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Funerals of 15 Suicide Bombing Victims Conclude

The Abu Kabir forensic institute announced on Friday that it had completed the process of identifying victims of the suicide bombing attack at Sbarro pizza in downtown Jerusalem last Thursday that killed 15 and wounded more than 100, HA'ARETZ reported. The names of the victims are:

Giora Balash, 60, of Brazil. Giora had traveled from Brazil to Israel for a friend's wedding. His wife was injured in the attack.

Shoshana Yehudith Greenbaum, 31, was visiting Israel from New Jersey. She was recently married. Shoshana was buried in Jerusalem.

Zvika Golombek, 26, of Carmiel met his fiance Na'ama at Sbarro for lunch. The couples' parents were supposed to meet later that day. Na'ama was also wounded. Tehila Maoz, 20, of Jerusalem was a waitress at Sbarro's. She was buried in Jerusalem.

Frida Mendelsohn, 62, of Jerusalem, is survived by a husband, six children and several grandchildren. Her daughter was wounded in the attack.

Michal Raziell, 15, of Jerusalem
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Kennedy Visits JCCRI for Child Care Conference

by Seth Bromley
Editorial Assistant

Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) arrived at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Aug. 9 to participate in a roundtable discussion on child care programs in Rhode Island.

Kennedy arrived at the JCC at about 9:30 a.m. and was introduced to some of the center's staff, and spent a few minutes speaking with them about various political issues. He was then taken on a tour of the JCC's day center for preschool children, where he viewed the facilities and the children playing, reading, and working on arts and crafts. "This is a great place," he said. "I wish I could spend my day here playing with blocks," he joked to some of the children.

After the tour, Kennedy joined more than 30 professionals from the child care industry in the JCC's conference room. Patricia Nolan, the executive director of Options for Working Parents, said the conference would focus on the question, "What are some of the issues and challenges facing professionals that care for children?" Nolan said that quality child care has a direct impact on the economy, since "it keeps par-



CONGRESSMAN PATRICK KENNEDY and JCC Assistant Executive Director Linda Singer-Berk observe an arts and crafts workshop in the early childhood center. Herald photo by Seth Bromley

ents working," Nolan said that Kennedy wanted to "meet with key folks and hear first hand what they face."

To begin the conference, Kennedy spoke about his proposed Foundations for Learning Act. "[This fund] will allow local early learning centers to iden-

tify high-risk children," he said, and give the centers the resources to help children whose families face problems such as substance abuse and domestic violence. Kennedy said that in some cases, using funds to address family needs "is the best way to help children."

One child care professional agreed, saying that parent education classes are a necessary means to help at-risk children, since "no matter how well you run a program, you still have to send kids home every night to face abuse and neglect."

What's Wrong With The Jewish Web (And How to Fix It):

An interview with Binyamin L. Jolkovsky, editor-in-chief of JewishWorldReview.com

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

Binyamin Jolkovsky is a big fan of the Internet. He says that the Web provides "a means of connection... a forum where there is no commitment." Jolkovsky knows the net, and also knows the Jewish Internet as well. As the editor-in-chief of the <JewishWorldReview.com> Web site, his monitor is aglow in Jewish electronic bits at all hours of the day. And what's his opinion of Semitic Cyberspace?

"The Jewish Web is very, very unsophisticated," he said.

Even worse, it's lazy and stubborn to boot. Jolkovsky believes that the Jewish Internet is teeming with copycats who clone each other's work without adding to it, and who invariably sell a lackluster package to the Jewish online community. "There's no substance to these sites," he said.

Jolkovsky believes that a misguided case of altruism has too many Jews working on the same project. "Every guy wants to do his own thing," Jolkovsky said. He mentions that old Jewish maxim about "two Jews, three

opinions" and is dismayed that there is not enough cooperation between different Jewish Internet companies. According to Jolkovsky, we are far behind many Christian groups online. "The evangelical sites have learned how to market themselves," he said.

"The Jewish Web is very, very unsophisticated"

Jolkovsky decided to step into this arena and help create a new standard of Judaism online. He created JewishWorldReview.com so that people could "[learn] about contemporary Judaism from Jews who take their religion seriously." His site has important and breaking Jewish news, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. The site contains articles that span the breadth of Jewish existence — Torah commentaries; Israel updates; Jewish ethical dilemmas; Jewish viewpoints on current events; even a column on Jewish dating (and from a

spunky Los Angeles writer, not a stuffy academic). He has links to a dozen Jewish comic strips, and a long and comprehensive archive of past contributors (is that Jackie Mason I see on the left margin?).

He relies on news sources like JTA, MSNBC, Israeli newspapers, Consumer Reports and numerous other Jewish and secular sources. His layout is easy on the eyes and the sections are a breeze to access.

JewishWorldReview.com was born on Dec. 10, 1997 and was originally a bi-weekly publication. Jolkovsky was asked repeatedly to speed up his site and make it daily, and he made this happen with a little designing help from a friend.

One thing you have to say for Jolkovsky — he certainly loves his work. For starters, he runs the whole show, and if you check out the Web site, you'll be amazed at how much new content appears every single day. Jolkovsky does layouts, edits, searches for articles, reports, writes, and even designs some of the graphics on the site himself.

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The Rabbi With the 'Happy Minyan'

Meet Rabbi Nosson Schuman of Ohave Sholam

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

Being the new guy in town isn't easy, and being the new rabbi in town is no piece of cake either. So say hello to Rabbi Nosson Schuman, who recently stepped in to lead Congregation Ohave Sholam on East Avenue in Pawtucket.

Rabbi Schuman has brought many new ideas to his congregation, as well as to the Jewish community at large. In fact, one of his main focuses is to engage the larger Jewish community, both the affiliated and the non-affiliated, and to attempt to create some ties between the myriad Rhode Island congregations. He came to Rhode Island after Passover this year, and was officially installed in May.

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HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- Alperin Schechter Day School** 751-2470
- Brown / RISD Hillel** 863-2805
- Bureau of Jewish Education** 331-0956
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- JFS Kosher Mealsite** 781-1771
- Jewish Federation of Rhode Island** 421-4111
- Jewish Seniors Agency** 351-4750
- Jewish War Veterans of RI** 941-6032
- Perspectives** 863-9357
- Providence Hebrew Day School** 331-5327
- RI Holocaust Memorial Museum** 453-7860
- RI Jewish Historical Association** 331-1360
- South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association** 781-1949
- Touro Fraternal Association** 785-0066
- URI Hillel** 874-2740

Calendar: August 17 Through August 23

- 17 **The Waterplace Park Summer Concert Series** concludes with a performance by the United States Air Force Band at 7 p.m. at Waterplace Park in downtown Providence. Call 621-1992 or visit <www.caparts.org> for information.
- 18 **Waterfire Providence** begins at 7:40 p.m. along the waters of Waterplace Park and the Riverwalk in downtown Providence. There will be some fire, some water, some music — you know the drill. Call 272-3111 or visit <www.waterfire.org>.

The Roger Williams Park garden lecture series will continue with a discussion entitled "Think Spring: Plan now for spring bloom." Call Cheryl Cadwell at 949-4030 for information. The lecture will take place at the Charles H. Smith Greenhouses at Roger Williams Park in Providence.

Save the Bay presents its "Blues On The Bay" party, a unique fund-raiser hosted by Sen. and Mrs. Claiborne Pell at their home overlooking Narragansett Bay. Attendance is \$70 for Save the Bay members, \$100 for non-members. Call 272-3540, ext. 119 for information.
- 19 **Perspectives** goes tubing on the Farmington River in Farmington, Conn. Call Jenn Witt at 354-6879 for information.

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue will present its annual George Washington Letter Reading at 1 p.m. in the synagogue. The letter reading commemorates Washington's famous letter, "To the Hebrew congregation in Newport." Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call the society office at 847-4794, ext. 11.

The New England Institute of Technology will hold its annual open house from 1 to 4 p.m. at its main campus, located off Exit 13 from Route 95 in Warwick. Call 739-5000 or (800) 736-7744 for information.

The Pawtucket Riverfront Concert Series continues with a performance by the Swingstars from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Veterans Amphitheater on Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 724-5200 for information.
- 20 **Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite** in Cranston will host a presentation on living wills at 11 a.m. A speaker from Aging 2000 will be on hand. A hot kosher meal will be served at noon. The mealsite is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. The program is free, a donation of \$2 is requested for the meal. Call Ronda French at 781-1771 or 331-1244, ext. 42, for information.

The J Connection will meet at Union Street for its next Caribbean Info Social from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Union Street is located at 107R Union St., Boston. Call (617) 312-5410 or visit <www.thejconnection.com> for information.

The Smith Hill Community Jam will take place from noon to 6 p.m. A day-long celebration of the cultural richness and history of the Smith Hill neighborhood will include live music and dancing, food, crafts and carriage rides through the neighborhood. Look for all this on Smith Street, between Orms and Chalkstone in Providence. Call 455-3880, ext. 250, for more information.
- 21 **Theatre-By-The-Sea** presents "Sweet Charity," a Neil Simon musical with sparkling dance numbers and a terrific score. Theatre-By-The-Sea is located at 364 Card's Pond Road, Matunuck. Call 782-8587 or visit <www.theatrebythesea.com> for times and ticket information.
- 22 **The Union Station Plaza Summer Concert Series** concludes with a performance by Magnolia, at 5:30 p.m. at Union Station Plaza in downtown Providence. The performance is free and open to the public. Call 861-0100 or visit <www.fourprovidence.com> for information.

The Providence Children's Museum and the Providence Animal Rescue League present "K-9 Cop" at 1 and 2 p.m. at the museum, 100 South St., Providence. Meet a Providence police detective and her partner, Ingo the German Shepard. Call 273-KIDS for information.
- 23 **Temple Torat Yisrael** will have a barbecue to welcome their new rabbi — come at 5:30 p.m. to meet Rabbi Stephen Parnes and his wife, Zeldia. Admission is \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$18 per family. The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston. R.S.V.P. at 785-1800.

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Young Adult Shabbat at Perspectives Aug. 24

Come enjoy an outdoor potluck Shabbat dinner and service with your Perspectives pals in the grassy knoll behind 106 Angell Street. We'll be doing kabbalat shabbat and dinner will start at 7:30 p.m. To find out what you can bring call Nora Klein at 331-4732. Also, if you're interested in helping to lead the service in any capacity, contact Jamie at 863-9357. He is happy to help you learn the parts, if necessary (don't worry, there's no Torah reading on Friday night).

Cranston Senior Guild Meeting Sept. 5

The Cranston Senior Guild will have its general membership meeting on Sept. 5 at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I.

Nancy Berman, president, will preside. Lee Chalek, program chairwoman, has invited local musician Lloyd Kaplan to speak about the history of the first 30 years of jazz. He is an accomplished musician who has a trio called The Aristocats and has performed for many years.

This promises to be a very interesting afternoon to meet new people and renew old acquaintances. Refreshments will be served.

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Divine Mercy or Divine Wrath?
 "Divine Mercy or Divine Wrath?" is the title of the latest issue of the Herald. It features a collection of articles and photos from the recent Rhode Island Jewish community events. The issue is available for purchase at various locations.

The Unbearable Heaviness of Being

by Yanki Tauber

Perhaps the most radical statement by Judaism is to be found in a recent Torah reading. "G-d is," says Moses to the assembled people of Israel. "There is nothing else" (Deuteronomy 4:35).

Some would be quick to point out that a number of eastern religions and philosophies also make the inexistence of the universe a central component of their world-view. Life is a dream, reality an illusion, in truth all is nothingness. But that's not what Judaism says. Judaism says that there is a world — the first sentence of the Torah states that G-d created one, and the rest of the Torah instructs what should be done with it. Those who seek to escape reality are called "sinners." And yet, at the very same time, G-d is the only existence — "There is nothing else."

Hundreds of discourses and thousands of pages of Chassidic teaching are devoted to discussing this paradox, which touches on the very crux of Judaism.... In this article, I'd like to ask a very un-philosophical question: So what?

So I don't exist. Or I don't exist and do exist at the same time. So what? I still have to get up in the morning, I still have to deal with my landlord, my credit card balance, my mother-

in-law, my co-workers and this guy whose elbow is crushing my ribs on this crowded subway car. It might make interesting reading, but in the final analysis, what difference does it make?

