



LARRY BORNSTEIN speaks with a customer at the new kosher meat section of Eastside Marketplace. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

A choice morsel of news: Kosher meat returns to R.I.

by Jonathan Rubin

The schlep to get fresh kosher meat in Rhode Island just got a whole lot easier.

Until last week, members of the Jewish community had to leave the state, and sometimes New England, in search of kosher meat. They drove to

Sharon, Boston, and even New York for their kosher cuts. They arranged kosher co-ops; they placed orders with friends; they went the extra mile — literally — on a regular basis.

Now, Eastside Marketplace in Providence is selling fresh steaks, soup chickens, broiler

chickens, chicken cutlets, brisquets and more, all certified kosher.

Every Thursday, the market's kosher butcher section is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of a six-month pilot program. The market hopes that with community support it

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New spins on a story that never grows old Reworking the book on Passover

By Gerry Goldstein

Imagine turning the pages of your Haggadah on Passover and coming across a quote from Abraham.

Ordinarily, that would be no cause for astonishment — but in this case we're talking about Abraham Lincoln.

Another scenario: Every

seder table provides a cup of wine for Elijah — but a cup of water for Miriam? What's up with that?

Here's another one: You're at the seder, ready to hear the story of the ten plagues. Suddenly, the leader locks his eyes on you — yes, *you* — and asks, "So, what was your own personal plague this year, and how

did you handle it?"

All this is focused on the Exodus — an ancient story — but many a Haggadah these days adds a twist here and a turn there to highlight how timeless this twice-told tale really is.

In some households, contemporary Haggadahs serve as guides and inspirations for personalizing the saga. Computers and copy machines whir as parents crank out traditional accounts of the flight from Egypt, combining them with family rituals that give youngsters a sense of how the story applies today.

Iden, of East Greenwich, bought half-a-dozen Haggadahs last year to get ideas for her seder, and was back last week at Rhoda's Judaica in Providence for more.

She and her daughter lead the family seder, taking on roles that years ago would have been solely the realm of men. Another innovation: that cup of water for Miriam.

It was the water from Miriam's well, so the story goes, that sustained the children of Israel on their journey through the wilderness.

Call of the child entices grandma from Judaica shop



RHODA FISCHMAN shows off a Haggadah in her Judaica shop, which she is selling. Photo by William K. Daby

By Gerry Goldstein

Rhoda Fischman is about to say "shalom" to the bright little corner of Judaism that she created in Providence 5 1/2 years ago.

In a move that she says was impelled by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, she has put her shop, Rhoda's Judaica, up for sale and plans to move to suburban Chicago to spend more time with her three grandchildren.

She said that after the attacks, she and her husband, Burton, realized "How short life is and how important it is to be near family."

Fischman, 67, is hoping

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A COLORFUL HAGGADAH features new graphic design, but the story of the Exodus remains the same. Photo by William K. Daby

Israeli morale at all-time low

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As a wave of terror attacks and shootings shakes the usual shrug-it-off Israeli mentality, there is an increasing sense that the government is not doing enough to improve the situation.

On the left, a growing

number of voices is calling for the government to unilaterally leave the territories.

On the right, people are demanding that the government crush the Palestinian Authority, and bring security back to Israel.

"Our message is a national

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Controversy in Kingston

A member of the Jewish community brings his perspective to a volatile lecture series that two weeks ago featured the pro-Palestinian opinions of Rodney Driver.

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News Briefs

Settlers rally in Tel Aviv

A crowd estimated at more than 100,000 called on Ariel Sharon to dismantle the Palestinian Authority. Held March 11 at night in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, the rally was organized by the Yesha Council, which represents settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The demonstrators called on the prime minister to end Palestinian terror. More than 1,600 police protected the protesters.

Arafat compares IDF to Nazis

Yasser Arafat claimed that Israel tattooed numbers on the arms of Palestinians the army rounded up in refugee camps. "Is that not what they say the Nazis did to the Jews?" the Palestinian Authority president told Abu Dhabi television. "Is this not a new Nazi racism?" An army spokeswoman denied the allegation. "This is an obscene and absurd statement which hardly warrants further response," she said. An Israeli military source said Palestinians detained in Tulkarm had been given numbers to facilitate the questioning process, but that these were written on their arms in ink that would wash off.

Jewish scientists unite

A new group wants to promote scientific research on issues affecting world Jewry and Israel. The World Con-



Mourning the fallen

MOURNERS carry the body of Nir Borochoy, 22, during his funeral in Jerusalem. Borochoy was one of 11 people killed and at least 54 injured when a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up at Jerusalem's Cafe Moment on March 9. JTA

gress of Jewish Scientists hopes to encourage interdisciplinary initiatives in genetics, energy, water studies and computer science. The group, which is forming in Israel this week, wants to hold master classes for top scientists and create a museum highlighting the contributions of Jewish scientists. The Jewish Agency for Israel is behind the group's formation.

McDonald's fried beef tallow

Some kosher groups may receive money from McDonald's in a french fry settlement. The money would be part of an apology from the company for using beef tallow in its french fry oil. The main

recipients of the reported \$10 million settlement will be groups representing vegetarians. Children's nutrition groups, as

well as those representing Hindus and Sikhs, will also receive some of the money.

Jews question sainthood candidate

Spanish Jewish leaders are criticizing a proposal by Catholic officials to have Queen Isabella declared a saint. "It's surprising that someone who we in the 21st century consider to be a symbol of intolerance and the cause of much suffering should be presented as a person to be emulated," said Carlos Schorr, secretary-general of the Federation of Spanish Jewish Communities. Isabella and her husband, King Ferdinand, expelled all Jews from Spain in 1492 and established the Spanish Inquisition.

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Remember when?



A TRADITIONAL SEDER at the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, circa 1942. At left is Jacob Shatofsky; others are unidentified. Each week the Voice & Herald will run a picture from the Jewish community of years past. If you have a family photo at least 25 years old that evokes nostalgia, send it to: *Remember When*, Jewish Voice & Herald, 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I. 02906, or e-mail it to voiceherald@jfri.org. Photo courtesy the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

Rhoda retires

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that the shop, at 775 Hope St., will attract a buyer so it can stay in business; she describes it as the only Judaica shop in Rhode Island other than several that operate within synagogues.

She started the business when she learned that an existing Judaica shop was closing.

Fischman says the investment was intimidating, because she was already past 60 and had never owned a business before; she had been a dental hygienist.

"I could only buy one of this and one of that," she says of the first few years, when the shop was located on nearby Burlington Street.

Today, the shop offers a wide variety of Judaica, from replacement tsitsis — tallis fringes — to works by Judaica artists, many of whom she deals with directly.

The shop is a repository of menorahs, mezuzahs, Kiddush cups and tzedakah boxes — not to mention greeting cards with a distinctly Jewish flavor.

She says the store has always operated in the black, with a customer base that is not exclusively Jewish. Non-Jews come in to buy gifts for their Jewish friends, she says, or to buy books because of an interest in learning more about Judaism.

Fischman, born Rhoda Chorney, in Providence, lived in



DETAILS from the inventory at Rhoda's Judaica: Passover table setting, above, and a traditional figurine, below.

Boston and New Jersey for some years before returning here in 1961.

She and her husband raised two daughters, one of whom is a Judaica artist in California



and the other a Jewish educator near Chicago whose husband is a Reform cantor.

The Fischmans are moving to the Chicago area to be with their grandchildren, ages 3, 6, and 8. Rhoda's husband is free to make the move because he recently retired after 35 years on the Bryant College faculty.

Rhoda says her commitment to the business flowered because "I love Judaism — the tradition, the family, the Torah. I just like being Jewish and passing on whatever I know."

She adds that because of the religion's focus on children, education, and morality, "We really are a chosen people" — and now, she's eager to explain why to a new generation.

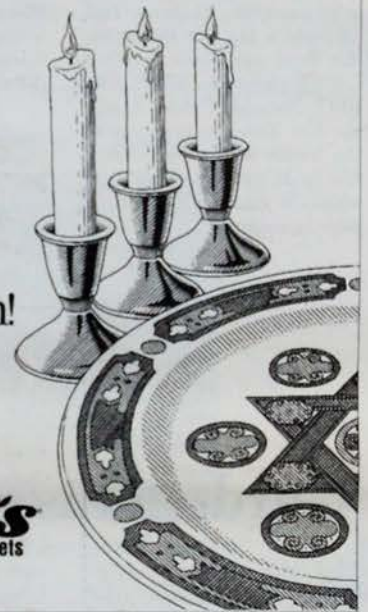
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Lessons from a slain journalist

By Yehuda Lev

WHEN the murder of Daniel Pearl, the kidnapped *Wall Street Journal* reporter, was disclosed, participants in several Jewish chat rooms that I monitor were quick to condemn the media for publicizing the fact that Pearl was a Jew, thus lessening his chances for survival. In particular, CNN and the BBC took the brunt of the criticism for this heartless behavior.

But during the weeks prior to his execution, I had searched the media for any indication that Pearl was Jewish. Neither the TV networks, CNN, the BBC, National Public Radio, the *New York Times* nor any of the Jewish publications that I read made mention of that fact, which, it seemed, might have played a major role in determin-

ing why he was selected for the ordeal rather than another of the many foreigners working in Pakistan.

Once Pearl's death was made known, it turned out that not only was he a Jew but that his parents are Israeli citizens now settled in the San Fernando Valley. His friends, his associates, his employers, his family; everyone connected with him spoke of his being a proud, albeit secular, Jew.

So what was going on? Was my aging memory faulty or were people jumping to unwarranted conclusions regarding the mendacity of the media?

