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JFRI, BJE/RI Wrap Up Memorable Weekend

By Jon Rubin
 Herald Editor

Not all Jewish communities are created equal — some are loosely organized and flaccid, and others are strong, powerful and vibrant, pulling together members from

long distances under the banner of unity and celebration. During the weekend of Oct. 25 to 28, the latter was definitely the case for the Rhode Island Jewish community, as Jews from all over descended on Providence in the spirit of solidarity and support

for the Jewish Federation of Rhode's annual campaign, and for the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

The weekend of Jewish celebration was sponsored in part by East Side Marketplace, Jake Kaplan Limited and by two anonymous donors.

It all began on Oct. 25 with the JFRI's Women's Alliance, who brought Hadassah Lieberman, wife of Vice Presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman, to Temple Emanu-El. The women-only event filled the main sanctuary with an estimated attendance of more than 650 Jewish women of all ages.

Susan Froehlich, president of the Women's Alliance, stood before the crowd and said, "I stand in awe before the largest gathering of Jewish women ever in the state of Rhode Island."

Lieberman spoke about the trials and tribulations of the campaign trail, and the comforts and security that her Jewish identity and heritage provided through this period (Full story on page 12).

The weekend's programming took a break at sunset on Friday evening with a commu-



NOBEL PEACE PRIZE Winner Elie Wiesel, left, stands with Robert Starr, chairman of the JFRI Annual Campaign.

Herald photos by Jon Rubin



(RIGHT TO LEFT) Providence Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci, Jr. stands with BJE/RI Executive Director Minna Ellison and JFRI Executive Vice President Janet Englehart at BJE/RI's Evening of Jewish Renaissance.

Strangers in a Strange Land

Israeli students find integration, employment no easy feat

by Jon Rubin
 Herald Editor

Before the group of 23 Israeli students came to Johnson and Wales University this fall, they had to prepare themselves and buy some special equipment — heavy winter coats, woolen hats

Tadmor, a hospitality college in Hirtzor Liah, which has an exclusive arrangement with Johnson and Wales. The students come from all over — Haifa, Nazareth, Netanya, Even Yehuda, to name a few. They are in their 20s and almost all of



Johnson and Wales Students Efrat Mayal, right, and a camera-shy Michal Katzir. Herald photo by Jon Rubin

and gloves. "Your September is colder than our winter!" they exclaimed, huddled around a space heater in a small apartment near Federal Hill.

The students, who will be studying in the U.S. for at least one year, matriculated to Johnson and Wales through

them are seniors pursuing their undergraduate degrees in either hospitality, restaurant management or international management.

The program with Johnson and Wales has been in existence for three years, and so other Is-

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'Project Shoresh' Connects Jews to Their Roots

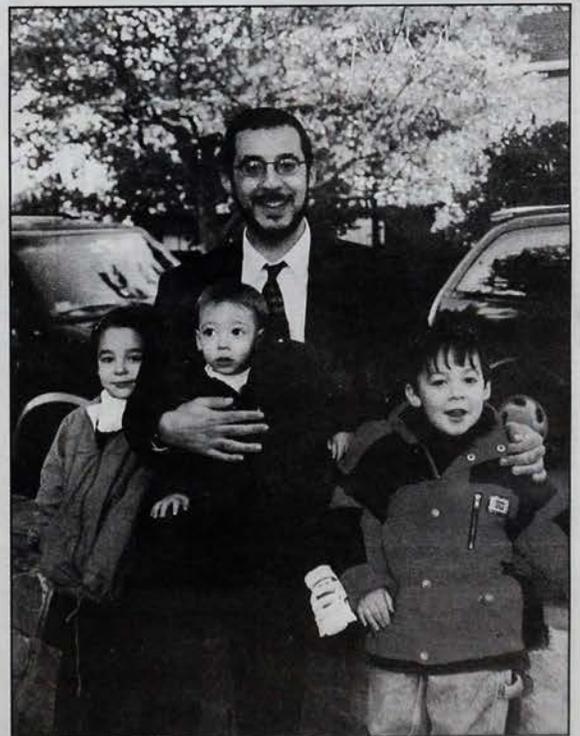
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Institutional learning can sometimes be intimidating; sometimes you feel like you are declaring painful ignorance just by strolling into the classroom, and frequently you don't really feel like sitting in semi-comfortable chairs and being lectured, either. Rabbi Aaron Lapin understands this, and he has a solution — Project Shoresh.

Project Shoresh is an independent, grass-roots organization aimed at getting people interested in learning about Judaism. It's different than large-scale functions and programs with handouts, schedules and homework; it tries to create, among other things, small, personal study groups inside people's homes, places of business, or other places. Lapin is well-suited for this position — he is intelligent, straightforward, focused, friendly, and he always seems to be smiling.

Project Shoresh is also unique because it is not a creation of any Jewish organization or congregation; it is funded by a group of interested individuals who wish to remain anonymous. This group of people

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RABBI AARON LAPIN with his children (left to right) Rachel, Yehudah and Yisrael. Herald photo by Jon Rubin

nity Shabbat, in which temple and congregations all over Rhode Island opened their doors to the community to celebrate the special sanctity of the Jewish Sabbath.

The next evening things geared up again for the widely anticipated BJE/RI Evening of Jewish Renaissance II, which created many hubs of learning throughout the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Rabbis, professors and educators galore joined forces in creating a unique symposium of Jewish learning. Author and activist Danny Siegel, "mitzvah

guru" and founder of the Ziv Tzedakah Fund was among the presenters and spoke about bringing mitzvot into the Rhode Island community.

The evening championed the educational focus of the BJE/RI. Janet Englehart, executive vice-president of the JFRI, said that "Every day of the year the BJE offers to give us a Renaissance in personal Jewish growth." Last year's event brought in more than 500 members of the Jewish community, and this year's brought an estimated 650. (See full story page 12).

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HAPPENINGS

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Calendar: November 2 through November 8

- The Fine Furnishings Providence Show** will take place at the Rhode Island Convention Center from noon to 9 p.m., continuing Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will feature more than 200 artists from throughout the United States and Canada. Admission will be \$10. Call 841-9201 or visit <www.finefurnishingsshow.com> for information.
The Boston Jewish Film Festival continues at various locations in Boston, now until Nov. 11. Call (617) 244-9899 or visit <www.bjff.com> for information.
- Temple Sinai** will hold its annual Goods and Services Auction at 6 p.m. at the temple, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Items up for auction will include tickets to PPAC, gift certificates from local restaurants and more. Admission includes a full kosher dinner. Call 942-8350 for information.
Rabbi Bob Alper, the world's only practicing clergyman/stand-up comic, will perform at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call 785-1800.
The JFRI Women's Alliance third annual Rosh Hodesh Series begins with a class on "Women of the Bible; How Do They Relate to Our Lives," which starts at noon at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Rabbi Elyse Wechterman will present the class. Call Sylvia Berman-Peck at 421-4111, ext. 171 for more information.
Perishable Theatre presents "Self Defense or death of some salesmen" now through Nov. 30. Perishable is located at 95 Empire St., Providence. Call 331-2695 or visit <www.perishable.org>.
- Rhode Island Hadassah** will hold a "Bagel Nosh" program on events in Israel and the Middle East. Guest speaker will be Peter Drench, a professor who teaches Middle Eastern studies. The lecture takes place at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.
Doug Cotler, Grammy winning singer, songwriter and cantor, will perform at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Cotler's concerts feature insightful and humorous songs about Jewish events and heroes, combined with sensitive and penetrating interpretations of the liturgy. The concert begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the temple office at 463-7944.
Perspectives invites young Jewish adults to join them in South County for "Sand Menorah Making." For reservations and information, call 364-6434.
Stadium Theatre presents funk-rock legends Tower of Power at 7 p.m. Call 762-4545 or visit <www.stadiumtheatre.com>.
- The JCCRI** will hold a community blood drive from 3 to 8 p.m. in the social hall. Call 861-8800 for information.
- Internationally acclaimed musical "CATS"** will appear at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence, through Nov. 11. Call 421-ARTS or visit <www.ppacri.org>.
- The Cranston Senior Guild** will hold its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Guest speakers will be three members of the Silver-Haired Legislature, Libby Arron, Arnold Duffey, and Joe Brown.
The John F. Kennedy Library and Museum will host David Gergen, presidential advisor extraordinaire and author of *EyeWitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership*. He will discuss U.S. foreign policy, with the program beginning at 7 p.m. The library is located at Columbia Point in Boston. Call (617) 929-4571 for reservations and information.
- Claudia Stevens** will perform her work of theater-with-music, "A Table Before Me," at 7 p.m. at the Wheeler School, 216 Hope St., Providence. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum in commemoration of Kristallnacht, Stevens will combine her talents as a pianist, singer and actor in a one-woman show that tells the story of her parents' narrow escape from the Holocaust. For more information, call 453-7860.
The Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford presents a cultural series program on Abigail Adams, a journey through Adam's life during the founding of our country. The event is co-sponsored with the Sisterhood of Tifereth Israel, and takes place at noon in the social hall of Tifereth Israel, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Call (508) 997-7471
Perspectives will join with graduate students from MIT, Harvard, and BU for wine and cheese at the Boston Children's Museum. The event will begin at 8 p.m., 300 to 400 people are expected to attend. For reservations and information, call Jamie at 863-9357 or e-mail <hillelsoiree@hotmail.com>.

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New Members Dinner at Emanu-El Nov. 18

Please join us for a fun evening of dinner with our New Members Dinner on Nov. 18. Appetizers will be served at the temple at 6 p.m., followed by the main course at peoples' homes, and dessert will be back at the Temple ending at 10 p.m.

There will be a game running throughout the evening which will be a way for people to get to know one another and the temple a bit better.

We want to encourage longstanding as well as new members to attend. The cost is \$15 per person, and babysitting in people's homes can be arranged if needed.

We have plenty of host families; now we just need plenty of guests! Sign up by sending the slip in from your last KOL, or call the temple office at 331-1616. Temple Emanu-El is located at 99 Taff Avenue in Providence.

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OPINION

A Forecast of Jewish Healing

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler
When people get sick, it's usually not catastrophic. Life-threatening illnesses play a minor role in the pantheon of diseases that are treated today. Most people stricken with illness don't necessarily feel isolated or detached from the community, as might be the case with the more seriously ill. Many can go to work and attend to their daily chores, in spite of their pain.

Jewish healing, as it is known today, reaches out to those in crisis situations: visiting the sick and elderly, supporting families whose loved ones face terminal illness and counseling the bereaved. All are necessary communal services, but how can Jewish healing serve the vast majority who suffer silently?

I received a call recently from a woman in New Jersey whose mother is terminally ill. She was recommended to me by the National Jewish Healing Center. She asked if I could find someone who could counsel her mother, who lives in Hartford, during her last remaining days. I told her I'm nearly two hours from Hartford, but I know people in the area and promptly found her the help she requested. It felt good to be of service, but such calls are a rarity. More often I receive messages asking how Jewish healing can help chronic pain, depression, allergies, irritable bowel syndrome, migraines, PMS, addictions, compulsions and on and on. After all, shouldn't healing, Jewish or not, address all sickness?

Studies show that more money is spent out-of-pocket annually on alternative medicine than for standard medical care. The word is out that people heal better with a com-

bination of alternative and conventional medicine.

Even though much disillusionment exists for what many revere as the medical profession, it is imperative to get proper medical help when necessary. In our pursuit for bona fide Jewish healing, we must

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distinguish between alternative and holistic healing. Alternative methods operate much the same as standard medicine, with the exception that alternatives—usually natural—remedies are employed.

Holistic, on the other hand, treats mind, body and spirit simultaneously while searching for the root cause of the illness. Jewish healing would necessarily fall into the holistic category, as defined through the Kabbalah, Jewish mysticism. Much of today's holistic healing practices are based upon the tradition of other countries and other religions: Japan, China, and India, to name a few. Jews are asking why we can't find healing from our own tradition.

I believe such a system exists, but that it must be flushed out much like distilling meanings from Torah verses.

As a polarity therapist, an energy healer, I set out to discover the Jewish path to healing. First I sifted through Tanach, the Jewish bible, to find passages that might lead me in the right direction. The pivotal verse I encountered was the one from Deuteronomy 24:9 which states, "In cases of a skin affection, be most careful to do exactly as the Levitical priests instruct you. Take care to do as I commanded them. Remember what the L-rd your G-d did to Miriam on the journey after you left Egypt." But there was more, much more.

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Love Thy Neighbor

The Seductive Pleasure of Getting Even

by Harold S. Kushner
(NAPS) — Milton, in *Paradise Lost*, wrote, "Revenge, at first though sweet, bitter ere long upon itself recoils." In other words, as Milton knew and as many of us painfully discover, revenge is sweet in the contemplation but bitter in the carrying out.

The target of our revenge may deserve to be hurt, and part of us is eager to hurt him because of what he did to us. But another part of us feels diminished by doing the hurting.

The ambivalence in getting even is that our consciences condemn it even as our souls crave it. Once, in an age of religious faith, people believed they could depend on G-d to punish the criminal who cheated justice in court. But in our secular age, the gap between crime and punishment can lead to vigilantism and mob justice, as frustrated people take the law into their own hands.

What are we to do with this troubling emotion, the desire to get even? Most of the time when there is a conflict between impulse and conscience, we know that the right answer is to follow our conscience, even if we are not always strong enough to do it. But what do we do when revenge appeals to us in the noble name of justice, asking us to make the world a better place by giving someone what he or she deserves? Some voices, in the name of religion or in the name of a more compassionate society, would urge us to forgive as the only way to break the cycle of hatred and violence.

It is cleansing to be able to forgive, to rid your soul of the bitterness that is an inevitable ingredient of plotting revenge against the person who has hurt you.

What can we do about this dilemma, when we feel part of our soul is strongly drawn to-

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Defining and Defeating Terror

by Rabbi Noah Weinberg
There is worldwide consensus on the need to fight terrorism. To succeed in defeating the terrorist threat, we need a three-pronged approach:

First, we need a clear and unambiguous definition of "who is a terrorist." Otherwise, we're stuck with saying that "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter."

Second, we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to fighting evil.

And finally, we must take proper action.

Defining Terror

Objective definitions are the basis for all rational, intelligent

thinking. What if I ask, "Are you a bafoostik?" You'll say, "What's that?" "Just tell me, are you or aren't you?" "I don't know what you're talking about."

Nobody cares much about being called a bafoostik. But before bringing out the tanks and missiles, we must first define "who is a terrorist." And apparently, the definition is not so clear. At the same time that the U.S. hunts down Osama bin Laden and his cohorts, the State Department demands that Israel cease its targeted killing of Palestinians who mastermind near-daily terror attacks.

