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A new 'Voice' to rise in community

Presses stop for *The Jewish Herald*, but roll on for a new, unified paper

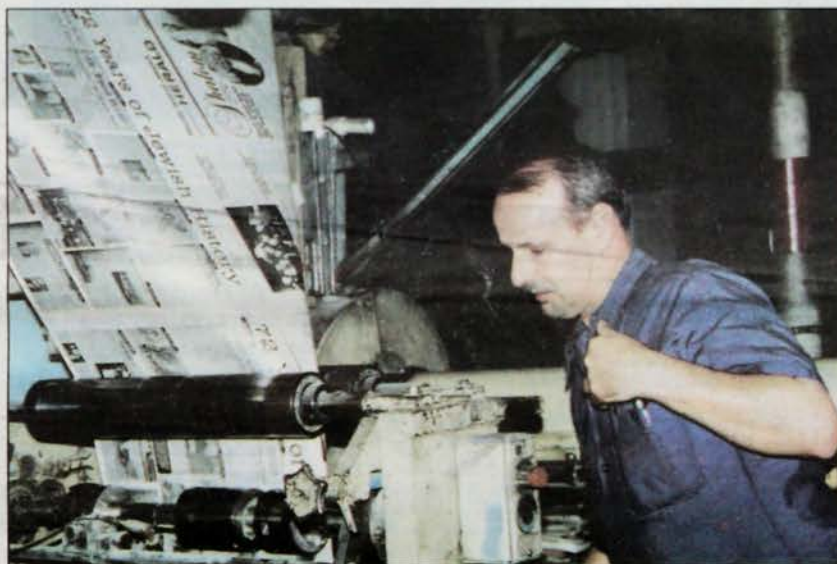
By Gerry Goldstein

An era in Jewish journalism spanning nearly three-quarters of a century ended Jan. 30 as the weekly *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* published its final edition and prepared to merge with the monthly *Jewish Voice of Rhode Island*. The move will result in the birth of a new, twice-monthly newspaper, to be called *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.

Arthur Lemoi, president of the 73-year-old *Herald*, and officials of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, which publishes the *Voice*, said the goal is an authoritative, economically strong newspaper that will provide a confluence of Jewish-oriented news, opinion and advertising.

The Jewish Voice & Herald, to debut March 6, will be mailed to some 8,700 households in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. The paper's news and advertising departments will be located in the Jewish Federation offices at 130 Sessions St., Providence.

Janet Engelhart, executive vice president of the Federa-



PRESSMAN Barry Kennedy runs off the final issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. The front page, below, featured late publishers Walter and Miriam Rutman.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

tion, which will publish the new paper, said *The Voice & Herald* will incorporate all the elements of an independent

"newspaper of record," printing local, national and international stories of interest to the Jewish community. The paper

will also print, at no charge, "life-cycle" events including births, bar and bat-mitzvahs, weddings and obituaries, in

addition to letters to the editor and longer opinion pieces.

Robert Mann, Federation president, said he hopes that the *Voice & Herald* will focus strongly on local news and that it will be aggressive in covering the Jewish community. The editor of *The Voice & Herald* will be Jonathan Rubin, of Providence. Rubin, 23, has edited the 2,500-circulation *Herald* since his graduation from URI in 2000.

He will be assisted by consulting editor Gerry Goldstein, 61, of Greenville, who recently took an early retirement from the *Providence Journal* after 25 years as South County bureau chief and columnist.

Merger talks between the *Herald* and the 29-year-old *Voice* had been held occasionally in the past, said Lemoi, but Miriam Rutman, widow of the *Herald's* late owner, Walter Rutman, opposed the idea.

She insisted on the *Herald's* independence, Lemoi said, because "It was Walter's paper." Mrs. Rutman, whose

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Israel demands locked cockpits

Foreign airlines lacking a locked cockpit will not be permitted to land in Israel. Transport Minister Ephraim Sneh issued the directive as part of increased security requirements in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. As part of efforts to monitor airlines, Israel has begun sending undercover agents on flights to verify whether security requirements are being met.

Female suicide bomber mourned

Thousands of mourners held a mock funeral for the Palestinian woman who set off a bomb in downtown Jerusalem recently. The death of the 27-year-old paramedic, whose terror mission killed an elderly Israeli man, has prompted some Palestinians to call for more women to join the intifada.



AN INJURED WOMAN holds onto a paramedic as she is evacuated after a female suicide bomber blew herself up on the corner of Jaffa Road and King George Street in Jerusalem on Jan. 27, killing an 81-year-old man and wounding more than 100 others. Brian Hendler/JTA

Cynthia Loux appointed advertising director of the new Voice & Herald



Cynthia Loux

Cynthia Loux, of Pawtucket, has been named advertising director of the new, twice-a-month *Jewish Voice & Herald*. Loux, who has lived in Rhode Island all her life, previously worked in advertising for the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, which has merged with the *Jewish Voice of Rhode Island* as part of the creation of the new paper.

Loux also worked for six years at the *Pawtucket Times*. She succeeds Seena Taylor, of Cranston, who recently resigned after three years with the *Voice*.

Loux can be reached at 401-421-4111, ext. 160.

Al Qaida sought attacks on Jews in terror manual

An Al Qaida terror manual called for launching attacks on Jewish groups and large gatherings of Jews. Such attacks should be planned in order to cause as many deaths as possible, according to the manual, which also lists skyscrapers, national monuments, nuclear plants and crowded football stadiums as the best targets for spreading fear in the United States and Europe.

The manual, which was written before the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States, was obtained by the Associated Press from a former Afghan resistance fighter, who said he got it from a disaffected Al Qaida member in Afghanistan.

Wiesel blasts museum exhibit

Elie Wiesel has called an upcoming exhibit at New York's Jewish Museum a "betrayal" of the Holocaust. In an article published in *Newsday*, the Nobel Prize winner and Holocaust survivor said some of the works slated to be exhibited "exceeded the limit" of "simple decency." The exhibit, "Mirroring Evil: Nazi Imagery/Recent Art," to be shown at the Jewish Museum starting March 17, includes artists' renderings of the Holocaust in a manner museum officials believe will present the Nazi horrors in a thought-provoking manner.

Hezbollah equates Bush, Satan

A Hezbollah leader lashed out against President Bush and dismissed U.S. accusations that the group is a terrorist organization. "Bush is faithful to Satan, was his devotee and is the greatest devotee in a leadership thirsty for killing and blood and aggression," Sheikh Naeem Kassem told a rally recently. Reacting to when Bush accused Hezbollah of being part of a "terrorist underworld," Kassem said the "resistance" against Israel "will remain resistance even if America calls it terrorism."

Low voter turnout for Zionist elections

The number of Americans who registered to vote in this year's world Zionist elections is down by nearly one-third. Although the final numbers are not yet tallied, the American Zionist Movement estimates that 115,000 people registered for the March elections, as opposed to nearly 150,000 in 1997. The AZM primarily blamed Sept. 11 for the decreased participation. The diversion caused by the terrorist attacks and the economic downturn have made people more "inwardly focused," AZM Director Karen Rubinstein said.

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Chicken soup for news junkies.

To our readers:

THE Jewish Voice of Rhode Island and The Jewish Herald have merged to become a new publication, the Jewish Voice & Herald.

Starting March 6, subscribers to both former newspapers will receive copies of the Voice & Herald by mail, twice a month.

The new publication will reach nearly 9,000 Jewish households in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, and will be the only Jewish newspaper providing local, national and international news and opinion in that region.

A new editorial team is already in place and is working hard to bring you a well-edited and informative Jewish community newspaper.

Jonathan Rubin, editor, and Gerry Goldstein, consulting editor, can be reached by phone at 401-421-4111 ext. 168, or by fax at 401-331-7961. E-mail addresses will be listed next month.

The publication schedule is: March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 8 and 22, June 19, July 17, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 11.

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A background brushed with blood

The author, a jewelry designer who now lives in Providence, was born on a kibbutz bordering the Gaza Strip, in 1954. In 1971 and 1972 she was a settler in Ein Zivan, a kibbutz in the Golan Heights. She served in Israel's army from 1973 to 1975.



By Nitza Attali Katzoff

I have the privilege of working at home and having the news on from morning to night. I watch a number of different broadcasts—CNN, MSNBC, Fox, and the three major networks. My frustration has grown in the past few months because so much mention is made of the occupied territories, but mention is never made of how they came about.

Only once, on *Hardball* with Chris Matthews—who is one of the most knowledgeable talk show hosts in terms of modern Israeli history—was there some effort to present the facts that provide the necessary backdrop to the whole question.

The terror in Israel began in 1948, and not in 1967 during the Six-Day War, as so many believe, when Israel took the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt.

On May 14 of 1948, Israel was experiencing the joy of birth and the fear of death in a single taste.

The armies of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan and Iraq invaded the next day, initiating the first Arab-Israeli war. The secretary general of the Arab League, Azzan Pasho, proclaimed, "this will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre."

In an effort to head off the war, Golda Meir, disguised as an Arab, crossed into Trans-Jordan to persuade the king not to participate. It was plain that his purpose was to take the whole country, and make its Jewish population a minority dependent on his tolerance.

Of peace, Meir said: "We don't know how to explain this very simple thing; we want peace for ourselves and peace for our neighbors. Is that so difficult that it can't be explained?"

Nineteen months later, Israel had defeated the invaders and the war was over. Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon signed armistice agreements. At the war's end, Egypt occupied the Gaza Strip. Trans-Jordan (later renamed Jordan) occupied Judea-Samaria, a.k.a. the West Bank, absorbing it the following year. Jerusalem was divided, with Israel controlling the New City and Trans-Jordan the Old City.

In 1956, Al Fatah, with Yasser Arafat among its leaders, was formed to fight Israel. In 1958, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Yemen formed the United Arab Republic: it promised to eliminate Israel from the earth.

Though a United Nations emergency force patrolled the frontiers of Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, Israel continued to suffer brutal guerrilla raids from her neighbors. In 1959, long before the advent of the occupied territories, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was formed in Syria and declared war on Israel. In that same year, Syria announced war on Israel's citizens.

Arab demonstrators set fire to Israeli flags and others shouted "Long live Al Fatah. Israel is a death trap for the Jewish people."

In September of 1966, Al Fatah conducted raids from Syria into northern Israel. By May of the following year, Egyptian troops were pushing U. N. forces from their positions along the Egyptian-Israeli border. That month, Egyptian and Iraqi forces also moved into Jordan, and the Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian armies mobilized along Israel's narrow borders. Syrian shelling on settlements in Israel escalated. Hardest hit was Gadat, where not a single home escaped severe damage. Syria ignored a United Nations call for a cease-fire.

A little background on the occupied territories:

On June 5, 1967, Ahmed Shukairy, the leader of the PLO, declared, "We will wipe Israel off the face of the map and no Jews will remain alive."

The Six-Day War began that day with a pre-emptive strike by Israel that destroyed almost all Egyptian planes on their runways and wiped out five bases in Syria, one in Iraq, and another two in Jordan.

On June 6, Israeli forces cut through the Gaza strip and successfully fought for the Mitla pass. The battle then moved to the Gulf of Suez and Sharm el-Sheikh. Israel let Jordan know that it would not launch a ground attack against it unless Jordan attacked first. But Jordanian and Iraqi troops tried to cut Israel in two at its narrowest point, and Jordan opened a heavy artillery barrage on the part of Jerusalem held by Israel.

Israeli troops moved into Nablus and into the Old City of Jerusalem. By the next day, only Syria, which was preparing to descend the Golan

Heights into northern Israel, remained at war with Israel. By nightfall, under heavy Syrian artillery fire, Israel troops penetrated Syria and took the Golan after a terrible battle that lasted 30 hours.

June 10 brought a cease-fire, and by the next day the Six-Day War was officially over. In that brief time, Israel had quadrupled the size of the territory it now controlled, having captured the Old City of Jerusalem, the Sinai desert, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

But there was no peace. Instead, Egypt's Nassar declared that his country was "fully prepared to support and arm any resistance movement in its terrorist activity against Israel." Iraq announced that it would form a committee to raise funds for Arab guerrillas. Israel offered to withdraw from the occupied territories once secure, permanent boundaries were formed that recognized Israel's right to exist.

This offer was rejected.

The violence against Israel continued, even beyond its borders. In September of 1972, Palestinian terrorists murdered 11 Israeli athletes at

the Munich Olympics. The PLO rewarded Arafat, one of the Arab leaders who rejected any kind of peace, with some \$5 million for what became known as "Black September."

On Yom Kippur, Oct. 6, 1973, during Ramadan, the Syrian army attacked Israel's northern Golan front and the Egyptian army attacked across the Suez Canal into the Sinai. Their defenses penetrated, the Israelis fought back, repelling and defeating the invaders. The Yom Kippur War lasted nine days.

Horrible terrorist attacks on Israel continued. In 1974, near Israel's border with Lebanon, Arab guerrillas murdered 22 Israeli children and wounded another 70 in an attack on an elementary school. Another group of terrorists who slipped over the border near Lebanon fired on a school bus, killing two teachers, the driver and three children aged 5 to 8, and wounding another 20 youngsters.

In 1978, two groups of Palestinian guerrillas entered from Lebanon. One group began by attacking kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, where they gunned down a young woman, a couple of tourists, and an American photographer before killing a middle-aged couple and then hijacking a car whose occupants they slaughtered.

Driving south to Tel Aviv, they abandoned the car and took over a bus, killing a 5-year-old. The second group of guerrillas sprayed a bus with automatic fire, killing many of its 40 passengers. Both groups were caught by police and the Israeli Army two blocks north of Tel Aviv. In Lebanon, a spokesman explained that these attacks were to "torpedo President Arafat's peace initiative."

In 1982, Israel occupied south Lebanon, creating a buffer zone to protect the north from the PLO. That year, Israel completed withdrawal from the Sinai; it had given back land in an effort to make peace. Egypt got the land, but Israel didn't get peace.

The Palestinians were offered a state including all of Gaza, 96 percent of the West Bank (without evacuating settlements), and sovereignty over the Temple Mount and Arab neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem.

But Arafat also wanted Israel to absorb 1.5 million Arab refugees. To him, a Palestinian state was not enough. If Israel had absorbed the refugees, its Jews would have found themselves in the minority to a Muslim majority. And then the Arab world would have gotten what it always wanted: the "non-existence of the Jewish State."



Deeper insights into Israel: a doctor's journal

Going there to teach, he learns, as well

By Paul E. Alexander, M.D.

Dr. Paul Alexander, of Providence, is a psychiatrist who has visited Israel many times, and who, with his wife, Sheila, is a founder of the Alperin-Schechter Day School. His most recent trip, in December, came during tumultuous times and offered him insights that he recorded in this journal.

Sunday Dec. 16

My brother Laurie calls me after a suicide bombing in Haifa and asks me to cancel my trip. He is genuinely worried, and wants me to postpone teaching at a medical school there until next year. I'm going as a volunteer after all, so why not pick a safer time? With each successive bombing and the situation getting worse I become more determined to go. No place is guaranteed safe since 9/11, and I could be in more danger visiting my daughter, Rachel, in New York.

What do I want to accomplish on this trip to Israel? I genuinely enjoy teaching psychiatry there; I had done it full-time two and four years ago. I enjoy the cross-cultural differences in care and dealing with the problems patients have; I also feel gratified in

helping the American students there. Under the Technion American M.D. program, they can attend medical school at the Technion's Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine in Haifa — a world-class medical school.

I also want to replicate Sheila's positive experience interacting with people from our Partnership 2000 program.

Monday, Dec. 17

The drive from the airport to Haifa is all I need to feel at home. Israel looks the same. No CNN scenes of soldiers in combat, rock-throwers, cars or buses burning, people weeping. I know I'm in Israel when I can get a kosher meat sandwich at a little kiosk at a gas station. I think I'm going to like it here, as Annie would say. Then I pass the primitive-looking metal statue of Theodore Herzl on top of a gas storage tank on Route 2, at the entrance to Herzliya. Some places focus on heroes; others on blue bugs — I prefer the heroes.

One of the first stops at school is to meet with the chairman's assistant, Frieda. When I ask her about the Haifa suicide bomb, her demeanor suddenly changes; she tells me that her daughter usually takes the bus that was blown up, but that day she didn't.

'The drive from the airport to Haifa is all I need to feel at home. Israel looks the same.'



DR. PAUL ALEXANDER stands with some of the medical students he worked with in Haifa.

On the wall of the psychiatric unit where I supervise students is a large mural celebrating Hannukah, Christmas, and Ramadan, the Muslim holiday. I later learn that Haifa had a joyous outdoor celebration called the "holiday of holidays," in which people of all

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Fundamentally speaking, they're misguided

by Yehuda Lev



The editors of the *Providence Journal* probably didn't realize this, but there was a direct ideological connection between John Walker Lindh, whose picture graced the front page of the paper's Sunday Extra section Jan. 20, and a commentary piece by Jonathan Rosen-

blum inside that same section. blum is not like that of others; who else, he asks, produces thousands of would-be suicide bombers while millions of their fellow Muslims cheer them on? Well, the Shinto religion of Japan, for one. Remember the thousands of would-be kamikaze pilots of WWII?

To Friedman, says Rosenblum, "all religions are nothing more than human narratives of different approaches to G-d, and thus no religion has more claim to truth than any other. . . Like believers of all religions, Torah Jews reject Friedman's moral relativism. For us, truth and morality are objective qualities, anchored in the existence of God. . ."

Rosenblum protests that Friedman never defines "fundamentalism," which is easily found in the dictionary. But Rosenblum never defines "Torah Jew," except as someone who "affirms the truth of every word of the Five Books of Moses." Many Jews who do not agree with one another on religious matters fit that definition.

The fact is that "Torah Jew" means whatever the particular sect using it chooses to have it mean; to the Lubavitch it's one thing, to the Satmar quite another, and so on. For that matter, Christian fundamentalists also believe in the truth of every word of the Torah. They just tend to interpret them differently.

Rosenblum writes in code, requiring translation. Here is a sample. "An omniscient and omnipotent Creator knew all the circumstances in which His people would ever find themselves, and was capable of providing them with a guide to life that would serve them in every time and place, without need of repeated updates."

Translation: God knew there was going to be a Holocaust, and having been provided with "a guide to life," the Jews should have been prepared to deal with it. If the Creator's guide did not serve them "in every time and place" it is their fault; the mechanism was there but they failed to make use of it. In other words, the ultimate blame for the fact that 6 million Jews perished at the hands of Nazis rests with the victims, because they failed to act along the lines that God had

laid out for them.

Before anyone hits the ceiling over what appears to be an unwarranted attack on a spokesman for the ultra-Orthodox, let me point out that Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of the Shas party in Israel, said essentially the same thing two years ago. He claimed that the victims of the Holocaust died because they and other Jews had committed crimes in previous lives. He was roundly denounced by almost everyone in Israel — everyone, that is, except for 17 Knesset members and most of the followers of his own party.

