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BLISSFULLY UNAWARE of recent events in Israel, Daniel Smith of the Jewish Community Center's Early Childhood Program runs across a 30-foot map of the troubled nation, supplied by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. Photo by William K. Daby

With many reasons to live, she turns to the Jewish community

By Max Dwares

The author, 18, is the son of Kevin and Barbara Dwares, of Cranston. He has a unique perspective on this story. A graduate of Cranston West High School, he plans to enter URI in the fall and is seriously considering the rabbinate as a career.

Eileen Rosenberg-Black, of Providence, knew for years that her anemia, an iron deficiency causing low red blood cell

counts, could develop into something worse. She hoped — and prayed — with her loved ones that her condition would be controlled by occasional blood transfusions — and for a time, it was.

But now, Eileen, 55, faces

this: In January, she was told that her disease has assumed a deadlier form; she is now fighting chronic myelomonocytic leukemia.

Her options have narrowed, as well. Instead of a five-hour blood transfusion every two weeks, she needs a bone marrow transplant.

Because her form of leukemia is so rare, few medical cen-

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Rosenberg-Black

Terrorist strikes put Israel at war

(JTA) — In an attempt to rally public support in the face of unremitting Palestinian terror, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel is "at a decisive point in its history. The situation is not easy," but Israel "will prevail."

His address came after three straight days of attacks in which suicide bombers struck targets in Israel's three largest cities: Sunday in Haifa, Saturday in Tel Aviv and Monday and last Friday in Jerusalem.

Israel invaded Arafat's presidential compound in Ramallah last Friday, cutting off electricity and phone lines. Seven Palestinians and two Israeli soldiers were killed during the operation, which came after Sharon declared Arafat an "enemy" following a March 27 suicide bombing at a Passover seder in a Netanya hotel. Twenty-two people were killed in that attack.

Late Sunday night, Israeli troops widened their

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THE FACES OF WAR: Young Israeli soldiers help one another with camouflage before a battle. Photo by JTA

Mideast bloodshed halts youth march

By Jonathan Rubin

For years, a group of Jewish teens from Rhode Island has toured the horrors of concentration camps in Eastern Europe, and then has traveled east to see a brighter picture: the dynamism of the State of Israel.

This year, however, the picture in Israel has darkened — and because of the continuing violence there, the Rhode Islanders won't be going on the "March of the Living."

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News Briefs

Mounting a challenge to terror

Powell: Israeli offensive is self defense

Colin Powell has characterized the Israeli invasion of Ramallah as self-defense in the face of Palestinian terrorism. But the U.S. secretary of state urged Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to consider the consequences of the move. Other world leaders, meanwhile, called on Israel to end its offensive and for greater international intervention to reduce tensions.

U.N. blasts Israel, seeks withdrawal from West Bank

The U.N. Security Council has called on Israel to withdraw troops from the West Bank. The resolution passed 14-0, with only Syria, which wanted harsher criticism of Israel, abstaining.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan opened the emergency meeting last Friday by telling Israel to halt its assault on the Palestinian Authority and said Palestinians had to stop their "horrific terrorist attacks" against Israeli civilians.

Iraq: Use oil as a weapon

Iraq has called on Arab states to use oil as a weapon to punish countries supporting Israel. Oil should be used "in the battle with the enemy," Iraq's ruling Ba'ath Party said in a statement Monday. The statement was issued after a meeting of the



ISRAELI TANKS prepare to enter the West Bank city of Kalkilya on Sunday.

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party chaired by President Saddam Hussein.

Synagogues, Jews, attacked in France

There were three anti-Semitic attacks in France over the weekend. On Saturday, vandals drove two cars into a synagogue in Lyon, setting the sanctuary on fire. Hundreds of people held an interfaith service at the synagogue after the attack.

A man opened fire in a kosher butcher shop the same day near the southern city of Toulouse. No one was hurt.

A suspicious fire gutted a synagogue in the French port city of Marseille. Firemen said the Or Aviv Synagogue had been completely destroyed by fire just before midnight on Sunday. Police have opened an inquiry into the cause of the blaze.