And in the last few weeks, as world leaders offered condolences on the assassination of

Israeli cabinet minister Rehavam Ze'evi, the Danish Foreign Minister said there is no difference between the assassination of this democratically elected leader, and Israel's targeted killing of suicide bombers and their sponsors.

Syria, the sponsor of Hezbollah and countless other terror groups, is now honored with a seat on the U.N. Security Council.

Confusing rhetoric abounds in the media as well. BBC policy permits the use of "terrorist" primarily when an attack occurs on British soil. Reuters' 2,500 journalists are instructed to never describe an attack as

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Your Security System

Until now we have refrained from referring to the events of Sept. 11. What could be added to the voluminous commentary, the outpourings of help and comfort, and the communal bonding that resulted from the attacks? But last week's portion begins a story that may help us all to put such things in perspective. It is the tale of Abram, who is instructed by G-d to leave his home "Lech lecha") and go to Canaan. This is the first irony: that, although he was to leave everything he knew, and go to an unknown fate, he was traveling to what would become, for Moses and the children of Israel, the Promised Land, the land flowing with milk and honey. A sorrow for Abram that he would turn into a joy for his descendants.

Other incidents portend ill for him. There is a famine in the land. He goes from Canaan to Egypt, a journey that would later be reversed by our ancestors. He runs the risk of violence from the Egyptians, because he fears they will want to take Sarai, his attractive wife, from him. Later there is a war, with the Amalekites and

the Amorites. The kings of many tribes battle with each other. His wife cannot bear children, and so he has a son, Ishmael, by Hagar... a son who will become the father of the Arabic tribes. And next week, he flees from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah ("the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of the furnace.") Through it all, what

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sustains Abram? The assurances of the L-rd. Not that life would be without difficulty, even tragedy, but that ultimately Abram (now renamed Abraham) would be patriarch of a people who would thrive, and prosper, and overcome many troubles, together.

The attacks of Sept. 11 created a need to describe how mutated things had become: "We will never be the same again." "Our children will inherit a darker view of the world." We had gone out from the place where we were born, where we were comfortable, into a place that was unfamiliar

and more dangerous. Like Abram. Like Moses (who endured the wails of those who thought they would have been better off had they stayed in Egypt). Like our forebears who re-entered Canaan, only to face war with their neighbors. Or our forebears who withstood the Inquisition. The Crusades. The pogroms. The ghettos. Auschwitz. The unrelenting rain of terror on Israel.

Tragedy is not new. Nor is it a surprise. Only the where and when and how much is a rude shock. We have survived it, sustained each other, and shown that tragedy to individuals is not fatal to the community, or to the ideals that keep us together. Every day we "go out," we leave home, as Abram did, to a new, untested, insecure life. The shooting of a shopkeeper is different only in scale to the deaths of thousands. What security can we bring along, to give us the faith that good will prevail? Torah. Because, if we do what it says, that will be the good that will prevail.

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

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Strangers in a Strange Land

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raelis from previous years were able to meet up with the new arrivals. The Israeli crop includes two married couples, one of which met in the United States.

All of the students plan to finish one academic year here, and their visas then allow them to work for one additional year in the states. After that, they need to find a business or community organization to sponsor them or to vouch for them.

Heavy on their minds is the problem of finding work, and not just because of the sluggish economy. Without green cards they are repeatedly turned away from positions, and although the university does provide some non-work study employment, the jobs are scarce and only pay minimum wage. So while in Israel they held all sorts of jobs — in restaurants, catering, as chefs, or in security — here they have no job prospects at all.

Orit Rindner has been in the U.S. for three years and has yet to find work. Shaul Funt puts the severity of the situation in perspective when he jokes "We don't have enough money to buy beer!" The students said they are looking to give private Hebrew lessons, and in the past one student (who had a visa) worked at a temple in Providence tutoring.

In terms of organized hospitality and setting out a welcome mat for Israeli students, one would think that a Jewish community like Rhode Island would be ready and waiting each semester for new students.

Providence's Jewish community, however, seems to have been caught with its pants down; despite the many discrete outreach programs that exist both in Jewish agencies as well as in university Hillels, there is no organized effort or group designed for introducing new arrivals to the community. "We expected something else," one of the Israelis lamented.

Part of the problem seems to stem from the fact that no one is assigned to this particular dilemma, or, worse, that everyone seems to think it's someone else's problem. Certain agency representatives interviewed felt that screening area colleges for Israeli students should have been the job of Brown / RISD Hillel, the largest Hillel in the state.

However, Jessica Lerner, programming director at Brown / RISD Hillel, remarked that their Hillel does not have that responsibility, and never has. She said that although Brown and RISD occasionally run an event with another school, and that students from other schools occasionally trickle in to their functions, Brown / RISD Hillel does not take responsibility for other students. "Our events are open, but we don't publicize them [externally]."

There is currently no ready list of Israeli families and students that can be provided to new arrivals, nor is there a comprehensive list of Jewish organizations, congregations and contacts that is being disseminated at every university. Should a newly arriving Jew in



EVERYONE SAY "G'VINA!" Some of the many Israeli students currently at Johnson and Wales University.
Herald photo by Jon Rubin

Rhode Island attempt to find other Jews, he must take the initiative, look up a Jewish organization in the phone book, stroll in and start asking around. And this is precisely what one of the Israeli students did.

On his second day in the United States, Tomer Hazay, who has taken it upon himself to be a sort of spokesperson for the group, walked into the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Elmgrove Avenue, where he immediately ran into Sue Suls, the JCCRI cultural arts coordinator. "He was asking where to find kosher food," Suls said. "He just wanted connections."

He was also, of course, looking for work. Suls said that although there were counselor positions available at the JCC, without papers he wasn't eligible. She brought him to Rich

Walter at the Bureau of Jewish Education, but he received similar news. "He wants a job," said Suls, "but no one is willing to hire him."

Joshua Karlin, director of gift planning and endowment at the JFRI, said that the students' predicament is none too favorable. "They just can't work legally," he said. "That's the challenge." Karlin, who said that he did not hear of the students or their predicament until recently, said that as far as he knew the JFRI did not have any formal relationship with places like Johnson and Wales. He also said that no sort of greeting committee existed to welcome students like Hazay. "It sounds like a great idea," he said, "[but] it's something we'd have to get going."

Without a structured program for dealing with the students, people like Hazay can believe they have exhausted a resource when in fact they have barely begun to scratch its surface. Minna Ellison, executive director at the Bureau of Jewish Education, remarked that she hadn't heard of the group at all. "We reach out to anyone... anyone that we know about, that is," she said. She wasn't however, surprised that she didn't know. "That's always been the problem," she said.

Ellison acknowledged that, while in the past Israeli students occasionally found jobs at certain places that paid under the table, "at the BJE we really can't do that." Ellison felt that greater measures need to be taken to link these students to other agencies like Brown / RISD Hillel and Perspectives, the Jewish young adult group. "They need to feel that if they need a place for Shabbat meals or haggim (holidays) that they have a place to go to," she said.

Despite all of these setbacks, the Israeli students have been meeting members of the Jewish community, albeit slowly. Rabbi

Yehoshua Laufer, of the Chabad CHAI Center in Providence, joked that met Hazay on the street "through divine Providence." Laufer said Hazay practically bumped into him walking down the street. Laufer has extended invitations to the group for holiday celebrations and Shabbats.

Some of the Israelis met up with Nitza Attali, a Providence resident who is Israeli herself. Attali introduced the group to a consortium of Israeli families in the greater Providence area who get together for social functions. They were invited to an Israel rally put on by the JFRI, as well as to events put on by Perspectives. Socialization isn't one of their biggest problems, however; a large part of their support comes from each other; most of their apartments are in close proximity to each other, and they often go out socially as a group.

One inescapable concern that they face is the intifada, which has the Israelis very concerned about the well-being of their friends, family and their country in general. They check Web sites like msn.com, cnn.com and Israel online newspapers like *Ha'aretz*, *Ma'ariv* and the *Jerusalem Post* "before and after school, every day." Efrat Mayal added that there are "lots of phone calls home" as well.

Viewing the same events from both Israeli and American media sources, they overwhelmingly agreed that "It sounds much worse here." They said that if things reach a certain point "almost all of us" will return to Israel and rejoin the military.

"Israel is in a bad time," said one of the students. "We hope Jewish Americans will show support and help Israel in any way they can."

Anyone interested in contacting the students can e-mail Tomer Hazay at <tomhazay@hotmail.com>

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'Project Shoresh' Connects Jews to Their Roots

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brought Lapin to town, along with his expectant wife Shoshana and his children Rachel, Yehudah and Yisrael. Lapin works on Project Shoresh full time, and his children are enrolled at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Lapin grew up in Palo Alto, California and studied at the New England Rabbinical College in Providence for four years. He moved to Israel for a number of years where he was officially ordained as a rabbi. He and his family moved from Israel to Providence just about two months ago, and are still struggling with "culture shock."

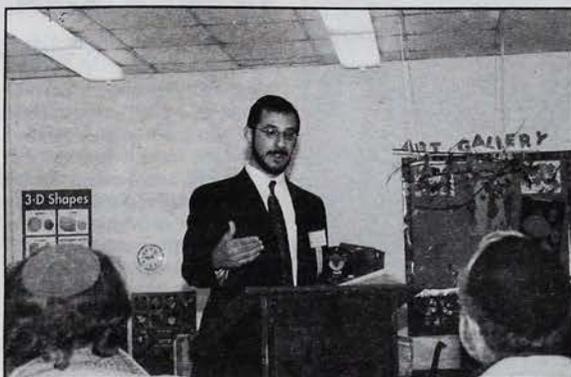
Lapin's love for Jewish learning is infectious, and he vigorously encourages questions and discussion. Quickly after arriving in Rhode Island, he set up a High Holiday Beginners Program at Congregation Beth Shalom of Providence, which dealt with the greater importance of the holiday, the shofar, the prayers and so forth. The results were impressive: twenty people of Reform and Conservative backgrounds entered an Orthodox shul to learn from an Orthodox rabbi.

These results are equally impressive because Lapin acknowledges that there are sometimes prejudices in the Jewish community between observant and non-observant Jews (he prefers "observant" to "Orthodox" because he feels Orthodox creates an unnecessary wall between Jews). He remarked that Jews who aren't observant often see observant Jews in a negative light, as being rigid, with a "rough exterior" and having disdain for less observant Jews. "Orthodoxy has bad PR," he remarked.

For this reason, Lapin was very proud of the people who came to his class. "I give those people a lot of credit," he said. "They may have had to overcome a lot of prejudices to come through those doors." Lapin plans to have additional "learner's programs" like the High Holiday program for future holidays.

Lapin feels that observant Jews are as friendly as anyone else, and doesn't feel there is any significant Jew vs. Jew condescension. "There is halachah (Jewish law) of who is and who isn't a Jew... If you're born a Jew, conversions aside, you are and always will be a Jew."

Project Shoresh aims to create small learning groups, or work with pre-existing groups, as well as working with individuals. Lapin can prepare a topic, or work with others to



RABBI AARON LAPIN teaching a class about kashrut at the BJE/RI Renaissance Night entitled "Pepperoni Pizza and the Greater Scheme."
Herald photo by Jon Rubin

generate his materials. He likes to call attention to the informal nature of his learning style, which is why lessons can take place inside people's homes, with chavurahs or even during lunch hours at work. And, in case you're wondering, there is currently no charge for Lapin's services.

Lapin has already set up numerous groups with families and individuals around Rhode Island. He taught a "mini-class" on kashrut entitled "Pepperoni Pizza and the Greater Scheme" at the Bureau of Jewish Education's Evening of Jewish Renaissance this past weekend. He has visited residents at Shalom Apartments in Warwick and admires that work the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island does there. "They're doing beautiful things," he said.

Lapin prefers news of his particular events to spread through word of mouth between trusted friends rather than on bulletin boards or on circulated handouts. Some programs, however, he doesn't mind promoting. Like Dr. Elie Krakowski, for example, who is scheduled to speak at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (who is also sponsoring the event) later this month.

Krakowski is president of EDK Consulting, a global political and security risk management firm, as well as a noted expert in international relations and international law (and, Lapin points out, "he's Jewish"). He will be speaking about the current terrorist conflict in America.

Lapin also has a topic set up for Nov. 27 entitled "The Spiritual Realm," and he is looking for a location for the event. He encourages people to call him with questions or to set up a learning session at 454-7434 or to e-mail him at <ablapin@

msn.com>. "I want to make myself available as a resource."

For now, Project Shoresh is essentially a one-man show, even though he does work with other agencies and would like to continue to do so in the future. "The potential for growth is practically limitless," he said. He hopes that with increased interest and increased funding, other full-time teachers like him can be brought in.

"The biggest gift," he said, "is to show people the beauty of the Torah... It's the most incredible thing in the world. Any amount of Torah that a person chooses to incorporate into their lives is an awesomely enriching process."

A Forecast of Jewish Healing

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mandments and keeping all His laws, then I will not bring upon you any of the diseases that I brought upon the Egyptians, for I the L-rd am your healer" (Exodus 15:26). Also, "The L-rd will strike you with the Egyptian inflammation, with hemorrhoids, boil-scars, and itch, from which you shall never recover (Deuteronomy 28:27); and, "The L-rd will strike you with madness, blindness and dismay. You shall grope at noon as a blind man gropes in the dark; you shall not prosper in your ventures, but shall be constantly abused and robbed, with none to give you help" (Deuteronomy 28:28)

There was evidence of healing connected to the Levitical priests. There seems to be implications of healing through herbal remedies, amulets and sympathetic magic somewhat elaborated in the Talmud. I found more references throughout the Psalms and the Prophets. Healing references were abundant in the writings of Ben Sira, the pre-Talmudic sage and even more appeared in the Responsa literature from the medieval period. I became increasingly convinced that such a system exists, especially since every cultural society that ever existed provided a system of health care for its people. But it was not until I plunged into the depths of the Kabbalah, the Jewish mystic tradition, that I began

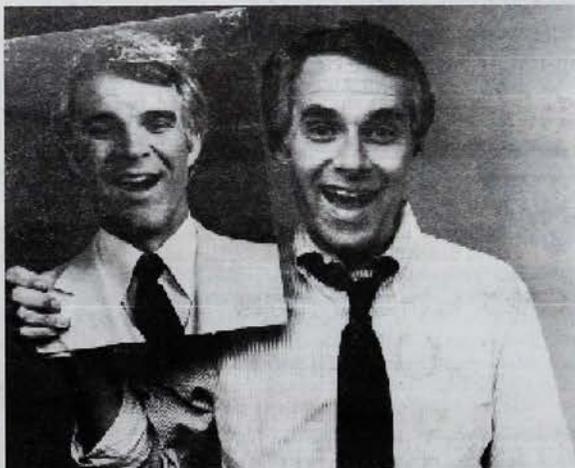
to discover the healing techniques of the Hassidic Rebbes (the enlightened masters). These gifted souls adapted the theories of the 16th century mystics and the writings of the earlier sages of the Mishnah. It was based on energy healing, diagnosing and redirecting the flow of the human energy system, through visualization and therapeutic touch.

