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Rhode Island Jewish Herald To Combine with Jewish Voice

First New Issue to be Published in March

Marking a new milestone in Rhode Island Jewish history, the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, which has delivered Jewish news to the homes of thousands of Rhode Island Jewish families for decades, is slated to join with the *Jewish Voice of Rhode Island*. This edition marks the final issue of the *Jewish Herald*, whose first issue was printed in 1929. The final issue of the *Jewish Voice* will be in February, and *The Jewish Voice & Herald* will begin printing twice a month starting on March 6.

The decision to merge the 72-year-old *Herald* and the *Jewish Voice* came after lengthy talks between *Herald* President Arthur Lemoi and members of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, which publishes the *Voice*. The new paper is expected to be mailed free to more than 8,700 Jewish homes, more than half of the Jews in the state. The office of the new paper will be located inside the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions Street in Providence.

Both Lemoi and Janet Engelhart, executive vice president of the Federation, said that their goal is to create an economically balanced "paper of record" for the Rhode Island Jewish community, one whose frequency and focus will be able to encapsulate Jewish current events on a local, national, and international scale.

The *Jewish Voice & Herald* will carry on the *Herald's* tradition of publishing community "life-cycle" events in its pages, including weddings, bar-and-bat-mitzvahs, births, engagements and obituaries. It will also ac-

cept letters to the editor and opinion pieces, and it plans to expand its focus on Jewish youth and the elderly.

The editor of the *Voice & Herald* will be Jonathan Rubin, 23, of Pawtucket. Rubin has worked for the *Jewish Herald* since his graduation from the University of Rhode Island in May of 2000.

He will be joined by Gerry Goldstein, 61, who will act as consulting editor. Goldstein brings with him an extensive career in journalism, including 25 years as editor and bureau chief of the South County edition of the *Providence Journal*, and 15 years as editor and columnist for the *Narragansett Times*. Goldstein currently lives in Greenville, Rhode Island with his wife Ann.

For most of its existence, the *Herald* has been synonymous with its longtime owner and former editor, Walter Rutman. Rutman began working at the *Herald* in 1935 and dramatically expanded the paper's size, improved the layout and increased advertising revenue with special sections and inserts. He founded the *Herald Press* printing company to publish the newspaper, and made significant changes to the way the *Herald* was produced, including giving the paper the ability to run in two- or four-color issues. Many products ran ads in its pages to tout their kosher status, including Heinz soups, Empire chickens and Cott's Ginger Ale, along with countless local kosher delicatessens.

Due to his strong attachment to the newspaper, Rutman was reluctant to merge the *Herald*



Walter & Miriam
Rutman

Dedicated to the memory of Walter and Miriam Rutman,
longtime owners and publishers of the
Rhode Island Jewish Herald.

with the *Jewish Voice of Rhode Island*, whose first issue was printed in 1973. Even after his death in 1982, his wife Miriam wanted "Walter's paper" to remain independent.

Upon her death in January of 2001, all of Miriam's assets — including the *Jewish Herald*, two other weekly newspapers and the *Herald Press* — were to be transferred to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Rutman's alma mater. Lemoi worked with lawyers of Mrs. Rutman's estate, and they signed an agreement with WPI that allowed the *Jewish Herald* to merge with the *Voice*.

"A merger would be the natural way for the *Herald* to go," said Lemoi, adding that he wanted to see Rutman's legacy continue, and not simply cease to exist altogether.

Notice To Our Readers:

All subscribers to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* will begin receiving the *Jewish Voice & Herald* in their homes beginning March 6. The *Herald* office will remain open during this time of transition.

The *Jewish Voice & Herald* will be delivered free to subscribers across Rhode Island, and we hope you will pledge your support to this new and exciting addition to the Jewish community.

Please send all future press releases, announcements, and opinions to:

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It has been our pleasure serving you.

Sincerely,
The Staff of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald



'I'll Take the Next Size Down'

Nathan Peck, a pre-school student in the Alperin Schechter Day School, helps lead the class in morning prayers.

Photo courtesy of ASDS

OPINION

A note from the Editor

Once the decision was made to merge this paper with the *Jewish Voice*, things seemed to move very fast. To be sure, I've grown very attached to this newspaper, as I'm sure you have as well. And when things to which we're attached start to change, we normally become a little dissatisfied. "Things didn't use to be this way," we tell ourselves, and we turn our noses at what the present has given us. But when we stay too rigidly attached to a memory, even a wonderful one, we are living in the past. And the present, I feel, is just as exciting.

The *Jewish Herald* is not dying — The *Jewish Herald* is being reborn. Things will be different, but things will be familiar. The Jewish community of Rhode Island is going to have a new paper, and I'm thrilled to be its new editor.

What does this merger mean? The new paper will share not only the *Herald's* name, but its spirit as well. In the past, the many Jewish communities inside Rhode Island have not, in my opinion, have not been adequately represented. It seems there wasn't enough time, or enough resources, or enough energy before to really get out there and engage people, and, in turn, to give them a paper full of news that's relevant, exciting, and different, something that makes them proud to be Jewish every time they pick it up. Now, that goal is within our reach.

For those of you who might be interested, the historic archives of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, which consist of dozens of massive, bound volumes dating back to 1931, are planned to be given to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society for safekeeping. I encourage you to examine this most enriching collection of Rhode Island Jewish history — it has changed the way I look at this community.

You don't need to worry about getting the paper — you're probably already on the mailing list. So stay in touch, even though we're only moving a few miles. And please, whatever you do, don't forget to write.

The *Jewish Herald* came along at a time when I saw Judaism as just another descriptive classification that you'd circle on some form, like "skinny," "blue-eyed," or "enjoys Dr. Pepper." Back then I was spiritually intrigued with things like Eastern philosophy, and was starting to feel unlucky that I hadn't been born in some land where Tai Chi and Bonsai trees were more prevalent.

My job gave me none of that. Instead, it let me see the vibrancy that I had been missing in my own community. I interviewed newcomer rabbis and found myself getting caught up in their enthusiasm. I went back to Alperin Schechter, my alma mater, and the Providence Hebrew Day School, which I had never really been in before, and saw future generations hungry for Jewish learning.

I attended 100th birthdays and brides, Rosh Chodesh breakfasts, "learning lunches" and fancy dinners honoring community leaders. I spent time with authors and artists, mitzvah

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Making It In An Unjust World

by Hannah Reich Berman

We've all heard the expression "life's not fair," but I have stubbornly refused to believe it and have fought against that premise for years. I was wrong; I've reached the breaking point and you won't hear me defending society anymore because the naysayers were right — life isn't fair.

Nothing brings the point closer to home than the fact that my natural born talent — making small talk — goes unrewarded, while others, no more proficient than I, are raking in the dough. I tolerated the situation when men had the spotlight because I put it down to old-fashioned chauvinism, and I accepted the fact that a woman, doing the same job as

a man, earns less money than her male counterpart. But that rationale went out the window when I discovered that there are some women out there making the big time — only I'm not one of them.

The *New York Post* recently had a big picture of Katie Couric on the front page under a headline that read, "SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS!" This little cutie just signed a four-year contract at fifteen million dollars a year. Ouch! And why is she getting this kind of moolah? Because she appears daily on NBC TV and dishes the dirt!

Sometimes she sits behind a desk, with a perky attitude and a sweet smile, covertly glancing at a teleprompter, as she gives the news. Occasionally she does

an interview while perched on a sofa or an easy chair, and at that point she flat-out reads from a piece of paper on which, no doubt, everything has been written down for her. Essentially, she doesn't have to memorize a thing. This is worth fifteen million dollars a year?

Okay, so I don't own a big beautiful desk — but I do have a sofa and an easy chair. I also don't have a make-up person or a hairdresser on call, but you can be sure that if someone pays me that kind of money, I'll buy an oversized desk and hire people to make me look better. Heck, for fifteen million a year, I promise to smile and be perky. As it happens, I do my news bites over the phone but I hardly

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Settlements Aren't Worth Israeli Lives

by Marc Paige

As American Jews, we are feeling great pain and helplessness as we watch the people of Israel endure the horror and death from the now almost daily bombings and gun massacres by Palestinian terrorists. We have come to understand that the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is no leader at all, but more of a thug heading a governmental body. It is particularly difficult to watch the situation in the Middle East deteriorate to near chaos, since there were such hopes during the Rabin and Barak years for a lasting peace for Israel and the Palestinians.

We are sickened by the thought of 11 dead and scores injured of kids just out for a good time on a Saturday night at Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Mall, by the carnage on buses in Haifa and the West Bank, and by a bus station being shot up in Tel-

Aviv. And we are frustrated that the latest government of Israel, a right-wing Likud government headed by Ariel Sharon, assumed office with the promise of peace and security, and have brought neither to the people of Israel.

The fact that Israelis voted for two right-wing Likud governments over the past six years is understandable. In 1996, a series of bus bombings in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv hardened Israeli voters enough to reject dovish Shimon Peres in favor of a perceived tougher Benjamin Netanyahu. In 2000, a new intifada drove a frustrated Israeli public to overwhelmingly reject Ehud Barak's overtures of peace to Arafat in favor of the less compromising Sharon.