I suggest that Osama bin Laden, in the fastness of his Afghan cave, would agree with the gist of that statement not only because it involves Jews, but because it reflects his own attitudes toward those whom he regards as the Muslim enemies of Islam.

We need look no further than our own country to see the active political alliance of Jewish and Christian fundamentalists. They share much of the same political agenda; an adherence to so-called "family values," a persistent homophobia, a desire to see public money funding religious schools, an unrelenting opposition to abortion and a pervasive negativism toward anything smacking of social and economic liberalism.

The Taliban, for a brief time, had the opportunity and the power to carry out their program on a national scale. We all saw the tragic results. Given equal opportunity and power, the religious extremists in Israel would attempt to do much the same thing, the main difference being that Israel is under the critical gaze of the modern world, which would blunt the ideological power of ultra-Orthodoxy, while Afghanistan lay ignored in the shadows, at least until flying bombs struck the World Trade Center.

Mr. Lindh and Mr. Rosenblum have more in common than either of them understood. It is up to the rest of us to prevent such perversions as these from ever taking control of our lives here, or in Israel.

Yehuda Lev is a retired journalist who worked in Europe, Israel and the United States. He lives in Providence.

blum inside that same section.

Neither Lindh, who faces trial for fighting alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan, nor Rosenblum, who writes for *The Jerusalem Post* and is Israel director of the ultra-Orthodox Am Echad organization, will appreciate the comparison — which is keyed to the fact that both men represent extremist religious sects.

About Lindh, who appears to have been caught up in something he didn't really understand, there is already too much in the media, so I will not repeat it here. But Rosenblum is closer to home, and what he writes is worth examining for the warnings it provides about our own Jewish extremists.

Rosenblum's column is a criticism of a previous piece by Thomas Friedman of the *New York Times*, who wrote that the conflict in Afghanistan highlights the growing war between fundamentalism and modernism. He compounded his error, according to Rosenblum, by placing together fundamentalists of all religions on one side of the conflict and of the modernist world on the other.

Rosenblum then states that Islamic fundamental-

Doctor's journal

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faiths turn out for a day of festivities. I don't think CNN, NPR, or the BBC were interested in showing it to the world. It might confuse the public about Israel's image as an aggressive, intolerant occupying nation.

I enjoy meeting the students today, although the class is much smaller than the ones I taught previously, which they explain, is due to the fear of danger in Israel...

Tuesday, Dec. 18

I attend an interview one of my students does with a psychiatric patient in Rambam Hospital, one of the major teaching hospitals of Technion. The patient is 24, speaks no English, and is dressed in pajamas — which means she's a suicide risk. Even without understanding her Hebrew I can tell that she is deeply depressed. Later, I learn that she had been on a bus that was blown up. Almost everyone, including her best friend, was killed.

She survived with weakness in her left arm and hand and a hearing impairment, as well as shrapnel below her skin that was deemed too difficult to remove. She had been depressed previously and abused earlier in her life, but now she was hopeless and acutely suicidal. She had been given medical treatment in numerous Israeli hospitals before her transfer to Rambam. Nothing but the best for her. I ask my student about the patient's background: Israeli Arab, he replies.

At lunch with a pediatric specialist, I ask about the Arabs. She says that the majority of the severely ill children she treats are Arab. When I ask about staff, she said that about 30 percent of the doctors, and about half the nurses, are Arab. I had no idea how integrated it is.

Still, despite having Arab friends and a daughter who went to an integrated camp last summer, she surprises me by being pessimistic about the immediate future — because of the hate material that Arab kids are reading and hearing.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

I drive to Oranim College to meet David Mittelberg. Chairman of sociology, he is also involved in our Partnership 2000 program with Afula/Gilboa, so he has been to Providence many times and has hosted other travelers from our community. He shows me the massive expansion that has taken place; all the signs are in Hebrew, Russian, and Arabic. I ask naive questions about Israeli Arabs, as well as about the Russians in Israel, and he politely helps me see the obvious: "People are different and complex and it is hard to generalize."

He tells me that prior to college, students attend schools that are either for Israeli Arabs or Jews; the two never

mix. But at a university, they meet each other in class for the first time. He therefore purposely mixes diverse students to work on team projects together; it's a role of the university that seems extremely important.

I drive with him to his kibbutz, Yizre'el, and I remember the spectacular view of the Yizre'el Valley. David seems to know as much about the Jewish community of Rhode Island as I do; he emphasizes how wonderful it is that Partnership 2000 has led to real relationships. He had been at my home only a few months ago for dinner...

Thursday, Dec. 20

I meet with Chief of Psychiatry Dr. Ehud Klein and we talk about financial problems with the health care system as they relate to psychiatry. I feel as if I am back at home, based on the familiarity of the problem. I ask about the Israeli Arabs and he confirms not only that they are on the staff, but also that about 30 percent of the medical students here are Arab. People get along, and Haifa

is the most tolerant and well-integrated major city in Israel.

It occurs

to me that while governments have their own agendas based on political motivations, people are people — and when they eat falafel sandwiches in the same restaurant, and share patients in common, of course things are different. But the news is about politics and governments, not about real life on the street and in the workplace.

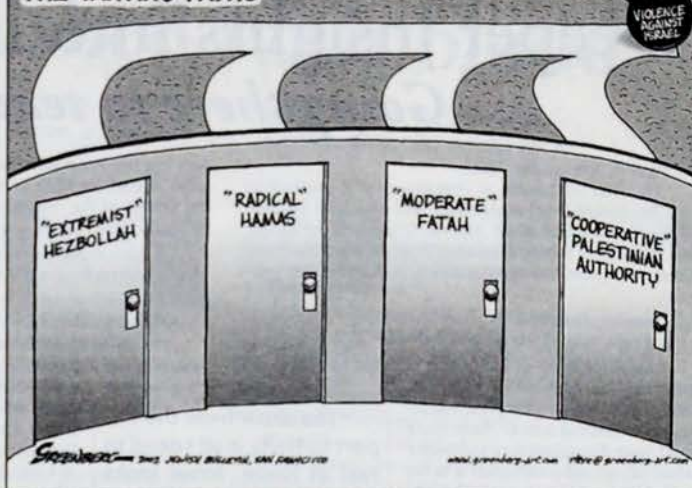
I realize that I have never had a conversation with an Israeli Arab. Maybe one of my goals for the next week should be to find an Arab who is willing to talk to a very naive American Jew...

Saturday, Dec. 22

I decide to check out the "holiday of holidays," and when I ask for information at the reception desk at my dorm I am introduced to Maged, who is taking a year off after graduating from Technion's Medical School to do computer research. When he pulls out a newspaper to look up the event, I realize that it's written in Arabic. So I am finally involved with someone who is Israeli Arab. He shows me on the map where to go, and offers some final advice: where to find the best falafel...

He says that army bulldozing of houses or olive groves is ordered only after the merits of the case are presented to the Israeli Supreme Court, with lawyers representing both the Palestinians and the army presenting arguments. Bulldozing is never supposed to be an angry, impulsive action, and Eitan upholds this policy firmly. Also, he says, soldiers are prohibited from shooting at stone-throwing Arab mobs

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until a soldier is injured. On a lighter note: The parents of his soldiers have his cell phone number, and call to complain if their offspring's food or assignments are not to their liking!

Tuesday, Dec. 25

It certainly doesn't feel like Christmas — it's just another day in the hospital. The patient that my student interviewed today immigrated to Israel from Morocco years ago. She had been happy and doing well, until her son, in the military, was killed by a terrorist. Struck mute, she didn't speak for two months, but she is making progress.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

I meet with Ziad Awaissy, a pleasant and informative Israeli Arab who expresses concern that his village, where his ancestors lived for generations, receives little financial support from Israel. He identifies closely with the land and wants to stay there. But he criticizes Israel for providing extensive financing to communities where Jews from Russia and Argentina are arriving, although they had no previous feelings for the land.

"If you are Jewish," he says, "Israel will do anything to help; if you are

Arab in Israel, you don't get help for your village. Is that fair?" It sounds like a reasonable question that the country needs to resolve. This policy is alienating many mainstream Israeli Arabs.

Saturday, Dec. 29

I meet with Hillel Bardin, who had been active in the dialogue movement before the second intifada. He used to have ongoing meetings with Palestinians, but now it is too difficult to cross borders. He thinks that other soldiers often break Eitan's military guidelines, and that grievances about breaking the rules of conduct are not being adequately addressed...

Sunday, Dec. 30

I have met, and surpassed, my goals. I've had a memorable trip and look forward to returning next year to continue my conversations with the same people and to meet others. I hope that fewer patients will have problems related to terrorism. I want to remember that regardless of the political or terrorist activity taking place, I always feel safe while in Israel. It's the CNN version that makes me apprehensive before these trips. Israel is a wonderful place

Helping Israel through its exports

As many of you know, the Israeli economy has suffered a great blow due to the drop in tourism over the past several months. The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island urges you to visit Israel in this time of crisis, both to show your solidarity and to help boost the tourism industry.

In addition to making Israel one of your travel destinations, Karen Shapira, chair of UJC's Israel and Overseas Pillar, suggests supporting Israeli institutions as another way of showing solidarity during this difficult period. We would therefore like to propose a few more ways in which you can help the Israeli economy.

Support your Favorite Israeli Cultural Institution. With fewer and fewer tourists traveling to Israel, the museums, theatres, and other cultural programs have seen a rapid decline in membership and attendance. The arts

are an integral and life-affirming component of Israeli society and it is imperative show our support for these institutions. For more information, please visit the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs website www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/go.asp?MFAH00kj0#culture.

Put Israeli products in your Mishloach Manot. Purim is quickly approaching (Feb. 26) and with it, the mitzvah of giving mishloach manot (Purim baskets) to friends and family. This year we would like to encourage you to use Israeli products in your mishloach manot. There are a wide variety of Israeli foods and wines that are available in the U.S., as well as a number of Israeli companies that export Israeli foods and food baskets. The Israeli Exporters Catalog is one website that may be helpful in identifying Israeli products exported to the United States, and can be accessed at <http://www.export.org.il/>.

Conscientious objector groups have new life as intifada drags on

By Aaron Lightner

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Trudging up a craggy hill with red mud sticking to their boots, the group of Israelis broke into chants. "We don't cry, we don't shoot!" they yelled. "We refuse to be murderers!"

The 50 or so demonstrators had arrived at a hill overlooking Military Prison No. 6 near Atlit, where conscientious objectors are detained. "It is a soldier's duty to disobey illegal orders," explained Peretz Kidron, a white-haired activist. "When Israeli troops commit war crimes and say, 'We were just obeying orders,' they use the same excuse as the Nazis did."

The conscientious objectors, often called "refuseniks," represent a growing number of Israelis who either refuse to do reserve military duty in the West Bank and Gaza Strip or who reject outright any conscription into the Israel Defense Force.

Reserve Maj. Ishai Menuchin, director of the conscientious objector group Yesh Gvul, stands on the steep slope with a bullhorn in hand.

"We are talking about 20,000 soldiers who do not show up for reserve duty, which constitutes a huge chunk of the reserve pool," Menuchin said. "The fact is, fewer and fewer grown men are willing to risk their lives protecting some God-forsaken roadblock near Nablus."

The Israeli army says Menuchin's figures are ridiculously inflated.

"Their claims are, frankly, b*****," Lt. Col. Olivier Ravich, an IDF spokesman. "Anyone can manipulate the reservist numbers to prove their point."

In any case, only a fraction of those who duck reserve duty do so for ideological reasons. The trend long predates the intifada, reflecting the belief among some segments of the population that peace was just around the corner after

the Oslo Accords were signed.

As Israeli society became increasingly bourgeois in the 1990s, many Israelis preferred to spend their time traveling abroad or joining lucrative dot-com ventures rather than heading off to the reserves.

The IDF won't give numbers of conscientious objectors, but says they are anomalies among a population that increasingly considers the Palestinian uprising an existential threat.

The army insists that morale remains as high as ever.

"In fact, an increasing number of draftees and veteran reservists have volunteered for combat units in recent years," Ravich says.

Still, the turmoil of the intifada has given groups like Yesh Gvul a fresh sense of purpose. Yesh Gvul's name — a Hebrew phrase that means both "there's a limit" and "there's a border" — reflects the group's origins in the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, the first war that some Israelis saw as one of choice rather than necessity.

The phones at the organization have been ringing off the hook in recent months, Menuchin claims. Since the intifada began in September 2000, his organization has helped over 400 men to avoid reserve duty, including 36 people currently jailed at Prison 6.

Most Israelis have at their disposal countless ways of avoiding reserve duty — for example, taking a trip abroad, getting a doctor's note or even injuring themselves to downgrade their physical profile. Only those who specify that they refuse on ideological grounds face the possibility of jail time.

Jail terms are about as long as the reserve duty would be, generally, 14 to 26 days, and rarely do the objectors suffer negative consequences in the workplace or elsewhere when they are released



A GROUP opposed to Israeli reserve duty protests outside a prison where conscientious objectors are held.

Aaron Lightner/JTA

"When I was a conscript I enjoyed being in the Tapuach area" of the West Bank, near Nablus, "telling stories back home about my artillery unit," said Reserve Lt. Ishai Sagi, 27. "But when I got sent back to the Tapuach area not as a boy but as grown man, it reminded me of the terrible things we do there. I then told my commanding officers that I am not willing to give my soldiers the orders that I was forced to give, and that this is the last time I would serve there."

Less than six months later, Sagi received an order to return to Tapuach. When he refused, he was jailed for 26 days at Prison 6.

Reserve duty has become so undesirable in recent years that 41 percent of Israelis believe only "suckers" show up, according to a recent poll in the *Yediot Achronot* newspaper. Of the total pool of some 250,000 potential reservists, just 13,000 serve the full reserve term of 26 days a year, the daily *Ma'ariv* reported. The Israeli army announced in September the establishment of two new brigades, signing on conscripts for extra terms of duty to reduce pressure on the reserve system.

For the army, the reservist dilemma

is less ideological than budgetary. Many reservists have careers and families and demand more of the army than do young conscripts.

Furthermore, after several reservists died in action, reserve officers and their units organized to demand expanded benefits. If they don't provide added benefits, higher pay and better hours, the army will continue to have problems convincing reservists that they aren't suckers for answering the call of duty, said Tzvika Weshler, spokesman for Baltam, a reservist advocacy group.

The army has met some of Baltam's demands, earmarking some \$17 million in bonus pay for combat reservists who serve more than 26 days, renovating bases where reservists train and making scheduling more flexible.

In the long term, says Reserve Brig. Gen. Shlomo Brom, former deputy of the IDF's planning division and currently a researcher at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, the IDF will have to restructure so it doesn't rely on reservists.

In the short run, however, Brom expects few changes: Fewer reservists

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As French government waffles, Jews grow increasingly restless

by Andrew Diamond

PARIS, (JTA) — Jews in the Paris region have stepped up their drive against a wave of anti-Semitic aggression that many feel has reached epidemic proportions.

Recently in the Paris suburb of Sarcelles, more than 600 people attended a rally against anti-Semitic violence. Among them were representatives of Christian and Muslim communal organizations and high-ranking officials from all the major political parties in France.

It was the third such demonstration in the Paris suburbs in the last four weeks.

In staging these demonstrations, French Jewish organizations have adopted a more assertive approach, as they demand that French authorities respond to their daily insecurity with more than words.

The demonstrations were prompted by two separate arson attacks against Jewish community sites in the Parisian suburbs of Creteil and Goussainville.

On Dec. 31, in the waning hours of 2001, vandals set fire to a classroom of the Jewish school Ozar HaTorah in Creteil.

Days later, in perhaps the most serious episode, wit-

nesses saw some thirty youths between the ages of 12 and 20 hurl rocks and Molotov cocktails at a Goussainville Jewish home that also serves as the local synagogue.

For more than a year, French Jewish leaders have called on the government to confront the dramatic rise in anti-Semitic violence that began with the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada in September 2000.

Officials from CRIF, the umbrella group of secular French Jewish organizations, counted 320 acts of anti-Jewish aggression last year. Most of the acts involved vandalism and verbal threats.

Psychology hotlines overflowing due to Palestinian violence

The outbreak of Palestinian violence over the past year and a half resulted in an increase of 10,000 phone calls to ERAN (emergency psychological first aid service), for the year 2001, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The number of calls expressing anxiety about security and terror was up 12 percent from the previous years. ERAN, which is run by volunteers, received a total of 99,000 anonymous calls for help in 2001, an average of 278 daily.

ERAN director David Koren said that 15 percent of all calls are from children and teenagers. Three percent of callers are soldiers, and 41 percent are unemployed persons. About 4 percent of callers spoke about committing suicide, and 2 percent reported suffering from physical, sexual or verbal abuse. Other complaints are about loneliness, problems between parents and children and depression.

Women are more likely to

seek help than men; callers to the Arabic-speaking lines are predominantly (80 percent) women. Those calling the Russian-speaking lines are younger and more likely to be concerned with family and absorption issues.

ERAN has also launched a Web site at www.eran.org as well as forums through the portal Walla www.walla.co.il. The Ministry of Absorption provides aid to ERAN to assist new immigrants.

Unearthed Nazi documents shed light on Holocaust deaths

by Toby Axelrod

(JTA) — Documents that have gathered dust in British archives for more than half a century reveal long-hidden information about the Holocaust, two researchers say. The two published their findings in the latest edition of the journal *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, which is co-published by the Oxford University Press and the Washington-based U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

According to authors Stephen Tyas of England and Peter Witte of Germany, the recently declassified and decoded Nazi radio dispatches "for the first time" show the Nazis' own accounting of the numbers of Jews killed in 1942 in four Nazi camps.

In that year, a total of 1,274,166 Jews were killed in the extermination camps of Belzec, Sobibor and Treblinka, as well as in the Majdanek concentration camp. The decoded document indicates that 24,733 were killed in Majdanek, 434,508 in Belzec, 101,370 in Sobibor and 713,555 in Treblinka in 1942. The information was broadcast in coded messages from occupied Lublin, Poland, on Jan. 11, 1943.

Tyas and Witte studied two messages. One, which was not completely recorded by British intelligence agents, was addressed to a SS Lt. Col. Eichmann in Berlin.

The second message, sent five minutes later by SS Maj. Hermann Hoefle, a staff member of the SS and police leader in Lublin, to SS Lt. Col. Heim, deputy commander of the SS and the SD in Krakow, Poland, is "much more complete," the authors said.

The documents indicate a lower number of deaths in Belzec for 1942 than previous estimates. Asked if he thought the revised accounting for murders in Belzec would fuel Holocaust denial, Witte said, "Holocaust deniers have always concentrated on Auschwitz. They never dealt with the Reinhardt camps. They do not exist for them. And there is no doubt that in those camps more were killed all together than in Auschwitz."