For years now, I have attempted to coordinate my own energy healing practice with Jewish tradition. I launched JewishLink, a Web site dedicated to Jewish healing and spirituality nearly a year ago to establish a Jewish healing presence on the Internet. My hope is that everyone in the Jewish community will avail themselves to the information provided there and that Jewish therapists, doctors, healers and health care professionals will seriously consider adding a measure of Jewish spirituality to their practices. JewishLink receives e-mail inquiries into health concerns everyday. The American Jewish community pleads for a Jewish alternative alongside standard medical intervention. We must not let them down.

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Defining and Defeating Terror

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"terror." And last week, a guest on CNN's "Larry King Live" explained that bin Laden's men are "terrorists," whereas Palestinian suicide bombers "are martyrs who give themselves for a cause."

So once and for all, let's get a clear definition of terrorism. "Terrorism is to purposefully harm innocent men, women and children, for the purpose of terrorizing them to accept your demands." This helps clarify why George Washington was a legitimate "freedom fighter." He did not urge the massacre of British civilians or depict Great Britain as a fascist horror that G-d wants to destroy. Nor did he destroy British places of worship or publish maps showing a Europe wiped clean of England.

The difference is clear. No freedom fighter will take hostages or harm innocent people in order to achieve his freedom, no matter how desperate the situation. One cannot do evil to achieve good.

By their own definition, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hizbullah, PFLP and Arafat's Tanzim are terrorists. They proclaim from the mosques and rooftops their wish to kill every Jewish man, woman and child — with drive-by shootings, lynching, and suicide bombings.

Opposing Evil

The next step is to recognize that absolute evil exists, and it must be fought. This is a difficult task for a multicultural and free society that is encumbered with a broad definition of "tolerance." The media, universities

and politically correct pundits declare that everyone is right and there are no absolutes.

Actually, this is a distorted definition of tolerance. Tolerance means a commitment to working out disagreements through mutual understanding and discussion, not violence. So let us be clear: To murder innocent people is evil — absolutely. To terrorize is evil — absolutely. This is true whether the perpetrator is white, black or yellow, Christian, Jew or Moslem.

Would the pacifists prefer that we all live in a conquered world, living under the Taliban

We cannot fight evil if there is no evil. Evil must be called evil — throughout the media, government and in public discourse.

laws or those of Osama bin Laden? We cannot fight evil if there is no evil. Evil must be called evil — throughout the media, government and in public discourse. And in order to defeat evil, we have to be dedicated to "good," as fiercely as our enemies are dedicated to "evil."

Take Action

Action must go hand-in-hand with prayer. Action shows that your prayer is serious. In our individual lives, when faced with a crisis of health, wealth, success or aggravation, at the same time that we pray,

we act. Nobody would dream of asking G-d for a good job and then sitting down to wait for a knock on the door. You'd scour through the classified ads and make a real effort. In the current crisis, what action shall we take? How can we begin to make a difference?

Spread clarity. Educate others about the true definition: A terrorist is anyone who purposefully harms innocent civilians. The next step is to write letters in support of all politicians and reporters who speak this truth. At the same time, we must oppose those who favor appeasement and legitimize terror. Finally, we have to close ranks. The entire civilized world has to be completely united in this struggle for survival. But around what will we unite?

A profound tool for unity is the concept of monotheism. Any human who believes in a loving, all-powerful G-d — the basis of Judaism, Christianity and Islam — also believes in a G-d who wants mankind to live in peace and brotherhood. At this decisive time in world history — as the forces of evil try to divide and terrorize us into submission — each of us should turn to the Universal G-d, Creator of us all. We ask for the courage, wisdom and dedication to enable us to win this struggle against the evil scourge of terrorism.

Together with wise action, we will surely succeed in bringing peace to the planet, and in seeing humanity fulfill its ultimate purpose.

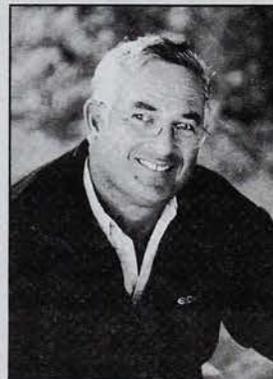
Rabbi Noah Weinberg is the dean and founder of Aish HaTorah International. Courtesy of aish.com.

Hirschfeld to Lecture at Temple Emanu-El Nov. 14

Noted Israeli archeologist Yizhar Hirschfeld will present "Ancient Tiberias, an Archeologist's Dream," a lecture and slide presentation on Nov 14 at 8 PM at Temple Emanu-El. Hirschfeld, a professor at the Institute of Archeology at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has been actively involved in the Tiberias excavation since 1989.

Professor Hirschfeld speaks passionately about the significant historical implications of the work going on at Tiberias. "The excavations at Tiberias will contribute to the confluence of the three major monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," he explains. "In the course of the first thousand years of its existence — from its founding in the first century by Herod Antipas until its destruction by the Crusaders at the end of the eleventh century — the city contained a mixed population."

"As a Jewish city par excellence, it is here that the leadership figures of the Jewish people of Roman Palestine and the Diaspora resided and it is here that the Palestinian Talmud was compiled and edited. In the Byzantine period, Tiberias became an important Christian city that served as a focus for thousands of pilgrims visiting the city annually from across the Empire. In the seventh century, from the time of the Arab con-



Yizhar Hirschfeld

quest, the Muslims chose Tiberias as the capital of the entire northern part of Palestine."

Katy Galor, professor of Archeology at Hebrew University and visiting professor at Brown University, will also participate in the presentation. Professor Galor has been directly involved in the work on the newly reconstructed city of Tzipori (Sepphoris) and the magnificent city of Petra.

This lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies at Temple Emanu-El. For more information call the Temple office at 331-1616. Temple Emanu-El is located at 99 Taft Avenue in Providence.

Jewish Group Responds to Afghan Refugee Crisis

As thousands of Afghan refugees flood the borders of Pakistan without shelter or food, American Jewish World Service is in constant contact with its project partner there, helping them to meet their overwhelming needs. AJWS has made grants to assist the refugees by providing healthcare through mobile health clinics in Peshawar and food and shelter to people fleeing their homes in Afghanistan. They are also supporting the operation of schools for girls within the refugee centers.

In Afghanistan, thousands of people are fleeing their homes in fear of the bombings and subsequently have no shelter. "The situation continues to get worse," AJWS' project partner (whose name cannot be revealed) in Pakistan said. "The people are starving, scared and exhausted by war."

Reports from the field say that while food is being dropped, it is inaccessible to the people who need it most, because it is dropped in remote

areas or where people believe there are mines. They also fear the danger resulting from the strikes and the ongoing civil war, and therefore are hesitant to travel far to get the food.

"This is an emergency situation, and AJWS will continue to work with its partners in Afghanistan and Pakistan to meet the needs of the thousands of refugees there," Ruth Messenger, president of AJWS, said. "Their living conditions under the Taliban were already terrible, and this current crisis is even more devastating."

AJWS has been ranked among the top national organizations to provide international emergency relief. Ninety-five percent of all funds raised are applied directly to people in need.

Contributions can be sent to: American Jewish World Service, 45 W. 36th St., 10th floor, NYC, N.Y. 10018. Credit card donations can be accepted by phone: (800) 889-7146 or (9212) 736-2597, or over our Web site at <www.ajws.org>.

Hadassah 'Bagel Nosh' on November 4

Rhode Island Hadassah is proud to announce a special "Bagel Nosh" program on Israel and the Middle East in these uncertain times. This exciting event features our distinguished guest, Peter Drench, who has taught courses in Middle East studies for more than a decade and traveled extensively throughout Israel, Turkey, and Central Asia. Drench has degrees in government and international relations from Cornell University and history from Tufts University.

Come learn about the current situation in Israel and our global community on Nov. 4, 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, in the Senior Adult Lounge, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

JFS Kosher Mealsite to Celebrate 20 Years With Chanukah Party

Reserve a Seat Now For December 7

Seniors are invited to a gala Chanukah party to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston. The party will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 7. Musical entertainment will be provided by Fascinating Rhythm and many special guests will be on hand to commemorate the mealsite's longevity.

Since 1981, the JFS mealsite has been providing seniors in the Cranston and Warwick areas with hot, nutritious and delicious kosher meals, activities, entertainment, socialization,

learning and fun. Participants have shared joys and sorrows, laughter and friendship, lively conversation and caring about one another. People have met new friends and renewed old acquaintances.

Regular activities include: bingo, writing class, dance therapy, exercise class, Yiddish group, a birthday party with cake and entertainment, visits from the Bureau of Jewish Education Bookmobile, blood pressure check-ups with the JFS Registered Nurses, nutrition/menu meetings, men's

and women's discussion groups and a weekly Shabbat meal every Friday. Programs begin at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Every Friday, there is a special Shabbat meal, complete with candles, challah and kiddush. All Jewish holidays are observed.

Those who wish to attend the Chanukah party should make their paid reservations early, as a large turnout is expected. For reservations and information, call Mealsite Coordinator Ronda French at 781-1771 during Mealsite hours, or at 331-1244, ext. 42 any time to leave a message. The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. Transportation is available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick.



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ADL Guide Provides Tools for Grassroots Israel Advocacy

The Anti-Defamation League has created an advocacy guide for individuals and groups in the American Jewish community to get more actively involved in supporting and defending the State of Israel.

Produced in response to the Palestinian violence, *Advocating for Israel: An Activist's Guide* will be made widely available to national Jewish organizations, federations, Hillels and through the League's 30 regional offices across the U.S. - local synagogues and community groups. The ADL guide includes facts and talking points on the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and information worksheets with tips for reaching out to elected officials and the media, and for addressing issues that frequently arise at colleges and universities.

"The guide is aimed at those in the Jewish community who want to get involved at a deeper level in helping to defend Israel, but who may feel they lack the knowledge or experience to be effective," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director. "The guide is intended as a ready reference for communities who feel impelled to respond to criticism or disinformation about Israel, or the nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

The guide provides both substantive "talking points" to the user, as well as practical "how-

to" information. The ADL guide, prepared prior to the September 11 terrorist attacks, is replete with information and talking points that are timely, including useful facts on terrorism and U.S.-Israel relations. The guide is available on the ADL Web site, <www.adl.org>, and will be regularly updated online.

The guide consists of a folder with five permanent inserts, including Talking Points for Israel Advocacy, a 38-page booklet discussing key issues for Israel advocacy. The booklet includes a definition of terms, answers to common misstatements about Israel and a chronology of key dates.

Other inserts include:

- **Advocating to the Media:** Pointers on assessing media coverage and writing letters to the editor;
- **Advocating to Elected Officials:** Tips on reaching out to members of Congress and other officials;

- **Advocating on Campus:** A four-page resource for Jewish students and administrators;
- **Online Resources for Israel Advocacy:** A list of links to Web sites with updated information on Israel.

The guide is being distributed in cooperation with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and United Jewish Communities.

For more information, visit <www.adl.org>.

New, Unique Israeli Blood Bank Established

A new blood bank, using blood collected from embryo placentas, was inaugurated last week, *Yediot Aharonot* reported. The new blood bank will function under the auspices of the Magen David Adom blood bank, and will be used primarily for bone marrow transplants in cancer patients.

Cancer patients now receive bone marrow through an ordinary blood transfusion. Since these blood donations rarely match the patient's own, a large number of cancer patients die. Recent research, however, discovered that blood extracted from embryonic placentas contains large quantities of cells which are capable of manufacturing bone marrow, thereby improving the patients' survival rate. The blood is collected from the embryo immediately following birth, and can be preserved for up to 15 years in tanks of liquid nitrogen.

The bank, established in conjunction by the Association to Fight Cancer and the Wolfson Hospital in Holon, is the second in Israel, following the one established several years ago in the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Women willing to donate embryonic blood will sign special forms. Professor Eilat Shenar, director of the Magen David Adom Blood Services, said that the new bank will be instrumental in saving many lives worldwide.

The J Connection Throws a Wine and Jazz Party

The J Connection will be throwing a wine and jazz party to launch the 35+ group — TJC35+. For the past three years, The J Connection has provided programming for the 20s and 30s group. "We are constantly asked when our programs will be offered for the 35+ crowd," says Jeff Popkin, the founder of the group. "The wait is now over, and we are extremely excited to offer the same upscale high-energy events and trips for this group."

On Nov. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m., TJC35+ will sponsor a wine and live jazz event at the Veronique Restaurant and Ballroom in Brookline located at 20 Chapel St. in Brookline (across from the Longwood MBTA Station). Twenty dollar admission includes a social wine sampling, light hors d'oeuvres, and live jazz music from Paulo Danay quartet. For more information, call (617) 312-5410 or visit <thejconnection.com>. For directions to the Veronique visit <www.veronique.com>.

All guests will get a free membership for the upcoming year. For more information go to <www.tjcboston.com> or call (617) 312-5410.



PHDS Shabbat Party

Every Friday is a special time at the Providence Hebrew Day School Pre-School. Both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes celebrate the coming of Shabbat with the blessing over grape juice and challah. Each week two children are chosen to lead the blessings. Pictured above are (left to right) Zohar Kapach and Keshet Levine.

Photo courtesy of PHDS

Steele Named President of R.I. Association of Realtors Board

Sharon D. Steele, president of The Sharon Steele Group of Providence, has been named president of the Rhode Island Association of Realtors board of directors for 2002.

Steele, of Providence, was elected to the position by her Rhode Island industry peers. She was nominated for her professionalism and commitment to community service.

Steele's commitment to the community includes service as a Friends board member for the Rhode Island Philharmonic and as co-chair of the organization's corporate sponsor committee. Steele volunteers her time weekly at Hasbro Children's Hospital and has played a leadership role in the Greater Providence Board of Realtors annual charity fund-raiser for the hospital. She has donated her time to a host of other Rhode Island no-profit organizations as a fund-raiser, including Meeting Street School, the Adoption Resource Exchange, Rhode Island Project AIDS, Amos House, and Lincoln School. Steele has also volunteered in other capacities for the Academic Decathlon, the Providence Preservation Society and the Martin Luther King Elementary School in Providence.

Professionally, Steele was named Realtor of the Year in both 1997 and in 2000. She has served as president, treasurer and secretary of the Greater Providence Board of Realtors and as corporate secretary/vice president and treasurer of the Rhode Island Association of Realtors.

Steele received her undergraduate degree from Lake Erie College and Case Western Reserve University and she has worked toward her master's degree in business administration from Babson College.

Established in 1948, the Rhode Island Association of Realtors <www.riliving.com> is one of the state's largest professional organizations with nearly 3,000 members who facilitated more than \$2 billion in real estate sales last year.