It seems that the results verified a political and social phenomenon I have come to label as Lev's First Law of Immutable Opinions, which, translated into non-scientific

language, means that we see what we want to see and hear what we want to hear.

Anyone who has lived in Israel can easily verify the accuracy of these observations. Sit down in a Jerusalem cafe with tourists and inquire about their opinions of the current situation. You will hear a range of opinions, just as you would among Israelis. Then ask them if they have changed their minds on any of these matters since they arrived in the country. They will stare at you as if you had gone mad. On the contrary, they will say, everything they have seen and done has rein-



Yehuda Lev

forced their opinions.

Of course it has. That's one of the reasons Jews visit Israel (and Irish Americans visit Ireland), to give justification to their preconceived notions about the country and its issues. There is nothing inherently wrong with this — we all do it in one way or another — but the realization should lead us to question our opinions every so often if for nothing more than to keep our minds agile, open and questioning.

Not only do we see and hear what we want to see and hear, we also block out opinions and information to the contrary.

I wrote about the following some time ago, but it bears repeating in this context. Years ago, when I was slaving away as an editor of a Jewish newspaper

in Los Angeles, the *Los Angeles Times* ran a series of feel-good articles about the L.A. Jewish community.

There were a number of local Jewish matters discussed that reflected somewhat less than perfect behavior, and the community rose up in revolt.

How dare the *Times* write about our dirty laundry! How dare it describe a rabbi who showed up tipsy for a wedding! How dare it call us less than pristine! Subscriptions were canceled, advertisers were pressured. In the offices of the local Jewish Federation it looked like World War III was about to break out.

Always eager to discover the truth behind the facade, I opened my phone book and

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Letters to the editor

Gardener is gone, but his magic still blooms

I read Asher Sapolsky's obituary in the February issue with an almost unexplained sadness. There may be others who felt similar loss at a death of someone they did not even know.

"The Magic Garden" — this is how my family came to refer to the corner plot at Cole Avenue and Sessions Street. For years, every time we walked past the little house hidden by the Magic Garden, we told

each other the story of the girl Gherda — a character in Hans Christian Andersen's story of the Snow Queen, albeit in its Russian version.

During her adventures to find her best friend, Kay, Gherda is lost in a magic garden, where she forgets all that is troubling her, including Kay's disappearance. She spends her waking hours tending to plants and flowers that grow in the garden, where it is

always summer and the flowers can speak.

Although we were aware that the dwellers of the "toy" house were elderly, for we had seen them occasionally puttering in their garden, making their magic, the obituary in the *Jewish Voice* came as a shocking surprise. This magic man was somehow not supposed to die, not stop his magic-making. In our minds he was living a fairy tale, defying not only troubles

but also the very rules that govern life and death. He was creating a fairy tale for all those able to see it.

Sadly, even the magic-makers cannot escape these rules. My family and I hope that the magic of the garden will somehow survive to remind us all of the incredible beauty that can be created in the midst of our mostly non-magical world.

Irina Mirsky-Zayas
Providence

His 'liberal' pen rankles a reader

One of your regular columnists gives new life to the Talmudic dictum "Greater is the hatred by an ignoramus for the learned Jew, than the hatred of a gentile for a Jew."

This past issue's "Fundamentally speaking..." article by Yehuda Lev was very offensive. The Federation's *Voice & Herald* is not an appropriate place for a person with an agenda to libel other Jews or Judaism.

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Let's stand up to Driver's drivvel

I have always considered Rod Driver to be a voice of reason when it comes to assessing the weaknesses in Rhode Island politics. His activities in Operation Clean Government have been exemplary.

None of this, however, diminishes my contempt for him when he is engaged in Jew-bashing in his never-ending crusade to depict Palestinians as victims of an evil cabal in Israel.

Never has he admitted that Israel is fighting for its life.

He looks for justification for this effort on Israel's part. Would 6 million murdered Jews

satisfy him? And when he attacks the Jews for defending themselves, he might pause to consider the reality of the situation: This is a war, no matter what euphemisms may be used to describe the events in Israel. And, in a war, people die — on both sides.

What struck me about the report in the *Jewish Voice & Herald* was the silence of the Jews who attended his rally. I am reminded of my mother, who told me and my siblings when we went to school, that we should behave, work hard and not be noticed — schtill

and shah, be quiet and don't talk.

That pattern seems to have been part of Jewish life, to make allowances for others, to be meek, to work hard but not to flaunt our successes. The Jews in Germany learned that it didn't work for them. They didn't make waves and they were killed. Only the Warsaw Jews stood up to their oppressors when they said, in effect, "we're not going to take it any more."

After 2,000 years of discrimination and hatred, noth-

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Letters 'Almost -subliminal' messages

The article "Rodney Driver gives Israel a slap" in the *Jewish Voice & Herald*, March 6, was unexpected for a responsible paper.

The assertion that Driver "has run twice for state representative, unsuccessfully" is mysterious. I actually ran five times. I did lose the first race in 1984, but won all the others.

More serious problems are the almost-subliminal messages found throughout the article. The reporter refers to a Palestinian in the audience as a man "describing himself" as a Palestinian. And he writes that Driver "contended" that he had shot some video in Jerusalem.

Yet when writing about Bernice Krantz, a vocal opponent at my talk, the reporter did not identify her as a woman "describing herself" as a Charlestown resident. Nor did he say she "contended" that she had called the Jewish Federation.

The article ignored the

content of my talk. It simply characterized the presentation as "anti-Israel, one-sided, unbalanced, biased, demagoguing, out of context and brilliantly orchestrated."

The article reported the comments of every critic in the audience. But it avoided even mentioning those Israelis present who said they were torn between their love for Judaism and their anguish over Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

For some weeks before Feb. 20, I tried to get an Israeli spokesperson to join me on the program. I talked with Rebekah Raz at the Jewish Federation, and I issued an appeal in a letter to the editor of two local papers.

But, as I have found in the past, Israeli spokespersons don't want to appear on a program where their statements will be challenged. So the Friends of the Kingston Free Library set up a special event for Alan Zuckerman to make his points

on March 6. When I learned of this, I asked that my talk be postponed to March 6 so that people could hear both of us on the same night. But apparently that was unacceptable to Professor Zuckerman.

One item in your article that I do endorse is the suggestion by Minna Ellison of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island that members of the Jewish community learn more about Israel. By all means look at the material offered by her office and by the American media. But don't stop there! Look also at Israeli newspapers, and consider the views of Israeli humanitarian organizations.

Rodney Driver
Richmond

Editor's note: Rodney Driver ran successfully for state representative on four occasions. We regret the error.

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called, at random, over 100 people with gentile names who said they subscribed to the Times. Almost all of them didn't know what I was asking about; they had received the paper, skimmed the headlines, and chosen to read stories that were more interesting than descriptions of what their Jewish neighbors were up to.

I thought to myself, "that's only fair." Whenever the paper runs a story on the problems of the Catholic hierarchy my eyes glaze over.

Which brings us to Lev's Corollary to the Law of Immutability of Opinions: We know what we want and we know what we like, so please don't annoy us with anything to the contrary. Any of the media who do so are either (1) anti-Semitic or (2) flagrantly dishonest.

Maybe it's time we grew up.

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Liberal pen rankles

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Don't advocate fighting Halacha when it conflicts with liberalism in a community Jewish paper. There is no need for anyone to attack sincere Jews of differing affiliations.

It is okay to have a disclosure of what the various labels (Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, etc.) mean. We all hope that as we learn we will improve. However, better thought-provoking viewpoints are available from Kahane Chai, or Women in Green. They believe in self-defense, family first and Jewish Israel.

It is the Arabs who are "occupying" Jewish Israel, which extends from the Red Sea to the Euphrates, including Jordan. When our lands are restored, the water problem will be solved.

"Extreme" Torah Judaism doesn't force conversions, but teaches that good gentiles enjoy an afterlife, believe in the sanctity of human life, and command obedience to the law of the land.

It is wrong to read two news bits of a rabbi's comment about the Holocaust, and assume he had nothing else to say. Even if he didn't, a rationalist would see the embracing of philosophies inconsistent with Torah, such as secular humanism as a cause for the Holocaust. The

reasoning is: Both factual science and logic attest to one Creator.

Be it a test, punishment, catalyst for redemption, etc., we are to view each victim as a holy Jewish martyr. Either way, if you don't study Torah you are going to have difficulty learning the essence of the Holocaust. It also helps if you believe in the afterlife, one of Maimonides's 13 basic principals of Jewish faith, to appreciate the Creator.

Soon the truth will be apparent to all. Those who recognize and back Jewish Israel are blessed. Those who sit on the fence will be ashamed. Whatever you do, "Don't follow a majority to evil."

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consensus against terror and that it has to be fought with a certain degree of tenacity, and not every other day of the week," said Ezra Rosenfeld, director of the foreign desk for Yesha, the umbrella organization for the Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Dozens of Israelis were killed in the past week, changing the tone and urgency of this nearly 18-month-old intifada.

In response, the Israel Defense Force has increased military actions against the Palestinian Authority, including destroying Yasser Arafat's Gaza headquarters and returning in force to Palestinian cities and refugee camps.

But for the Peace Coalition, which includes Peace Now, Meretz, the Labor doves, and the secular kibbutzim, among others, military action isn't the right response.

Their message is simple: The cycle of killing and revenge can only be broken by a bold political initiative.

"For the first time since the intifada began, we've been able to create a voice that can't be ignored in Israeli public debate," said Didi Remez, a spokesman for Peace Now.

"It's obvious that a majority of Israelis are looking for answers, and they aren't willing to hear the same mantras."

Now, for the first time in months, they're coming out again.