Those who seek to escape reality are called "sinners." And yet, at the very same time, G-d is the only existence — "There is nothing else."

"So what?" happens to be Chassidim's favorite question. Which means that there are at least as many pages discussing the practical implications and applications of the existence/nonexistence paradox as those discussing the paradox itself. This is not going to help us make this discussion any shorter.

So let me just leave you with one thought. Think back to the last time you argued with a friend, or the last time you lashed out in anger at a loved one or a stranger. Now ask yourself: what if you took yourself just a little bit less seriously? What if you were just a tiny bit less certain that you actually exist?

On the Leiter Side of Things...

Parenting 101

A child is diagnosed with cancer and people think, "What a shame." A child is hit by a car, and people think, "What a tragedy." A child is verbally or physically abused by a parent and people think, "It's none of my business."

A few months ago I witnessed the physical and verbal abuse of a child by parents I know fairly well. Over the course of one night the child became fussy and the parents responded in a completely inappropriate manner. They yelled "Shut up!" repeatedly at the top of their lungs and threatened to lock the child in the car if he did not quiet down. They shook and violently pulled the child out of the room in such a fashion that made me question how he could still be in one piece.

The two remarkable facets of this story is that this all occurred in front of a group of 20 people who did nothing to stop it and that the child could not have been older than 3.

Why did this happen?

It is obvious that there are problems in this family — I do not need to be a parent to realize that. But the problem is not the moral constitution of the parents; the issue lies in parental education. These are not evil people... they have simply never been taught how to be good parents. They do not know how to channel their anger or how to talk to a child in a firm but loving way. Yelling, shaking, and threatening chil-

dren of that age has no effect at all except for damaging their future.

After seeing this incident I cried. And as I write this, I hold back the tears again. My soul aches for two reasons: first, because I cannot save this child, and second, because I did not even try. With all my heart I wanted to make everything better, but I knew this is an unattainable goal. What I do know is that I should have done something.

Raising children is a communal responsibility. It is not the job of just two people. We are a community and it is our responsibility to look out for our fellow human beings. If you saw two men fighting, what would you do? You would pick up the phone and call the police. No question. Then why, when we see a parent hitting a child, do we abstain from getting involved?

A child is a person the same as you and I, except a child is practically defenseless. A child is not the property of his or her parents. Someone else's bad parenting is our business, because, if we do not speak up for the child, then who will?

A step in the right direction on the problem of bad parenting is government mandated parenting courses. The notion seems absurd at first glance, but when you think about it, it is not that outlandish. How many people are comfortable letting a first time driver take a car out alone? Not many, I am sure. On the other hand, if your friend

had a license, would you be so worried?

Parenting is no different. It is very hard to know how to do something in life if you have never done it before. I am not suggesting that we need to license parents, but a course should be required that covers the basic rights and wrongs of parental behavior.

Parenting is the hardest job around. It is as full-time as it gets. So why is it acceptable to do it with no training? In the not so distant past, therapy was viewed as something taboo, and if you did do it you did it in secret. Courses for parenting have the same stigma, but they do not have to.

Parenting is seen as something we would be programmed to instinctually do right, but we are without this ability. Good parenting has to be taught. There is no shame in getting help, because it is not really "help" at all. Never being taught how to do something does not put you at fault, but not doing anything to help educate yourself does. I know that almost all parents will do anything for their children, including diving in front of a speeding car to save them. The thing I cannot figure out is why so many parents seem to be behind the wheel.

Jamie Leiter is the director of Perspectives, the Young Adult Jewish community of Rhode Island.



Jamie Leiter

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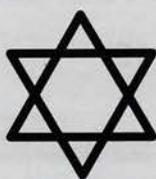
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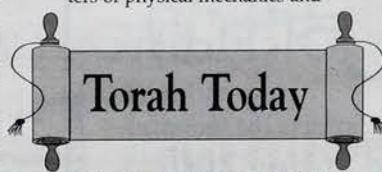
Got Faith?

An author once said, "Listen to the experts. They'll tell you what can't be done, and why. Then do it." Perhaps it's significant that this man wrote science fiction, the realm of what might be rather than what is.

Vision, a word now in common use in corporate offices, is just another way of saying "faith." Do you think, "It's an obvious idea, it hasn't been done yet, no one else is doing it, someone must have rejected this already, it can't be done, why should I try?" Or do you look at what hasn't been done and say, "Well, why not?"

The airplane is impossible. So are the telephone, TV, the computer, selling bottled water,

your daughter will ace her chemistry finals. Those are matters of physical mechanics and



brute book learning. No, faith is something beyond even believing that a skin cream will make your life significantly better.

Faith is an uphill effort. It's believing in something that logic and your neighbors tell you ain't so. You don't have it just because you're a component of the universe. It requires more work than aching the chemistry final.

thysell... All right! When? It's been a few thousand years since Sinai, and we're not doing most of the consumption yet.

We have to have faith, you are told. Okay, you're tired of having faith. We've been ghettoized, assaulted, murdered and, horrors, criticized in the U.N. We're still a minuscule minority, and all our accomplishments haven't bought us peace or safety. Milk and honey? Mostly rock and sand, to be accurate.

You don't have to read the asterisks and footnotes to get it. The answer is right there alongside the promises of supremacy: "If you shall hearken diligently unto My commandments..."

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getting people to listen to rock'n'roll, and putting on a sitcom about "nothing." Various experts have sworn to this, sneered at the impossibility of these notions. Nevertheless... there they are.

What is this thing called "faith"? It isn't believing that the sun will come up, or that

In *Eikev* last week, we read the promise that "thou shalt consume all the peoples that the L-rd thy G-d shall deliver unto thee." Then, just so you won't miss the point, *Eikev* repeats this promise several ways: "G-d will cast out those nations before thee... go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than

OH! So faith in G-d, faith in His promises, faith in the future... is directly connected to faith in yourself. Faith in your soul. Faith that you can do what's necessary to build His home on earth. A-ha. Got faith?

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY



Holly White Weds Gary Blum

Ledgemont Country Club of Seekonk, Mass., was the setting of the July 21 wedding of Holly White and Gary Blum. The bride is the daughter of Neal and Margi White of Warwick, R.I., and the bridegroom is the son of Bruce Blum of Del Ray Beach, Fla. and the late Rose Blum.

Rabbi Jonathan Blake officiated at the wedding. The reception was held immediately after.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Helen Cristofalo was the honor attendant. Other attendants were Marcy Barkan, Charlotte Druckman, Leslie Goldfein and Jessica Salzman.

Robert Blum, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Seth Buchalter, Eric Robins, Chris Rieger and Scott White.

The bride graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and is employed by Cohn & Wolfe.

The bridegroom graduated from The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He is employed at Goldman Sachs.

The couple took a wedding trip to Italy and have made their home in New York, N.Y.

'Happy Minyan'

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Making changes in a congregation, not to mention making bridges in a Jewish community like Rhode Island, takes guts, style, and a plan, and Schuman possesses all of these. One of his plans to create a sort of infectious unity is to bring what is called a "happy minyan" to Rhode Island. Taken from the spirited teachings of the revered Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, a happy minyan is a joyous, communal style of prayer that involves dancing and lively renditions of prayers that help bring the awesome and wonderful nature of Shabbat into an animated group experience.

The happy minyan, Schuman says, is nationally spreading phenomenon, as well as a departure from what can sometimes be a "ho hum" davening experience. Schuman plans to teach some of the teenage members of the congregation the special tunes and then allow them to led the rest of the congregation.

Realizing that something like a happy minyan would be a considerable shift from the way some people are used to doing things, Schuman plans to hold them only once per month, and graciously extends his invitation to anyone who would like to take part. For more information on happy minyans, Schuman recommends <www.rebshulom.org>.

Schuman plans to introduce the community to this and other innovations at a grand "Shlomo Shabbos" Shabbaton at the shul on Sept. 7 and 8, where he will be inviting Rabbi Nossen Schafer and Rebbetzin Channah Schafer for two days of Jewish storytelling, meditation, Torah study and good-old-fashioned Carlebach Niggunim (melodies). He touts the event as being a "26 hour experience" of Jewish living.

Schuman is a big fan of the musical expression of joy, enough that he is teaching himself to play guitar to add to his versatility. He remarks that his "teaching Judaism through music" is more than just being "a musical Jew," but that there is a love and a spirit that is easily transmitted and communicated through music.

Schuman knows he has some big shoes to fill at the congregation; Rabbi Torczyner, who led the congregation before him, was responsible for expanding the congregation and imparting a love of education to the community, Schuman said. "It's very hard to follow Rabbi Torczyner," Schuman continued. "He was top notch."

And Schuman acknowledges that are some philosophical differences between himself and Torczyner. "My emphasis is more on heart... making Shalom between all the factions," he said. Although pleasing everyone might be impossible, he knows the main rule of Torah is to "love your neighbor as yourself," and he plans to accommodate everyone.

Schuman grew up in a secular home in Queens, New York. He described his post-high-school life as basically having "no meaning" or direction. He attended the University of Michigan for one year, where he was reintroduced to the vibrancy of Judaism through the simple act of being taken home for a Shabbat meal.

Schuman then transferred to Yeshiva University for a year where he worked on both Torah and secular studies. He then attended Yeshiva full time for 11 years.

Schuman's previous congregation was in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he led a hodgepodge assembly of Reform,

Conservative and "conservative" members. Though he described the average attendee there as being "highly assimilated," a great many of them were very open to learning about the joys of yiddishkeit — of Torah, Shabbat, everything.

Besides the Sept. 7-8 Shabbaton, Schuman plans to have a regular children's program at the shul during Shabbat morning services, which would teach children about the weekly Parashat and other aspects of Judaism.

Ever ambitious, Schuman also plans to court the unaffiliated community through many means, including good-old-fashioned knocking on doors. He also teaches many classes on Jewish living, including a class on Wednesdays on "Derech Hashem" — the way of G-d, which he also refers to as being "the fundamentals of Judaism." This class is taught in a method best suited for those with a background in Judaism.

Both the Shabbaton and up-and-coming educational classes are all part of his plan for "Jewish outreach" to embrace the unaffiliated members of the Jewish community. Schuman is married and has four children.

For more information on the Ohawe Sholam "Shlomo Shabbos" Shabbaton, projected dates for upcoming "Happy Minyans," or dates for Jewish education classes, please call Rabbi Schuman at Ohawe Shalom at 722-3146.

Perspectives Events This Week

Sunset at Colt State Park Aug. 16, 7 pm

Ok, so we all know that the sun sets each and every day, but how often do we take the time to watch this beautiful occurrence? That's why we're going to meet at Colt State Park at 7 p.m. and watch the sunset. And then, possibly go for some dessert. For more info, keep your eye on the Cyberkibitz or call Andy Weiser at 435-5035.

Tubing Aug. 19, 8:30 am

Tubing will be on the Farmington River, in Farmington, CT. It's about a 2 hour drive from Providence. So, we'll meet at 106 Angell St. at 8:30 am to be on the road by 9:00 am. It is a 2.5 mile trip down the river. Cost is \$12. If you are interested you must RSVP ASAP to Jen Witt at 354-6879 or you won't be able to come. For more information, check out the tubing website at <http://visitconnecticut.com/farmingtonrivertubing/>.

The mission of Perspectives is to provide a social outlet and a resource for Jewish adults in their twenties and thirties and to offer a connection to the greater Rhode Island Jewish community. Perspectives is a project of the Brown / RISD and URI Hillel Foundations and is made possible by grants from the Jewish Federation of RI and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

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lem had just finished ninth grade at the ORT school. She was buried in Jerusalem.

Malka Roth, 15, of Jerusalem immigrated to Israel with her family from Australia when she was one year old. She was buried in Jerusalem.

Lili Shamilashvili, 39, and Tamara Shamilashvili, 8, of Jerusalem, a mother and daughter, made aliyah from Russia eight months ago. They were both buried in Jerusalem.

Yocheved Shoshan, 10, of Jerusalem was with her two sisters during the attack. They were both wounded. She is the great-granddaughter of the Baba Sali, a Moroccan sage.

The Schijveschuurder family, Mordechai Schijveschuurder, 43; Tzira Schijveschuurder, 41; Ra'aya Schijveschuurder, 14; Avraham Yitzhak Schijveschuurder, 4 and Hemda Schijveschuurder, 2, were all killed in the attack. The family lived in Talmon and immigrated to Israel from Holland. Six children survive them, 2 of which were wounded in the attack.