Sharon Steele

Searching for Dr. Perl

The Simon Wiesenthal Center is currently working on a project examining the different forms of resistance during World War II and the Holocaust. To this end, we are attempting to locate people who either worked with or were saved by Dr. William Perl, a prominent figure in the Resistance movement in Austria during the 1930s.

If you or somebody you know had contact with Dr. Perl during this period, please contact me at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in one of the following manners: telephone — (310) 772-2437, or e-mail <prosenhaft@wiesenthal.net>, or fax — (310) 772-7652.

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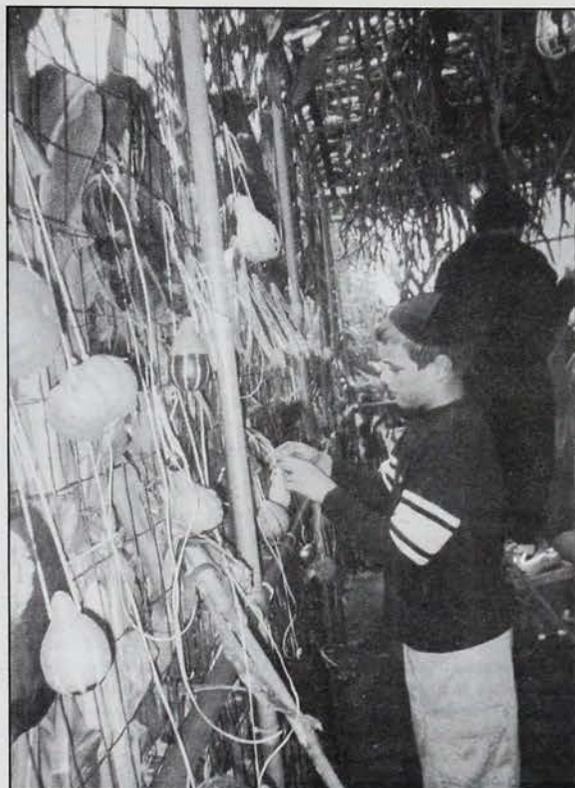
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Sukkah Set Up

Zachary Wilmot hangs the decoration he created for the sukkah at Am David.
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New Shows in JCCRI's Gallery 401

Gallery 401, located in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, on the East Side of Providence, continues to present monthly exhibitions of local artists and local art.

Nov. 4 to 30 will showcase

the recent work of Peter Russom. An assistant professor of art at Plattsburgh State University of New York, Russom has exhibited widely and will bring us pieces reflecting industrial landscapes. An opening re-

ception will be held Nov. 8, 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Dec. 3 to 31 is "Tales Told in Wood," biblical woodcuts by Naomi Bossom. In addition to exhibiting in museums and galleries, Bossom's works have appeared in art publications and a children's book. The opening reception will be held Dec. 6, 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Jan. 7 to 31 will feature large format, black and white landscape photographs of Ron Rosenstock. A Worcester resident, Rosenstock is best known for his photographs of Ireland. The opening reception will be Jan. 7, 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

For further information, call 861-8800, ext. 108.

Lynn Davidman to Discuss 'Motherloss' at Temple Emanu-El

Lynn Davidman, Associate Professor of American Civilization, Judaic Studies, and Women's Studies at Brown University, will be the opening lecturer for this year's Sunday Brunch Series at Temple Emanu-El on Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. Professor Davidman will speak on her book *Motherloss*, an analysis of the immediate and continuing impact of a mother's premature death on the children she leaves behind.

In the course of her research

for the book, Professor Davidman conducted interviews with sixty adults from a wide range of backgrounds. *Motherloss* focuses on the stories of ten of these individuals and their families. Professor Davidman, who was thirteen when her mother died of cancer, enriches the narrative with her own insights of growing up as the only female in an Orthodox Jewish home with her father and two brothers.

The Sunday Brunch Series,

sponsored by the Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies, includes five more lectures over the coming months — Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 17, April 21 and May 19. Each will deal with some aspect of Jewish family life. A light brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the presentation will begin at 10 a.m. These events are open to the public. For more information, call the Temple office at 331-1616. Temple Emanu-El is located at 99 Taft Avenue in Providence.

Grammy Winner Doug Cotler to Perform at Am David Nov. 4

Composer, singer, songwriter, musician, Grammy Award winner, cantorial soloist.

All of that is Doug Cotler, an accomplished performer who brings his talents to Rhode Island for the first time when he appears at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St. on Nov. 4.

Cotler's concerts are family oriented, presenting a creative, spiritual, uplifting, delightful and funny atmosphere centered around music. Included in the program is a generous dose of Cotler's insightful and humorous songs about Jewish events

and heroes, woven in with sensitive and penetrating interpretations of liturgy, that have placed him in the forefront of contemporary Jewish music.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. Tickets, available at the temple office (463-794), are adults \$10, seniors \$8, children 10 to 13 \$5, and children under 10 no charge when accompanied by an adult.

Cotler earned his Grammy for "Manhunt," a powerful song featured in the album and movie, "Flashdance." He has

recorded six original Jewish music albums and has two songbooks containing all songs from four of his recordings.

Cotler comes from a lineage of cantorial singers going back more generations than his family has accurate records. He began singing in his father's temple when he was 14, and when his father passed away 10 years later he took over the position. He currently is cantorial soloist at Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, Calif.

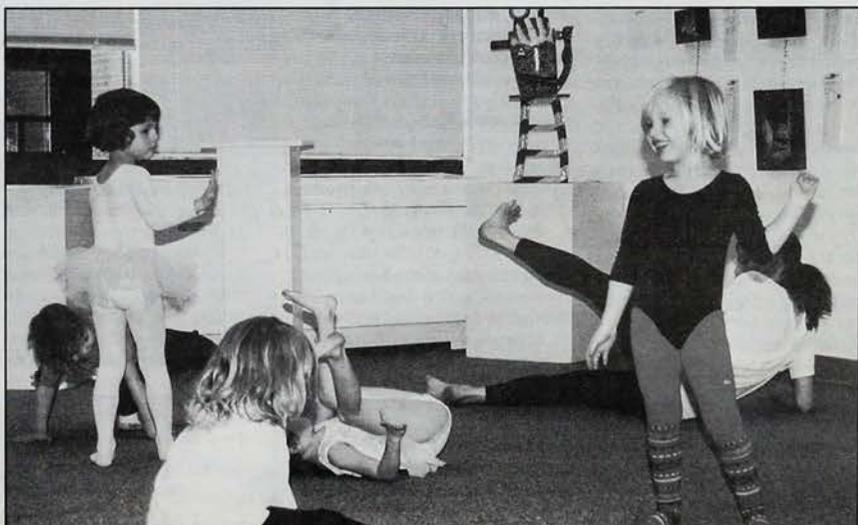
B'nai B'rith International Establishes War Service Corps

"B'nai B'rith International recently established a new War Service Corps which will enlist our dedicated volunteers around the nation to perform necessary community activities at the local and national levels," B'nai B'rith International President Richard D. Heideman said.

In a recent letter to President Bush, B'nai B'rith outlined the plans for the War Service Corps, which will focus mainly on engaging B'nai B'rith and other volunteers in community service for the elderly, the active duty military, police, fire and rescue workers, victims and their families, and veterans in nursing homes and hospitals nationwide.

B'nai B'rith also has made plans to assist in promoting blood donations, the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds, humanitarian aid through disaster relief funds, and other projects to meet emerging needs. B'nai B'rith has a long-standing history of response to national crises. During World War II, the organization established a War Service Board, from which the idea of the new War Service Corps was derived, at the request of Seymour "Si" Cohen, the retired director of the B'nai B'rith Community and Volunteer Service Commission, and current special assistant to the B'nai B'rith international president.

"We staunchly support the administration and the U.S. military in the prosecution of the war on international terrorism," Heideman said.



Shake, Rattle and Roll

Children twist, tumble and twirl in a Creative Movement class at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Instructor Laura Bennett lies on the floor at right.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin

Our graduates have attended the finest high schools and universities. They have embarked on successful careers. They have become citizens of the world.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Technion-Israel Institute of Technology Appoints New President

The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology has selected one of its most prominent scientists to become its president for the next four years. An internationally known organic chemist and computational quantum chemist, Professor Yitzhak Apeloig succeeds Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amos Lapidot, who has served as president since 1998. Professor Apeloig was installed Oct. 1, 2001.

"Professor Apeloig has a long and distinguished record as an outstanding researcher and is highly regarded by his colleagues," said Evelyn Berger, national president of the American Technion Society. "He is well-positioned to continue the university's growth and achievements."

"I am honored that the Technion has placed its trust in me," Apeloig said. "The university faces many great challenges at this time, which I hope to overcome by maintaining our academic edge in the engineering and scientific faculties; recruiting top faculty; and developing new, interdisciplinary areas of research. Like other Israeli universities, we will face financial hurdles, which we will handle by intensifying our efforts to obtain support from national and international grant agencies, by strengthening ties with private industry and, of course, with the American Technion Society and Technion Societies around the world."

Apeloig joined the Technion Faculty of Chemistry in 1976 and became a full professor in 1988. He served as the faculty's dean from 1995 to 1999. He also helped found and co-directed the Minerva Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry, a joint center of the Technion and Hebrew University, financed by the Minerva Foundation in Germany.

Born in Uzbekistan, Apeloig's family moved to Israel in 1947. He received his bachelor's of

science, master's degree and doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Apeloig completed his post-doctoral work at Princeton University, and has worked with colleagues, including two Nobel Prize winners, at world-renowned institutions worldwide including Carnegie-Mellon, Cornell, University of Utah, TU Berlin, and Tohoku and Kyushu Universities in Japan.

To date, Apeloig has published more than 150 papers in international professional journals and has edited several



Professor Yitzhak Apeloig

books, including four on the chemistry of organic silicon compounds.

For his exemplary and innovative work in the fields of organosilicon and quantum chemistry, he has received many honors, including the Technion Award for Academic Excellence, the Alexander von Humboldt-Lise Meitner Senior Research Award and the Senior Visiting President Award of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. He serves on the editorial boards of many leading scientific journals including the *Journal of the Chemical Society* (England) and the *Journal of Computational Chemistry* and served on committees and as a referee for leading international grant agencies.

Quiet Cooperation

Israel and the U.S. Are Working Behind the Scenes to Fight Terrorism

Israel has been discreetly sharing intelligence and security know-how — accumulated during its longtime struggle against terrorism — with the United States to support America's own war and to help bolster its new focus on homeland security.

In the days following the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the Israeli government reportedly offered the United States any intelligence that it needed, including information on the many terrorist networks in the Middle East.

"We have intensified many of our activities together, including, but not limited to information sharing," Daniel Kurtzer, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, said in a recent interview with Israel Television's Channel 2.

Senior Israeli military and security officials, according to *The Wall Street Journal*, traveled to Washington Oct. 15 to brief Pentagon officials on Israel's experience combating Islamic terrorist groups. The talks, which were scheduled before Sept. 11, focused on tailoring military tactics for protracted conflicts between a traditional army and terrorist groups such as Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda.

Such formal U.S. Israel counterterrorism cooperation is not new. For the past five years, Israeli officials have participated in a joint working group with officials from the State Department's counterterrorism section and their counterparts from other agencies. This bilateral body, known as the Joint

Counterterrorism Group, meets annually to share information.

The group, formed after the string of devastating bus bombings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv during the spring of 1996, came out of the Counterterrorism Cooperation Accord signed by the United States and Israel,

"We would be making a great mistake if we do not benefit from Israel's experience and expertise."

Richard Perle, director of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board

which is one of only five countries to have such formal cooperation with United States. The next JCG talks are due to be held this month.

Israel also has played a key role in facilitating U.S. relations with the Central Asian states that are now key to the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan. Israel, which has fostered strong relations with India and with the former Soviet republics of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan as a counterweight to Iran, assisted the United States in securing agreement from these countries to help the U.S. military with intelligence.

On homeland defense, U.S. officials have been meeting with their Israeli counterparts to determine if security precautions Israel has implemented in areas

such as airline and water security are applicable here. Security experts from El Al, Israel's national airline, have testified before both the House and Senate Transportation Committees' aviation panels about their security measures.

As Congress considers legislation to beef up aviation security, lawmakers and others have urged American officials to look at the long list of security measures used by El Al to prevent terrorism. "Since the implementation of these measures, no Israeli airline has ever been hijacked," Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-SC) said. "This record speaks for itself."

Richard Perle, director of the Pentagon's Defense Policy Board, also said Israeli experts should be consulted. "We would be making a great mistake if we do not benefit from Israel's experience and expertise," he said.

A U.S. interagency body known as the Counterterrorism Technical Support Working Group has also jointly identified and supported innovative research and development efforts with Israel that may be useful to both countries. Many of the details of technical cooperation between the two states are classified. Some of the general categories, however, have been publicly released, including border security, bomb disposal, facial recognition technology, emergency response and biological weapons detection and countermeasures.

Courtesy of The Near East Report.

Jewish Film Viewing Talk Scheduled at UMass Dartmouth

Lisa Gossels will present her award-winning documentary film, "The Children of Chabannes," on Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's Library browsing area. Parking is available in Lot 13.

The film, set during World War II, tells the story of how the people of Chabannes, a tiny village in unoccupied France, chose action over indifference and saved the lives of more than 400 Jewish refugee children. The filmmaker returns to Chabannes with her father and uncle, two of the children who were saved. Following the viewing of the documentary, Gossels and her father will hold an open discussion and light refreshments will be served.

The free program is sponsored by The Center for Jewish Culture and Boivin Center for French Language and Culture. For more information, call Kim Sylvia at (508) 910-4584.

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald announces its 16th Annual Chanukah Art Contest

This year's theme:
What Does It Mean To Be Jewish!

Entries must be two-dimensional and created on a piece of paper no larger than 10" x 16". **No glitter and No foil!** The name, age, grade, address and phone number of the artist **MUST** appear on the back of every entry. If this information is not provided, the entry will be disqualified. Only one entry per child.

Entries must be received at the Herald office, 99 Webster St., Pawtucket, by 4 p.m. on **November 23**. Participants may drop off their posters at the front desk of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island by 4 p.m. on **November 20**.

No entry received later than 4 p.m. on November 23 can be considered!!!

Judging will take place during the following week. The winning posters will appear in the Chanukah issue of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald on **December 6**.

An Award Party will be held November 29 at the Jewish Community Center. If you have any questions, call Jon at 724-0200

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BJE/RI Renai



Rabbi Andrea Gauze, interfaith chaplain at the Miriam Hospital, grabs some food to nosh on in between classes.



(Left to right) Jason Hochman, Marty Katzoff and Jordan Shayn collected signatures for the release of three Israeli POWs.



Israeli dancing that evening was taught by Nitza Attali.



Risa Kolender, head of the preschool at the Alperin Schechter Day School, makes a tzedakah box.