Historians generally agree that about 1 million people, mostly Jews, were killed in Auschwitz. Adding the new Belzec figure to totals for the other camps published in the latest edition of "The Holocaust: A Short History" by German historian Wolfgang Benz, the result is a total of 1,644,508 Jews killed in the Reinhardt camps and in Majdanek during their years of operation.

One German historian, Wolfgang Scheffler, appears to have come remarkably close to the revised Belzec figure back in 1973, when he gave an estimate of 441,442. In any case, the total for the four camps matches a known number from a 1943 report by Richard Korherr, statistician to SS head Heinrich Himmler, Tyas said.

"The radio telegram should be seen as an extremely condensed balance sheet of Einsatz Reinhardt," the Nazi code name for this complex of camps, which "was subsequently incorporated into the Korherr Report," the authors wrote, "though the Korherr Report left out the numbers for each camp."

Since Korherr's report "was typed up on 'the Fuhrer's' typewriter, with big print because Hitler was short-sighted, this document adds to our understanding" of the "channels of communication about the 'Final Solution,' leading to 'the Fuhrer' himself," Tyas said.

The documents, held at the Public Record Office in Kew, England, provide both a closer look at the Nazi chain of information and at their original accounting of mass murders.

Looking at the numbers is "horrible, and yet it's necessary for the historical record," said Holocaust historian Deborah Lipstadt, director of the Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, and a member of the journal's editorial advisory board. Lipstadt noted that historians have corrected the record over the years and will likely continue to do so, "in the spirit of good historical research and not in the spirit of denial."

Holocaust historian Christopher Browning of the University of North Carolina, who sits on the journal's editorial board, said the numbers are "important in confirming the accuracy of Scheffler's earlier estimates made for court proceedings in Germany."

Tyas and Witte are recognized experts in Holocaust history, though neither has a doctoral degree in history. Tyas, born in 1947, is a businessman who lives outside of London. Witte, 56, is a former teacher who has seriously pursued his interest in World War II history since illness forced him to stop teaching.

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Compulsory military service and the Arabs

By Gil Sedan

(JTA) — Military service in the Israel Defense Force — three years for men, two years for women — is compulsory for most Israelis. All Jews are expected to serve from the age of 18, as are all Druze males.

The enlistment of Druze soldiers began in the early 1950s, following an agreement between the state and the leadership of the Druze community, which wanted to prove its loyalty.

This was a natural development after the Druze community generally abstained from taking part in the 1948 attack that the Arab states launched against the nascent State of Israel. Though Druze are ethnically Arab — differing from Muslim and Christian Arabs only in their religion, which is an offshoot of Islam — in many cases Druze collaborated with the Jews against the Arabs.

Despite occasional problems, the enlistment of the Druze in the IDF is considered a success story. Their highest

ranking officer is a major-general, the highest rank possible in the IDF after chief of staff.

Israeli law does not explicitly exclude Arab youths from military service, but their exclusion has become accepted practice that satisfies the needs of both sides: The Arab community does not want to take part in any potential fighting against other Arabs, and the Jewish establishment feared that Arab soldiers could become a fifth column.

The Arab sector also has resisted frequent proposals to institute an alternative national service — essentially, some kind of social work — instead of military service.

Throughout the years, however, the IDF has allowed Muslim and Christian Arabs to enlist on a volunteer basis. This was especially encouraged in the Muslim Bedouin community. The Bedouin, who in the past lived in nomadic desert tribes, proved to be excellent pathfinders, and their service has been invaluable in border patrol missions.



Armed Funeral Escort

ARMED PALESTINIANS provide an escort during the funeral of militia leader Raed Karmi in the West Bank town of Tulkarm on Jan. 15. Karmi, who was killed by a roadside bomb the day before, was the local commander of the Fatah militia in Tulkarm and was held responsible by Israel for the deaths of at least nine Israelis.

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want to serve at a time when, because of the intifada, the IDF is using five times more reserve battalions than before. Nevertheless, Yesh Gvul continues to canvas bus and train stations to inform soldiers of a clause in the IDF's code that allows them to disobey illegal orders.

The law stems from the ruling of a committee of inquiry charged with investigating the Kafr Qassem massacre in 1956, when soldiers killed 49 Arab civilians who weren't aware of a curfew imposed at the beginning of the Sinai War. Ultimately, the presiding judge ruled that following an illegal order is a criminal offense.

Since then, peace activist Kidron said, the army has never court-martialed a refusnik. If it did, the trial would bring up tough questions about the IDF's laws, including those claiming that the IDF's legal code incorporates all international conventions Israel has signed.

Yesh Gvul members say they support the army — but as a defensive force only.

"The myth is that pressuring the Palestinians will protect us," Kidron said, "but it is the trigger to more violence, and cannot provide us with security."

Nazi documents

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After England declassified the decoded radio messages in 2000, Tyas pored over 700 pages of thin rice paper "looking for key words. You can't take in all the messages, so you look for key words or numbers."

When he saw the number 1,274,166, he "recognized that the final total was the same as in the Korherr Report." But he had never seen the breakdown before. "Stephen found the document and contacted me," said Witte, 56, who lives in Germany. "I said 'This is astounding. It may be a crucial document.'"

Witte has worked behind the scenes on Holocaust-related books and documentary films, including a recent, six-part BBC program on the Nazis. He was a consultant to the team defending Lipstadt against David Irving, the British Holocaust denier who sued Lipstadt for libel and lost in 2000.

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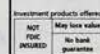
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She made many fans with her concrete suggestions for helping to raise children. As one parent said, echoing the thoughts of others, "If only we could bring Myrna home with us!" Myrna happily did agree to come to a regularly scheduled Babies Kids and Kibbitzing in the spring for a follow-up discussion. BKK is a playgroup that meets the third Friday of each month in the JFRI boardroom.

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- Federations work in partnership with national agencies including the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, and the Jewish Community Centers' Association to make Jewish renaissance a reality.

- Responding to the recommendations of a joint United Jewish Communities-JESNA special task force, federations are increasing their support to Jewish day schools. The dramatic growth of Jewish day schools, to nearly 200,000 students at approximately 700 day schools today, makes it incumbent upon federations to partner with others to expand the financial resources available for schools. These additional funds enable the schools to continue to pursue quality in both Judaic and general studies, keep tuition affordable, and recruit and prepare the personnel needed to ensure that day schools thrive.

- Many federations provide support for congregational schools. As of 2000, 60 percent of all Jewish children were enrolled in congregational religious schools.

- JCCs provide a rich Jewish learning experience through early child-

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- More than 400 colleges and universities are home to Jewish federation-supported Hillel Foundations and other Hillel affiliates. Hillels offer students religious, social, community service, and educational programming.

- With funds from federations, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) support youth camps, Jewish kindergartens, day schools, Hebrew and Sunday schools, teacher training programs, Hillel centers, Jewish academic conferences, Jewish courses at universities, synagogue programs, Jewish libraries and book festivals in the former Soviet Union, Europe, Latin America and other Jewish communities.

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by Elisa Silverstein Heath

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nization, with an itinerary designed to enhance relationships between communities and enrich the mission participants' knowledge and understanding of Jewish history, culture, issues or needs."

The requirements are more fully detailed in the Request for Proposals (RFP). For a copy of the RFP, contact Sara Ende, Director of Planning and Allocations, at 401-421-4111, ext. 170.

The Missions Committee will make their decisions in the spring and grantees will be notified by June.

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MEMBERS of the Providence chapter of United Synagogue Youth 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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Women's Alliance Calendar of Events Winter 2002

Continue to build your sense of Jewish identity through the Women's Alliance.
Join us for the following planned events.

January

Sunday, January 13
Babies, Kids & Kibbitzing - with child psychologist, Myrna Silverstein
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - JFRI Board Room
Parents & children of all ages welcome. Dr. Silverstein will answer questions about parenting. Questions should be submitted in advance.
For more information contact Rebekah Raz 421-4111, ext. 172 or email rraz@jfri.org

Thursday, January 17
Women's Alliance Campaign Cabinet Meeting
9:30 - 11:00 AM - JFRI Board Room

Friday, January 18
Babies, Kids & Kibbitzing - Informal playgroup
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - JFRI Board Room
Bring your own toys and snacks. Everyone welcome.
For more information contact Rebekah Raz 421-4111, ext. 172 or email rraz@jfri.org

Wednesday, January 23
Women's Alliance Board Meeting
9:15 AM - Jewish Family Services

Monday, January 28 - Tu bi'Shevat

Tuesday, January 29
Bonnie and Donald Dwares invite Snowbirds to "A Rhode Island Get-Together" Mar-A-Lago
100 South Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, FL.
4:30 - 6:30 PM
Contact Carol Breault at (800) 211-2840 or (401) 421-4111, ext. 166 for more information.

Thursday, January 31
Rosh Hodesh Program - Topic: Esther and Vashti: Of Wine and Women in the Persian Court
Noon - 1:30 PM - Temple Emanu-El, Providence
features Educator Marcia Lapidus Kaunfer, ASDS
Fee: \$10.00 - Lunch included.
RSVP to Sylvia Berman-Peck, 421-4111 ext. 171

February

Sunday - Tuesday, February 10-12
UJC National Young Leadership Washington Conference
Contact Rebekah Raz - (401) 421-4111, ext. 172

Monday, February 11
Women's Alliance Executive Committee Meeting
Noon - JFRI Board Room

Wednesday, February 13
President's Council
Noon - 1:00 PM JFRI Board Room

Friday, February 15
Babies, Kids & Kibbitzing - Informal Playgroup
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - JFRI Board Room
Bring your own toys & snacks. Everyone welcome!
Contact Rebekah Raz (401) 421-4111, ext. 172

February - To be determined
Women's Alliance Parlor Meeting



March

Monday, March 4
Women's Alliance Board Meeting
Noon - Shalom Apartments, Warwick

Thursday, March 14
Young Women's Night Out
Contact Rebekah Raz (401) 421-4111, ext. 172

Friday, March 15
Babies, Kids & Kibbitzing - Informal Playgroup
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - JFRI Board Room
Bring your own toys & snacks. Everyone welcome!
Contact Rebekah Raz (401) 421-4111, ext. 172

Please save this calendar and use for future reference.

AIDS Seder of Hope to be held March 24

The Jewish AIDS Task Force of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will present the 8th annual AIDS Seder of Hope on March 24, at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. The event will start at 5 p.m.

This event incorporates parts of the traditional Passover Seder, including a full course dinner, special prayers, readings and songs that honor those who have died or who are living with HIV/AIDS. The cost is \$10 per person. This interfaith Passover gathering is for all people touched by AIDS/HIV. The Task Force has enlisted the support of a number of volunteers to make this annual Seder a very special event.

The first Seder of Hope was the inspiration of local AIDS activist Marc Paige, and he is still very involved in the event. Members of the Task Force and volunteers, including local Jewish rabbis, cantors, and

lay people, have created a special Haggadah that beautifully combines traditional Passover passages with ones dealing specifically with the AIDS epidemic.

The AIDS Task Force hopes all that have been affected by AIDS/HIV will join them at this gathering. Passover marks the freedom of the Jews from the slavery and tyranny of bondage in Egypt. The Seder of Hope is held in the hope that soon all will be free of the tyranny of HIV/AIDS.

Only mail reservations will be accepted for the Seder. The deadline for reservations is March 15, and they will be accepted on a first received basis. Checks should be mailed, with the names of all those attending in the party to: JFRI/AIDS Seder, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, RI 02906. Should you need a reservation form, or for more information on the Seder of Hope, call Aimee at (401) 421-4111, ext. 161.

David Horowitz comes to Brown/RISD Hillel

Brown/RISD Hillel is pleased to present David Horowitz, Editor of *The Jerusalem Report*, for "Israel and the Palestinians: The mistakes of the past, the prospects for the future," on Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. at Salomon 101, Brown University. Admission is free.

David Horowitz is the editor of *The Jerusalem Report*; the award winning Jerusalem based newsmagazine covering Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish World. He also writes from Israel for newspapers around the world. Horowitz is a frequent commentator on the BBC, CNN, NPR and other international news outlets. He is also the author of "A little too close to God" a compelling narrative about life in Jerusalem.



David Horowitz

Alternative medicine And Jewish Kabbalah

Congregation Ohave Shalom, 671 East Ave., Pawtucket, will be holding a lecture, "Alternative Medicine in the Eyes of Jewish Kabbalah" on Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. at the shul. The lecture will be given by the renowned kabbalah teacher Yuval Asherov of Meron, Israel. Admission is \$5, \$3 for seniors. Call 722-3146 for more information.

Another candle, another honor, for the ageless Jenny Klein

She's nearly 95 years old, but accolades keep coming for the continuing work of Jenny Klein.

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will honor Mrs. Klein, the organization's scholar-in-residence, on Sunday, March 10, at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, with a reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at noon. The \$25 luncheon fee will establish a scholarship in Mrs. Klein's name at Hadassah's College of Technology in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Klein, the chapter's vice president for education, has initiated programs and projects that encourage Hadassah members to explore Jewish heritage and teachings.

The keynote speaker will be Ruth Cole, chairwoman of Hadassah College.

Rabbi Alvan Kauner of Temple Emanu-El will also participate in the program that will commemorate Mrs. Klein's upcoming 95th birthday and Hadassah's 90th anniversary. Rosalind Bolusky, chairwoman of the event, reports that invitations are in the mail to all Hadassah members, and that other friends of Mrs. Klein's may call the Hadassah office (463-7605) for reservations.

Mrs. Klein has spent her life as a Jewish educator and



Jenny Klein

is one of the founders of the Jewish Educators Assembly. She has served a president of Hadassah chapters and as chairwoman of the R. I. Holo-

caust Memorial Museum.

In 1997, the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York awarded her a doctorate in pedagogy.

Hadassah to honor 'essential elements' in New York conference

Hadassah's Northeast 2nd annual Young Women's Institute would like you to join them in exploring the theme of "Young Women: The Essential Elements of Hadassah" from March 15 to 17, at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Saratoga Springs, New York.

You are sure to be inspired as you discover the various ways the elements of earth, air, fire and water relate to achieving the best within yourselves in an informal setting.

The weekend begins with Shabbat dinner on Friday evening, and then participants will spend the next two days together talking, shmoozing, learning and having fun.

There will be a movement/relaxation session and possibly Neuromuscular Integrative Action session. During free time feel free to explore opportunities for mineral baths, yoga, massages, walking, and enjoy-

ing the local surroundings.

Although you are Hadassah's essential element, other elements to enjoy for the weekend are: Air: Shabbat dinner, service and storytelling; Water: walk to mineral baths, discuss mikvah and importance of water in Israel; Fire: Havdalah, a craft project, tying our Jewish lives together, and lighting our lives; Earth: American/Zionist Affairs and special Rosh Hodesh session.

Hadassah's Star in Residence, Karen Venezky, from Hadassah's National Board will lead us in several sessions.

Our spiritual leaders, Rabbi Anna Sugarman and Beth Aronson, will lead us in participatory services on Friday night and Saturday morning as well as havdalah.

For more information contact Debbie Rosenfeld at 401-722-2333 or email to debrosenfeld@cox.net.

Chabad of West Bay Holds Purim Festivities

Learn how to make hamentashen with the Jewish Women of West Bay. Bake up some hamentashen and take some home for your family and friends on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Both events will be at Chabad of West Bay, 3871 Post Road, Warwick. Donation for each is \$5. To RSVP, call Shoshanah Laufer at 886-7875.

On Feb. 26, the Chabad Chai Center will also be holding a Family Purim Feast at the Hampton Inn Hotel & Suites, 1200 Post Road, Warwick. There will be a megillah reading at 4:45 p.m. and a buffet dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m. Expect live music and dancing, a spectacular soap bubble show and lots of holiday spirit. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for children. Family and group discounts available. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 18 Call (401) 886-7875

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Providence Hebrew Day School...

- Is looking for volunteers certified in working with students with special needs, psychologists, and speech pathologists.
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Contact: Brenda Abramovich at 781-784-0967

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Contact: Linda Singer Berk at 861-8800

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Contact: Sheila Alexander 863-2805

Alperin Schechter Day School...

- Is looking for a volunteer to teach a musical instrument for ONE hour per week for one semester.
- To tutor students in a particular subject for ONE hour per week.
- To assist at lunch and recess ONE hour per week.
- Other volunteer opportunities available.

Contact: Dr. Penny Stein at 751-2470.

Campus rabbi to give Hillel overhaul

By Jon Rubin
Editor

Rabbi Richard Kirschen's mission at Brown/RIJS Hillel is to change perceptions about Jewish life on campus — starting with his own image.

Despite holding two titles at Hillel, those of executive director and campus rabbi, he likes people to take the informal road and call him Rich rather than Rabbi Kirschen.

"It's more about relationship than title," he says. But it's another perception that Kirschen is focusing most of his time on changing: the belief by many students that Hillel is a place for prayer and not much else.

"Hillel is the center of Jewish life, not a synagogue on campus," Kirschen says. "Hillel needs to be perceived as a broad Jewish center," which offers not only kosher food and Jewish prayer and learning, but also great intellectual programs, comedy and music acts and relevant speakers. That's what will keep the kids coming back, he says.

"Most students won't come to Hillel because we're Jewish... they'll come because it's an interesting place to be.... There are so many things to do at college that if the Jewish community can't be out there competitively, we'll lose."

Kirschen came to Brown in August from the University of Michigan, where he was associate Hillel director for five years. "Alan Flam was an extraordinary director for 18 years," he said, "and I've inherited a dynamic program from him."

For Kirschen, it's all about the programs. The larger and more diverse the programs, the more likely students are to check them out rather than to pass a Hillel event by.

For speakers, he's looking into getting John Stewart from The Daily Show, as well as some "heavy hitters" like former Prime Ministers Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu.

Besides generating interest inside the Jewish community on campus, bringing in popular speakers will also attract non-Jewish students. This will



Rabbi Richard Kirschen

allow Hillel to showcase issues of importance to the Jewish community and break down walls between it and other organizations.

"We definitely want to play a role in the public culture of the university.... If we bring Tom Brokaw to campus... that says a lot..."

The crowing jewel in Kirschen's vision is a \$9-million Hillel expansion on Brown Street that would join three buildings into one, forming a 25,000-square-foot Jewish headquarters to be called the Glenn and Darcy Weiner Hillel Center.

Kirschen has been heavily fundraising for the center, and said that most of his work has been with alums in Boston and New York. He has reached 80 percent of his goal, and construction is scheduled to begin in April.

Besides the new center, fundraising has also opened doors by making some programs that had traditionally charged fees, such as Shabbat dinners, free for students. He credited his development director, Sheila Alexander, for many of these improvements, and added that "she's done a phenomenal job."

Hillel recently received a gift that will send students to Washington for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee conference, where Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is expected to speak.

Kirschen also thinks that Hillel will become a more complete Jewish resource on campus if students have the option to work with both the Jewish community and the greater community at large. He is trying to link students with mentoring adults in professions related to their studies, which, besides giving them an introduction into their fields, would give the students a place to celebrate Shabbat and the holidays. In turn, the mentors would get a feel for what Jewish life is like on campus.