However, despite less frequent but still deadly terrorist attacks during the Labor governments' Rabin-Peres-Barak years, the peace process inched

forward, with moderate, compromising Palestinian voices gaining ground. With Sharon in charge, the hope for peace has disintegrated, and the security situation is worse than ever.

The elections of Likud governments, like that of Sharon and Netanyahu, have spelled disaster for the people of Israel. Under Netanyahu, Israeli relations with our country were terrible, and under Sharon, the number of Palestinian terrorists willing to kill themselves in order to kill innocent Israelis has grown tremendously. It has become obvious that Sharon, who said he had a viable plan to foster peace between Israel and the Palestinians, used this line only to win the election, and never planned to do anything of the sort.

Despite presiding over more realistic and responsible governments, Labor politicians

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Why Couldn't It Be Easier?

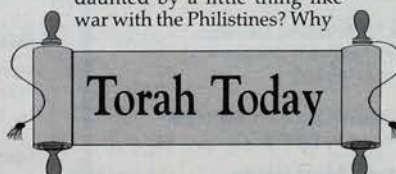
Last week we came to a very interesting development in the story of the Exodus. G-d has just visited the plagues upon the Egyptians, each more horrible than the one before, to make clear that the children of Israel must be released from bondage. These same slaves, meanwhile, have endured years of torture and death and are finally to be led to the Promised Land.

What happens next? Any Hebrew school student or fan of Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" knows. As Moses raises his staff, the L-rd parts the sea and the multitudes pass through unharmed, whereupon the pursuing Egyptian army follows them and is drowned when the waters come together again.

But, if you read carefully, you find a small detail that is nevertheless significant: there was another, easier path out of Egypt. One that would not have provided us with the graphic spectacle of divided oceans and waterlogged armies. It was through the land of the Philistines.

G-d gives a reason for diverting his children on the scenic journey rather than through the shortcut: "Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt."

This raises a number of questions. Why would He be concerned that people who had suffered the worst of Pharaoh's wrath, and who had seen the horrors of the plagues, be daunted by a little thing like war with the Philistines? Why



couldn't G-d just tell His people to defeat the Philistines, as He tells them later to defeat other enemy tribes? Why is He concerned with their feelings at all? Isn't He in charge? And doesn't He know that, later on, they will weary of the journey and wonder whether they weren't better off in Egypt after all?

It all comes down to this: he is indicating that, all along, they do have a choice. They could choose not to leave, just as Moses could have chosen not to accept

the position of Exodus CEO. They could choose to go back if war with the Philistines seems too much to bear (after all, they were not at war with the Egyptians: they were merely treated like cattle). They have free will, which is a central tenet of Torah. This is why they are made to wander for 40 years in the desert, so that a fresh generation, that had not defied G-d, could be the ones who enter Canaan. Couldn't G-d have changed the minds of the idolaters, and made them holy so they could be worthy of Canaan? Sure. But what's the point?

The point is that there's no point to having Torah if we are powerless to resist its teachings. We must choose to learn it. We must choose to follow it. We must choose every day. It was up to G-d to give it to us. Now it's up to us.

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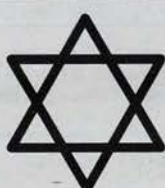
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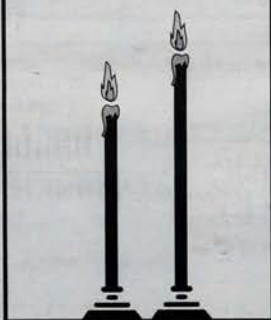
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JEWISH COMMUNITY

A History of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*

by Jon Rubin
Herald Editor

Originally founded as *The Jewish Herald*, the paper's first edition was published on Oct. 3, 1929 at 116 Orange Street in Providence just before the Great Depression. With the demise of a previous Jewish newspaper, the *Rhode Island Jewish Review*, the *Jewish Herald* became the major outlet of Jewish news in the state of Rhode Island.

Its founders — President Meyer Cooper, Editor Harold Halpert, and Managing Editor Joseph Finkle, pledged to make their paper an indispensable part of the Rhode Island Jewish community. Their mission statement read:

"The *Jewish Herald* will perform a function that no other periodical or newspaper performs in this state. It will provide the Jews in Rhode Island with news of their brothers in other localities, and, at the same time, it will tell them...of their own contributions to Jewish life, in their synagogues, in their market places, in their clubs, and in their drawing rooms."

The first issue received thunderous praise from the Jewish

public, including two rabbis and a number of high-profile political figures, including Providence Mayor James E. Dunne, Senator Jesse Metcalf, and Senator Maurice Robinson, who remarked that the *Herald* "undoubtedly will be received with favor by citizens irrespective of nationality or creed."

The first paper had 12 pages and was a giant 24" high by 18" long, reaching three feet wide when fully open. It cost five cents; an annual subscription cost \$2.50. The front cover showed a picture of a small baby welcoming in the Jewish new year, and was surrounded by a story praising the efforts of American Zionists supporting a Jewish Palestine, an announcement of the installation of Dr. Jacob Sonderling as rabbi of Temple Beth-Israel, and a recap of statewide synagogue happenings on Rosh Hashana.

Walter Rutman took over the paper in 1935. In his first issue, an editorial stated that the *Herald's* mission was to cre-

ate a local Jewish newspaper of character that was politically independent, and stated that previously *Herald* policies had been dictated "by remote control."

The '30s and the '40s were a tumultuous time for the *Herald*,

finger on the pulse of Jewish social life in Rhode Island, and every week dozens of organizations mailed in their events to be listed, such as Pioneer Women's meetings at Cranston Jewish Center; Hug Ivri, the

ald, as did the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The paper tracked the creation of numerous Jewish agencies, such as the Bureau of Jewish Education, Jewish Family Service, and many others.

After Israel's independence in 1948, the paper began to take on a more local flavor, covering more community issues and life cycle events and taking a step away from edgy and controversial political topics.

Lemoi said that it became the paper's policy "not to be political in any way. It's a small community... we don't want to divide it." As for controversy, "we have other newspapers in the state to take those positions," he said.

Rutman moved both the *Herald* Press and the *Jewish Herald* in 1957 to Douglas Avenue, and once again in 1962 to Webster Street in Pawtucket, where it had remained ever since. Although much of his time was focused on the expanding *Herald* Press publishing business, Rutman continued to be heavily involved with the production of the *Herald*. "The paper was

Events in Europe made for disturbing headlines through the first few decades of the *Herald's* existence.

as anti-Semitism, Nazism and the rise of Hitler filled headlines nearly every issue. News briefs broke stories about about "Jew-free" villages, yellow stars on garments and the horrifying reality of the death camps.

Rhode Island Jews, in turn, organized rallies and held information meetings, raised money through war bonds and funneled support to the Zionist cause. A single canned food drive for Israel collected over 20,000 pounds of food, which were shipped to New York and sent to Israel. Concerned citizens ran dozens of full page ads for the United Jewish Appeal and the newly emerged General Jewish Committee of Providence, which would later become the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Locally, the paper also had a

Hebrew Speaking Circle, which met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Klein on Rochambeau Avenue in Providence, and the Kozy Korner Club held dances in Congregation Sons of

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During the Great Depression, the *Jewish Herald* ran the insignia of the National Recovery Administration under its logo.

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Rhode Island Jewish Herald History

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Lemo, who began working for Rutman in 1958.

In December of 1958, Rutman changed the name of the newspaper to *The Rhode Island Herald*. His idea, said Lemo, "was to make it a statewide paper." Despite the name change, the paper continued to cover local Jewish events much the same way it had before.

After Rutman's death in 1982, his wife took over as president of both the Herald Press and the *Rhode Island Herald*. Lemo became publisher "by default." On March 23, 1989, Miriam and Lemo agreed to change the paper's name again to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. Said Lemo on the change, "as long as it was going to be a Jewish paper, let's call it a Jewish paper."

Lemo, who is French Catholic, decided to give the *Herald's* editors a good share of freedom, and for the most part removed himself from the editorial process. "I didn't feel it was my position to take a position," he said.

The *Herald* received some rebuke from the community in recent years after hiring editors who were not Jewish. Said Lemo: "We hired the most qualified person that was available at the time... It may help to be Jewish, but I don't think it's a prime requisite. If a person can do the job and do the job well, people will recognize that."

Throughout the years the paper ranged in size from four

pages to more than 60. It published numerous special issues, including women in the workplace, a bridal issue, and special Jewish holiday issues for Passover, Chanukah and Rosh Hashanah. In its final years it averaged between 16 and 20 pages.

Lemo had a particular liking for the newspaper, and even distributed it to stores at no cost "just to get it out in the community."

Even when years profits dwindled in recent years, with the newspaper industry in a national lull and postage costs increasing, the *Herald* received a subsidy from the Herald Press to keep it going.

"I believe people looked for the *Herald* each week," Lemo said. "Once it's gone, they will miss it... The paper filled a big need in this community. Most people in this community haven't been alive long enough to be around when there wasn't a *Herald*."

He was happy with the prospect of the merger, since he felt that the *Voice* by itself wasn't coming out frequently enough to best serve the community. "If it doesn't come out more than once a month it won't be a newspaper— it'll be a magazine."

