students Looking for Jewish Host Family

Two 12th grade German exchange students are hoping to live with a Jewish family while they are in the United States.

Contact Amy Gross at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at 421-4111 for further information on becoming a host family.

## Jill Asser Receives Degree From Brandeis University

Jill Asser, daughter of Joyce and Larry Wacks of Providence, R.I., received a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University, at the school's 50th annual commencement on May 20.

Asser was also named to the dean's list for the spring 2001 semester. Dean's list honors are awarded to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.



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## United Synagogue Adopts Bold Educational Standards

### All Students Required to Attend Sabbath Services

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is substantially enhancing its educational standards to increase required attendance of young people in its synagogue schools and at religious services.

In a move to bring conservative synagogue schools into the 21st century, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism adopted for the first time in more than four decades new educational standards.

The new "Framework for Excellence" will expand the reach of Jewish education to tens of thousands of kindergarten and high school students while offering member congregations the ability to choose among three- and two-day models for the elementary years.

In a unanimous vote at this weekend's USCJ National Board meeting in New York, the Conservative Movement expanded its educational standards for its 760 member congregations from grades three to seven to include all grades from kindergarten through high school.

Congregations can choose from six models that will expand formal Jewish education to all age students. Several of the

educational models call for students in grades three to seven to attend school twice a week for a total of five or more hours, but now students in grades kindergarten to two will also be required to attend school, although only for two or three hours a week, and high school students will be aggressively courted for weekly study.

The United Synagogue will for the first time require its synagogue schools to require regular attendance at Shabbat services.

"These innovative and bold new standards will establish a pattern of learning from early childhood education programs, through kindergarten, into elementary and middle school, and through high school," said Stephen Wolnek, president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

According to Rabbi Jerome Epstein, USCJ executive vice president, "The Framework for Excellence will give our member congregations the flexibility they need to choose the best model of Jewish education for their own community."

In addition to changing the structure of the school day, the new standards set benchmarks for family education, encourage

active rabbinic and cantorial participation, and require ongoing professional development for teachers and principals.

All students will also be encouraged to join the Conservative youth movements, attend Camp Ramah, and visit Israel.

The Framework for Excellence — which includes a Statement of Aims for Conservative Jewish education — was developed over two years by a Blue Ribbon Task Force comprised of lay and professional leaders chaired by Temma Kingsley, with input from congregations, educators, rabbis, teachers and students.

"As part of the USCJ's commitment to excellence in education, we are proud to announce the addition of Wendy Light to our staff as the project director for The Framework for Excellence," said Rabbi Dr. Robert Abramson, director of the USCJ Commission on Jewish Education.

Light, who has more than a decade of experience as an educational director of Conservative Jewish synagogues, will visit with congregations to assist them in making the transition to the new standards.

The Framework for Excellence in Education is available on the USCJ Web site at <www.uscj.org>.

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## Beth-El Elects New Officers

The 146th annual meeting of Congregation Sons of Israel and David, Temple Beth-El, Providence was held on May 20 in the Silverstein Meeting Hall of Temple Beth-El. The meeting, entitled "Youth, the Key to our Future" was chaired by Dr. Katherine Haspel and Paul Silver. The temple's volunteer adult choir, Kol Echad and youth choir, Shir Shalom, both directed by Cantor Judy Seplowin, provided entertainment. Tribute was paid to Anita Steiman who is celebrating her 10th anniversary as the temple religious school administrator. Elected to the executive com-

mittee were Judge Richard J. Israel, president; Kenneth Kirsch, first vice president; Marvin W. Lax and Selma Stanzler, vice presidents; Susann Mark, treasurer, Neil Steinberg, assistant treasurer, and Elizabeth Hollander, secretary. Newly elected trustees were Sherry Cohen, Gloria Feibish, Hannah Goldberg, Lynn Gunzberg, Richard Kaplan, Frances Katzanek, Andrea Reiser, Helen Salzberg, Frederic Silverblatt, Howard Weiss and Ted Winston. Presidential appointees named by President Israel were Lynn Flanzbaum, Scott Libman and Lenore Piper.

## R.I. Hadassah Will Host Speaker

*'How to Raise a Mensch'*  
Wendy Garf-Lipp is the featured speaker at a meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at EPOCH Assisted Living, 1 Butler Ave., Providence.

Garf-Lipp will speak on "How to Raise a Mensch" and discuss ways and means to share and encourage Jewish values and traditions with our children and grandchildren. She is a teacher at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence and is a provocative and knowledgeable speaker.

Dessert will be served on the patio at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the event, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Members are asked to call the Hadassah office at 463-3636.

## Feinstein Foundation and Roger Williams University Endow \$10 Million Scholarship Fund

The Feinstein Foundation and the Roger Williams University recently announced the creation of a \$10 million scholarship fund for students in the freshman class of 2002 who have participated in the Feinstein Good Deeds or Youth Hunger Brigade Programs. The announcement was made by Anthony J. Santoro, J.D., university chancellor, and Alan Shawn Feinstein, philanthropist and founder of the Feinstein Foundation.

The Feinstein Foundation and the Rhode Island Foundation have pledged up to \$2 million for the scholarship fund, with the university providing up to \$8 million.

The Feinstein Scholarship will be both need-based and merit-based, Santoro said, and will be awarded to students who best represent Feinstein's values of compassion, brotherhood and community service.

The Feinstein Scholarship Fund has been established through a proprietary arrangement between the university and Feinstein, who praised Roger Williams as "a real academic success story which has made a priority of providing leadership opportunities for its students. I believe our scholarship fund will expand that effort and benefit many students who have been in our programs doing so much to better their community and the lives of others."

Upon matriculating at Roger Williams University, scholar-

ship recipients will join "the prestigious group of Feinstein Scholars," in Santoro's words, who have already received college scholarships from Feinstein because of their leadership and dedication to bettering the lives of others regardless of race or religion. These scholarships are renewable for as long as the recipients are enrolled full time in good standing at the university.

In announcing the scholarships, Santoro welcomed the opportunity to attract additional Feinstein Scholars to the Roger Williams campus. "Not only do these students bring strong academic credentials," he said, "but they also bring with them the values that we, too, hold dear with Mr. Feinstein that will further enrich our entire campus community."

"Mr. Feinstein's relationship with Roger Williams University is a powerful affirmation of the quality of education and caring community on this campus," said Michael R. Franco, vice president for institutional advancement. He and his foundation previously have made substantial gifts to the university, including making community service a requirement for all R.W.U. undergraduates and law students.

Applications will be available from all high school guidance counselors, local libraries and the Public Education Fund, and from Robin Erickson in the university's Office of Institutional Advancement.

## Temple Beth El of Fall River to Celebrate Cantor Wolberg

A gala celebration will be held in honor of Cantor Richard A. Wolberg on June 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Ziskind Auditorium in Temple Beth El.

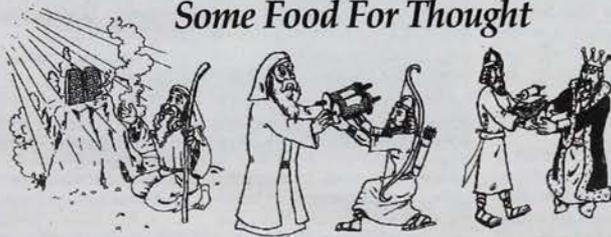
The evening will celebrate Cantor Wolberg's 25 years of dedication to Temple Beth El.

Mail a check to Temple Beth El, 385 High St., Fall River, Mass. 02720 for your \$25 dinner reservation now.



INSTALLED AS OFFICERS (left to right) Ken Kirsch, first vice president; Selma Stanzler, vice president; Richard Israel, president; Neil Steinberg, assistant treasurer; not pictured: Marvin Lax, vice president; Susann Mark, treasurer and Liz Hollander, secretary. Photo courtesy of Temple Beth-El

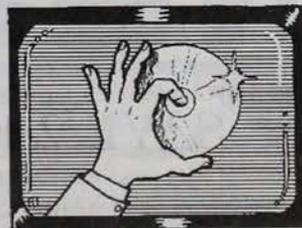
## Some Food For Thought



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## Temple Am David Will Hold Picnic

Temple Am David is going to have an Open House — away from the house!