Additionally, Brown / RIJS students currently teach through the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, and run programs with the Third World Center on campus as well as the Sarah Doyle Center for Women and the Swearer

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Feinstein challenges President Bush to help America's hungry

Promises \$40 million from the public if he does



For the fifth consecutive year the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation in Rhode Island is offering \$1 million

to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country to help them raise funds.

This year Feinstein is challenging the President to match his money and promises this will raise \$40 million from the public for those agencies or he will give whatever is necessary to reach that goal.

"Agencies using my offer in past years report it doubled and tripled their usual donations," says Feinstein. "Adding \$1 million from the President should increase donations even more."

Any anti-hunger agency can participate in this simply by relaying the Feinstein offer to their donors, telling them that the more they donate in response to it — from March 1 to April 30 — the more of Feinstein's \$1 million will be added to their donations, plus hopefully, money from President Bush as well. Then, just send in a report showing the total money your agency raised from March 1 to April 30 from using this offer, plus a copy

of your federal tax exemption (501c3) or proof of affiliation with a tax exempt organization — all mailed in one envelope from May 4 to May 7, 2002 only to: The Feinstein Foundation, P. O. Box 2065, Providence, RI 02905.

Only donations received from using this Feinstein challenge offer should be reported — no other donations or pledges — only money received from March 1 to April 30, 2002 in response to this Feinstein offer can count.

Feinstein's money, plus any the President adds, will be divided proportionately among all agencies complying with the above, based on their percentage of the total reported by all participants. Checks will be mailed at the end of June.

Feinstein's past offers have raised over \$120 million for over 2000 agencies nationwide. He is founder of the Center for a Hunger Free America at the University of Rhode Island and the Feinstein International Famine Center at Tufts University. Over 1 million people have signed his petition asking the President and Congress to end hunger in America. He is sending it to the President and notifying each senator of the signers from their state.

For more information about the Feinstein Foundation or a reporting form for this challenge offer, visit the website at: www.feinsteinfoundation.org

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It is easy to send as many packages as you want, to remember all of your friends, and to do a mitzvah by help-

ing the shul at the same time. Please remember that it is still required to personally send a package of at least two prepared foods to at least one person. Last day to submit orders is Feb. 12.

Please send the names of people to receive your gift (minimum order is two names, and there is no maximum); make checks payable to: Congregation Beth Shalom and mail to: Pearl Woolf, 58 Colonial Road, Providence, 02906.

Congregation Beth Shalom — Sons of Zion is located at 275 Camp Street, Providence. Call 621-9393

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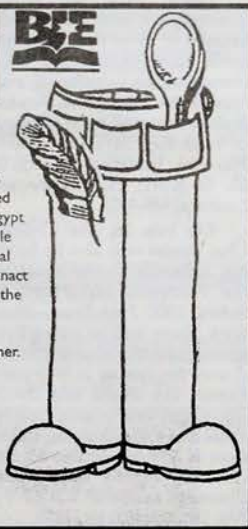
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Let's talk about sex: Dr. Ruth comes to R.I.

Brown RISD/Hillel presents an evening with Dr. Ruth Westheimer Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. at Solomon Center 101, Brown University.



Dr. Ruth Westheimer

software and a page on the Web.

Born in Germany in 1928, Dr. Westheimer was sent to school in Switzerland, where she had been sent to escape the Holocaust. At 16 she went to Israel, where she fought for that country's independence as a member of the Haganah, the Jewish freedom fighters.

She then moved to Paris where she studied at the Sorbonne and taught kindergarten. She immigrated to the U. S. in 1956, where she obtained her Masters Degree in Sociology from the New School of Social Research.

In 1970, she received a Doctorate of Education in the interdisciplinary study of the family from Columbia University Teacher's College.

Key staff returns to Camp JORI

Ask kids what they liked about summer camp at Camp JORI and they will tell you: exciting activities — learning new things, good food, great counselors and the friends they made.

At Camp JORI, the consistency of staff from year to year makes it easier for programming to be continuously improved. Camp Director Ronni Guttin says, "We have a huge number of returning staff this year, including key people and counselors." In addition to Ms. Guttin, Assistant Director Brenda Levin will return. Bruce Shuman is coming back for his 15th summer as the camp's chef extraordinaire. Manny Point will return as Boating Director, a position that has increased in importance as Camp JORI continues to enhance its waterfront programs to take advantage of the lake on its new property. Arts Coordinator Linda Franklin will also be back for another summer of creativity and lively productions.

Those connected with Camp JORI cannot always wait

Dr. Westheimer helped pioneer the field of media psychology with her radio program, "Sexually Speaking," which began in 1980 as a 15-minute, taped show that aired Sundays after midnight on NBC's WYNY-FM in New York.

One year later it became a live, hour-long show airing at 10 p.m. on which "Dr. Ruth," as she became known, answered call-in questions from listeners. Soon it became part of a communications network to distribute Dr. Westheimer's expertise through television, books, newspapers, games, home video, computer

until summer to get together. Nearly 100 Camp JORI campers and several counselors attended a January reunion skating party at the Narragansett Ocean Club. "We had a tremendously successful summer last year and the kids loved getting to see their Camp JORI friends this winter," says Ms. Guttin.

The only Jewish overnight camp in Rhode Island, Camp JORI offers a full sports program; performance arts program; arts and crafts including ceramics and instrumental music; nature programs; special events and field trips. Camp JORI observes the dietary laws of kashruth.

For ages 7 to 13, there is an overnight camp with two four-week sessions, and for first time campers only there are four two-week sessions. The four-week fee is \$1,450 per trip; the two-week fee is \$950 and may be applied to the cost of a full, four-week trip if the child's stay is extended. JORI also offers a day camp with two-week sessions for children

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Hadassah sends Young Judaean to Israel



Gary Mitchell, left, of Providence, one of 220 Young Judaean participants in the Hadassah sponsored Young Judaean Year Course Program in Israel, is pictured visiting Hadassah Hospital at Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. Gary had the opportunity to meet Natan Sandaka, second from right, 20, the Israel border policeman who prevented a major terrorist attack by throwing himself on top of a suicide bomber. Critically injured, Natan spent weeks at Hadassah healing from severe burns and internal injuries.

Gary said, "Meeting Natan, who's just a little older than me, was an inspiration." He is spending the year studying and volunteering as a culmination of his Jewish education and Zionist commitment.

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Simchas



Allison Megan Ornberg

Iris and John Ornberg of Westerly, R.I. are proud to announce the naming of Julie Rachel's sister, Allison Megan. She received the

Hebrew name Meria Malka, in memory of her Grandfathers Meyer Mehlman and Morris Pugach. The baby naming was held on Dec. 14 at Temple Beth David, in Narragansett, R.I.

Grandmother Phyllis Mehlman and Grandfather John Ornberg, along with friends Dean Perrione, Marc and Maribeth Page, were special guests at the ceremony. Grandmother Sharon Ornberg made a dinner before the services for family and friends in honor of Allison's baby naming. The family sponsored the *Oney*, which included Hanukkah treats for the congregation.

Allison was born at Westerly Hospital on May 29, 2001. Allison weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Phyllis and Jay Mehlman, of Poway, Cal. and her paternal grandparents are Sharon and John Ornberg, of Westerly, R.I.

Mazel Tou

Matthew and Marcela Blank, of Providence, had their first child on Jan. 19. His name is Julian Louis.

New B'nai B'rith chapter to open

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is pleased to announce a new addition: the Robby Kahn AZA and Judy Ann Leven BBG will join together as a co-ed chapter of BBYO for the upcoming programming year.

Both chapters have a history of excellence and have won numerous awards, many of which are on display at the Jewish Community Center's game room. The chapters provide training programs which allow its members to be elected regional presidents and regional board officers.

BBYO helps young Jewish people to achieve personal growth according to their individual capacities so that they may lead personally satisfying and socially useful lives in the Jewish community. This purpose is attained through membership and participation in democratically functioning groups under the guidance of professionally qualified staff. Programming is built around five areas or "folds": athletic, community service, cultural, religious and social. The members who help make it a youth led organization plan all programs.

There are chapters throughout the state, with many of its members living in different communities. This new chapter will meet at the Jewish Community Center. The members of the chapter will determine the meeting date and time. Membership is open to all Jewish youths between the ages of 13 and 18.

For further information please contact David Hochman, Rhode Island Coordinator at 401-467-2296.

Sssshhhh! Silent auction at Temple Torat Yisrael

Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, is hosting its fourth annual silent auction on March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Gene Valecenti of NBC 10 is the 2002 host for this event. The silent auction is one of Temple Torat Yisrael's major fund-raising events. This exciting auction has items ranging in scope from tickets to big sporting events like the Boston Red Sox or the Bruins to gift certificates to some of the area's finest restaurants to an exquisite coat from one of the area's most exclusive stores.

All are welcome to this exciting and fun-filled evening. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the temple at 785-1800. Advance tickets are \$12; tickets purchased at the door are \$15.

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Center for Social Justice.

"Hillel can't just be a club. It has to be an umbrella."

"There are so many books about why to be Jewish today," he said. "A healthy Hillel will be so compelling and so irresistible that the question 'why be Jewish' becomes irrelevant."

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Film festival at Temple Beth-El

The Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, sponsored by the Adult Enrichment Program will bring you an exciting film festival for three Sundays in March at 2 p.m. in the Silverstein Meeting Hall at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Films are free and open to the community. Refreshments will be served.

Scheduled dates are:

March 3 — "From Mao to Mozart." Discussion leader, Cantor Judith Seplovin, concerning Isaac Stern in China.

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

March 17 — "Isaac in America." Discussion leader Professor Mike Fink. A biographical sketch of a mystical tale by the same author of two Jewish refugees who meet in one of New York's upper west side cafeterias.

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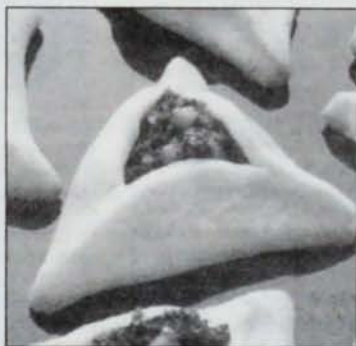
Purim is a time of fun and merriment — a time of Jewish freedom, a time when good triumphs over evil. Plan now to have your family join in the fun at the JCCRI.

On Feb. 10, the Center will have a Purim Costume Making Party, sponsored by the Early Childhood Department. It will be from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Scout's Den. A costume designer will assist children in making costumes. See your children transformed into queens, kings, jesters, clowns and Haman — just to mention a few possibilities. Participation in the costume party will be a wonderful way to begin your Purim preparations.

Once the costumes are made, plan to bring your family to the JCCRI Purim Party. The party will be on Purim, Feb. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call the JCCRI

for more information and for reservations. Reservations *must* be made to insure your place, so please call 861-8800. Children are invited to come dressed in costume. Adults may also want to join in the costume fun. The Social Hall will be transformed into a world of magic, decorations, dance, music, bubbles and groggers — all the things that make for merriment.

The evening will be enhanced from a "Tradition" grant that the Early Childhood Department received from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. The grant helps to insure that children from Kid-space, the JCCRI after school program, will add to the fun



by becoming wandering minstrels throughout the dinner. After dinner, a Purim Parade will move children from the tables to our annual Purim Puppet Show. Mark Kohler, puppeteer, will provide the story of Purim through the enchantments of puppets.

'All Rise' for a day at the JCCRI

Hear ye, hear ye... the Adult Department has planned a day of activities just for you on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Begin your day at 10:15 a.m. with 'casual coffee' in the art gallery. Enjoy the current exhibit of Ivar and Anna Kronick's Judaic papercuts and paintings.

At 11 a.m. you have a choice of trying a free session of 'Silver Sneakers' with fitness guru Lisa Mongeau or joining 'Crossroads', a new group for those going through

life changes.

Lunch will be in the Social Hall with entertainment by Ed DeMayo from noon to 1:15 p.m. Registration is a must and a donation of \$3.00 is suggested.

The highlight of the day will be at 1:30 p.m., when Brown Bag and FYI present television personality and Rhode Island Traffic Court Judge Frank Caprio.

Respond to Sue Robbio at 861-8800 for registration for lunch and Silver Sneakers.

'Israel test' for high school students at BJE

The BJE/RI will give the "Israel Test" for high school students planning to participate in study/travel programs in Israel during the next year, on March 5th at 7 p.m. at the BJE/RI. Students need not study for The Israel Test, a general information quiz including sections on Israel, Jewish History, Bible and Hebrew. All R.I. students who are applying for grants for study/travel programs in Israel are required to take this test. Call Ruth Page, at the Bureau, 401-331-0956, to register for the test or if you have any questions.

Jewish paper artistry coming to Gallery 401

Kronick Art Studio, featuring the work of Ivar and Anna Kronick, will be in the JCCRI's Gallery 401 Feb. 4 to 28. Ivar presents works in the ancient medium of egg tempera and gold leaf. He draws his sources from very old techniques, combining those of manuscript and Haggadah illumination, and icon painting to create a new art form rooted in Jewish traditions with modern interpretations. Anna has devel-

oped a unique approach to papercuts, incorporating symbols and texts of major religious and secular rituals. She is originally from Moscow, where she began her artistic training.

Come rub elbows with the artists at an opening reception with the artists on Feb. 7, 5 to 8 p.m.

The Jewish Community Center is located at 130 Sessions Street in Providence. Call 861-8800.

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6-9 years of age. The fee for day camp is \$435 for each two-week session.

Ms. Guttin recommends that new or returning campers wishing to attend Camp JORI in the summer of 2002 send in their registration forms as

soon as possible.

For registration forms or more information about Camp JORI, call the camp office at (401) 521-2655; or contact Camp Director Ronni Guttin by phone at 401-781-3016 or by e-mail at guttin6@home.com.

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Please purchase tickets in advance from the BJE/RI 331-0956

Have a ball at February JCC Camp

Children in kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to spend the vacation week of Feb. 18 to 22 with their friends at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. On Feb. 18 (President's Day), children will be able to express themselves by using fabric markers and paint to decorate T-shirts.

On Feb. 19, 20, and 21,

from 9 a.m. to noon, the JCC will welcome back the English soccer coaches of Major League Soccer (MLS) to its summer camp program. They will run a mini soccer clinic that includes skill drills, informal soccer play at levels appropriate to the ages and ability levels of participants. Children need not attend all three days; however, those who do will

receive a free soccer ball, T-shirt, and voucher good for a ticket to an American Revolution professional soccer match.

The week ends with a trip to Providence Place's Feinstein Imax Theatre to see the newly released movie, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Swimming is included in each day's activities.

For registration information, call the Kidspace/Pre-teen Connection (PTC) office at 861-8800 ext. 147.

JCC preschool expands arts programs

The Early Childhood Program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island recently received a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts. This grant will enhance their preschool classes by providing a series of classes in which artists will supplement the Judaic curriculum.

Artists in the area of storytelling, music, dance and puppetry will meet over several weeks with the various preschool classes. The toddler classes will join in the musical parts of the program. Confirmed artists who will be participating in the program are storyteller Mark Binder; puppeteer Marc Kohler; and musician Michelle Kaminsky. The grant also provides for enhancement activities at the annual JCCRI Purim Party.



FRANK KOZLOV blows out his candles as he celebrates his 91st birthday with the Senior Adult Department at the JCCRI.

JCC serves up big birthday

When Frank Kozlov's daughter, Jane Adler, called to say she wanted to do something for her dad's 91st birthday, the senior adult department at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island got right to work. Plans were made to bring in a special cake. With balloons and the sound of Frank Sinatra filling up the social hall everyone including his daughter and grandson, Steve Adler, were excited to wish Frank a happy birthday.

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Winter sports and gymnastics at the JCC

The JCC of Rhode Island is currently registering children for its winter session of sports and gymnastics classes. Interested participants can call for registration information or for more details on any of the following programs.

Program	Age	Day	Time
Golf	6-9	Mon.	3:45-4:30 p.m. (at Atlantic Golf Range*)
Indoor Soccer	4-5	Thurs.	4-4:45 p.m.
	6-8	Thurs.	4:45-5:30 p.m.
Fencing	8-12	Wed.	3:45-4:30 p.m. (begins 1/23/01)
Gymnastics	16 mo-3 yr.	Tues.	9:15-10:00 a.m. (Gym cubs)
	3-4.5 yr.	Wed.	3:10-3:55 p.m. (Gym bears I)
	4.5-6 yr.	Wed.	3:10-3:55 p.m. (Gym bears II)
	6-12 yr.	Wed.	4-4:45 p.m. (Gymstars)
	6-15 mo.	Thurs.	9:15-9:45 p.m. (Baby bears)
	16 mo-3 yr.	Thurs.	9:50-10:35 p.m. (Gym cubs)
	3-4.5 yr.	Thurs.	10:40-11:25 p.m. (Gym bears I)
	4.5-6 yr.	Thurs.	10:40-11:25 p.m. (Gym bears II)

Atlantic Golf in S. Attleboro has covered heated tees. Transportation from the JCC to the range is provided. Classes have already begun, so give us a call!

Pro-Rated prices are available for classes already in session. Call for program end dates. For more information, please call Alex at 861-8800 ext. 149.

Rhode Island snowbirds flock to get-together in Florida

TWO HUNDRED and twenty-five Rhode Islanders came together for an evening of shmoozing and inspiration on Jan. 29 at the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach for the annual Rhode Island Jewish Community Get-together. This year the event was hosted by Donald and Bonnie Dwares and has grown significantly from just 75 people four years ago.

Ed Feldstein, JFRI Endowment Chair, addressed the crowd, saying, "Although you enjoy the weather and lifestyle down here, you will always know that Rhode Island is home. It is where most of you raised your children, built your families, your businesses, and our community."

Mark Talisman wowed the crowd with his anecdotes from his work in Washington as a political consultant to the UJA and his work on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, of which he was the founding Vice Chair. He challenged the attendees to get involved and to help ensure a vibrant future for our community, "because Rhode Island is where you celebrated and where you mourned, where you laughed, where you cried, where you played, and where you went for help. It is truly your community, it's your home."



Alex and Beth Burstein



Bonnie and Donald Dwares welcomed the 225 guests to the Mar-a-lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida



Janel Engelhart, executive vice-president of JFRI, with Mark Talisman, Project Judaica Foundation president.



An overflow crowd greeted the many speakers that day.



Mingling by the Mar-a-lago pool.

Putting their faith in education

Programs for adults offer an enriched Judaism

Jewish learning does not end with the bar or bat mitzvah, or with graduation from religious school. Local Jews have found a variety of ways to continue education into their adult years through enrichment programs, small, informal havurot groups, and travel. Here are some of their stories, and information on programs that may work for you.

by Avis Gunther-Rosenberg

It's Thursday evening, and a dozen people are gathered around a table stacked with books and materials in the library of Warwick's Temple Am David. They come to eat nachos and veggie pizza; to sip Coke and laugh; to discuss what's been on TV and



Cantor Richard Perlman

what they did over the previous week. They also come to study and learn.