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, the diners who made it out alive counted their blessings.

"My five-year-old daughter insisted we sit on the upper level of the store, and that is why we were saved," said Dganit Refuah, who was lightly injured. Jason Kanar, 20, left his uneaten lunch and a friend at Sbarro to get a newspaper from a nearby store. The blast happened as he made his way back. "I saw a man lying on the street shaking like he was being electrocuted and a child that looked dead in another man's arms," Kanar said. "A woman soldier sat motionless in shock inside, with the table that should have been in front of her gone."

Additionally, *Ha'aretz* reported that the IDF forces shut down the Palestinian Authority offices in the Orient House in eastern Jerusalem and the governor's house in Abu Dis. Palestinians transformed the Orient House into a political office in violation of the Oslo Accords. The compound in Abu Dis was similarly used in violation of signed agreements as a political office. Israel also struck at Palestinian police stations in the West Bank. All personnel had been evacuated and no injuries were reported.



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Jewish Web

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Does all that work pay off? His readers sure think so — all 35,000 of them (at least) who tune in on a daily basis. JewishWorldReview.com is updated five days a week, except on Yom Tov, and was one of the first regularly updated Jewish sites out there, Jolkovsky said. Somehow, Jolkovsky finds time to answer all of the questions he gets from his worldwide audience, including senators, congressman, TV personalities, religious professors, political scientists and many other types, from places as far-flung as Iowa, Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, Russia, Croatia, and Lithuania, to name just a few.

Jolkovsky does all his own public relations work, and it is not unusual for him to be interviewed at the dinner table (to his wife's chagrin). His hours are maddening; sometimes he toils until *eight in the morning* or later, only to catch three or four hours of sleep and then return to his desk in a few hours. If he is lucky, he'll take an hour snooze sometime in the afternoon. He hasn't taken a vacation in years.

To him, the work is certainly worth all the time he sacrifices, even though, to properly upkeep the site, he has had to make the ultimate sacrifice — *he doesn't pay himself a salary*. The site makes money from advertisements, and he is financially supported by his family.

Jolkovsky feels that the Jewish community is circulating a losing message online, a message that while intending to bolster ends up demoralizing from within. He sees this theme as one of "negativity, victimization, and a superficial understanding of their heritage." Jolkovsky calls to attention a list of Jewish programming on television in the recent past, and quotes that there is only recurring theme — the purpose of being Jewish is to fight anti-Semitism.

Jolkovsky feels that the best medicine against Jewish adversaries is a reinvigorated sense of identity. This sense of self is severely lacking in many Jewish movements today, he said. He sees Jewish pride in these groups, but feels that pride should carry with it some degree of comprehension of what the person is proud of. And he finds that sometimes the loudest voices possess the least understanding. "If you don't have within you a clear sense of what it is to be Jewish, what can you do?" he said.

There are other problems he sees in the Jewish community, both in reality and online. While

he maintains that "religious Jews do not hate secular Jews" (Jolkovsky describes himself as "a guy trying to be observant"), he does feel that the reverse is often true, and that Orthodox and Lubavitch Jews are often seen as "kooks" by the less observant. With the upper levels of observance thus rendered taboo, Jews are far more likely to become less religious (or completely non-religious) than more religious.

Jolkovsky advocates "living Jewish lives, not just identifying as Jews." This doesn't mean switching to black clothes and upping the daily prayer regimen. He feels that Judaism is composed of "daily interventions" more than just observance (although he feels observance is important too). In essence, the joys of Judaism lie in

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the willingness to allow it to permeate your life more than it is a strict and unyielding allegiance to it.

All of Jolkovsky's passions for JewishWorldReview.com come from his core beliefs about where the Jewish community has been and where it seems to be going. He feels that the structure of Judaism is changing and that subjects like Jewish history are read in books as isolated fragments from our past, rather than as the treasures they really are. He feels that a "G-d-centered life" has been on the decline in the United States since the 1800s, and that people now see Judaism as more of subject in a book than as a lifestyle. "Why is ['The Nanny'] the most popular Jewish woman in the past decade?" he asks. "Judaism is not a hotel that you check into at life-cycle events."

Jolkovsky wants the Jewish community to act more like a Jewish community. "In an increasingly sophisticated world, [if] the Jewish community cannot provide an in-depth answer to what it means to be Jewish, then they won't remain Jewish." The Jewish world is being threatened, and the only chance for survival is by having "an educated and proud Jewish

community." That's what he tries to pass on through his Web site.

Through JewishWorldReview.com and his efforts, Jolkovsky gets to pass something back to the community. He gets to clarify Jewish questions to non-Jewish readers. He's helped people find a minyan or a Jewish study group in countries around the world. He refers people to where they can get private Jewish tutorials over the phone for free anywhere in the world (check out the site if you're interested). He has pointed people in the right direction on genealogy questions, Yiddish spelling questions, and on and on. Once, 24 hours before Pesach, a reader lamented that he had no Haggadahs, Jolkovsky FedExed a box of them himself.

When asked how (or why) he keeps up with the murderously pace of the Web site, he responded, "I honestly believe in what I'm doing." I personally don't doubt it.

Israel Academic Affairs Officer Speaks at JCC

by Yoni Halper

On Aug. 7, the Jewish Seniors Agency and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island were host to Jeremy Fischer, academic affairs officer for the Consulate General of New England. Fischer spoke to a large gathering of Rhode Island seniors concerning the State of Israel and the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Fischer reassured the audience that life in Israel goes on despite the media reports that continue to portray Israel as a country torn by war. "Israelis still go to work, they still use the bus service, and they still go to the movies," he said.

Fischer then expounded on the turn of events dating back to Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount. He explained that the attacks following Sharon's visit were planned in advance by Palestinians and were not simply a spontaneous reaction as declared in the Mitchell report.

Fischer condemned Arafat for not offering a counterproposal at the Camp David meeting with Barak and Clinton. Fischer remarked that the Palestinians originally were fighting a political-based war over land grievances, but then it turned into a "war of hate." "The Palestinians may claim war," he said, "but rather it is terrorism solely to kill civilians," Fischer confirmed.

Fischer closed by giving thanks to the Jewish community of Rhode Island as well as many communities around the United States who have showed support to their brothers and sisters in Israel. One audience member, Lucille Sibulkin, remarked, "Whenever I see something that was made in Israel, I buy it. It is how I can help Israel."

Fischer left the group on a positive note. "Israel will continue to ask the United States to place pressure on Arafat. There is a lot of hope on the side of the Israelis," he said.

JERI Hosts Educational Program at the Village at Hillsgrove

The Village at Hillsgrove, 75 Minnesota Avenue in Warwick, will host a Jewish Education program about personal items and other memorabilia that serve to connect us to our religion on Aug. 27, at 3:30 p.m. Susan Adler of Jewish Eldercare Rhode Island will be the program's guest speaker.

This program is free and open to the public. For details or directions, contact Brenda Neff, activity director at The Village at Hillsgrove at 737-7222.

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Simon Wiesenthal Center Holds Tribute Dinner

The Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance recently held its 2001 National Tribute Dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. This year, the center was proud to confer its 2001 Humanitarian Award upon actor/producer Michael Douglas for his friendship to the center, its museum, and its film division, *Moriah*, for which he generously donated his time to serve as principal narrator of its latest film, "In Search of Peace, Part One: 1948-1967." The evening was emceed by comedian Bob Saget and music legend Willie Nelson provided the entertainment. Also honored were three individuals who took great risks in their pursuit of justice: Shula Cohen, a mother living in Beirut imprisoned for saving Jews trapped and isolated in Arab countries in the late 1940s; Judith Feld Carr, who worked tirelessly to secure the release of more than 3,000 Syrian Jews, who were forbidden since 1948 to emigrate; and Pinchas Rosenbaum (posthumously), a rabbi's son who, disguised as a high-ranking Nazi official in the Hungarian Arrow Cross in World War II, saved more than 1,000 Jews from certain death at the hands of the Nazis.

Pictured left to right at the award presentation are Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Wiesenthal Center; Wiesenthal Center trustee Merv Adelson; Center trustee and Dinner Chairman Jonathan Dolgen, chairman of Viacom Entertainment Group; Michael Douglas; Dinner Chairman Ron Meyer, president and CEO of Universal; Center trustee Ira Lipman, chairman and CEO, Guardsmark, Inc.; Dinner Chairman Jim Wiatt, president and co-CEO of the William Morris Agency. Not pictured is Center trustee and Dinner Chairman Jeffrey Katzenberg, principal partner, Dream Works.

Photo courtesy of Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Hadassah Convention Closes With City in Shock Over Brutal Terror Attack

Under a starry sky at the Mt. Scopus Amphitheater and the pall of a city still in deep shock from one of the worst terrorist attacks to hit Israel's capital in years, the 87th national annual Hadassah convention closed with a visit from Israel President Moshe Katzav. In his first public appearance since the bombing earlier in the day, the president urged the world community, and especially the heads of European states, to take strong steps to fight terrorism.

He also praised the Hadassah delegates for coming to Israel at this time and told them: "Don't hesitate to raise your voices [against terrorism]," vowing that "we will be able to defeat brutal terrorism."

Ehud Olmert, mayor of

Jerusalem, also made a brief appearance before rushing to a funeral. "This is one of the saddest days in the city of Jerusalem. I just left the center of town where thousands of people are just standing looking at the restaurant. But nothing, no terror will break the spirit of Jerusalem," he stated.

In closing the convention that ran for four days in the heart of Jerusalem, National President Bonnie Lipton told an appreciative audience of 550 delegates: "We needed to be here as much as they needed us to come."

For the Hadassah delegates, the attack came at a time when everyone was packing and buying last minute gifts before returning home on overnight

flights. No Hadassah delegate was injured in the bombing, though many were just footsteps away from the restaurant when the attack occurred.

In her closing speech, Lipton explained that the minute she heard of the attack, she rushed to the trauma unit at the Hadassah Medical Center in Ein Kerem to lend her support as the medical staff received victim after victim. As soon as she arrived, she was told: "None of the victims were your people," to which she replied: "They are all my people," referring to the bond Hadassah women feel with all of the people of Israel.

'Zamir: Jewish Voices Return to Poland' to Air on WGBH-TV

The Zamir Chorale of Boston will be seen in the upcoming PBS documentary film, "Zamir: Jewish Voices Return to Poland," to be aired on WGBH-TV Channel 2 on Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The hour-long film, an evocative chronicle of the group's 1999 tour of Eastern Europe, was produced by Arlington filmmaker Eric Stange of Spy Pond Productions.

In 1899, in the city of Lodz, Poland, a Jewish choral ensemble was formed to embody the richness and passion of the Jewish culture of Eastern Europe. For four decades, HaZamir (Hebrew for "nightingale") flour-

George Washington Letter Reading at Touro Synagogue

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue will present its annual George Washington Letter Reading on Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. in the synagogue.

The letter reading commemorates Washington's famous letter, "To the Hebrew Congregation in Newport," in which he affirmed the founding fathers' commitment to the principle of religious freedom by pledging that the new nation would "...give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..." With those few words Washington set the standard for religious freedom in America. Each year The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue presents a reading of Washington's eloquent letter to celebrate that precious and unique heritage.

We are honored that Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy will give the keynote address at

the letter reading program. Sylvia Hassenfeld will read President Washington's letter and Leon L. Levy will read the letter written by Touro Warden Moses Seixas to which Washington replied. M. Bernard Aidinoff will serve as master of ceremonies.

During the program, the society will present the Judge Alexander George Teitz Award. The award is given each year to an individual or organization who, through word or deed, exemplifies the ideals set forth by Washington in his letter. The Hon. Claiborne Pell, Alan Shawn Feinstein, retired R.I. Supreme Court Judge Florence K. Murray, Charlotte I. Penn, Frederick C. Williamson, Sr. and David A. Duffy are past recipients of the award.

Reservations are required. Seating is limited. Call the society office at 847-4794, ext. 11.

RJC Joins Call for International Red Cross To Recognize Israeli Magen David Adom

The Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC) supports the effort by U.S. Senators to urge the International Red Cross Movement to recognize Israel's Magen David Adom Society (MDA) and its emblem, the Red Star of David, and to give the MDA full membership in the International Red Cross Movement. The RJC is pleased to participate in today's news conference and briefing announcing the support of over half of the United States Senate for this effort.

