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Hadassah Serves Up 'Political Bagel Breakfast'

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

Bagels, hummus and a side of politics were on the menu at the Rhode Island Hadassah's Bagel Nosh, which took place at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Nov. 4. The event, which was originally set in the Senior Adult Lounge, quickly filled the room and had to be moved to the much larger social hall. Meredith Drench, one of Hadassah's co-vice presidents, was thrilled at the turnout. "We never thought in our wildest dreams that this could happen," she remarked to the crowd of well over 100 women.

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah officially started up the year a few weeks ago with an installation of officers at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. The group, which has over 1,500 members in Rhode Island, received awards this year for membership as well as for chapter of the year.

The speaker on the morning of the Bagel Nosh was Peter Drench, Meredith's brother and a teacher of history, social sciences and Middle East politics in Andover, Mass. Peter Drench has traveled extensively throughout Israel, Turkey and Central Asia and spoke about the current crisis in Israel, the United States and Afghanistan.

Drench described the role of a teacher as being someone who "bridge[s] the gap between the experts and private citizens... People want to interact with someone, not just talking heads." Despite this, he felt the current threatening situation — both at home and abroad — is not an easily understood subject for either teachers or students. "It's a very insecure time," he said. "An old world is passing and a new world is coming into being."

This uncertainty, said Drench, can leave those seeking definite answers feeling disappointed and disillusioned. "Some of these questions have no immediate answers... they can't be easily wrapped up."

Drench walked a fine line in his feelings concerning the state of Israel, both supporting its right to exist while giving some credit to the legitimacy of Israel's critics. Drench made it clear that "I am not an apologist for the Palestinian side."

Describing the Intifada, he said that "our search for history clashed with someone else's search." This search is a vital part of being Jewish, since Jews are "pacesetters" in the establishment of a nation-state. "[Jews] have a deep longing for the recovery of their homeland... we want to preserve it."

Yet despite this yearning, Drench remarked that few na-

tions understand the motives behind this desire or fully grasp the sensitive nature of the situation there. "There is a tendency to generalize about Israel... People just can't grasp how small the place is." Israel's critics can range from the tolerant to the testy to many of the nations surrounding Israel, whom Drench described as countries who "feel their only mission is to destroy the state of Israel."

Media coverage of Israel is always a hot topic, and Drench acknowledged the biases inherent in many media companies. "Among the Jewish community, CNN is often seen as a subsidiary of the Palestinian broadcasting network," Drench said. He remarked that news broadcasts of Israel frequently fail to give context to the Israeli / Pal-

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HADASSAH OF RHODE ISLAND Co-Vice Presidents Meredith Drench (right) and Barbara Portney presided at the Hadassah Bagel Nosh on Nov. 4.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin

Navy Rabbi Visits JCCRI on Veteran's Day

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

The United States Navy possesses only 10 chaplain rabbis that serve U.S. seaman, Jews and non-Jews alike, all over the world. On Veteran's Day, Nov. 12, children at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island got to meet with one of these 10 — Rabbi Maurice S. Kaprow, Lt. Cmdr. of the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Children at the JCCRI made a colorful banner in honor of Kaprow's arrival, and said the pledge of allegiance with him.

Kaprow was already ordained as a rabbi when he applied at the Chaplains School at the Newport Naval Base 12 years ago. After being accepted, he was trained in how to act as a spiritual caregiver aboard military vessels. He has served with the Navy and members of the U.S. Marine Corps on the U.S.S. Saratoga. He was stationed in the Middle East during the Gulf War and spent time in Bosnia.

Kaprow explained that when "people are on a ship for a long time, they can get unhappy." In

describing what a military clergyman does, Kaprow said "I visit everybody, not only Jewish people. I also read from the Torah, blow the shofar and [conduct] seders." He showed the children the insignia for a Jewish chaplain — a small golden Ten Commandments with a Star of David above it — which he wears on his shirt and vest.

The children, although initially a little shy, soon were gushing with avid questions and comments about the Navy, battleships and the war against

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A View from Israel

Israeli Terrorist Experts Suggest Possible U.S. Responses

On the manicured lawns of Herzliya's Interdisciplinary Center sits the Ichver Auditorium. In the pleasantly modern buildings, which is surrounded by a serene sculpture garden, Israeli academics, policymakers and journalists met in the aftermath of Sept. 11 to address the gritty issues of terrorism.

In addition to offering an extensive analysis of al Qaeda and its modes of operation in Afghanistan and elsewhere, the participants at the conference, which was convened by Boaz Ganor, the head of the center's International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism, laid out some short- and long-term goals for the U.S. war on terrorism.

bin Laden's mode of operation was visible before Sept. 11

Even before the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington and the subsequent in-

vestigations around the world, Yoram Schweitzer, an ICT researcher, said there was growing intelligence about how bin Laden's terrorist network functioned. Through the trials of al Qaeda members involved in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in east Africa and the thwarted Millennium bomb plot, Schweitzer has been able to detail what he calls the "bin Laden Principle."

"What has been revealed is the underlying operating principle of bin Laden's international Islamic Front," Schweitzer wrote in an analysis one month before the attacks in the United States. "According [to this plan]... terrorists are imported and exported to and from Afghanistan — a principle of ... 'initiate and promote,' on the one hand, and 'attract and absorb' on the other."

The "initiate and promote" principle represents bin Laden's

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RABBI MAURICE S. KAPROW, Lt. Cmdr. of the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve, sits with Laura Gagnon at the JCCRI in Providence.

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HAPPENINGS

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- Jewish War Veterans of RI** 941-6032
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- RI Holocaust Memorial Museum** 453-7860
- RI Jewish Historical Association** 331-1360
- South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association** 781-1949
- Touro Fraternal Association** 785-0066
- URI Hillel** 874-2740

Calendar: November 16 through November 22

- 16 Congregation Ahavath Achim** will host the annual Sydney L. Horvitz Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, with the theme of "Growing as a Jew." A family Shabbat dinner will follow services at 6 p.m. and guest speaker Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald will lecture at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday there will be a luncheon at noon followed by a lecture. Admission is \$10 for the dinner and \$6 for the lunch. The synagogue is located at 385 County St., New Bedford. Call (508) 994-1760 for information.
The Temple Sinai Seniors will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the temple, located at 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Meteorologist Tony Petracca will be the guest speaker. Members are invited to bring prospective members as guests. Call Baila at 461-6124 for information.
The Cranston Public Library will hold its fall book sale at the William Hall Library, located on 1825 Broad St. The sale begins at 7 p.m. and will continue during library hours until Sunday at 4 p.m. Call John Bucci at 781-2450 for information.
The Rhode Island School of Design Museum will be exhibiting the works of painter William Congdon, now through Dec. 30, with a retrospective featuring 40 paintings. The museum is located at 224 Benefit St., Providence. Call 454-6614 or visit <www.risd.edu> for information.
- 17 The Zamir Chorale of Boston** will present "Sacred Bridges: A Musical Encounter" at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Christian Church, 573 Washington St., Newton, Mass. This is the first concert in the chorale's new interfaith initiative. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Admission is free. Call (866) 926-4720 or visit <www.zamir.org> for information.
- 18 The Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island** will be dedicating its Memorial Wall of Honor at 10:30 a.m., at Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick. Rabbi George Astrachan, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sinai and Cantor Rennie Brown will conduct a memorial ceremony. Major General Reginald A. Centracchio of the Rhode Island National Guard will be present, as will members of the state's congressional delegation and other notable figures. The event will take place rain or shine. Call Irv Levin at 941-6032 for information.
The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its mid-winter meeting at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Guest speaker will be Professor Phillip E. Miller who will give a talk entitled "From Providence to the Vatican: Journeys of a Jewish Bibliophile." The meeting is free and open to the public.
Temple Emanu-El will hold its New Members Dinner, starting at 6 p.m. in the temple, 99 Taft Ave, Providence. Members both new and longstanding are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$15 per person. Call 331-1616 for information.
Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will host guest speaker Philip West from government watchdog group Common Cause at 2 p.m. at the temple. West will discuss "The Mysteries of the State House." Call 331-1616 for information.
An evening of chamber music will be performed by the University of Rhode Island student chamber ensembles at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Kingston campus. Call 874-2431 or visit <www.uri.edu/artsci/mus>.
The Chorus of Westerly will hold its fall concert at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Chorus of Westerly Performance Hall, 119 High St., Westerly. Call 596-8663 or visit <www.chorusofwesterly.org> for information.
- 19 Perspectives** will meet for a discussion with Rabbi Rich Kirschen, executive director of Brown/RISD Hillel, at 7 p.m. at 106 Angell St., Providence. The discussion will examine how the Jewish texts relate to the present world situation. Call Jamie at 863-9357 for information.
- 20 The University of Rhode Island** will host a lecture by Larry Rasmussen, the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, taking place at 7 p.m. in Room 271 of the Chafee Social Science Center on the Kingston campus. The lecture, entitled "How Can a Moral and Religious Imagination Promote Sustainability?" is part of URI's fall honors colloquium on sustainable development. Call 874-2381 for information.

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Temple Sinai Seniors

On Nov. 16, Tony Petracca, meteorologist for Channel 12, will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking at 11:30 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. The event will be held at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston.

Please note the following change: We will put together the Chanukah baskets at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 29. Drop off non-perishable food, plus mittens, socks, or games at the temple office or bring them when you come to the Nov. 16 meeting.

Don't forget to send in your dues of \$10 per member to Sid Marcus, 23 Willow Drive, Cranston, RI 02920.

Prospective members will be welcomed as guests. Call Fran Sadler at 942-7796 for more information.

If you have an event you would like featured on our Happenings Page, please send it to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 0294, fax to 726-5820 or e-mail rijewishherald@hotmail.com

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R.I. Jewish Community Reacts to Heinous Terrorist Attack

By Ben Kline
 A Jewish community meeting was held at the Temple Sinai in Cranston on Monday, Nov. 12, to discuss the recent terrorist attacks in London. The meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. and was attended by approximately 50 members of the community. Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, who is currently in London, was the guest speaker. He discussed the impact of the attacks on the Jewish community and the importance of staying united in times of crisis. The meeting concluded with a prayer and a song.

What's Brewing at ASTS?
 Book Page



On the Leiter Side...

Why a Rabbi?

by Jamie Leiter

Are you sure you want to be a rabbi? What made you think of going into that field? When did you first "know" that this was right? Did you always want to be a rabbi?

These are questions I'm bombarded with whenever I discuss my thoughts on the rabbinate. In some cases I feel more under fire than the White House press secretary explaining the present situation in Afghanistan. Now don't get me wrong, I love discussing this, but people haven't asked the right question: *Who* helped you decide to be a rabbi?

There have been many influences that have guided me along this path. But the single largest contributor to my decision was a priest. Father John is the head of the Catholic Center at the University of Rhode Island, where I received my undergraduate degree. We met my freshman year through my roommate, who was active in

the Catholic Center. At first I didn't think much of the friendship, but one can't predict the future.

October 15, 1999 was the big basketball event known as Midnight Madness at the University of Rhode Island. It was my senior year and my friend Mike and I were in costume as URI's mascot, Rhody the Ram. There are five people that act as the mascot, and there are two different costumes so that one can be cleaned as the other is used. At Midnight Madness both Rhody's are present and they perform a skit together. Mike and I had worked out our dance routine the night before the event and it was going to be outstanding. Just before Mike left from practicing, he informed me that he and Fitz, his

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Jamie Leiter

Mother Rachel's Yahrzeit

by Sara Bedein

Sunday, October 28 — the 11th of Cheshvan — was the 3,554 anniversary of Matriarch Rachel's death.

Rachel, the beloved wife of the Patriarch Jacob, died in childbirth. Jacob chose to bury his wife in Bethlehem rather than at the Patriarchs Tomb in Hebron because he foresaw that his descendants would pass this site during their exile into Babylon and that Rachel would pray for their safety and ultimate return.

For millennia, Jews have made pilgrimages to Rachel's tomb, considered the third holiest shrine in the Land of Israel. The site has absorbed countless tears of barren women beseeching G-d in the merit of Mother Rachel, who herself had been barren for many years. Jews have poured out their hearts there, praying for everything from world redemption to a suitable marriage-partner.

This year's Yahrzeit coincided with the Israel Defense Force's entering of Bethlehem in an attempt to wipe out terrorist factions who have been regularly shooting at the surrounding Jewish neighborhoods.