It's identical to what you see in schools all over, where teenagers mix socializing with education. But there's one exception: Some of these folks haven't been teenagers for six decades; others have teenagers of their own.

This is the weekly adult discussion group led by Cantor Richard Perlman and adult-education committee chair Alice Goldstein. Last semester's topics focused on holidays and life-cycle events. This semester it's prayer and the *siddur* (prayer book).

"What does prayer mean to you?" the cantor asks. A few answers: It's a way to tell God we believe in Him. It's a way to communicate, to feel close. It's a way to give praise.

Another fires a question back: "I don't understand Hebrew, so I read the English translation while everyone else is praying. Is that okay?"

"Yes — it's more than okay," the cantor replies. As an example, he passes around a sheet of paper with these words: "The Lord eternal reigned before the birth of every living thing . . . I

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place my spirit in His care, when I wake as when I sleep. God is with me."

"What is this?" Cantor Perlman asks.

It looks familiar, and when he identifies it as the translation of *Adon Olam*, the class murmurs a collective "Ohhhh."

"To come here for years and sing *Adon Olam* and not know what it is, you're not really praying," Cantor Perlman says, explaining that words of prayer need to have *kavvana*; they need to come from the heart.

"If you don't know what the prayers mean, you can't pray with *kavvanah*; you can't pray from the heart. We can stand here shokling all we want, pound our chests all we want, bow all we want, but we're not praying unless we know what we are saying."

Local congregations have been struggling with how to bring *kavvanah* and understanding to adults who may never have had formal Jewish education, or whose education stopped decades ago. Besides this discussion group, Temple Am David also offers beginning and intermediate Hebrew literacy classes on Sunday mornings. And every Sunday before the new moon, the women's Rosh Hodesh group meets with a short service followed by a discussion.

Barrington's Temple Habonim offers adult enrichment classes throughout the year with more formal programs in the cold months when "more people are around," Rabbi James B. Rosenberg says. So far this winter, Temple

Habonim has offered a lecture on the "Kabbalah of acupuncture," and a four-week series entitled "Biblical Encounters: Can God Speak to You and Me?"

February's sessions include a month-long interfaith program called "Responding to September 11," and weekly Saturday morning Talmud discussions.

Most synagogues offer adult enrichment programs, and other classes are offered at the Bureau of Jewish Education, in the Jewish Community Center building at 130 Sessions St. in Providence.

Also in Providence, Temple Beth-El offers a three-session Jewish film festival in March, as well as Wednesday evening classes throughout the spring on topics ranging from Hebrew prayers to understanding Islam to beginning Hebrew. Other learning opportunities include a Saturday morning Torah discussion group, and a scholar-in-residence program. For the first time, Beth-El is also offering adult education classes on Sunday mornings, running concurrently with children's religious school.

"The average member of our temple is not just college-educated, but has some sort of graduate degree," Rabbi Jonathan Blake says. "They're doctors, lawyers, teachers — people who in their own fields are regarded as experts."

Some of these same people come to the synagogue with the equivalent of less than an eighth-grade education in Judaism.

To bridge the gap, courses are offered with basic information in a way that challenges participants, Rabbi Blake says.

Back at Temple Am David, congregant Barry Forman is searching for *kavvanah*, but is concerned that it sometimes eludes him in the prayer book.

"When I look around, and take a moment to appreciate the blue sky, or a beautiful flower, that's where I find meaning," Forman says. Cantor Perlman responds by singing a Hebrew prayer about peace, something on everyone's mind.

Sheryl Barlow has been a member of the temple for 20 years, but started coming to adult education classes only last September.

"My father was a religious man, and I always did things because I was taught to," Barlow says. "Now, I decided it was time to find out why."

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'Havurah' learning is informal — and it lasts

"Everyone has a need for prayer," Cantor Perlman says. "Everyone has a need for knowledge. Oy, oy, oy, does it bother me when I see someone sitting in shul embarrassed because they can't take part, and then they don't come back."

Cantor Perlman says that his role is to pass along what Judaism is all about — and that "It's about understanding."

Havurah

Not all Jewish learning takes place in a formal synagogue setting. Some adults meet in groups — havurot — around the dining room table, in front of the fire in someone's cozy living room or over dinner in a candlelit trattoria.

Some even nosh on Danish in a bus on the way to New York's Jewish museums, piecing together discussions of Torah with snippets about the children, work and health.

Sometimes that kind of informal learning can be the most long-lasting.

Rosalea Cohn and Maxine Goldin can attest to that. The pair is responsible for organizing havurot at Temple Beth-El.

"Havurah" (havurot is the plural) is the Hebrew word for "fellowship," and has been translated to mean a group of friends who come together to share a Jewish experience.

The havurah movement began in the early '70s, Cohn says, in an effort to form small "extended families" in temples where many saw only a few familiar faces at crowded holiday services.

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In 1973, several small, home-based learning groups formed on their own at Temple Beth-El, but it was not until the following year that Brandeis professor Bernard Reissman approached the temple with an idea. He'd provide a graduate student to get things started if Temple Beth-El would begin a formal havurah program.

It was an offer too good to refuse. Beth-El's program — which incorporated some of the original discussion groups as well as new groups of friends — was the first havurah program in Rhode Island and one of the first in the Northeast. Among other such programs now is an extensive one at Temple Emanu-El.

"The purpose was to take this big temple and break it down into small groups so that when you go there, there's someone you know," Cohn says. Temple Beth-El has 1,200 families as members, and more than a dozen havurot. Cohn, an accountant, and Goldin, a social worker, collaborate well.

Cohn's skills are in organization — taking lists of people who may have little in common, and finding a likeness that will make a good bond. Goldin is the facilitator, attending the first meeting of a new havurah to help get things started.

Although groups may be any size, Cohn and Goldin typically put together six couples — a number that will "fit comfortably in somebody's living room."

"When a group has become established, it's like an extended family," Cohn says. Each group sets its own agenda. Some have a heavy education component, and others just enjoy celebrating Jewish holidays together and socializing.

"People come with different expectations, different needs," Cohn says. "Our goal is to make this a compatible group. The goal is Jewish content. It's not necessarily a serious study, but it does have to have something that sets it aside from secular groups."

Havurot generally meet about once a month for discussion, with coffee and pastry or a meal. Some groups bring in guest speakers, show films borrowed from the Bureau of Jewish Education or the temple library, or take short trips. Goldin's group rented a mini-bus for trips to Ellis Island and Manhattan's Lower East Side. Another group goes apple-picking every fall.

"In our group, the host couple prepares the topic," Cohn says. "Sometimes we've taken a book, and we've read it together. We get together, and you have a discussion, and then someone says, 'How's your grandson?'"

Cohn, who was the first woman to be congregation president at Temple Beth-El, was a member of one of the original havurah groups. It has been meeting since 1974.



Maxine Goldin, left, and Rosalea Cohn, members of a havurah at Temple Beth-El

"Over the years, we've become more of a nurturing community," Cohn says. "At this stage of our lives, we've had illnesses, and we've reached out to each other more. Our group shared bar mitzvahs, and weddings, and, unfortunately, funerals."

Travel

Just as Goldin's group found learning by leaving the sanctuary and getting on a bus, others are discovering that travel can be more than just recreation. A variety of trips are available to Israel, but many people are also finding "Jewish-learning" vacations closer to home.

Did you know that:

— A "build-it-and-they-will-come" Orthodox community lies in the middle of Iowa's cornfields (centered on a kosher meat-packing business?

— A plantation tour of the State of Mississippi highlights historic synagogues and antebellum mansions once owned by prominent Jews?

— You can take a Jewish retreat, complete with meditation and mystics, in Upstate New York?

— Weathered ghost towns that were once home to Jewish cowboys are scattered from Kansas to California?

The Jewish Travel Guide, written by Betsy Sheldon (Hunter Publishing), offers suggestions for finding these and other Jewish sites in the U.S. and Canada.

In Rhode Island, the guide lists Touro Synagogue in Newport, the country's oldest synagogue dating from 1763, and small museums in Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth-El.

Connecticut has the Charter Oak Cultural Center in

Hartford, built in 1876 and the first building in the state designed to serve as a synagogue. Modeled after Germany's Glockengasse synagogue in Cologne, it has Moorish influences and Islamic-inspired designs, according to the guide.

Among sites in Massachusetts is the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, with a theater, exhibits, creative programming and a bookstore. The American Jewish Historical Society Museum in Waltham houses 15 million archival documents, as well as thousands of paintings, photos and other objects that make it the largest collection of American Judaica in the country. Although much of the collection has been moved to the Center for Jewish History in Manhattan, two exhibit halls are open.

Mapping out resources for 'Jewish travel'

Here's a list of contacts for travelers interested in Jewish-oriented destinations:

- American Jewish Historical Society Museum, 2 Thornton Rd., Waltham, Mass., 781-891-8110
- Boston Walks, 50 Grove St., Belmont, Mass., 617-489-5020
- Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th St., New York City, 212-294-8301
- Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, Conn., 860-249-1207
- National Yiddish Book Center, 1021 West St., Amherst, Mass., 413-256-4900
- New England Holocaust Memorial, Carmen Park, Congress Street, Boston, 617-457-0755
- Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, 331-1616
- Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, 331-6070
- Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport, 847-4794
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Time: 7 p.m.

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The saga of Hugo Taussig Despite oppression's bitter pill, a doctor stays true to his ideals

By Stanley M. Aronson, M.D.
and Betty E. Aronson, M.D.

This is the story of a physician who overcame great adversity to complete his medical education, established a successful psychiatry practice in Providence, and became a leader in the struggle for justice, social equity and compassionate care for the mentally ill.

The saga begins in Romania during the depths of World War II. In 1940, Romanians lived under the illusion that their country was independent. In reality, their shaky monarchy, which had exercised a moderate degree of tolerance in the 1930s, was under the thumb of a fascist regime called the Iron Guard.

The German invasion of the Soviet Union had begun in June of 1940, and German troops now occupied strategic sites within Romania, as well as controlling its internal lines of communication and transportation. The Romanian army joined German troops in the invasion of the Ukraine; and while Romanians nominally ruled their nation, German policy greatly influenced the internal regulations and policies of this puppet nation.

After 1940, for example, Jews were excluded from holding public posts or faculty positions in Romania's state universities. Jewish physicians were not permitted to treat non-Jewish patients, nor could they participate in the clinical or pedagogic activities of the university medical school in Bucharest.

Jewish students weren't admitted to the university or its medical school. By 1941, Bucharest experienced numerous pogroms; periodic police sweeps sought Jewish men to work in garbage collection, snow removal and grave digging.

Since Jews were now excluded from the schools, a variety of small, private educational enterprises arose to meet the needs of the city's Jewish population. Among these was a rudimentary facility teaching biology and the principles of medicine.

Local authorities were aware of this "College for Jewish Students" and barely tolerated it. The medical school, supported by private donations, was housed in an abandoned mansion in Bucharest. Its faculty, all Jews, consisted of physicians displaced from the city's hospitals and the university's school of medicine.

The students were young Jewish men and women eager to learn the healing arts. Among these, willing to risk their lives for education, was Hugo Taussig, son of a well-established Jewish family from the northeastern Romanian City of Czernowitz.

The facilities in this impoverished medical school were primitive; eager students shared the handful of available microscopes. Rooms were outfitted as laboratories containing a few precious pieces of equipment somehow recruited from other teaching facilities in the city.

Dissection was recognized as critical, and accordingly, the stalls in a neighboring stable were converted into dissection chambers. The municipal bureaucracy forbade using non-Jewish cadavers, hence dissections were conducted only on Jewish bodies (which, contrary to the prevailing teaching in 1941, showed no structural differences from their gentile counterparts).

Dr. Taussig still recalls those volatile days from 1941 through 1944, when it was not unusual for a medical student to be conscripted for assignment to labor gangs, or to be executed for allegedly spying on the German occupation armies.

Three of Dr. Taussig's classmates died in this manner. Yet the teaching went on, superb teaching as he recalls, with some of the finest minds in Romania sharing their thoughts on healing and on the compassion and diligence needed for the practice of medicine.

For clinical teaching, a series of outpatient facilities was established called J (for Jewish) Polyclinic. Services were rendered without fee. And, according to Dr. Taussig, "The patients who flooded



Dr. Hugo Taussig

Dr. Hugo Taussig, was under the thumb of a fascist regime called the Iron Guard.

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Left to right: Alex Hirsch, Ben Salk, Jonathan Steingold, "Bill-Bill", Peter Ziegler, and Ben de Boer.

Teens meet homeless 'Bill-Bill' on the streets of Philadelphia

Rhode Island students met Bill-Bill on the Philadelphia streets while participating on the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's third annual Philadelphia Trip. Bill-Bill, a homeless man, shared his experiences of fighting drug addic-

tion and homelessness with the thirty-four Rhode Island teens who participated on this trip. The Philadelphia Trip exposes Rhode Island teens to the value of helping others and reinforces that they can make a difference in the world through

interaction with homeless men and women. For more information about the Philadelphia Trip or other teen programs offered by the BJE/RI, contact Rich Walter, Director of Teen Education at 331-0956 or rwalter@bjeri.org.

Hold the date: Pizmon concert to benefit HEM

To hear Pizmon is to hear an extraordinary array of Jewish sounds – from traditional melodies to modern Israeli music to Yiddish folk songs.

Pizmon, the Jewish *a cappella* group of Columbia College, Barnard College, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will be performing at the annual fundraiser for the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island on March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

The Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School is a supplementary religious education program for Jewish teens in grades eight through twelve. HEM encourages teens to remain active in Jewish life and learning after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah by providing a broad-based curriculum in topics such as Jewish Ethics, History, Literature, Hebrew, and Rabbinics. Classes are innovative, stimulating and taught by an outstanding fac-

ulty including the clergy from the school's partner synagogues. This year, 185 students from throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts take part in this exceptional program.

Since its inception in 1986, the seventeen-member Pizmon has toured extensively in the United States and Europe, including several popular concerts here in Rhode Island. Pizmon concerts are known for their high energy and fantastic music. The group prides itself on appealing to audiences of all ages.

In addition to Pizmon, this year's event will also feature a performance by Kol Kesem, the HEM Youth Choir under the direction of Cantor Brian J. Mayer. Kol Kesem is comprised of over thirty teens from the greater Rhode Island area.

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Drivers are needed in the Cranston/Warwick area for the JFS Kosher Meals on Wheels program. "Right now, we especially need additional drivers for Tuesday and Thursday," says JFS Mealsite Coordinator Ronda French.

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That's Life:

JFS in the 21st century: Looking back, looking ahead

by Paul L. Segal, Jewish
Family Service Executive
Director

Some of you may know that I recently celebrated my 30th year with Jewish Family Service. I thought that I would like to share with you a bit of then and now — the changes that have occurred over these years.

In those days, we could always count on our funding sources to provide the funds necessary to run an agency. My goal as director was to provide services, and to make sure that the agency was running smoothly.

Then something happened in the late 70s and early 80s. Agencies were expected to raise more of their own funding through program income, otherwise known as fee for services, and fund raising. We became a business model, a not-for-profit agency that had to make money. To some clinicians this was a difficult concept. To many of us, this was an exciting challenge.

Today through program fees and contributions, we raise well over half of our budget. What has changed?

The Jewish Federation and the United Way face the same difficulties as our agencies. They can raise only so much money to meet the increasing demands, and as the need for services grow, the agencies must pick up the slack. We must give generously to their campaigns to maintain the quality of service our community enjoys.

I was trained as a clinician when I received my Master's degree in Social work. Today I am expected to understand

and prepare budgets with our controller. Our agency is not a charity. We are a non-profit business. As executive director, I am expected to run the agency prudently, which means I am not supposed to run a deficit. And if I do, it must be manageable. If our deficit is too high, our Board is not happy.

On the other hand, if our agency does not provide the service that is demanded by the community, our community is not happy. Our mission clearly states that the "agency provides professional services to the greater Rhode Island community with emphasis on recognizing and meeting current and emerging community needs within the framework of Jewish tradition and values."

The dilemma we face is how to provide the services the community needs while at the same time have the funds available to maintain those programs. We can err on the side of being too fiscally conservative at the expense of those we serve. Do we turn down someone who is not able to pay the minimum fee and accept those who can pay for a service? Does this answer our objectives, which states, "The mission of Jewish Family Service is to sustain, nurture and strengthen the emotional and general well-being and stability of families and individuals throughout the life cycle." Should we add — "only if this is profitable?"

But yet, if we do not have the funds to provide for those in need, where do we go? Where do we turn? To our supporters. Their generosity certainly has sustained our high quality programming. They have given of their time, their creativity and their financial

support. Our Board and our friends have played a major role in the agency for my thirty-year tenure. Their role has been equal to our skilled professional and support staff, and my staff knows that I think they are the best.

In 1971, I never dreamed that health insurance, workers' comp, postage — things I cannot control — would keep me up at night. I did not go into the field to become a businessman, yet I have become one.

Fund-raising was not something that I ever dreamed I would be doing. Today it is a major part of my job.

I never thought of outcome measures in 1971. Today, we are expected by our funding sources to measure the progress of our work.

Maybe in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s the term "good-doers" would apply to our field. Today the staff and I are expected to come in with results, not platitudes. Our responsibilities are greater and much more complicated than in 1971.

The picture I am painting of Jewish Family Service in the 21st century is one of complexity, increased reporting and measurable results. In all of our fields we have pressure. The changes I have described are necessary, but at the same time often daunting. We are dealing with human beings that are in crisis or near crisis situations. We deal with their pain, and build upon their strengths — a qualitative action. Then we sit back and analyze the treatment quantitatively. This is a new picture, one with no previous models, one that we have learned to reconcile.

Adoption Options schedules informational meetings

Adoption Options offers free informational meetings in Providence March 7 in Providence and on February 13 and March 13 in Rehoboth, Mass.

Anyone who wants to explore 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. Adoption workers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

• 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, located on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman Street in Providence. The next meetings will be held on March 7.

• In Mass., the meetings take place on the second Wed. of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Adoption Options' Massachusetts office, located in the Community Counseling building at 366 Winthrop Street in Rehoboth, Mass. The

next meetings will take place on February 13 and March 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 (401) 331-5437 or toll-free at (800)-337-6513. Or visit the web site at www.adoptionoptions.org for information.



Everyone's an artist

THE FIRST "EVERYONE'S AN ARTIST" program of the Gertrude Solomon Education Fund was held at JCCRI. Noa Teplov, of Noa's Art, was the guest artist. She shared her talents and taught how easy and fun it can be to draw caricatures, using Maxie Formal as her model.