On Saturday, arsonists tried to burn down a synagogue in Strasbourg, and masked van-

dals slammed a stolen car into a synagogue in Lyon and set it on fire.

The attacks quickly prompted French Jewish leaders to warn Sunday of a new Kristallnacht, referring to the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938, when Nazi thugs ransacked Jewish-owned shops and set synagogues ablaze across Germany and Austria.

A French-Jewish couple was also injured in a weekend attack in the southern part of the country.

Vandals firebombed a synagogue in Brussels, causing damage inside but no injuries.

Bombing attacks, killings, continue

At least two Israelis were killed and 30 wounded in a suicide bombing last Friday in

Jerusalem. The Al-Aqsa Brigades, a militia linked to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the attack on a supermarket.

Palestinian suicide bombers carried out two attacks on March 31. In the first, a bomber attacked a restaurant in Haifa, killing at least 13 people and wounding about 35 others. Hours later, a second bomber detonated his explosives outside a clinic in the West Bank settlement of Efrat, wounding at least four people. A spokesman for Israel's Magen David Adom ambulance service told Israel Radio the bomber had targeted an ambulance dispatch station.

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Israel at War

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operation, taking over the Palestinian town of Kalkilya. Eight Israeli soldiers were injured in what is known as Operation Protective Wall.

Israeli officials charge that Kalkilya has served as a base for terror attacks on nearby Israeli cities.

On Monday, Israeli tanks briefly rumbled into Bethlehem and the nearby villages of Al Khader and Beit Jalla in an operation Israeli leaders said was designed to end Palestinian terror attacks. A few hours after the incursion, the tanks left Al Khader and they also pulled back in Bethlehem to patrol the town's outskirts.

Also on Monday, an Israeli was killed near Jerusalem's Har Homa neighborhood by a Palestinian sniper. And in another incident, eight Israelis were injured, in a Palestinian ambush near Ramallah.

Later Monday, three people were injured, one seriously, when a car exploded in downtown Jerusalem. A Palestinian man who was driving the car died in the explosion, but it was not immediately clear whether he was a suicide bomber or the bomb detonated prematurely. The seriously injured man was a police officer who had stopped the car for a security check.

Israel launched Operation Protective Wall in an effort to stop Palestinian attacks.

On Saturday, President Bush backed the Israeli operation, saying Israel has the right to defend itself against terror attacks.

On Sunday, Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) lashed out at Arafat, blaming him for the recent surge of terror attacks against Israel.



Israeli soldiers remove weapons confiscated during an incursion into Ramallah. IDF

Speaking on the TV show "Fox News Sunday," Lieberman also said he feared the Palestinian leadership had been "hijacked" by extremists whose goal was not statehood, but the "annihilation of Israel."

Arafat, meanwhile, remained defiant.

Arafat told an Arab television station over the weekend that he is ready to die as a "martyr" for the Palestinian cause. With a candle and a machine gun on his desk, Arafat used a cell phone to place calls to world leaders, asking them to exert pressure on Israel. He also said he is just one of "millions" of Palestinians willing to die in the battle with Israel for control of Jerusalem.

On Sunday, a bomber struck at a restaurant in Haifa, killing at least 13 people and wounding about 35 others.

The restaurant, which is located in a gas station complex owned by Israeli Arabs, was frequented by Jews and Arabs, said Wakid, an Israeli Arab whose brother-in-law owns a kiosk next to the restaurant.

In an interview with channel 2 television, he said the restaurant did not have a guard. According to Amran Mitzna, Mayor of Haifa, there are going to be a lot more guards posted at public establishments in the city. A security guard, Haim Smadar, was killed last Friday at a Jerusalem supermarket, while blocking a suicide bomber from entering the crowded store. Another person was also killed in the attack in Jerusalem.

Israel is preparing to expand its military activities. In a move reflecting the possibility of more military action, the army issued 20,000 call-up notices for reservists last Friday.

With staff reports.