Israel's MDA provides emergency relief and invaluable humanitarian assistance in countries around the world, going where it is needed without regard to religion, nationality, race or politics. In denying the MDA membership status since 1949, the International Red Cross has singled Israel out for rejection, in contradiction to the 1949 diplomatic convention which governs the admission of new societies and the symbols they may use.

The RJC joins in urging that this issue remain a high priority in dealings with the International Red Cross and with countries opposed to the inclusion of the MDA. We commend Senator Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL) for his leadership as well as the others who have also joined in this effort.



Touro Fraternal Goes to McCoy Stadium

It's fireworks when Touro goes to McCoy Stadium. Touro Fraternal Association invites its members to come see the Pawsox and to enjoy their annual picnic buffet. Among the summer fare being served up will be hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, chips, coleslaw, ice cream, etc. and fireworks! The picnic takes place Sept. 2, starting at 5 p.m. Touro families only — wives, children, grandchildren, and parents. Admission is \$8.50 per person.

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Full-length performances by the choir, taped in old-world synagogues and churches, Jewish cemeteries, and town halls are blended with travelogue, interviews, and archival footage to chronicle this modern-day journey, as well as the historic journey of HaZamir.

For Jews and non-Jews both, this film's powerful mix of music and spiritual journeys provides an eye-opening account of Jewish life that will greatly enrich cultural understanding.

For more information about the documentary and the chorale, visit Zamir's Web site at <www.zamir.org>.

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Plans to Build "Synchrotron" at Ben-Gurion University

by Motti Bassuk

The president of Beer-Sheva's University, Professor Avishay Braverman, intends to acquire a "synchrotron" (electron accelerator) for the Hi-Tech Park to be built adjacent to the university. The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$140 million. Very few countries in the world have a synchrotron.

On August 7, Braverman will take part in a scientific symposium held at Stanford University, a world leader in particles and accelerators. The symposium is entitled: "The Establishment of a National Synchrotron at Ben-Gurion University." Leading professors in the field such as Jonathan Dorfan, Keith Hodgson, Axel Brunger and others will participate in the conference.

Braverman will have to overcome two major inter-related obstacles — raising the capital and Israel's bureaucracy. There is no state body today that deals with inter-disciplinary scientific issues on a national level — including whether Israel needs a synchrotron and who will finance it. The project will therefore have to be dealt with through the Academy of Sciences, the Council for Higher Education, the Ministry of Science, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce's Chief Scientist and the Ministry of Defense.

Even if these bodies support the project, the question of financing the synchrotron will soon follow as Ben-Gurion University cannot raise the funding without donations. It is also possible that the Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon and the Minister of Finance Silvan Shalom may decide to adopt the synchrotron as a national science project.

The creation of the Hi-Tech Park on an area of 600 square meters, near the University in Beer-Sheva, has been recently approved; its construction will be completed in about 10 years. The Park will include centers for research and development, incubators, commercial plants and sport facilities. The first stage is already being planned and will be completed within three to five years. In its framework, 10 to 20 research and development centers of Israeli and International companies will be established, as well as a National Institute of Biotechnology.

It is Braverman's intention to set up the synchrotron in the park, following the establishment of the National Institute of Biotechnology. Synchrotrons now exist in Grenoble, France, in the United States, Germany and Japan. Only recently Australia has also announced the setting up of a synchrotron.

Braverman says that a group

including Nobel laureates is promoting the setting up of a synchrotron in Beer-Sheva. He also said that he was told by the president of the Israeli National Academy of Sciences, Professor Yaakov Ziv, that he was not in favor of the project, but if a need ever arose for having such an accelerator in Israel, it will be set up in Beer-Sheva.

Unlike other electron accelerators, the synchrotron accelerates the electrons in a circular rather than a linear course, in a radius from tens to hundreds of meters, to utilize the emitted X-rays. The rays' wavelength can be used for research purposes in many fields. The synchrotron allows molecular research, which, in turn, enables the study of the structure of a body's proteins. The study of proteins is a field with great promise, as it facilitates the development of a new generation of drugs.

The synchrotron can be used to assist a great variety of sophisticated industries such as, microelectronics, pharmacy and many other fields. In November 1998, Israel signed an agreement of scientific cooperation with the directors of the European synchrotron in Grenoble, allowing its use by Israeli scientists. Researchers hope that having a synchrotron in the Beer-Sheva industrial park will greatly advance the scientific capacities of the city.

This article originally appeared in Ha'Aretz, July 31, 2001.



Enroll in Hadassah Training Wheels

Are you looking for a program that gives you information about the Jewish holidays and offers the opportunity to spend time with your young children? Rhode Island Hadassah offers a Training Wheels (Al Galgalim) Program for parents or grandparents that offers the chance to participate in fun-filled activities evolving around the Jewish holidays. There are nine 1 1/2-hour sessions geared for parents and their children ages 3 to 5. Each session consists of songs, art activities, snacks, and information about their Jewish heritage presented in a pressure free environment. For further information or to enroll your children, call Ruth Ross, facilitator at 781-2478. At a recent Training Wheels at work session are (left to right) Ben Schiff, Joshua Sholes and mom, Laurie Sholes.

Photo courtesy of Hadassah

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Hadassah Convention Asserts Commitment to Fight 'Zionism is Racism'

Bonnie Lipton, national president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, opened the organization's annual national convention in Jerusalem recently with a firm commitment to the 550 delegates that Hadassah is "working to reject the accusation that Zionism equals racism." The convention, which took place from Aug. 5 to 9 in Jerusalem, is the only regularly scheduled annual convention of a major Jewish organization to hold its meeting in Israel this year.

Stating that attempts to delegitimize the State of Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people may be "more terrible now than in the past," Lipton stated that "the target for this destructive campaign to undermine the rights of the Jewish people is the next generation of Jews. Our enemies know that the connection between the State of Israel and the Jewish people is Israel's greatest strategic asset."

"As Jews and as Zionists, we must counteract this threat. Hadassah has raised its voice and will continue to do so in America and around the world in response. Our great family of Israel must speak out. We must make a clear and definitive stand. The place to make that stand is the U.N. World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Forms of Intolerance."

"We must also use this as an opportunity to teach the world and to teach the next generation

that the fight against racism, intolerance and discrimination is not just a human right issue. It is a Jewish issue."

Lipton followed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on the dais, who in an infrequent public appearance thanked Hadassah "for the right to be called Zionists in the United Nations. Hadassah is an iron wall against rising anti-Semitism around the world and a guardian of Zionism."

Earlier this year, Hadassah won special consultative status to the U.N. Economic and Social Council in the face of months of intense pressure from the Arab bloc to reject Hadassah's application. Sharon warmly thanked Hadassah for holding its convention in Jerusalem. "Your presence here symbolizes solidarity and the importance of the State of Israel as a worldwide Jewish project," he said.

In his first appearance in Israel before a major American Jewish organization, Daniel C. Kurtzer, the newly arrived U.S. Ambassador to Israel, echoed Sharon's words when he greeted the overflow audience in the Jerusalem Theatre. "It is so important that you have come here. It is always important." He likewise lent his support to Hadassah's efforts with the U.N. and its plans to attend the U.N. Conference on Racism to be held in Durban at the end of the month. He concluded his eloquent remarks with a pledge to "work with the prime minister to realize a vision of peace."

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Giving NCSYers a Sporting Chance

What do sports, ethics, law and Jewish study all have in common? For the 175 young men who are attending the Orthodox Union's Camp NCSY Sports in Baltimore this summer, these disciplines represent a typical summer day.

Camp Sports is a boy's camp that brings together high school teenagers who hail from a broad range of religious backgrounds across the United States and Canada. Housed in the Ner Israel campus in Baltimore, the aim of the camp is to broaden the campers' Jewish knowledge and awareness in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, combining an enriching educational curriculum with competitive sports and exciting trips.

This year a new ethics program, developed and sponsored by the Miami-based Aleph Institute (a not-for-profit organization that regularly addresses the religious, educational, humanitarian and advocacy needs of individuals in institutional environments), was introduced in the camp, written by Steven H. Resnicoff, professor of law at DePaul University College of Law. A graduate of

Yale and Princeton, and ordained by the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, Professor Resnicoff is the Wicklander Chair of ethics at DePaul University. The course presents 14 practical cases in Choshen Mishpat (the area of Jewish law that deals with monetary issues) that have relevance for teenagers. Instructors present source materials and additional analyses written in English, Hebrew and Ara-

combine Judaic studies with sports and other informal educational opportunities."

Director of NCSY Sports, Rabbi Jeffrey Greenberg, said, "The camp has grown more than tenfold from a dozen teenagers 20 years ago to the 175 participants this year. Being housed in the Ner Israel campus in Baltimore allows us to take advantage of the Torah atmosphere and Ner Israel's many



maic that enable the campers to discuss the ethical ramifications of the 14 cases. Guest lecturers also teach about civil and criminal law, and the practical implications of improper or illegal conduct.

The classes are taught by a team of six Ner Israel Kollel members, two senior NCSY staff members and 10 NCSY advisors. Rabbi Avraham David Motzen, one of the camp's educational directors (along with Rabbi Tuvia Fried), explained, "We are quite proud and excited about this new law and ethics program. The combined study of the secular and Jewish legal systems within the context of the campers' daily schedule not only broadens their educational perspective but also highlights the mission of the camp — to

Torah scholars. This new ethics program allows us to challenge the minds of our already first-class campers."

For more information about Camp NCSY Sports, or to apply for the summer 2002 program, call (212) 613-8233 or visit <www.campsports.org>.

Since it was founded in 1954, NCSY has pioneered the Jewish outreach movement and today is the world's largest Jewish youth program. With chapters in 39 states, 215 communities across the nation and three Canadian provinces, NCSY reaches tens of thousands of boys and girls annually by offering 750 major educational events and programs and 10 summer camps in the United States, Israel and the Ukraine. Visit <www.ou.org>.

Woodsttick 2001 Brings Back One Day of Shalom, Love, and Happiness

It's the most exciting evening since Moses parted the Red Sea! Woodsttick 2001: The Odyssey returns to the University of Rhode Island on Sept. 13 on the main quad at 5 p.m. Sponsored by Hillel: the Center for Jewish Life on Campus, the second annual Jewish arts festival united the campus and community through live music, food and vendors as part of the university's welcome back events. This year's Woodsttick promises to be even bigger and badder than ever.

Woodsttick 2001 is still in need of arts and crafts vendors to display and sell their work — call Amy at Hillel, 874-2274 or e-mail the address below to reserve a table. The festival committee is also still accepting applicants for bands with Jewish members or Jewish content to perform in the evening. Bands are encouraged to submit press kits and inquiries to: Woodsttick 2001, 34 Lower College Road, Kingston, R.I. 02881 or e-mail <woodsttick2001@hotmail.com>. No phone calls, please.

Agudas Achim Welcomes Rabbi Elyse Wechterman

Rabbi Elyse Wechterman joins Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass., as the new rabbi. She comes to Agudas Achim from the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation in Philadelphia where she has served as director of congregational resources this past year and MidAtlantic regional director for the past four years. Rabbi Wechterman's commitment to serving and working in Reconstructionist communities began when she and her husband, David Nerenberg, co-founded the Heart of Texas Havurah in Austin, Texas, in 1991. Since entering the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1993, she has served as student rabbi and teacher in communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the Virgin Islands and Utah and has traveled throughout North America teaching and leading workshops for the JRF.

Prior to entering rabbinical school, Rabbi Wechterman worked as a journalist and editor in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas. She graduated from Boston University with a B.A. in international relations and a B.S. in journalism in 1989.

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Rabbi Wechterman grew up sailing the Connecticut and Rhode Island coasts with her parents and is very excited about moving back to familiar waters.

Rabbi Wechterman is married and has one son.