The congregation's School and Programming Committees have scheduled an open Community Picnic for June 10, and as long as the weather cooperates, it won't be held at the temple. Instead it will begin at noon at sites 133-137 at Goddard Park in Warwick. The announcement of the event, the first of its kind for the temple, promises "fun, games, music and lots of great food," all at a nominal price of \$6 for adults and \$4 for children — less for kids under 5 years of age.

The Family Community Picnic is open to the public. In the event the weather should decide not to cooperate, the entire proceedings will be moved indoors to the temple at 40 Gardiner St., Warwick.

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## PHDS Students Find 'A House for Hermit Crab'

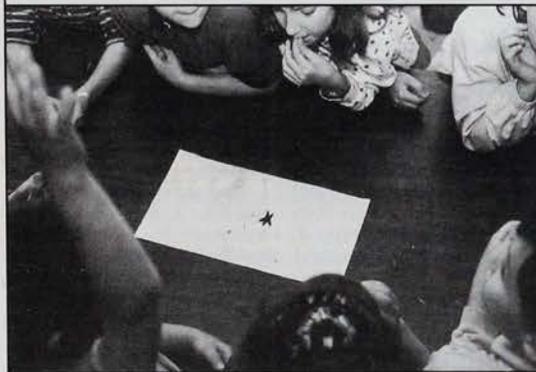
by Jon Rubin, Herald Editor

Marine life was the focus of Mrs. Beverly Hall's first grade class at PHDS on May 23. Mrs. Hall reviewed the book *A House for Hermit Crab*, which was about a hermit crab that used different materials (and creatures!) to make himself a home.

Mrs. Hall's class even had an aquarium filled with sea anemones, crabs and other aquatic critters from the book that the children could examine. The students looked earnestly at a tiny starfish and asked questions about its anatomy and its habitat. "He's trying to flip over!" said one student. "No, he's trying to go to sleep!" said another.



Mrs. Hall taking crab-related questions



Students take a peek at an itty-bitty starfish.

Herald photos by Jon Rubin

## Sheva Brachas in Providence

by Seth Bromley  
Editorial Assistant

On May 31, the community gathered in the event hall of the Providence Hebrew Day School to observe Sheva Brachas — seven days of feasting — celebrating the marriage of Chaya Zisel Laufer to Michael Goldman. The bride is the daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Yeshoshua Laufer of Providence, the groom is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Yossy Goldman. Rabbi Laufer is the spiritual leader at Chabad House on Hope Street in Providence.

Members of Providence's Orthodox and Lubavitch communities turned out in force for the occasion, and all in attendance had best wishes for the happy couple. "There should be a wedding every day," said Rabbi Laufer. The revelers were treated to a plethora of food and spirits, as well as live klezmer music to dance to.

top right

Mrs. Laufer, Mrs. Goldman, Chaya Zisel Laufer, Michael Goldman, Rabbi Laufer, Rabbi Goldman

bottom right

The groom gives the blessing over the challah.

Photos by Seth Bromley



## ASDS Head of School Attends Harvard's Principals' Seminar Reunion

Avi Chai Foundation Sponsors Dr. Penney Stein

Dr. Penney Stein, head of The Alperin Schechter Day School, has recently returned from Beyond Summer: The Challenges of Leadership, a "Reunion" Institute at the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Principals' Center.

The Avi Chai foundation, a New York-based private foundation dedicated to promoting Jewish commitment supporting the growing Jewish day school movement, sponsored the participation of Stein and more than 50 other Jewish day school principals from around the country — all alumni of previ-

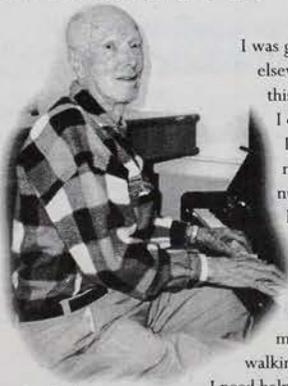
ous professional development seminars sponsored by Avi Chai and held at Harvard's Principals' Center and Bar-Ilan University's Lookstein Center.

The Beyond Summer Institute was designed by Harvard, together with Avi Chai, as an opportunity for Jewish day school educators to come together for the purpose of building on their learning from previous summer seminars and sharing their experiences as leaders. The program focused on values and practices that contribute to leadership style; supervisory responses to inspire excel-

lence in teaching; developmental stages of meaning-making and their implications for Jewish education, practice and worship; and valuing and working with a diversity of people to create a sense of belonging. Participants attended lectures and discussion groups led by Harvard faculty, educational consultants, and school practitioners.

"It has been a privilege and a challenge to be part of this outstanding program at the Harvard University Principals' Center," says Stein. "I have enjoyed working closely with my colleagues, sharing ideas and ideals, and I am very grateful to Avi Chai for this opportunity."

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## Wagner Will Not Be Played at Israeli Festival

The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra will not play the works of composer Richard Wagner at its upcoming concert in the Israel Festival in Jerusalem. The orchestra, conducted by Daniel Barenboim, was slated to play an excerpt of Wagner's opera *Die Walkure*. The decision to play Wagner provoked public outcry demanding that Wagner not be played due to his anti-Semitic views and his connection to the Nazis.

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Society of Friends of Touro Honors Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman

by Bernard Wax

On May 20, attendees from throughout New England and New York gathered in Rhode Island's historic Touro Synagogue in Newport to honor Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, a leader in the World Jewish Conservative Movement. During the program, The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue presented Rabbi Kreitman with its Distinguished Member Award.

The occasion marked the 55th anniversary of the presentation of a Torah by the Newport Naval Station to the famous Synagogue. Rabbi Kreitman, a naval chaplain at the time, arranged for the transfer.

The ceremonies attracted a number of distinguished speakers including Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and Alan M. Tichnor, past international president of the United Synagogue, both of whom described the career of Rabbi Kreitman and the effect he had upon their lives.

Captain Ruth Cooper, commanding officer of the Naval

Station, Newport, represented the United States Navy and noted that the presentation of the Torah in 1946 by Chaplain Kreitman demonstrated the close ties between the naval base and the surrounding community, ties which the Navy still maintains.

Another participant in the program, Dr. Jenny Machlovitz Klein, who attended the 1946 ceremonies, lovingly described the day her father witnessed similar events when Emperor Franz Joseph visited his small community in Eastern Europe prior to World War I.

Rabbi Kreitman, who gave the Founders Day Keynote Address, was introduced by his daughter Rabbi Jill Kreitman, associate rabbi and director of education at the Central Synagogue in New York City. Other participants included Alan M. Edelstein, master of ceremonies and Founders Day chair, and Andrew M. Teitz, president of The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, who presented the Distinguished Member Award to Rabbi Kreitman. Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz of Touro Synagogue gave the benediction.



### ASDS Class of 2001

The Alperin Schechter Day School presents its eighth-grade graduating class: (Front row) Ruth Furman, Shira Tevah, James Rotenberg, Aaron Abrams, Maia Masuda, Bruce Kaufman; (second row) Rustam Dinov, Tanya Goman, Chloe Licht, Jessica Spellun, Miriam Klein, Hannah Mellion; (back row) Benjamin Beraha, Anna Siradzi, Narkiss Pressburger, Shira Adler, Zachary Matusow, and Regina Goldenberg. Graduation will be on June 10 at 1 p.m. in the main sanctuary at Temple Emanu-El.