As the Sabbath ended on March 2, a Palestinian suicide bomber exploded in a religious neighborhood in Jerusalem, killing 10 people.

Minutes later, a previously planned Peace Now and Peace Coalition march and rally began nearby, with more than 3,000 people in attendance.

Two weeks earlier, more than 15,000 people attended a march and rally in Tel Aviv's Rabin Square, according to Peace Now figures.

It has been months since Israel's peacenik groups have been able to gather their forces. With their nonviolent stance, they had to figure out how to balance their message with the increasingly frequent and violent actions of the Palestinian Authority.

They avoided vigils and demonstrations, keeping gatherings small and modest. Even during the recent rally in Jerusalem, the demonstrators marched in silence. They carried candles and signs designed as death notices, printed with



AN ISRAELI WOMAN drinks coffee on the stairs outside Cafe Aroma in downtown Jerusalem. On Monday. Many cafes in Jerusalem are serving only takeout orders due to the deteriorating security situation.

JTA

the inscription, "We mourn the deaths of 1,124 Israelis and Palestinians."

But for those on the right, figuring out the solution to the current situation isn't a matter of the left versus the right.

According to Yesha's Rosenfeld, the Israeli population is nearly unanimous on the issue of destroying terror and terror organizations.

"If at one point people thought Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria were

the problem, that number has decreased," he said. "The left has become, at least for the present, marginalized."

As the government and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet argue over what direction to take, the grass-roots groups are gathering strength, looking to broaden their constituencies. For now, it seems to be the battle of the rallies.

Yesha held a rally in Rabin Square on March 11. According to organizers, some 100,000

people attended. The demonstrators called on Sharon to dismantle the Palestinian Authority. More than 1,600 police were on hand to provide security for the protesters.

The rally organizers aren't talking about bringing down the Sharon government or supporting it. Despite recent comments made by Sharon regarding his willingness to negotiate with the Palestinians while under fire, Yesha isn't responding. Rather, their message is a national consensus against terror.

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Job center helps Argentine Jews reeling from current economic crisis

By Florencia Arbiser

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)

— Many Argentine Jews once were members of the middle class, but many among the Jewish professors and store owners have lost jobs and incomes during the country's economic crisis.

What can be done to help them?

Enter the Ariel Job Center, which focuses on finding work for unemployed Argentine Jews.

The center, a joint project of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Tzedaka Foundation, an Argentine Jewish social service organization, has two main functions: It provides orientation, training and workshops to the unemployed, and it supports small-business projects.

"Through intensive training, it provides tools to help people search for jobs," said Alejandro Kladniew, director of the JDC's Latin American office.

The need is apparent at the entrance hall of the center: In just 10 minutes, the receptionist takes 10 phone calls from people looking for work.

Since the center opened in October, more than 1,000 people have enrolled in its programs. An estimated 10 percent of them have found a solution, at least temporarily, to their problems.

The center trains people looking for work to meet Argentina's changing job market. People at the center also meet with those in similar situations -- finding potential business partners and advisers, or just someone who can lend them bus fare when they're broke.

During one workshop, a man said that he closes his living-room blinds during the day so his neighbors can't see that he's at home, Alejandra Goldschmidt, the Job Center's employment director, told JTA.

"He is ashamed of himself for not having a job. With that shame, he does not go out to look for a job," Goldschmidt said. "He finds himself isolated, as if he were a unique case in the world. He gets inside a circle where physical and psychological sufferings increase. At least with the program, they have to turn off the television, dress up and go outside."

The center has a bright, spacious office in the Argentine Republic Israeli Congregation building. It's the site of the Libertad Temple, the first Argentine Jewish institution, which was founded in 1862.

Even though the crisis has worsened in the past few months, the Jewish middle class began sliding toward poverty as far back as 1995, Kladniew said.

The Argentine middle class and many of the country's estimated 200,000 Jews were hurt by globalization, he said.

At the time, the JDC was dedicated to community development, including leadership training and elderly care.

After seeing the first signs of increased need from the community -- more parents were asking for scholarships for their children's Jewish education -- the JDC shifted gears, beginning to work with local Jewish institutions on economic issues.

By the end of 2000, the JDC announced extra money to deal with poverty issues. The fund was divided in two -- half for basic needs such as food, medicine, shelter and cash assis-



ARGENTINE immigrants talk with Jewish Agency board members at the Ye'elim absorption center in Beersheba. JTA

tance, and half for employment, including the Job Center.

Now there are about 2,000 volunteers and 39 social assistance centers around the country.

The JDC expects 21,000 people will be helped in 2002, and the situation has yet to hit rock bottom, Jewish officials say.

Sorting out housing problems is more expensive than providing medical supplies, he said. To serve this need, the JDC has announced another project to create a housing center dealing with shelter issues.

For most of those in need, even a small amount of hope helps.

At the age of 38, Daniel

lost his job as manager of a textile company. After being out of work for seven months, he was running out of money and his marriage was on the rocks, Goldschmidt said.

Daniel first came to the Ariel Job Center by bicycle because he didn't have enough money for the bus. Then his bike was stolen.

After attending the center, Daniel started two new businesses: He joined an architect and an accountant he met at the center to plan an energy conservation project, and he began painting houses.

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Where Your Money Goes: Israel

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The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Jewish Federations of North America are committed to the people of Israel and the survival and security of the Jewish state. They are equally committed to building partnership and understanding between the Jews of Israel and North America. Here are some of the following ways in which your federation makes a difference:

- With support from the Federation system, The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI, www.jafi.org) promotes immigration and absorption services in Israel. This includes ensuring open immigration to Israel, the rescue of Jews from distressed countries and the initial integration of these Jews into Israeli society. In 2000, 78,000 people immigrated to Israel, 67,000 of whom came from the former Soviet Union. Israel expects a significant influx from Argentina, given the recent economic crisis.

- In 2001, JAFI with support from many federations, provided legal and organizational services to more than 100 Israeli villages and kibbutzim to help those communities absorb resi-

dents and build infrastructure.

- Twenty-three hundred female entrepreneurs, 30 percent of them new immigrants to Israel, share professional expertise and valuable networking opportunities through JAFI's women's business network, supported by federations.

- Between 1999 and 2001, 10,000 representatives of North American Jewish communities visited Israel via Partnership 2000 which links 550 communities with 30 Israeli regions to improve economic and community conditions. Through the Partnership, JAFI helps operate more than 600 projects. Our community in Rhode Island, along with 12 others in Southern New England, is paired with Afula and the Gilboa region.

- The federation-supported American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) improves the quality of life for Israel's vulnerable populations by leveraging funds and building partnerships with agencies working on behalf of families, children and youth-at-risk, the elderly, and vulnerable immigrant groups. This includes day care, residential programs for the elderly, mental health centers, new immigrant vocational training, and special education programs for troubled youth.

- Some 29,000 students, many from disadvantaged homes, are in academic or professional training programs at 12 colleges built by JAFI, with funds from the federations, in Israel's peripheral regions.

- The federation system helps make it possible for thousands of young people to explore their Jewish identities in Israel. Birthright Israel, an initiative to enable people ages 18-26 to experience their first organized educational trip to Israel, is supported by financial gifts from federations and other private and public sources. Over 8,000 college and high school students went on a variety of programs in 1999 and another 10,000 in winter, 2000. These students often come back energized and looking for a more active role in Jewish organizations, either on campus or in the community.

- In addition to sending young people to Israel, a number of individuals from Rhode Island and other communities have participated in solidarity missions to Israel over the last year.

- With support from federations, JDC created Operation Social Development to cultivate philanthropy within the Israeli business sector. This initiative resulted in the distribution of almost 10,000 computers to disadvantaged Israeli families, benefiting more than 30,000 children.

- Last year, the Rhode Island Jewish community raised approximately \$63,000 to purchase an ambulance and defibrillator for our Partnership 2000 region, to replace an ambulance that had been destroyed. We received word from the region that the defibrillator has already saved at least one person's life.

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Ask the Experts...

Smart saving for college through savings plans

By Peri Ann Aptaker

This column is the first in a series on financial and estate planning issues written by members of the Professional Advisors Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Council members advise the Endowment Committee in its planned giving programs and educate the Jewish community about philanthropic strategies and opportunities. Future columns will address topics raised by the community. Please e-mail Meyer Goldstein at MGGoldstein@JFRI.org with your questions and suggestions.



Peri Ann Aptaker

Funding a college education is one of the biggest financial concerns facing many families. Parents with young children today will encounter estimated four-year college expenses in excess of \$200,000. A qualified state tuition program is a new and increasingly popular savings initiative designed to help cover the enormous costs of college.

A 529 investment plan is operated by a state to help families save for future college costs. Under Internal Revenue Code Section 529, federal tax law provides specific tax benefits. These plans are especially desirable for high-income families with little chance of qualifying for financial aid.

Here is how they work:

The beneficiary can be anyone whom the owner of the account designates (including him or herself). When the beneficiary is ready to attend college, money is withdrawn to pay education expenses, including room, board, fees, tuition and supplies. These withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income at the beneficiary's income tax rate through 2001.

Under the recent tax law changes, beginning in 2002, qualified withdrawals are entirely exempt from federal taxes, hence a major incentive to participate in the plan! Individual states may offer some tax breaks as well, for example, a tax deduction or tax credit for contributions made.

The beneficiary can attend almost any qualified higher education program in any state — not just the state where the account is held.

What if the beneficiary decides not to go to college? The owner of the account can easily change the designated beneficiary to another relative of the beneficiary (self, parents, children, and in-laws). If no one in the family attends college, the owner of the account can withdraw the money and pay income tax on the appreciation after payment of a 10 per-

centage exemption, or the \$1 million dollar generation-skipping tax exemption.