About Congregation Agudas Achim

Congregation Agudas Achim of the Attleboros is a Jewish center for communities in Massachusetts and nearby

Rhode Island. Agudas Achim is committed to Jewish traditions within a congregation integrating diverse cultural backgrounds. As a Reconstructionist synagogue they are an egalitarian and participatory community, bringing people together to promote Jewish education, spiritual growth, religious practice, social justice and life-long learning. With members from Sharon to Providence, Agudas Achim is a highly participative and active congregation, where young and old, women and men, singles and families are welcome. Their doors are open to unaffiliated and interfaith families, observant, progressive and "those who are just learning," and to anyone wanting to explore Jewish identity and rituals.

About Reconstructionist Judaism

Reconstructionist Judaism is the youngest, fastest growing American Jewish movement. The Reconstructionist movement believes that Judaism is a continually evolving religious civilization. As contemporary Jews, Reconstructionists work to preserve and shape the spiritual and cultural legacy they will leave to future generations. In Judaism, they are egalitarian, participatory, and open to varying viewpoints. They support the full inclusion of women and men, gays and lesbians, and all those seeking to affiliate with the Jewish people. Reconstructionist rabbis are facilitators of Jewish community. They do not dictate Jewish law but rather support a democratic, communal process for creating norms and practices.

IJCIC Leader Rebuffs Vatican Statement

The following is a statement by Seymour D. Reich, chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations.

As chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, I am dismayed and disappointed by the statement of Father Peter Gumpel, S.J., which was issued Aug. 7 by the Vatican, attacking the Jewish members of the International Catholic-Jewish Historical Commission for mounting a "slandorous" campaign against the Catholic Church. I do not believe the Holy See is supportive of such a baseless and offensive assault.

The decision of the panel of historians to suspend its study of Vatican documents regarding

the Holy See's policies and actions during World War II was made by all the members, both Catholic and Jewish, because of the inaccessibility of needed unpublished documentation in the Vatican archives.

Among the misstatements by Father Gumpel was his charge that in a meeting with the historians in Rome in October 2000, he had answered some of the historical panel's questions and had offered to meet with them for another session but that this suggestion was ignored. In fact, the meeting ran the time allotted by Father Gumpel, and although the scholars were prepared to meet with him again he was not available. Furthermore, Father Gumpel refused to make available copies of documents and bibliographies already in his possession and indicated that he did not have access to the Vatican archives.

Finally, Father Gumpel's interest in the work of the scholars team is far from objective. He is the Vatican official in charge of the cause of Pius XII's beatification and canonization and has publicly criticized the efforts of the historians panel to review the Holy See's activities during World War II.

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Bruce Kessler Engaged to Elana Jacobs Beth Kessler Weds Edward Abraham

Mr. and Mrs. William Kessler of Pawtucket, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Bruce Kessler, of Washington Heights, N.Y., to Elana Jacobs, of Monsey, N.Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jacobs of Monsey, N.Y.

The bride-to-be attended Darchai Binah in Israel and graduated from Stern College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. In the fall, she will be a resource teacher in Washington Heights.

She is the granddaughter of

the late Isaac Behar and Marilyn Behar of Bronx, N.Y., and Selma Jacobs of Washington Heights, N.Y. and the late Morti Jacobs.

Her fiancé attended Mevaseret Zion in Israel and graduated from Yeshiva University with a degree in accounting. He is manager of finance in the accounting department of Hip Health Plan of N.Y.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith of Fall River, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kessler of Warwick and Florida.

Beth Kessler and Edward Abraham were married July 1 at the Concord Plaza in Brooklyn, N.Y. The bride is the daughter of William and Linda Kessler of Pawtucket, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Eliahu and Sandra Abraham of Kitchener, Canada.

Rabbi Shlomo Singer officiated at the ceremony. Rabbi Eliyahu Ferrell read the ketubah. The Sheva Brochos (Seven Benedictions) under the chupah were said by Bruce Kessler (brother of the bride), Jonathan Abrams, Jeff Ruttner, Shmuel Smith (cousin of the bride), Richard Bassett, and Chaim Lieber (bride's brother-in-law).

Also in attendance were the bridegroom's two sisters, Jane and Edna Abraham; the bride's brother, Bruce Kessler; sisters, Miriam Lieber and Brahma Kessler; brother-in-law, Chaim Lieber; and nephew, Steven Lieber.

The bride attended Midreshet Moriah in Israel and



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Abraham

Stern College. She will be receiving a combined bachelor's and master's degree from Touro College School of Occupational Therapy in September.

The bridegroom graduated from the University of Waterloo in Canada with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering

and attended Darchei Noam in Israel. He is presently working at Eastman Kodak as a software programmer.

The couple celebrated Sheva Brachos in New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Canada. They will make their home in Passaic, N.J.



Bruce Kessler and Elana Jacobs

Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue Names Jane Sprague Executive Director

Andrew Teitz, president of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, has announced that Jane S. Sprague is the society's new executive director.

Sprague, who has been editor of *The Jewish Voice of Rhode Island* for the last 12 years, has prior administrative, marketing and communications experience in the corporate and not-for-profit sectors, and in Newport tourism businesses.

As the new executive director of SOF, Teitz explained that Sprague will help the society develop and fund its planned new visitor center, as well as direct its ongoing visitor, education and membership programs.

Touro Synagogue is America's oldest synagogue building and the only synagogue left from the Colonial period. With its program of tours, SOF perpetuates the message of religious freedom and toleration as expressed by President George Washington who in 1790 wrote to "the Hebrew congregation in Newport" that the new United States would "give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Before becoming editor of *The Jewish Voice*, Sprague was director of corporate communications and marketing for the former American Universal Insurance Group, a property and casualty insurer doing business in the United States and Canada.

In the summer of 1983 she directed the offices and press and visitor center of the America's Cup Challengers Race Committee, sponsored by Louis Vuitton, SA. For the prior three seasons she has been director of marketing for the Newport Yachting Center. In the late 1970s, Sprague managed the public participation component of the R.I. Statewide 208 Water Quality Planning Committee.

A native of Indiana, Sprague was executive director of the Consortium for Urban Education, Indianapolis in the mid-'70s, and had been director of information for Marian College several years. She was the first director of public information for the Indiana Legislative Council.

She and her husband, William L. Sprague, have lived in Jamestown for 25 years.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Ground Zero at a Suicide Bombing

The following are two first-hand responses to the suicide bombing at the Sbarro's in Jerusalem that claimed the lives of at least 17 people and injured more than 100.

Blaming Israelis for Arab Bombs

by Matthew

(Last name withheld)

I just got back from the bombing of a restaurant in downtown Jerusalem. My family is here on vacation, and my sister had gone downtown with some friends to get something to eat. Then, a little while ago, I heard on TV that a bomb had torn apart a popular pizza parlor downtown filled with kids. In Israel, it is the known obligation of every child to call their parents if they were expected to be in an area where a bomb goes off, but as tourists, my sister and her friends did not have a cell phone. Twenty minutes after the explosion they had not yet called in. I assured my mom that she would be fine, that there were a hundred places to eat down there and that she just hadn't called because the phone lines get overwhelmed after every attack. But I was also scared, so as the fear built into a heavy sickness in my stomach, I ran the few blocks from my apartment to the area of the bombing.

When I arrived, the emergency services had closed every avenue off leading to the site. All I could do was go from group to group huddled behind the security tape and peek into the deserted shops looking for Eliana. She was nowhere to be found. Everywhere, people were on their mobile phones. Others, closer to the scene of the bombing, were crying, huddled on the ground in the burning sun, some being sick. From one vantage point I could see the utter destruction of the restaurant - blackened pillars askew, fragments of chairs piled up, shattered glass covering everything.

I had searched everywhere I could think of, and she was still not to be found. I waited in line to call my mother and grandparents and see if they had received any word yet. In front of me was a line of people trying to deal with the disruption in their lives on the phone - one reassuring his grandparents that he was safe, one discussing the impossibility of getting home with her shopping, one

foreign worker quickly describing the bomb scene to her loved ones back in Thailand, perhaps just for posterity.

Finally, I was able to get to the phone and reach my mother. Eliana and her friends were safe, having gotten into a cab a block down from the restaurant to go home a few minutes before the bombing. My mother thanked me profusely and then began to weep with relief over the phone.

Now that I knew my sister was safe, I was able to sit down, shaking, and have a drink. I looked at the crying people and wondered how many of them were not blessed with the sense of relief, maybe even euphoria, that was now flooding my sys-

bomb will not be called a terrorist but a "militant." Perhaps even an "extremist." The people who recruited this person for this specific act, who told him it will guarantee his entrance into heaven, who lovingly and carefully prepared the bomb on the killer's body, who ensured that it contained just the right amount of nails and bolts and ball-bearings to tear through the families' faces, will be called "activists" by these newspapers.

"Activists" — it brings to mind positive connotations of concerned people who take action, just like the people who save the whales or hand out AIDS information on the street. This while the ink is still dry on the British *Independent's* searing, self-righteous editorial claim that it will continue to label Israel's preemptive moves to avoid suicide attacks as "assassinations" rather than "targeted killings" because, and I quote:

"we see no reason not to call things by their proper name". And the justifications? People like Robert Fisk and Suzanne Goldenberg and Phil Reeves and Ewan McAskill of the aforementioned media outlets will do their best to explain that what I witnessed was not mass murder or, G-d forbid, terrorism, but "resistance to occupation." They will go on to discuss the underlying phenomenology of this "resistance," and how it is not caused by Arab hatred of Israel, but by the election of Ariel Sharon and existence of Israeli settlements over the Green Line.

They will make the bomber understandable as a person, detailing his frustrations at Israeli roadblocks and the corruption of the Palestinian Authority, his efforts to find work in his chosen profession, his anger over preemptive Israeli attacks on his explosive brethren. They will add him to the official number of "Palestinian dead" in the intifada so that his death, even as a statistic, will help his cause. They will remind readers, in each article, that there are settlers who abuse Arabs. They will surely take at face value the Palestinian spokespeople's vague declarations against civilian casualties, and go to great pains to excuse the Palestinian Authority of any responsibility by stating as fact that Yasser Arafat has no control over these "activists" or their "activities."

Just as importantly, there is a long, long list of things of things that they will not say - now or ever - about Arab terror before the settlements or Sharon government ever existed, about Palestinian schoolbooks and summer camps exhorting little children to grow up to be big martyrs, about the moral difference

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Friday; Erev Shabbat

by Rabbi Binny Freedman

Her eyes, I think, will stay with me forever. Imploring, beseeching, full of so much sadness. I think the shock of where and how she was, was sinking in. I can't begin to describe all that was in those eyes.

Yesterday, Thursday, August 9th, the 20th of Av, on my way to work, I found myself walking down Yaffo Street. Hungry, I decided to stop and grab a quick bite... at Sbarro's Pizza.

In the past five years I have frequented this establishment exactly twice.

Walking into Sbarro's there is a larger area for sitting in the front, but the back looked a bit cooler and quieter, so I decided to grab a seat in the back. That decision saved my life.

Waiting on line, when they brought me the baked Ziti I asked for, it was cold. So I asked the woman behind the counter if she'd mind warming it up. "Ein Ba'ayah," no problem, she said with a smile. I will always wonder if that was her last smile on earth...

A couple of moments later, a fellow from behind the counter came to the back with my baked Ziti. Then he started to speak to someone at one of the tables... That baked Ziti saved his life.

At about 2 p.m., I both felt and heard a tremendous explosion, and day turned into night.

And then the screaming began. An awful, heartrending sound; the sound of people coming to terms with a whole new reality, of people not wanting to comprehend that life has changed forever.

Those of us sitting in the back were spared, but I was afraid of panic, so I started yelling at everyone to quiet down; not to panic. The ceiling looked like it might cave in, but there is always the danger of a second explosion, detonated on purpose shortly after the first...

But then I smelled smoke, and was suddenly afraid the restaurant might be on fire. So we started climbing our way through the wreckage to the front.

Would there be another explosion? Would the roof collapse? Were we making the wrong decision, climbing through? There are moments that last a lifetime...

There are no words to describe what the front of Sbarro's Pizza looked like in the immediate aftermath of that explosion.

A woman was lying near the steps to the back. Her eyes were staring straight at me, following me. So full of pain and longing, sadness and despair. I dropped down beside her trying to illicit

a response to see if she could speak. And then I watched the life just drain out of her. I tried to get a pulse, to no avail. She died there, on the steps in front of me. She was lying by the table I had decided not to sit at...