The Home Study: One of the keys to a successful adoption

If you are ready to adopt a child, you will need to complete a home study. A home study is a process conducted to prepare families for adoption, and is required in almost all adoptions including public agency, private agency, international or independent adoptions.

Adoption Options, the non-sectarian, non-profit adoption program of Jewish Family Service, has been handling all aspects of adoption for decades. Because of the agency's stability, long history of successful adoptions, and group of social workers who have training and extensive experience in conducting home studies, Adoption Options is a resource used by many adoption agencies around the country.

As Adoption Options is a licensed adoption agency in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts, our home studies are recognized and accepted by other agencies, states and countries.

The main purpose of the home study is to insure that families are prepared to take on the responsibility of parenting, and can provide a safe and nurturing home for a child. A completed home study assures that several basic elements are present in a family, including a stable home environment, the emotional and financial resources to raise a child and the genuine desire to be parents. Adoption Options

conducts home studies for traditional as well as non-traditional families who meet these criteria. The process is designed to educate about adoption and its impact on all members of the adoptive circle, including adoptive parents, birth parents and adopted children.

At Adoption Options, the home study process includes several meetings with a licensed social worker, both at the agency and at the prospective adoptive parent's home.

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At Potter Hill School, Hebrew alphabet promotes tolerance, compassion



THIRD GRADE children at Potter Hill School creating Hebrew words "boker" "tov" and "or" with letters and vowels. Standing at left is Baer Collen, Waldorf Master Teacher. Above right is the text of Bereshit (Genesis), verses 1-5

by Deborah Waldman

The effort of a child working to arrange his body into the shape of the Hebrew letter *alef* is a sight to be savored and not soon forgotten. "Are your *alef* arms strong enough to hold up the sky and hold down the earth?" the teacher coaches the thirteen third graders at the Potter Hill School in Kingston, R.I. Is this some sort of madcap frivolity? "Not at all," replies Master Teacher Baer Collen.

Guided by the Waldorf curriculum established 80 years ago by Austrian educator-philosopher Rudolf Steiner, says Collen, the school's humanitarian, non-sectarian approach places heavy emphasis on stimulating the child's

imagination.

As reported in the November, December and January issues of *The Jewish Voice*, these third graders have been learning Hebrew as part of their year-long "Old Testament" history curriculum. Through songs, conversation and vocabulary games, Collen says, each student's personal world is expanding. Collen explains: "The whole purpose of teaching foreign language is to involve the children with a tolerance for different cultures... Hebrew provides a dramatic example of this because of the right-left orientation. Then the children need to orient themselves differently in space to be able to relate to Hebrew as opposed to English."

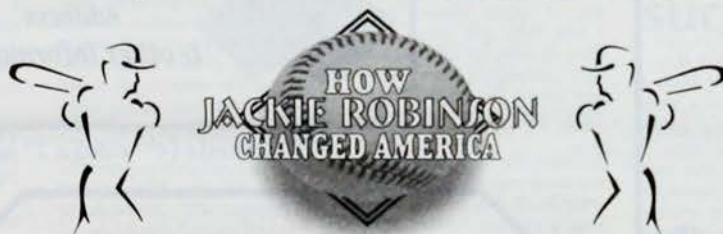
"Their minds become more flexible," Collen says. "Learning about how Israelis live and speak is a real eye-opener because the children learn to relate to others' human experience, and therefore develop empathy, sympathy and a personally based interest in how other people live their lives. The human connection is real."

The Hebrew is presented to the children in an imaginative, pictorial way, says Collen, "so that the children can see a picture in the writing, and then associate the picture with the written word." The teacher creates stories for why each letter looks the way it does (example: a *vav* with a dot in its middle says "oo" because when "he" was hit in the "stomach" by a "baseball," and the *vav* cried in pain, "ooh! ooh!").

They love learning the "personality" of each vowel and are intrigued to discover how certain Hebrew letters drawn along similar lines are "related" to each other, such as *bet*, *vet*, *hay*, *chet*, *kaf*, *chaf* and *tav*, and even *nun*. They are delighted to recognize the letters and sounds from the first five verses of *Bereishit* (Genesis) which they have already memorized (see the December issue of *The Jewish Voice*), and excited to be able to write some of those words, such as *boker* (morning), *tov* (good), *ha* (the) and *or* (light).

Founded by a gentile, the Waldorf method echoes a fundamentally Jewish compassion toward humankind. Says Collen: "The basis of our method is about biography... what it means to be a human being not only here but all over the world."

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This exciting, learning experience will include:

- First-person account from Robinson, his wife, teammates, journalists...even his foes.
- The exhibit was created by the Simon Weisenthal Center Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, and is being sponsored in RI by the Urban League and the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of RI, with the support of other organizations.
- Trained docents will guide students through the exhibit. Curriculum guide will be available in early spring. Middle and high-school students are invited to participate in an essay contest on topics related to civil rights, diversity, and heroism. Winners will receive a special award and will have their work published.

In and around Schechter: Second graders learn 'whither the weather'



The Alperin Schechter Day School second graders at left with visiting meteorologist, Tony Petrarca. His visit was sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association's Cultural Enrichment committee.

Petrarca's discussion on various types of weather conditions directly correlated to the second grade's study of weather in their science class.

Schechter student wins third place in state spelling bee

Nathan Weissburg, an eighth-grade student at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence, was the winner of the school-wide spelling bee, and went on to win third place in the state. The competition took place on Jan. 25 at the Independent School Spelling Bee at Sunrise Academy.

The following 48 students in grades four through eight participated in the recent ASDS Spelling Bee:

Grade Four: Alan Alezker, Jacob Berman, Jonathan Blazar, Sam Feinstein, Aaron Gilman, Alexa Gladstone, Micah Isser, Raul Lovett, Yelena Malyuta, Kyla Mor, Boris Nosovskiy, Andrew Quackenbush, Micah Savitsky, Michael Teitelbaum, and Alana Weinschel;

Honor roll announced

The Alperin Schechter Day School is pleased to announce our Middle School students who have attained honor roll status for the first trimester:

Grade Six: Jean Alper, Barry Cohen, Sarah Goliger, Gabrielle Heru, Eva Jablow, Laura Landau, Eliza Mellion, Michaela Miller, Mary Rothemich, Arielle Spellun, Zemora Tevah, and Alisa Zayas;

Grade Seven: Ilana Eides, Rachel Isser, Sophie Kieffer, Jay Rodrigues, Micah Schwartz, and Shayna Weinschel;

Grade Eight: Mark Abramson, Abraham Aron, Elan Cohen, Susan Landau, Nathaniel Levine, Julia Link, Jason Lipof, and Jonathan Wolpert.

Grade Five: Cara Kaplan, Lizzie Tilchin, and Jessica Waterman;

Grade Six: Jean Alper, Zoe Brumberg-Kraus, Barry Cohen, Alex Gladkov, Eva Jablow, Leonard Kozyrev, Eliza Mellion, Michaela Miller, Jason Riffkin, Mary Rothemich, Arielle Spellun, Zemora Tevah and Alisa Zayas;

Grade Seven: Anna Belkin, Ilana Eides, Ian Fink, Deborah Furman, Jason Hochman, Rachel Isser, Anne Kaplan, Marty Katsoff, Sophie Kieffer, Jay Rodrigues, Olga Rozman, Michael Shuster, and Jonathan Wolpert;

Grade Eight: Mark Abramson, Nathaniel Levine, Jason Lipof and Nathan Weissburg.



SCHECHTER students got a little "wacky" during recent school Spirit Week.

Of these, 10 became semi-finalists: Anna Belkin, Zoe Brumberg-Kraus, Eva Jablow, Anne Kaplan, Nathaniel Levine, Eliza Mellion, Arielle Spellun, Zemora Tevah, Nathan Weissburg and Alisa Zayas.



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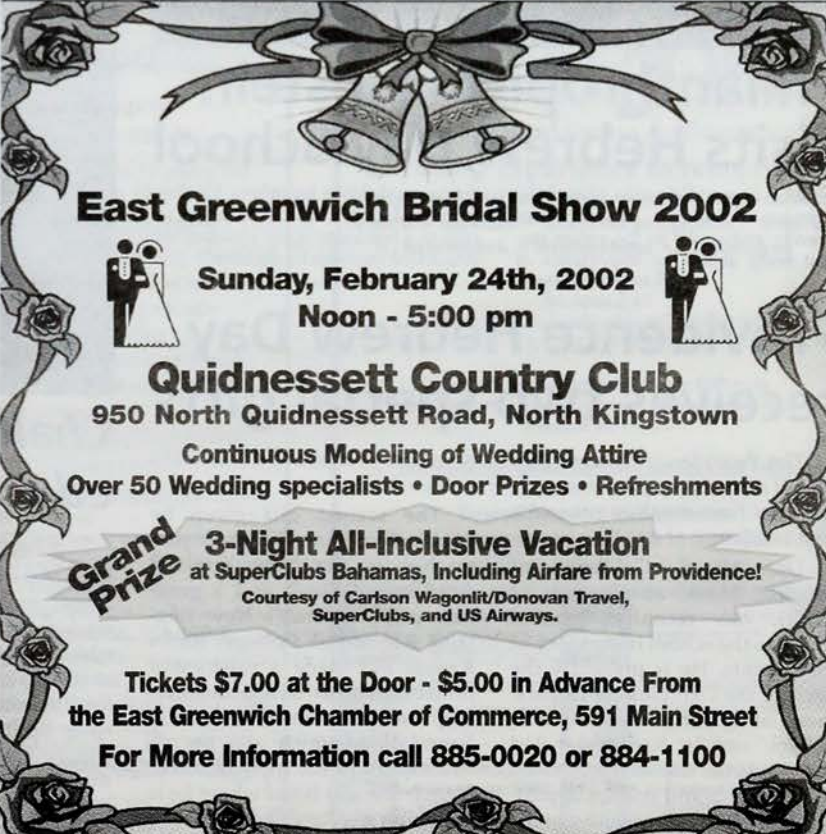
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Applications should be submitted on-line. If the application is downloaded it must be typed or completed in a word processor format before it is submitted.

Deadline for receipt of all completed applications is Feb. 15, 2002.

It is not necessary for a student to be accepted to a school in order to apply.

Questions may be directed to Dr. Wallace Greene, executive secretary, on our Website.



Philanthropist Feinstein visits Hebrew Day School

Alan Shawn Feinstein visited the Providence Hebrew Day School recently and spoke to the entire student body about the importance of

doing good deeds for others. He then presented each child with a special coin as a reminder of his visit and the important message he delivered.

Providence Hebrew Day receives two special gifts

The Providence Hebrew Day School recently received two special gifts from an alumnus and a past teacher.

Dr. Alfred Goldberg of Newton, Mass., an alumnus of PHDS, has recently donated funds to the school in memory of his parents. He is presently the head of the Cell Biology Department at the Harvard Medical School, and he has designated the funds for use in the school's mathematics and science departments. PHDS will use most of the

donation to enhance the school's science laboratory.

The second gift given by Rabbi Avraham Krauss, past teacher at the New England Academy of Torah and a graduate of Providence's New England Rabbinical College. Rabbi Krauss has made a substantial donation to the PHDS Scholarship Fund from the Ethel Krauss Foundation, which was set up in memory of his mother. Rabbi Krauss lives in Israel where he is pursuing his Torah education.



Saying 'thank you' for a really cool donation

Recently, the Providence Hebrew Day School received a donation of 400 cases of ice cream from the Breyers/Good Humor Co. The company said the school could give out the ice cream to school families and supporters as a thank you for donations made to PHDS.

Many of the school's supporters

donated money to the school and then told the school to use the ice cream for class parties. The second and fourth graders made a creative THANK YOU banner to thank the individual who arranged for this donation and a similar banner for the trucking company that donated its time and expertise to deliver the ice cream to the school.



Challah on the rise whets educational appetites

Rabbi Mordechai Nissel, the Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School, recently purchased a bread machine for the school. This machine, which makes two loaves of bread at the same time, has been named the "Lechem Mishna" machine. This refers to the two loaves of challah that are used for the HaMotzei at the beginning of the three Shabbat meals.

Each Friday a different class

bakes two challot with the machine and uses this challah in a variety of ways. The kindergarten class shared their challah at their weekly Shabbat party. The fourth graders made challah for their Shabbat celebrations and other teachers reward a particular student with challah.

Whatever way the challah is used, the smell of baking bread fills the building and reminds the entire school that Shabbat will soon arrive.

Hugo Taussig

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it were not expected to pay, nor did the doctors expect to be paid. An amazing amount of service of high quality was being delivered with rudimentary means; infectious diseases (lots of typhoid), rather sophisticated outpatient surgery, oncology treatment such as it was, and unlimited house calls."

British and American bombers were attacking the neighboring oil wells of Ploesti by 1944 and life for the struggling medical students became even more stressful. Despite these periodic bombings and a hostile community, the underground medical school continued to function without missing a day of rigorous instruction. Attendance sheets and records of academic performances were meticulously maintained on each of the students.

When the German armies abandoned Bucharest to advancing Soviet troops in August, 1944, the University of Bucharest medical school opened its doors to students of the Jewish medical school. The transition went flawlessly for the students, because of the diligence of record-keeping and the rigorous nature of their prior education.

Many of these men and women stayed on in Romania, joining the cadre of practicing physicians. Some, including Dr. Taussig, strove to find a more tolerant atmosphere in which to practice. Having lost most of his family, and with few ties to keep him in Romania, Dr. Taussig ultimately gained admission to the United States, and specifically, Rhode Island.

Over the next 30 years he became a leading voice, both here and in national forums, working on behalf of the mentally ill and the cognitively disabled. He represented the psychiatrists of Rhode Island in pressing for state and federal legislation to ease the burden of chronic psychiatric disease and to diminish the stigma of mental illness.

Dr. Taussig — scholar, teacher of Brown University medical students, humanitarian and physician — is one of many Jewish refugees from ravaged Europe who have enriched this nation. His articulate and persuasive voice has been instrumental in bettering the lives of the psychiatrically distressed.

Dr. Hugo Taussig, who recently retired from practice and from decades-long service on the ethics and political action committees of the American Psychiatric Association, lives in Providence.

Four from Torah Academy will soon be published poets

Four students from the New England Academy of Torah have had poems accepted for publication in "A Celebration of Young Poets" the spring 2002 anthology of student poetry published by Creative Communications, Inc.

The four poets are seniors Elisheva Diamond and Gitty Leibowitz, and juniors Zivia Ackerman and Bracha Shapiro.

Originally begun several years ago as only a contest to reward creative writing, the poetry project ultimately came to encompass publication not only of the winning poems but also of what Creative Communications calls additional "worthy" and "high merit" poems.

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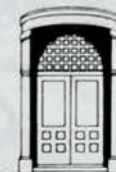
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Presses stop for *Herald*, but new paper to roll on

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husband took the paper over in 1935, became company president after his death in 1982.

The situation changed dramatically when Mrs. Rutman died last year at age 91. According to Lemoi, she left family assets — including the *Herald*, two other weeklies, and a related commercial printing businesses — to her husband's alma mater, Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Bruce Wolpert, attorney for Mrs. Rutman's estate, said that while the school will become the official owner of the businesses when probate is completed soon, Worcester Polytech has signed an agreement allowing the *Herald* to join forces with the *Voice*.

Lemoi said the commercial printing elements of the business, in a 30,000-square-foot plant on Herald Place, off Webster Avenue in Pawtucket, will continue to operate for the foreseeable future. About 45 employees work at Herald Place under three business entities — the Jewish Press Publishing Co., owner of *The Herald* and the real estate; the Herald Press itself, owner of the weekly *East Providence Post* and *Seekonk Star*; and Ondine Publishing Co., which does commercial printing.

Lemoi said that while the *Post* and the *Star*, both of which have existed for several decades, were also part of the bequest, Herald Press will continue to publish them. According to lawyer Wolpert, decisions on the future of the businesses, after stock ownership is transferred, will be up to Worcester Polytech.

Lemoi, 69, a URI graduate who began working for publisher Rutman in 1959 as a self-described "go-fer," is now president of all three companies.

Lemoi said that the *Herald* had been losing money in recent years, a period that has been financially difficult for newspapers in general. In effect, said Lemoi, the *Herald* was being subsidized by revenue from the commercial printing operation that made Walter Rutman wealthy.

But Rutman, said Lemoi, always insisted on keeping the newspaper alive because at essence he was "a newspaper guy." That probably stemmed from his days as a part-time reporter with the Worcester Telegram & Gazette in his student days at Worcester Polytech, said Lemoi.

"The *Herald* was his baby," recalls Linda Acciardo, editor of the paper in 1981 and 1982. Now director of communications at URI, Acciardo recalls Rutman as an active publisher who was in the shop all day long and liked to drop by and chat.

She remembers the tall, spare Rutman as kind and respectful, but "He would let you know if he didn't like you."

Lemoi says that indeed, Rutman "could be a tough nut. He was demanding and he had certain principles. He didn't mind paying for it, but he wanted good work — and he got the best out of everybody."

Lemoi and Rutman disagreed on one basic issue: the name of the news-



AS THE FINAL EDITION of the *Jewish Herald* rolls off the presses on Jan. 30, a headline reflects the papers legacy to the Jewish community of Rhode Island.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

paper. Always looking toward business opportunities and expansion, Rutman in his later years changed the name of the *Jewish Herald* to the *Rhode Island Herald*.

Lemoi, whose own background is French Catholic, changed the name back after Rutman's death, with the consent of Mrs. Rutman.

He recalls, "My feeling was that as long as it was going to be the Jewish newspaper, let's call it the Jewish newspaper."

Lemoi said that over the years, some of the *Herald's* editors were Jewish and others were not, recalling that Rutman's policy was to hire "the most qualified person for the job at the time," religious affiliation notwithstanding.

When it came to sharing their fortune, the childless Rutmans were generous, heavily bankrolling the Trinity Square Repertory Theater and Brown University. But Worcester Polytech, from which Mr. Rutman graduated in 1929 with a degree in chemistry, was always a favorite.

When he died, he willed the school \$1.5 million to establish the Walter and Miriam Rutman Scholarship Fund for needy students, which will benefit again from the latest bequest. Wolpert said that while other institutions will also receive bequests from the estate, the "vast bulk" of the assets go to the Worcester school, both for scholarships

and for the general endowment.

Wolpert declined to divulge the cash value of the estate, except to say that it is "substantial."

Lemoi said that while his newspaper "filled a big need," the consolidation "is a natural way for the *Herald* to go — to make one outstanding newspaper for the community. I hope the people of the community support the new paper," he said. "They don't know how much they need it."

The *Herald's* first issue came off the press on Oct. 3, 1929 — just a few weeks before the start of an era that left a lifelong mark on many of its first readers: the Great Depression. The paper cost a nickel and was printed in a full-size format, not the tabloid size it adopted in future years.

Its founders, President Meyer Cooper, Managing Editor Joseph Finkle, and Editor Harold Halpert, promised in an initial editorial that their newspaper would be "interesting, honest and authentic" and "a source of pleasure and a source of information" for the Jews of Rhode Island.