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### Play by Day, Bid by Night For The JCCRI

The 16th annual JCCRI Golf Tournament and Gala Auctions, to be held on June 18 at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass., is fast approaching, but there are still opportunities available to participate. Join us during the day and have fun on one of New England's finest golf courses. Or, if golf is not your game, you can still join us in the evening for dinner and the silent and live auctions. The silent auction is a great way to find some fun and exciting items from local merchants. The live auction will feature hard-to-get tickets to the CVS Charity Classic, luxury box seats to the Bruins and Celtics, great jewelry, patio furniture and more.

If you are interested in playing in the tournament, attending the auctions, or becoming a sponsor, call Cory Diamond at the JCCRI at 861-8800, ext. 149.

### Major League Soccer Camps Coming to JCCRI

Families with children in kindergarten through grade six are invited to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on June 10 at 1 p.m. to learn about this summer's Major League Soccer camps. MLS camps will be held at JCCRI June 18 to 22 and Aug. 20 to 24.

Professional coaches from the nation's premier professional soccer league will offer a free demonstration and information session about this exclusive program which provides age-appropriate experiences in the popular sport of soccer. Children who attend a MLS clinic at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island this summer will receive a free gift from MLS as well as a companion ticket to a New England Revolution game.

MLS is the official camp of the American Youth Soccer Organization. For more information or for summer camp registration materials, call Cory Diamond at JCCRI, 861-8800, ext. 149 or e-mail at <cddiamond@jccri.org>.



Pictured are Ruth Cooper, Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, Dr. Jenny Klein and Andrew Teitz. Photo by Todd Margolis

### New Opinion Poll: Anti-Semitism on The Decline In Austria

A recent study completed by three independent public opinion research institutions (Society for the Study of Social Science, The Institute of Empirical Social Research, and The Austrian Society of European Politics) has compared attitudes in Austria in 1991 and 2001 and came to the following conclusion: Anti-Semitism is on the decline in Austria. The study also confirms that the young generation is increasingly open-minded regarding "confronting Austria's past." Whereas 24 percent of the public agreed in an opinion poll in 1991 to a statement that "It would be better not to have Jews among the population," this figure came down to 13 percent in 2001. Sixty-three percent disagreed with this statement in 2001, as opposed to 54 percent in 1991. People with higher education (college or university) appeared to be less inclined to anti-Semitic prejudices: only 1 percent agreed to the above statement, as opposed to 2 percent

of the people who had only a junior high school education.

Austria's young generation agreed to a large extent that "confronting the past" is an important issue: 61 percent regarded it as very important to learn what happened during the Third Reich, 29 percent saw it as important, 8 percent saw it less important, and only 3 percent as not important.

The full text of this study which was released in Vienna on May 25, can be found at <www.austria.org> under announcements.



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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Kosher Eatin' Blues

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kid for the community to come together on Saturday nights at the butchers on Willard Avenue."

But Marian's words ring hollow today as many of the roughly 200 Orthodox families now make the trek from Rhode Island to Brookline, Mass., or even to New York for kosher meat, dairy and bakery products or to pack up their minivans every Sunday and go interstate to partake of a kosher sit-down meal in Boston. Temple Emanu-El, a Providence Conservative Synagogue, has monthly meat deliveries for its congregation from American Kosher in Boston. Marty Weisman, a Holocaust Survivor from Poland, had operated his kosher butchery, Marty's, for 36 years out of Cranston. He then sold it to a new, non-Jewish owner.

[I]t would be extraordinarily expensive for any observant [Jewish] family to eat out even as little as once a week.

There were two kosher restaurants that were moderately successful on the East Side in the olden days. Kosher Delight was the name of two businesses on Hope Street. The first was owned by Ellen Garber, and her husband, Moshe Wachnun, and the second Kosher Delight by Jon Klein and his wife, Janice. The original Kosher Delight was a pizza/milchig (milk only) restaurant, while the latter was primarily fleishig (meat only). And although all owners of Kosher Delight at various times enjoyed the fruits of their labor, the demands — East Side rents and costs of labor, not to mention strict mashgiach (kosher supervisor), as well as requirements from the Va'ad of Rhode Island (the commercial Kashrut supervisory agency) — eventually caught up with Garber, Wachnun and Klein. They would later move out of Rhode Island; Garber and Wachnun to

Atlanta, and Klein and his family to Israel.

Also, Miller's Delicatessen, which opened its doors for business in 1942 on Hope St., operated a wonderful business before being bought out by the Lower East Side Deli, which was pricey and saw the state's Orthodox population fight over issues of Kashrus (kosher food issues).

Russell Raskin, a lawyer and member of Providence's Orthodox community, said that a large part of Rhode Island's Jewish population stood by the kashrus standards of Garber's and Wachnun's Kosher Delight. "Just about everyone felt comfortable either bringing a pizza to a friend's house or having a pizza brought to their house by a friend," Raskin stated. Raskin also believes very strongly that another kosher restaurant could be successful in Rhode Island, but "it would have to have the maximum appeal to every part of the Jewish community, as well as every aspect of a service environment, including cleanliness, good service, quality food and friendliness."

So where does one begin to answer the question: how would an eager entrepreneur open a successful kosher eating establishment in the state — either a sit-down restaurant, a kosher dairy, a kosher butcher shop or another kosher bakery or deli?

The first thing, according to Weisman, Yamuder and Joslin Davis, proprietor of Davis' Dairy Products, a 95-year-old institution also currently on Hope Street, is to do things right and seek Rabbinical supervision. All three stressed that the costs of getting a kosher business off the ground would be enormously high and the chances of one being successful are poor. Davis insisted that the decrease in eating kosher was directly proportionate to the "changes in Jewish lifestyle." Davis declared that "there used to be more Orthodox Shuls in South Providence and the North End, people drove much less."

Davis felt that there is much less competition presently between wholesalers and retailers



WILLARD AVENUE, looking east, circa 1947. Appearing in the photo are Perler's Bakery on the left (No. 207) and on the opposite side of the street from right to left Louis Bezviner, grocer (No. 214); N.Y. Delicatessen and Public Model Creamery (No. 208); Jewett's Creamery (No. 204); Bazarsky's Meat Market (No. 202); Snell's Bakery (No. 200); Harry's Fruit Market (No. 196); Spiegel's Meat and Poultry (No. 190); Keller's Meat Market (No. 184 1/2); and Samuel Bernstein Meats (No. 182).

Photo courtesy of Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society

of kosher food, and that it was simpler in the past for a Jewish business to operate strictly because there were more Jews gathered in one location. Davis also said it would be extraordinarily expensive for any observant family to eat out even as little as once a week. Davis said that "orthodox families have many kids, and to feed them all would cost up to \$100 a meal."

But the most commonly mentioned theme concerning "the disappearing Rhody kosher food" was the migration of the state's Jewish residents away from the cities. Izzy Weisman, Davis and Golditch all recollected that in the bygone days of R.I. Jewish eating, over half the state's residents resided in Providence — including the East Side, North End and South Providence. Now, according to recent state statistics, one-third of Jewish Rhode Islanders live in Providence; one-third live

in cities such as Cranston, Warwick, Pawtucket, East Greenwich and South and North Kingstown; and fully one-third of Rhode Island Jews today reside in far-away "Yiddish" outposts as Tiverton, Block Island, Little Compton and the rest of Little Rhody. This makes it exceedingly difficult for any centralized kosher dining establishments to take root.

This exodus, according to Sena Yamuder, co-proprietor of Izzy's Kosher Catering as well as Izzy's wife, occurred for several reasons. The first was because South Providence and the North End started to become run-down; another was because "the East Side became the center [of] operations for the Jews — like a shtetl, with everything within walking distance of each other." Still another was because "Jews — like most every other American in that time period (the

1950s to early 60s) — wanted to follow the then-popular American trend of "suburbia."

Rhea Diwinsky, a Providence native now living in Herzlia, Israel, commented by e-mail that "for whatever reason, the Jewish population of Rhode Island is moving away from the religious and Kashrus environments." Diwinsky recollected to her youth on Providence's East Side, when "there was a tremendous presence of both young and old at Temple Emanu-El and everybody went to a kosher butcher before every holiday and Shabbos.