There were bodies everywhere, and those images are in my mind; they won't let go. A child's body under the wreckage; a baby-carriage; limbs and a torso; a woman holding a motorcycle helmet and screaming next to a person on the floor who had obviously been someone she was with...

And then the mad rush to help the ambulance and emergency crews get the wounded out. They were obviously afraid of a second bomb, so there was no medical effort inside beyond getting the wounded on to stretchers and out. A religious Jew missing at least two limbs in tears and shock; what do you say? "Yehiyeh Be'Seder" — it'll be all right? Will it?

I happened to sit a bit to the left as you walk towards the back, and so the wall behind me shielded me from the blast. Another fellow whom we went back in to get wasn't so lucky. Sitting only five or six feet to my left, he caught the full force of the blast and was thrown in the air. When we got him on the stretcher he was bleeding profusely and was missing a leg... There are no words to describe what that man's hand, clenched around my arm, felt like. He just kept looking from me to his leg and back again. I started saying Tehillim...

So many mixed emotions fill

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my head today. I came home last night and gave each of my children a very long hug... But there are so many families today who are waking up to the reality that life will never be the same. Seventeen funerals with friends and families saying goodbye to those they loved so, whose only crime was a desire for a slice of pizza on a beautiful Jerusalem afternoon...

I recall once, reading a story of a boy who was saved from a near-drowning by a stranger. As the fellow carried him ashore, the boy looked up and said "thanks for saving my life, mister." To which the man responded: "Just make sure it was worth saving..."

Tonight we celebrate Shabbat. All over Israel, in eight hours, parents will bless their children at the Shabbat table. I imagine we will all hug them a little tighter this week.

In a few hours we will light Shabbat candles. This Shabbat, (Continued on Page 15)

I could imagine how the bile that had been in my stomach was still in theirs, a blackness which sunk to the depths of their soul as they realized that the worst was true, that their brother, mother, child, or lover was never, ever coming back.

I could imagine how the bile that had been in my stomach was still in theirs, a blackness which sunk to the depths of their soul as they realized that the worst was true, that their brother, mother, child, or lover was never, ever coming back.

Then, as I calmed down some more, I thought about the people who had no personal interest in the situation, the reporters and foreign politicians who viewed the same scene not as a human tragedy but as one chapter of a large and intricate play being acted out on the international stage. I thought about how the newspapers would describe me and the torn, bloodstained children in the ambulances behind the tape.

It seemed impossible now, looking at them, but I knew that those children and parents who were having a pizza lunch would become the aggressors in tomorrow's rationalizations of the murder by papers like Britain's *Guardian* and *Independent*. The man who walked into the shop, stopped and looked at the kids eating around him for a moment before detonating his

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FEATURE

Spotlight on... Pizzico Restaurant

by Joanne Doyle

Pizzico Restaurant is one of my favorite restaurants in Rhode Island. Time and time again when someone asks me where to take a group from out of town, or a place to go for a graduation party, or just to eat a fabulous meal I tell them they will never be disappointed with this "well-kept secret." Proprietors Alison and Fabrizio Iannucci have the talented chef Hilario Rodriguez at the helm along with general manager Cheryl Boyle. Together they make a pleasurable dining experience for all.

The Iannucci's, who presently live in Paso Robles, California, run a restaurant there called Pizzicotto. They also just recently opened a restaurant in Brentwood, California called Alloro, right in the heart of wine country, which is very similar to Pizzico. Iannucci likes the region in California because it reminds him of his native home in Sardina, Italy.

Chef Rodriguez prepares some of the most simple yet complex dishes you may ever encounter. One of the most popular dishes is the Sogliola Cuocopazzo — a filet of sole with a horseradish-pistachio crust, served with a garlic, lemon, tomato, white wine sauce. Once you try it — you're hooked. The Pasta Fagiolo, a southern Italian-style pasta and bean soup is one of the biggest sellers, regardless of what time

of year it is. The salads are so fresh, especially the Caprese in the summer, which is a house made with fresh mozzarella with sliced tomato and fresh basil drizzled with balsamic dressing.

Pizzico has also received the "Best of Award of Excellence" eight years in a row from *Wine Spectator Magazine*.

Boyle says, "Pizzico can be best described as fine dining in a casual atmosphere. There are people dressed to the nines on their way to the theater, as well as locals who may have just been gardening, decked out in sporting short and T-shirts, enjoying a gourmet meal in the restaurant."

"People are always asking me, 'Am I dressed properly?' I tell them to relax and enjoy their stay. Attire is not an issue."

Boyle is a slave to detail, and it is apparent to anyone who dines here. From the beautiful Italian operatic music in the background to the softly lit candles on the table and the beautiful black and white photographs graciously placed on the painted brick walls. And my favorite: the tables are adorned with butcher paper and a cup

of crayons, which entertains the kids as well as the young at heart. It is an extreme rarity when someone leaves without leaving some colorful marking on the table.

Boyle said, "Consistency in the quality of the meal and the service go hand in hand." Phil Harris has been a server at Pizzico for years and will never steer you wrong. He is quite knowledgeable when it comes to recommending wine as well as leading you in the right direction of fabulous fare. He is also quite a whiz at jazz, and he used to be a jazz musician in his native Canada.

When former R.I. resident, Michael Montalbono (who resides in Chicago) swings into town and has to entertain clients, he still brings them to Pizzico. Montalbono claims, "There isn't a place in Providence I would rather dine at than at Pizzico. The food and the service are outstanding. My wife Rachel is always a bit jealous when I eat here. Sorry Rachel!"

Even though Pizzico is not on the Hill or downtown, people from all over seem to find it! All you have to do is call 421-4114. Pizzico is located at 762 Hope Street in Providence.



Victims of Domestic Violence Programming Offered

As part of an ongoing effort to support and improve the lives of children, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern New England, Inc., has awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Women's Center of Rhode Island for Safety, Achievement, Freedom and Empowerment Residential Scholarships. RMHC has awarded more than \$8 million to more than 1,000 non-profit organizations and programs that benefit thousands of children and families throughout the region.

Kathryn O'Hare, executive director of the WCRI, said funding for domestic violence pro-

vocacy services. The WCRI works closely with Providence Police and other police departments, the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Children Youth and Families, and the Department of Human Services, and other agencies throughout the state.

The WCRI serves approximately 200 women and children each year, offering up to six months of residence and supportive services. The WCRI was the first domestic violence shelter in Rhode Island, opening its doors in 1974. The Women's Center is one of six domestic violence shelters in the state and a



RECEIVING CHECK (left to right) are Jackie Provanzano, Ronald McDonald House Charities grant researcher; Kathryn O'Hare, executive director, Women's Center of Rhode Island; and Michael Chazan, Esq., president of the WCRI board of directors. Photo courtesy of WCRI

Providence Woman Camping For a Cause

Tabetha Bernstein of Providence is serving on this year's Camping for a Cause Committee to raise funds to bring Girl Scouting to inner city girls in the Rhode Island area.

At Camping for a Cause, Aug. 18 through Aug. 19 at Camp Hoffman, West Kingstown, R.I., women will enjoy a fun, get-away event while raising funds to provide outreach to girls who otherwise would not experience the wonders and opportunities of Girl Scouting. Participants can attend Saturday only or stay overnight until Sunday.

This year's activities include the traditional guided nature hikes, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, campfire sing-alongs,

and the non-traditional — massages, facials, Tai Chi, yoga and relaxing with a good book by the beach. In the evening participants enjoy a wine tasting sponsored by Town Wine and Spirits, a full-course gourmet meal created by Guy Abelson Catering, and contra dancing. Participants can stay in a tenting unit or one of the many indoor lodges. This program is sponsored by Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc., and New England Pest Control, Home of the Big Blue Bug. Volunteers are also needed to help make the event a success.

Participants or volunteers may request a registration form

by calling Lisa Desbiens at the Girl Scout office at 331-4500, ext. 304. Participants must pay a \$30 registration fee, and raise a minimum of \$250 in pledges by Aug. 18.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.5 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting — and its special girls only environment — girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.



Registration Open For The 'Making Your Money Work' Women's Program

The Center for Women & Enterprise announced recently that registrations are now being accepted for the Foundations for Success Program seminar series entitled, "Making Your Money Work." The program is for women of modest means who want to become successful entrepreneurs. The Making Your Money Work series is made available through the generous financial support of the Rhode Island Foundation. The classes will begin on Aug. 21 and end on Sept. 25. The registration fee is \$12 for the seven-week session.

Making Your Money Work is a comprehensive seven-week program that will teach women the core foundational skills for managing their personal finances. The classes are held every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Providence Children's Museum.

The topics covered during the program include Credit Repair, Saving/Investment Strategies, Expense Management, Spending Plans, Consumer Behavior, Loans and Taxes.

Childcare is provided free of charge to class participants. Mothers can bring their children to class. The children will be able to explore and have fun and be supervised by baby-sitters from the Providence Children's Museum.

Participants learn the "how-to" of building the foundation for financial success in their personal lives and their future small businesses.

For more information and to register for the program, contact Betsy David at the Center for Women & Enterprise, by phoning 277-0800, or by e-mail to <bdavid@cweprovidence.org>.

grams is a critical need "Domestic violence happens often, and its cruel claws strike quickly, often without warning, leaving lasting physical and emotional scars on women and their children. The damage can prove fatal."

The funding will be used to support costs necessary to offer immediate and safe housing to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. The residential program focuses on safety, achievement, freedom and empowerment with the help of advocates who specialize in residential advocacy, child advocacy, court advocacy, Family Violence Options Advocacy, mental health counseling, and transitional ad-

member of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

"We are very grateful to Ronald McDonald House Charities and to local McDonald operators," said Michael Chazan, Esq., board president and attorney with Adler, Pollack and Sheehan. "Their generous gift has made it possible for us to sustain and to expand the program to even more victims and their children, especially now with our recent addition of four bedrooms."

The WCRI SAFE program offers an escape from the abuser and a means to empower victims to make the necessary changes to be self-supporting and free from abusive situations.

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'Into The Arms of Strangers' Comes to Video

Academy Award Winning Documentary Narrated by Judi Dench

On Aug. 28, a powerful story of enduring love, loss and survival will inspire audiences around the world as this year's Academy Award Winning Best Documentary Feature, "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport," becomes available on VHS and DVD. A daughter's powerful homage to her mother through a personal journey into the hardships of war, "Into the Arms of Strangers" is "especially moving and

saw their parents again. And, all have unforgettable stories to tell. The film is narrated by Oscar winner Judi Dench.

From Mark Jonathan Harris, writer/director of the Academy Award-winning "The Long Way Home," and producer Deborah Oppenheimer (whose mother was one of the 10,000 children) comes this superb, Academy Award-winning documentary feature filled with rare archival footage and fea-

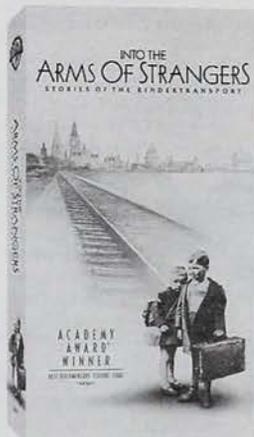


effective. Gripping and memorable," according to Kenneth Turan, of *The Los Angeles Times*.

In the months before World War II, an extraordinary rescue operation aided the youngest victims of Nazi terror. More than 10,000 Jewish and other children were transported from German-held lands to foster homes and hostels in Great Britain. Some of the children built new family ties. Some endured the Blitz. Some, amazingly, found ways to liberate their own parents from Adolf Hitler's tyranny; most, however, never

turing gripping remembrances from the child survivors, rescuers and parents of the heroic Kindertransport. "This moving tribute," Richard Schickel wrote in *Time*, "has the power to summon us to our better selves."

In addition to being a stirring portrayal of the still relatively unknown "Kindertransport," the gripping personal stories and footage portrayed in the VHS and DVD will serve as a learning instrument to be viewed time and time again by families, educators and descendants about survival, triumph,



separation and assimilation in an emotional and violently charged period in history. Furthermore, a free study guide will be available <www.intothearmsofstrangers.com> to be used as an educational tool for furthering studies of the event or as a teaching companion for schools and parents.