Bullet-proof Egged buses were allocated for hopeful visitors, leaving Jerusalem for Rachel's Tomb on an hourly basis on Saturday night, the eve of the Yahrzeit, and throughout Sunday. In addition, the Gush Etzion Municipality volun-

teered its own bullet-proof buses on a half hour basis. Though government officials were skeptical about whether the buses would be filled, thousands of Jews disabused them of their doubts. Saturday night, instead of stopping at midnight as scheduled, the buses continued transporting the steady tide of worshippers back and forth from Rachel's tomb up until 5 a.m. Sunday morning.

In 1995, Bethlehem was handed over to the Palestinian Authority. This resulted in many changes. A fortress was erected around the tomb to protect Jewish worshippers from Arab snipers. Bullet-proof buses now pull up to the tomb and

destroyed holy books and turned the tomb into a mosque. It was indeed a difficult and dangerous site to protect.

What was not taken into account, though, was the strong spirit of the people of Israel, who were simply unwilling to give up the holy space.

A group of Jewish women from Hebron set up a tent at the Gilo-Bethlehem junction, remaining there until the tomb was reopened. Last year, shortly before Mother Rachel's Yahrzeit, a group of 20 women from Hebron, including grandmothers and mothers with babies in strollers, stood at the IDF barrier at the entrance to Rachel's Tomb. The group decided to

walk through the IDF guarded barrier and enter Bethlehem by foot and walk to Rachel's Tomb. The guard was taken aback by the determination of these Jewish women.

"It took us a little over 10 minutes to walk to Rachel's Tomb," says Shelly

Karzan from Hebron. When we arrived there, an Israeli soldier was standing guard. 'Shalom,' we said. 'We are here to pray at Rachel's Tomb.' The soldier rubbed his eyes in amazement and assumed that we must have received authorization to have gotten this far. He opened the door and we entered. We were greatly moved at the thought of actually being at the tomb when, for over a month, Jews had been denied entrance. Tear-

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The Barak government seemed willing to relinquish the holy shrine as it had Joseph's tomb in Nablus, after Palestinians destroyed holy books and turned the Tomb into a mosque. It was indeed a difficult and dangerous site to protect.

Letter to the Editor

'Non-Observant' is Unfair Characterization

by Myra B. Shays

According to your Nov. 1 story, "Project Shores Connects Jews to Their Roots" Rabbi Aaron Lapin would rather not label Orthodox Jews "Orthodox." He would rather call them "observant," and call everyone else "non-observant." This is an affront to every Conservative Jew.

By his definition, Jewish men and women who worship while seated together are non-observant. And Jewish women who wear slacks and short sleeves are non-observant. And Jews who drive to synagogue on the Sabbath because they live too far from it to walk are non-observant.

What about the millions of non-Orthodox Jews acting ethically, studying and giving Jewishly, and raising children who proudly identify as Jewish? Are they also non-observant?

"Orthodoxy has bad PR," laments Rabbi Lapin in your article. He's not helping.

Myra Shays lives in Providence.

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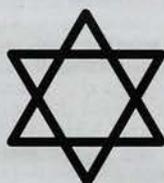
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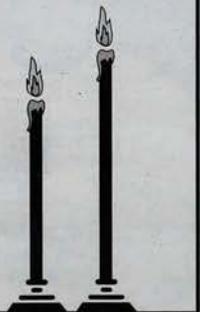
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Swiftly Answered Prayers

It is an article of both faith and wit to believe that G-d answers everyone's prayers: sometimes, however, the answer is No.

Similarly, we should also look at the other possibilities. Sometimes the answer is wait. And, occasionally, it's yes — right away!

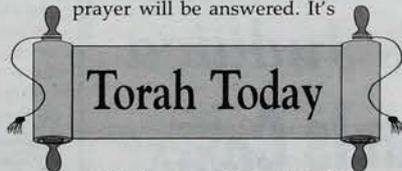
Such is the case with one petitioner in last week's portion, Chayei Sarah. Eliezer is sent by Abraham to find a wife for Isaac. Arriving in Aram Naharayim, Eliezer stops by a well and prays. He knows that women come to the well every day. He anticipates that one of them will be right for Isaac, and that he will entreat her to return with him. All he asks is that she offer to draw water for him and his camels.

And then, before he has finished his prayer — before! — this beautiful woman, Rebekah, appears. She lowers her bucket. She offers to draw water for Eliezer, and for his camels. And,

of course, she eventually does become Isaac's wife.

What a happy ending! What a piece of luck!

But, as always, luck had nothing to do with it. The sages tell us that it is our closeness to G-d at the time of our prayer that determines how soon the prayer will be answered. It's



not that prayer takes time to reach His ears: it's fairly certain that prayer travels at least as fast as light, and is heard immediately.

There are three examples that the Midrash gives of prayers that were answered immediately: when Moses was under assault from Korach, and the earth split and swallowed up Korach and his rebels; when Shlomo prayed for the Divine Presence to grace the Beit Hamikdash; and when Eliezer sought a bride for Isaac.

These three represent the three aspects of G-dliness being united with creation: within the world (Moses), within man (Eliezer) and within Torah (Shlomo).

In all of these instances the petitioners were not asking anything for themselves, but that the presence of G-d reveal itself to complete a cycle that the L-rd Himself had set in motion. To vanquish our foes. To bring Divine revelation. To honor His covenant with Abraham.

And so, if you feel your prayers are not getting through, don't question G-d's attitude toward you. Question, rather, your attitude toward the content of your prayer.

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

(Note: We are happy to announce that Chabad CHAI Center of West Bay is in the process of purchasing a new building.

If you or a friend would like to be part of it in any way please let us know. Thank you.)

JEWISH COMMUNITY

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terrorism in Afghanistan. "They crashed these buildings down and started this whole thing," one boy said. When another boy commented that "there are a lot of bad people in Afghanistan," Kaprow interjected and reminded the children that "only a couple of the people are bad."

Many of the boys asked questions about the types of ships Kaprow had been on. "I've been to Battleship Cove," one boy said. Kaprow told the amazed children that an aircraft carrier is as big as three and one-half football fields. "It's like a floating airport," he said.

He brought examples of the humanitarian rations being dropped in Afghanistan, as well as some kosher and halal (Muslim 'kosher' food) rations. The humanitarian rations were bright yellow, Kaprow said, so the Afghan people could see



LILA SINGER-BERK, Adam Singer-Berk, Alex Stone and Adrian Glasson say the pledge of allegiance.

them. They were also yellow so U.S. pilots could spot them from above if they were being hoarded by the Taliban.

Kaprow opened a packet

which contained pasta with vegetables, apple sauce, peanuts, peanut butter, crackers, matches, napkins and even a moist towellette. The bag also contained a heating pack which could make the food piping hot in just minutes. He told the children that these food packets were made in 1996, but were still edible today. When the children made faces at discovering the food was five years old, Kaprow smiled and said, "You wouldn't want to eat stuff like this... but [Marines] eat this all the time."

Kaprow was invited to the JCC by Kidspace Coordinator Charli Lurie, who met Kaprow at the Bureau of Jewish Education's Renaissance Night two weeks earlier. Kaprow is scheduled to be transferred to Italy in the upcoming weeks.



ALONG WITH AMERICAN flags and lots of thank-you's, kids at the JCC also made a banner to welcome Rabbi Kaprow to the JCCRI.

Herald photos by Jon Rubin

Israel Myths vs. Israel Facts

The new version of an old standby will help arm pro-Israel activists with information to combat falsehoods about the Middle East.

At this critical moment in history — when both the United States and Israel are fighting wars against terrorism — it is more important than ever to have information to combat the half-truths, outright lies and other propaganda put out by those who oppose the two countries.

These facts are now available in one well-organized, easy-to-

read paperback, *Myths and Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*. The newly published book was written by Mitchell Bard, a former editor of *Near East Report* who now serves as the executive director of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise.

The new book is not simply a response to current events. The 464 pages of this edition are packed with information spread across 26 chapters covering everything from Israel's roots to each of its wars to U.S.-Israel relations and the peace process to the past year of Pal-

estinian violence. For people knowledgeable about the issues, the book provides names, dates and facts in one convenient place for easy reference. For those less familiar with the Arab-Israeli conflict, it is an essential primer that provides the background to understand current events and answers to the most common canards, such as the newly rejuvenated equation of Zionism and racism.

"Too many people are unfamiliar with the basic history of the conflict or simply don't have concise, fact-based replies to falsehoods propagated about the Middle East issues," said Bard, one of the country's leading experts on U.S. Middle East policy. "I want to arm students of all ages with the information they need to understand and critique what they hear and see in the press, on campuses, and in their communities."

The book also has a collection of all new maps and key documents, such as the Oslo agreements and the peace treaties Oslo agreements and the peace treaties Israel signed with Egypt and Jordan. The facts are footnoted and a wide variety of sources are cited so that anyone who tries to challenge information in the book can be directed to a source for the quotations, statistics and other details.

To read *Myths and Facts* online or to purchase a copy of the book, you can visit <www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org>.

Emanu-El's Leisure Club Presents Phillip West of Common Cause

The Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce our upcoming program on Nov. 18 at 2 p.m., featuring Phillip West, the executive director of Common Cause. West will be speaking on "The Mysteries of Our State House," addressing in particular the re-districting of Providence's East Side.

Common Cause is a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' lobby that works toward more open, honest, accountable government in Washington D.C. and in state capitals across the country. West has been the executive director of the local Common Cause group since 1988. In the past, he led the R.I. affiliate of Common Cause in filing an ethics complaint against R.I.'s former governor Edward D. DiPrete. That action resulted in the ethics committee findings of violation and a record fine of \$30,000 against DiPrete. Seven years later DiPrete pled guilty to related criminal charges and served 11 months in prison.

West's talk promises to be an interesting one. This program is open to Leisure Club members, and others who may be interested in joining. Membership is only \$15 per year, and includes all weekday classes, Sunday programs, and trips offered by the club. For more information, contact Beryl Meyer, chairperson, 274-8745.

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tactic of sending his members to establish cells in targeted places by assimilating into the country and creating a local infrastructure to aid in the attack. This is how bin Laden carried out the Sept. 11 attacks. The "attract and absorb" method involves recruiting Muslim students from the West who attend religious schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, training them, and then sending them back to their countries to carry out attacks.

The United States must go beyond al Qaeda in its war on terrorism

Schweitzer recommended, and others concurred, that the main aim of the U.S.-led effort should be to retaliate forcefully against concrete, selected targets of bin Laden and to topple the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. He further suggested that the United States should dismantle all the al Qaeda cells operating around the world. Finally, and most critically, Schweitzer argued that if the campaign does not include going after state-sponsored terrorism, it would fail. "There is a great need to fight the phenomenon that is responsible for international terrorism for the last

30 years — state-sponsored terrorism," he said. "Without this, global terrorism shrinks dramatically."

Ganor concurred, warning that even if the United States succeeds in killing bin Laden and destroying his military infrastructure, the al Qaeda operational capabilities will not be hurt.

"Even more important is to establish fundamental premises, which will, once and for all, create the necessary tools for real and effective international cooperation against terrorism," he explained in a recent analysis. "These tools should include a basic moral principle that the deliberate targeting of civilians for the purposes of achieving political aims — in other words, terrorism — is never justified or legitimate, regardless of the goals or grievances of the perpetrators. This principle must be enshrined in international legislation and convention. Then, based on this principle, all sane states must declare and accept that counterterrorism is the primary interest for all states, beyond any other economic, political or ideological interest."

Courtesy of the Near East Report.



Shavuah Tov...almost

Adam Cable and Evy Stieglitz prepare to do Havdalah at the Bureau of Jewish Education's Renaissance Night at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Oct. 27.

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E.U. Will Not Fund P.A. Textbooks

A group of European Union Parliament members attached a rider to a European Union budget line this week prohibiting EU funds from being used for Palestinian textbooks if they contain anti-Semitic material or incite hatred, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

The budget line, B7-42, allocates approximately 45 million Euros for programs promoting Middle East peace, money that has been used for Palestinian textbooks and other Palestinian Authority educational activities in the past. The amendment to the budget line states that the money

must not be used "for activities, projects, and programs that promote principles or opinions that are not consistent with the basic values of the European Union."

"On the contrary, this money is to be used only for projects that support peace, understanding, reconciliation, and a decrease of

hate." An explanatory note accompanying the rider specifically prohibited the funds from being used for textbooks that include anti-Semitic material.