The trio had the goods to deliver on their promises. For example, the 27-year-old Joe Finkle, who died in 1989 at age 87, became a vigorous civil rights activist who also made his mark in business, as an advertising executive.

Over the years, the *Herald* served up both Jewish and non-Jewish fare,

from the light — Ozzie and Harriet at the RKO Albee — to a gathering dark, as reflected in this wire dispatch from 1939:

"LONDON — While Nazi forces penetrated deeper into Polish territory, Jews caught in towns close to the Polish-German border were subjected to brutal treatment by Nazi soldiers. Thousands of Polish Jews have been thrown into concentration camps."

The *Herald* kept its readers abreast of events in Europe with stories from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The paper's coverage began in earnest in 1933 — the year Adolf Hitler took power in Germany.

Throughout those years, the *Herald* reported on the steady deterioration of Jewish well-being in Europe. As early as 1935, the paper chastized Rhode Island Sen. Jesse Metcalf — owner of the *Providence Journal* — for allegedly waffling on criticism of anti-Semitic activity in Germany.

The *Herald* made its continuing story in those years Hitler's vow to exterminate European Jewry. Its coverage in 1934, according to records at the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, focused on a national boycott of German-made goods by Jewish stores. One of the businesses was a downtown Providence anchor, the Outlet Company.

Owner Joseph Samuels, in bringing his department store into the boycott, said that his policy would continue "indefinitely, if need be, until Hitler's inhuman persecution of Germany's 600,000 industrious, hard-working Jews is finally and completely repudiated."

World War II provided the paper with another continuing story. On Dec.



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As we grow older THE BIG COMEBACK

By Tema Gouse

Legend has it that cats have nine lives. Today I can say that humans can have at least two lives. If they are lucky.

One day last summer I walked into the hospital for minor surgery that would allow me to go home in two days. Because I became very ill it was nearly four months before I left the second hospital where I was confined.

When I arrived home, I was over 30 pounds lighter and had limited stamina and mobility. Before this gets morbid, let me assure the reader that today (mid-January) I am not only ambulatory but can cook the meals for my husband and myself. And unless I blow it, there is no reason to believe that I cannot live a perfectly normal life.

I will not belabor the details of my illness. A greater power has removed the goriest parts of my ordeal from my consciousness. And what I do recall was apparently the least of my trials.

What I do want to describe is what I have learned from the last third of the year 2001. First and foremost, I learned that healthy seniors take good health as a natural entitlement. Though I have complained of aches and pains for the last half-

century, I did not appreciate the mostly unrestricted activity that my basic good health afforded. And then when I was hospitalized, the myth of my indomitable strength collapsed and my family was forced to accept my vulnerability.

So much happened while I was out of touch with the living world. The long-planned move from our home of 46 years took place without my controlling it. I "celebrated" my 78th birthday without presents or a cake or consciousness. The World Trade Center was blown up. Our country took on another war. And unemployment hit home to people near and dear to me.

When one emerges from Never-Never Land, such information is astonishing or interesting to absorb, but the impact is superficial. After all, when the patient beats all the odds and survives, survival is what occupies the mind of the survivor. At that time, the patient experiences multiple reactions, such as awareness of discomfort, over-dependency on others, narcissistic preoccupation with body parts, impatience with slow improvement and anxiety about every facet of life.

But probably what is the strongest reaction that I have

experienced to this whole trauma of illness was the realization that I was loved. My family was there for me constantly. They prepared my new home for me, never doubting that I would return.

Their lengthy daily visits, their interventions when they questioned my hospital care were life-saving. My sister twice traveled from Arizona to see me, once when I was totally withdrawn and later when she heard I could talk.

My sons, who also live out of state, visited regularly and helped their father in multiple ways. And most importantly, one of them monitored my treatment course and saved me in several ugly situations. Every ill senior needs such an aggressive advocate.

Then there are my friends. All my life I have been blessed with wonderful close friendships. During my hospitalizations they would visit, just standing in the doorways of my rooms and hoping for some sign of recovery. They were supportive to my family with phone calls and encouraging words. They sent flowers and books and candy and enough meals to stuff my refrigerator and freezer for months. I will always cherish the joy I heard in their voices as they began to believe that I would make it.

I have now been home for eight weeks. In that time I have learned to walk and cook and read. My physiotherapy has been excellent. The couch potato has learned to exercise daily, insuring growing strength and hopefully avoiding the regaining of the 30+ unneeded pounds I lost.

Everybody, from the rabbis on down prayed, for me. The professionals tell me that my gutsy nature is what pulled me through. I feel that I could not let down all those who showed me so much love. My struggle to return to my loved ones and my way of life was worthwhile. My concern with trivia has lessened and I do enjoy smelling the roses.

I hope the readers will forgive the personal nature of my writing. My morbid preoccupations are diminishing and, for me, the sun shines even on rainy days. Next time I will try to be amusing.

Veteran caregiver says 'Shalom'

Sharon Rice steps down after 25 years at JSA



Sharon Rice

Sharon Rice is retiring after 25 years as director of the Jewish Seniors Agency's Comprehensive Adult Day Center.

When she came to the Center in 1977, the program was only three years old. A handful of seniors came together each weekday at the Jewish Home for the Aged to socialize and escape the isolation and boredom of living alone. It was one of only three programs in Rhode Island, and the only one in Providence.

"Things have changed dramatically in 25 years," said Rice. "The well-elderly have more housing and socialization options than ever before. They're living in senior housing and assisted living facilities and going to senior centers. As a result, the Comprehensive Adult Day Center has become a resource for a much larger

population of seniors who can't be left alone during the day.

"Our participants need us and so do their caregivers," said Rice. Seniors who are mentally or physically impaired are no longer alone all day. They have plenty of opportunities for meaningful activity, socialization and exercise. A full-time registered nurse, in partnership with the participant's physician, develops a care plan, dispenses medications and watches for changes in the participant's health. Because the participants are busy all day, they sleep better at night.

The program ends a lot of worries for caregivers, too. They are able to remain in the workforce while getting professional support and guidance from the Center's staff. They have peace of mind knowing their loved one is eating right, taking their medications, and is in a safe, closely monitored environment. Rice said one of the greatest joys of her job is taking the pressure off of families and letting them say, "whew!"

As one caregiver pointed out, "Even if one of us could be with her all day, one person could not give (Mom) the same enrichment and stimulation the Center provides."

Rice says one of her biggest challenges has been getting the word out about how wonderful and effective the program is. "Sometimes caregivers wait too long to seek our help. They try to piece together services and are fearful of pushing their loved one into something unfamiliar. I tell them, if your Dad belonged to a golf club, tell him he's going to a place that's like a club. If their mom loved doing crafts, point out to her that she'll have those opportunities once again."

What has kept Rice so full of enthusiasm for 25 years? I know when I come to work we're going to do something for somebody every day. We never give up. Our goal is to improve each participant's level of functioning so they may remain in their homes or with their families. "One woman came to us in a wheelchair. Thanks to the continual efforts of our exercise physiologist, she now walks with a cane. That probably would not have happened had she stayed home every day."

Even with all the joy and personal satisfaction Rice has found in her job, she says it's time to go. With a smile she says, "I have plans. My foot is out the door, but not my heart."

The Comprehensive Adult Day Center, a program of the Jewish Seniors Agency, is open to all seniors. Located at 222 Waterman Avenue in Providence, the Center operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Participants may attend from two to five days per week and transportation is available. Fees vary according to income and financial assistance is available. For further information call 351-2440.

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Herald's last issue is precursor to a new paper

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12, 1941, five days after Pearl Harbor, the *Herald* noted that among Jewish men from Providence fighting in the Pacific — and so far uninjured — were Louis Bettman, Edward Cohen, Bernard Rubien, James Marks and Edward Gorodesky.

By 1942, coverage was continuing on Page One with a regular column, "The War This Week."

After the war, local items were paramount in the *Herald's* news columns, and its advertising reflected a flavorful Jewish community.

In 1954, Fred Spigel's Kosher Meat & Poultry Market on Willard Avenue was offering a deal too good to pass up: "Two broilers killed for the price of one." And the Spigel enterprise was proclaiming itself "the first to have chickens machine-plucked."

Kessler's Korner Market on Orms Street was counterattacking with a deal on schmaltz herring.

Columnist Beryl Segal was providing *One Man's Opinion*. Also in '54, you could have read about Herbie Millman's Bar Mitzvah and Hyman Hochman's summer place at Narragansett Pier.

The *Herald* provided plenty of such hometown grist as leavening for more important matters — such as documenting the Torah parade in 1954 when Congregation Sons of Israel and David, better known as Beth-El — moved from its South Providence synagogue to its modern new home on the East Side's Orchard

The Voice made its debut on Nov. 23, 1973, in response to the Yom Kippur attack on Israel by Egypt and Syria.

Avenue — a structure so impressive that it rated a spread in *Life* magazine.

Rutman's paper became a rallying point in times of crisis, including the massing of Arab troops at Israeli borders just before the Six-Day War in 1967.

In the pages of the *Herald*, General Jewish Committee leaders Merrill Hassenfeld, Frank Licht, Joe Galkin, Bob Reisman and Joe Thaler appealed for the community's financial support, to the tune of \$2 million. They raised most of it in a couple of days.

A subsequent crisis was responsible for the birth of *The Jewish Voice*. Then called *The Community Voice*, it made its debut on Nov. 23, 1973, in response to that year's Yom Kippur attack on Israel by Egypt and Syria.

The four-page tabloid, co-published by the Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council, appealed to the Jewish community for financial support and vowed to be a vehicle for critical information.

The paper, through Federation President Max Alperin, Women's Division leader Betty-Rose Stone, and community relations head Howard Lipsey, promised to continue publication indefinitely.

In that initial issue, Editor Roberta Botvin reprinted an editorial from the Providence *Evening Bulletin* exhorting President Nixon to stand firm in support of Israel in the face of oil supply cutoffs by Arab-nation producers. The editorial asked, "Would the American people leave the Israelis to a choice between a new Buchenwald and a new Masada?"

As promised, the fledgling *Voice* continued to publish; for the past dozen years it was edited by Jane S. Sprague, of Jamestown, who recently left to become executive director of the Friends of Touro Synagogue.

Sprague said that to be effective, the new combined newspaper should "provide clear information on community life and reflect the vigor of the community," and "should be as independent as possible so readers have faith that the information they're getting is thorough and unbiased."

JFS receives positive rating for home care services

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The CNAs get to know their clients at JFS very well, and try to understand their needs and their preferences.

For example, whenever possible, CNAs prepare the clients' favorite foods and recipes; and arrange each client's daily activities according to their wishes. Longtime CNA Signe Entwistle says, "After all, we are there to help, and we are in their homes. We try to do things the way they like."

For more information about the services Jewish Family Service provides to help the elderly maintain their quality of life, including counseling, the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston, Kosher Meals on Wheels, Lifeline/RI personal emergency response system in addition to Home Care Service, please call (401) 331-1244.

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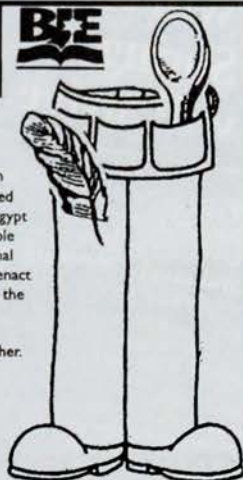
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Helen S. Meyer

PROVIDENCE — Helen S. (Mastbaum) Meyer, 96, of North Main Street, a retired secretary who was a survivor of the Holocaust, died Jan. 20 at the Summit & Pavilion.

She was the wife of the late Claus Meyer. A daughter of the late Ernst and Lucy Mastbaum, she had lived in Aachen, Germany, and Cranston before moving to Providence more than 10 years ago.

She was a secretary at the former Gladding's department store, and later at A&C Woolen Mills, and a member of Temple Beth-El.

She was the sister of the late Jan Mastbaum. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

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**Manfred Weil; philanthropist
fled Hitler's Germany in 1938**

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Manfred Weil, 80, of Palmar Court, formerly of Providence, who escaped Nazi Germany in 1938 and became a 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 fled with his family to England; they moved to Providence in 1940.

He was an executive in 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 Fineman-Trinkle Post 439, Jewish War Veterans.

He was also instrumental in the settlement of Russian immigrants in Rhode Island, and 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.

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.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Simon Weil, of Doughty, Pa.; two daughters, Cory Fink, of Cranston, and Judith Weil, 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. Contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.

**L. S. Alpert,
executive
at former
Ann & Hope**

PALM BEACH, FLA. — L. Saul Alpert, 64, of Palm Beach Gardens, an executive vice president of the former Ann & Hope, died Jan. 30 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

Born in Fall River and for many years a summer resident of Narragansett, he was a son of the late Nathan and Rose (Berick) Alpert.

He was a graduate of Moses Brown School, Providence, and attended Brown University and Bentley College.

Mr. Alpert was a member of Temple Beth-El, the Ledge-mont Country Club in Seekonk, and the Frenchmen's Creek Country Club in Florida. He was a member of the Army Reserve.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Daniel Alpert, of Rye Brook, N.Y.; two daughters, Jaime Alpert, of New York City, and Stacey Parks, of Lincoln, Mass.; a brother, Bennett Alpert, of Somerset, Mass.; and five grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Donald Alpert.

The funeral service was held Feb. 3 at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Temple Beth-El or the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston.

**Mel Fishbein; restaurant supplier
won bronze star for valor in war**

PROVIDENCE — Mel Fishbein, 79, of Fourth Street, a businessman who was decorated for valor on the battlefield in World War II, died Dec. 30 at his home. He was the husband of Rose (Rome) Fishbein.

The founder of Coffee Exchange, on Wickenden Street in Providence, and a well-known figure in the restaurant supply industry, Mr. Fishbein distinguished himself as a soldier in the North Africa and Italy campaigns, serving

as a forward observer behind enemy lines.

A sergeant, he won the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals as a result of being wounded himself while he rescued wounded comrades.

He and his wife were founding members of Temple Beth Shalom in Providence.

Mr. Fishbein was a managing director of R.I. Frozen Foods, and later was the owner of Mel's Restaurant Supply, Cooks Connection, and Zieg-

feld's Deli at Davol Square.

Besides his wife of 56 years, he is survived by two sons, Charles Fishbein, of Providence, and William Fishbein, of Santa Fe, New Mexico; a daughter, Deborah Adams, of Boston; two sisters, Celia Mack, of Los Angeles, and Esther Abrich, of Cranston; and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Hyman Toplan and Rose Nydes.

The funeral service was held Jan. 1 at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Jay Hoffman

NORTH PROVIDENCE—Jay Hoffman, 49, of Briarwood Drive, the owner of Hoffman Animal Hospital, died Jan. 1 at our lady of Fatima Hospital.

He was the husband of Georgette (Racine) Hoffman. Born in Boston, a son of the late Seymour and Barbara (Strauss) Hoffman, he had lived in North Providence for 14 years.

He worked at Hoffman Animal Hospital for many years, becoming its manager in 1987 and its owner in 1997.

He donated an annual scholarship to the Rhode Island Veterinary Association, and provided free veterinary care for pet owners in need through the Volunteer Services for Animals' Seymour Hoffman Memorial Fund.

He was a graduate of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Jacob Hoffman, of North Providence, and two sisters, Kim Hoffman, of Las Vegas, and Jill Sinigaglia, of Woodbury, N.Y.

The funeral service was held Jan. 4 in the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. Contributions may be made to Volunteer Services for Animals, 27 Dryden Lane, Providence, 02904.

Rowena Ostrovsky

FALL RIVER—Rowena Ostrovsky, 78, of the Fall River Jewish Home, 538 Robeson St., a retired bookkeeper, died Jan. 6 at home.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late David and Sadie (Silk) Ostrovsky, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

She was a member of Adas Israel Synagogue, a board member of its Sisterhood, and a life member of Hadassah and the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary 168, where she had served as junior vice president.

She was a member of the Fall River Jewish Home, the National Museum of American History, and the Fall River Senior Friendship Club.

She leaves several cousins. She was the sister of the late Maurice and Meyer Ostrovsky, and companion of the late Norman Brettschneider.

A graveside service was held Jan. 8 in Hebrew Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Adas Israel Synagogue or the Fall River Jewish Home. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.

Lillian L. Zexter

PROVIDENCE—Lillian L. (Barnett) Zexter, 96, of North Main Street, a former employee of Rochester Clothes, died Jan. 4 at

Miriam Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Abram M. Zexter. Born in Chicago, a daughter of the late David and Rachel Barnett, she had lived in Chicago and New York before moving to Providence in 1928.

She worked with her husband for many years in their family business, Rochester Clothes. She also worked at Lord & Taylor in New York City.

She was a volunteer at Martin Luther King School, and a former member and library volunteer at Temple Beth-El.

She leaves two sons, Robert H. Zexter, of Swansea and D. Ronald Zexter, of Los Angeles, and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Pearl Epstein, Minnie Seide, Molly Green, Rose Marcus, and William, Albert and Morris Barnett.

A graveside service was held Jan. 7 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence.

Frederica Alpert

FALMOUTH, Mass.—Frederica (Zerner) Alpert, 67, of Lantern Lane, Falmouth, Mass., executive director of the Center for Alcohol Problems in Fall River until retiring, died Jan. 8 at home.

She was the wife of the late Donald E. Alpert.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Bernard and Lillian Zerner, she had lived in Fall River for most of her life. She moved to Falmouth 15 years ago.

She attended Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

As executive director for the Center for Alcohol Problems, she was instrumental in developing social service programs for addiction-related diseases, and later was involved with grant work in related fields.

After retiring she was active with Alcoholics Anonymous of Falmouth.

She was a member of the Falmouth Jewish Congregation, and a former member of Temple Beth-El, in Fall River.

She enjoyed attending art classes.

She leaves two daughters, Jacqueline Alpert, of Freeport, Maine, and Julia A. Gladstone, of Providence; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Jan. 11 at the Falmouth Jewish Congregation, Hatchville Road, Falmouth. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River. Contributions may be made to Stanley Street Treatment & Resources, 386 Stanley St., Fall River, Mass. 02720. The family was assisted with the

arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence.

Daniel Ezra Cohen

SARASOTA, Fla.—Daniel Ezra Cohen, 63, a former advertising and marketing executive, died Dec. 31 of lung cancer.

He was born and reared in Providence, the son of Dr. William B. Cohen and Edith L. Cohen. After graduating from the Moses Brown School, he attended Harvard University, where he served as advertising manager of the *Crimson* and graduated cum laude.

He spent the majority of his career working in account management at major advertising agencies and two years as CEO of Lower-Marschalk, in San Francisco. He contributed to well-known advertising campaigns for brands including Coca-Cola, John Hancock, and Grey Poupon. He won a Clio award as a copywriter for Sony Electronics.