Under current law, a taxpayer can transfer up to \$11,000 each year, tax-free, to any individual using the annual gift tax exclusion. Under the new tax law, beginning in 2002, the first \$1 million of one's gifts are exempt from tax. These tax benefits are not affected by the college savings plan.

Congress has made these plans even more attractive by permitting five years of contributions to be front-loaded. So, one generally can invest \$50,000 into an account today, and effectively remove for estate planning purposes the appreciation of those assets from one's estate.

Each state has limits on the total amount of contributions that may be made on behalf of a single beneficiary. However, there is no limit as to how large these accounts can grow. One could feasibly invest \$50,000 in an account today for the benefit of an infant that could eventually pay for

undergraduate school, graduate school, law school, and even medical school!

These plans are not perfect, since they are included as assets of the beneficiary on a financial aid application, and may disqualify the applicant for such college aid. Moreover, once money goes into the plan, control is lost over its management.

All 50 states have qualified tuition plans. Each state uses an asset allocation strategy tied to the age of the beneficiary and particular investment objectives — so an account for a 17-year old is invested more conservatively than one for a 5-year-old. Eligibility, schools covered, exemption from state tax, investment policies, fund expenses, and

other provisions vary from state to state. Each plan should be carefully evaluated. Finally, you do not have to put all of your eggs in one basket, since accounts for one beneficiary can be established in several states.

Depending on one's circumstances, the substantial income and estate tax benefits in these plans may far outweigh the lack of control over such an investment.

Peri Ann Aptaker is director of financial planning at Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co. She is an attorney licensed to practice in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Florida, a certified public accountant, a personal financial specialist, a certified financial planner, a certified business appraiser and has a masters degree in taxation.

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Passover help from the Bureau of Jewish Education's library

By Judy Greenblatt

The supermarkets have Passover food out already! It's too early, you say, I'm not ready to think about Passover... And where do I even begin to prepare for the seder, anyway? The Bureau of Jewish Education has an assortment of tools to help you make this Passover the best ever.

The first thing I'd like to bring to your attention is *The Art of Jewish Living: The Passover Seder*, by Ron Wolfson and Joel Lurie Grishaver. One of a series on the art of Jewish living, this book offers step-by-step Passover guidance, from choosing a leader and a haggadah to buying food, to involving the children in the service and keeping them at the table after they've had dessert. In addition, we hear how several different families' seders have evolved over time.

A haggadah that has text plus is *The Family Participation Haggadah: A Different Night* by Noam Zion. Published by the Shalom Hartman Institute, this is a fabulous addition to use in planning a seder, as well as an exciting interactive haggadah to use at your seder table. It's designed to keep children

interested, and to promote an educational dialogue between child and parent, leader and participant. Included are stories, readings, commentaries and activities. There is a leader's guide to accompany the haggadah that will give you even more ideas.

Another exciting and attractive haggadah is *Why On This Night? A Passover Haggadah for Family Celebration* by Rahel Musleah, illustrated by Louise August. This haggadah includes the basic elements of the traditional haggadah, although it does not include the complete Hebrew text. However, it does include many ways of involving children through song, dance, drama and explanation. It includes a section on preparation, a list of items needed to set the seder table, and three different recipes for haroset, as well as suggestions for making your own decorations.

Written with children in mind is *The Kids' Catalog Of Passover: A Worldwide Celebration of Stories, Songs, Customs, Crafts, Food and Fun* by Barbara Rush and Cherie Karo Schwartz. From preparation, to the story, to questions and rec-

ipes to additional sources of books, tapes, and videos, this book has everything. Especially interesting are the stories, songs, recipes and customs from other parts of the world.

If you'd rather check out the web, there are several interesting sites including:

www.holidays.net/passover — Includes information on the story of Passover, the seder, Miriam's cup, the date of Passover, recipes, music, and download text versions of the haggadah.

www.jewfaq.org/holidaya.htm — General information.

www.miriamscup.com — Includes more information about Miriam's cup, including history, ritual, biographies of notable Jewish women, music, including some Debbie Friedman songs, and alternative gender-neutral Hebrew b'rachot.

Wishing you a happy, stress-free Passover!

Judy Greenblatt is librarian at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

PASSOVER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Search for Chametz — March 26

Fast of Firstborn — March 27

Eruv Tavshillin — March 27

March 27

(Providence Time Only)

Eating of Chametz until 9:40 a.m.

Burning of Chametz before 10:40 a.m.

Passover begins at 5:47 p.m.

Seder begins at 6:51 p.m.

Passover ends April 4 at 7:11 p.m.

Candlelighting times for Passover 2002

March 27 — 5:47 p.m.

March 28 — after 6:51 p.m.

March 29 — 5:49 p.m.

April 2 — 5:54 p.m.

April 3 — 6:57 p.m.

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March 27 (First Eve of Passover) 1 & 2

March 28 (Second Eve) 1 & 2

March 29 (Friday of Passover) 3

April 2 (Seventh Eve of Passover) 1

April 3 (Eighth Eve) 1

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Kosher meat returns to Rhode Island

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can become a permanent program. (The kosher butcher will be open Monday, March 25, instead of Thursday that week, due to Passover.)

Customers who can't get to the store as the meat is being cut on Thursdays needn't worry — the remaining meat not sold that day is wrapped and is sold on the days immediately following.

The decision to offer kosher meat comes as a welcome move; Rhode Island currently has no kosher restaurants and no kosher butcher shops. Many stores sell "kosher-style" meat, which is usually received kosher, but, due to the lack of kosher facilities is rendered unkosher

by the time it is sold.

This all changed March 13, when the market received its first kosher shipment from a number of kosher distributors. For the last few months, store employees have worked to ritually purify the section of the marketplace where the kosher meat will be sold.

They worked alongside Rabbi Nosson Schuman, who currently heads the state's kosher supervisory agency, the Vaad of Rhode Island. Schuman is filling in as head of Vaad until May while Rabbi Mitchell Levine is on sabbatical at Harvard.

After meeting with Eastside representatives, members of the Vaad received a \$5,200 grant from the Jewish Federa-

tion of Rhode Island to pay for the mashgiach, or ritual supervisor. The market, meanwhile, paid for all the set-up costs, including the purchasing of new appliances and the kashering of old ones.

The Federation hopes that in six months, the program will be successful enough so the marketplace can absorb the cost of a mashgiach in addition to other expenses.

Jeffrey Brier, chair of the Federation's endowment committee, said "I can't think of a more cost-effective way to get a kosher butcher in town... We felt it was missing in the community."

Quality a goal

Three display windows are dedicated to kosher meat products. Larry Bornstein, head of the meat department at the Marketplace, said providing quality meat is a major goal. "I didn't want to be the guy on the street with just OK kosher meat."

Bornstein said that there has been a "definite, definite buzz" about the program. "The phones are ringing," he said, adding that calls have been coming in from other communities, including Warwick, Cranston, and East Greenwich.

Bornstein is no stranger to the world of Jews and meat — his family once owned Miller's Delicatessen on Hope Street, and he himself was the third-generation to run the store until it closed a few years ago.

He said that Eastside was approached by the Vaad with the meat proposal as "a community service" to "fill the void in the Jewish community." He says that he is aware of other once-a-week kosher pilot programs that have blossomed and expanded.

"Norwich, Conn. is doing it seven days a week," he said.

Bornstein feels that Eastside was chosen in part because they had already taken steps to raise the standard of kosher food in the area. They already bring in kosher-style kugels, knishes, lox, and whitefish, and he sees the certified kosher meat section as part of a "natural progression."

"We've had a fantastic relationship with the community for years... and there was definitely a need for it."

Rabbi Levine said that the Vaad was happy to work with a "local Rhode Island enterprise who was... fully focused on our community." He said he was excited about the kosher butcher section, and said that



SAM CAPPELLO, butcher at Eastside Marketplace, cuts the first shipment of kosher meat on opening day March 14.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

its presence can be seen as a sign of a strong, vibrant Jewish community.

He added: "Everyone in the Rhode Island Jewish community who cares about the Jewish community should support it."

The Ins and Outs of Kosher

Anschul Strauss, who will be acting as mashgiach at the market, will be present on Thursdays during the unpacking, cutting, weighing and repackaging of meat.

Strauss, who already acts as mashgiach at Kaplan's Bakery on Hope Street, will make sure that kosher products will be displayed in one area, non-kosher products in another, and that never the two shall meet.

Schuman educated the Eastside employees about the practical and technical know-how of what kosher means so they could get the job done. "I'd have to give a longer talk at a kosher restaurant, but here it's much simpler. There's no real danger of mixing milk and meat here... we're just protecting the product."

To ensure that no mixing of kosher items and non-kosher items will take place, on the day the meat arrives an entire section of the meat department is reserved solely for the unwrapping, cutting and selling of kosher meat. New sinks, trays, counter-tops, cutting boards have all been purchased, and they will be dedicated solely for

use with kosher products.

Kosher meat is kept separate from non-kosher meat, and a separate dishwasher will wash only the kosher utensils. Certain appliances that did not need replacing, such as the meat grinder, were scoured under Vaad supervision with boiling water to remove unkosher food particles.

Schuman describes a noticeable difference between normal cleaning and something that is kashered. Just as a frequently used pan absorbs the tastes of things cooked in it, so can pots and pans absorb unkosher flavorings through the food cooked in them. By using boiling water on certain types of objects, he says, "we extract these tastes" and render the product usable.

The sink remains locked when not in use, and kosher utensils and appliances are kept locked away until Strauss arrives on Thursday. When the day is done everything is replaced and secured until next week when he arrives for the next shipment.