He felt that the new entity will keep alive the spirit of the *Jewish Herald*. "I hope people support that paper," he said, "people don't understand how much they need it."

Providence Native Becomes Israeli 'Tourism Ambassador'

by Seth Bromley
Editorial Assistant

Though Daniel Stieglitz had been to Israel before, this time he was there on a mission. He had been recruited by the Israeli Tourism Ministry to serve as a "tourism ambassador." For one week, he was transported all around Israel, soaking up information and understanding, which he could later use to entice people to visit the Jewish homeland.

Stieglitz participated in a program called "Operation Torah Shield," sponsored by Yeshiva University, where Stieglitz is a student. The program brought 100 young men and 100 young women to Israel for one week, with the hope that when they return to the U.S., they will persuade other people to visit as well.

A native of Providence, Stieglitz said his parents, Ezra and Varda Stieglitz, were apprehensive about the trip because of the much-publicized violence taking place on almost a daily basis in Israel. Stieglitz was undeterred, however, partly because of his experience living in Israel as a yeshiva student for two years. "Things are bad there but not as bad as people think," he said.

The week-long visit was a whirlwind of activity, said

Stieglitz, "but it wasn't the classic tourist things." The group visited with some of the families of people recently victimized in bombings and other acts of violence. They visited hospitals and schools to show solidar-

which the student talks about his or her experiences and answers questions about what to really expect on a visit to Israel. Stieglitz fulfilled his first commitment by speaking to members of Congregation Beth



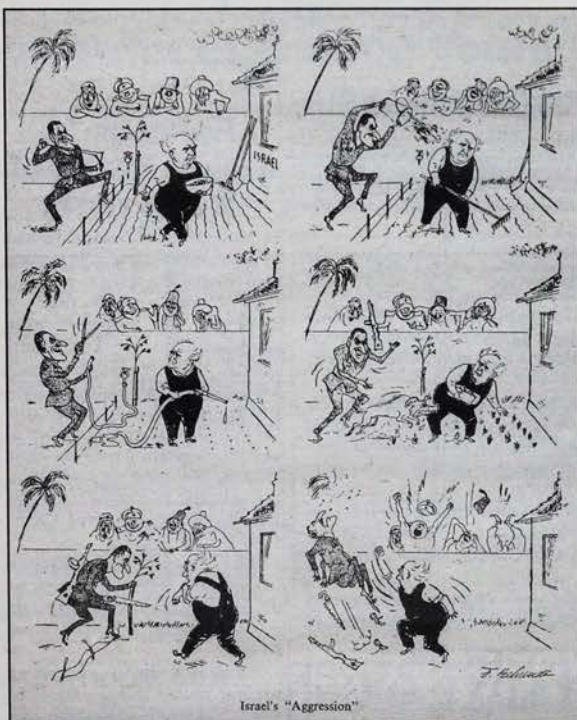
Daniel Stieglitz, left, with his younger sister Evy.

ity and support for Israel. They were also briefed by government officials on the importance of tourism to Israel, both economically and politically. In return, each student is committed to at least 10 speaking engagements, whether at schools, at synagogues or to reporters, in

Sholom. "It's something I probably should've done before now," he said.

While in Israel, the students were there "to strengthen and to be strengthened," Stieglitz said. He said he understands the concerns of people who are

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This political cartoon, entitled, "Israel's Aggression," that ran in the *Herald* in 1957, rings just as true today.

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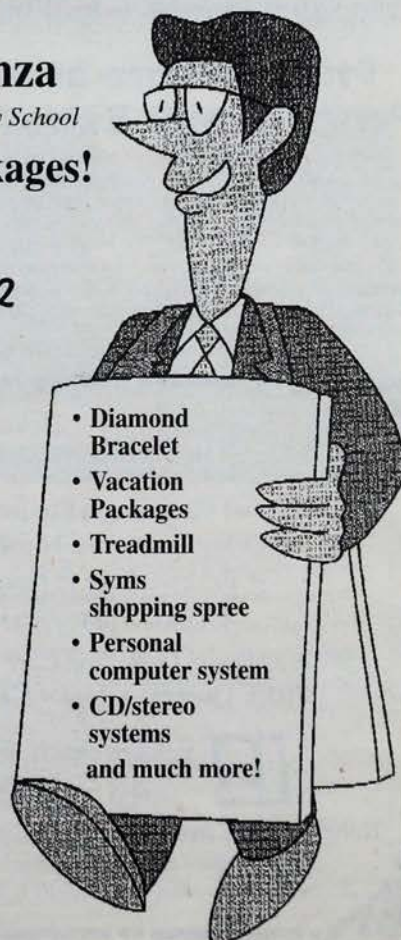
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Camp JORI Construction Continues

Work on the new site for Camp JORI is continuing through the winter months, with the goal of being partially ready for use this summer. The final stages of the project are scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2003. The new facilities will allow the camp to increase its enrollment capacity from 300 to 600.

More than \$3 million has been raised for the project, and the camp's directors hope that another \$700,000 can be raised by the end of this year, in order to qualify for the prestigious Kresge Challenge Grant, a \$500,000 award.

Once the new camp facilities are complete, many groups and organizations will be able to take advantage of them, which include a 400 seat dining hall and auditorium.

To check on the progress at the camp, visit www.campjori.com/newsite



Prizes Galore at PHDS's Feb. 2 Winter Extravaganza

Feeling lucky? The Providence Hebrew Day School will be holding its fourth annual Winter Extravaganza on Feb. 2 at the day school. The event will feature more than 65 prizes, from a Dell home computer to jewelry to CDs to a gas grill to a huge book of tickets to local sports events. The event is one of the largest annual fund-raisers for the school, and will feature live music and a dessert buffet. The event begins at 8:15 p.m. and the raffle starts at 10 p.m.. Orders can be placed by phone at 331-5327, and you do not need to be present to win.

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Israel News



Female Palestinian Suicide Bomber Strikes in Jerusalem

A female Palestinian suicide bomber blew herself up at a crowded intersection in the heart of Jerusalem, killing one Israeli man and wounding more than 150 others, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. This suicide strike was the fourth major Palestinian attack in 11 days, and was the eighth terrorist attack to take place in that area of Jerusalem since the Palestinians launched their campaign of violence in September of 2000. So far, 260 Israelis have been killed and more than 2,700 have been injured in more than 10,000 Palestinian terrorist attacks.

Bush: Arafat is "Enhancing Terror"

President Bush on Friday said he was "disappointed in Yasir Arafat" for his failure to end terrorism against Israelis,

tempting to smuggle a ship with 50 tons of illegal arms aboard into territories under his control, *The New York Times* reported. "[Arafat] must make a full effort to rout out terror in the Middle East. Ordering up weapons that were intercepted on a boat headed for that part of the world is not part of fighting terror, that's enhancing terror, and obviously we're very disappointed in him," Bush said. Vice President Dick Cheney this weekend called upon Arafat to "aggressively rout out the infrastructure of the terrorist organizations...and arrest those known to plan or support such acts," and criticized Arafat for purchasing Iranian arms for attacks on Israel.

Food, Clothes, Goods on Weapons Ship to be Donated to Needy Israelis

Hundreds of tons of food, clothes, toys and mattresses found on the weapons ship Karine A will be distributed to needy Israelis, *Yediot Aharonot* reported.

According to Israeli officials the ship, captured by Israeli naval commandos in international waters on January 3, was smuggling Iranian weapons to Palestinians. Iran and the Palestinian Authority have denied any connection to the ship. The captain, an officer in the Palestinian navy, backed the Israeli claim.



Members of Hezbollah

and said the Palestinian leader was "enhancing terror" by at-

Memory Lives On Through Mealsite Gift

by Seth Bromley, Editorial Assistant

On January 25, the Jewish Family Service Kasher Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston held a special ceremony to dedicate a new kiddush cup, challah cutting board and two new candlestick holders.

Mealsite coordinator Ronda French said the new items were purchased with donations made to the mealsite in the name of the late Miriam Selinker, who had been an avid visitor.

Selinker's daughter Lea Schneider was present, and lit the Shabbat candles. "My mother loved coming here, she loved being with these people," said Schneider. The items will now be used every Shabbat at the mealsite.

According to Schneider, her mother had been coming to the mealsite regularly for 3 years before her death last November at the age of 92. Selinker was active in the Rhode Island Jewish community throughout her life, and was also a business leader who co-founded Providence Business Forms with her late husband Solomon. Several people in attendance last Friday gave fond remembrances of Selinker, who they described as "a lovely lady," "a sweet person," and "an active member of the mealsite's discussion group."

For information about the mealsite and its programs, interested parties should contact Ronda French at 781-1771 or Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.



KASHRUTH ADVISORY

Company: The Admiral Weaver Inn
Newport, Rhode Island.

Issue: Contrary to reports which had appeared in a Rhode Island newspaper, the Orthodox Union does NOT provide kashruth supervision at the Admiral Weaver. Supervision is provided by the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island, as well as by Rabbi Eskovitz of the Touro Synagogue.

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In addition to 50 tons of missiles, mortars, rifles and ammunition, the boat was also carrying 300 tons of rice and 100 tons of goods. The civilian cargo was used to conceal the arms and was to be traded after the operation.