The acting spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Emanuel Nahshon said this is the most significant victory yet

in the battle against funding PA textbooks, which include incitement against Israel. He called the amendment "a moral victory," and said he hopes it will serve as a precedent for other European countries who provide money to the PA educational apparatus via bilateral ties.

Notice To VICTIMS OF ANTI-SEMITIC PERSECUTION IN FRANCE

Who may have had Bank Accounts in France during the World War II Period and their Heirs

The French Government has established a Commission for the Compensation of Victims of Spoliation Resulting from Anti-Semitic Legislation in Force During the Occupation (known by its French acronym C.I.V.S. and hereafter referred to as "the Commission"). Its mandate is to investigate and compensate claims by victims (or their heirs or successors) of anti-Semitic persecution in France during World War II. The Commission examines claims relating to any property frozen, blocked, looted, or Aryanized in France during World War II.

Victims whose assets were confiscated by the French or German Occupying governments will be compensated by the compensation committee set up within the Prime Minister's Office after their claims have been reviewed by the CIVS.

On January 18, 2001, the governments of the United States and France signed an Executive Agreement (the "Agreement") which sets forth specific procedures for the handling of claims against banks by the Commission, including claims relating to any kind of bank account, such as checking accounts, savings accounts and safe deposit boxes. The Agreement also provides for additional compensation for victims of anti-Semitic persecution who may have had bank accounts looted.

This notice describes the provisions of the Agreement, as well as the claims process, and provides important information about two other compensation mechanisms, described at the end of this notice. You need not be French, need not be assisted by a lawyer, need not pay any fees, and need not even have any documentary evidence in order to file a claim.

The Agreement anticipates the dismissal of three proposed class action cases in U.S. courts: two cases filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (*Bodner v. Banque Paribas*, Case 97 CIV 7433 (SJ) (MDG), and *Benisti v. Banque Paribas*, Case No. 98 CIV 7851 (SJ) (MDG), and one case filed in California State Court (*Mayer v. Banque Paribas*, Civil Action No. 302226). In each case, the plaintiffs sued banks doing business in France during World War II, for actions linked to the freezing, blocking and/or looting of account holders deemed to be Jewish under German or Vichy laws. The Federal court cases against all defendants other than two non-French banks, Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co., with which separate settlements were reached, were voluntarily dismissed on March 27, 2001. The California case was also voluntarily dismissed on June 15, 2001.

The Governments of the United States and France have endorsed in the Agreement the claims process of the Commission, and have declared their interests that this claims process be the exclusive remedy for resolution of all claims against banks which operated in France during World War II, other than Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co., (hereafter, the "Banks"), related to their activities in France during World War II. In any future case filed in the United States against the Banks, the Government of the United States will file a "Statement of Interest" with the court, explaining that dismissal of the case would be in its foreign policy interest.

Who is Eligible to Apply

You are eligible to apply for compensation if you or your family (including heirs or successors) were Jewish (or considered Jewish under German or Vichy laws) and if you believe that you or your family may have had any type of personal or business account at a bank in France during the period from September 1939 to May 1945. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHETHER YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAD AN ACCOUNT, YOU MAY REQUEST A CLAIMS FORM AND FILE AN APPLICATION.

The Claims Process

The Commission will investigate all the claims which are filed. In that process, the Commission will have access to historical information from French public archives and banks, including lists of over 56,000 war-time account holders whose accounts were blocked under anti-Semitic German or Vichy laws. The Commission will also consider any evidence provided by a claimant. If after investigating a claim, the Commission recommends compensation in a specific amount, that sum will be paid promptly by the administrator of the escrow fund and the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations from a renewable US\$50,000,000 escrow fund, established by the Banks.

If the historical information available to the Commission confirms a claimant's account(s) and account balance(s) and there is no evidence of restitution on such account(s), the Commission is endeavoring to make awards as rapidly as possible following filing of the claim. Deductions will be made only for prior, proven restitution, relating to a specific account. There will be no deduction in the case of compensation or restitution of non-bank assets.

Under the Agreement, the Banks also have established a US\$22,500,000 fund (the "Fund"), which will be used to make payments to claimants who may have had a bank account but whose names (or the names of their relatives) do not appear on any historical list and who otherwise do not have other evidence supporting their claim. If you believe you have such a claim, the Commission will accept an affidavit in support of your claim. The Commission will refer the names and applications of claimants having no other evidence of any account to the Fund. The Fund will make initial payments of US\$1,500 to such claimant within 30 days after referral by the Commission. A second payment of up to US\$1,500 may be made by the Fund after July 18, 2002, subject to the amount remaining, if any, in the Fund. **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PAYMENT FROM THE FUND, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE COMMISSION BY JULY 18, 2002.**

The French Government has also established a Foundation for Memory of the Shoah.

The Foundation's initial funding will be approximately US\$375,000,000, including approximately US\$100,000,000 transferred by the banks. The Foundation will distribute funds to organizations inside and outside France, including those that aid elderly or needy Holocaust survivors, and their families.

Which Banks are Covered by the Agreement

The Agreement applies to claims against all banks doing business in France during World War II. This includes non-French banks that operated in France through branches or subsidiaries, such as predecessor banks of The Chase Manhattan Bank. As to Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co., separate settlements have been concluded and are described below. These settlements cover all bank accounts at those banks and their predecessors during World War II.

How Do I Participate

The Commission will investigate claims in the order they are received, but will, however, give priority to claims by the aged, those in precarious financial circumstances, those in difficult social situations, and to those subject to referral to the Fund.

To obtain information or an application form, you may write to: The Commission for Compensation of Victims of Spoliation, 1 rue de la Manutention, 75116 Paris, France. You may also call 00.800.2000.4000 (toll-free international number) or 1.866.254.3770 (toll-free from USA).

You may also contact:

- the Simon Wiesenthal Center in The United States at 1.800.900.9036, or in France at 33.(0)1.47.23.76.37;

- the Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France (CRIF) at 33.(0)1.42.17.11.11;

- the Fonds Social Juif Unifié (FSJU) at 33.(0)1.42.17.10.10; or the European Jewish Congress at 33.(0)1.43.59.94.63.

Information is also available on the Internet site of the C.I.V.S. (www.civs.gouv.fr) in French and English - and soon in Hebrew. From the www.civs.gouv.fr Internet site, you may download and print the application (including the questionnaire and forms for powers of attorney and proxies), which you may duly submit to the Commission by mail or fax (33.(0)1.56.52.85.73).

You may also send your application (or a copy) to:

- The Simon Wiesenthal Center, 64 Avenue Marceau, 75008 Paris, France;

- the CRIF, 39 rue Broca, 75005 Paris, France;

- the FSJU, 39 rue Broca, 75005 Paris, France;

- or the European Jewish Congress, 76 Avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France;

- all of which organizations can assist you, at your request, in the application proceedings. To be eligible for payments from the Fund, claims must be received no later than July 18, 2002.

You may meet with representatives of the Commission in France or at contact centers at many French embassies and consulates around the world. You may also request that a representative to which you have given a power of attorney, such as the Simon Wiesenthal Center or the other organizations named above, meet with representatives of the Commission on your behalf.

Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co. Class Action Settlements

Separate settlements have been concluded with two other banks that operated in France during World War II: Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan & Co. These settlements are different from the Agreement described above. First, for Barclays Bank and J.P. Morgan only, the United States District Court in the Bodner and Benisti cases has certified a world-wide settlement class, such that these settlements will bind all persons who do not exclude themselves by following the procedures in the mailed notice for these settlements. Second, these settlements make available to claimants separate funds established by these banks to satisfy claims.

If you believe that you or your family had any kind of bank account with Barclays Bank or J.P. Morgan & Co. or their predecessors, in France during World War II, you may obtain information on these separate settlements. You may also obtain information on the deadlines for filing objections or exclusion requests, and the claims filing deadline by telephoning 1.800.714.3304 (in the United States), 0.800.914.842 (in France) or 1.800.93.00.011 (in Israel), or by consulting the Internet sites: www.barclaysfrench-claims.org and www.jpmorganfrenchclaims.org, or by writing to the Barclays/J.P. Morgan Settlement Administrator at P.O. Box 9260, Garden City, New York, 11530. If you do not know the name of the French bank with which you or your family may have had an account, please contact the Commission at the address listed above.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Perspectives Schedule Events for November

Nov. 19 — Discussion with Rabbi. A text discussion with Brown's newest rabbi, Rabbi Rich Kirschen. Discussion will be on how Jewish texts as they relate to our present worldly situation. We'll meet at 106 Angell St., Providence at 7 p.m. for discussion and a snack. For more information call Jamie at 863-9357.

Nov. 29 — Last Parasha of the month. There is a new Thursday regular coming your way. We're going to be studying the weekly Torah portion the last Thursday of every month. So the first and third Thursday will be out and the last Thursday will be spiritual. We're meeting at 106 Angel St., at 7 p.m. to discuss Vayishlach. So get into the cycle of Torah so you can finish out the month, or start the next month on the right foot. For more info, call Jamie at 863-9357.

Nov. 30 — Young Adult Shabbat. This month we're doing a service and potluck dinner at Sara and Aaron's place on 64 Savoy St. on the east side of Providence. Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv are at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:15. If anyone would like to help lead the service Jamie will help you learn or come up with parts of the service that you would like to do. Call or e-mail Sara to let her know what you're bringing foodwise at 270-5120 or e-mail <sende@jfri.org>. Jamie's number for service help is 863-9357.

Brandeis University Establishes First Israel Studies Chair in the U.S.

The Stoll family has established the first chair in Israel Studies in the United States at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

The Karl, Harry, and Helen Stoll Chair in Israel Studies is being created to develop an accurate historical understanding of the origin and development of the state of Israel. According to Harry Stoll this chair is "even more critical after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 and the continued violence in Israel and the Middle East." The position is expected to be filled in fall 2002.

Brandeis University President Jehuda Reinharz said the Stoll Chair will enable the university to take a leading role in "an unbiased academic study and understanding of Israel and its place in the world." He added that Brandeis is well-suited for

such a chair with its expertise in near eastern and Judaic studies as well as its strength in international politics.

The endowed chair is also a tribute to the Stoll family. Harry and Karl Stoll came from Bavaria, attended school in Berlin, lived on a kibbutz in Palestine, and eventually came to America where they each established very successful businesses in metal displays. Harry and Helen Stoll's grandson is currently a student at Brandeis University.

Harry Stoll said he is pleased to be able to establish this chair at Brandeis, a university "that was founded 53 years ago by the American Jewish community in the same year that the State of Israel was established and with the motto 'truth even unto its innermost parts.'"



PHDS Student Council Elects New Officers

It was election day at the Providence Hebrew Day School. The school's student council recently held elections for officers who work with the faculty advisor and administration of the school to plan a variety of extra-curricular activities. This month, for example, the student council held its monthly Rosh Chodesh breakfast to celebrate the new Hebrew month of Cheshvan. The new elected officers for the 2001-2002 school year are Kayla Cusner — president, Abby Berin — vice president, Efraim Shafner — treasurer, and Tova Stark — secretary. Each candidate for office gave a brief speech and then a secret ballot vote was conducted. Pictured top row (l-r) Efraim Shafner, Yaakov Ben-Danid, Chicky Winkleman, Abbey Berin, Rafi Kaufman, bottom row (l-r) Tova Stark, Miriam Raskin, Kayla Cusner.

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Israel News



Knesset Committee Votes to Lift MK Bishara's Immunity

The Knesset House Committee voted on Monday to lift the parliamentary immunity of Member of Knesset Azmi Bishara (Balad) so he can stand trial for praising Hizbullah in speeches and for arranging illegal trips to Syria for Israeli Arabs, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. The decision still has to be ratified by the Knesset plenum.

Bishara faces two charges, arranging the visits of some 800 Israeli Arabs to Syria, mostly to visit relatives and praising Hizbullah on the first anniversary of the death of Syrian president Hafez el Assad. Bishara spoke at a ceremony in Syria also attended by Hizbullah secretary-general Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah and leaders of Palestinian terrorist organizations, and called upon the Arab world to unite against the "warmongering Sharon Government."

That same month, soon after the Israel Defense Forces redeployment from Lebanon, Bishara said in a speech in the Israeli Arab town of Umm el Fahm, "Hizbullah is a legitimate liberation movement fighting for the liberation of Lebanese soil. The movement gave the Arabs their first victory over Israel since 1967."