A message from the Federation

Friends,

We are particularly saddened during this Passover holiday by the escalating bloodshed in Israel — six terrorist attacks that have killed more than 50 individuals and wounded more than 500 in just six days.

We join you in your desire to turn helplessness into action on behalf of our family in Israel. In that spirit, the JFRI Executive Committee is meeting on Monday to approve a community Solidarity Plan and a special campaign for Israel.

What can each of us do?

1. Thank President Bush for his position on behalf of Israel [phone: 202-456-1414; e-mail: president@whitehouse.gov]
2. Be in touch with our members of Congress, to counsel patience in allowing Israel to contain terrorism
3. Monitor and counter negative media reports on the situation in the Middle East
4. Notify Rebekah Raz, JFRI Director of Community Relations, with any of your concerns about media reports [e-mail: rraz@jfri.org]
5. Send us your e-mail address so you can receive pertinent articles and stay up to date about ways to get involved [e-mail: gputnam@jfri.org]

We will update you in future issues of the *Voice & Herald* about details of a community Solidarity Plan and the special Campaign for Israel. In the meantime, the JFRI is poised to receive your special donations to assist our Jewish brothers and sisters overseas.

We are determined to stand together as a strong community, just as we have during every crisis the State of Israel has withstood.

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As did Israel, a Palestinian state will emerge

by Yehuda Lev

I HAVE been asked by the Hillel Foundation at Dartmouth to meet with them on the occasion of Israel's 54th birthday. There aren't too many of us still around who were there at its birth and they would like to hear, from the perspective of a participant, what made it possible for the Jewish state to survive while the Palestinian state, also created by the United Nations, crashed in flames.

To save you a trip to Hanover, in 1948 we fought a war of survival for which we had been well prepared. The Jewish state lived because its people had, over the decades, formed an army, created a democratic form of national government, established a viable economic base, set up a system of social services, built a modern educational structure including

universities, and evolved a western legal framework so that when the moment arrived on May 15, 1948, all of these necessary institutions were in place.

The Palestinian Arab state died aborning. Its political organizations and its society were tribal and village-centered. Its leaders never thought in terms of a national movement. Its economy was largely agrarian and its people too often illiterate and technologically unskilled. In war it relied on neighboring Arab states to protect it, and their interests were not necessarily those of the Palestinians. Little was in place on May 15, 1948, to enable the Palestinian state to survive.

One example. During World War II there was no military draft in Palestine. The British were afraid of a neg-

ative Arab reaction to compulsory service, and since they did not draft Arab youth, they could not draft Jewish youth.

But the Yishuv, the Jewish community of Palestine, insisted that its youth join the British Army — with the result that by 1948 there was a cadre of well trained Jewish men and women prepared to defend its country. The Palestinians had no such experienced soldiers, and relied at first on untrained, undisciplined militia forces and later on Arab armies whose priorities lay elsewhere.

As for the war itself, it was a close thing. We had the advantage of trained manpower,



Yehuda Lev

but they had those Arab armies, better equipment, long borders across which assistance could flow freely, the heights (Jews tended to live in the valleys of Palestine, Arabs in the mountains) and a cohesive population. At least they all spoke Arabic, whereas our soldiers spoke a dozen languages and often couldn't make themselves understood; quite a handicap under combat conditions.

We had, in addition to our sense of purpose, short lines of supply, a democratically elected government and advanced technological skills. Perhaps most important, we had the assistance of that eminent Zionist, Joseph Stalin who early on decided that a Jewish state created in the midst of the Arab world would cause problems for the western powers, thus giving the Soviet Union an opportu-

nity to benefit. Beginning in June, an airlift from Prague brought us much badly needed equipment manufactured originally for Hitler's armies. By the end of the war we were flying Messerschmidt fighters, using Spandau machine guns and firing rifles with swastikas emblazoned on their stocks.