So while there remains a ray of hope for an eager entrepreneur to make an accomplished attempt at operating a kosher eatery in Rhode Island, it remains to be seen if this person could prove it to us dyed-in-the-wool Rhode Islanders.

In order for a willing "kosher businessman" to strike it rich here, he or she would need the proper combination of great mazel (luck), skill, not to mention an iron will and the energy to work very, very hard at turning skeptics into believers.

"..[T]he East Side became the center [of] operations for the Jews — like a shtetl, with everything within walking distance of each other."

## Beth Sholom News

On June 16, the girl's Gemara Class invites the Beth Sholom community to a siyum on selected sugiot from perek kamma of Masseket Megillah. Featured will be a light lunch, D'vrai Torah, and a Talmud Study Guide compiled by the students.

There will be a Beth Sholom baseball outing on June 28, when the Pawtucket Red Sox play Charlotte. Tickets are \$8 each for a reserved box seat. See Elie Mizrahi or call him at 751-4049. Hurry! There is a limited number of tickets left.

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A Pat Boulay Fitness Program is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Harborhill Fitness Center. The program incorporates exercise to music and is specifically geared to seniors.

Harborhill Place Bridge Club meets on Mondays from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. in the Windjammer Club Room at Harborhill Place. Irma Silverman will be teaching bridge classes as part of the meeting. Both new and experienced players are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a buddy!

Harborhill Place is an independent and assisted living residence located at 159 Division St., East Greenwich, R.I.

For more information, contact Jennifer Cipalone, activities director at Harborhill Place at 884-2704, ext. 102.

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## One-Day Special Summer Book Sale

The Friends of the Rochambeau Library will hold a one-day Special Summer Book Sale on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside the library at 708 Hope St., Providence.

Hundreds of newly donated mysteries, science fiction, biographies, fiction, romances, travel, and kids' books; plus lemonade and the GET REEL! old time music band.

Prices will be \$1 for hardcover books and videotapes, 50¢ for paperback books and audiotapes, and 50¢ for all children's books.

Reusable books and audiovisual materials may be donated to the library at any time. Contribution receipts are available. Friends of Rochambeau is a 501(c)3 organization. All proceeds benefit the Rochambeau Library. For information about Literacy and Assisted Living Group Visits, or remainder donations to qualified non-profits, call Caryl-Ann Nieforth, 822-1979.

## Jewelry Show and Sale at EPOCH

EPOCH Assisted Living on Blackstone Boulevard located at 353 Blackstone Boulevard is hosting a jewelry show and sale on June 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the residence.

A professional jewelry consultant will conduct this event featuring Austrian crystal earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins and rings. This program is open to the public. Tours will be available and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Julie Fox, at 273-6565.

## Roger Williams Park Greenhouses to Hold Garden Talk

Do you have the knack for gardening, but need a little advice on keeping plants looking vibrant all summer long? On June 9 at 11 a.m., Cheryl Cadwell, master gardener at the University of Rhode Island, will hold a garden lecture entitled "Garden Basics — Diet for Healthy Plants" at the Charles H. Smith Greenhouses in Roger Williams Park.

Cadwell's lecture kicks off the summer garden lecture series at the greenhouses. For more information on this lecture or any other lecture/event taking place this summer, contact Cheryl Cadwell at 949-3030 or Roger Williams Park Public Relations at 785-9450, ext. 210.

## New Horizons Caregiver Group to Meet

A Caregivers Support Group sponsored by Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island at its New Horizons Adult Day Center on Main Street in Pawtucket will meet on June 12 from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Caregiver Support Group meets twice a month to offer support and helpful information to others who are caring for a sick or aging loved one. The toll of caregiving can be high and people often feel isolated. The group was formed earlier this summer to draw the caregivers out of their homes and into a supportive atmosphere.

The sessions are free and facilitated by Linda Poole, L.C.S.W., director of New Horizons. Also available is free care for the loved ones while the caregiver attends the support group.

For more information, call New Horizons, 426 Main St., Pawtucket at 727-0950.

## Historical Society Wrap Up

The Cranston Historical Society will wrap up an active year on June 19 with its annual Picnic/Hall of Fame Award evening at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston St., Cranston.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. The Hall of Fame Award this year will be given to Dorothy Vamvaketis, long-time member of the society. Musical entertainment will be provided while members and guests enjoy a dinner, with all the fixings. Tickets for the event will be \$12. For reservations call Mabel Kelley at 944-9226.



## Save The Bay's New Web Site Splashes Onto the Internet

Save The Bay is now online! The new Web site, located at <[www.savebay.org](http://www.savebay.org)> was created to provide more information and easy navigation.

"The Web site is designed with the site visitor in mind. Our goal is to have a Web site where all the information of Save The Bay is just a mouse click away. It is Narragansett Bay at your fingertips," said Carrie Seiberling, webmaster for Save The Bay.

Visitors will find information on Save The Bay's education programs, issues facing Narragansett Bay, the latest on port development at Quonset point, how to become a member, volunteer and internship opportunities, and upcoming events like Save The Bay boat trips and the Citizens Bank/Save The Bay Swim. A section called Kidsweb gives kids the chance to learn about the bay through games, features, and project ideas. Visitors also will be able to find out about restoration projects taking place in their area through a section on habitat restoration.

## Providence Children's Museum Names Board Members at Annual Meeting

Soaring attendance, three new exhibits, outstanding special events and an ambitious new strategic plan were just some of the highlights of the year 2000 at Providence Children's Museum, Executive Director Janice O'Donnell announced at the annual meeting of Providence Children's Museum on April 9, 2001. Attendance in 2000 topped 119,000, representing an increase of 10 percent over 1999's levels.

Elizabeth Burke Bryant, executive director of Rhode Island Kids Count was the key note speaker. She announced the agency's 2000 Kids Count Factbook, outlining the report's highlights and discussing the changes in the lives of families and children across the state.

The museum named nine new members to the board of directors and honored outstanding volunteers. New board members included Todd Andrews (CVS/pharmacy), Margaret Bating (Staples), Oliver H.L. Bennett (Fleet Bank), Julie Collins (Hasbro, Inc.), Bruce DiPietro (The Providence Group), Julie Lancia (Lance Industries), David M. Madden (Citizens Bank), Jeffrey Massotti (Speidel, Inc.) and Eileen Saeger (FirstFed). Kathleen Goulding,

financial services manager for the Center for Women & Enterprise, was elected president of the board and Diane Larsen, senior manager for Ernst & Young, was elected board treasurer. Elizabeth C. (Betty) Capozzi, Melinda Knight and state Sen. Elizabeth Roberts were elected to the museum's board of overseers.

Elizabeth Capozzi was also honored as the museum's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. She joined the museum's board of directors in 1991 and served as president of the board from 1993 through 1997. She was the founder and the first president of the Children's Museum council and led the museum in its decision to relocate to

Providence and its successful \$3 million Capital Campaign to create Providence Children's Museum. She has con-

tinued in a leadership role, serving on the museum's strategic planning, board development and major gifts committees. Providence Mayor Vincent Cianci presented Capozzi with a Citizen Citation for her past and present work with the Children's Museum.

For directions and more information, call 273-KIDS or visit <[www.childrenmuseum.org](http://www.childrenmuseum.org)>.

## Center For Health Education Programs

Everyone loves a massage, and no one more than the newborn. An Infant Massage class will be held on June 26 at 1 p.m. at Women & Infants' Center for Health Education, 1162 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, Mass. This class will teach parents simple techniques to please their happy baby and calm the fussy one. The cost is \$30. Call the center to register at (508) 730-1010.

If you never experienced yoga, but would like to try this meditative practice that enhances flexibility, inner peace and strength, now is the time. Six-week yoga sessions are in full swing at Women & Infants' Center for Health Education, 1162 G.A.R. Highway. If you would like information, call the satellite at (508) 730-1010.