Friends of Roger Williams Park to Hold Children's Garden Fair

The Magical World of Plants

Looking for a magical way to spend the afternoon with your kids? On Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring the family to Roger Williams Park's new Sensory Garden in the Carousel Village for a mystical afternoon of plant and soil exploration. In this garden, the Friends of Roger Williams Park and the URI Master Gardener Association will present the first annual Magical World of Plants: Children's Garden Fair. Roger Wiggler, the children educational program's new mascot, invites kids, ages 7 to 11, and their parents to explore his magical backyard, trace through his plant zoo, discover a world of plants and learn the secrets of the earth, soil and trees that surround us.

Free activities include:

- **Soil Sorcery:** Soil is more than just dry mud. Come hear what goes into making soil and see what magical things it can produce.

- **Compost Court:** In the compost court, a wizard will change leaves to black gold and make plants grow twice their size.

- **Tree Treasure Hunt:** Find out what lurks in the woods and what secrets our trees can share with you.



- **Flower Power:** Learn what a flower is and what spell a flower will cast to survive. A hint: the spell includes bats, birds, bugs, and the breeze. Learn the secret of flower survival!

All kids will receive a nature journal filled with fabulous environmental information, prizes, a soil soup pot recipe, and tips on how to decorate the journal, including the art of pressing flowers. A small snack will be provided.

For more information on this fun-filled free children's garden fair, contact Cheryl Cadwell, master gardener, at 949-4030 or the Park's Public Relations office at 785-9450, ext. 210.

Judaism For Dummies Explores Jewish Faith

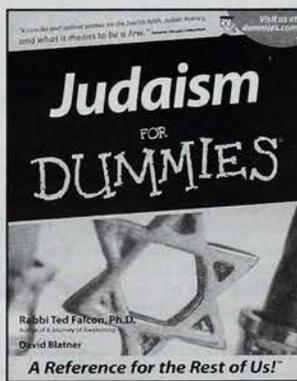
From Chanukkah to the Kabbalah

For lifelong practicing Jews wishing to gain a deeper understanding of Jewish traditions, parents trying to pass on the Jewish culture to their children, or non-Jews marrying into a Jewish family who wants to increase their awareness of the faith, *Judaism For Dummies* (Hungry Minds, Inc.; 400 pages; \$21.99; ISBN: 0-7645-5299-6) offers a fascinating look at what being Jewish is all about.

Judaism For Dummies, by Rabbi Ted Falcon, Ph.D. and David Blatner, is a fun and comprehensive guide to everything Jewish — from life-cycle celebrations to recipes, from Jewish mysticism to Jewish history.

Rabbi Ted Falcon, Ph.D., one of the pioneers of Jewish spirituality within the Reform Jewish context, was ordained in 1968 from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. He received a doctorate from the California School of Professional Psychology in 1975. He

is a nationally recognized lecturer and teacher, and the author of *A Journey Of Awakening: A Guide for Using the Kabbalistic*



tray. Rabbi Falcon lives in Seattle, where he is rabbi of Bet Alef Meditational Synagogue, a writer, and psychotherapist in private practice.

David Blatner is an award-winning, best-selling author of eight books on a wide range of topics from virtual reality to digital imaging to the number Pi (π). He is known for his easy-to-read and humorous style of writing about difficult subjects. Blatner is a Seattle-based freelance writer whose books have sold more than 400,000 copies and been translated into 10 languages. He frequently writes on the topic of electronic print and Web-based publishing, and has presented seminars in North America, South America, and Japan.

Judaism For Dummies is a fun and comprehensive guide to everything Jewish, including definitions of hundreds of Hebrew and Yiddish words and phrases, discussions of Jewish humor and Jewish history and traditions. While many books on Judaism are written from an Orthodox perspective, *Judaism For Dummies* is an open-minded exploration of Jewish practice and spirituality from many perspectives including Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Renewal.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Juggling Comedian Performs Aug. 22

The Juggling Comedian, Mark Nizer, is performing his popular show at New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre on Aug. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Bob Hope, who has seen Nizer perform, says, "He just keeps getting better and better, and I didn't think that was possible."

He has won first place in the International Juggling Championships and has also been named Collegiate Entertainer of the Year. In addition, he has performed at Lincoln Center on three occasions.

His invention of the Laser Diablo merges juggling, light, and technology. He juggles a burning propane gas tank, running electric carving knife and 16-pound bowling ball simultaneously! (Now that's entertainment!)

Part of the Summer Fun Series, tickets for this amazing one-

hour production are \$5, general admission. They can be ordered from the Zeiterion Box Office, located at 684 Purchase St. in downtown New Bedford. The box office is open Tuesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased by calling the box office at (508) 994-2900. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

The Zeiterion Theatre is supported, in part, by grants from the cultural councils of Marion, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

It is also supported by the city of New Bedford, the Acushnet Foundation, COM/Gas & COM/Electric, Crapo Foundation, Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation, Target, and our Friends and Business Partners.

Stately Statues at Cranston Public Library

Stately Statues: Rhode Island Outdoor Sculpture of Rhode Island will be hosted by the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road from now through Aug. 30. The exhibit of more than 80 contemporary and historic photographs, organized by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, salutes the 150-year-old tradition of public sculpture in Rhode Island. Sponsors of the exhibit include the Happy White Gallery at Saint Andrew's School and the Robert E. Freeman Downcity Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation.

By showcasing the variety, artistry, and unique qualities of Rhode Island's collection of public monuments, the exhibit urges communities to adopt long-range plans to conserve these works of art. The exhibit is organized by themes, beginning with Gorham Bronze and including Soldiers and Sailors, Animals, and Settings before finishing with Contemporary Works.

The exhibit also showcases several works in bronze, including a bust of George Washington designed by Jean Antoine Houdon in 1788-91, a miniature of the Elk by Eli Harvey, and a miniature of Christopher Columbus designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi (sculptor of the Statue of Liberty).

After leaving Cranston, Stately Statues: Outdoor Sculpture of Rhode Island will travel to the Museum of Natural History in Providence and the Newport Art Museum.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Summer program events may at times inhibit viewing in the Meeting Room Gallery.



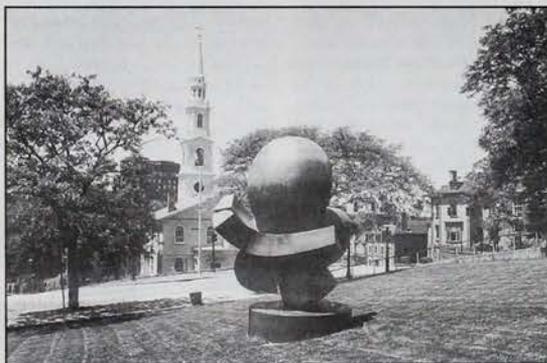
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WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL (1927) by Pietro Montana, Taunton Avenue at Wheldon Street, East Providence.

Left

DAY BREAK (1968) by Gilbert Franklin, Rhode Island School of Design, Benefit Street at Waterman Street.

Photos courtesy of Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission



American Cancer Society to Host 23rd Annual Newport Ball

The American Cancer Society will host its 23rd annual Newport Ball on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at Rosecliff Mansion in Newport. Co-chairpersons of the event are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cummings of Bristol and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Urciuoli of Providence. Herbert Cummings is chairman of Roger Williams Hospital and executive in residence at Rhode Island College. Robert Urciuoli is president and chief executive officer of the same facility.

This year's ball is a "black and white" theme with guests encouraged to dress in black and white attire. The ball will be catered by Guy Abelson with entertainment by the Night Life Orchestra.

Highlighting the evening will be a silent auction featuring a dinner package for 10 catered by Guy Abelson, a dinner package for 8 from Plantation Catering. Additional items featured in the silent auction include: a gown donated by Vera

Wang with a value of \$1285, round-trip travel for two on AirCanada/AirOntario and a sail aboard the 101' wooden schooner, the Aurora donated by The Newport Experience. Also, Fiore Volkswagen has once again donated a one-year lease on 2001 VW Beetle.

Tickets are \$150 per person or \$300 per couple. For tickets, to reserve a table of 10 or more, or for more information, call Shelly Williams at 722-8480 or (800) 3674-5520.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education advocacy and service. For more information, on the programs and services offered by the American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345 or log on to <www.cancer.org>.

Newport Yachting Center Sets The Stage For Its 4th Irish Festival

The Newport Yachting Center presents the fourth annual Newport Waterfront Irish Festival celebrating Irish culture, food, music and crafts along Newport's beautiful, historic waterfront.

Now with five stages of continuous entertainment and more than 100 entertainers and exhibitors, this is one of the largest Irish Festivals in the country. The diverse list of headliners for the outdoor tented event

include Tommy Makem, international step dancer Chanda Gibson, comedian Brendan Grace and 11-year-old fiddler, Calley McGraine.

Attendees will also find refreshment at the Irish Pub & Tea Tent, entertainment in the Shamrock Dance Hall & Oyster Garden, handcrafted Celtic items and other gifts at the marketplace and plenty of fun-filled activities at the Celtic Children's Area.

The festival will take place

over Labor Day Weekend on Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the historic waterfront at the Newport Yachting Center on America's Cup Avenue in Newport, R.I.

Admission is \$12 for adults, children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, call the Newport Yachting Center, at 846-1600, or visit <www.newportirishfestival.com>.

Quilt Guild to Meet at Slater Mill Gallery

The Industrial Revolution Quilt Guild of Pawtucket, R.I., hosted by the Slater Mill Historic Site presents "The Art and Craft of Making Quilts," members-only Quilt Show, Aug. 16 to Oct. 31 at the Slater Mill Gallery, Blackstone Valley Visitors Center, 175 Main St., Pawtucket. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Please join us for quilting tips, fun, door prizes, coffee, mystery quilts, fabric swaps, and more. Call 726-0671 or e-mail <pawtquilt@hotmail.com> for your free welcome kit.



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OBITUARIES

CAROLYN DUBITSKY SOMERSET, Mass. — Carolyn (Levine) Dubitsky, 80, a musician, died Aug. 9 at Clifton Nursing Home, Somerset.

She was the wife of the late Max Dubitsky. Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Florence (Rubin) Levine, she had been a resident of Fall River most of her life.

She loved music and was an accomplished piano player.

She was a former member of Temple Beth-El, and a graduate of Nashua (N.H.) High School.

She leaves a brother-in-law, Carleton Dubitsky, and a sister-in-law, Annette N. Sternschein, both of Fall River, and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Aug. 12 in Hebrew Cemetery. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BEATRICE EPSTEIN

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Beatrice (Greenberg) Epstein, 79, of 20 Piav St., a retired office workers, died Aug. 10 at Golden Crest Nursing Home.

She was the wife of Philip Epstein. Born in Providence, the daughter of the late Jacob and Fannie (Jagoliner) Greenberg, she had lived in North Providence for 20 years.

She was an office worker at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, retiring after 18 years. She had previously been a volunteer there.

There was no article of clothing that was too complicated for her to knit.

Besides her husband, she leaves no other survivors.

A graveside service was held Aug. 12 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MARJORIE HARRINGTON

WEST WARWICK — Marjorie (Tanner) Harrington of West Warwick died Aug. 5.

She was the daughter of

Lewis and Eleanor (Geffner) Tanner.

She is survived by a daughter, Rebecca Harrington; a brother, Ronald H. Tanner. She was the mother of the late Scott Harrington. A graveside service was held Aug. 10 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. The family was assisted with arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



WALTER H. HORVITZ

NEW BEDFORD —

Walter Harry Horvitz, 79, of William Street, South Dartmouth, a retired liquor distributor, died Aug. 10 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of Maxine (Brenner) Horvitz.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Morris and Jeanette (Perlman) Horvitz, he was a lifelong resident of New Bedford and South Dartmouth. He was a graduate of New Bedford High School and the College of William and Mary.

While attending William and Mary, he was a member of the school's highly regarded tennis and swim teams and a member of the college's marching band.

While concluding his college education, he enlisted in the Navy and was selected to attend Harvard College prior to sea duty in order to secure training as a naval supply officer.

Following matriculation, he served his country in the Pacific theater during World War II aboard the U.S.S. General Patrick, a troop transport.

He was an owner of Union Liquors Co., Inc., a company founded by his father in the mid-1930s. He served as the company's vice president for 33 years.

An avid and prolific songwriter and a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, he composed and enjoyed performing a broad repertoire, which included gospel, love songs, ballads, patriotic music,

folk songs and Broadway-style show tunes.