Bishara, who did not attend the meeting, said he did not commit any crime. He vowed to continue his political activities and said he does not regret his past actions.

Victim of WTC Tragedy Buried in Israel

Leon Lebor, 51, who was killed in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, will be laid to rest in Jerusalem today, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Lebor was born in London and followed his parents to Israel in 1980. He then moved to New York where he worked in the World Trade Center's maintenance company. Lebor's family already completed the mourning period for him three weeks ago, in the belief that his body would not be found.

Last week, however, Lebor's brother David, a Philadelphia lawyer, was notified that his

brother's body has been recovered and his identity confirmed by fingerprints and DNA examinations.

Lebor's parents, Philip and Bessie, live in Jerusalem, as does his sister, Rina Kaufman. Lebor's father remarked, "the pain is still there, and it will be there for a long time. But we have the consolation that we were able to bring him to Israel and that we have something of him instead of a pile of ashes."

U.S. Includes Palestinian Terrorist Groups in Presidential Order

The United States has officially added the terrorist groups Hamas, Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to a presidential executive order that instructs foreign banks and financial institutions to freeze terrorists' accounts or face U.S. sanctions, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

The decision came on Friday, when Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs David Satterfield said that the Palestinian uprising had "become an ongoing process of calculated terror and escalation," and condemned the Palestinian leadership for failing to act against terrorists as promised.

Speaking before a pro-Palestinian audience at a conference held by the Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine, Satterfield argued that Palestinian violence only hurts the Palestinian people's aspirations. "Use of violence is not a tool which can in any fashion whatsoever advance the issues or interests of either side," he said. "Steps must be taken to bring this to a halt."

JCCRI Announces Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program is designed to provide meals for participants in any non-residential public or private non-profit institution, which provides child or adult day care.

Meals are available free, at no separate charge to all participants.

Meals are available to all participants who enroll in the Infant-Toddler Center and Preschool programs at the JCCRI without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Further, the Rhode Island Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or religion. To file a complaint of discrimination with the State of Rhode Island, write to the Rhode Island Department of Education Director, Office of Equity and Access, 225 Westminster Street, Providence, RI or call (401) 222-4600.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is located at 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Tel. (401) 861-8800.

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2	15,093	1,258	291	21,479	1,790	414
3	19,019	1,585	366	27,066	2,256	521
4	22,945	1,913	442	32,653	2,722	628
5	26,871	2,240	517	38,240	3,187	736
6	30,797	2,567	593	43,827	3,653	843
7	34,723	2,894	668	49,414	4,118	951
8	38,649	3,221	744	55,001	4,584	1,058
For each additional family member, add...	+3,926	+328	+76	+5,587	+466	+108

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Women of Reform Judaism Hold 43rd Annual Assembly December 5-9

The short and long-term impact of the September 11 terrorist attack on civilized society generally and America in particular will be among the featured issues at the coming 43rd Assembly of Women of Reform Judaism, the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (WRJ).

Some 1,000 delegates of temple sisterhoods from the United States, Canada and abroad will attend the WRJ Assembly, to be held from Dec. 5 through Dec. 9, at the Westin Copley Place Hotel in Boston. "The attack on America has shaken our world," says Judith Silverman, president of WRJ, the women's affiliate of the Reform movement in Judaism. "It has had an unprecedented impact on community and family life, especially on wives and mothers who identify strongly with the survivors of the victims."

Ellen Y. Rosenberg, executive director of the women's group, notes that "we can expect to see a subtle, or maybe not so subtle, shift taking place in what we deem important and what is not so important in our lives in the days and years to come." Through meetings and dialogues at the assembly, she says, the organization hopes to fortify its members with the skills and knowledge to encourage "a healing process that recognizes our changed lives."

The WRJ meeting is being held simultaneously with the 66th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the central body of Reform Judaism. Several WRJ sessions, in-

cluding religious services, plenary meetings and social action workshops, will be held jointly with the UAHC. Speakers at the joint meetings will include Senator Ted Kennedy and Avram Burg, a member of Israel's Knesset.

Five plenary sessions and nearly 100 symposia and will deal with such subjects as understanding change, counteracting the harmful effects of stress; dealing with depression, interreligious issues and promoting moderation in a time of extremism.

The four-day convention will feature noted guests, who will speak at plenary sessions and participate in panel discussions. They include Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund; Rabbi James Rudin, senior religious advisor to the American Jewish Committee, and Professor Diana Eck of Harvard University, who will conduct a dialogue on interreligious understanding and concerns, and Dr. Herbert Benson of the Mind/Body Medical Institute at Harvard, whose subject will be "Mind, Body and Spirit: The Harmful Effects of Stress."

In addition, the assembly will act on resolutions calling for the need to improve the nation's mental and physical health care systems; provide economic justice and protection for vulnerable populations; eliminate flaws and inequality in election procedures, and combat violations of human rights and crimes against humanity.

Jewish Seniors Agency and Hospice Care of RI Collaborate

The Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island, the leading provider of Jewish senior services in Rhode Island and Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, the largest and most experienced hospice agency in the state, are teaming to explore ways of better serving the state's Jewish community's end-of-life and palliative care needs.

While other traditional visiting nurse agencies in the state provide home care, it is short-term and directed toward returning patients to optimal levels of health. The JSA hopes to be able to provide a more comprehensive system of care by developing a relationship with Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island provides state-of-the-art medical care, emotional, spiritual care and support for people facing a life-threatening illness such as cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's and heart and lung disease. Interdisciplinary teams of healthcare professionals and volunteers deliver compassionate and quality care for each person on an individual basis.

In addition to providing hospice care, the HHCRI teams offer palliative home care. Palliative home care is the combination of active and compassionate therapies intended to com-

fort and support individuals and their families who are living with a progressive life-threatening illness. Palliative care encompasses a broad range of services, including the basic components of hospice care. Palliative care services are provided earlier in the disease pro-

vide the foundation for the alliance.

Hospice care is available to Medicare beneficiaries, under the Medicare Hospice Benefit. It is also a covered benefit under most private insurance plans, including HMOs and managed care organizations. Coverage



ANNA LEE WULFKUHLE, CHCE, from Home and Hospice Care of R.I., far right, and Susette Rabinowitz, executive director of Jewish Seniors Agency, discuss issues of Jewish hospice care with the R.I. Board of Rabbis at the JCCRI.

pass and are not limited by a specific prognosis.

JSA and HHCRI are working together to determine how collaboration between both agencies can benefit both agencies can benefit the Jewish population. Among the initiatives underway are educational projects, focus groups, and end-of-life conferences and exchanges with the R.I. Board of Rabbis. A clear understanding of expectations and a strong knowledge of Jewish beliefs toward end-of-life issues will pro-

under the Medicare Hospice Benefit is more comprehensive than traditional home care coverage. Under the Medicare Hospice Benefit, visits by nurses, CNAs and social workers are covered in addition to the cost of medications, supplies and equipment related to the illness.

Currently, the JSA is training volunteers in the customs and rituals surrounding death in the Jewish religion, so that they will be able to provide the appropriate counseling and support that patients under hospice care need.

ASDS Students Collect Socks for NY Rescue Workers

ASDS students collected hundreds of pairs of socks that were donated by our families to be distributed to the rescue workers searching in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Attached to the large package of socks was the following note from a seventh-grader at ASDS:

Dear Police Officers and Firefighters and Volunteers,

For American Jews, Tuesday and Wednesday September 18th and 19th was our New Year. I'm sorry to say it's been a lousy start. But anyways, I just wanted to thank you for digging up all the metal and trying to find survivors and bodies of people. I hope you use the socks I brought. I have to go now, but keep up the good work.

A Fellow American,
Jason Hochman, From Providence, RI



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BabagaNewz Magazine Debuts

As students return to class this fall, some are finding that their school is supplementing traditional textbooks with a new magazine that strives to teach the greatest lessons of all: friendship, responsibility, honesty, heroism, and the importance of family. Called BabagaNewz, the monthly full-color magazine and its related multi-media resources are designed to help fourth through seventh grade students at Jewish day schools and congregational schools make the connection between Judaic values and current events and popular culture. The first issue of BabagaNewz debuted in September.

Nearly two years in the making, BabagaNewz is the first educational children's magazine of its kind for Jews of all denominations, and the only children's magazine to provide a comprehensive teachers' guide. BabagaNewz also offers a unique middle school book club, with Jewish and secular titles that complement the magazine's themes. BabagaNewz is published by The AVI CHAI Foundation in partnership with Jewish Family & Life.

"BabagaNewz fills the gap between the content and textual learning that is the core of the middle school curriculum, and the values and faith-based education that is at the center of our everyday lives," commented Yosef I. Abramowitz, co-creator of BabagaNewz and CEO of Jewish Family & Life. "Parents

and educators alike are looking for ways to integrate values-based education into the classroom to arm students with all of the skills that they will need to navigate our society and its increasingly complex and conflicting messages."

In celebration of the Jewish New Year, and the start of a new school year, the first issue of BabagaNewz focused on the theme of "new beginnings." The first issue included articles on: the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis, advice for making friends at a new school, tips on cool bedroom makeovers, and a story on how the acting techniques of Hollywood star Jim Carrey can help students "get into character" for the High Holidays.

"Our goal is to engage young readers with entertaining and thought-provoking articles that introduce them to the Judaic values that have held our people together. Creating a new generation of Jews who understand that their faith plays a prominent role in their everyday lives is one way to ensure that our rich heritage will live on," commented Mem Bernstein, a member of the AVI CHAI Board of Trustees. "By focusing on Judaic values, we hope that BabagaNewz will serve a broad spectrum of Jewish schoolchildren."

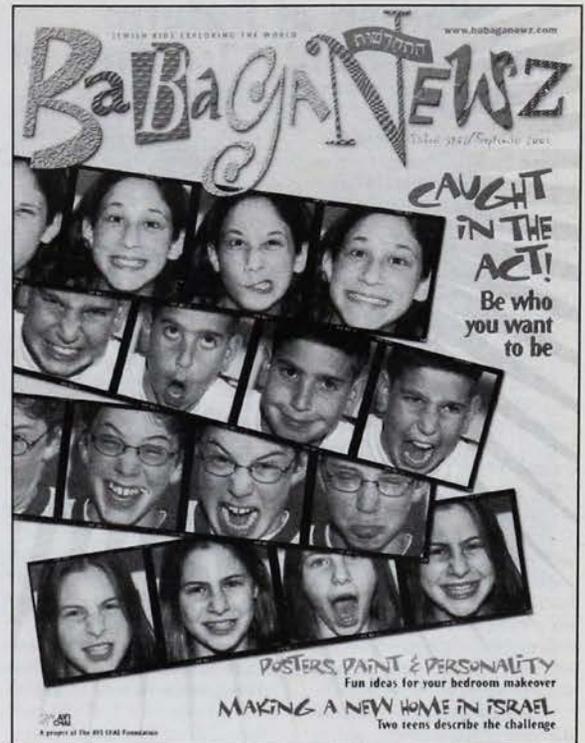
Loaded with lively information to supplement the middle school curriculum, each issue of BabagaNewz centers on a specific Judaic value. Regular features of the magazine include a

summary of current events and trends from a values perspective; profiles of exceptional Jewish teens; an illustrated commentary on a portion of the Torah read during the month; and articles on Israel and its people. An editorial board of Jewish educators from diverse backgrounds provides input for each issue.

To extend learning beyond the magazine, BabagaNewz also offers the most comprehensive multi-media resource materials ever provided by a children's educational magazine. These resources include a 16-page teachers' guide with lessons and follow-up activities developed by teachers to assist in adapting the magazine for classroom use. An interactive Web site, www.babaganewz.com, provides students the opportunity to learn more about topics covered in the magazine, and to discuss these topics online using message boards and reader polls. A special password-protected section of the site, with additional lessons and activities, will be available to teachers.

Additionally, BabagaNewz offers a book club with discounted Jewish and secular books, videos and software that reinforce the values featured in the magazine. Based on their book club purchases, schools earn incentives, such as free books and educational resources.

"Jewish educators told us that they need engaging and substantive materials that help



students view today's world from a Jewish perspective," commented BabagaNewz Publisher Susan Laden. "BabagaNewz is a unique solution for demonstrating to kids the relevance of Judaism in their everyday lives — from major news

stories to sports and entertainment."

BabagaNewz will be published monthly (nine times) during the school year. For subscription information, contact Shelley Finger at (301) 962-9636.