On Oct. 27, the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island unveiled its Evening of Jewish Renaissance II, a large-scale celebration of Jewish learning, history and culture.

Photos by Jon Rubin



Give her a hand folks! Robin Kauffman, coordinator of adult education at the BJE/RI, coordinated a flawless night of learning and community.



Eliana Bresler and Deborah Hirschan helped educate the public about the Providence mikveh.



All in all, it was a weekend of populace as much as community. Crowds awaiting Elie Weisel fill the main sanctuary at Temple Beth El...

Renaissance Night II



Teenagers lead havdalah during the BJE/RI Renaissance Night.



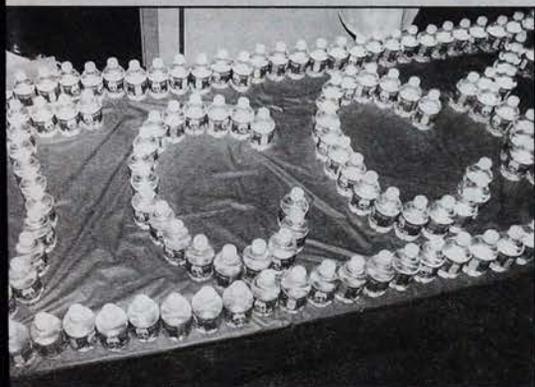
Yarmulkazi members played some rocking klezmer sounds between classes



Marsha Sherman, representing URI Hillel, stands by her booth at the educational shuk.



Who're you calling a dummy? Marla Danksy, executive director of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, buddies up with "Ed," who helped sell T-shirts for the BJE/RI.



Creatively arranged Poland Springs water bottles at the BJE/RI Renaissance night.



Rabbi Jonathan Blake of Temple Beth El in Providence teaching his class "The Torah and History: Myth and Meaning" at the Renaissance Night.



...as well as the foyer of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island while registering for classes at the BJE/RI's Renaissance Night II...



...and Jewish women filled the main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El to see Hadassah Lieberman speak.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Building A Community — One Hero At a Time

by Seth Bromley
Editorial Assistant

There has been a lot of talk of heroes and heroism lately — firefighters, doctors, police officers, soldiers — people who give of themselves to a greater cause. While honoring these special men and women, it is important not to forget the fact that given the proper inspiration, we can all be heroes. This concept is what Danny Siegel, founder and chairman of the Ziv Tzedakah Fund, strives to promote the awareness of. Siegel presented a workshop at the BJE/RI's Night of Jewish Renaissance that gave those in attendance an idea of what he and his organization stand for.

His organization's mission is to identify and champion so-called "Mitzvah heroes" — men, women and often children whose meritorious efforts in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) make them examples to the rest of us. Mitzvah heroes are people who have attempted to remedy a problem in society in a creative or unique way, or who have addressed a concern that most people never even knew existed. Siegel believes that these Mitzvah heroes, besides doing great good by fixing the world, are doubly heroic because they can teach and inspire others to do the same.

Siegel's energy and enthusiasm radiate across the classroom that is standing room only during his workshop. He fires questions at the audience — "Mitzvahs refine human beings; what negative traits and attitudes do you want to get out of you because they're junk?" People answer: complacency, cynicism, apathy. Siegel agrees and seizes on the last word. "Apathy — that's not a Jewish word. The concept of 'that's just the way people are,' — that's not a Jewish concept."

Siegel offers his three-pronged approach to "how to fix the world?" One, meet Mitzvah heroes. Second, seek out and learn from Jewish texts about Tikkun Olam. Third, do it.

He punctuates many of his trite but true revelations with an exclamation "Duh!" Siegel introduced the group to some of the heroes that Ziv has publicized and supported. He spoke about David Levitt of Florida, whose bar mitzvah project was to convince his school board to save cafeteria leftovers and donate them to the needy. His efforts resulted in the passage of a state law mandating this practice for all of Florida's public schools. Siegel told the story of Hadassah Levi, an Israeli woman who, acting on her own initiative, adopted and raised

babies with Down Syndrome who had been abandoned at hospitals. He talked about the work of musician John Beltzer, who writes "Songs of Love" — songs for critically ill children that are written and recorded specifically for and about each individual child.

Siegel gushes with praise for these *menschen*, describing them in excited tones like a sports fanatic bragging about the exploits of his favorite player. "This is exhilarating stuff," he exclaims. Ziv collects contributions which it disburses to more than 100 causes such as these, but Siegel believes it to be just as important to simply find these Mitzvah heroes and present them to the public so that they can be an example to others.

"What are you good at," he asks. "What do you like to do?" Siegel explains that these are the first two questions we need to ask ourselves. When we know how we can help, he says, then we can go about looking for the best ways to apply our abilities to fixing the world.

A freelance author and poet, Siegel has written numerous books, the latest being *1 + 1 = 3 and 37 Other Mitzvah Principles to Live By*. He founded the Ziv Tzedakah Fund in 1981 with the intention of linking donors to worthy recipients, and has



"Mitzvah guru" Danny Siegel, center, shows a kippah made by skilled handweavers in Guatemala in his class "How to Build a Mitzvah Oriented Community." Herald photo by Jon Rubin

raised at least \$3.5 million over the last two decades. A recent grant from Steven Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundations has allowed Ziv to develop a curriculum that can be used by community leaders and educators to more effectively put the theories of Ziv into practice. The workshop was a flurry of paper as Siegel handed out reams of reports, lists and information on his concepts and his heroes.

Siegel selected Rhode Island as the site of Ziv's Mitzvah Heroes "Conference Without Walls," which will be held Nov.

30 through Dec. 3 at sites throughout the state. Siegel said, "The largest collection of Mitzvah heroes in Rhode Island will be at the December conference." Planned with the cooperation of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, the conference will bring Ziv's heroes to speak to, network with, and empower the members of the R.I. Jewish community. The three previous conferences have taken place in New Jersey, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. and were all major successes.

Wall to Wall Women at JFRI Women's Alliance Hadassah Event

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

One could imagine a lot of Jewish fathers putting their kids to bed on the night of Oct. 25 without assistance, because it seemed like most of the Jewish women in Rhode Island were in Temple Emanu-El that night to spend an evening with Hadassah Lieberman, wife of Vice-presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman and activist in women's causes and women's health issues.

The JFRI Women's Alliance event generated an overall sense of security and warmth throughout the group of women, and many volunteers helped with registration and acted as ushers in two shifts throughout the evening. Women and young girls introduced themselves to one another, and new members of the community were greeted and introduced to many active programs in the Jewish community.

The event was chaired by Willa Perlman, Barbara Lavine and Jeanie Charness. Sharon Gaines, Women's Alliance campaign chair, addressed the audience saying, "Look at who we are... We are 40 years old, we are 20, we are 60, we are 13, we are 90... We are wives, sisters, mothers... lawyers, rabbis, teachers, homemakers, doctors and nurses."

Lieberman, a friendly, relaxed and candid personality, spoke about the ups and downs of the surreal campaign trail, as well as the values of her heritage and Jewish identity, which sustained her throughout these difficult times. She described

the 35 days of uncertainty during November of 2000 as "a weird time zone... a never-never land," and spoke about how she and her husband watched the nightly news just like the rest of America, waiting for good news and praying for some sort of resolution. "I



Hadassah Lieberman

hope we are never again faced with an election that is that close."

Lieberman spoke about the "intense [media] scrutiny that becomes a national campaign," and described the night when "Joey" was picked to be Al Gore's running mate. Media trucks rolled in and set up camp at three in the morning, complete with powerful flood lights, and staked out her home in New Haven for days. "It [was] an exhaustive process," she said.

Lieberman, the child of Holocaust survivors, was born in

Prague in the Czech Republic, and spoke about how she became much closer to her immigrant status as a result of the campaign. She recalled with joy a jubilant crowd of immigrants who thanked her personally at political rallies. Americans from all backgrounds, native Americans, Mexican-Americans, Holocaust survivors, World War II vets, all "grabbed me crying." She was overwhelmed by the glowing diversity of the American public, and remarked, "People of all walks of life embraced, not me, but what I represented."

Throughout the long and difficult campaign, Lieberman said that "we met with absolutely no anti-Semitism." In fact, she said, "Judaism was often our greatest asset." She was proud when her husband "broke the barrier" by becoming the first Jewish candidate for a national ticket. "Joe is a man of faith... people equated faith with his person... [Joe's] openness gave people the capability to see their own faith." She recalled the time a woman approached her and said "Tell your husband to stop talking about G-d... and G-d bless you."

This faith, she said, "was crucial to surviving the 35 days after the election." Through these turbulent times, Lieberman said she found solace in Shabbat, the "saving grace" that allowed her to renew her faith and "recharge her batteries." On Shabbat, the Lieberman campaign headquarters "went down" and cam-

Jews 'Enlightened' at BJE/RI Renaissance Night II

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is an organization that remains true to its title — it creates, guides, and sustains Jewish educational programs and institutions throughout the state. On Oct. 26, it had the chance to project its creative muscles for the Jewish community at the BJE/RI's Evening of Jewish Renaissance II, which was held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Last year's event brought in some 500 people, and this year brought in more than 650 from all over the state.

The event was funded by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and was co-chaired by Alan and Jena Brenman. The myriad speakers, presenters and volunteers were coordinated by Robin Kauffman, coordinator of adult

education at the BJE/RI, who was program coordinator for many aspects of the weekend. "This week has made a statement about how much people want to be a part of this Jewish community," said Kauffman.

The evening began with the singing of Havdalah by teenage members of the Jewish community, and the JCCRI social hall was filled with soulful melodies that ushered in the new week.

Providence Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci stopped by to say a few words of admiration for the Bureau. "The BJE serves the Jewish community and the entire community," he said. "There is no underestimating the power of education." "You've got a lot of people here on a Saturday night... congratulations on a wonderful turnout."

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STANDING BENEATH The Jewish Seniors Agency Umbrella are (left to right) Bruce Leach, president of JCCRI, Rick Nelson, incoming executive director of the JCC, Susan Adler, executive director of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, and Susette Rabinowitz, executive director of Jewish Seniors Agency.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin

JEWISH COMMUNITY

What's Happening at ASDS?

On October 4, fourth-graders had the opportunity to meet with a park ranger from Roger Williams Park. The students were studying explorers and early colonies and the impact the early settlers had on Native American people and their habitat. In this interactive program, students followed the travels of Roger Williams across the landscape of a giant floor map of Southeastern New England. Although the program was mainly historical, it also incorporated science, natural history, language, arts and a lot of geography. Shown (left) is the park ranger with fourth-grader Kyla More dressed as Roger Williams.

(At right) The third-grade class at the Alperin Schechter Day School learned about the balance in nature. Students spent their first science class this year examining and counting the plants and animals signs within a small, defined plot of land. They began with a unit of study on "Populations." Elaine Mangiante, ASDS science specialist, explained, "from this activity, students have discovered that, in general, there are more individuals in plant populations than in animal populations. This is essential in nature to have a well-functioned food chain. Animal populations depend upon a broad base of food sources (the plants and other animals) since animals cannot make their own food." The third-graders will continue to explore characteristics of a variety of plant and animal populations.

Photos courtesy of ASDS



Jews 'Enlightened' at BJE/RI Renaissance Night II

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An educational shuk presented information about all of the many Jewish agencies and organizations in Rhode Island, from the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association to the Providence mikveh, from Camp JORI to the South County Hebrew School to many of the various Hebrew congregations. Brown University's klezmer band Yarmulkazi provided the entertainment, and an espresso machine churned out chocolate, caffeinated goodness for no cost throughout the night.

But the main focus was the classes. Attendees had the opportunity to select two classes from more than 45 which highlighted some of the many facets of Jewish existence. All of the classes were taught by educational mavens, Judaic enthusiasts and both religious and lay leaders in the community.

Nitza Attali taught the Israeli dancing class, and both experienced and beginner dancers were soon dancing up a storm. Famed Jewish community service advocate Danny Siegel, founder of the Ziv Tzedakah Fund, spoke about how to best

integrate mitzvot into our everyday lives.

Rich Walter, director of teen education at the BJE/RI, took people into the world of Jewish organized crime in "Kosher Nostra: Jewish Mobsters." Science buffs had the choice of checking out Dr. Andrew Blazar's presentation on "Assisted Reproduction and the Stem Cell Dilemma," or "Topics in Jewish Medical Ethics" with Professor Edward Beiser of Brown University.

Lenore Sones, education director of Temple Sinai, taught "Adam and Eve: The Love Relationships in the Bible." She said that children are often "appalled" by the story of Eve's creation, because they think that "they have no separate identity... [that] she is part of him." She also discussed a midrash that discusses Lilith, Adam's first wife who was both sexually dominant and a rebellious demon of sorts. She said that some Jewish parents traditionally tie red ribbons around baby carriages to protect their newborns from her evil influence.

Rabbi Aaron Lapin spoke in

the second half about the greater implications of Jewish dietary law in "Pepperoni Pizza and the Greater Scheme." He said that there are physical laws of nature and spiritual laws of nature, and just because we cannot understand the spiritual laws doesn't mean we should (or can) ignore them. He admitted that this can be difficult for some people to accept, especially because "people have difficulty in relating to things they cannot see."

Throughout the evening, volunteers were in strong force, helping people find their classes, helping with coats and helping elderly visitors with stairs and doors. A small mountain of snacks was available for a quick nosh in between classes. Sharyn Yanku Wik, educational services associate at the BJE/RI, said that the evening was "just phenomenal." Talking about the weekend's success as a whole, she said "I have seen the same great faces day after day... even people from Cranston and Warwick are coming out to Providence."

Perspectives Calendar of Events For November

November 1 — Right Up Your Alley. All aboard! It's the "first Thursday of the month train" and its first station stop is the Steam Alley Pub, 520 South Water St., Providence. ETA: The first Thursday at 8 p.m. For more information, call Andy Weiser at 435-5035.

November 4 — Sand Menorah Making. Come to South County and make menorahs in the sand. Join Nina in her backyard — you get a tour of the new house as well — where we will use bobbles and bits and Dixie cups to make plaster-of-paris sand-casted menorahs, a trick her mom taught her when she was 6 years old. It might be cold, so come bundled up. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available for a post-art treat. Please R.S.V.P. for directions and so enough supplies are available. Cost is \$5. Also willing to turn it into a potluck lunch afterwards if people want. (There are no restaurants where we live.) Call 364-6434.

November 8 — Regional Wine and Cheese Soiree. The Boston graduate programs (MIT, Harvard, and BU) and Perspectives are doing a regional wine and cheese at the Children's Museum in Boston. The event will start at 8 p.m. so we're meeting to carpool at 6:30 p.m. The event will have wine, cheese, live music, and tons of people (estimating 300 to 400). The cost is \$5 if you reserve

early and \$10 at the door. To R.S.V.P. e-mail <hillelsoiree@hotmail.com>. For more information, call Jamie at 863-9357.