As in any supermarket, the fact that Eastside Marketplace is open on Shabbat does not affect the kosher status of its products, because they, themselves, are not being prepared on that day, and thus remain kosher. Says Schuman, "the meats don't become unkosher by sitting there on Shabbos."

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Kingston: Take Two

Israeli and Palestinian supporters clash again during library lecture

By Jonathan Rubin

Facing down shouts from placard-carrying Palestinian supporters, a Brown University professor delivered a pro-Israeli viewpoint March 6 at a sometimes-raucous gathering at the Kingston Free Library.

The talk by Alan Zuckerman was in response to a previous lecture by Rodney Driver, whose condemnations of Israeli policies drew sustained applause at a program the week before that was relatively calm.

This time the atmosphere was different — shouts, name-calling and discord were the norm for the first 20 minutes of Zuckerman's discussion, during which he discussed the underlying causes for the intifada and the ever-increasing violence.

Zuckerman's presentation to more than 80 attendees was a last minute addition to the Friends of the Kingston Free Library lecture series "Avenues in a Perilous World," which has provoked weeks of controversy.

Disagreements began when Driver was invited to speak at the library alone in February, even though previous programs included two speakers with opposing viewpoints.

When Karen Asher, a local, town councillor, complained about the one-sided scheduling, the library canceled Driver's talk, but then rescheduled it.

Mary Daley, chairwoman of the Friends of the Free Library, contacted Rebekah Raz of the Community Relations Council at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to see if another speaker could be added to the panel.

Raz initially had difficulty finding a speaker. She asked Zuckerman, a professor of political science at Brown, but he was unable to attend because his daughter was expecting to give birth that day. He agreed to speak at a later date.

Although describing himself at the lecture as being generally optimistic, Zuckerman said he had little choice but to be pessimistic about the chances for peace, given current circumstances in the Middle East.

Zuckerman disputed Driver's premise that by leaving the territories and returning Israel to pre-1967 borders the violence in Israel would cease.

"No matter the boundary lines that Israel will move to," he said, "there will be people with guns killing Israelis."

Zuckerman described "a tra-



MEMBERS of the audience stayed long after the Middle East presentation to discuss their opinions with each other.

dition of killing that is being passed on" from generation to generation. When Zuckerman distributed a *New York Times* photograph of a Palestinian child and an adult examining an assault rifle, a member of the audience shouted at Zuckerman that the photograph was "cheap propaganda from your side."

He also brandished a large sign that showed an Israeli soldier with the caption, "Born to Kill."

A small group in the audience stirred emotions by declaring that Zionism is equal to racism, and that Israelis are guilty of creating a "South African-style apartheid" and being "like the KKK." Continued shouts brought the room into bedlam, and two moderators were required to restore order.

Zuckerman remarked that many people in the audience "weren't seeking answers," and were simply there to "antagonize."

Arthur B. Stein, professor of political science at the University of Rhode Island, remarked after the presentation that "a lot of people in the audience seemed to have an agenda,

and weren't here to learn at all."

Stein said he hoped that person-to-person communication would prevail over the escalating Mideast violence. "I really hope sanity prevails... and there is dialogue whenever possible.... I hope that the U.S. takes a more pro-active role in this."

Otto Dornberg, of Kingston, agreed. "It wasn't a real dialogue... obviously there were people here against [Zuckerman's] views."

Zuckerman kept largely cool in the midst of the pandemonium. After the audience calmed down, he asked that questions and comments be held until the end of the presentation.

Among the subjects he touched on were:

- Culture clashes between the two sides where "one denies completely the symbol of the other." Most notable is the Western Wall, to which, according to Yasser Arafat Jews have no legitimate connection.

- Although many Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, have publicly acknowledged that "there will be a Palestinian state," many Arab groups, especially the more violent Hamas and Islamic Jihad,

continue to see Israel as illegitimate.

- Suicide bombing is not an act of desperation, but "a strategic plan."

- United Nations Resolution 242, a Security Council declaration that Israel critics often quote that says Israel is in violation of international law, also states that all states deserve the right to "live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force."

- The Palestinian "Right of Return" could not be real-

istically implemented without drastically "changing the organization of Israeli society." By allowing more than 3 million Palestinians into a land of 6 million Jews, the Jewish majority would vanish, and Israel has a right to deny this based on "self-preservation," if nothing else.

Numerous members of the audience spoke up in favor of Israeli policies. One man remarked that "the Jews were thrown out" of countries worldwide. "Why don't they have the right of return?"



PROFESSOR ALAN ZUCKERMAN, left, is congratulated by Russel Koza, moderator at the March 6 discussion.

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LET THE GROGGING COMMENCE! Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, right, of Temple Emanu-El, gives the signal to start making noise after Edward Adler, left, reads Haman's name from the Megillah.

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PURIM PRINCESSES at Temple Beth El in Providence.

Photo by Jessica Berlin



THE PROVIDENCE PURIM PARADE, held on Feb. 26 and sponsored by the New England Rabbinical College, brought over a hundred Purim revelers for a celebration of Jewish freedom, including jugglers, a real Purim train, music, owls and lots of hamenstaschen.

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STATE REP. DAVID CICILLINE, left, stands with Jessi Klein outside of the Jewish Community Center in Providence during the New England Rabbinical College's Purim Parade.

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RACHEL WINKLER, Jacob Wilmot, Jacob Dimerman and Max Dimerman, left to right, show off their costumes at Temple Am David in Warwick.

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Happy Purim!



PURIM PLAYERS (from left) Chelsea Dowling (Vashti); Abby Fernald (Mordecai); Caroline Petrone (Esther); Jesse Dugas (Haman); and Sam Peloquin (King Ahasueros) are singing "That wicked, wicked Haman" along with teacher Meryl Levinson at the end of their production at Temple B'nai Israel in Woonsocket. *Photo by Temple B'nai Israel*



SARAH TAITELBAUM dresses up as a traditional Purim Hamantaschen at the New England Rabbincal College Purim Parade. *Photo by Jonathan Rubin*



KING (AND QUEEN) for a day at Temple Beth El in Providence. *Photo by Jessica Berlin*



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A new matchmaking service for single Jewish men and women in New England has opened in Rhode Island. "MenschQuest," is the brainchild of Dr. Donald Kieffer, of Providence, a clinical psychologist and an active member of the Jewish community. MenschQuest is a division of MatchQuest, a matchmaking service for other New England singles.

A psychologist working with couples and singles for 20 years, Kieffer says he understands the compatibility needs of single people and the obstacles that may prevent them from enjoying an active dating life and enduring relationships.

A graduate of Clark University in Worcester, Kieffer has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of South Dakota and completed a psychology internship at Harvard Medical School. He has worked as a clinical psychologist in community mental health centers, private practice and at Rhode Island Hospital. He conducted a support group for single adults that was featured in the book, *Where To Go and What To Do*

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According to Kieffer, "There are not enough comfortable, ethical options out there for people. The options are particularly limited for Jewish singles. I have seen the frustration, pain, loneliness and despair of many single men and women. They would like to have a companion, but it's so hard to find one. I have always been struck

"The options are particularly limited for Jewish singles. I have seen the frustration, pain, loneliness and despair of many single men and women. They would like to have a companion, but it's so hard to find one." — Dr. Donald Kieffer

by the positive change in mood, energy level, and motivation when they've met someone. It's a life-changing experience for them. I decided to provide people with a better option, to try and give them a short-cut to a compatible match."

How MenschQuest Works

Kieffer alone works with MenschQuest members. He says this insures that he knows

his clients well, that their personal data is confidential, and that he doesn't waste their time and money with inappropriate matches.

Kieffer believes a matchmaking service is preferable to newspaper and internet advertising for reasons of safety and truthfulness. He has done background checks on all new MenschQuest clients and screens each candidate carefully, suggesting only appropriate matches based on honest information.

Members fill out a "compatibility" questionnaire, answering such queries as "What did you learn from your last relationship that you don't want to repeat?" Questions about Jewish practices are also included to provide more information for the matching process.

Next, Kieffer interviews members in a free consultation to learn more about what they are looking for in a relationship, and he snaps photographs of them. When he has an appropriate match among the membership, he contacts both parties, tells them about each other and shows each the other's photographs.

After they meet, he gets feedback from both people that is important for future matches. "If they continue to date," he says, "I ask them to keep me posted if it is going well or if they are ready for another match."

Kieffer will lead a workshop, "Becoming Your Own Dating Coach," at several locations this spring, including South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department on March 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. (789-9301); The Learning Connection in Providence on April 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. (800-432-5520); and SouthCoast Learning Network in New Bedford on May 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. (508-997-9792)

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The story of Tay Sachs

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

Before a laboratory test to identify parent-carriers of Tay Sachs disease (TSD) had been devised, the disease had arisen about once in every 4,000 Ashkenazic Jewish live births. Certainly there were more commonly encountered causes of infant mortality among Jewish families, but TSD loomed, historically, as a particularly dreaded ethnic burden.

The birth and early growth of infants destined to develop TSD was generally normal. But about the seventh month of life these infants began to show arrested cerebral development, signs of blindness and periodic seizures. Death usually came before the end of the second year of life.

The disease was not described until the 1880s. Undoubtedly it had existed before, but its clinical singularity went undetected in the crowded Jewish communities of the East European tsarist pale. Only when large numbers of Jewish families migrated to the west was TSD finally recognized as a uniquely hereditary disease of their newborns.

A Scottish physician, Warren Tay, a specialist in diseases of the eye, practiced medicine in East London. Among the many infants and children observed by him in his clinic were two infants of "Hebrew extraction" said to be blind. Tay noted some distinctive changes in the retinas of these infants and published his ophthalmological findings in 1881.