3,000 Young Jewish Leaders Expected at UJC Washington 13 Conference

Abracadabra — an ancient Hebrew word meaning "with these words I shall create it" — will be the theme of the 13th biennial United Jewish Communities National Young Leadership Conference, expected to attract 3,000 young Jewish leaders to the national's capital Feb. 10 through 12.

The conference, known as Washington 13, is the single largest gathering of its kind in North America, and the young Jews in attendance will hear from top America, Israeli and Jewish political, media and community figures; meet other actively involved Jews from across the continent; discuss critical issues with their representatives on Capitol Hill and learn about the Jewish world and their place in it.

"Washington 13, as its predecessors were, is a call to social and political action for an engaged generation of Jews," said William Kreisberg, co-chair of the event, a member of the UJC National Young Leadership Cabinet, and president of the Jewish Community Center in Washington, D.C. "By attending, young people are fulfilling their obligation to come together and create change with their words and actions — an objective that our theme, Abracadabra, so wonderfully reflects and is now more important than ever."

Three days of plenary sessions, 100-plus workshop on topical and critical issues facing the nation and the Jewish community, and visits with Congressional leaders will give Washington 13 participants the

opportunity to exercise and expand their social, political and community involvement, organizers said.

"There is a magic to being with 3,000 young people who want to express their Jewish values by making a positive difference," said Monique Gibbons, Washington 13 co-chair.

For example, as part of Washington 12, in 2000, thousands of participants fanned out across Capitol Hill to meet with their representatives and senators and speak out on such issues as military and economic aid to Israel and passage of federal hate crimes legislation. After meeting with Washington 13 delegations, 10 members of Congress agreed to co-sponsor legislation guaranteeing certain rights to elderly managed care enrollees.

Among the political figures, social commentators, journalists, business leaders, entertainers and religious scholars who have appeared at past National Young Leadership Conferences were President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and Israeli Prime Ministers Rabin, Shamir and Netanyahu.

The National Young Leadership Division of UJC and the 189 Jewish federations that it represents is directed at young Jews, aged 25 to 45, who express the Jewish value of *tikun olam*, repair of the world, in communities across the continent.

For more information on the UJC National Young Leadership Conference, or to register to attend, visit www.ujc.org/washington13.

North American Jews Find Unity Through Hebrew Reading

Local Classes Being Held in Warwick Nov. 19

As an expression of solidarity, and in an effort to find solace and meaning in a difficult time, more than 10,000 Jews are expected to register for the fourth annual Read Hebrew America/Canada. Throughout the month of November, more than 1,050 Hebrew reading Crash Courses, Level II classes, and One Day Reviews will be offered at more than 760 locations throughout North America. Organized by the national Jewish Outreach Program (NJOP), Read Hebrew America/Canada is the only continent-wide program designed to introduce a generation of Jews to the Hebrew language — a skill that will enable them to participate in Jewish services and rituals in the language of their families and ancestors.

"Right now," pointed out Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald, NJOP's founder and director, "people everywhere are seeking to make meaningful human connections, to place themselves in a group where they will be regarded as part of the whole. Knowing that while they are learning Hebrew thousands of other Jews across the continent are learning at the same time, gives them that sense of solidarity and unity, of being a part of something bigger."

In addition to its community building efforts, Read Hebrew

America/Canada provides a gateway for spiritual seekers who want to discover deeper meanings in their lives and their Judaism. In the aftermath of recent tragic events, hundreds of thousands of men and women are turning back to the basics of faith, and Hebrew is an essential component of informed Jewish practice.

As the primary language in which virtually all Jewish prayer books and significant religious texts are written and read, the Hebrew language has an innate spirituality. Since an estimated 80 percent of North American Jews are not yet Hebrew literate, NJOP hopes that learning to read Hebrew will serve as a point of entry through which many unaffiliated or marginally affiliated Jewish will discover an interest in their Jewish faith.

Statistics have shown that there are approximately six million North American Jews. Two million no longer identify themselves as Jews, an additional two million are unaffiliated with any Jewish organization, and 1.2 million are marginally affiliated, meaning they rarely attend synagogue and have little to do with any aspect of Jewish life (1990 National Jewish Population Survey, Council of Jewish Federations). Yet at the close of year 2001, many are

predicting a return to basic religion, and NJOP's Read Hebrew America/Canada provides the first crucial step.

The 1,050 Read Hebrew America/Canada classes are being offered in synagogues, Hillels, Jewish Community centers, and other Jewish organizations across the United States and Canada. From the thousands of students who successfully completed the Hebrew literacy course last year, a not insignificant number will return this year as teachers.

Since 1987, the Hebrew Reading Crash Course, upon which Read Hebrew America/Canada is based, has taught more than 150,000 North America Jews to read the Hebrew language. Designed for Jews with little or no background in Hebrew, the program concentrates on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills. Additionally, a second level is available to those who are interested in advancing their Hebrew reading and comprehension skills. NJOP provides all participants with its acclaimed Reishith Binah Hebrew primers, free of charge, while instructors receive free teaching manuals, flash cards and wall charts.

The next event will be held Nov. 19 at 7:15 p.m. at Chabad CHAI Center of West Bay, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick. To register call 732-6559.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Dead Sea Environment Helps Sufferers of Heart Conditions, Cystic Fibrosis

The salts of the Dead Sea have long been thought to have curative properties for various ailments. Now a study by an Israeli researcher from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology has confirmed that the oxygen-rich environment of the sea can help patients with heart problems. In a second study, a Technion graduate found the environment also can provide relief to cystic fibrosis patients.

Professor Edward Abinader of the Faculty of Medicine examined 24 patients — 12 with heart conditions and 12 without — first in Haifa at 427 feet above sea level, then at the Dead Sea at 1,319 feet below sea level. He found that those with heart conditions showed signs of better overall cardiac performance — for example, they were able to run for a longer period of time on treadmills — at the Dead Sea.

"Patients were able to exert themselves significantly more at the Dead Sea than in other environments," Abinader said. "I originally set out to prove that the Dead Sea wouldn't harm patients with cardiac problems, but I discovered that it actually helps them."



The Dead Sea

According to Professor Abinader, the atmosphere of the Dead Sea is unusually rich with oxygen, magnesium, and bromide, minerals that improve the delivery of oxygen to the heart and lungs, thus improving patients' cardiac performance. His results were published in the

July 2001 *American Journal of Cardiology* and the July 2001 *Cardiovascular Reviews and Reports*. This month, Professor Abinader presented his research at an international conference at the Dead Sea Research Center in Israel.

In addition, Dr. Eldar Berkovits, a Technion alumnus, studied the effects of the Dead Sea environment on 73 patients with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that causes mucus to form in part of the lungs and predisposes the patient to chronic lung infections. He found that the patients were helped by the sea's high oxygen levels and its mineral-rich environment after a three- to four-week stay.

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (www.cff.org/facts.htm), the disease affects approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States alone and is the most common cause of recurring lung disease in children and young adults. Berkovits may have uncovered a key to their relief.

"The Dead Sea's high oxygen level led to the patients having more oxygen in their blood, therefore improving the efficiency of breathing for cystic fibrosis patients. This made them more able to exercise and enjoy daily life," Berkovits says. "The extraordinarily high concentration of minerals found in the Dead Sea's mud, sulfur pools, thermonuclear springs and surrounding atmosphere also aided the breathing of patients with respiratory problems and pulmonary disorders."

Due to evaporation, Berkovits explains, the unusually high levels of minerals in the atmosphere at the Dead Sea make the surrounding air not only rich in oxygen, but also free of pollen and the sun's harmful rays.

Berkovits, who presented his study at an international conference in the Netherlands, calls the Dead Sea a "multi-factor environment" because different properties of the area help people with different ailments. The next step in Berkovits' research is to evaluate the influence of a longer stay at the Dead Sea on cystic fibrosis patients.



Winning Smiles and a Winning Hand

Trying their hand at cards in JCCRI's Kidspace and Pre-Teen Connection Vacation Day program are left to right: Leah Tinberg, Allison Robbio, Maxie Formal and Miriam Tinberg. Rachel and Joshua Kaufman (background).

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Author Signing at Rhoda's Judaica

On Nov. 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. author and storyteller Mark Binder will be signing copies of his audio cassettes, "The Brothers Schlemiel: From Birth to Bar Mitzvah" at Rhoda's Judaica, 775 Hope St., Providence.

This audio book tells the story of Abraham and Adam Schlemiel, identical twins growing up confused in Chelm, the village of fools. It's a story for children, parents and even grandparents.

Binder is an internationally known writer and a story teller. He is a former editor of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. In addition the "The Brothers Schlemiel," he has published numerous of short stories throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as "The Everything Bedtime Story Book."

The book on cassette contains six complete stories with 60 minutes of digitally mastered audio narrated by the author. Listeners will hear about their disastrous birth, a precarious Passover Seder, their dangerous encounter with the notorious Krabot gang of thieves, and of course the story of their unusual double bar mitzvah.

For more information about the signing, contact Rhoda Fischman at 454-4775.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

Removing The Mystery From 'Glatt Kosher'

by Julius Berman

In recent years it has become fashionable to criticize the Orthodox community for veering too far "to the right." One example is the constant criticism that many Orthodox Jews refuse to eat any kosher meat that is not "glatt kosher." That, of course, is a fact of Jewish life, but the criticism that it has engendered is, in my opinion, unfair and stems from a basic misunderstanding of precisely what "glatt kosher" means and why many observant people insist on it.

Unfortunately, the word "glatt" has been bandied about loosely and profusely, especially of late, without anybody bothering to define it. It may be helpful to remove some of the mystery in the world of kashruth and explain to your readership what "glatt" is all about.

"Glatt" is the Yiddish word for smooth, and, when used in conjunction with meat, it means that the lung has no adhesions that could potentially render the animal non-kosher.

The Torah (Exodus 22:30) decrees that one may not eat a "treifa" animal. "Treifa" (or "treif") comes from the Hebrew root "toraf," which means torn. The term is interpreted in the Talmud (Tractate Chulin) to mean that an animal is not kosher if it is mutilated or defected in a way that jeopardizes the animal's health.

The Talmud lists 18 anatomical abnormalities that render an animal treif. However, due to the fact that these abnormalities are relatively rare, the Talmud allows us, with one exception, to proceed on the presumption that, unless any of these abnormalities are immediately noticeable, there is no need to inspect the animal closely to ensure that none exists.

The one exception, due to its prevalence in fully grown animals (as opposed to fowl, as to which the normal presumption applies), is a punctured lung. The Talmud mandates the inspection of the lung of such a slaughtered animal both before and after it is removed from the rib cage. The inspection focuses on the presence of sircos (fibrous adhesions), which are indicative of a perforation in the tissue of the lung. Rabbi Yosef Karo, the author of the basic Code of Jewish Law (the "Shulchan Aruch"), rules that in

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the event that, if upon inspection, one or more sircos are found, we can safely conclude that the lung is probably punctured under the adhesion and therefore the animal is deemed treif.

However, a leading Rabbinic Sage, Rav Moshe Isserles (known as the Rama), who provides insight as to Ashkenazi practice and whose commentary is published in the Karo Shulchan Aruch, is of the opinion that a further step in the in-

spection procedure can be taken with the aim of demonstrating that there is no perforation on the lung under the sircos. And that procedure requires one to delicately remove the adhesion and then blow up the lung with water or air and see if the introduced item (water or air) leaks out of the lung. If it does, that means a perforation on the lung in fact exists and the animal is treif.

On the other hand, if the water or air does not leak out of the lung at the spot under the removed adhesion, that means that, despite the adhesion, there is no underlying perforation, leaving the animal kosher and edible. The Rama concludes that he personally does not favor this leniency, but defers to the then widespread acceptance in Europe of this position. This type of meat is known as non-glatt.

As can be seen from this brief explanation of the term "glatt," there is ample basis in Halacha for those who eat non-glatt meat, while at the same time those that insist on glatt — without in any way suggesting that those that relay on the Rama are eating non-kosher meat — have more than ample basis within Halacha for their view and their considerations need not be judged as a sociological shift to the "right."

I should add that, when a food purveyor such as a restaurant decides which meat products to purchase, he often opts for glatt — although it may be a bit more expensive than non-glatt — because he recognizes that glatt meat may be eaten by both that insist on glatt and those that do not.