November 10 — Foxwoods Fun. "Vegas Baby!" O.K. so it's no Vegas... and it's Connecticut. Not exactly comparable, but still darn fun! We'll be meeting to play in "The Woods" at 6:30 p.m. at 106 Angell St., Providence. To meet us there, it's 8 p.m. at the big Indian. I don't know about you all, but I'll be playing bingo all night... all night! For more information, call Toby Fingerroth at 433-4554. Otherwise, get ready to come home with fat pockets! Mazel Tov!

November 14 — Book Club. This month the Book Club is reading *Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Harold Kushner. The piece deals with contemporary issues with the current situation in our country and world. We'll be meeting at Nora's apartment, 24 Methyl St., Providence, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Nora at 331-4732.

November 15 — Dave and Busters. Due to the massive success of the first visit, we're Dave and Busters it again for the third Thursday of the month. We'll meet at D&B at 7 p.m. for dinner. Any time after for the rest of the fun. What's D&B? The only place you can be a kid and get served simultaneously. For more information, call Jessica Berlin at 464-8807.

RIHMM Presents 'A Table Before Me'

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum and The Wheeler School are sponsoring a performance by Claudia Stevens entitled "A Table Before Me," at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8, at The Wheeler School, 216 Hope St., Providence. The event is scheduled to take place in commemoration of Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass), the Nazi-inspired anti-Semitic riots that began on November 8, 1938.

Stevens is a playwright, pianist, singer and actress, and her original one-woman show combines all of these talents. "A Table Before Me" is based on the life of her mother and family, who lived in Vienna at the time of the Nazi annexation of Austria. Stevens' performance tells the story of her family's ordeal, beginning just before the invasion. Stevens takes on the role of her grandfather, who owned a clothing manufacturing business, and her mother, who was an aspiring actress. As the Nazis arrive and assert their authority, Stevens continues to switch characters to portray the machinations of the Gestapo, and her family's downward spiral of suffering and degradation. Stevens' grandfather's business is destroyed, his rights and possessions, including his home, confiscated. Finally there is nothing left but a desperate chance at escape to America.

Stevens, a native of California was inspired to create the work in 1997 upon the release of documents from the Austrian State Archives. Included in the documents were letters and directives to Stevens' grandfather from the Gestapo and Austrian state agencies. Stevens uses period music and theatrical styles to tell the story. Stevens' groundbreaking effort has thus far received rave reviews. The *Baltimore Sun* called it "searingly moving, astonishingly courageous, compelling, fascinating."

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 453-7860.



Claudia Stevens

Deanna Grace Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cohen of Flanders, N.J., announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Deanna Grace, born on Aug. 31.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lake of Newton, Mass., and the late Harriet V. Lake. Paternal grandparents are Janet Cohen of Hackettstown, N.J., and the late Hyman Cohen.

Deanna Grace is named after her paternal great-grandmother, Dora Wolfenstein, and her maternal great-aunt, Gloria Lake.



JEWISH COMMUNITY

U.S. Maccabi Rugby Team Helps Ethiopian Youth

Young Teddy Langer, of Irvington, N.Y., never expected to involve the U.S. Maccabi Rugby Team when he decided to share his bat mitzvah with sixth-grader Moshe Asnaku, of Be'er Ya'akov, Israel, in the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Twinning Program of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry.

Teddy used his bar mitzvah gift money to purchase a num-

bers of athletes who refused to be deterred by terrorist activities in Israel, and not only joined in the Maccabi games, but visited the day camp as promised. In addition to delivering Teddy Langer's gifts, each team member brought a soccer ball to add to the permanent supply of sports equipment of the Ethiopian-Israeli children. (When school opened in the fall,

Shoshana Ben-Dor, director of NACOEJ's programs in Israel, points out that these extra hours of almost one-on-one learning enable immigrant children from illiterate families to catch up with their classmates remarkably fast. They are very bright and eager to learn, and sometimes move to the head of the class.

The NACOEJ after-school



The American Maccabi Rugby Team that visited Ethiopian Children in Israel.

Photo courtesy of North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry

ber of basketballs, footballs and soccer balls for Moshe Asnaku, an avid sports fan, and his classmates at the Rashbi School in Be'er Ya'akov. There was a logistical problem: how to get these balls to the children.

The Rugby Team promptly came to the rescue. Sports competition was not only activity valued by the U.S. Maccabi Rugby Team. When the 20-man team competed in Israel four years earlier, it had visited a NACOEJ day camp in Ramla. The young Americans had had a memorable experience with the Ethiopian children, and this year, they phoned the NACOEJ office in New York to say they would do it again. The team elected to be among the hun-

drreds of athletes who refused to be deterred by terrorist activities in Israel, and not only joined in the Maccabi games, but visited the day camp as promised.

Teddy's sports' balls were delivered to Be'er Ya'akov. According to team coach James Calmas of Boston, the visitors spent hours playing with the youngsters and signing autographs. The day campers, both immigrant Ethiopian-Jewish students and their Israel-born classmates, performed and sang Ethiopian dances and songs for the visitors' entertainment.

"It was a wonderful afternoon for all of us," Calmas said.

The summer day camp program combines a half-day of class study with sports and recreation, continuing NACOEJ's regular supplemental education program aimed at bringing Ethiopian-Jewish students' grades up to class level.

programs often make the difference between success and failure for many immigrant children. In Israel, a poor elementary school record usually means that a child cannot go on to an academic high school. Instead, the child is relegated to vocational training. A good record, on the other hand, opens the door to high schools that prepare their students for college.

For more information about this and other NACOEJ programs in Israel and Ethiopia, write to NACOEJ, 132 Nassau St., Fourth Floor, New York, N.Y. 10038; phone (212) 233-5200; fax (212) 233-5243; e-mail NACOEJ@aol.com.

The Many Faces of Adoption Panel Discussion on Nov. 14

When considering adoption, there are so many types of adoption and a bewildering amount of resources to explore. Where do you begin? It can be very valuable to hear the perspectives of families who have already adopted. What choices worked best for them? How did they proceed? What challenges did they face? What joys did they experience? Those who are interested in adoption will have a chance to find out at "The Many Faces of Adoption: Families Tell Their Stories," a panel discussion hosted by Adoption Options' Adoption Resource Center on Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. at (800) 337-6513 by Nov. 12 if you would like to attend.

Several families from Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts will discuss their experiences with different types of adoption and adoption agencies. A question and answer period will follow the discussion. The Adoption Resource Center will be open during the program. Potential adoptive parents, birth parents, people who have been adopted and professionals working with members of the adoptive community are invited to use the center, which houses books, periodicals, videos and internet connections covering all aspects of adoption.

The event celebrates November as National Adoption Month, and kicks off National Family Week which begins Nov. 18. The program will take place in the Conference Center at the United Way building, 229 Waterman St., Providence.

Adoption Options has received a grant for the Many Faces of Adoption from the Al-

liance for Children and Families as part of the National Family Week: Connections Count initiative made possible through the Alliance's support from The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Adoption Options, a non-sectarian, non-profit, comprehensive adoption program of Jewish Family Service is licensed in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The agency's Rhode Island office is located on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The Massachusetts office of Adoption Options is located in the Community Counseling building at 366 Winthrop St. in Rehoboth.

Regular Informational Meetings Continue

Adoption Options continues to offer informational meetings which are free and open to anyone interested in pursuing an adoption.

- In Providence, R.I., the meetings take place of the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the offices of Jewish Family Service. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 6.

- There are also informational meetings at the Massachusetts of Adoption Options, located in the Community Counseling building at 366 Winthrop St. in Rehoboth. Call Adoption Options for information on the next scheduled meeting.

Those wishing to attend any of the events, or to arrange a confidential consultation, should call Adoption Options at 331-5437 or toll-free at (800) 337-6513. Or visit the Web site at <www.adoptionoptions.org> for information.

Lara Solomon To Wed Scott Sherman

Fredda and Robert Sherman of South Easton, Mass., and Boynton Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their son, Scott David Sherman, Great Neck, N.Y., to Lara Anne Solomon, Great Neck, N.Y., daughter of Paul Solomon and Mary and Jack Miller of Great Neck, N.Y. Grandparents are the late Ruth and Nate Kniager of Providence, R.I.; Izak Kozuch and the late Lola Kozuch of Great Neck, N.Y., and Al and Pearl Solomon of Delray Beach, Fla.

The bride-to-be graduated UMass Amherst with a degree in psychology, and a master's degree in education from Hofstra University. She is employed by The Happy Montessori School, Port Washington, N.Y.

Her fiancé is a graduate of UMass Amherst with a degree in psychology. He is a portfolio administrator employed by S.B.S.F. capital management, in New York City.

A January 2002 wedding is planned.



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Sound intriguing? Then go to: www.israel.hillel.org and register right now — space is limited, and the application closes Nov 5.

When you register, select University of Rhode Island as the school selection.

You may only register with the University of Rhode Island if you are a URI grad student, URI undergrad or a young adult under age 26.

Please call Amy Sapherstein at URI Hillel with questions — 874-2274 or e-mail urihillel@hotmail.com.

Zachary David Breene

Wendy and Douglas Breene of Cranston, R.I., announce the birth of their son, Zachary David Breene on Oct. 19. Zachary weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Rita and Sam Nash of Warwick, R.I., and paternal grandparent is David Breene of Coventry, R.I.



Berenbaum Assesses Holocaust Scholarship, Terrorist Aftermath

Join Dr. Michael Berenbaum on Nov. 7 at Facing History, 16 Hurd Road, Brookline, Mass., as he explores recent Holocaust scholarship and how this history can resonate as we seek to make meaning of the horrendous events of Sept. 11. Time is 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Berenbaum is the first recipient of Facing History's Rev. Robert W. Bullock International Fellowship created to deepen the learning of Facing History's staff, teacher network, and community. He was previously the director of the U.S. Holocaust Research Institute and former president of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

To R.S.V.P. call Paul Findlen at (617) 735-1611 or paul_findlen@facing.org.

Blood Drive at JCCRI Nov. 5

The JCRC of the JFRI, along with the R.I. Blood Bank will be holding a blood drive Nov. 5 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Co-sponsored by the R.I. Board of Rabbis and NCCJ.

Touro Synagogue Hosts Dr. Moises Orfali

On Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., following religious services, the Touro Synagogue Congregation Jeshuat Israel will have as a guest speaker, Dr. Moises Orfali, the Touro National Heritage Trust scholar at the John Carter Brown Library of Brown University, who is researching Spanish and Portuguese history, Sephardic Diaspora, and Jewish colonial activity in the New World.

Orfali, born in Venezuela, is a full professor at Bar Ilan University and Tel Aviv University in Israel, also with advanced and doctoral degrees from universities in Spain.

A reception will follow the presentation by this noted scholar. Interested persons are invited to attend.



OK Girls, Take a Bow

Children practice at a rehearsal for "Fiddler Junior," at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin

Kosher Dinner Raises \$125,000 for Ben-Gurion University

On Oct. 21, leading Boston chefs helped to raise more than \$125,000 for the Department of Hotel and Restaurant Management at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel with a four-course dinner entitled, "the world's Greatest Kosher Dinner."

Participating chefs were Frank McClelland, chef/owner, L'Espalier; Michael Leviton, chef/owner, Lumiere; Ed

our'hui. Each chef contributed one course to this dinner to benefit the Department of Hotel and Restaurant Management at Ben-Gurion University.

Coordinating Chef Ed Gannon of Four Seasons, Boston Aujourd'hui worked closely with each participant to review the dietary laws in advance before designing the individual courses. All provisions were ordered by Gannon and delivered

After the dinner, a live auction raised more than \$13,000 for the university. Best-selling items included: dinner for six at the chef's table in the Aujourd'hui kitchen for \$2600; 3-course dinner for two at L'Espalier for \$500; and 3 bottles of Grand Vin de Chateau La tour 1970 for \$2000. Alberto Limonic, the executive director of the American Associates, Ben-gurion University, donated an Argentinean



CHEF/OWNER Tony Ambrose of Ambrosia on Huntington, Boston serves event chairs Mark and Diane Goldman at the World's Greatest Kosher Dinner on Oct. 21 at the Four Seasons, Boston.

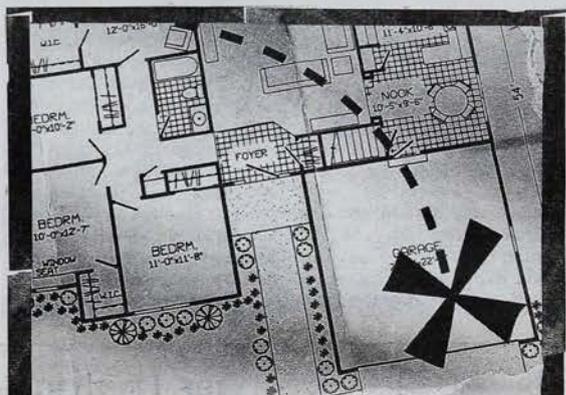
Gannon, executive chef, Aujourd'hui; Jamie Mammamo, chef/owner, Mistral; Anthony Ambrose, chef/owner, Ambrosia on Huntington; and Tom Fonseca, pastry chef, Auj-

to the Four Season kosher kitchen where the chefs were then prepared until the supervision of a rabbi.

Patron tickets were \$250 and benefactor tickets were \$500.

BBQ and Tango lessons for six, which sold for \$750.

This dinner provides scholarships for university students, who attend from many countries throughout the Middle East.



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A Window Into The Jewish Soul — Especially For Christians

Almost every Christian in America is personally connected to someone who is Jewish. Marriages, places of employment, and neighborhoods are more multi-faith than ever before.

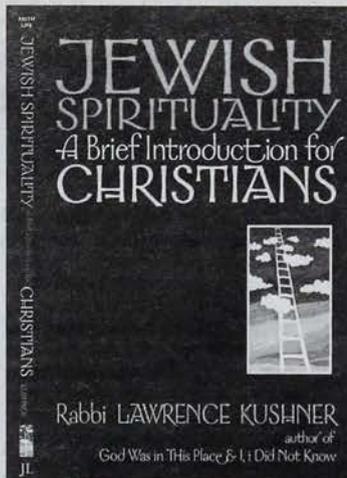
But if you asked the average Christian what it means to be Jewish the response heard most often would be, "Jews don't believe in Jesus." Does just not believing in Jesus make you Jewish? This is a question that has confused Christians for centuries. Most are familiar with the public manifestations of Judaism — holidays, rituals, customs — but far fewer understand the spiritual essence of Judaism.

In *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians* (Jewish Lights Publishing/November 2001/Quality Paperback Original/ \$12.95), Rabbi Lawrence Kushner helps Christians and Jews gain a better understanding of each other's faith by looking closely at what separates them and what connects them. Kushner answers Christians' questions about Jewish spirituality and offers insights for those people who trace their roots to the Jewish tradition.