Across the Atlantic, in 1887, a New York neurologist, Bernard Sachs, published a more comprehensive paper on the clinical evolution and underlying pathology of the disease. Eventually he called it amaurotic family idiocy.

By 1896, Sachs had observed an additional 19 cases, which allowed him to define the hallmarks of this disorder: It was clearly hereditary, often afflicting two or more children in the same family. It was invariably fatal, and all of his patients had been Jewish. (In subsequent years, cases of TSD were identified in virtually all ethnic populations.)

Bernard Sachs, known to his family and colleagues as Barney, would have achieved lasting prominence as an outstanding physician even without his precise portrayal of the terrible hereditary disease that now bears his name.

Sachs's father, Joseph Sachs, was born in a small Bavarian village in 1817. He

trained as a schoolteacher in the larger city of Wurzburg; and, in keeping with the established custom within the German Jewish community, he boarded with one of the local Jewish families.

In time, he was attracted to the daughter of this family and they eloped to Hamburg. In 1847, motivated in part to escape the revolutionary turmoil in Western Europe, they sailed for the United States, where Joseph eventually founded a school for boys in Baltimore.

Bernard, one of two male twins, was born Jan. 2, 1858. His twin brother died of scarlet fever fever close to their fifth birthday. As the Civil War loomed, Joseph Sachs moved his close-knit family to New York, where he established a boarding school that quickly achieved prominence. Barney began his collegiate education at City College of New York, transferring eventually to Harvard, where he received his baccalaureate degree, at the top of his class, in 1878.

Sachs was deeply influenced by the newly elaborated theories of evolution advocated in 1859 by Darwin. At age 20, Sachs debated between a career in the biological sciences or one in medicine. And if medicine, which medical school? The Alsatian city of Strasbourg, in 1878, was one of Europe's great centers for the study of medicine. And so Barney sailed for Europe, embarking on an overseas educational interval lasting some six years.

These were intense years for Sachs. He learned medicine from the finest clinicians of western Europe, but also played his violin, took walking trips through Switzerland and Italy (some in the company of the English poet, Robert Browning) and learned the literary treasures of Europe in their original tongue.

On June 6, 1882, Sachs was awarded his M.D. degree. For two additional years he walked the hospital wards of such hallowed European medical institutions as Vienna's allgemeine Krankenhaus (studying with a young Viennese neurologist named Freud), la Salpetriere and Hotel Dieu in Paris, Charite Hospital in Berlin and the London Hospital.

In May of 1884, young Sachs returned to New York to establish a medical practice eventually confined to diseases



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For more information, or to make reservations for the Seder, call the synagogue at (508) 222-2243.

Tay Sachs

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of the nervous system. . . Neurology, at this time, had not yet become an independent medical discipline and Sachs played a prominent role in the professional maturation of this new specialty.

In 1887 Sachs assembled his personal observations on the disease that would eventually bear his name. His inaugural publication on this subject appeared in the September, 1887, issue of the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* with the forbidding title, "On arrested cerebral development with special reference to its cortical pathology." The paper was a masterpiece of clinical description enriched by the first neuropathological analysis of the disease.

In the early decades of the 20th century, Sachs worked incessantly as a consultant to various New York hospitals, as professor of neurology at Columbia University's medical school, as a fierce advocate in behalf of infant and child health, and as a philanthropist.

Bernard Sachs lived a lengthy and productive life, dying in New York at the age of 82.

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Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. and the Israel Bond organization recently announced that the City of Providence is making a new investment in Israel Bonds with a \$750,000 purchase.

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Dean for a day

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One of the prizes at a recent PHDS auction was the chance to be "dean for a day"

Ezra began his day by observing a number of classrooms and consulting with the school's financial officer and the principal. Later on in the day Ezra visited the offices of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

'Luggage' and mitzvot with Sinai Seniors

On March 22 at 11:30 a.m., Temple Sinai, on Hagan Avenue in Cranston, will show the film "Left Luggage," in conjunction with filling Passover baskets for the needy.

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Seniors can get 'Impressions' from JCC's visit to museum

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Adult Department will be holding its popular Boston Museum of Fine Arts trip on April 10. Travel by motor coach to the MFA for the Impressionist Still Life exhibit with masterpieces by Manet, Monet, Renoir, van Gogh, Gauguin, and Cezanne.

The day begins with a 'bagel nosh' in Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center, and departure will be at 9:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the MFA there will be free time to explore the museum and enjoy lunch in one of their three restaurants. A group tour will be at 12:30 p.m. and the bus will depart the

museum at 2:30 p.m. for Providence.

Cost is \$40 for JCCRI members and \$45 for non-members. Ticket includes transportation, museum entrance, special exhibit, and audio guide.

Seats are limited, so call Sue Robbio at 861-8800, ext. 107 for reservations or further information.

Jewish Family Service offers Passover meal

The Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston invites seniors to celebrate Passover with a traditional seder meal at 11:30 a.m. on March 26. Because of the popularity of this event, reservations are required and must be paid in advance. The fee is \$5 per person.

Each year, seder participants enjoy the company of old and new friends as they gather

to commemorate the journey of the Jews from slavery to freedom under the leadership of Moses.

The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston is located at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue. Transportation is available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick. For reservations and information, call Mealsite Coordinator Rhonda French at (401) 781-1771 or (401) 331-1244, extension 42.



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Children in kindergarten through grade 6 who are out of school for their Passover break will have plenty to do at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Programming is planned beginning at 11:15 a.m. on March 26. Campers need to bring a dairy lunch each day, bathing suit and towel for free swim time.

Additional on-site activities are planned for March 27 and April 1.

"Spring into Passover" will be the theme on April 2 when Providence artist Noa Teplow of Noa's Art returns to the JCCRI for her second Solomon Education Fund Arts Program.

Spiritual care volunteers needed

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CHAYER is a volunteer program that trains individuals to become spiritual care volunteers to Jewish residents in nursing homes. After participating in an 8-week training session, each volunteer will be assigned to a nursing home that is close to their home and will visit its Jewish residents on a regular basis. As one volunteer recently commented, "I feel very connected to the people I visit. Their faces light up as soon as I come into the room so I can see the importance of my visits. What I never imagined was how much meaning it would bring into my own life."

The next training session will begin mid-April. If you would be interested in learning more about CHAYER and how to become a participant, please call Susan Adler at the Jewish Senior's Agency's Jewish Elder-care program, 621-5374.

The children will each go home with a unique, acrylic-painted creation that they design depicting this very special time of year.

On April 5, participants will have the opportunity to give tzedakah and do mitzvot. Kidspac and Preteen Connection (PTC) will be conducting a pre-Passover collection of unopened chametz, which we will deliver to Camp Street Ministries for distribution to

our non-Jewish community members. While at the facility, the children will also be able to help sort recent donations of much-needed clothing.

Additional programming is available from April 15 to 19. Please call for program details.

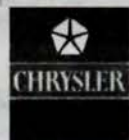
For more information, to donate unopened chametz or to register for a program, please call Charli Lurie, Director of Children, Youth and Camp at 861-8800, ext. 147.



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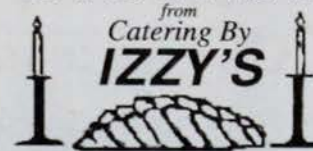
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Adoption Options to hold meetings

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• In Rhode Island, the meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the offices of Jewish Family Service on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman Street in Providence. The next meeting will be held on April 4.

• In Massachusetts, the meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. in Adoption Options' Massachusetts office, located in the Community Counseling building at 366 Winthrop Street in Rehoboth, Mass. The next meeting will take place on April 10.

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

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

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Moes Chitim was established to help the elderly, infirm, lonely and poor celebrate Passover with matzoh and traditional foods. Meaning "money for wheat," the United Moes Chitim Fund is again asking for your support this Passover. Contributions will provide funding for a seder for Jewish residents of community-based homes sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals.

The first words of the Passover seder are "All those in need may come in and eat." To fulfill this traditional obligation, please send a donation to the United Moes Chitim Fund, in care of Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906.

Construction rolls along at JORI's new camp site

Updates available online

Camp JORI is busy these days, with construction progressing at the new property in South Kingstown.

The camp has come a long way from the groundbreaking ceremony at its new property on Worden Pond last October. Most of the cabins are up, with roofing still underway. The recreation hall is structurally complete, the pool is in, the shower house is in and the dining room foundation has been completed.

According to Camp Director Ronni Guttin, "The mild winter has made it possible to progress quickly, and we are on track to be ready for the summer of 2003."

She said most camp activities will remain this year at the old site on Clarke Road in Narragansett, but some programs will take place at the new camp.

Ken Leonard has been hired to coordinate expanded waterfront activities at the new site this summer and to oversee the swimming program at the Clarke Road location. Kayaks are being added to the camp's fleet of watercraft, which already includes canoes and sailboats.

Past and future campers are invited to visit the camp's web site at www.CampJORI.com to see photos of the construction progress, snapshots of last year's season, an overview of the camp's programs and an application form.

For registration forms or more information about Camp JORI, call the camp office at 521-2655, or call Camp Director Guttin at 781-3016. The camp's e-mail address is campjori@hotmail.com.

JFS accepting 'Family' nominations

In keeping with its commitment to honor families, Jewish Family Service is conducting a statewide search for nominations for the 2002 Family of the Year Award. For the seventh year, members of the community throughout the state are invited to submit a profile of a family that exemplifies the best in family life.

What strengths and values do we admire in family life? Is there a family that typifies these values? What are the everyday qualities that we take for granted, yet provide the bases for a strong family unit? Jewish Family Service requests that you give some thought to these questions in making a nomination.

Eligibility requirements are:

1. A family is defined as more than one person.
2. At least one member of

the family must be Jewish.