A Reiki First Degree Workshop will be held on July 14 and 15, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are familiar with the basics of this ancient healing technique and would like to receive training so that you can give reiki treatments to your loved ones, this is the class for you. Taught by an experienced reiki master, the weekend provides hands-on training in this meditative, effective healing technique. To receive a registration form, call the Center for Health Education at 886-4222.

## ATTENTION ASPIRING WRITERS!

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald is looking for young people to be free lance stringers for the newspaper. Stringers write on a per-story basis and are paid for each story written. This is a perfect opportunity for high school and college students to broaden their résumé while gaining valuable writing experience. Knowledge of Jewish community and customs/traditions a plus. We're looking for interested students in all parts of Rhode Island, and Southeastern Massachusetts. Call Jon at 724-0200 for more information.



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Waterplace Park Booms With the Big Band Sounds of John Allmark

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Office of Cultural Affairs is proud to present the 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert Series running from June 8 to Aug. 17. Join us in beautiful Waterplace Park as we kick off the series on June 8 at 7 p.m. with the smooth sounds of the John Allmark Jazz Orchestra.

Bandleader, arranger, and trumpeter, John Allmark is a formidable musician whose style carries the hot swagger of a young Freddie Hubbard. In the tradition of classic big band jazz, the John Allmark Jazz Orchestra has crafted a growing book of arrangements built on the band's signature sound; the heated yet artful layering of its brass and saxophone sections combined with a dynamic intensity reminiscent of Maynard Ferguson's 1960s and 70s bands. Allmark has played alongside some of the greatest musicians in the world, including Liza Minelli, Al Jarreau, and Grover Washington Jr. and will be playing with Natalie Cole at this year's Newport Jazz Festival. Allmark is also a founding member of local jazz/funk/R&B band The Psychic Horns.

Joining the group are the wonderful energy and creativity of featured vocalists Clay

Osborne and Shawn Monteiro. Son of trumpeter Clarence Sr., and nephew of Hilton (who was the lead alto for Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway, among others), Osborne has performed in many U.S. and European jazz festivals. Blessed with a natural sense of time and phrasing, his rich sound rises to the level of the few great male vocalists working today. Osborne is a true jazz singer whose playful and original tunes add to the genuine sound of the band. Monteiro has performed in Los Angeles, New York and Miami before settling in Rhode Island where she quickly became a favorite voice among New England fans. She is currently forging her mark in jazz with talent honed through work with some of the masters such as Clark Terry, Lionel Hampton, and Red Halloway. With two CDs under her belt, Shawn's popularity continues to soar throughout the world.

The concert also marks the fifth anniversary season of Bank RI — a series sponsor. So come down to Waterplace Park and help to celebrate Bank RI and the Office of Cultural Affairs with a night of great music. For an updated schedule of concerts, please visit <www.cparts.org>.



### Variations of Land and Sea at Dodge House

"Stormy Weather," oil on linen panel, 24" x 30." New paintings by Elsie Schach Kilguss will be shown on June 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Providence Art Club, Dodge House Gallery, 11 Thomas St., Providence, R.I. 02903. Call 331-1114. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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### Perishable's Women's Playwriting Festival Is a Wild Ride

by Amy Eller Lewis

The ninth annual Women's Playwriting Festival at Perishable Theatre runs the gamut with three incredibly strong plays, whose themes range from loss to war to joining the circus. "The Frangipani Door" by Nehassaiu deGannes, "Mothergun" by Christine Evans and "ExtraOrdinaire" by Janet Kennedy light up the stage with equal parts poignancy, humor and dark intensity.

Nehassaiu deGannes' "The Frangipani Door" concerns the tension between identity and exile. deGannes uses finely wrought language, a Greek-style chorus, Shakespeare and Egyptian mythology to construct the story of Rachel, who emigrates from Trinidad to Canada after her mother's death. She is rootless, floating, "a fish out of water," her father says. deGannes rejects the stereotypes so often associated with this kind of story in favor of three-dimensional characters with emotional weight and charge. Director Peter Wallace handles this unusual and delicious script with his agile imagination. The chorus moves with balletic precision, at once the conscience of the play and its guardian angels.

The frangipani door of the play is an actual door Rachel's father has painted pink, for the delicate hot-pink flowers of their native Trinidad. It is a reminder of how she is set apart from the other Canadians but also of belonging to "something else." It is the door Rachel must open and go through in order to find the peace and the roots she has been looking for.

The tone of the festival now changes with Christine Evans' stark and disturbing "Mothergun." Set in a refugee camp "between Europe and Hell," Evans composes a tale of our relationship to war and language, and also our unquench-

able need for sweetness even in the most extreme circumstances. None of the characters in "Mothergun" can understand each other's language, except for the peacekeeping officer who presides over them. He translates and mistranslates to serve his own purposes — even if that purpose is to "keep the peace." The characters eventually come to a human understanding that is beyond language. But is there real peace?

The performances in "Mothergun" are some of the

choose an ordinary life or an "ExtraOrdinary" one? Kennedy deftly navigates questions about the nature of "ordinary" and "extraordinary," real and plastic, sincere and clichéd. Martha says, "There is something amazing in an ordinary life." And there is something amazing about this extraordinary play.

This year's plays take us on a wild emotional ride, revealing the tapestry of the human condition. These are all familiar themes and situations with



"MOTHERGUN" by Christine Evans is now playing at Perishable Theatre.

Photo by Pam Murray

strongest ensemble acting I've seen in a while. Especially notable is young Dan Goldrick who plays the nearly mad boy-soldier, "suckled on grenades." His mother is truly "Mothergun." His energy and intensity bring light to a difficult character.

Finally the festival brings us Janet Kennedy's delightful surprise "ExtraOrdinaire." Joey and Martha have been married for more than 30 years when Joey suddenly decides that they are going to throw it all away and join the circus. But he must convince Martha, his "muse" and solid, dependable wife that it is time for a change. Do they

fresh and original re-examinations by stellar playwrights. Don't miss this year's Women's Playwriting Festival; it's the best one yet.

The ninth annual Women's Playwriting Festival runs through June 17th at Perishable Theatre, 95 Empire Street, Providence. Tickets are \$10 for "Early Bird Thursdays" at 7 p.m. All other shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. or Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16, or \$13 for seniors, students and people with disabilities. For more information contact the theatre's box office at 331-2695 ext. 101 or visit the show's Web site at <www.aboutWPF.com>.

### Pre-Summer Bash to Benefit American Cancer Society

Providence Professionals Against Cancer will be hosting a fund-raiser to benefit the American Cancer Society on June 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at J.G. Goffs on the waterfront in Bristol at 251 Thames St. A \$20 donation includes a complimentary cocktail and hors d'oeuvres.

R.S.V.P. to Emily Lewis at the American Cancer Society at

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Despite many fears, questions and concerns, Wendy Orange packed up her life in Cambridge, Mass., and moved to Israel. She tells her tale in *Coming Home to Jerusalem: A Personal Journey* (Touchstone Books/A

the country where she planned to spend the rest of her life.

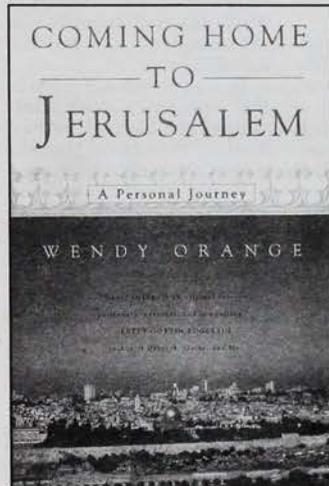
Growing up in suburban Long Island, N.Y. and in every other place she lived — Manhattan, rural Jamaica, Vermont — Orange had the sensation of being only randomly or arbitrarily replaced. There was always a feeling of alienation, of living in an anywhere but not a somewhere. As a child, she had been obsessed with the Holocaust, reading endlessly on the subject and sometimes imagining that the commuter trains that passed behind her house were the death trains that carried Jews to concentration camps. Only gradually did she come to see that the powerful familial ties she felt instantly in Israel were connected to the fate she didn't suffer, the fate she lived in her imagination as a child.