Julius Berman is honorary president of the Orthodox Union and was its Kashruth commission chairman for two decades.



Thanks for The Everything Jerry!

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island bids a fond farewell to Jerry Melman, who joined us as interim director this past July. During the past four months, Jerry has been involved in all aspects of center programming and has shared his years of experience in helping our staff continue to grow and develop. Jerry will be returning to his home in Yardley, Pa. The Board of Directors and the staff wish him the very best in his future adventures.

Photo courtesy of JCCRI

Mother Rachel's

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fully we prayed with the utmost devotion, imploring Mother Rachel to once again intercede and make the Land of Israel safe for her children."

This incident, along with pressure from Jewish around the world, had their desired effect, and entry to Rachel's Tomb was officially granted. The holy site had been closed for 41 days. In Hebrew letters, the number 41 equals the word "eim," or mother.

This year, I joined the thousands of Jews who visited Rachel's Tomb on her Yahrzeit. On the bus was a mixture of men and women in Chassidic garb, North African women wearing colorful head-coverings, and residents from the neighboring settlements who regularly visit Rachel's Tomb to help ensure Jewish presence at the site. After driving through a Bethlehem overrun with tanks and soldiers, we arrived at the tomb. We quickly got off the bus and were ushered in by the IDF.

The tomb was packed with people. I entered the women's

session of the shrine where Psalms and private prayers were being recited. Some of the women wailed out loud while others silently wept into their prayer books. The men's section likewise reverberated with sounds of sobbing and prayer. Rachel's resting place seems to evoke heartfelt tears.

"...lamentation, bitter weeping; Rachel weeps for her children."

I left Rachel's Tomb strengthened. The spirit of *Am Yisrael* is stronger than the harsh world outside the tomb. Throughout the ages, Jews have come here to pray at the most difficult times. The thousands of Jews who chose to come on October 28 to commemorate Mother Rachel's Yahrzeit are proof of the continuity and determination of *Am Yisrael*, and a reaffirmation of our faith in our Jewish heritage.

Am Echad Resources. Sara Bedein is a writer and translator who lives with her husband David and their six children in Efrat, Israel.

Touro Fraternal Is 'Stayin' Alive' at PPAC

Touro Fraternal invites Touro families to come to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Nov. 28 at 7:30 to see the Broadway version of 'Saturday Night Fever.' Cost for a member and a guest is \$30, and additional seats are only \$20. Please RSVP by Nov. 18.

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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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Hadassah Serves Up 'Political Bagel Breakfast'

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estonian conflict, including the reasons behind the origins of the "occupation."

Depictions of Israelis in the media are commonly of "heavily armed, professional soldiers firing sophisticated modern weapons at a small Palestinian boy throwing a rock." What is left out of the picture, Drench said, is "[Palestinians] firing guns just out of the picture frames behind the children throwing stones." Drench, however, was quick to point out that "a lot of Israeli soldiers are the same age as the people throwing stones... This is a 'civilian army,' and these are just kids."

As to why Israel seems to be consistently losing the public relations battle, Drench felt the simplicity of the message broadcast by the Palestinians is the key to its success. "They say 'This is an illegal occupation,' and they repeat it and repeat it and repeat it," he said. "If you can get the underdog status, you have the world's sympathy."

"Israel's message is more complicated," said Drench. "They have the disadvantage of being on the defense... On one hand, Israelis say, 'We don't mean you any harm, we just want to make an agreement. On the other hand, they are trying

to defend themselves."

In describing the leadership of the Palestinian Authority, Drench painted a bleak picture. "[Arafat] has assumed a much larger role than he really has... He is a control freak [and] has made almost no attempt to cultivate a new generation of leaders." Arafat, Drench said, "has made an art of not making a decision, [of] waffling."

Palestinians and Israelis are sick of each other, Drench said, and each would be overjoyed if the other would simply disappear forever. Despite this, the idea of a wall separating the two nations is not a feasible one.



Guest Speaker Peter Drench.

Herald photos by Jon Rubin

"History has shown that when people build walls they don't work... The Great Wall of China didn't work, the Berlin Wall didn't work." Drench was not opposed to the idea of a Palestinian state. "If you can have one million non-Jews in Israel [today], why can't you have Jews in Palestine?"

Although he originally remarked that both Israel and the P.A. were both guilty of breaking peace treaties in favor of pursuing selfish goals, he later recanted slightly and said "the side that is most bereaved is the side more likely to make these transgressions."

Drench was also reserved in on-the-spot labeling of terror-

ists. "One person's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter," he said. He said that American revolutionaries battling the British also fought using fierce guerrilla tactics, and said that few Americans would label these men terrorists. "No, we think about them as our heroes," he said. "[Terrorism] is partly a matter of context."

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah officially started up the year a few weeks ago with an installation of officers at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. The group, which has over 1,500 members in Rhode Island, received awards this year for membership as well as for chapter of the year.



JEWISH WOMEN showed up en masse for the Bagel Nosh, sponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah.

'From Holocaust to Haven'

Ruth Gruber to Speak at RISD November 19

by Seth Bromley
Editorial Assistant

The things that Ruth Gruber has done and seen during her 90 years is enough to fill the pages of many books — and luckily for us, they do. An author and journalist for nearly seven decades, Gruber has devoted her career to the concept of "rescue journalism." Through her writing, Gruber has undoubtedly saved many lives and touched even more. She will be speaking at the Rhode Island School of Design at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19, in the List Auditorium. Her lecture will be free and open to the public.

Gruber, born in Brooklyn in 1911, earned her Ph.D. at the age of 20. While studying in Germany on a fellowship, she was a first-hand witness to the rise of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi party, and later wrote articles for the *New York Herald-Tribune* about conditions under fascism and communism in Europe. She later became one of the first women to explore Siberia, and surveyed Alaska for the U.S. Government.

Her most important task, however, would come in 1944, at the height of World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, finally acting on news of the Holocaust and reports of massive amounts of Jewish refugees, de-

cidated to allow 1,000 European Jewish refugees to come to the United States. With strict quotas on immigration being imposed and adhered to, it was only by special executive order that this mission could be carried out. Gruber was called on by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes

them from the cauldron of Europe and escort them safely to a new home. She wrote a book documenting both her story and theirs. She titled it *Haven*, which was exactly what Gruber and America represented to these 1,000 survivors. "The experience changed my life and the lives of a thousand people forever," she said, speaking in a telephone interview. "I knew then that my life would be bound to rescuing others."

"They gave back everything America gave to them," said Gruber of the refugees. One, Dr. Alex Margolies, helped invent the CAT scan. Rolph Manfred worked as a nuclear scientist for the military and later devoted his life to educating other nations about the peaceful benefits of nuclear power. Irving Schild, who now resides in Providence, worked as a photographer for *Mad Magazine* and other publications.

"We must use whatever means we have to fight injustice," said Gruber. Her means have always been her typewriter (now a computer) and her cameras. "My tools are words and images." She later was on hand in Palestine to cover the voyage of the famous refugee ship *Exodus*, and was subsequently selected as the only American



Ruth Gruber

to participate. He assigned her a temporary rank of general and sent her to be a liaison for the refugees on their journey to the U.S.

The refugees, coming from 18 different countries, had all escaped to Italy, where they survived until Allied forces arrived. Gruber arrived to pluck

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Jewish Films Continue at Emanu-El

On Nov. 20, "Wooden Gun" (Israeli) will be showing at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue in Providence as part of the Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies. The presentation runs from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and includes a discussion led by Lev Poplow.

Poplow will also be the moderator at a screening of "Kadosh" (Israeli) on Nov. 27 at the temple.

Registration for the classes can be done at the door. Call 331-1616.

Congregation Beth Shalom Honors Professor Alan Zuckerman

Professor Alan Zuckerman will be honored by Congregation Beth Shalom at its annual awards dinner on Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. He is a professor of political science at Brown University, an author, lecturer and former president of the synagogue.

The event will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence.

The congregation is soliciting ads in its annual yearbook in honor of Professor Zuckerman.

Please watch for more details to be published in this newspaper closer to Dec. 16. For information on seating, reservation of tables, tickets and ads, call the synagogue office at 621-9393.



Breakfast at PHDS

Maureen Sheenan, secular studies principal at the Providence Hebrew Day School, helps direct traffic and serve breakfast at the PHDS Rosh Chodesh breakfast. About once a month, students get to chow down in school by a breakfast sponsored by a parent, and the breakfast is set up by members of the student council. One student then delivers a d'var Torah on the parasha.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Community Players Open 81st Season With 'My Fair Lady'

Rhode Island's oldest community theater, The Community Players, is proud to announce the opening of their 81st season with Lerner and Loewe's Tony Award-winning musical "My Fair Lady."

Directed by Andrew G. Bobola, with musical direction by Michael Savignac and choreography by Rachel Ferland, this classic musical is perhaps the most popular musical of the 1950s. Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's 1914 play "Pygmalion," the story revolves around Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower peddler who agrees to take speech lessons from the opinionated linguistics professor Henry Higgins in order to fulfill her dream of working in a flower shop. Eliza succeeds so well, however, that she outgrows her social station and even manages to get Higgins to fall in love with her. The original production, which featured Rex Harrison as Henry Higgins and Julie Andrews as Eliza, lasted for nearly seven years, which made it the longest running show of its time. This timeless masterpiece features an unforgettable score including such songs as "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "The Rain in Spain," "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," and "I Could Have Dance All Night."

Featuring the talents of Kill Pinto Gould as Eliza Doolittle, Daniel Kirby as Henry Higgins, John Ricci as Colonel Pickering, Pat LaVornia as Mrs. Pearce, Lanny Slusher as Alfred Doolittle, Bernardo Santana as Freddy Eynsford-Hill, and an ensemble of 18 men, women and children, "My Fair Lady" is one of America's best loved and most often produced musicals.

Produced at Jenks Junior High School located on Division Street in Pawtucket, across from McCoy Stadium, performances are scheduled for Nov. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, with Friday and Saturday curtain times at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (through high school). Discount rates are also available for all performances for groups of 20 or more. There will be a special opening night party following the performance on Nov. 16, at which all audience members will be invited to meet the cast and crew, take a backstage tour and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Come and experience live theater at its best. For reservations call 726-6860.



Pictured from left: John Ricci of Cumberland, Daniel Kirby of Pawtucket and Jill Gould of Lincoln portray Col. Pickering, Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle in The Community Players' production of the Tony Award-winning musical, "My Fair Lady" to be presented at Jenks Junior High School in Pawtucket, from Nov. 16-Dec. 2. For tickets call 726-6860. Photo by Bill Donnelly, Donnelly Photography

Three Tenors of Rhode Island at Rehoboth Antiquarian Society

The Rehoboth Antiquarian Society is pleased to announce "Arts in the Village" — a season of performing arts events that will be held at Goff Memorial Hall in Rehoboth, Mass. In keeping with the society's interest in preserving local history and folk art traditions, cultural programs that evoke earlier eras will be included in the season. For more than 100 years, dra-

mas, music series, and cultural events have taken place at the hall. The Arts in the Village program continues the tradition of arts presentations at Goff Memorial Hall.

The first event of the season is a concert presented by the Three Tenors of Rhode Island, who invite you to an evening of sublime music. Both solo and ensemble numbers will be pre-

sented, including beloved operatic arias, popular show tunes, and less known treats that showcase the tenor voice.

The concert will feature three accomplished singers from Rhode Island Noel Espiritu Velasco, a Pavarotti competition winner, has performed worldwide — Covent Garden, London Symphony, Paris's Opéra Comique, Rome's L'Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Lincoln and Kennedy Centers, Casals and Radio France Festivals — and locally with the Opera Company of Boston, the Rhode Island Philharmonic, and Ocean State Lyric Opera. Bradford S. Logan, who has appeared locally and internationally for 25 years in operas, musicals, and concerts, will be featured in Denver this fall in a new work by Rhode Island composer Enrico Garzilli. Ronald Rathier was trained in Salzburg and has sung in the capital cities of Europe. Locally, he has performed at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul and with groups such as Ocean State Lyric Opera and Operartisis, among other. Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, herself an accomplished mezzo-soprano, accompanies at the piano.

The concert will take place on Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m. at Goff Memorial Hall on Bay State Road in Rehoboth, Mass. A champagne reception follows. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. This is the first of three events to be presented this season. For information, call (508) 252-9329.