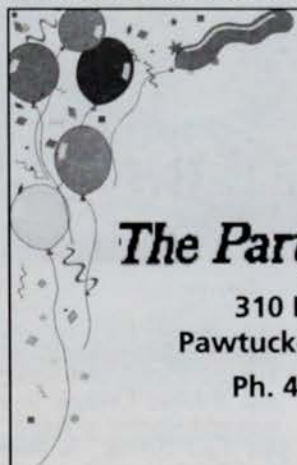
3. Individuals may nominate only one family.

4. Relatives of the staff of Jewish Family Service are not eligible.

5. Relatives of the Family of the Year committee are not eligible.

This year, nomination forms must be requested from

Jewish Family Service by calling (401) 331-1244. Forms are available at congregations throughout the state. The deadline for entries is midnight, May 31, 2002. Entries must be mailed or brought to Jewish Family Service at 229 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906. For additional information, please call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.



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Oren, a graduate of Classical High School in Providence and Boston University, is in television production. Rachel, a graduate

of Lexington High School, the Prozdor program of Hebrew College of Boston, and Barnard College, is a first-year student at Brooklyn Law School. A June wedding is planned.

Bar Mitzvah:

Matthew Benjamin Schwartz celebrated his Bar Mitzvah Feb. 16 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. Matthew is the son of Robin

Schwartz, of North Providence, and Leonard Schwartz, of Providence. His grandparents are David Friedman, of East Providence, and the late Patricia Friedman; and Norman and Cynthia Schwartz, of Hollywood, Fla. Matthew is an honor student at Birchwood Middle School in North Providence.

Mazel Tov:

Jonathan M. Levitt, of Cranston, was recently appointed President's Host at Wentworth Institute of Technology. The first freshman ever to receive the honor, Jonathan was chosen by faculty and staff to serve as ambassador for the college. He is the son of Joan and Steven Levitt, of Cranston.

Hattie (Etta) Nidich, a resident at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Born in

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Providence in 1902, she later moved to New York, where she worked at the Veterans Administration for many years. When her husband, Bernard, died, she returned to Providence to be near her niece, Marian Golditch. Her family celebrated the special event with a party at the care facility.

Herbert L. Triedman was recently appointed to the board of the Providence Public Building Authority. A native of Providence, Triedman graduated



Hattie Nidich

from Moses Brown School in 1951 and received an A.B. degree from Harvard College in 1955. Mayor Vincent Cianci administered the oath of office.

Samuel Shamoon, of Providence, was recently appointed acting director of Providence's City Department of Planning and Development. Shamoon, associate director since 1992, first joined the department in 1980. He is president of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

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Obituaries

Lucille Brown

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Lucille Brown 83, of Camarillo, formerly of Pawtucket, died Feb. 10. She was the wife of the late Isaac Brown.

Born in Chicago, she was the daughter of the late Hyman and Esther Jacob. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, and worked as a salesperson at the Peerless department store. In California, she was employed by Bullock's Department Store until her retirement.

She is survived by two sons, Neal Brown, of Potomac, Md., and Gary Brown, of West Hills, Calif.; a sister, Bernice Tabor, of North Palm Beach, Fla., two brothers, Irving Jacob, of New Bedford, Mass. and Sidney Jacob, of Salem, Ore., and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Mt. Sinai Memorial Park, Los Angeles.

Anita Daniels

PROVIDENCE — Anita Barwood Daniels, of Old River Road, Lincoln, died Feb. 22 at home.

She was the wife of the late Edgar A. Barwood, and the late David C. Daniels. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Lucille (Turcot) Goldblatt, she moved to Lincoln in 1982.

Mrs. Daniels was a graduate of Hope High School and the University of Rhode Island.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood, and a life member of Hadassah.

An avid golfer, she was a former member of Kirkbrae Country Club and Williams Island Country Club in South Florida, where she wintered.

She leaves a daughter, Jody B. Barwood, of Newton, Mass.; a brother, Berton Goldblatt, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and a sister, Ruth Kaplan, of Lincoln.

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

Milton B. Forman

WARWICK — Milton B. Forman, 87, of West Shore Road, a pharmacist and businessman, died March 2 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Dorothy K. (Kahn) Forman. Born in Waltham, Mass., a son of the late Joseph and Jennie (Cohn) Forman, he had lived in Warwick for 25 years.

He was the owner of the former Forman Shoe Center in Providence, and later became a pharmacist, retiring 25 years ago.

He served with the army in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He was a former member of Temple Am David and Temple Beth-El. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and the Jewish War Veterans.

He leaves several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Jerome Sylvan and Dorothy M. Forman. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Harry Halpern

Boynton Beach, Fla. — Harry Halpern, 93, of Blackstone Boulevard, a retired restaurant-equipment owner, died Feb. 21 at Bethesda Hospital, Boynton Beach.

He was the husband of the late Katherine (Bergel) Halpern, and the late Molly (Weinberg-Goldsmith) Halpern.

Born in Austria, a son of the late Ezra and Ethel (Weisel) Halpern, he grew up in Milford, Mass., and had lived most of his life in Woonsocket before moving to Cranston, Pawtucket, and then Providence.

Mr. Halpern attended Northeastern University, and was the founder and former chairman of United Restaurant Equipment Co., of Woonsocket and North Smithfield, now called Trimark United East, of South Attleboro. He retired in 1980.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence and Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, the Ledgemont Country Club, and the Broken Sound Country Club, Boca Raton, Fla.

He was a member of Morning Star Lodge, F&AM, and B'nai B'rith in Woonsocket, and was active in many civic and charitable organizations.

He leaves a son, Robert Halpern, of Cranston; two daughters, Beverly H. Goldberg, of Boynton Beach and Narragansett, and Marjorie H. Bean, of Cranston; three stepdaughters, Paula Epstein, in California, Lyn Schaffer, of Pawtucket, and Miriam Gold-

smith, of North Kingstown; a sister, Gertrude Halpern, of Providence; and 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren and 2 step great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Etta Goldstein and Toby Steiner-Feigan.

The funeral service was held at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket.

Contributions may be made to the RITE of Passage Cancer Project, 111 Narragansett St., North Kingstown, 02852.

Clara Kaufman

PROVIDENCE — Clara Kaufman, 81, of Hillside Avenue, a long-time volunteer at the former Institute of Mental Health, died Feb. 27 at the Hillside Health Center.

She was the wife of Charles Kaufman. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Lena (Jacobson) Kimel, she was a lifelong resident of Providence.

Mrs. Kaufman had served for 30 years as a volunteer at the state's former Institute for Mental Health, now the Eleanor Slater Rehabilitation Hospital, in Cranston.

She was a past president of the Providence Police Wives' Association, a former member of Congregation Beth Shalom, and a vice president for many years of its sisterhood.

Besides her husband, she leaves a sister, Millie Doris, in North Carolina. She was a sister of the late Abraham Kimel, Esther Slobodinsky and Dora Pollins.

The funeral was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 275 Westminster St., Providence, 02903.

Beatrice Kelich

PROVIDENCE — Beatrice Kelich, 68, of Eighth Street, an artist and administrator, died March 5 at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center. She was an administrative assistant for the Brown Fund at Brown University for 14 years before retiring in 1995, and was a lifelong artist.

She was the partner of Mildred Handel for 47 years. Born in Jamesburg, N. J., a daughter of the late Walter and Sally (Radowski) Kelich, she had lived in New Jersey most of her life before moving to Rhode Island in 1986. She had main-

tained a winter residence in West Palm Beach, Fla. since 1995.

Miss Kelich was a graduate of Jamesburg (N.J.) High School and attended Middlesex Business School in New Jersey.

After high school, she taught accordion and ballroom dancing. Later, she completed business courses and worked as an administrative assistant for many years.

An accomplished painter, she devoted her post-retirement life to her artistry, receiving a first-place award at a Cresshaven, Fla. gallery for her painted rendition of her house in Providence.

In Florida she was a volunteer with the Department of Aging, performing medical transport for the elderly. She had also volunteered for fundraisers in Providence.

Besides her partner, she leaves a daughter, Linda Edith Handel, of Providence, to whom she was co-parent.

The funeral was held at Swan Point Cemetery chapel.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 50 Maude St., Providence 02908.

Dorothy Land

PARAMUS, N.J. — Dorothy Land, 91, of Ridgewood Avenue, formerly of Warwick, died Feb. 26 at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus.

She was the wife of the late David Land.

She was the co-owner with her husband of the former Asto Millinery in Providence for 30 years, before retiring 40 years ago.

Born in Manchester, N. H., a daughter of the late Jacob and Rose (Bellogorotsky) Rotmer, she had lived in Providence most of her life before moving to Warwick 20 years ago and recently moving to Paramus.

She was a former member of Temple Am David.

She leaves a son, Sheldon Land, of Warwick; a daughter, Sheila Haberman, of Saddle River, N. J.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Sam Rotmer, Rose Churwinsky, Vera Stein, Faye Bader, Sara Bello and Minnie Rotmer.

The funeral was held at Shalom Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

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Elaine Lozow

EAST PROVIDENCE — Elaine Lozow, of South Broadway, a former sociological interviewer, died Feb. 28 at the Hattie Ide Chaffee Home.

She was the wife of the late S. Sidney Lozow. Born in Providence, the daughter of the late William D. and Sara (Goldsmith) Ritch, she had lived in Gary, Ind., from 1956 to 1971, and had settled in East Providence in 1972.

She attended the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Lozow had worked for the University of Chicago, doing sociological research as a staff interviewer from 1962 until 1991, when she retired.