Making frequent trips across the "Green Line," places that 99.9 percent of Israeli and American Jews have never been, Orange gets to know peaceniks and fanatics, the political elite and the downtrodden, famous writers, young soldiers, Palestinian police officers

and those existing in refugee camps. Central to her book are the stunningly candid reconciliation sessions between Israelis and Palestinians where she witnesses the courage of those on both sides who look past the current bitterness and atrocities and into a hope-filled future. She reveals a central aspect of the Middle East that goes virtually unreported: a day-to-day ethnic porousness and racial cross-fertilization "so visible in Jerusalem that no one even thinks about it."

After years in Israel, Orange receives news that once again alters the course of her life: She must go back to the United States immediately; she has no choice. Mourning Israel like a lost love, Orange writes, "Maybe the worst of [my return to Cambridge, Mass.] is that there's no language for my loss. Placed or misplaced, who talks of that in depth?"

A personal memoir, political primer and cultural travelogue in the tradition of Thomas Friedman's *From Beirut to Jerusalem* and Mordecai Richler's *This Year in Jerusalem*, *Coming Home to Jerusalem* is a vivid, firsthand account of life in an unruly but always intriguing country, which illuminates Israel's heart as few other accounts have done.



Simon & Schuster Trade paperback; July 10, 2001; ISBN: 0-684-86952-7; \$14.

Flying back to the United States after her first short trip to Jerusalem — in which she attended a peace conference — Orange realized that her almost instantaneous decision to move to Israel had almost no logic to it; yet, she was hooked.

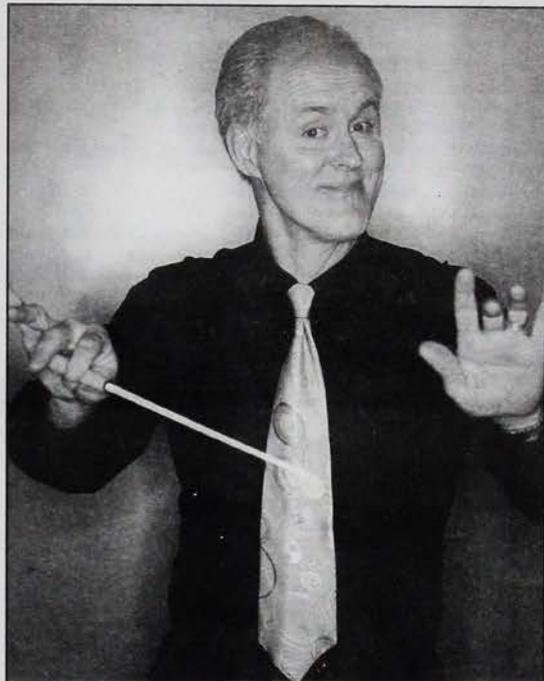
*Coming Home to Jerusalem* is the luminous, funny, often painful story of Orange's passionate relationship with Israel — how she fell in love with Jerusalem's enchanting, historic landscapes, its manic and enveloping intimacy, and eventually, with its vibrant and tragically divided people. Her story shows how she became a Mideast correspondent for an American magazine, how she fell in love with a Moroccan-Israeli cab driver and received a visceral education in Israel's class schisms and how her "accidental" involvement with the Israeli peace movement entailed frequent forays into the West Bank and Gaza.

Orange's observations of the tortuous progress and regress of the Arab-Israeli peace process, and of the wrenching assassination of Yitzhak Rabin are central to her story, as are the circumstances that forced her to leave

## PPAC Presents 'John Lithgow: Perfectly Ridiculous'

The Providence Performing Arts Center presents a new stage show for the family, "John Lithgow's Perfectly Ridiculous Family Concert" with one show only on June 23 at 7 p.m. John Lithgow brings an interactive show featuring a live orchestra guaranteed to entertain both children and adults alike. Tickets to "Perfectly Ridiculous" start at only \$18 and are on sale to the general public at the box office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 421-ARTS, or visit <www.ppacri.org>. Tickets will also be available through Ticketmaster. Discounted admission is available to groups of 10 persons or more. Contact Donna Sammartino at 421-2997, ext. 3121 for more information.

"Perfectly Ridiculous" is a fun-filled family concert featuring "3rd Rock From the Sun"'s John Lithgow, along with a symphony orchestra, a quartet of singers and a children's chorus. Together they sing and tell the story of a lively menagerie of storybook characters, including singing pigs, dancing fish, hippo sweethearts, a yak sax player, and a camel clarinetist. This interactive production is sure to excite the children in the audience, as Lithgow draws hints on an enormous easel to



John Lithgow

Photo courtesy of PPAC

help kids guess the next song.

The sights, sounds and stories of "John Lithgow's Perfectly Ridiculous" unfold live on stage at the Providence Per-

forming Arts Center with one performance only on June 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at only \$18 and are on sale now to the general public at the box office.

## Pride 2001 Art Show at Arcade

Pride 2001 Art Show continues the tradition of an Art Exhibition of Pride by GLBT Artists. This is a juried show and includes artists within the GLBT community who reside in Rhode Island or southeastern Massachusetts. The dates for this year's exhibit are through June 16. The show is being hosted by CenterCity Contemporary Arts and takes place at CenterCity's gallery, located on the second floor of the Arcade building in downtown Providence.

Artists participating in the 2001 Pride Art Show include Morgan Monceaux, Monica Shinn, Leslie Bostrom, John Fazzino, Roseberry-Winn Pottery Studio, John Chamberlain and many, many more.

There will be a special artist and pride committee reception on June 7, 7 to 9 p.m. This reception will kick off the festivities scheduled during June/Gay Pride month.

All events are free and open to the public.

## New Summer Discovery Clubs at Providence Children's Museum

Parents, are you looking for an exciting summer learning opportunity for your children? Providence Children's Museum has the perfect solution! Imagine having your 7- or 8-year-old spend every morning for a week at the museum this summer, building dams, investigating the teeth of wild beasts and traveling back through years of Rhode Island history.

New this year, Providence Children's Museum, 100 South St., Providence, offers two weeklong sessions of Summer Discovery Clubs designed to expand a child's world through fun, hands-on activities. Each day, kids take an in-depth look at each of the museum's interactive exhibits, and then take part in fascinating activities that relate to the exhibit's theme, from teeth to puppets to Rhode Island history. It's a terrific way for kids to discover the joy of learning in the museum's unique environment.

The Summer Discovery Club meets each day from 9:30 a.m. to noon and there are two sessions:

Session A — July 9 to 13

Session B — July 16 to 20

Registration is \$60 per weekly session for museum members and \$80 per weekly session for non-members. Space is limited to 15 children per session and pre-registration is required. For information, call Faith Thibault at 273-5437, ext. 134.

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# OBITUARIES

## FAY ALPERIN

PROVIDENCE — Fay (Kloner) Alperin, 82, of East St., died May 28 at the Tockwotton Home.

She was the wife of the late Samuel B. Alperin. Born in Providence, the daughter of the late Solomon and Annie (Gablrowitz) Kloner, she had lived in East Providence for 20 years before moving to Providence in 1998.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Clayson of Newport and Joan Levinson of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; two brothers, Rabbi William Kloner of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Irving Kloner of Bristol; two sisters, Jean Flax of Baltimore, and Sandra Kloner of Chevy Chase, Md.; and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Joseph and Sidney Kloner.

A graveside service was held May 30 at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906 or The Tockwotton Home, 75 East St., Providence, R.I. 02906. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## SHINER PATTI CARDOZO

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Shiner Patti Cardozo, 47, died May 16 at her home in San Francisco, the result of a 2 and one-half year battle with cancer. Surrounded by her loving family

and several close friends, she was the architect of a most peaceful and masterful end after embarking on a hospice experience that lasted only 14 hours. She was born in St. Paul, Minn., and was a resident of San Francisco since 1983.