U.S. Re-evaluates Relations With Arafat

As Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israelis continue, U.S. officials are considering cutting ties to Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, *The Washington Post* reported. Other options for dealing with Arafat could include measures such as closing the PLO's Washington office, putting Arafat's Force-17 and his Fatah faction's Tanzim militia on the State Department's list of terrorist groups and suspending U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni's efforts to secure a true Palestinian cease-fire.

U.S. Sanctions China over Iranian Weapons Sales

The Bush administration recently imposed economic sanctions on China after Beijing was caught selling equipment to Iran for the production of weapons of mass destruction, *The Washington Times* reported. "Penalties were imposed for the transfer to Iran of equipment and technology that's used for the manufacture of chemical and biological weapons," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said. The sanctions that were imposed are contained in the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000.

Hadassah To Explore History of Jewish Words

Hadassah of Rhode Island will be sponsoring a program that teaches the roots and meanings of Jewish words that we use every day. Vice-presidents of education for Hadassah Jenny Klein and Ruth Sipherstein are leading the program, which will meet on Wednesday mornings once a month, beginning on Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. The meetings will take place in the Hadassah office at 1150 New London Ave., Cranston.

The classes will discuss "What each word has meant to us, in Biblical times, through medieval times, to today," said Klein.

Klein said she has contacted several rabbis to lead the sessions, but will lead the first one herself, on the word "Kodesh," or holy. Other words that the group will learn about include "yichus," "kavod," "mitzvah" and more.

"This is a project we thought up ourselves," said Klein. "It's something different and it should have great appeal." The idea is to learn about what Jewishness means by learning about the words that define it.

For more information about this event, please contact Ruth Sipherstein at 295-7617 or Jenny Klein at 751-6771.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

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RI is a non-sectarian program of Jewish Family Service and is open to all, regardless of religion.

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If you think you or someone you know could benefit from Lifeline/RI, or for more information, contact the Lifeline/RI office of Jewish Family Service at 331-1244, ext. 19.



'Seconds, Please'

Providence Hebrew Day School students and parents dug into heaping plates of pasta, garlic bread and salad at PHDS's Italian dinner fund-raiser. Parents volunteered to set up and serve, and Deborah Hirshon was a big help in the cooking department.

Photo by Jon Rubin

Sandra Leboff Engaged to Arye Schwartz

Irma and Stephen Leboff, of Malden, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Anne Leboff, of Everett, Mass., to Arye Elazar Schwartz, of Providence, R.I., son of Anne Schwartz, of Providence, R.I. and the late Charles Schwartz.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Lillian and Joseph Lampert of South Portland, Me., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

The date of the wedding is planned for Oct. 6, 2002.

Center For Jewish History Continues Program of Guided Tours

The Center for Jewish History, located at 15 West 16 Street in New York City, is offering open public tours every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Individual reservations in advance are not required.

Tours, which are led by trained docents, encompass all areas of the center dedicated to public service, including the Reading Room, Genealogy Institute and the major exhibitions of the American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardic Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Visitors also tour the areas available for special events, including the auditorium and Great Hall, and are welcome to browse in the Center Shop, eat in the kosher Date Palm Café, and avail themselves of the center's services in tracing family histories. Groups from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New England, Virginia and throughout New York City, as well as hundreds of individuals, have participated in center tours, during the past few months.

The center also is pleased to accommodate group tours at any time during its regular hours of operation. Group tours must be arranged in advance by calling (917) 606-8226.

NCJW, RI Section To Hold Open Meeting

"The Power of Women: Stories of Women in the Holocaust" is the title of the talk to be held Feb. 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Holocaust Museum at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. A film "The Courage to Care" will be shown and the guest speaker will be Leah Eliash.

Refreshments will be served. Be an active NCJW member. We need you! Program chairladies are Judith Litchman, 274-2311 and Nan Levine, 351-8791.

Explore Adoption With Adoption Options at Informational Meetings

Providence, February 7, Rehoboth, February 13

Anyone considering the possibilities of adoption is invited to the free informational meetings offered by Adoption Options, the non-sectarian, non-profit adoption program of Jewish Family Service.

- In Rhode Island, the meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the offices of Jewish Family Service on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 7.

- In Massachusetts, the meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. in Adoption Options' Massachusetts office, located in the Community Counseling building at 366 Winthrop St. in Rehoboth, Mass. The next meeting will take place on Feb. 13.

Adoption Options is licensed in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts and offers comprehensive services, specializing in international and domestic home studies.

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



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March 15, 1974
PURIM IS FOR DRESSING UP and that is just what these teenagers were doing at the Center. From left to right are Billy Schoeninger as The Sorcerer, Bobby Schoeninger as The King, Rene Johnson as Haman, Pilar Almeida with two roles as Esther and Vashti, and Lanny Krell as Mordechai.

April 17, 1959
January 30, 1959
Celebrate 50th Anniversary—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muffs of 282 Rochambeau Avenue celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day at a surprise dinner and dance at Lake Pearl Manor in Wrentham, Mass. Friends and members of the family attended from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The affair was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Muffs by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muffs, Dr. and Mrs. Saul Muffs, Mr. and Mrs. David De Zorret and Myron Muffs. The couple has five grandchildren.

Take a stroll into history! The archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald are planned to be released to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association for safekeeping later this year.

September 13, 2001
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August 22, 1941

THE JEWISH HERALD

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Russia Reports Evacuation of Jews

Ask Britain to Clarify Stand on Palestine

Believe Positive Attitude Required

WEIMANN SAYS JEWS DESERVE A DECLARATION

It is believed that the Russian government, which has been so active in the evacuation of Jews from Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other European countries, will soon make a similar move in regard to the Jews of Russia. It is believed that the Russian government will soon make a similar move in regard to the Jews of Russia. It is believed that the Russian government will soon make a similar move in regard to the Jews of Russia.

She Can Take It — Smiling

More Than Million Sent into Interior

Seven Housing Shelters Created

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Seek Names of Internees in Russia

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January 23, 1948

THE JEWISH HERALD

Arabs Peril 800,000 Outside Palestine

The Arab peril to the Jewish people is a real one. It is a peril that is growing more and more acute. It is a peril that is growing more and more acute. It is a peril that is growing more and more acute.

JFCS Annual Meeting February 2 at Biltmore

Zionists, Youth in Joint Meeting

Free Italians Publish Policy

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February 13, 1948

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November 4, 1955

PIERCE, shown at three months, is the daughter of Pierce of 25 Eaton Street.

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January 11, 1957

Herding a New Year—Denise Jayne Wachtelheim at 10:15 A.M. on Jan. 2 became the first Jewish baby born in 1957 in Rhode Island. Weighing in at seven pounds, four ounces, Denise joins the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene, Linda Susan, and Stanley Jay Wachtelheim of 141 Cole Avenue.

Photo by Fred Kestner

November 17, 1967

OUR YOUNGER SET: David Alan Poulten, two and one-half years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Poulten of 3 Tophill Circle, Cranston.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Poulten of 249 Warrington Street. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Snyder of Rockville, Conn.

Paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mollie Cohen of 22 Sparrow Street, and maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Julius Chesley of Miami, Fla.

October 23, 1959

Blessing the Candles—Blessing the candles in the Succah at the Jewish Home for the Aged last Sunday are, left to right, Mrs. Samuel Gantzer, board member; Mrs. Nathan Cromer, Mrs. Hinda Weiner and Mrs. Dora Rosenthal.

March 23, 1951

The Jewish Herald

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Ketubah — Another Jewish Invention, Guys

by Ted Roberts

It was a typical day in the life of a Jewish husband. My lovely wife handed me the grocery list, many pages of small writing as heavily annotated as the Mishna. ("Don't buy the store brand pineapple chunks — buy Del Monte, and I mean chunks, not rings, dummy.")

I ran to the car. She wanted me back in time to cook my famous "El Diablo en Pineapple Chicken," and she likes an early supper. "And drop by my sister's on the way home and clean out her stopped up toilet!" she shouted. I hoped the neighbors didn't hear.

She had announced earlier that day that supper was mine. In a clear ringing voice she declared, "You do supper." But I've learned from our ex-president that the meaning of words is crucial. So, what did she mean by "do?"

Could I pay somebody to make us supper? Pick up "take out?" Could I thaw out one of our Antarctic chicken dinners from the back of the freezer where the polar bears lived? Could I get eat a corned beef platter with slaw at the deli while she had a cracker and a glass of water at home?

"What is the meaning of 'do'?" I repeated. Our ex-president would have been proud of

me, I thought. But my thought was interrupted by — "It means that you stand over the stove and cook that awful, mushy-but-filling Pineapple Chicken." What could I do except salute and proceed to the grocery?

Soon as I got home, naturally, I put on my pineapple chicken. Rings or chunks, who knows the difference in the yellow brown mush I pile on the platter? And I saved 15 cents on the store brand, but she'll never know; yellow mush is yellow mush.

While it bubbled I ran upstairs to examine our marriage contract, our ketubah, to see what it said about pineapple chicken and my sister-in-law's toilet.

The ketubah — a pre-nup instrument that dates back a millennium or so; another exclusive Jewish invention but, in terms of importance, well behind monotheism, capitalism, and rolled cabbage with raisin sauce.

Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Moslems — they're all the same when it is time to link up matrimonially. They just mumble some words. Nobody signs anything. And words... well... words are like the swallows of spring — they come and they go. Can you see a Hindu couple arguing about the grocery duties?

She: "You swore you'd go to the store."

He: "No, my peacock, my rainbow, my lovely forest foxen, I said we'd eat with your parents next door."

A Jewish lady would pull out her ketubah and call a lawyer. We may have invented them too — lawyers, I mean — because I just carefully scrutinized my ketubah. It was clearly drawn up by my bride's lawyer.

Listen to the bridegroom's declaration: "I faithfully promise... honor and cherish thee, protect and support thee and provide all that is necessary for thy due sustenance... and further obligations to thy maintenance... as are prescribed by our religious statute."

That last sentence about maintenance covers a world of requirements, clearly including pineapple chunks and sister-in-law's plumbing. It is a formal "declaration" — full of promises — by the bridegroom to the bride.

The bride makes no formal declaration. Zero, zip. The contract that she signs says something frilly and feminine (and legally undefinable) about "plighting her troth." What does that mean? Making up the grocery list?

She does sign up to "all the duties incumbent upon a Jewish wife." No details. The Supreme Court would rule that short, weak-willed statement enforceable in a lower court.

Furthermore, in a Jewish marriage — the ketubah, duly signed and witnessed, is handed to the bride for safekeeping. So guess who's gonna win every argument?

Ted Roberts is a free lance writer from Alabama.

Exercise: It's Never Too Late to Start

Physical fitness for older adults — it's been discussed and debated so often of late that the subject is unavoidable, even if it doesn't interest you.

Pick up any paper, open any magazine, or visit any Web site, and you'll see pretty much the same thing. Experts tell us the importance of exercise for older adults cannot be overstated. In fact, staying active as we grow older is considered more than merely healthy these days... it has become downright trendy. For many, though, physical fitness just makes good sense because it contributes so much to the quality of life.

Alice and Sid Goldstein are good examples. Seventy-something professional demographers, both are beyond the age typically associated with retirement, yet their lives remain professionally focused and still include extensive travel. Though physically active, formal exercise programs were not exactly high priority for them for many years.

Then Sid Goldstein had a heart attack. He undertook a rehabilitation regime at Life Span Cardiac Fitness and then began exercising regularly at his neighborhood YMCA to build strength and cardiovascular endurance. Alice joined him, first swimming on a regular basis, and then shifting to strength and cardiovascular training.

Four years later a stroke forced Sid back into a rehabilitation program, this time to regain lost mobility. Not satisfied with his progress, he decided to also work independently with

Darlene Desroches, exercise physiologist for Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island.

Are the Goldsteins typical of today's older adult population? Yes and no. An article on Oct. 17, 2001 in the *Providence Journal* article reports that in a recent survey, people ages 55 and over represent the most fitness-conscious demographic group in the country. The same study indicates that 25 percent of health club members in America are now over 55.

For the frail and/or disabled elderly, Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island offers an ideal opportunity to maintain or regain strength and mobility through supervised exercise at its Comprehensive Adult Day Center. Twice a week Desroches conducts group exercise sessions for seniors, helping participants to build strength and promote mobility while enhancing their quality of life. Several more times each week Desroches works one-on-one with disabled seniors.

For those with severely restricted mobility, the CADC provides Nu Step, the much touted stair-stepper that works all major muscle groups from a comfortable sitting position. "It's not what you can't do," Desroches says, "it's what you can do." She adds, "I keep them moving, and I see the joy in their faces."

For more information about physical fitness for seniors, contact Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island, conveniently located at 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The telephone number is 351-4750.



Charlie Hall at Touro Laugh In

Laugh the winter away at Harmony Lodge's winter warm-up on Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Touro Hall. Featured will be Charlie Hall and special guest plus initiation of candidates. Enjoy hot dogs, beans, sauerkraut and cole slaw, all for just \$5 or five bagel bucks (refunded upon check-in).

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Congressman Calls For Ending American Taxpayer Support of Arafat

On Jan. 24, Congressman Eric Cantor (R-Virginia) introduced the Peace With Security Act, which would stop the practice of sending American taxpayer dollars overseas to Chairman Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority. You can log on to <<http://cantor.house.gov>> for the complete text of Cantor's legislation.

As chairman of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism

and Unconventional Warfare, Cantor said, "in the post-Sept. 11 climate there are only two sides; you are either with us, or with the terrorists."

Cantor continued, "Chairman Yasser Arafat and the PA have demonstrated through their use of acts of terror as a legitimate policy instrument that they are indeed terrorists — those who intentionally kill innocent civilians for political

purposes. The United States is committed to routing out terrorism wherever it exists. That commitment should be reflected by a refusal to send any more American taxpayer dollars to Mr. Arafat and his terrorist groups."

Cantor's Peace With Security Act finds that "Chairman Arafat's Fatah group has claimed responsibility for numerous terrorist attacks on innocent Israeli civilians, including the Nov. 29, 2001, bus bomb killing three people and wounding nine people." The findings continue, "the Palestinian Authority was responsible for the voyage of the Karine A freighter, captured by Israel in the Red Sea on Jan. 3, carrying 50 tons of weapons."

Currently, the United States sends an average of \$75 million every year to the PA, administered through the United States Agency for International Development. Last year, an additional \$125 million of American taxpayer money was delivered to the PA as part of a \$400 million three-year aid package appropriated by Congress in 2000.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

Give Yourself the Gift of Israel

by Elana Kieffer

What if you were told that there was a savings account that would more than double your investment every year, and result in the Jewish experience of a lifetime for your children? Your child would have the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea, tour the Knesset or study at an ulpan, while your only financial worry would be how many rolls of film to send them. This financial miracle, the Gift of Israel, is administered through the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE/RI).

The Gift of Israel program is a partnership of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, area synagogues and families. This program is only one way the BJE/RI helps students to make the dream of experiencing Israel a reality. The Bureau's Israel Desk provides information on Israel study/travel programs, during the academic year or summer, for high school students, college students, educators, and families; as well as information about internships, volunteering, kibbutz options and ulpanim, as well as scholarships and grants available to students.

Has your daughter studied Jewish history in Midrash? She can climb Masada and contemplate whether she would have let herself be captured or jump off the cliff with many others as the enemy was approaching. Does your son have a love of singing? He might be interested in performing in Haifa with a choir full of Jewish teens from around the country. Is your college-aged daughter planning a junior year abroad? She can volunteer with the Magen David Adom Ambulance Volunteer Program and support Israeli

EMTs in their emergency calls.

Here are some local stories: Anna Laznik, a senior at Pawtucket's Shea High School, spent a year on a kibbutz milking cows and learning Hebrew while interacting with Jewish teens from Israel, the United States, Canada, and Honduras. Rebecca Kerzer, Ilan Mitchell, and Evy Stieglitz, all Maimonides students (in Brookline, Mass.) from Providence, spent six weeks gaining map-reading and survival skills, tried banana-boating in Eilat, and had two "free" weekends visiting friends and family in and around the country.

The Eisendrath International Exchange (EIE), a National Federation of Temple Youth high school program in Jerusalem, was home to Providence residents Dan Abrams, Adam Beraha, Noga Nevel, and Michael Radparvar for a four and a half month program. Along with spending time with Israeli families and living on a kibbutz for a week, all EIE students explore the European Jewish experience from medieval times to the Holocaust, traveling through Prague, Cracow and Warsaw. Josh Beraha, Adam's brother, attended a shortened version of the NIFTY program, and said it was like the "Cliff's notes" — it hit all the spots. (Josh is currently in Israel spending this semester of his junior year of college at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.)

So how can your family get in on the action of the incredible Gift of Israel Program, the program that helps families plan and save for an Israel Experience program? Let's use the Meyer family as an example. The Meyers have two children, Hannah and David. Both are



Joshua Beraha, center, speaks about his most recent trip to Israel at an Israel Trips Forum at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

Herald photo by Jon Rubin

enrolled in Jewish education programs. (The only requirement for Gift of Israel enrollment is participation in a program of Jewish education through the enrollment years.

First, Mrs. Meyer calls Ruth Page at the Israel Desk of the BJE, and requests the necessary forms to begin the payments. For each child, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer sends a Participation Agreement and a \$50 registration fee to the Israel Desk at the BJE. With Hannah, a third grader, the Meyers will annually contribute \$150 to her Gift of Israel account. Each year, the Jewish Federation will contribute \$200 annually to Hannah's account and their synagogue will chip in another \$50 to the same account.

While Hannah progresses from third through 10th grade, her parents will have contributed \$1,200 to her account. At

some point after 10th grade, until age 23, Hannah will have \$3,200 to spend on her choice of several hundred Israel program options.

For Hannah's brother David, a fifth-grader, the Meyers can participate in the "catch-up" plan, for students enrolled in grades four to six. The Meyers "make up" the years they missed financially, and then continue with the Basic Plan that Hannah is in.