She was a member of B'nai Brith, and until recently had worked as a volunteer at Miriam Hospital in Providence.

She leaves a step-grandchild. She was the sister of the late Marshall L. Ritch.

The funeral was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, 222 Richmond St., Providence, 02903.

Samuel H. Paris

PROVIDENCE — Samuel H. Paris, 90, of Health Havens Nursing Home, died Feb. 28 at the home.

He was the husband of the late Jeanette (Pollak) Paris.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Ida (Shapiro) Paris, he was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

He had worked as a machinist for a local tool and dye company.

He was the brother of the late Benjamin Paris. He leaves a nephew, Irving Weinrich, of Pawtucket.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Martin A. Tishman

NEW YORK CITY — Martin A. Tishman, 76, formerly of Providence, founder and operator of The New York Office, a public relations firm, died March 2 at the Jewish Home and Hospital in New York.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Belle (Sherman) Tishman, he had lived in Providence for 25 years before moving to New York City 51 years ago.

He leaves a sister, Lillian Golden, of Providence, a

nephew, William Fisher, of Chicago, and a niece, Carol Golden Einhorn, of Providence.

Rose Sock

PROVIDENCE — Rose Sock, of Miantonomo Drive, died March 4 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Eva (Karklin) Sock, she had lived in Warwick for 30 years. She was an accounts payable specialist for the former Shepard's department store for 30 years and later worked for the Amica Insurance Company for 12 years before retiring in 1986.

She was a member of Temple Am David and was a past president of the ladies auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans.

She leaves three brothers, Nathaniel Sock, of Warwick, Sheldon Sock, of Cranston, and James Sock of North Smithfield; and a sister, Irene Cohen, of Cranston. She was the sister of the late Philip, Joseph and Abraham Sock, Lillian Sarat and Beatrice Zeman.

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Steven Shatz Memorial Endowment Fund, c/o Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, 02888.

Frances Cohen

PROVIDENCE — Frances Cohen, 81, of The Village at Elmhurst, 700 Smith St., Providence, a retired silver buyer, died March 13 at Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, Providence. She was the wife of the late Raymond Cohen.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Frank and Freida (Gursky) Lury, she had lived in Cranston and Warwick before moving back to Providence 22 years ago. She was a buyer for the former Kaplan's Jewelry Store in Garden City, Cranston, for 25 years before retiring in 1992. She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston.

She leaves a son, Andrew D. Cohen, of Coventry; a daughter, Phyllis Rao, of Lynnfield, Mass., and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late John and Harry Lury and Martha Revkin.

Funeral services were held in Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association,

245 Waterman St., Providence, 02906.

Sylvia Feingold

BOSTON — Sylvia Feingold, 76, of New Bedford, died Feb. 2 at Tufts-New England Medical Center after a brief illness. She was the widow of Joseph Feingold.

Born in Providence, the daughter of the late David and Pearl (Bekelman) Glucksman, she lived in New Bedford most of her life.

Mrs. Feingold was a member of the Tifereth Israel Synagogue in New Bedford and its Sisterhood; the Hadassah, the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home and the National Council of Jewish Women.

In her early years, she worked in her family's bakery on Water Street in New Bedford.

When her children left home for college, she enrolled in and graduated from South-eastern Massachusetts University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

She used her degree to teach in public schools.

Mrs. Feingold enjoyed sailing with her husband and family on their sloop, as well as traveling and playing bridge and mah-jongg.

Survivors include her sons, Arnold Feingold, of Los Angeles, and Robert Feingold, of North Dartmouth; a daughter, Sharon Feingold, of San Diego; four grandchildren, David and Samantha Feingold of Dartmouth and Eric and Stephanie Mueller of San Diego; and her brothers, Dr. Albert Glucksman, of Barrington and Barry Glucksman, of Warwick.

She was the companion of the late Harold Fink.

Her funeral was held at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Contributions may be made to Oncology Patients' Fund, c/o Clare Sullivan, nurse manager, Pratt 8, Tufts-New England Medical Center, 750 Washington St., NEMC 465, Boston, or the Sylvia & Joseph Feingold Endowment Fund at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 145 Brownell St. New Bedford, 02740. Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

Leonard Redlich

NEWPORT — Leonard Redlich, 70, of Malbone Road, a salesman, businessman and entrepreneur, died Feb. 8 at Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Mass.

He was the husband of Anita (Friedman) Redlich. Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Dora (Brooks) Redlich, he had lived in Newport since 1974.

Mr. Redlich was a 1950 graduate of Hope High School in Providence and a Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He founded Redco Lighting Systems in East Providence with his eldest son, Ried. He retired from Redco in 1993. Before founding Redco, he was a regional salesman with Union Bookbinding in Boston. Prior to moving to Newport, he opened an ice cream parlor in Brunswick, Ga.

He was an avid artist, writer, storyteller and traveler.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Ried Redlich, of Cumberland, and Seth Redlich, of Portsmouth; three daughters, Michelle Wasserman, of Wilmington, Del., Debra Redlich, of Cincinnati, and Jhodi Redlich, of Portsmouth; three brothers,

Harold Redlich, of Block Island, his twin; Raymond Redlich of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Milton Redlich of Brookfield, Conn.; and seven grandchildren.

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

Contributions may be made to the Redlich Family Scholarship Fund, c/o the University of Rhode Island Foundation.

Heddy Amy Rothschild

WARREN — Heddy Amy Rothschild died Feb. 6. She was the daughter of Ilse (Cohn) Rothschild, of Barrington, and the late Erich Rothschild, and the sister of Edwin Rothschild, of McLean, Va.

A graveside service was held at Forest Chapel Cemetery, Barrington.

Contributions may be made to Amos House, 415 Friendship St., Providence, 02907, or the R.I. Holocaust Museum, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, 02906.

Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel assisted with arrangements.

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New spins on a story that never grows old

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Ergo, the *Dancing with Miriam Haggadah*, by Elaine Moise and Rebecca Schwartz — which leans toward a woman's view of the Passover story — suggests opening the door and inviting Miriam inside, to drink from a cup that has been filled by everyone at the table with water from their own glasses.

"Thus, our daughters may continue to draw from her wisdom," says the Haggadah text.

Today you can find Haggadahs published for all branches of Judaism from Orthodox to Reconstructionist. Joanne Gilden, a member of the Orthodox Touro Synagogue in Newport, draws on all of them for inspiration.

Since her seders include



THE HAGGADAH A Different Night provides numerous interpretations from the art world of the Four Sons mentioned in traditional Haggadahs. This one, by Dick Codor, casts the Marx brothers in these famous roles

some 20 people of divergent backgrounds, she says that it's

important "to put everybody's ideas together."

As for the continuing relevance of the Passover story, she says, it's more evident than ever this year, considering the Sept. 11 attacks here and the terrorist carnage in Israel.

Judaism, she says, provides Passover as "a time to put peace in our lives and to rediscover our Jewish heritage."

Not that Abraham Lincoln was Jewish, to our knowledge. But who better to speak to us at Passover than the emancipation president?

Thus, Lincoln plays a bit part in *A Different Night, the Family Participation Haggadah*, which flavors the traditional Passover story with explanations and quotes from a wide variety of sources.

The Haggadah catches Lincoln in a Biblical moment, quoting Psalm 19 in his second inaugural address: "If every drop of blood drawn by the lash must be paid by one drawn by the sword, still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

Why a "family participation" Haggadah? This one, by Noam Zion and David Dishon, explains itself thusly: "Unfortunately, the Pesach Seder becomes, too often, a rote reading — a service to 'zoom through' — rather than a drama in which people play creative roles. Don't let the printed word paralyze the imagination. Talk. Discuss the Exodus. You are free."

Free we are — to choose from a burgeoning selection of Haggadahs. Are you a vegetarian? Try the *Haggadah for the Liberated Lamb*, "a vegetarian Haggadah that celebrates compassion for all creatures."

From Micah Publications, it's got the Four Questions. It's got *Dayeinu*. And it's got the honesty up front to disclose that with its strong animal-rights spin, "This...is both Haggadah and manifesto."

Can't decide what kind of seder — traditional or a little more contemporary — is right for your family? *A Night of Questions*, published by the Reconstructionist Press, offers a menu of four seders in a single Haggadah.

Seder 1, titled "More is More," provides it all — a 90-minute trek through the Exodus complete with Biblical text and commentary.

Seder 2, "Less is More," is geared to families with small children; it hits all the highlights in 45 minutes.

Seder 3, called "We Were All Slaves in Egypt," is tailored for gatherings where religious backgrounds are mixed, and Seder 4, called "Opening the Door for Miriam," highlights the use of newer rituals such as Miriam's Cup.

Rhoda Fischman, of Providence, the owner of Rhoda's Judaica on Hope Street and a member of Conservative Temple Emanu-El in Providence, is a believer in adding contemporary flair to the Passover story — so much so that she and

her husband, Burton, years ago compiled their own Haggadah, in Hebrew, English and phonetics.

With 20 to 30 people of various backgrounds at each of their two seders over the years, it was important for everyone to understand what was going on and to take part in it, says Rhoda.

She and her husband cut and pasted the traditional segments from a standard Haggadah, adding touches of their own — such as asking guests to discuss their personal plagues of the preceding year. Responses varied from the personal to the state of world affairs, she says, providing lively discussion.

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story to contemporary use," she says, adding that the satisfaction "is giving our children something to carry forward into the future."

As for the story of the Exodus, Rhoda's Judaica also carries the traditional Haggadah, short on illustrations, long on Hebrew, and, as always, the bearer of one of Judaism's most beloved and inspiring stories.

The little book — many of us know it as the "Maxwell House" Haggadah because of the coffee company's giveaway editions — costs just a modest \$2.25.

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