She was the daughter of John and Phyllis (Rosen) Cardozo of San Francisco.

A lifelong proponent of collective work, she was on the board of directors of Good Vibrations and a worker-owner in their computer department, formerly a worker-owner at Rainbow Grocery, and a volunteer at the Zen Hospice Project at Laguna Honda Hospital.

She is survived by her beloved partner and co-parent, Arnold Warshaw; and her two sons, Clay Cardozo and Leo Warshaw-Cardozo; a brother, Peter Cardozo, and his family in Bumet, Texas; a sister, Laurie Hughes and her family in San Francisco; the members of her Mother's Group, and many dear friends and family. Her maternal grandparents were Leo and Leila Rosen of Providence, R.I.

On the day of her death, Good Vibrations closed their doors to business in tribute to her spirit. A woman who approached life, and death, on her own well-considered terms, her loved ones have followed her leadership to places we may never have gone without her.

We have all felt her power over the years; envied it, been honored by it, and held it in high esteem. The courage, gen-

erosity, and tenacity in her family life and in her work life have been a constant inspiration to us all.

A memorial service was held on May 27 in the Thomas Starr Room at the Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary, in San Francisco. Donations may be sent to the Zen Hospice Project, 273 Page St., San Francisco, Calif., 94102.

## DR. HYMAN A. GOLDSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Hyman A. Goldstein, 93, of Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home, a retired dentist, died May 30 at the home.

He was the husband of the late Lillian Potter (Kelman) Goldstein, and the late Eleanor (Zeff) Goldstein.

Born in Malden, Mass., a son of the late Abraham and Jennie (Rome) Goldstein, he had lived in Massachusetts for many years before moving to Providence in 1941.

He had practiced dentistry in Chelsea, Mass., for several years before joining the Gorfine Dental Practice on Atwells Avenue, where he was affectionately known as "Doctor G."

In 1957, he opened his own practice at 511 Hope St., later working with Dr. Miller. Dr. Goldstein also worked with Dr. Marshall K. Bornstein, where he specialized in extractions. He was a dental instructor at Career Academy, Boston, and a dentist for the Providence school system.

He was a member of the Rhode Island Dental Society, the Redwood Lodge of the Masons, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, and the Temple Beth-El Bowling League, where he won the Good Sportsman of the Year Award for the 1958-1959 season. He was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Sunday Minyan Breakfast and Morning Lecture Series Club.

He enjoyed travel, fishing

and the theater, and had a special love of opera.

He was a 1932 graduate of Tufts University and Tufts Dental School, Medford, Mass., where he was a member of Alpha Omega Fraternity.

He leaves three daughters, Beth Pomerantz of Boca Raton, Fla.; Temma Holland of Barrington and Ellen Perell of Suffield, Conn.; a son, David Goldstein of Newton, Mass.; two sisters, Esther Gillen of Boca Raton and Mary Goldstein of Brookline, Mass.; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Dorothy Glaser, and Louis, Harry and Lillian Goldstein.

The funeral service was held June 1 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, R.I. 02806. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

## BERTHA HERMAN

WARWICK — Bertha Herman, 109, of 660 Commonwealth Ave., a retired saleswoman and buyer in the women's apparel industry, died May 26 at Kent Regency Genesis Eldercare.

Born in Norwich, Conn., a daughter of the late Herman and Julia (Lefkowitz) Salomon, she had lived in Providence for 46 years before moving to Warwick in 1986.

She had been employed as a saleswoman at the former Peerless Stores for 25 years, before retiring at age 82, and had previously worked as a fashion consultant and buyer at the former Nichols, a women's apparel store.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

She is survived by a niece, Irene Lindsay of Warwick. She was the sister of the late Louis

Solomon, Jean Caton, Mata Salomon and Mamie Couture.

A graveside service was held May 30 at congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, 401 Reservoir Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions can 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.

## DAVID KOLODOFF

PROVIDENCE — David Kolodoff, 85, of 200 Post Road, a retired liquor store owner, died May 29 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Libby (Soorkis) Kolodoff.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Jacob and Sarah (Uditsky) Kolodoff, he had lived in Warwick for 11 years, previously living in Cranston.

He had owned a liquor store in Providence for 40 years, retiring 23 years ago.

He was a World War II Army veteran serving in the European theater as a medic and received the Bronze Star for heroism at Anzio, Italy.

He was a graduate of Roger Williams University, Class of 1951, where he received an associate's degree in business management. He was a past treasurer of the Rhode Island Liquor Stores Association. He was a member of the Providence and South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Associations, the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and the Rhode Island Labor History Society. He was an avid history buff.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Joel M. Kolodoff of Warwick; a brother, Max Kolodoff of Warwick and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Bernard M. and Joseph H. Kolodoff.

Funeral services were held (Continued on Page 15)

## June Mutual Support Session

Project Survivors Outreach Services invites all families and friends of homicide victims to join us for a mutual support session on June 13 at Rhode Island Victims' Advocacy & Support Center, 875 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, R.I. at 7 p.m.

This support session is designed to provide information, coping tips, and linkage with others who share a similar loss. If you would like additional information, call 943-9266. This session will be facilitated by Nancy Hood, L.I.C.S.W., from the counseling Center and Bereavement Program of Roger Williams University.

Support sessions are sponsored by the RIVASC in collaboration with Justice Assistance. Funding is provided through the Rhode Island Legislature and the Rhode Island Justice Commission.

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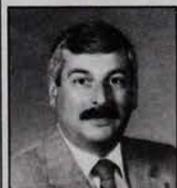
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## Compassionate Friends to Meet June 11

The meeting of The compassionate Friends (a self-help support group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held at 7:30 p.m. On June 11, 2001 at Hasbro Children's Hospital, Dudley Street, Providence, R.I. Please use parking lot "C" the meeting is in room 151.

For further information or direction, call Carol O'Neil at 723-3321.

This is a general sharing meeting that will be open to the public, and members are encouraged to bring a friend or relative.

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## Obituaries

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May 31 in the Samuel Priest Memorial Chapel at Lincoln Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

## ROSALEE PATRICK

**RUMFORD** — Rosalee Patrick, 83, of Newman Avenue, a retired clothing store manager, died June 3 at Evergreen House Health Center.

She was the wife of the late Edward Patrick. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., a daughter of the late Sander and Anna (Buchelshov) Mersky, she had lived in Philadelphia and California before moving to Rhode Island in 1978.

Before retiring in 1972, she was a manager of Louis Weiss Co. of Philadelphia, a women's clothing store.

She was a member of the Women's Association of ORT, and of the Rumford Towers Tenant's Association.

She was a former member of Temple Sinai and of Temple Emanu-El of Philadelphia.

She leaves a son, Dr. Robert Patrick of Barrington; a daughter, Shelly Scribner of Modesto, Calif.; a sister, Sandra Goldberg of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, Aaron Mersky of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Bruce Patrick, and a sister of the late Dorothy Horwitz.

The funeral service was held June 6 in the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of R.I., 169 George St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860 or American Cancer Society, 400 Main St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

## SARAH B. SCHWARTZ

**SOMERSET** — Sarah B. Schwartz (Gerber), 89, known as "Sally," of Brayton Avenue, owner and operator of Schwartz Antiques in Fall River and Onset, died June 1 at the South Coast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was the widow of Saul Schwartz.

Born in Philadelphia, the daughter of the late Samuel and Minnie (Elfman) Gerber, she was a resident of Fall River since 1934, and only recently moved to Somerset.

She was a 1931 graduate of New Bedford High School. After her affiliation with Schwartz Antiques, she worked at Elbe File and Binder Co. and Trina Manufacturing as a time manager.

She was a member of the Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood, Fall River Hadassah, and the Jewish Home for Aged.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Ronald A. Schwartz of Somerset and Dr. Jerome D. Schwartz of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a daughter, Irma L. Rosenthal of Walpole; a brother, Benjamin Gerber of Brockton; a sister, Rose Myers of New Bedford;

eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Celia London.