Eight years later, Hannah is in the 11th grade and David is a college freshman. Will David kayak down the Jordan River and sleep in a Bedouin Tent with the Sephardic Educational Center Collegiate Program? Should Hannah spend the summer on Kibbutz Afikim, working with the livestock and sleeping a night in the Judean Desert? The Meyers can browse through Ruth Page's bountiful selection of brochures

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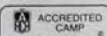
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Producer of Major TV, Film Projects to Speak at URI

The University of Rhode Island graduate who was the executive producer and director of the worldwide television broadcast to benefit the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks will speak at URI's Memorial Union on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

URI's alumni association and the URI chapter of Hillel are sponsoring Joel Gallen's visit to the union's Atrium II. Hillel is co-sponsoring his talk in honor of its 50th anniversary as the center of Jewish life on the Kingston Campus. "An Evening with Joel Gallen" will feature video clips from several of his productions, and is free and open to the public.

In September 2001, Gallen was approached by the four major networks to produce and direct a worldwide television broadcast to benefit the victims of the terrorist attacks. In just six days, Gallen managed to assemble more than 80 top-name entertainers for "America: A Tribute to Heroes," a two-hour live telethon event that raised more than \$150 million, attracting 89 million viewers in the United States alone.

In 1979, when a senior at URI, Gallen decided to forego a promising job offer from Xerox for a summer mailroom job at a New York talent agency.

Today, he owns a successful production company called Tenth Planet Productions, and has produced a string of critically acclaimed television series and specials like *Unplugged* and the MTV Movie Awards. He has two new feature films, "Not Another Teen Movie" and "Zoolander," to his credit.

"This is a chance for us to bring an exciting alumnus, a leader in his field to campus,"

said Dana DiMarco of URI's division of advancement. "The Tribute to Heroes" clearly helped bring the nation together after Sept. 11, and Joel was the driving force behind it. Joel is just another example of our alumni making an impact that is felt around the world.

"We hope students, faculty and staff will come to hear this extraordinary individual talk about his work in the constantly changing world of entertainment," DiMarco said.

Amy Sapherstein, director of Jewish Student Life at URI Hillel, said the group wanted to find someone to speak who inspired change, made people think and made people talk.

"What luck to discover that Joel Gallen of 'America: Tribute to Heroes' fame — is a URI alumnus. Our students are thrilled, and I was a bit in awe to speak with the man who created some of the hottest things URI students talk about — from MTV awards shows to movies like 'Zoolander.' And then when he pulled off the Sept. 11 concert, I knew that he was just the person we were looking for."

"It's such an honor to have Joel Gallen share his life and experience with not only the Jewish students, but the whole URI community," Sapherstein said.

In recognition of Gallen's outstanding work, the URI Alumni Association will present Gallen with one of its Excellence Awards for his contribution to the arts. Gallen will be among 19 award winners honored during a brunch on Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Union.

Mount Pleasant Branch Holds Book Bazaar

On Feb. 9, the Mount Pleasant Branch Library of Providence Public Library, 315 Academy Ave., Providence, R.I., will be holding its 21st annual Book Fair and Bazaar, organized by the Friends of Mount Pleasant Branch Library, a non-profit organization.

The funds that are raised are used for purchasing materials and equipment for Mt. Pleasant Branch Library. During the past years, the Friends financed: Bazaars featuring children's puppet show performance, passes to R.I. School of Design Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo and the Providence Children's Museum; a public address system installation and purchase of books on tape and large print books.

The Mount Pleasant Branch is located at 315 Academy Ave., Providence. Call 331-1130.

Perishable Theatre Presents New Show About Reading

Taking an active role in community efforts to teach themes of literacy in Rhode Island, The Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation is sponsoring a special series of free children's theater performances for February school vacation. Perishable Theatre's award-winning Shows For Young Audiences Tour will present their newest musical play "The Door Inside the Book" for the community's children and their families.

This new show about the fun of reading is geared towards children 4 to 10 years old and will be performed during February school vacation week, starting Feb. 16 and continuing daily Feb. 18 through Feb. 21. All performances are at 10 a.m. at the Bishop McViney Auditorium, Franklin Street, in downtown Providence.

In lieu of admission, donations will be accepted for the Rhode Island End Hunger Fund and the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Call Perishable Theatre at 331-2695, ext. 303 to reserve tickets and for directions or visit them on the Web at www.perishable.org.

This gift to the community is graciously sponsored by The Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation. Feinstein, founder of the Feinstein Foundation, is a nationally known philanthropist and humanitarian. He is dedicated to philanthropic endeavors, focusing on the advancement of public service and the alleviation of hunger. He founded the World Hunger Program at Brown University, the first university center to study and try to end the causes of hunger, launched the World Hunger Brigade, a program which encourages middle school students to study hunger and design programs to fight it, and the Feinstein International Famine Center at Tufts University which carries out projects designed to help reduce hunger in countries around the world.

Feinstein believes that "Perishable Theatre the excitement of live theater with social messages, such as the importance of literacy. I feel that this is an important experience to provide for the children and families of our community."

Set in a library after closing time, "The Door Inside the Book" introduces children to a wild variety of characters that are books that come to life in front of the audience's eyes. One only book, who hasn't been checked out in a very long time, can't read her own title or remember what she is about. She then sets out with the help of Frederick Douglass's biography



MARK ANTHONY BROWN AND KATE LESTER in Perishable Theatre's new musical about the fun of literacy, "The Door Inside the Book."

Photo by Pam Murray

and a New York City Guidebook to find her own story. This rollicking musical written by award-winning playwright Tom O'Donnell boasts an original ragtime score by local composer Keith Munslow. Within the play, the children actually venture inside the cover of a book to meet many captivating characters within the story, among them two mischievous mice named Peewy and Dibbs who try to steal Professor Beaver's latest invention.

Under the direction of Mark J. Lerman, the award-winning Perishable Theatre is now entering into its 19th season of theatrical innovation. Since its inception in 1983, more than 600,000 children throughout Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Con-

necticut have seen the Shows For Young Audiences Tour perform, educate and entertain. All of their programming responds to today's pressing concerns, and strives to open an active dialogue with their audience. Providing first-rate performances and tackling current social issues, SFYA has been lauded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Shubert Foundation and the R.I. Council on the Arts for their ongoing commitment to bringing quality educational theater to children of all ages.

Call Perishable Theatre's Children's Show Hotline at 331-2695, ext. 303 to reserve tickets and for directions to Bishop McViney Auditorium. Visit the theater's Web site at www.perishable.org.



Providence Art Club Presents Exhibit

The Providence Art Club Dodge House gallery, located at 11 Thomas St., Providence, presents the exhibit "Cutting Edges" by Gillet T. Page, a collection of stone carvings and collage. The showing will continue until Feb. 8. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Open to the public.

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Providence Public Library Hosts Lecture Series

Safe and Free: Civil Liberties Since September 11

In a continuing effort to help individuals and the community understand and respond to challenges following the events of Sept. 11, Providence Public Library is offering a second lecture series, "Safe and Free: Civil Liberties Since Sept. 11." This series of five programs will address a range of topics related to how our freedoms have been affected following the national attack. "Many attendees of the library's initial lecture series 'In the Wake of Tragedy' expressed a desire for additional programs addressing civil liberties, among other topics. We feel this is an opportunity for people from a variety of backgrounds to expand their understanding of the current issues," said Dale Thompson, director.

The Sunday afternoon series begins with a panel discussion to highlight issues such as ethnic profiling, surveillance, privacy and the freedom of information. Open to the public, these events will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Central Library, 225 Washington St. in Providence.

Feb. 3 — Panel discussion moderated by Joel P. Rawson, senior vice president and executive director of The Providence Journal Company. Panelists include: John J. Leyden, retired U.S. Marshal of Rhode Island; Steve Brown, executive director, Rhode Island affiliate of the

ACLU; and Lawrence Rothstein, Ph.D., professor, URI political science department.

Feb. 24 — "Preserving Privacy in the New Environment" presented by Robert Ellis Smith, author and publisher of the Providence-based *Privacy Journal*, a monthly newsletter on privacy in the computer age.

The second lecture in the series will take place on Feb. 24. Presenter Smith will speak on "Preserving Privacy in The New Element," a presentation tracing personal privacy and surveillance throughout American history. It will conclude with recommendations for preserving our traditions of privacy and at the same time providing national security and personal security.

Additional program dates in the series have been scheduled for March 17, April 7, and April 28. Information will be announced soon.

Recipient of the 2001 National Award for Library Service, the Providence Public Library is a 125-year-old private, not-for-profit institution with 10 branches located throughout the city of Providence. The library is also the state-designated Reference Resource Center. It provides free educational, enrichment and economic advancement opportunities for all citizens, regardless of background, age or income.

Shanghai Circus to Perform Feb. 7

The New Shanghai Circus will be performing its incredible magical acrobatic production at the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre, Woonsocket, R.I., on Feb. 7 for two performances, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Climbing to the top of a tall stack of chairs, the spinning of plates on the end of a long bamboo stick, balancing small wooden benches on their heads, or flipping bowls from their feet in mid air is just some of the incredible acrobatic talents you will experience while watching this mystical magical circus performance.

From 1998, New Shanghai circus began its performance in Branson Missouri. In the spring of 1999, the circus was invited to the New Victory Theater in New York for 28 performances, which were all "sold out on Broadway." It is New Shanghai Circus that first realized the Chinese acrobatic circle's dream to present their show on Broadway.