The Three Tenors of Rhode Island

'Stomp' Return to PPAC

Shows Run January 18 to 20

The 2001/2002 Contemporary Classics Series continues with "Stomp," the international percussion sensation, as it makes its triumphant return to the Providence Performing Arts Center with five shows from January 18 to 20, 2002.

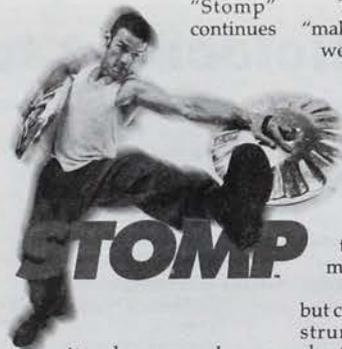
After playing to sell-out crowds for over six seasons, "Stomp" continues

"Stomp," an overwhelming success marked by rave reviews, numerous awards, and sell-out engagements, is the winner of an Olivier Award for Best Choreography (London's Tony Award), a New York Obie Award, A Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatre Experience, and a Special Citation from Best Plays.

The young performers "make a rhythm out of anything we can get our hands on that makes a sound," says co-creator/director Luke Cresswell. Stiff-bristle brooms become a sweeping orchestra; Zippo lighters flip open and closed to create a fiery fugue; wooden poles thump and clack in a rhythmic explosion.

"Stomp" uses everything but conventional percussion instruments — trashcans, tea chests, plastic bags, plungers, boots, and hubcaps — to fill the stage with compelling and infectious rhythms.

From its beginnings as a street performance in the UK, "Stomp" has grown into an international phenomenon over the past eight years, with five international touring companies, covering over 200 cities around the world, including appearances at London's Royal Festival Hall, the Acropolis in Athens and engagements in Asia and South America.



its phenomenal runs with one North American touring company, the New York company's continuous sell-out run at The Orpheum Theatre, now in its eighth year, and the San Francisco company, which opened as the first sit-down engagement outside New York in May 2000 to glowing accolades.

"Stomp" performance times at PPAC are Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.; Jan. 19 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Jan. 20 at 1 & 6:30 p.m. Call (401) 421-ARTS, through TicketMaster, and online at <ppacri.org>.

Drama Workshop at Barrington Library

A four-week acting series will be offered at the Barrington Public Library for students in grades 5 to 8. The series will be held on Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Nov. 28 through Dec. 19. No acting experience is necessary. The emphasis is on improvisation and creativity. Angela Brayman, who has led workshops at the library for five years and has directed and performed in many local productions, will lead the sessions.

Register by phone at 247-1920 ext. 2 or in person at the reference desk, beginning Nov. 14. This program is free, and is limited to 12 students. The series is sponsored by the Friends of the Barrington Public Library.

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Potters of Newport County to Hold Holiday Show and Sale

The Potters of Newport County will hold their fifth annual holiday show and sale on Nov. 24 and 25, at the Newport Elks Lodge, Pelham Street and Bellevue Avenue, Newport. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Potters will include Jillian Barber, John Burrows, Jean Cannon, Hannelore Hutchison, Susan Kremer, Jay Lacouture, Lori Niemeyer, Irene Parthenis, Lynda Rego, Brenda Wrigley Scott, Lee Segal, Lynne Spingler, Harry Spring and Suzanne Hauerstien Walsh.

Displayed will be functional and decorative pottery, raku, ornaments, sculpture and more for yourself or for holiday gift-giving.

Also planned both days is Bowls That Benefit, a fund-raiser for local charities. The potters make and donate bowls (perfect for cereal, soup or ice cream) to the fund-raiser. All money raised from the sale of the bowls will be donated to the Women's Resource Center of Bristol and Newport Counties, the Seamen's Church Institute, and the Potter League for Animals.

Admission is free and the public is invited. Call 849-7847.



Mosaic: A Chronicle of Five Generations

"Diane Armstrong's book is a source of delight to the reader. Written with fervor and talent, it will capture your attention and retain it to the last page."

— Elie Wiesel

"Mosaic... is a compelling family history of extraordinary people played out against some of the most frightening events of our century. The depth of emotions evoked is stunning..."

— Joseph Heller

Nine years ago, journalist Diane Armstrong went to Europe to visit an uncle she hadn't seen since 1949. It was then that she realized her family's interesting and complicated tale. She was compelled to further investigate and meet more of her distant relatives. Through oral histories, documents, and personal memories, Armstrong reveals her family's unique history in *Mosaic, A Chronicle of Five Generations*. The story is the saga of Armstrong's Polish-Jewish family, spanning four continents and 100 years, following the lives of Daniel Baldinger, Armstrong's grandfather, and his 11 children.

Armstrong was born in an era of overt anti-Semitism. While one person could destroy the lives of hundreds of Jews during World War II Europe, it often took hundreds of people to save the lives of one family. Henek Baldinger, his wife Bronia, and their little daughter Diane survived the Holocaust because a village decided not to turn them over to the Nazis. They pretended to be Christian throughout the war, and even maintained their Christian identity long after the war was over; it wasn't until Diane was an adolescent that she discovered her Jewish roots.

Mosaic captures the terrifying years of the Holocaust, and the shocking experiences of the Baldinger children. Instead of ending with the end of the war, it continues with the stories of the family survivors to their new home in the U.S., Israel, France, Poland, and Australia. *Mosaic* is compelling storytelling at its best: from the fascinating detail of Polish-Jewish culture at the turn of the century to its moving account of lives torn apart by war and prejudice, this is an extraordinary story of a family, and of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage.

Many Jewish families have lost their history to genocide and assimilation. Through arduous research, Armstrong lays claim to her family's rich heritage. Set against the backdrop of the past 100 turbulent years, *Mosaic* traces the stories of ordinary people caught in extraordinary circumstances who were stretched to the limit of their endurance. Unlike most family memoirs, *Mosaic* reads like a novel with engaging, remarkable characters.

Diane Armstrong was born in Poland and emigrated to Australia with her parents in 1948. Over the past 20 years, Armstrong has had more than 3,000 articles published on subjects that range from travel, personal experience, ethnic affairs, women's issues, medical investigation, and current affairs. She is an award-winning journalist whose work has been published internationally. She lives in Sydney, Australia.

Mosaic, A Chronicle of Five Generations, by Diane Armstrong, ISBN: 0-312-27455-6, Publication date: Aug. 1, 2001, 608 pages; includes two 8-page black and white photo inserts, \$29.95.

Kresler's Klezmer Ensemble at Stone Soup November 24

Fishel Bresler's Klezmer-Hassidic Ensemble will appear Nov. 24 at 8 p.m., at the Stone Soup Coffee House at Slater Mill, 67 Roosevelt Ave., in downtown Pawtucket. The Stone Soup Coffee House is a comfortable place to listen to good music — friendly and informal. At this location there is now plenty of parking. Refreshments are available and admission is \$8.

Hassidic *nigunim* (melodies) have grown out of the mystical movement created two centuries ago in the Carpathian Mountains by the great Baal Shem Tov. Klezmer music is the laughing, crying, wailing, heartfelt instrumental music of eastern European Jewish life. Having developed over many centuries, it incorporates influences from synagogue chant and from Romanian, Hungarian, Slavic and Middle Eastern music. These elements were slowly absorbed, changed and worked into a mix which expressed the rhythms and emotions of Jewish life. At the heart of this rich

ing as a vaudevillian and storyteller. Besides giving concerts, he currently does therapeutic music with handicapped children, participates in artist-in-residence school programs and teaches music privately and in after-school programs.

Keyboardist Shelly Katsh, MSW, is a certified music therapist and social worker, currently on the staff of Jewish Family Service. She has played and sung with the famed Zamir Chorale, co-authored the book, *The Music Within You*, and is the musical director of the Jewish Theater Ensemble, as well as Temple Emanu-El's theater productions.

Bob Moses (drums) has been described by jazz critic Nat Hentoff as "one of the grander imaginations in America's true classical music." Percussionist Bob Moses has played with Charles Mingus, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Eric Dolphy, Gary Burton and Larry Coryell, among others, in the course of a colorful 35-year career. He is currently on the faculty of the



Fishel Bresler's Klezmer Hassidic Ensemble Photo by Rachel Ritchie

musical stew is the spiritual yearning of the Jewish soul, in its many moods.

A regular feature of several area concert series, the ensemble has become known over near two decades for its passionate yet sensitive playing. As Fishel says, "this is spiritual music — you have to play it for your *kishkes* (innards) and from your heart." The band nonetheless makes humor and high spirits an integral part of every presentation, and draws in audiences of all types and all ages.

Fishel (Michael) Bresler (clarinet, flute, mandolin) has studied klezmer clarinet and mandolin with the contemporary master, Andy Statman, over the course of more than a decade. He has also played bluegrass, classical and country rock music, as well as perform-

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OBITUARIES



WILLIAM BUTTERMAN PAWTUCKET

William Butterman, 86, of Armistice Boulevard, a traffic manager at Healthtex before he retired in 1975, died Nov. 7 at Oak Hill Nursing Home.

He was the husband of Elizabeth (Freberg) Butterman. Born in Central Falls, a son of the late Abraham and Rose (August) Butterman, he moved to Pawtucket as a child and had resided there since then.

He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Congregation Ohave Sholam, a member for more than 50 years of the E.L. Freeman Lodge of Masons, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Cynthia Hallworth of Seekonk and Judith Butterman of Riverside, and three grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. He was the brother of the late Louis Butterman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. A graveside service was held Nov. 9 in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

SHEILA GAY FOX

PROVIDENCE — Sheila Gay Fox, 68, of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Providence, died Nov. 5.

She was the wife of the late Milton Wolfe Fox. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Sadye (Sandler) Kirshenbaum, she had lived in Providence before moving to Florida in 1988.

She was a graduate of Hope High School and the Forsythe School of Dental Hygiene. She worked as a dental hygienist, and then as a clerk for the Department of Vital Statistics.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, a lifetime member of Hadassah, and a former member of Temple Emanu-El and Congregation Beth Shalom, Sons of Zion.

She leaves two sons, Benjamin L. Fox of San Ramon, Calif., and Jonathan A. Fox of Pompano Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Marilyn Brody of Haverhill, Mass., and Phyllis Leapman in Fla.; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 1007 Waterman Ave., East Providence, RI 02914. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

PATRICIA M. GORDON

CRANSTON — Patricia M. Gordon, 50, of 26 Hollow Tree Drive, a retired nurse, died Nov. 10 in Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence.

She was the wife of Mark Gordon. Born in Pawtucket, a daughter of the late Gerard and Gloria (Bowker) LaFleur, she had lived in Cranston for 27 years. She was a nurse for the State of Rhode Island for 12 years, retiring last year due to illness.

She was a graduate of the Community College of Rhode Island, and a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Stephen M. Gordon Sr. of Cranston; two daughters, Charna Gordon of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Melanie Bonniol of Cranston; three brothers, Michael LaFleur of Cranston, Walter Stewart of Pawtucket and Jerry LaFleur of Boston; six sisters, Karen Tomolillo, Beverly Burns and Denise Lavoie, all of Warwick, Cynthia Johnson of Foster, Beverly LaFleur of Cranston and Gloria Medeiros of East Providence; and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Robert LaFleur.

The funeral service was held Nov. 13 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

MADLINE JACOBVITZ SOUTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Madeline Jacobvitz, 68, of Smith Neck Road, a retired interior decorator, died Nov. 8 at home.

She was the wife of Jack Jacobvitz. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late William and Anna (Linsk) Sklaroff, she had lived in South Dartmouth for 18 years, previously living in North Dartmouth and New Bedford.

She was the owner of Pride Custom Interiors, North Dartmouth, for more than 25 years, retiring a year ago because of illness.

She attended the Rhode Island School of Design and graduated from the Chicago School of Interior Design in 1975. She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and a past president of its Sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah and the Dartmouth Indoor Tennis Club.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, William Jacobvitz of New York City; a daughter, Cheryl Mitchell of South Dartmouth; a brother, Leon Sklaroff of West Chester, Pa.; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Jerry Sklaroff.

The funeral service was held Nov. 11 in Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Tifereth Israel Congregation. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

GLORIA LEVITT

PROVIDENCE — Gloria Levitt, of 670 North Main St., a retired executive secretary, died Nov. 11 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Oscar Levitt.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Barney and Annie (Sandler) Cohen, she had lived in New York before moving back to Providence 45 years ago.