Funeral services were held on June 4 at Temple Beth El, 385 High St., Fall River. Interment will be at Temple Beth El Cemetery, Fall River. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to VNA of Southeastern Massachusetts, 502 Bedford St., Fall River, Temple Beth El or your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## RUTH SIMONS

**CRANSTON** — Ruth Simons, 98, of Garden Court, a professional cashier, died June 3 at Cedar Crest Nursing Centre, Cranston. Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rose Simons, she had lived in Cranston for 13 years, previously living in Providence.

She was a professional cashier at the former Providence Public Market, New York Lace Store and Benson Pool and Patio, retiring 26 years ago. She was the oldest member of Temple Sinai and its Sisterhood.

She leaves three nephews, Raymond A. and Junius (Babe) Gertz, both of Cranston and Norman Gertz of Orlando, Fla.; 13 great-nieces and nephews and 14 great-great-nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Tillie Gertz, Anna Pomerantz, Ida Schull and Alice Simons.

Funeral services were held June 5 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Sinai Minyan Breakfast Fund. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

## Cranston Public Library Posts Summer Hours

The Cranston Public Library board of trustees approved summer hours of opening for the period June 3 through Sept. 10. The schedule is as follows:

**Central Library**, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, — Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Arlington Reading Room**, 1064 Cranston St. — Monday to Friday noon to 4:30 p.m.

**Auburn Branch**, 396 Pontiac Ave. — Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**William Hall Library**, 1825 Broad St. — Monday to Thursday noon to 8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Knightsville Branch**, 1847 Cranston St. — Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Oak Lawn Branch**, 230 Wilbur Ave. — Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## House Resolution Seeks End of Vieques Bombing

Vieques is a small Caribbean island, 40 miles from the east coast of Puerto Rico, that the United States Navy has used for its own target practice, or which has been ruled out for wartime exercises by other nations, for some 60 years.

That probably wouldn't be such a bad thing if the island were uninhabited—but it's not. The island's 9,400 residents crowd into 25 percent of the island while bombs fall regularly on the other 75 percent.

Vieques has been subjected to up to 180 naval bombardments each year for the past decade. The bombardments use live ammunition armed with radioactive material, including depleted uranium, one of the most carcinogenic and life-threatening substances on the planet.

The peaceful citizens of Vieques are calling for an immediate halt to the bombing, and recently Rep. David N. Cicilline (D-Dist. 4) of Providence and Pawtucket added his voice to that plea and sought the collective voice of the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

"This is a continuing tragedy and travesty being foisted upon the residents of this island by our own military and it should be halted," said Rep. Cicilline of a resolution he introduced recently in the House. The resolution, which has been referred to the House Committee on Special Legislation, condemns the Navy's continued use of the island for target practice and supports the islanders in their quest for a healthy and safe place to live.

Rep. Cicilline's attempt to have the resolution taken up immediately by the House was rebuffed by the House minority leader, without explanation, causing it to be sent to committee for further consideration.

"I don't understand the implications of that objection," said Rep. Cicilline. "Our American military is systematically poisoning and endangering the lives of the people on this island just as if they were dropping bombs directly on their homes. How can we permit this?"

According to figures provided by Rep. Cicilline, the depleted uranium in bullets and bombs dropped on the island can lead to deadly doses of radiation in human and animal life. According to the Navy's own records, almost 90 pounds of depleted uranium has been fired on the island, enough to poison every island inhabitant 420 times over.

There is a 27 percent higher incidence of cancer among Vieques residents compared to the rest of Puerto Rico. Crabs from an island lagoon test in at 20 times the normal levels of carcinogenic materials.

"The island has seen many mishaps," said Rep. Cicilline. "In 1955, a 13-year-old adolescent was killed by an unexploded ordnance. In the mid-1970s, a cruise missile fell next to a Vieques school. In October, 1993, four 500-pound bombs were dropped just a mile from a local village, missing the intended target by 10 miles. Most recently, a 35-year-old man was killed and four others were wounded when U.S. F-18 fighter planes dropped two 500-pound bombs during practice runs."

Under the latest agreement, the Navy is to leave the island on May 1, 2003, with blank ammunition bombardment to continue for a maximum of 90 days per year. The island will receive \$40 million in development aid, with the Navy returning the land on the west side of the island to the Puerto Ricans.

A referendum will be held so the people of Vieques can decide to continue the agreement or whether their lands can be used indefinitely for live target practice. The island residents believe the referendum and the agreement are unjust and want an immediate halt to the bombing.

"There is a very small window for the House of Representatives to inform our Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Naval Department that we support the residents of Vieques and their civil rights," said Rep. Cicilline. "If we and others in our nation remain silent, it is likely the island and its residents will continue to be bombed and their lives endangered."

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Marilyn Monroe (a.k.a. Miriam Stark) and Diane Gnepp flash some smiles at the USY Recognition night on May 23 at Temple Emanu-El.

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### Adoption Information Meeting

Adoption Network Limited will host a free informational meeting for anyone wishing to explore the possibilities of adoption. Space is limited so we ask that you contact us if you wish to attend.

The meeting will take place on June 20 at 7 p.m. It will be held at Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 South County Trail (Route 2), East Greenwich, R.I. For more information or if you have any general questions about the adoption process, call 788-9118 or e-mail us at <adoptionnetltd@yahoo.com>. You can also visit our Web site at <www.adoptionnetworklimited.com>.

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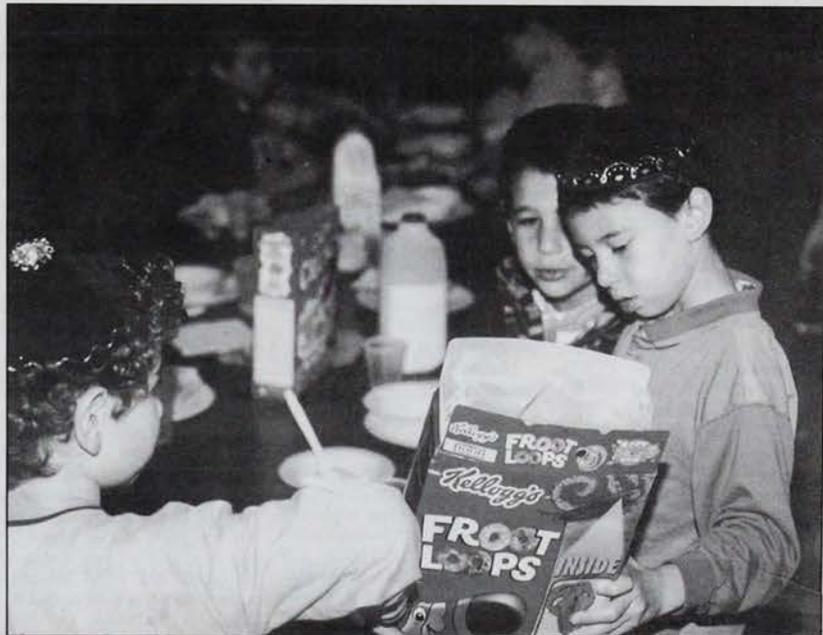
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### Junior League of Rhode Island is Accepting New Members

On June 12 at 6:30 p.m., the Junior League of Rhode Island will be hosting a fun and informative evening for all women interested in joining the league. Learn about the Junior League and its role in the Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts community, the St. Mary's Home for Children's "Project Hope," and the JLRI's fund-raising activities.

The Junior League of Rhode Island is open to all women 18 years of age or older who want to work to improve our community.

Those interested in attending the membership information night at league headquarters, 21 Meeting St. in Providence, may call 331-9302 to R.S.V.P. or to receive additional information.



### Checkin' the ingredients...

A student at the Providence Hebrew Day School checks out a box of Froot Loops at the Rosh Chodesh Breakfast on May 23.

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