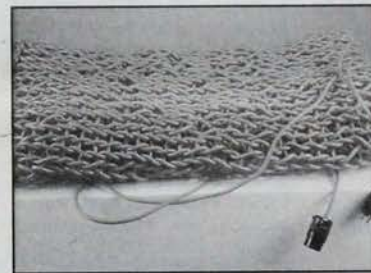
With the new century upon us, the Shanghai Circus will present a grand new and elegant demeanor of arts before the Stadium audience.

Don't miss these and other traditional Chinese acrobatic feats performed by the New Shanghai Circus at the Stadium Theatre Performing Arts Centre, Monument Square, Woonsocket, R.I.

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Imprints, Punctures & Other Pointed Maneuverings

The first Main Gallery exhibition of 2002, *Imprints, Punctures & Other Pointed Maneuverings*, an exciting and focused group exhibition curated by Judith Tolnick, director of the

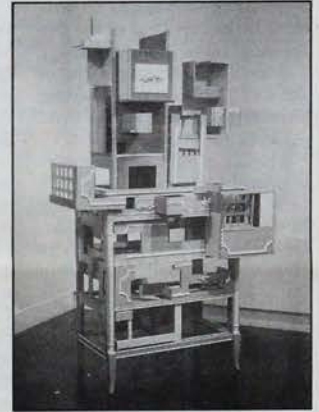


Fine Arts Center Galleries, explores the powerful yet flexible stimulus to subvert open and closed, volume and void, materiality and immateriality, that is prevalent in much advanced painting and sculpture. It runs in the Fine Arts Center Galleries, University of Rhode Island,

Kingston, from Jan. 28 to March 8.

In "Imprints, Punctures & Other Pointed Maneuverings" nothing is static. A mobile spindliness predominates in this exhibition where each artist is strikingly individualistic, typically acting in experienced dialogue with several media at once.

The exhibition assembles the work of five distinctive contemporary painters and sculptors: Jean Blackburn, Dave Cole and Irene Lawrence, all currently Rhode Island based, and Fran Siegel and Merle Temkin, who live and work in New York. Each artist is impressively trained in the visual arts and gains much aesthetic and conceptual purchase by refusing to over-discriminate between me-



dia, expressively integrating techniques of painting, sculpture and printmaking. More than 20 works will be on view, including a cast plaster installation by Fran Siegel developed especially for this exhibition.

Call 874-2775 for more information.

North American Home Show Opens Jan. 31

The 23rd annual North American Home Show will open its doors Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 3 at the Bayside Expo Center, Boston, Mass., with a brand new, four-day show format.

The 2002 show promises something for everyone. See the latest in appliances, kitchens, baths and spas, furniture, doors and windows, swimming pools, lawn and garden, and much more.

Visit the exciting new exhibits at the North American Home Show's first ever four-day show. Spring is a great time to expand, remodel and redecorate and the North American Home Show is the perfect place to start planning those projects. Meet with contractors and designers, compare products and services, and get some great ideas for your home improvements.

Show hours are Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.;



Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Bayside Expo Center is located off exit 15 on the Southeast Expressway (Route 93), and ample parking is available. If traveling by public transportation, take the Red Line on the MBTA to the JFK/UMASS stop. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 (children under 6 are free). Call

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OBITUARIES

BESSIE R. BLUMENTHAL
PROVIDENCE — Bessie R. Blumenthal, 97, of Hillside Ave., a former bookkeeper, died Jan. 25 at Hillside Health Center.

Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Fruma (Dunn) Blumenthal.

She was a bookkeeper for the former Cott Bottling Co., and later for the former Eastern Bottling Co. before retiring 28 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, and the Miriam Hospital women's Association.

She leaves several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Max and Edmund Blumenthal, Rebecca Rosenberg and Frances Schaffer.

A graveside service was held Jan. 27 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

THEODORE GALKIN
CRANSTON — Theodore Galkin, 93, of Scituate Avenue, a retired foreman, died Jan. 28 at Cedar Crest Nursing Centre. He was the husband of the late Beatrice I. (Flanzbaum) Galkin.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Pauline (Scheindel) Galkin, he had lived in Cranston for many years.

He was a shipping foreman for American Insulated Wire Company for 20 years, retiring 24 years ago. He was a graduate of Hope High School where he was an all-state athlete in track, basketball and football. He was a member of Redwood Lodge #35 AF & AM and a member of the former Roosevelt Lodge of the Masons. He was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth Israel.

He leaves a son, George J. Galkin of Warwick, a granddaughter and 2 great grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Leo, Herman, Ira, Arthur and Joseph Galkin and Caroline Mammis.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29 in Shalom Memorial

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

EDNA (RICHMOND) GILSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Edna (Richmond) Gilstein, 82, of Borden St., a retired bookkeeper, died Jan. 24 at Steere House.

She was the wife of the late Cyrus Gilstein. Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Hyman and Lillian (Helpin) Richmond, she moved to Rhode Island in 1947, living in Providence and Cranston.

She was a graduate of Boston Latin School. She was a bookkeeper at Capitol Records in Boston, and the former Gil's Hardware before retiring in 1976.

She was the secretary for the Gilstein Family Circle, a member of the former Temple Beth Israel, and a former member of Temple Sinai and its Sisterhood.

She leaves two sons, Robert W. Gilstein of Dartmouth, Mass., and David P. Gilstein of Charlestown, and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Eunice Tarr and Irene Blake.

The funeral service was held Jan. 27 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 245 Waterman St., Room 306, Providence, RI 02906. The family was assisted in the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

HELEN ANN KORTICK
EAST GREENWICH — Helen Ann Kortick, 57 of Gilbert Stuart Drive, died Jan. 27 at home.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of Morris and Edith (Trostanoff) Kortick of Cranston.

She was a 1962 graduate of

Cranston High School, and a 1966 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where she received a degree in English. She also had attended Harvard University.

She was a former trustee of the Rocky Hill School, the University of Rhode Island and the Hillel at Wellesley College.

She was a member of the Potowomut Country Club, Warwick. She enjoyed running and participated in many area road races.

A member of Temple Sinai, in Cranston, she was active in the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Besides her parents, she leaves a daughter, Marcy Cohen of Cranston; and two grandsons.

The funeral service was held Jan. 29 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

RICHARD J. OBERFIELD
PHILADELPHIA — Richard J. Oberfield, 86, of West Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, died on Jan. 19.

He was a graduate with high honors of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School where he was a member of the track and tennis teams. He was the managing partner of the accounting firm of Laventhol and Horwarth before retiring. He had served as president of Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pa., and was a member of Meadowsland Country Club and the Locust Club of Philadelphia.

He is survived by a son, Donald Oberfield, of New Jersey; a sister, Ellie Fine of Providence; and two grandsons. He was the husband of the late Eve (Cler) and companion of Jean Helms.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Goldstein's, Rosenberg's and Raphael Sacks Funeral Home.

SANFORD PEPPER
PROVIDENCE — Sanford "Babe" Pepper, 73, of Ho-or St., Jerusalem, Israel, formerly of Providence, died Jan. 27 in Jerusalem. He was the husband of Vivian (Lipschitz) Pepper. Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Sadie (Godfrey) Pepper, he had lived in Providence for many years until moving to Israel 11 years ago.

He and his wife were houseparents of the boy's dormitory of The Hebrew High School in Providence for many years before moving to Israel. Besides his wife, he leaves five children, Craig Pepper of Monsey, N.Y. Susan Blatt and Steven Pepper, both of Jerusalem, James Pepper of Lakewood, N.J. and Elizabeth Moffson of Johannesburg, South Africa; a brother, Arnold Pepper of Warwick; a sister, Frances Sadler of Cranston; 53 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial was held Jan. 26 in Israel. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were coordinated by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

PAUL SAMUELS
CRANSTON — Paul Samuels, 83, of Sachem Drive, a credit-union collections manager, died Jan. 22 in Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence.

He was the husband of Helen (Berman) Samuels. Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Regina (Spillert) Samuels, he had lived in Cranston for more than 40 years.

He was an assistant collections manager at the Rhode Island State Employees Credit Union for 24 years.

He was a graduate of Hope High School, Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Ronald Samuels of Cranston; a daughter, Andrea Levinson of Warwick; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Jan. 25 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 169 George St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. Arrangements were

made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I.

CHARLES SNELL
CRANSTON —

Charles Snell, 90, of the Scandivavian Home, a retired radio mechanic, died Jan. 28 at home.

Born in Fall River, the son of the late Meir and Jennie (Popkin) Snell, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to Cranston in 1994.

He had been a radio mechanic at the former Quonset Point Naval Air Station, in North Kingstown, until he retired.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by two sisters, Ida Snell of Johnston and Ruth Levinson in Florida. He was the brother of the late Ellen Kramer, Minnie Chase, Frances Rosenberg and Bertha Chase.

A graveside service was held Jan. 30 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BENNETT SOKOLL
NEW BEDFORD —

Bennett Sokoll, 83, of Hawthorn Street, died Jan. 20 at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. He was the husband of Dorothy (Shwartz) Sokoll.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late David and Sarah (Rabinovitz) Sokoll, he formerly had lived at Woodlawn Terrace in North Dartmouth.