I am certain that I will be asked how it is possible that Israel, having won its War of Independence in 1948, the Sinai Campaign in 1956, the Six-Day War in 1967, the War of Attrition in 1970 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973, is still fighting what appears to be an unending conflict. The answer is that Israel did not win a war, it won a series of brief but bloody battles separated by years of uneasy truce.

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Letters to the editor

While she fights for her life, an appeal

This is an urgent appeal to the Rhode Island community.

For the past three years, Carol Levin Kaufman, daughter of former Rhode Island State Rep. Irving Levin, of Cranston, and the late Ann Levin, has been battling myelofibrosis, an extremely rare disease of the bone marrow. At this point, her bone marrow is barely functioning. Without further aggressive medical treatment, Carol's illness will ultimately cause her death.

Carol's only hope is aggressive medical treatment or a bone marrow transplant, a very difficult and costly procedure. In addition, the long recuperation period following treatment and transplant will leave her weak and unable to care for herself. She will need to start this aggressive medical treatment shortly.

Because of this illness, Carol is no longer able to work or accomplish even basic daily activities; consequently,

her financial resources have been depleted.

During this trying time, Carol is forced to turn to her family and friends to help her battle this illness. They have set up a fund for her benefit, and are appealing for your generosity.

To donate to this fund and become a partner in saving Carol's life, please send your contribution to Carol Kaufman, 7720B El Camino Real, No.183, La Costa, Calif. 92002.

Your quick response will help ensure that the funds for Carol's care will be available to her prior, during, and after her treatment.

Carol is a 1965 graduate of Cranston High East. In addition to her father, she also has two brothers, Barry and Robert, both of Rhode Island.

Thank you in advance for all you can do.

Cantor Judith Bender
Carlsbad, Cal.

No 'simcha' in a mixed marriage

Regarding the question discussed in your last issue of printing announcements of inter-religious weddings and other events: Such events are nothing of which to be proud. This is anything but a "simcha."

The two things, which have kept Judaism alive are kashrut and marriage between Jews. At present, the marriage rate between Jewish couples is about 50 percent. Please don't make a bad situation worse.

Carl Adler
Providence

Comments on intermarriage reflect 'narrow thinking'

I am writing in response to Alan Zuckerman's comments on whether to publish life-cycle events of inter-faith couples.

As a Jewish woman married to a Catholic man, I took offense at his comments.

Am I less a Jew because I married someone of another faith? I searched for many years to meet a Jewish mate who shared my interests and spirituality, to no avail; many of my friends are still searching for partners.

My husband, Dan, provides me with support in my faith. We were fortunate to have attended a class sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congre-

gations, called *Yours, Mine & Ours*, and I will tell you, this class was amazing. It allowed us to understand how we could maintain our individual faiths while supporting one another.

As stated by Judith Romney Wegner, if Jewish organizations push interfaith couples away, do they really expect these parents to want to raise their children Jewish — when the couple is not accepted?

Dan and I have agreed that when we do have children, they will be raised Jewish but will also understand and be respectful of his Catholicism as well as

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Yiddish on Capitol Hill? Oy, gevalt!

TELL your friends that you saw this first in the *Jewish Voice & Herald*, whose intrepid investigator — yours truly — will now reveal exactly what's wrong with government in Rhode Island.

And let's face it, from the State House to city halls all over our map — Cranston, for example, rolls trippingly off the tongue these days — our quirky shores have traditionally been home to some bizarre management.

Here's why: Our leaders, speaking as they do in that peculiar dialect known as *Rhode Islandese*, often eschew standard English, so our entire state is suffering from a pileup of mixed signals and misunderstandings.

Language can get us into Dutch big-time around here. For instance, how about that recent report in the *Providence*

Journal, wherein Rhode Island proclaimed April as a month to honor the legacy of — get this — the Confederate States of America.

The document was processed in error, according to an explanation from Governor Almond's office, which eventually withdrew the errant proclamation. It apparently slipped through with scores of others that are requested from outside sources, are almost always innocuous, and are routinely approved.

This one, however, whose language was supplied by a southerner, suggested compar-

Gerry Goldstein



ing the establishment of the Confederacy with the deeds of our "Revolutionary forefathers."