Sister Joan Chittister, Benedictine nun and popular author and lecturer, says "Rabbi Lawrence Kushner has a rare gift — unusual insight and the ability to make it clear to oth-

ers. His contribution to contemporary spirituality in the best of the Jewish tradition nurtures the soul in all of us. I read his work to understand my own roots better."

In his engaging and captivating way, Rabbi Kushner offers an entry into understanding the essence of Jewish spirituality. In *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Intro-*



duction for Christians, people of all faiths and backgrounds will explore:

- Invisible lines of relation that connect us to each other and to G-d
- Torah — a blueprint for all of creation
- Everyday, holy deeds that mend the world

- G-d's Oneness
- How the Jewish experience of *teshuva* is similar to the Christian experience of Jesus... and much more.

"Kushner has taught me more about G-d and my own Christianity than any other teacher I have known," praises Rev. Robert Trache, rector, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

Rabbi Kushner also tackles the difficult subject of important differences between Christianity and Judaism in *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians*. He explains several popular misconceptions that well-meaning Christians often hold regarding Jewish spirituality. He tailors his unique style to address Christians' questions, and, in so doing, opens new windows on their own faith.

"Eminently readable... his ministry transcends all faiths while deeply rooted in his own," commends Rev. Peter Gomes, Pusey Minister in The Memorial Church, Harvard University.

"With this warm and helpful book, Kushner extends his life's work as rabbi in an important new direction, helping the broader Christian community understand the rich wisdom of our tradition," says Stuart M. Matlins, publisher of Jewish Lights Publishing.

Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner is available at bookstores or directly from Jewish Lights Publishing, Sunset Farm Offices, Route 4, P.O. Box 237, Wood-stock, Vt. 05091; \$12.95, Quality Paperback Original; add \$3.75 for shipping and handling for the first book, \$2 for each additional book. For credit card orders, call (800) 962-4544.

Perishable Premieres 'Self Defense'

Perishable Theatre announced that the first production of their 2001-2002 Mainstage Season will be the world premiere of "Self Defense or death of some salesmen," a gripping fictionalized account of the pursuit, capture and trial of Aileen Wuornos, who became known as the first female serial killer. Former Playwriting Festival winner Carson Kreitzer's new play will be launching the Mainstage Season from Nov. 3 to Dec. 2. Call 331-2695, ext. 101 or visit <www.perishable.org.>



'Heidi' Production

Top to bottom: Kelly McCabe and Hope Rochefort of Seekonk appear in an All Childrens Theatre Ensemble production of "Heidi." Performances are held at the Vartan Gregorian School on Nov. 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 11, 18 at 2 p.m. Call 435-5300 for reservations. Tickets: \$6 for children, \$8 for adults.

Photo credit Wrenn Goodrum

R.I. Chamber Music Concerts Presents The Alexander Quartet

The Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts will present the Alexander Quartet on Nov. 7. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in Brown University's Alumnae Hall, 194 Meeting St. in Providence.

Their program will be a "World War II Commemorative, and will include Haydn, Opus 76, No. 3, "Emperor," Bartok Quartet No. 6, and, Shostakovich Quartet No. 2. Formed in 1981, the Alexander was the first string quartet to win the Concert Artists Guild competition, and, was the first American quartet to win the London International String Quartet Competition.

Known for performing both classical and contemporary music, their recordings include the Beethoven cycle on AR Nova, and performances include more than 25 commissioned and premiere performances. They have collaborated

with such artists as Menahem Pressler, Gary Graffman, Richard Stolzman and Charles Neidich. In addition to their performance in Providence, highlights of the 2001-2002 season include performances throughout the United States and Europe of both the Beethoven and Shostakovich cycles; their first tour of Alaska and continuation of their annual residencies at Baruch College, Allegheny College and St. Lawrence University.

Tickets for this exciting concert may be purchased in advance at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence, and, on the evening of the performance on Nov. 7, at Alumnae Hall, 194 Meeting St., Providence. Ticket prices are \$25, \$20 and \$17. Student tickets are available for \$5, upon presentation of student identification.

This concert is co-sponsored through the generosity of the Hess and Helyn Kline Foundation and the Pearle W. and Martin M. Silverstein Foundation.

For further information, call 863-2416.

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The RISD Museum Presents 'Jonathan Bonner: Front Pockets'

November 9 to January 27, 2002

Providence-based sculptor Jonathan Bonner won't be surprised if an upcoming exhibition of his new work generates some laughter. The exhibition in question focuses on the usually intimate relationship between

pants, the air bags are inflated until they burst, and so on," she explained.

Working with a videographer, a photojournalist, and a product photographer, Bonner transforms an otherwise private relationship into a public presentation. The artist aimed to achieve the deadpan neutrality often associated with promoting commercial products. Displayed alongside the objects in the exhibition is a monitor showing an industrial-style short video that mimics the serious tone and format of a training video. In the

invite scrutiny, and lit to accentuate its nature as sculpture, artifact, and product.

Bonner will deliver a gallery talk about this exhibition on Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Bonner received an M.F.A. from Rhode Island School of Design (1973) and his B.F.A. from Philadelphia College of Art (1971). In addition to site-specific commissions created by Bonner for such locations as Rhode Island College, Fidelity Management in Smithfield and AS220, his work has also been acquired by many prestigious institutions such as Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh; DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA; American Craft Museum, N.Y.; and Brooklyn Museum, N.Y. He has been exhibited widely in both solo and group exhibitions. Twice a recipient of an NEA fellowship, he has also been honored with local and

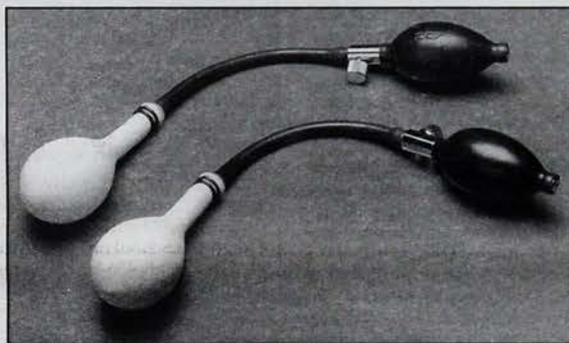


"Pocket Weasels"
by Jonathan Bonner

an individual and the objects that fit into his or her trouser pockets. This unique project titled "Front Pockets" consists of 11 pairs of objects, videotape, and a book of photographs.

Known for his copper sculptures as well as large site-specific public work, Bonner has created a series of 11 object pairs that fit into and whose function depends upon being in pants' pockets. Each pair has the seriousness and functional elegance of a specialized tool, but when that function is demonstrated in both the book and the video the humor is revealed.

"The object pairs — magnets, weights, balls, pumps and water bags — have some relationship to everyday use; but their functionality is preposterous," said Judith Tannenbaum, curator of Contemporary Art at The RISD Museum. "The sharply elongated 'weasels' cut through the cloth of the pockets, the ice in the breast-shaped mounds melts and soaks the front of the



"Pocket Air Bags" by Jonathan Bonner

same theme, the book places the objects in a serious and instructional format with numerous expressionless but witty depictions.

"Front Pockets" was conceived for a museum setting. Through their formal display Bonner's contemporary inventions are connected with historic artifacts. Each pair of objects is displayed on a separate pedestal covered by a Plexiglas vitrine, elevated and isolated to

regional grants.

This exhibition was made possible in part by a grant from the Concordia Foundation.

The Museum of Art was founded as part of Rhode Island School of Design in 1877. Today, its permanent collection consists of nearly 80,000 works of art from diverse periods, cultures, and genres. Located on the edge of downtown Providence, the museum showcases an array of ever-changing exhibitions, which encompass a range of areas and periods of world culture.

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; third Thursday of the month until 9 p.m. Admission is: \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$2 for ages 5 to 18, \$3 for college students with valid identification. Admission is free: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 5 to 9 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, and for Free-For-All Saturday (last Saturday of the month). For more information, call 454-6500 or <www.risd.edu/museum.cfm>.

Concert at RISD to Benefit Homeless Families

Famed guitarists Paul Geremia and Duke Robillard (with his band) are featured together for the first time ever at a concert scheduled for Nov. 11 at the Rhode Island School of Design auditorium, on South Main St. in Providence. Time of concert is 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Homeless Families Fund at Travelers Aid of Rhode Island.

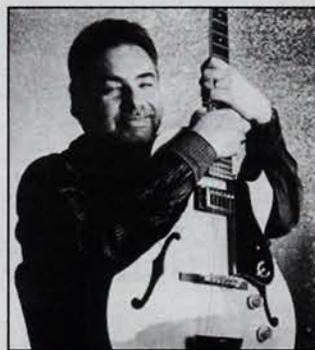
The performers are Rhode Island natives with both national and international followings. Geremia, who has been at his craft for more than 30 years, has

fans and general audiences alike.

Robillard the well-known founder of "Roomful of Blues" recently had his second consecutive win as "Best Guitarist" at the W.C. Handy Awards in Memphis. He has recorded



Paul Geremia



Duke Robillard

more than a dozen albums and has toured the world both with his own band and as Jimmie Vaughan's replacement in "The Fabulous Thunderbirds." The Duke Robillard Band offers an upbeat live performance, accented by a swinging horn section, in a wide variety of blues styles.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. and includes an intermission and silent auction of items donated by area eateries and shops. Bid on getaway packages, certificates

to restaurants, jewelry and more. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$10 for RISD students/staff with identifications. Call 521-2255, ext. 23 or 25 for ticket information. All proceeds from the concert and auction will benefit the Homeless Families Fund at Travelers Aid of Rhode Island.

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Painted Glassware at Library

Mother-daughter team Wendy Abel and Ali Murphy will display hand-painted glassware at the Barrington Public Library during the month of November. Wendy holds a degree in fine art from the Academy of Art in San Francisco and primarily paints large, detailed patterns on canvas. Of painting on glass she says: "I still tend to create overall detailed patterns but it's a whole new approach. In addition to having a second surface to paint, colors are layered differently. Painting with Ali has also added a new dimension. Sometimes she'll add

a layer into something I'm working on or I'll finish a piece that she started. We call our designs WENALI because they're truly a combination of efforts."

Also on display in November is a show of photographic portraits by Shane Guterrez.

Both exhibits, housed on the first floor of the building, can be seen during the hours the library is open — Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The library is located at 281 County Road, Barrington. Call 247-1920.

John Loughlin Paintings at Providence Art Club

Recent paintings by John Loughlin, AWS, are showing at the Providence Art Club, Dodge Gallery, 11 Thomas St., now through Nov. 9.

Call 331-1114. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Exhibits are free and open to the public. "Barre Hillside," oil on canvas 14" x 20".

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY M. BROWN
WARWICK — Dorothy M. Brown, 82, of Minnesota Ave., a retired teacher, died Oct. 24 at home.

She was the wife of Bernard David Brown.

Born in Newark, N.J., a daughter of the late Leo and Fanny (Schorr) Bedrick, she had lived in Teaneck, N.J., and Arizona before moving to Warwick seven years ago.

She was an elementary school teacher for 16 years, retiring 31 years ago. She introduced a foreign-language studies program for elementary school students in Fort Lee, N.J. After retiring, she volunteered in Arizona elementary schools, bringing in small statues of prominent people and explaining their significance to the students.

She was a past president of B'nai B'rith Women in Arizona, a life member of Hadassah, and a member of ORT and the National Council of Jewish Women. She had been a chairwoman for UNICEF in Teaneck.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown of West Hartford, Conn., and Dr. Richard A. Brown of East Greenwich; a brother, Bernard Bedrick in California; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Oct. 28 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. Burial was private. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

IRMA C. FINBERG
PROVIDENCE — Irma C. (Coplan) Finberg, 84, of 99 Hillside Ave., died Oct. 24 at Hillside Health Center. She was the wife of the late Burton A. Finberg.

Born in Providence, a daughter

of the late Joseph and Minnie (Frank) Coplan, she was a lifelong resident of Providence.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and was very active in its Garden Club, and was president of the Sisterhood. She was an original member of Ledgemont Country Club.

She was a graduate of Hope High School and Katharine Gibbs School.

She was an avid reader and an art enthusiast.

She leaves two daughters, Jane Mandell of Pawtucket and Lois Finberg-Rasch in Denmark, and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Miriam Coplan Towvim and Seymour Coplan.

The funeral was held Oct. 28 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made in the Temple Emanu-El Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood Program, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

PHYLLIS GOLDBERG
MIDDLETOWN — Phyllis Lillian Goldberg, 78, formerly of Middletown, died Oct. 19 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston.

She was the wife of the late Harvey A. Goldberg, to whom she was married for 48 years. She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Mae (Berelslawsky) Grebstein.

She was a graduate of Central Falls High School, Class of 1941, where she was class valedictorian. She was a member of Touro Synagogue, Newport, and Temple Shalom Synagogue, Middletown, and a life member of Hadassah.

She leaves three sons, Mark C. Goldberg of Middletown,

David L. Goldberg of Kansas City, Mo., and Arthur J. Goldberg of Wellesley, Mass.; a daughter, Elaine Goldberg Sheehy of Newton, Mass.; a brother, Jerry Grebb of Denver; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Stanley Grebstein of Warwick.

The funeral service was held in the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel in Newport. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

SIDNEY SHWARTZ
DARTMOUTH —

Sidney Schwartz, 81, of Mosher Street, Dartmouth, died Oct. 24 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Norma Olivier and the late Nannette (Tarle) Schwartz.

Born in Dartmouth, the son of the late Theodore and Pearl (Rosen) Schwartz, he was a lifelong resident of the Dartmouth/ New Bedford area.

He was a graduate of the New Bedford High School, class of 1938. He was the owner of National Wholesale company, a company started by his father in 1907, which later became NATCO, a food service distributor in New Bedford. His other business interests included National Catalog Showroom of New Bedford, New Bedford Plastic Bag Company and numerous other real estate ventures.

He was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation, Ahavath Achim Synagogue and The Jew-

ish War Veterans. He had served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines during World War II.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Larry Schwartz and Theodore Schwartz of Dartmouth; a daughter, Deborah Ehrens of Dartmouth; stepchildren, Edward, Michele, Paul and Monique Olivier and Claire Kenney; two sisters, Anna Kaplan of New Bedford and Dorothy Sokoll of Dartmouth; and nine grandchildren. He was also the brother of the late Sophia Schwartz.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 28 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MILTON SPARRER
PROVIDENCE — Milton Sparrer, 85, of Swan St., a retired machinist, died Oct. 26 at Epoch on Blackstone Boulevard.

He was the husband of Antonia (Palomares) Sparrer. A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Annie (Chaskes) Bernstein. He was a machinist at the Grinnell Mfg. Co. for many years, retiring in 1980, and had previously worked as a butcher in the family business.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Maria Palomares of Cranston, and a sister, Pauline

Penn of Providence. He was the brother of the late Jack, Sidney and Jeanette Bernstein.