She was an executive secretary for the Department of Planning and Urban Development for the City of Providence for 25 years, retiring 17 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Leisure Club and a former member of Temple Beth Israel and Congregation

Shaare Zedek Synagogue.

She was a member of Hadassah, the Cranston Senior Guild, and the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She was a volunteer at Hasbro Children's Hospital and Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a son, Steven Levitt of Cranston; a daughter, Linda Wantman of Framingham, Mass.; and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late twin brothers, Isadore and Harry Cohen.

The funeral service was held Nov. 13 in Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Gloria Levitt Memorial Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I.

MITCHELL MARK

Mitchell Mark, 88, died Nov. 5, 2001, in Deerfield Beach, Florida of cancer following a long illness.

Beloved husband of the late Mary (Ingerman) Mark; beloved father of Susann Mark of Providence, RI; Robert Mark of West Orange, N.J. and Larry Mark of Fort Lauderdale, FL; beloved grandfather of Shawna and Gregory Gale of Providence, R.I.; Rachel Siegal of Howell, N.J.; Sherrie Nemetz of Fort Lauderdale, Fla; Stacey Mark and Scott Mark of New York City. Burial service was held on Nov. 7, at Shalom Memorial Park in North Miami, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Beth El, Providence, R.I. Arrangements were by Eternal Funeral Directors.

MILDRED K. RESS

MANVILLE — Mildred K. Ress, 94, of The Holiday, Manville, formerly of Providence, died Nov. 8 at The Holiday.

She was the wife of the late Samuel Cohen Ress. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Rebecca (Zalkind) Kessler, she had been a lifelong resident of Providence before moving to Manville nine years ago.

She was a member of Temple

Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, the Touro Fraternal Association, and the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves two daughters, Barbara Levine of Cranston and Marjorie Bluestein of Natick, Mass., and a granddaughter. She was the sister of the late Milton, Sanford, Ethel and Selma Kessler, and grandmother of the late Ronnee Ellen Levine.

A graveside service was held Nov. 11 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

PEARL E. RUBIN

NEW BEDFORD — Pearl E. Rubin (Ehrenhaus), 80, of Oakdale St., New Bedford, Mass., died Nov. 6 at St. Lukes Hospital. She was the wife of the late Dr. Morris E. Rubin for 49 years.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rose (Rabinowitz) Ehrenhaus, she grew up in Fall River and had been a resident of New Bedford for most of her life.

She was a graduate from Durfee High School and received a Bachelor's in Music Education from Smith College in 1941.

She was a mentor to Hebrew school students and a tutor for dyslexic students in public school. A certified Braille transcriber, she received many national awards — having brailled 120,000 pages.

She was co-founder with her late husband of the former center for the visually impaired located in New Bedford. She served on the Jewish Family Service Committee with the Jewish Federation. She was past president of the Jewish Professional Women's Club of New Bedford. She served on the board of directors of Child and Family Service of New Bedford and she was the volunteer coordinator for Tifereth Israel Congregation.

She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and its Sisterhood where she received the Sisterhood Light of Torah Award.

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She was a life member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women and a member of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

She played the violin in the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra for several years. She also enjoyed needlework.

She leaves a son, Dr. Eli E. Rubin of New Bedford; a daughter, Rebecca Rubin of Sharon; a brother, Abraham Ehrenhaus of Fall River; and 4 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 8 in Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Dr. Morris E. Rubin Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, Mass. 02740. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

MIRIAM SELINKER

CRANSTON — Miriam Selinker, 92, of Jennings Ave., co-founder of Providence Business Forms Co., died Nov. 10 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, 50 Maude St., Providence. She was the wife of the late Solomon E. Selinker. They were married for 63 years.

Born in Central Falls, a daughter of the late Israel and Hannah (Himelfarb) Fabricant, she had lived in Pawtucket before moving to Cranston three

years ago. She was the co-founder with her husband of the Providence Business Forms Co. in Providence and Cranston and was also the bookkeeper for more than 50 years, retiring seven years ago.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston and its Sisterhood and a member of the former Temple Beth Israel in Providence. She was a lifetime member of Hadassah. She was actively involved with the PTA for many years. She was an avid reader and loved opera and poetry.

She leaves a son, Larry Selinker of London, England; a daughter, Lea Schneider of Cranston with whom she lived; two brothers, Horace Fabricant of Pawtucket and Morris Fabricant of New York and Florida; and five grandsons. She was the mother of the late Janet Colvin and sister of the late Samuel, Abraham and Sally Fabricant.

Funeral services were held Nov. 14 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02905. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

BARRY LEE ZARUM M.D.

CARMEL, Calif. — Barry Lee Zarum, M.D., passed away peacefully at home in Carmel, Calif., Nov. 5 at the age of 53.

Born in Providence, R.I., he attended Classical High School, Brown University and N.Y. Medical College where he graduated first in his class. He worked for 28 years as an ophthalmologist in Carmel, Calif. He was a member of the Temple Beth Israel in Carmel and enjoyed traveling and photography.

Survived by his loving wife Sandra; his son, Nathan; his mother, Esther Zarum; his sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Edward Newman; his two nieces, Shana and Rachel; his aunt, Sylvia Blazar and his stepchildren, Marc, Steven and Darcy.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by The Paul Mortuary in Pacific Grove, Calif.

'From Holocaust to Haven'

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journalist to accompany the prisoners back to Germany, her pictures and articles telling their stories to the world. Gruber's book about that experience, *Destination Palestine*, influenced the Leon Uris book, *Exodus*, and the film by the same name. She traveled with the Israeli army during the 1948 War of Independence. She also covered the Vietnam War and the Camp David peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel. More recently, she covered the situation in Ethiopia, and the plight of Jews there attempting to emigrate to Israel.

Four of Gruber's books are currently being republished, including *Haven*, *Destination Palestine*, *Raquel: A Woman of Israel* and the autobiographical *Ahead of Time: My Early Years as a Foreign Correspondent*. She said she is "fascinated" by the surging interest in history relating to the Holocaust that has taken place over recent years. "The present generation is far enough away from the horrors that they want to know everything about it," she said. Although she believes many of the children of survivors may have been reluctant to ask about such subjects, "The children of the children are now asking the questions."

Gruber said one of the most important roles of journalists is to educate people about those who need help. "By telling their story we're helping people to

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Why a Rabbi?

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best friend and fraternity brother, were going to a bar before the event. I admonished Mike not to be late because he is one of those people who was born ten minutes late. He assured me that he would be on time.

The night of Midnight Madness arrived and Mike and I were meeting at eight o'clock to practice the skit using the gymnasium's sound system. Eight o'clock came and went, as did nine o'clock. I was infuriated because Mike had pulled another stunt of leaving me hanging, only this time we had something important to do. By the time 9:30 came around I was telling people that if you see Mike, don't let me near him because I'm going to kill him. Never again would my words be harder to eat.

Fitz was driving Mike's car on their way to Midnight Madness when they took a corner too fast. He wrapped the car around a tree. Mike never made it to Midnight Madness. Fitz never made it anywhere again.

Needless to say the following weeks Homecoming festivities were held under a dark cloud. During Homecoming, URI crowns a traditional king and queen. I was lucky enough to be awarded homecoming king for 1999; I felt luckier to be alive. The crowning ceremony was on Saturday October 23 during the half time of the football game. So was Fitz's funeral.

My decision to go to the funeral took no deliberation. I knew I had to be there for both of my friends. This was the hardest funeral I have ever been to. Father John was one of the priests officiating the funeral. During the latter part of the service he addressed the congregation saying, "I have a great deal of faith in University of Rhode Island's student body today. There are many people here to show their love and support for Mike Fitzgerald, but one in particular. The homecoming king, who is supposed to be getting crowned as we speak, is here with us."

Those few words are surely the nicest gift I have ever received. Father John is an amazingly dynamic person that always puts others before himself, and that's why people love him. In that instant he taught me that the two things I love the most — helping people see their self worth and bringing people closer to G-d — are central roles in being a clergy person. Father John helped me see that there is no other path that I would rather be on.

I hope I'll have the opportunity to give someone a similar gift, even in a time of such loss. This is why I want to be a rabbi — to make sure there are more Father Johns in the world.

Jamie Leiter is director of Perspectives. He can be reached at <perspectives@brown.edu>.

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Mitzvah Heroes are individuals such as Ranya Kelly, the "shoe woman from Denver," who went

searching for a box and discovered 500 pairs of brand-new shoes in a local dumpster. She has since retrieved millions of dollars worth of goods and distributed them throughout this country and overseas.

Thanks to the generosity of our funding partners, the conference will be offered free of charge. Kosher lunch, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day at the JCCRI.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 TO
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001**

15-18 KISLEV 5762

**TEENS AND ADULTS
WELCOME
AT ALL EVENTS**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mitzvah Heroes will speak, as part of Shabbat services, with the following congregations and community groups:

TEMPLE TORAT YISRAEL, Cranston 7:30 pm
• Ranya Kelly, founder of *The Redistribution Center*

TEMPLE HABONIM, Barrington 8 pm
• Jay Feinberg, founder of *Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation*

BROWN-RISD HILLEL, Providence 8:45 pm
• PK Beville, founder of *Second Wind Dreams*

Saturday, December 1

Mitzvah Heroes will speak, as part of Shabbat services, with the following congregations and community groups:

CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM, Providence 9 am
• Jay Feinberg, founder of *Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation*

TEMPLE BETH DAVID, Narragansett 9:30 am
• Merrily Ansell, founder of *Books, Bears and Bonnets*

TEMPLE SHALOM, Middletown 10 am
• Darryl Kuperstock, founder of *REMEDY*

TEEN MINYAN AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL 10 am
WITH TEMPLE EMANU-EL, TEMPLE TORAT YISRAEL, AND TEMPLE AM DAVID USY GROUPS
• Ranya Kelly, founder of *The Redistribution Center*

Sunday, December 2

Mitzvah Heroes Workshops (registration required)
Each workshop will include text study and three Mitzvah Hero presentations followed by break-out sessions.

TEMPLE SINAI, Cranston 9 am–12:30 pm
• Syd Mandelbaum, founder of *Rock and Wrap It Up!*
• Merrily Ansell, founder of *Books, Bears and Bonnets*
• Broad Meadows Kids, founders of *A School for Iqbal*

JCCRI, Providence 9 am–12:30 pm
• PK Beville, founder of *Second Wind Dreams*
• Jay Feinberg, founder of *Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation*
• Linda Tarry-Chard, founder of *The Project People Foundation*

JCCRI, Providence 1:30–5 pm
• Syd Mandelbaum, founder of *Rock and Wrap It Up!*
• Mike and Sue Turk, *Sweet Pea and Buttercup – the Mizvah Clowns*
• Broad Meadows Kids, founders of *A School for Iqbal*

JCCRI, Providence **Mitzvah Spotlight** 7–9 pm
• Ranya Kelly, founder of *The Redistribution Center*
• John Beltzer, founder of *Songs of Love*

TEMPLE BETH-EL, Providence 11 am–3 pm
• Mitzvah Clowning with Mike and Sue Turk, for 7th grade classes only

Monday, December 3

Mitzvah Heroes will speak with the following groups:

HASBRO CORPORATE / TEAM HASBRO 9:30–10:30 am
• John Beltzer, founder of *Songs of Love*

STUDENTS OF THE ASDS AND PHDS 9:30–10:30 am
• Jay Feinberg, founder of *Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation*

JEWISH COMMUNAL PROFESSIONALS 11:45 am–1:30 pm
• Danny Siegel, founder and chair of the *Ziv Tzedakah Fund*
• Ranya Kelly, founder of *The Redistribution Center*

HASBRO HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS 12:30–1:30 pm
• John Beltzer, founder of *Songs of Love*

For more information call Miriam Abrams-Stark or Ruth Page at the BJE/RI, 401 331-0956.



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PRE-REGISTRATION

(Advised for Sunday workshops and special evening program)

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

Come Friday and Saturday... and be inspired. Come Sunday... and learn how YOU can do it, too.

Please check all sessions you will be attending:

- Sunday morning workshops**
 JCCRI, Providence (9 am–12:30 pm)
or
 Temple Sinai, Cranston (9 am–12:30 pm)
Join us in Providence for additional workshops
 Sunday afternoon at JCCRI (1:30–5 pm)
 Fabulous Sunday evening program at JCCRI featuring Ranya Kelly and John Beltzer (7–9 pm)

The JCCRI is handicapped accessible from the rear parking lot.

RSVP by November 20 to:
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