Well, sir, it's a fine state of affairs when one of the 13 original colonies goes around whistling Dixie. So what we need is some new lingo for our language-challenged officials — something that they can master more easily than English.

My suggestion: Make them speak Yiddish.

You may be surprised to learn that legislators in a great big state, California, have already been introduced to *mameloshn* — the mother tongue.

This happened because a big political macher out there, Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg, happens to be Jewish.

Recognizing the powers of

expression inherent in *mameloshn*, Hertzberg has come out with a dictionary that he calls *Yiddish for Assembly Members*.

In a foreword to his colleagues, Hertzberg points out that since he uses Yiddish expressions on the Assembly floor, he wants everybody to know what he's talking about. Thus, legislators now have a guide to Yiddish, with entries from A to Y (if I were Hertzberg I'd add a word like *zaftik*, just to get the book to Z — and also because *zaftik* fits in well with our own state's collection of fat cats).

In a couple of typical entries, Hertzberg tells his colleagues that *boybick* is a diminutive of "boy," often used with fondness, and that *kineahora* is a phrase used to ward off the "evil eye."

Such expressions could work here in Rhode Island. Let's say a colleague wants to schmooze with Rep. David Cicilline, who's got his sights set on Providence City Hall, and whose family background is Italian and Jewish. Imagine Cicilline's surprise at receiving a slap on the back and a hearty, "So, *boybick*, you wanna be mayor? Go for it, *kineahora*."

This Yiddish thing could really spice up the flavor of discussions in our General Assembly, which can get so obtuse that one could *plotz* — explode from frustration or disbelief.

Some good Yiddishisms would add the philosophical tone that we need up there on the Hill. Take *alevai*, which Speaker Hertzberg defines as meaning "It should only happen." Can you imagine House Speaker John Harwood saying to Cicilline, "We'll get this bill out of committee, *alevai*, and then we'll see how it does on the floor."

As for *gonif*, or thief, Hertzberg uses it this way: "He's such a *gonif*, he'd steal the wooden teeth out of George Washington's mouth." (Has Hertzberg been studying old copies of Rhode Island government rosters?) It's for sure that Mayor Buddy Cianci could use a copy of the Yiddish dictionary, what with all the gumshoes padding around City Hall these days. Imagine *hizzoner* suddenly leaping from his chair and shouting, *Hock mir nisht kine chine-ick!* which would translate into Rhode Islandese as "lemme alone awready!"

Of course, no local Yiddish dictionary would be complete without this Hertzberg selection: *Mishpochah*, or kinfolk. They're the ones who frequently reap the benefit of official largess around here. I'm guessing that in Rhode Island, connected *schmorrers* (freeloaders) will continue to prosper. And if that ever changes — *alevai* — the rest of us will *plotz*.

My Yiddishe *mameloshn*: Still beguiling In a changing world, the language survives

By Lorne E. Rozovsky

HOW many readers understand the following: *Far gelt bakumt men alts, nor kain sachel nit?* (Money buys everything except brains.) Some of us might know a *bisel*; the rest of us, *gornisht* (nothing).

Prior to World War II, more than 11 million people spoke Yiddish. However, massive emigration of European Jewry in the 20th Century eroded the language as Jews became more assimilated, and the Holocaust cut the number of remaining speakers in half.

By 1993 the UNESCO Red Book on Endangered Languages listed Yiddish as "seriously endangered," along with the other major Jewish vernacular language, Ladino. The

demise of Yiddish was also helped along its way by the decision to encourage the speaking of Hebrew in the early days of Israel.

Yiddish (meaning "Jewish") arose between the 9th and 12th centuries in southwestern Germany as an adaptation of various German dialects, written with Hebrew letters.

The language has been heavily influenced by Hebrew. As Jews moved into Poland, Lithuania and Russia in the 14th and 15th centuries, Yiddish absorbed elements of Slavic languages. Later, Yiddish embraced many English words — and many Yiddish words entered English.