He was a graduate of Dufree High School of Fall River and attended Providence College before entering the Army, where he served in India and Burma.

He was a salesman for National Wholesale, now known as NATCO Corp., until he retired in 1985. He was also the former co-owner of S.B. Realty Co. of New Bedford and New Bedford Plastic Bag Co.

He was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Terry Sokoll of Fall River and two

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grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Arnold and Robert Sokoll.

The funeral service was held Jan. 23 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

LILLIAN TOLMAN

Providence — Lillian Tolman, 81, of Hillside Ave., a retired saleslady, died Jan. 26 at Miriam Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Daniel Tolman. Born in Russia, a daughter of the late J. Samuel and Gussie (Jewett) Goldman, she had lived in Canada before moving to Providence in 1923.

She worked for many years in sales at the former Outlet Co., and later at the former Peerless store as a department manager of lingerie.

She was a graduate of Hope High School, Class of 1938, where she was the winner to the Anthony Medal.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and was active in the PTA and the synagogue theater group, and its leisure group, and was a former member of Temple Beth-Am, Warwick.

She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild.

She leaves a son, Howard Y. Tolman of Portsmouth; three daughters, Marilyn G. Greenberg of Narragansett, Sharon E. Tolman Silver in Arizona and Michelle E. Crow in Calif.; three brothers, Leonard Y. Goldman in Fla., David M. Goldman of Warwick and Albert Goldman in Penn.; three sisters, Sonya Garfinkle in Fla., Charlotte P. Feld of Warwick and Ruth Silberman in Conn.; and six grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Gilbert S. Goldman.

The funeral service was held Jan. 28 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rabbi Kaunfer Discretionary Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906. The family was assisted in the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.



MANFRED WEIL

BOCA RATON, Fla.

— Manfred Weil, 80, of Palmar Court, formerly of Providence, a retired manufacturing executive, and an active member of the Jewish community, died Jan. 23 at Hospice by the Sea, Boca Raton.

He was the husband of Jeanne (Fish) Weil. Born in Germany, a son of the late Simon and Else (Rosenbaum) Weil, he and his family escaped from Germany and fled to England in 1938. They moved to Providence in 1940.

He was a manufacturing executive for the Miller electronic division of the former Carol Cable Co. for 31 years, retiring 25 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of

World War II, serving in the Pacific. He was a past commander of the Fineman-Trinkle Post 439 of the Jewish War Veterans.

He was a member of B'nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton, and a past president of Temple Emanu-El. He was a past chairman of the Israel bond program, and an honorary member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

He was instrumental in the settlement of Russian immigrants in Rhode Island. He received the Amudim Award from Providence Hebrew Day School as an outstanding member of the community.

He established endowments at the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Solomon Schechter Day School, Bar Ilan University in Israel, the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and the Brown University Medical School.

He was an avid world traveler.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Simon Weil of Downingtown, Pa.; two daughters, Cory Fink of Cranston and Judith Weir of Smithfield; and five grandchildren. He was the brother of the late John Weil.

The funeral service was held Jan. 25 in Temple Emanu-El. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I.

Settlements Aren't Worth Israeli Lives

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have also made policy mistakes. The continuation of settlement expansion in the occupied territory during the 1990s when the peace process was going forward was wrong, and led to skepticism among Palestinians that Israel was serious about a solution that included two viable states. Allowing the settler population to increase by hundreds of thousands promoted mistrust and anger among Palestinians seeking a homeland next to Israel, and greatly complicated the situation.

Today, Israel spends millions of dollars to build separate settler bypass roads, create separate utility facilities to serve settlers, and to defend the settlements. However, there is a proposal by Labor's Haim Ramon that could save Israel millions, and provide better security for its citizens. Ramon is calling for the country to unilaterally withdraw from the Gaza Strip and 80 percent of the West Bank and establish a temporary border from which it would be better able to deal with Palestinian terror, and help induce Palestinian leaders to come back to the peace table.

This would not be rewarding terrorism with Israeli pullbacks, but rather strategically dismantling outlying settlements to erect a fence to better protect Israeli citizens and soldiers. Israel would be defining a border that serves its interest, establish-

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heroes and Jewish War Veterans. I attended lots of simchas, first as a reporter and then as an invited guest. I attended services at Reform, Conservative and Orthodox synagogues, was invited to Shabbat dinners and found out that, just like in "The Chosen," Chassidic Jews really do play baseball.

I learned to see Judaism as a force, a movement, something special that radiated from a people who had something in common, even though they couldn't always agree what that something was. My research brought me deeper and deeper inside a tradition whose surface I had barely dipped my finger into. And I began to be proud again of who I was. The *Herald* gave me that.



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Making It In An Unjust World

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think that makes me less qualified... You'll never catch me looking at a teleprompter, or reading from a cheat sheet.

Katie's not the only one — there are dozens more like her, gals who are paid huge sums of money for doing what I do for free: Giving out news. I do that every day of my life and I get bupkes for my time and trouble. I think it has something to do with having a good support system. She's fortunate to be surrounded by sycophants who tell her that she's a brilliant journalist, but I live with a man who periodically gives a gishrei, "Stop! That's La'shon Harrah." What kind of encouragement is that? No wonder I never became a success.

Before Katie made her big splash, there was Barbara Walters — well known for her interviews of the rich and famous. She still does an occasional interview presented as a TV special, but these days her main focus is a daytime chat show. She asks probing and deeply personal questions and becomes famous. I ask a few innocent kashes and I sound like a yenta. This is justice?

Then there's Kathie Lee, a totally vapid female if ever there was one. She was on television

every morning for years, plopping with Regis Philbin, and never made a single comment worth remembering. But money she made!

And how about the macha-sheifa from England who hosts a quiz show? This smart aleck asks questions that she knows the answers to — only because they're given to her in advance — and then she insults any contestant who comes up with the wrong response. If I opened a mouth like that I wouldn't have a friend in the world, much less my own television show.

The list of females who are making names for themselves is expanding, and that makes me happy. I want the members of my sex to succeed, but I would like to be counted among them. I'm not sure what irks me more — not being paid what I'm worth, or not having celebrity status.

I am sure of one thing however — I'm being cheated. Life's not fair.

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Marc Paige lives in Cranston.



Teens Triumphant!

Members of the Providence chapter of USY exult in winning international chapter of the year at the Dec. 26 international USY Convention in Washington, D.C. Pictured left to right are Eitan Hersh, Shayna Hersh, Ben Savitsky, Noga Nevel, Lymor Ringer, Ari Savitsky, Shoshana Miller, Michelle Levinson, Josh Gillman, David Miller. Not pictured: Adam Cable, Lisa Pelcovits

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Beth-El Sisterhood Film Festival To Premiere in March

For three Sundays in March, Temple Beth-El in Providence will be screening three films at the synagogue, 70 Orchard Avenue, in Providence. The event is free and open to the community.

March 3: "From Mao to Mozart: Isaac Stern in China," with discussion leader Cantor Judith Seplovin

March 10: "Making a Killing" — A family's 50-year quest to recover their missing art collection, with discussion leader Professor Deborah Johnson.

March 17: "Isaac in America" and "The Cafeteria" — A biographical sketch of Isaac B. Singer followed by a mystical tale by the same author about two Jewish refugees who meet in one of New York's upper West Side cafeterias, with Professor Mike Fink leading the discussion.

For more information, call Joanne Forman at 751-6909.

Jewish Ritual Objects Sought for East European Jewry

This year, Rhode Island is sending 23 young adults to the national United Jewish Communities Washington Conference. As part of their leadership training, the young adults from Rhode Island will be collecting Jewish ritual objects that will be sent to Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

It is amazing to discover that even in the 21st century, more than 50 years after World War II and the Holocaust, Jews in Eastern Europe cannot practice their Judaism because the basic ritual items they need are either unavailable or prohibitively expensive. This year's Washington Conference is demanding that our young adults make a difference and perform acts of tikkun olam (repair the world) right now.

For the next couple of weeks, we will be gathering gifts that will be sent to our friends in the regions of Riga, Latvia, Sofia, Bulgaria, Bucharest, Romania, Belgrade, and Yugoslavia through our partnership with the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. There are three categories of ritual objects:

Urgent Needs: Chanukah Candles, Dreidels, Israeli/Jewish Music, Kiddush Cups, Menorahs, Mezzuzot, and Seder Plates

Immediate Needs: Candlesticks, Challah Covers, Haggadot, Havdallah candles, Machzorim, Purim megillot, Shabbat candles, Tallitot (large and small, excellent condition only), Tefillin, Israeli/Jewish artwork

Other Community Needs: Huppas, Kippot (new only), Siddurim (prayer books), Tanachim (Bible and other writings)

We ask that the Jews in Rhode Island help us out with this important project and donate ritual objects that they have no use for, or go out and purchase new ritual objects that we can bring to our conference for the Jews of Eastern Europe. Contact Rebekah Raz, Community Relations Council director at The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at 421-4111 ext.172.

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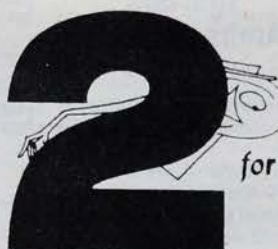
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