The funeral service was held Oct. 28 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the SPCA, 186 Amaral St., East Providence, R.I. 02915 or your favorite charity. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

PHILIP TROY
WAYNE, N.J. — Philip Troy, 95, of Wayne, died on Oct. 23 at the St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital, Wayne. He was the husband of Esther Scheffrin Troy.

He was born in New York City and resided in Wayne for the past 35 years, prior to that he resided in Passaic, N.J.

He was an engineering experimenter in the engineering field for 40 years and retired 20 years ago. He worked for I.T. & T. in Nutley, N.J.; Allied Chemical in New York City, and C.F. Braun in its New York office.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Nancy Troy Lovett of Providence; a sister, Dorothy Golden, Pompano Beach, Fla.; and six grandchildren, Erika Stoddert, Adam Zahler, Samuel, Carl J.S., Suzanne and Joshua Lovett; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Oct. 26 at Jewish Memorial Chapel, 841 Allwood Road, Clifton, N.J. Burial was in King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton, N.J.

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FEATURE

JFRI Campaign Weekend

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And finally, as a crowning achievement to an already wildly successful weekend, Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, internationally recognized author and speaker and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, spoke at Temple Beth El in Providence to a densely packed house of more than 1,100. Wiesel spoke about the persistence of Jewish existence throughout the millennia, and commented on the scourges of terrorism in both America and Israel (See story on page 20).

At the close of the weekend, Robert Starr, JFRI annual campaign chair, announced the preliminary fundraising results of the weekend — in the four days of the campaign, more than \$2 million had been raised, bringing the JFRI annual campaign total to \$3.3 million, a 5 percent increase since last year.

JFRI President Robbie Mann praised the unifying success of the entire weekend, which was especially valuable in the wake of the events of Sept. 11 and the ongoing terror in Israel. "If ever there was a moment that we needed community, this was it," he said. He also asked those present to "intensify your commitment to community" by increasing volunteer efforts in schools, Jewish agencies and in temples and congregations.

Love Thy Neighbor

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ward dreams of getting even while part of us reluctantly recognizes that such dreams are unworthy of us. First, we have to separate judicial punishment from the issues of forgiving or seeking vengeance.

If criminologists are correct in believing that much crime is really about exercising power over another person, then perhaps the instinctive desire for revenge is less about hurting the person who has hurt us and more about restoring the power balance to what it was before the crime. We don't really want to hurt our assailant so much as we want to reclaim from him the power, the sense of being in control of our lives, that he stole from us.

Once we recognize that the thirst for revenge is really a need to shed the role of victim and substitute action for helplessness, we can find ways of meeting that need without hurting another person and compromising our own goodness.

All of us will be victims of cruelty, thoughtless behavior, and petty annoyances. At times like that, we will have to choose between the seductive appeal of getting even, attractive but harmful to our souls, and the cleansing force of integrity, reclaiming power over our lives precisely by not giving in to the temptation to get even.

Harold S. Kushner is Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in Natick, Mass., and the best-selling author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. His new book, *Living a Life That Matters* (Knopf, \$22), is available at all bookstores or can be ordered directly by calling (800) 793-BOOK.

Remembering Rabin

by Gal Ben Ami

"Permit me to say that I am deeply moved. I wish to thank each and every one of you, who have come here today to take a stand against violence and for peace. This government, which I am privileged to head, together with my friend Shimon Peres, decided to give peace a chance — a peace that will solve most of Israel's problems."

"I was a military man for 27 years. I fought so long as there was no chance for peace. I believe that there is now a chance for peace, a great chance. We must take advantage of it for the sake of those standing here, and for those who are not here — and they are many."

"I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace and are ready to take risks for peace. In coming here today, you demonstrate, together with many others who did not come, that the people truly desire peace and oppose violence. Violence erodes the basis of Israeli democracy. It must be condemned and isolated."

"This is not the way of the State of Israel. In a democracy there can be differences, but the final decision will be taken in democratic elections, as the 1992 elections which gave us the mandate to do what we are doing, and to continue on this course."

(Yitzhak Rabin 11/4/95)

Yitzhak Rabin opened his last speech with these words, words for peace and against violence.

Yitzhak Rabin was born in Jerusalem in 1922. When he graduated from school, he joined Palmach, the elite strike force of the Hagana.

Later, after the Israel Defense Forces was established, he was one of the first commanders. In the 1967 war (which known as the "Six Day War") he was appointed Chief of the General Staff.

In 1968, after decades of military service, Rabin retired from the I.D.F. In the same year he became Israel's ambassador to the United States. In June 1974 Rabin became the prime minister of Israel.

During the years 1984 through 1990 he was the minister of defense. In 1992 he was again elected prime minister. As prime minister, Rabin fought a new war, the war for peace. Yitzhak Rabin was responsible for the Oslo agreements, and the treaty of peace with Jordan. He also started negotiations for peace with Syria. Unfortunately those decisive steps led to his murder.

Yitzhak Rabin was shot on November 4, 1995, after a rally called "Yes For Peace, No For Violence." Rabin, who survived so many battles to protect Israel and the Jewish nation, found himself dying from bullets that came from his people — the people that he tried to defend, the people that he sacrificed his best years for.

Rabin is a person that I will always remember as a strong leader, hard man, a man who fought for his beliefs, who taught that peace had a chance. He tried it, and fought for it, but unfortunately he was one of the victims in this war.

Sometimes I ask myself what would happen if Yitzhak Rabin were still alive, would Israel still be in the same situation that it is now? We can never answer that question. While Israel has tried to continue the way of Rabin, unfortunately many years may pass until we will see real peace in the Middle East.

The Israeli nation learned a valuable lesson from Rabin's murder. From the wounds in-

flicted by Rabin's assassination, Israel learned that we should keep our eyes open, and beware of the things we say, and the actions we take. We learned that tolerance is necessary and we cannot use force to demonstrate our political point of view. If Israel had believed that a Jewish Israeli could kill its own Prime Minister, maybe it would not have ever happened.

Yitzhak Rabin had a dream. Maybe I can call it the Israeli dream, because my father, my grandfather and I had the same dream. In the Israeli dream our kids don't go to the army and sacrifice their lives for the country's future. In the Israeli dream we don't see soldiers everywhere in the street rushing to their bases. In the Israeli dream we don't argue about the last political statement that was made. In the Israeli dream when Palestinians go for work every morning, we don't hold them on the borders for security checks. In the Israeli dream I'm going to college next year and not to the army. In the Israeli dream our political arguments do not revolve around the survival of our state. In the Israeli dream I can visit Mecca, Damascus, Beirut, and Baghdad.

Yitzhak Rabin earned my respect not because of his political point of view, he earned it because he fought for the Israeli dream.

Gal Ben Ami is an Israeli Youth emissary from Afula at the BJE/RI who came to Rhode Island through Partnership 2000.



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Hadassah Event

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paigned efforts went on pause, something that was incomprehensible to other campaigners.

She also described how Secret Service agents "accompanied us every week to Shabbat services," and even stood behind them in the sukkah on sukkot. Eventually, the agents had so much exposure to day-to-day Judaism that they took over the job of explaining to the public why Joseph couldn't sign autographs on Shabbat.

When asked by an audience member if she thought the Gore / Lieberman team would have handled the after-effects of Sept. 11 differently, she dismissed the question. "We're together as a country and we need to support it," she said.

Sylvia Berman-Peck, director of the Women's Alliance, said that "Women felt incredibly welcome and included at the event." She said that the cam-

paigned raised more than \$832,000 so far, and that more donations continue to come in. She acknowledged the success of the campaign chairs and other volunteers in trying to bring together all Jewish women for the event, not just JFRI contributors. Invitations went out to "any woman who was in our database."

Peck said the event brought in many "significant new gifts," as well as six new members to the Lions of Judah, a group of women who contribute \$5,000 or more to the campaign. The Lions dined before the event with Lieberman at the home of Mindy Wachtenheim and had a chance to chat with Lieberman personally.

"This community building event was very successful... and tremendously valuable," said Peck.

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Elie Wiesel Concludes Jewish Federation Campaign Weekend

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

There are few Jewish speakers with the influence and universal reverence of Elie Wiesel. Holocaust survivor, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and the author of more than 40 books, including his international best seller *Night*, Wiesel has become a worldwide emissary of Holocaust awareness, human rights and Jewish education. Wiesel spoke at a standing-room only crowd at Temple Beth El in Providence on Oct. 28 to conclude the JFRI's successful and vibrant community weekend.

"The community has been tremendously generous," he said.

The evening began with a private dinner reception for Wiesel and select JFRI donors. People were lining up to say a few words of admiration to Wiesel and, of course, get their picture taken with him.

Wiesel was introduced by Robert Starr, JFRI annual campaign chair, who said Wiesel "symbolizes the survivors of the Holocaust," and is the "spokesperson for the world's oppressed." Wiesel is a professor at Boston University, and teaches both religious and philosophy in addition to speak-

ing, "should not have survived." And yet they did, he said, because they celebrated their Jewishness together, even in the face of danger.

Wiesel said that at the turn of the century, he hoped the 21st century would be a vast improvement on the 20th. "It was a violent century..." he said. "There were two world wars... civilization failed." And yet he found this new century to eerily echo the previous one. "Who would have thought we have to deal with terrorism on such a scale?"

Wiesel had much to say on the topic of terrorism. "Terrorism is like cancer," he said. "It goes from limb to limb... it doesn't stop." "[A terrorist] believes that only he has the right to tell people how to live... anyone who disagrees must die... he chooses death as his language."

Wiesel made a clear distinction between terrorists and "freedom fighters." Freedom fighters, he said, avoid targeting children or the innocent. He recalled a time in 1946 when Israel, struggling for independence, would warn British military units ahead of time before attacks were carried out. Similarly, he described a similar situation in the present, when Israel warns Palestinian Authority officials of a strike in advance. Palestinian terrorists, however, do not play by the same rules.

"They kill innocent people, they kill defenseless people," he said. "Israel every day [has] suicide bombers... They are choosing special places, not the settlements but Israel proper... They usually choose places where young people go."

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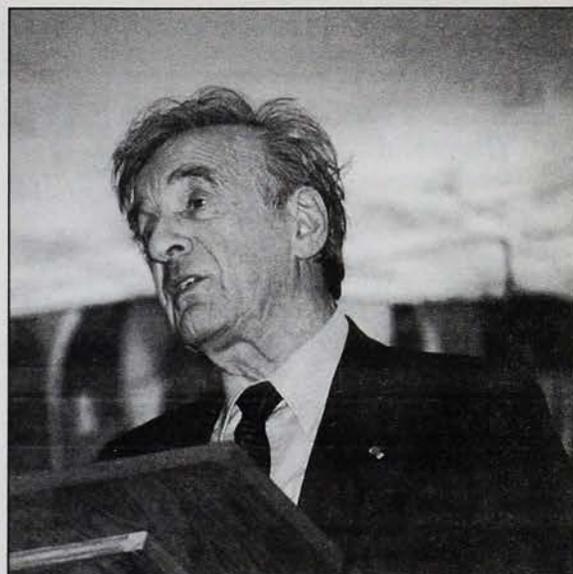
Michael Balaban, JFRI campaign director, described the weekend as a "culmination of community." He also spoke highly of this year's fund-raising efforts. "While the potential for recession may affect things a little... we expect to close on a very positive note."

Balaban said the weekend was "more than just money, but about bringing the community together as a group." He said that community interest was represented in the large turnouts, the large amounts of volunteers who helped at every event, and for the financial support people had shown all year.

ing to audiences around the world.

Wiesel touched on the topic that had been the focus of the entire weekend — community. "A Jew is a Jew who is part of the community," he said. "He is defined by his relationship to the community, to Klal Yisrael... you cannot pray unless you do it with other Jews... The biggest punishment for a Jew is to be excommunicated."

"We are the only people of antiquity to survive antiquity," he said. He described the Jewish communities in Russia, which, threatened by Hitler, government repression and as-



ELIE WIESEL, famed author and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, spoke at Temple Beth El in Providence on Oct. 28 as part of the JFRI annual campaign. Herald photo by Jon Rubin

When Wiesel was asked "Why is America hated so much around the world?" he gave the same answer that he said he gives whenever people ask him why people hate the Jews: "Why should I explain their hatred? Why should I make it easy on them? Let them do it!"

When asked if he feels that perpetrators of terrorist attack are evil or just misguided, he responded, "I have much more concern for the victims. When there are no more victims, I will go back to the killers... if I have time."

He did not have a complete answer on how to defeat terrorism, but he was certain that "education is a major component of the answer." Wiesel said that a "huge campaign" is needed to "stop people from becoming terrorists... [teach

them] respect for one another."

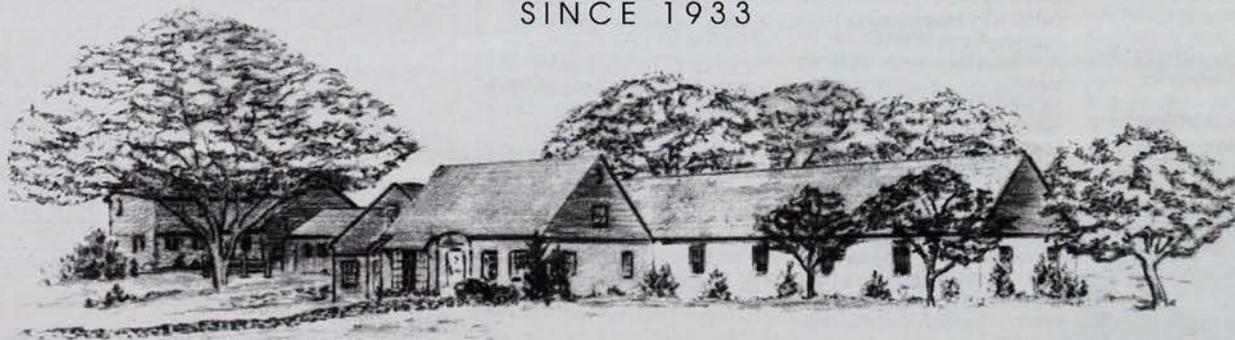
He admitted, though, that he felt a little skeptical of education's ability to completely erase terrorism. "I have read the textbooks of Palestinian children which are approved by the P.A. ... they are filled with hatred." Wiesel said that he finds Arafat to be far from the best partner to ally with. "I was very much in favor of Oslo," he said. "Arafat lost me."

At the close of his speech, Wiesel read something akin to his own personal credo. "I still believe in man in spite of man... I still believe in words, because it is we who decided if they are to be carriers of hate or carriers of compassion... Despair is not the answer. Nor is terrorism."

"[Terrorism] must be defeated," he said. "America must succeed."

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