Words such as *chutzpah*, *schlemiel*, *schmaltz* and *schlep* now appear in some English-language dictionaries.

As Yiddish continues to decline, new generations have less contact with the language. Non-speakers may still use words such as *chozzer* (pig), *hondl* (negotiate a

lower price), and *mensch* (an honorable person). But one no longer hears a word like *pupik* (belly button) quite as often.

As with all languages, Yiddish reflects a certain cultural base, in this case the shtetls and ghettos of Eastern Europe. Once people from that culture were gone, Yiddish no longer

reflected the reality of people's lives, and began to die out.

Does Yiddish have a future?

Not everyone believes that Yiddish will become extinct. It is estimated that when Jews who use it as a *mameloshn* (mother tongue) die out, Yiddish speakers will be stabilized at about 700,000. Apart from those who have an interest in it as a second or academic language, Yiddish still thrives in Hassidic yeshivas and communities in the Diaspora and Israel.

Because the birth rate of the Hassidic community is usually higher than in the general Jewish population, Hassidim who use Yiddish as their main language may increase.

But something will be lost — the creativity that sprang from the non-religious world of Yiddish, since the non-Orthodox

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Even today, the Yiddish world is colorful, rich and diverse; the person who speaks it is a member of an exclusive international club.

Narrow thinking

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of his Filippino culture.

Mr. Zuckerman should look at the big picture and see how many Jewish singles are marrying out of the faith, as they are not finding compatible mates. He should try opening his mind and speaking to some of these couples to see just how this narrow thinking affects them.

Please do not send me any more copies of the *Jewish Voice & Herald*, as I do not want to be affiliated with anyone who would offend my Jewish/Catholic/Filippino household.

Pennise Baer Bolandrina
Via e-mail

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With brushstrokes of hope, JFRI women aid memorial plan



CARYN LODON (LEFT) AND SUSAN PAREO put their thoughts on tile as they convey personal feelings on tiles for the Wall of Hope.
Photo by Jonathan Rubin

On March 14, the Young Women's Committee at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island contributed to the creation of a permanent art exhibit commemorating the tragedy of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The participants painted tiles that will be part of the "Wall of Hope: A Rhode Island Community Response." The memorial will be installed in downtown Providence as a symbol of the power of community, the power of coming together, and the power of shared optimism.

The committee decided to focus on the project this year in hopes of reaching out to other young women who may not be familiar with Federation activities and programs.

Docents sought for Robinson exhibition

A multi-media exhibit about Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball, is coming to Bryant College in Smithfield from May 5 to June 2. The local sponsors are seeking docents to conduct educational tours.

A training session and printed guides will be offered to docent volunteer2s.

The exhibit shows how Robinson's courageous efforts reached beyond baseball and helped raise the social consciousness of this nation to new levels of tolerance and understanding.

Docents will answer questions and highlight points of interest throughout the exhibit. Many of those attending will be school groups, primarily middle schoolers, accompanied by their

teachers and families.

The exhibit will be housed at the Bryant College Athletic and Recreation Center, Smithfield, just off of Interstate 295.

If you are interested in conducting tours of the exhibit, please contact Aimee Gannon, at 421-4111, or The Jackie Robinson Exhibit, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, RI 02906. You may also send an e-mail to lkatz@bjeri.org.

The primary local sponsors of this exhibit are the Urban League of Rhode Island and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. "How Jackie Robinson Changed America" is a traveling exhibit of the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance of Los Angeles, California.