After working in advertising for 30 years, he served as a director of marketing for Price Waterhouse and then as an independent marketing consultant in New York City.

In 1998, he moved to Sarasota, Fla., where he served on the boards of several non-profit organizations.

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tions. During his last year, he served as president of the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning, secretary of the Harvard Club of Sarasota, and interim publisher of the *Longboat Observer*.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Lynda Lee Cohen; two sons, William and Daniel Adam Cohen; a sister, Beverly Peterman; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Beth Shalom Cemetery, Sarasota, on Jan. 3.

Sarra Geyshe

PAWTUCKET — Sarra (Slavutsky) Geyshe, 99, of George Street, a former museum guide in Russia, died Jan. 13 at the Oak Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was the wife of the late Isaac Geyshe. Born in the Ukraine, she was a daughter of the late Aaron and Deborah Slavutsky. After World War II, she had lived in St. Petersburg, Russia, before coming to this country in 1992.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a son, Anatoly Geyshe, of Pawtucket; a brother, Isaac Slavutsky, in Israel; a grandson, and a great-grandson. She was the sister of the late Esphira Suluna, and Solomon and Yankel Slavutsky.

The funeral was held Jan. 15 in the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Harriet Goldstein

WALPOLE, Mass. — Harriet Goldstein, 62, of Common Street, a retired office manager, died Jan. 11 at the New England Medical Center, Boston. She was the wife of Dr. Harold Goldstein.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Simon and Lillian (Goldstein) Chorney, she had lived in Walpole for 20 years, previously living in Norwood, Mass. She was the office manager in her husband's dental office for 20 years, retiring in 2001. She was a graduate of Hope High School in Providence and attended Bryant College.

She was a member of Temple Shaare Tefilah and

its sisterhood in Norwood, Mass. She was a life member of Hadassah, a member of the Dysautonomia Foundation and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Mark Goldstein, of Studio City, Calif.; a daughter, Susan Robison, of Westport, Conn.; two sisters, Rhoda Fischman, of Providence and Estelle Schleifer, of Cranston, and three granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14 in Temple Shaare Tefilah, Norwood, Mass. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to The Neely House, 750 Washington St., Boston, 02111, or the Breast Cancer Fund, New England Medical Center, c/o John Erban, P.O. Box 245, Boston, 02111. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston, R.I. 02920.

Jerome M. Herman

CRANSTON — Jerome M. Herman, 89, of Oaklawn Avenue, a retired personnel administrator, died Jan. 3 at Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence.

He was the husband of Rosalind (Rakusin) Herman. Born in Providence, a son of the late Henry and Mary (Diamond) Herman, he had been a Cranston resident since 1948.

He was the chief personnel administrator for wage and classification for the Department of the Navy at Quonset Point, retiring in 1974.

He was a founding member of Temple Torat Yisrael, a member of its Men's Club and a former member of its school committee and board of directors. He was a former member of the board of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

He was an army veteran of World War II, and a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a former president of the American Society of Public Administrators.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Harriett Pratt, of Plano, Texas, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Sheila Sheer, and brother of the late Benjamin, Rena, and Ruth Herman.

The funeral service was

held Jan. 10 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, 02905.

Ernest Levy

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Ernest Levy, 95, of Charleston, S.C., a retired government employee, died Jan. 9 at the Ashley Crossing Nursing Home. He was the husband of the late Sylvia (Sandler) Levy.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Sydney and Lena (Freedman) Levy, he lived most of his life in Boston, residing part-time in Barbados since 1972, and living South Carolina the last seven years.

He was a graduate of the High School of Commerce in Boston.

He was a clerical worker with the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years, retiring in 1972.

He was in the Navy during World War II, serving in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Kerzner, of Providence, and Theresa Eldridge, of Yonkers Island, S.C.; 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Henry Leigh and Jerome Levy.

A graveside service was held Jan. 13 in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence.

Ada Richman

WARWICK — Ada Richman, 88, of Village at Hillsgrove, 75 Minnesota Ave., died Jan. 9 at Kent County Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Samuel Richman. Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Nathan Weisberg and Bessie (Goldfarb) Weisberg Lieberman, she had lived in Warwick for 39 years, previously living in Providence.

She was a member of Temple Am David and the former Temple Beth David and their sisterhoods. She was a life member of Hadassah and the Women's Asso-

ciation of the former Jewish Home for the Aged, and she volunteered at the Jewish Home.

She leaves a daughter, Naomi Crampton, of Middleton, Conn.; a granddaughter, and two nieces. She was the sister of the late Louis and Morris Weisberg.

A service was held Jan. 10 in Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was in Plymouth Rock Cemetery, Brockton, Mass. Contributions may be made to Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, 02889.

David Salk

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — David Salk, 86, of Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford, died Jan. 12 at New England Medical Center, Boston. He was the husband of Dorothy (Lipman) Salk.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Molly (Berson) Salk, he had lived in Providence until 1942, when he moved to New Bedford. He was the owner of the former Allen's Cut-Rate Store in New Bedford, where he sold perfumes and cosmetics. He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the Pacific theater as a staff sergeant.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, Rotarian, Junior Post Commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 154, a member of the Tifereth Israel Congregation and the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. He was also a longtime volunteer at the Brockton V.A. Hospital.

Besides his wife of nearly 60 years, he is survived by three sons, Harvey Salk, of New Bedford, Edward Salk, of Dartmouth, and Barry Salk, of California; and four grandchildren. He was also the brother of the late Hyman Salk, Eva Salk, Betty Lipson and Bertha Feldman.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence.

Nathaniel 'Babe' Brynes

PAWTUCKET — Nathaniel "Babe" Brynes, 81, of Harborside Health-

care Pawtuxet Village, Post Road, a retired retail manager, died Jan. 13 at home.

He was the husband of the late Doris (Gentile) Brynes. Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Rachel (Wasbutski) Brynes, he had lived in Providence and Cranston before moving to Warwick last year. He was a toy department manager for many years before retiring several years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific.

He leaves two sons, Michael and Harvey Brynes, both of Warwick; two sisters, Dorothy Weinstein, of Boston and Ida Anslow, of Muskogee, Okla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Sharon Brynes, and the brother of the late Samuel, Martin, Leo and Charles Brynes, and Ethel Ballon.

A graveside service was held Jan. 16 in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.

Doris Charren

CRANSTON — Doris (Elman) Charren, 73, of Glen Ridge Road, Cranston, died Jan. 21 at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center of Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Providence.

She was the wife of Burton Charren; they had been married for 53 years.

Born in East Greenwich, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Celia (Jacobson) Elman, she had lived in East Greenwich and in Providence before moving to Cranston in 1952.

She attended the University of Rhode Island, where she was a member of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority.

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

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Gaia Charren, of Narragansett, and Jane Charren, of East Greenwich; a son, Marc Charren, of East Greenwich; her twin sister, Carolyn Botvin, of Pawtucket; and five grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Arthur Elman.

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Doris Charren

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The funeral was held Jan. 23 in the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 50 Maude St., Providence, 02908.

Frederic G. Cohen

CRANSTON — Frederic G. Cohen, 69, of Brookside Drive, co-owner of the former Twiny's Diner in Olneyville, died Jan. 16 in Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel Granoff and Evelyn (Schneider) Granoff-Cohen, and the adopted son of the late Albert Cohen, he had lived in Cranston for 61 years.

He was the owner of the diner with his twin brother, the late Lawrence Cohen, for 30 years, retiring 15 years ago.

He was a member and honorary trustee of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Men's Club; he and his brother were major benefactors of the temple.

They were honored in 2000 for their generosity and years of devotion to the temple when its religious school was named after them.

He was a 1955 graduate and a major benefactor of Penn State University. He was a member of Doric Lodge of Masons and the Palestine Shrine.

He was an Army veteran, serving from 1955 to 1957.

He leaves several cousins.

The funeral was held Jan. 18 in Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.

Arline Zacks

PROVIDENCE — Arline Bernice Zacks, 84, of Highland Avenue, died Jan. 17 at Summit Medical Center.

She was the wife of the late Alfred Zacks. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Ida (Torghe) Sass, she had lived in Pawtucket for 30 years before moving to Florida for 12 years. She returned to

Providence in 1999.

She was co-owner, with her husband, of the former Lad and Lassie Shoe Store, Providence, until her retirement 25 years ago.

She was a past president of Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary in Rhode Island, a national officer of Jewish War Veterans, and a board member of the JWV Wall of Honor at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

She served in the Coast Guard during World War II. She was a 1936 graduate of Hope High School.

She leaves a son, Michael Zacks, of Providence; a daughter, Fredda Sendker, of Sharon, Mass.; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Lillian S. Harris, Samuel J. Sass, Edith Haas and Dorothy Gevurtz.

The funeral service was held Jan. 22 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Bessie R. Blumenthal

PROVIDENCE — Bessie R. Blumenthal, 97, of Hillside Avenue, 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, 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

L. (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 two 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, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity.

Edna Gilstein

PROVIDENCE — Edna (Richmond) Gilstein, 82, of Borden Street, 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, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, War-

wick. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 245 Waterman St., Room 306, Providence, 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. She was member of Temple Sinai, Cranston, and 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, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Richard J. Oberfield

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

He was the managing partner of the accounting firm of Laventhol and Horwath 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 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 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 the companion of Jean Helms.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sanford Pepper

PROVIDENCE — Sanford "Babe" Pepper, 73, of 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 boys dormitory of The Hebrew High School in Providence for many years.

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. Contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements were coordinated by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 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.

Employed by 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

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Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions in his memory may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 169 George St., Pawtucket, 02860. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.

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. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 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 Durfee 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 grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Arnold and Robert Sokoll.

The funeral service was held Jan. 23 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence.

Lillian Tolman

PROVIDENCE — Lillian Tolman, 81, of Hillside Avenue, 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 Company, and later at the former Peerless store as a lingerie department manager.

She was a 1938 graduate of Hope High School, where she won the Anthony Medal for proficiency in English skills.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and was active in the PTA and the synagogue theater and leisure groups. She 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 California; three brothers, Leonard Y. Goldman, in Florida, David M. Goldman, of Warwick, and Albert Goldman, in Pennsylvania; three sisters, Sonya Garfinkle, in Florida, Charlotte P. Feld, of Warwick, and Ruth Silberman, in Connecticut; 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, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Rabbi Kaunfer Discretionary Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, 02906.

Evelyn Hirsch

COVENTRY — Evelyn Hirsch, 83, of Woodland Drive, died Feb. 1 at Brookside Villa.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Adolph and Mary (Silverman) Hirsch, she had lived at the Jewish Home for the Aged for many years before moving to Coventry.

She leaves two nieces, Sharon Goldsmith, of South Kingstown, and Candace David, of Dallas, Tex. She was the sister of the late Harold Hirsch and Eleanor Bida.

Sadie Marks

PROVIDENCE — Sadie Marks, 89, of Angell Street, died yesterday at Epoch on Blackstone Boulevard.

She was the wife of the late Frederick W. Marks. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Lillian (Sheer) Zarum, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith, and the Metacomet County Club.

She leaves a son, Michael E. Marks, of Fort Meyers Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Sanford S. and Leonard Zarum, Tillie Lieberman, and Jeanette Bergel.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery Dec. 30.

Golda Grabowski

FLORIDA — Golda (Jacobsen) Grabowski, 78, of South Ocean Drive, Hallandale, Fla., formerly of Cranston, a survivor of the Holocaust, died Jan. 30 at Aventura Hospital in Florida.

She was the wife of the late Jack Grabowski. Born in Torobin, Poland, a daughter of the late Joseph and Pesa (Spodek) Jacobsen, she immigrated to the United States in 1949, and had been a resident of Cranston from 1949 to 1986, when she moved to Florida.

She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

She leaves a son, Joseph J. Grabowski of Newton, Mass.; a daughter, Frances P. Dorsky of Springfield, N.J.; and four grandchildren. She was the only sibling of several brothers and sisters to

survive the Holocaust.

The funeral was held Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. in the Samuel priest Chapel of Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021 or the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington. The family was assisted with the arrangement by the Sugarman Sinai Memorial Chapel.

Andrew Schaeffer

PROVIDENCE — Andrew Schaeffer, 42, of Doyle Avenue, died unexpectedly on Dec. 29 at home.

Born in Fall River, a son of Julius and Judith (Dannin) Schaeffer, he was a resident of Providence for the last 20 years.

Mr. Schaeffer was a graduate of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his brother, David Schaeffer of Providence.

The funeral and burial were held Jan. 1 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

Rose Dworkin

North Providence — Rose Dworkin, 94, of Hop-

kins Manor, died Feb. 1 at the Phillip Hulitar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude Street, Providence. She was the wife of the late Isadore Dworkin.

Born in Manhattan, NY, a daughter of the late Jacob and Dora (Leibowitz) Cohen, she had lived in Providence and Pawtucket before moving to North Providence a year ago.

She was a member of the Women's Auxillary of the Miriam Hospital and a former member of Congregation Mishkon T'filoh Synagogue.

She leaves two daughters, Cynthia Schwartz of Hollywood, Fla. and Marcia Perry of Warwick; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Harry Cohen, Celia Katz and Bluma Peris.

The funeral was Feb. 3 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of RI, 169 George Street, Pawtucket, 02860 or the Parkinson Disease Association, 825 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, 02908.

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Asher Sapolsky, medical researcher whose blossoms lit up the East Side

by Gerry Goldstein

PROVIDENCE — Asher Sapolsky, 92, of 1 Butler Ave., a retired biochemist and businessman whose flower garden dazzled East Side residents for years, died Jan. 10 at Rhode Island Hospital.

He was the husband of Eva (Rosenthal) Sapolsky.

Mr. Sapolsky, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's College of Pharmacy, returned to school later in life and at age 58 earned a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Miami, Fla.

He became a research scientist at the university's Medical School, and later, as part of the adjunct staff of Miriam Hospital in Providence, conducted research on arthritis until he was 85 — often walking to work.

Mr. Sapolsky was the father of the late Steven Sapolsky, the University of Pittsburgh historian and social activist who researched German corporations that were near Nazi death camps in World War II, helping to document their use of slave labor.

The elder Mr. Sapolsky had a lifelong passion for music and history, and especially for gardening. He surrounded his former residence at Sessions Street and Cole Avenue with a profusion of sunflowers, zinnias and snapdragons that he started from seed over the winter in his cellar, under special lights and in heated soil.

With occasional help from family, he was still gardening until his final illness.

Cognizant of his accomplishments both professionally and in the garden, one publication that interviewed him years ago characterized Mr. Sapolsky as "a blooming genius."



Asher Sapolsky in his garden with his trademark straw hat. (family photo)

He once told another interviewer that with a garden, "you create something new; you've added something to nature."

Intensely proud of his Jewish heritage, Mr. Sapolsky for decades conducted Passover services for his family, but could not do so last year because he had been hospitalized. Undaunted, Mr.

Sapolsky found a way to participate — on a cell phone from his hospital bed.

"He knew the Haggadah by heart," according to his wife.

Even in his final year, Mr. Sapolsky was a member of a Talmud class at his temple, Emanu-El. As his mobility ebbed, his classmates became concerned that he would have difficulty attending — so they moved the class to his home. When he and his wife subsequently moved to an assisted living center, the class moved with them once again.

He was a member of the American College of Rheumatology, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, a Hadassah associate, a member of Temple Emanu-El, and a member of the Havurah, Talmud Class and Kulanu of Temple Emanu-El.

Mr. Sapolsky at one time was a chemist for the State Liquor Control Board in Pennsylvania, and from 1953 to 1962 owned Friendly Drug in Harrisburg.

Born in the Ukraine, a son of the late Harry and Hannah (Tuninsky) Sapolsky, he had lived in both Pennsylvania and Florida before moving to Providence in 1979.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Walter Sapolsky, of Brookline, Mass.; a daughter, Wanda Needleman, of Providence; a sister, Mary Seidman, of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Benjamin Sapolsky.

The funeral service was held Jan. 13 in Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, 02906.

Sol M. White, was Emanu-El's 'Man of the Year'

WEST BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Sol M. White, 83, of Falls Road, formerly of Pawtucket and Springfield, Mass., a men's clothing store owner and an activist in Jewish causes, died Jan. 1 at home.

He was the husband of Claire S. (Samdperil) White. Born in Springfield, a son of the late Raymond and Eva (Grubman) White, he had lived in Springfield before moving to Pawtucket in 1960. He moved to Florida 20 years ago.

He had owned a men's clothing store in Springfield, and while in Rhode Island was involved in the textile and real-estate business. He retired 23 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Emanuel, where he received the man of the year award in 1972. In 1973, he was chairman of the 25th anniversary celebration of Israel for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. He was active with the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Center.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Patricia R. Cohen, of Providence; a son, Richard T. White, of Norwood, Mass.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Mark and Ruth White.

The funeral was held Jan. 6 in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Reiser Children's Fund for Hearing Diagnosis and Treatment, Women & Infants Hospital, 101 Dudley St., Providence, 02905; or Hospice & Homecare by the Sea, 1531 West Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, Fla., 33486-3395.

Arnold H. Brier, Charles Brier; father and son die in accident on Route 95

WARWICK — Arnold H. Brier, 63, of Lonsdale Street, West Warwick, a general contractor, and his son, Charles Brier, 42, of Major Potter Road, Warwick, also a contractor, died Jan. 19 when their pickup truck was forced off a Route 95 overpass by an erratic driver and plunged off the highway onto Tollgate Road.

The two were on their way to see a New England Patriots football game in Foxboro, Mass., when the accident occurred.

A contractor for more than 30 years, Arnold Brier was a former member of the Coventry Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Warwick Chamber of Commerce, the Rhode Island Builders Association and Temple Sinai in Cranston.

Born in Providence, a son of Reba (Kaufman) Brier, of Sepulveda, Calif., and the late Max Brier, he had lived in West Warwick for six years, previously living in East Greenwich.

Besides his mother, he leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Brier, of East Greenwich; two brothers, Alan D. Brier, of

Providence, and William Brier, of Sepulveda, Calif.; his wife, Janet Brier, of North Kingstown; his former wife, Georgiana Brier, of East Greenwich; two step-sons and two step-daughters, and a granddaughter.

Charles Brier, born in Providence, was a son of Georgiana (Busby) Brier, of East Greenwich. He had lived in Warwick for three years, and previously had lived in East Greenwich. A general contractor for 25 years, he was a former member of Temple Sinai and the Rhode Island Builders Association.

Besides his mother, he leaves a daughter, Megan, at home; a sister, Elizabeth Brier, of East Greenwich; two grandmothers, Reba (Kaufman) Brier, of Sepulveda, Calif., and Ann (Boyajian) Busby, of Cranston; and his companion, Anne-Marie Santos, of Warwick.

Funeral services for both Arnold and Charles Brier were held Jan. 23 in Temple Sinai, Cranston. Contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 744 Park Ave., Cranston, 02910. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston.



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