His spiritual, "Lift Up Your Eyes To The Mountains" was inspired by Psalm 121 and deeply moved the world-renowned gospel singer Mahalia Jackson when it was introduced to, and sung by, her following her appearance at Louis Armstrong's 70th birthday celebration at the Newport Jazz Festival.

He was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation, the Jewish Community Center, a founding member of the Temple Sinai in New Bedford and a contributor to the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

He was a member of the Masonic Temple and a Shriner. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and the American Legion and was a charter member of Allendale Country Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Ronald Brenner Horvitz of Gloucester and Andrew Steven Horvitz of Boston; a sister, Eleanor Levine of South Dartmouth; and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Bertha Leen.

The funeral was held Aug. 14 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



MILTON ISRAELOFF

POMPAÑO BEACH, Fla. — Milton Israeloff, 91, of 565 Oaks Lane, a retired record distributor and phonograph shop owner, died Aug. 9 at Imperial Point Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He was the husband of Ruth (Shaulson) Israeloff. Born in Fall River, a son of the late Hyman and Minnie (Lishner) Israeloff, he had lived in Hollywood, Fla., for 20 years before moving to Pompano Beach two years ago. He had also lived in Providence.

He was a partner with his wife in Beacon Record Shops in Rhode Island, and founder and president of Beacon Record Distributors for 20 years until it was sold in 1970 to ABC Record and Tape Sales Corp., where he was vice president before retiring 25 years ago.

He was a member of the Masons, Lions Club and the Knights of Pythias. He was an original benefactor of Chabad House, Providence. He was a past president of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh Synagogue, Providence, and a member of the board of directors of Sky Lake Synagogue, North Miami Beach, Fla.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Jewish War Veterans and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He was a graduate of Bryant College, and a past president of NARM.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, James and Samuel Israeloff, both of Fort Lauderdale; a sister, Freida Abramson of Patterson, N.J.; and two granddaughters. He was the brother of the late Ethel Sandler.

A graveside was held Aug. 13 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

BETTY OUIMET

FALL RIVER — Betty (Snyder) Oumiet, 102, of Robeson St., a saleslady at Filene's Basement in Boston for many years before she retired, died Aug. 10 at the Fall River Jewish Home for Aged.

She was the wife of the late Ernest Oumiet. Born in Russia, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Schneider, she had been a resident of Malden, Mass., for 80 years before moving to Fall River in 1994.

She leaves two nieces, Rona Dressler of Warwick and Audrey Refkin of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two nephews, Harvey Snyder of Providence and David Snyder of Hollywood, Fla. She was the sister of the late Samuel and Joseph Snyder.

A graveside service was held Aug. 12 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

FREDA STONE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Freda (Mednick) Stone, 100, of Hawthorn St., formerly of Providence, died Aug. 11 at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

She was the wife of the late Bennie Stone. Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mednick, she had lived in Providence most of her life before moving to New Bedford 10 years ago.

She was a graduate of the former Bryant-Stratton College, now Bryant College.

She leaves a son, Sanford Stone of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two daughters, Ruth Marder of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Palm Beach, Fla., and Betty Falk of North Dartmouth and Boynton Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by several siblings.

A graveside service was held Aug. 13 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



SAMUEL H. WILK

CRANSTON — Samuel H. Wilk, 83, of Melrose Street, a retired scrap-metal dealer, died Aug. 9 at Harborside Health Care-Pawtuxet Village, Warwick.

He was the husband of the late Shirley (Fried) Wilk. Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Rose (Less) Wilk, he had lived in Cranston for 50 years. He was a self-employed scrap-metal dealer in Providence and Cranston for 55 years, retiring 1996.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and the former Temple Beth Torah.

He leaves a daughter, Marsha Scherr of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Betty Kriss of Warwick and Shirley Brandt of Cranston; and three grandsons. He was the father of the late Larry Wilk.

The funeral service was held Aug. 13 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his

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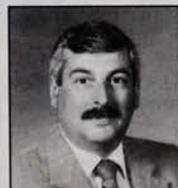
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ALBERT L. ZAWATSKY CRANSTON

Albert L. Zawatsky, 80, of Meshanticut Valley Parkway, former proprietor of the Zawatsky Glass Co., Providence, died Aug. 11 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

He was the husband of Leatrice J. (Barron) Zawatsky. Born in Providence, a son of the late Julius and Sarah M. (Michaelson) Zawatsky, he had been a resident of Providence for many years before moving to Cranston three years ago.

He was a marine veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

He was a member and past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythius 24, and a member of the Olympic Committee.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Zachary J. Zawatsky of Riverside; a daughter, Bonnie E. Flanagan, and a sister, Leona Spilka, both of Cranston; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 14 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.



Save The Date: Jewish Family Service Family of the Year Awards Oct. 18

By the time you read this article, the Family of the Year Committee will have met and selected the recipients of the 2001 Jewish Family Service Family of the Year Awards.

In keeping with its commitment to honor families, Jewish Family Service conducts a statewide search each year for nominations for the Family of the Year Award. For the sixth year, members of the community throughout the state submitted profiles of families who exemplify the best in family life.

Make plans to attend the Jewish Family Service Annual Meeting and meet the 2001 Family of the Year Award recipients on Oct. 18 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. in Providence.

Watch for more information in September. For details, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

A Street Car Named 'Jerusalem'

New Light Railroad to Ease Congestion in Israel's Capital

Gaining a full head of steam in recent weeks, the Jerusalem Light Railroad, a combination street-car and subway line, is increasingly becoming reality, says Arie Sommer, Israel Commissioner for Tourism, North America. With an international tender published recently for the system's first line, service is scheduled to start in 2002. Seven additional lines are set to be completed by 2020.

The first line will extend 8 miles from the northern suburb of Pisgat Ze'ev to Mount Herzl, curving through the center of Jerusalem. The ecologically friendly trains are expected to serve 100,000 passengers a day, greatly easing traffic congestion in Israel's capital. The line will run partially through the city streets, and several sections will be constructed underground in order to protect the natural beauty of the city.

There will be 24 stations along the route, with many located at major sight-seeing destinations, a major plus for tourists.

The \$100 million construction project is set to begin this summer.

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in the wake of all this darkness, the Jewish people will do what we have been doing for 4,000 years; what we have always done. We will pick up the pieces and light our candles, because that is all we have ever wanted; just to bring a little light back into the world.

After 2,000 years of dreaming, we have come home. So many nations, and so many empires tried to stop us from getting here but here we are, none the less. Home; that word has such a beautiful sound to it, to a people that has wandered the globe for so long...

We are not leaving. We will be here to celebrate this Shabbat and next Shabbat, and forever, until the end of time, here, in the hills of Judea and Gush Etzion and Jerusalem.

May H-shem, who in His infinite Wisdom saw fit to allow me the privilege of celebrating one more Shabbat with my family, in the hills of Jerusalem, see fit to put an end to all of this pain, and all of this suffering.

Wherever you are, and wherever you are, be with us here, in Yerushalayim, and offer up a prayer for all those who lost loved ones in yesterday's terrible tragedy.

Yehi Ratzon, May it be G-d's will, that soon, we will find the road to the peace we have longed for for so long.

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Submitted by Hannah Bergman and Jamie Leiter.

Israeli-Latino Conference Held in New York

The Consulate General of Israel in New York and leaders of the Latino and Jewish communities joined together last week for a morning symposium entitled "Crossing the Bridge-Gesher-Puente," to enhance the relationship between the Latino, Israeli and Jewish communities in New York, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Participants at the conference covered a myriad of issues including Latino-Israeli relations, absorption of immigrants, healthcare issues and coalition building between Jewish organizations and the Latino community. Consul General of Israel in New York Ambassador Alon Pinkas said that through Israel's developing relations with the Latino community, "it is unequivocally clear to everyone that the future emphasis will be to nurture our relationships with the Hispanic communities to help develop and solidify this friendship."

The event was hosted at the Verizon Headquarters building and was co-sponsored by St. John's University and the Jewish Community Relations Council in New York.

Report — Palestinian Women Trained as Suicide Bombers

A report published recently in the *London Sunday Times* claims that scores of Palestinian women have responded to a fatwa (religious decree) issued by the High Islamic Council in Saudi Arabia last week, urging them to become suicide bombers, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

The first woman was caught during an attempted attack on the central bus station in Tel Aviv last Friday. The woman, in her 20s, was arrested after a powerful explosive device was discovered in her bag. According to Israeli security sources, many more Palestinian women are expected to attempt such attacks in the coming weeks. The British paper quoted Palestinian women shouting, "Make a bomb of me, please!"

In another development, the London-based *Sunday Telegraph* reported that leading Arab intellectuals are calling on Palestinian women to join the war against Israel as "biological weapons." Noting that the Palestinian birth rate is outpacing that of the Jewish population, they see the best hopes of a Palestinian victory against Israel through demography rather than violence.

Writing in the London-based Arabic daily *Al-Hayat* over the weekend, Egyptian intellectual Dr. Wahid Magid noted that "the way to end the Arab-Israel conflict is through changing the demographic balance within the Green Line. It will not be long before the Arabs become the supreme decision-makers who will control the conflict."

Blaming Israelis for Arab Bombs

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between people killed blowing up civilians and those killed as their victims.

Faced with this presentation of the facts, readers will, no doubt, throw up their hands at that point and say, "well, what do those Jews expect?"

But it was difficult for me to remember all these things as I sat in the sun drinking my drink of relief and looking at the blood and glass that outlined the life's anguish of hundreds of others. It was difficult to remember that it was, in fact, all my fault. My fault as a Zionist, because Zionism, alone among all national aspirations on earth, is racist, as the UN has notarized and the rest of the world is about to reaffirm in Durban. My fault because I am living in a neighborhood that the Arabs fled after their failed attempt at exterminating the Jews of Palestine. My fault because I would have preferred that the Israeli Army take out this... indescribable creature before it reached its target and blew up those children.

So I came home to write this letter, and to watch the rest of the world discuss how I am at fault. Maybe they will have sorted it out by the time I cause the next restaurant to explode.

Submitted by Andrew Warren.

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CAMP HAVERIM HAPPENINGS AT THE JCC

TOP RIGHT — An exhibit of artwork by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's summer campers will be on display until Aug. 30 in Gallery 401 at JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. At last week's Young Artists' Reception, a mural titled "Creatures *Gadol* (great) and *Katan* (small)" was admired by campers (left to right) Eliezer Martinez, Petr Petrik, Laura Gagnon, and siblings Anton and Bella Koudriavtseva.



BOTTOM RIGHT — During "where in the world?" week at JCCRI's Camp Haverim, campers (left to right) Rashel Shneyder, "Martin" Sylvia, Yelena Malyuta, Ava Ginsburg, Alina Kratik, and Alina Kapustin were among those who visited the vessels at Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass.



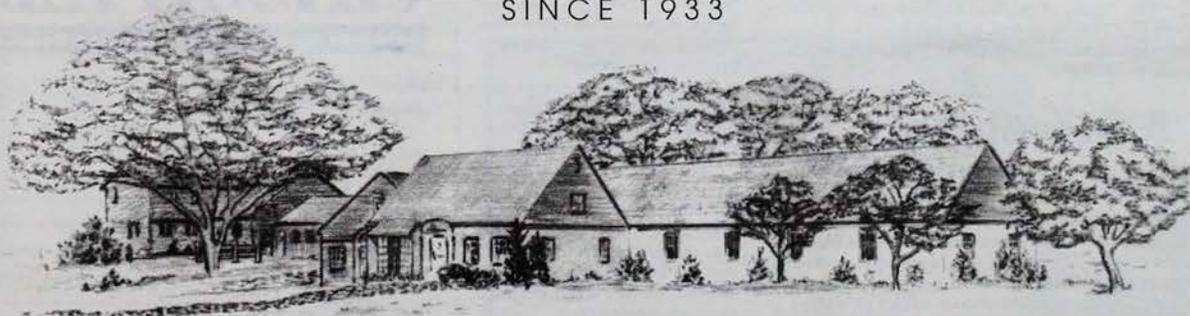
BOTTOM LEFT — "This honey cake came out absolutely perfect!" said JCCRI Camp Haverim staff member, Laura Labosco. She and counselor, Merideth Dabek, assisted campers in preparing several appropriate culinary creations during "Israel-Land of Milk and Honey" week.



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