Women's Alliance Calendar of Events 2002

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

APRIL

May

Wednesday & Thursday, April 3-4

Last two days of Passover

Tuesday, April 9

Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 17

Yom HaAtzmaut

Women's Alliance Joint Executive/Campaign Cabinet Committee Meeting
8:45 am - noon — JFRI Board Room

Thursday, April 18

NCJW Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Community-wide program featuring Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski.
7:30 pm Silverstein Meeting Hall, Temple Beth-El
70 Orchard Avenue, Providence
For more information contact Nan Levine 351-8791 or Judy Litchman 274-2311

Friday, April 19

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

Monday, April 22

Rosh Hodesh Program — Topic: "Ruth and Naomi: Love Beyond Eden - The Love Relationship in the Bible"
7:00 - 9:00 pm — Touro Synagogue, Newport, RI
Features Educator Leonore Sones, R.J.E. Educational Director, Temple Sinai
Fee: \$5.00 — dessert included.
Transportation available from East Side and Cranston
Cost: \$10 per person for transportation
RSVP to Sylvia Berman-Peck, 421-4111, ext. 171

Thursday, April 25

The Power Workshop
9:00-3:00 pm — JFRI Board Room
Contact Sylvia Berman-Peck - 421-4111, ext. 171

Sunday, April 28

CRC — Advocacy Training
Contact Rebekah Raz - (401) 421-4111, ext. 172

Tuesday, April 30

Lag B'Omer

Wednesday, May 1

Lion of Judah & Pacesetter Dessert Reception
7:00 pm — Home of Susan and Darrell Ross
Contact Sylvia Berman-Peck - 421-4111, ext. 171

Sunday, May 5

Jackie Robinson Exhibit - Opening Ceremonies
Bryant College
Contact Rebekah Raz - 421-4111, ext. 172

Monday, May 13

JFRI Annual Meeting
7:00 pm — JCC Social Hall

Sunday, May 19

CRC Israel Educational Forum
Contact Rebekah Raz (401) 421-4111, ext. 172

Thursday, May 23

The Life & Times of Hank Greenberg
7:00 - 9:00 pm — Bryant College Auditorium
(part of the Jackie Robinson exhibit).
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Sept. 11 drives much of Jewish Plenum's agenda

By Alan Axelrod

This year's Jewish Council on Public Affairs Plenum reflected the harsh glare of the September terrorist attacks. References to 9/11 were everywhere, reflecting the mood of our populace since then.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's delegation to the conference in Washington, D. C., included David Leach, Government Relations co-chair; Maxine Richman, past chair; and CRC Director Rebekah Raz.

Rhode Island was also represented by a delegation of students from the Brown-RISD Hillel who were attending the concurrent Spitzer Hillel Forum.

In preparation for the Plenum, CRC reviewed and submitted revisions to draft policy resolutions scheduled to be debated and voted upon. Many of these addressed the aftermath and implications of the terrorist attacks.

The opening plenary session on the Middle East conflict juxtaposed emotional and dispassionate perspectives on the struggle for peace.

Israel's deputy foreign minister, Michael Melchior, shared "the heart of the Israeli position" — the agony Israelis feel over what they must do for security.

Former U. S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross laid out the necessary preconditions for peace; he called on the Arab world to assume its responsibility for creating a climate for peace. He chided the U. S. for giving less per-capita foreign aid around the world than do other developed nations — thus abetting the climate in which terrorism breeds.

Another plenary session — The War on Terrorism: Security vs. Civil Liberties — offered investigative, prosecutorial, and civil liberties perspectives on the crisis.

An investigator, a former FBI agent, argued that the only way to prevent terrorism is through intelligence and immigration and border control.

A Justice Department prosecutor said our government is struggling to catch up the events of 9/11, and with the difficulty of upholding constitutional provisions regarding extraterritorial prosecutions.

The ACLU president assured us that this organization wants the terrorist prosecutions to succeed as much as anyone, but feels obliged to ensure compliance with constitutional civil liberties protections.

"If the terrorists cause us to undermine our civil liberties, then they will have won," he said.

Marion Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, rallied support for the Leave No Child Behind Act, a package of bills addressing poverty among children and the widening gap between rich and poor in America.

Addressing critics who say our nation cannot afford such programs, she declared that "We do not have a money problem — we have a morality problem... Our federal and state budgets are not economic documents; they are values documents."

A breakout session on immigration reflected upon the traditional Jewish support of immigrant and refugee rights in the post-attack context. It was also noted that many Jews — our ancestors — entered this country with questionable documents or otherwise not fully in compliance with law.

The question was raised as to whether the Jewish community should continue advocating for immigration rights, when it is terrorists who benefit from relaxed immigration policies.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, received the Albert D. Chernin Award in recognition of her work for social justice. In her remarks, Justice Ginsburg shared the unique perspectives of a woman at the pinnacle of American jurisprudence, recounting her long struggle to succeed in a male-dominated legal world, and explaining that the Jewish mandate for justice has always influenced her decision-making.

In the closing session, scholar Daniel Pipes noted that,

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Israel accuses reporters of siding with Palestinians

(ISRAEL INSIDER) — For CNN Correspondent Michael Holmes, who arrived in Israel just a week ago, it was the "most extraordinary" news conference of what he said was a 25-year journalistic career.

Holmes, together with several other correspondents and photographers, had accompanied a group of pro-Palestinian activists who had come to Ramallah to express solidarity with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"About 40 or 50 Palestinian and international peace protesters," Holmes reported, "marched down the street to one of the entranceways into the compound, walked straight past some armored personnel carriers and tanks, and walked straight toward Yasser Arafat's compound."

Holmes and the other journalists tagged along. "We followed, and as we did, Israeli

troops fired warning shots. The group did not stop. They marched straight in, past Palestinian gunmen at the entrance to Yasser Arafat's office building, walked straight past the Palestinian gunmen who seemed shocked and surprised and not a little pleased to see everybody."

The Israeli government was less pleased. The journalists had entered what the Israel Defense Forces had defined as "a closed military area." Danny Seaman, the director of the Government Press Office, said one of the reasons for isolating Mr. Arafat was to prevent him from any contact with lieutenants in the field, so giving him an outlet "providing him with the means of obstructing the goals of the Israeli operation." There were Israeli accusations that Arabic broadcasts and cell phones brought by reporters were being used to communicate military instructions to the field.

Interviewed on an Israeli

late night radio show, Seaman was incensed by the report that a Palestinian stringer employed by ABC television had given Arafat a cell phone. The Israeli Government Press Office later warned news organizations that it would enforce a prohibition on hiring Palestinians who lacked permits to work in Israel, saying that organizations that did so would risk a stiff fine and even closure of its offices.

"There is a war today between the Jewish people, the Israeli people, and the Palestinians," Seaman said. "They will use every method to hurt us, including exploiting the media and Israeli democracy. We have to put a stop to this matter."

Fugitives tried to escape

The Israeli government reported that when the reporters and some members of the activist group left the compound, between 13 (according to *the New York Times*) and 20 (according to IDF Chief of

Operations, Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland) Palestinians wanted by Israel attempted to leave the compound with them, trying to blend in with the group.

"When they came out, there were double the number that had gone in. Some [of those coming out] were wanted fugitives. They exploited Israeli openness," Eiland said. The wanted Palestinians were captured when the members of the group were detained and interrogated by the IDF.

While the IDF declared Ramallah a closed zone, it remains unclear how strictly the citywide ban will be enforced.

Senior IDF officers said, however, that Arafat's compound was, from now on, strictly off-limits and that non-residents would be removed by force "if necessary."

The Foreign Press Association in Israel protested the army's actions. "The media must be allowed to cover this major story. We call upon the Israeli government to allow free and independent coverage of the operation in Palestinian Authority areas," the FPA said in a statement.

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To be an Israeli

By Yair Lapid

(Translated by Shaul Amir)

To be an Israeli is to turn on the TV at night and to see that instead of *Rambo 3*, they are broadcasting a local thriller — with all of us as cast members;

To hope that nobody you know is there, to be happy that you do not know any of the participants;

To keep on looking at the screen, although you know what the next scene will be, and to say: "Isn't it unbelievable, two weeks ago I was there;"

To check on the sleeping kids at 2 a.m. and think how small they look under their blankets.

To be an Israeli is to call your family, even if it is late at night, just to ask how things are;

To go to the mall as if you are going to Reserve duty and to Reserve duty as if you are going to war;

To say, "If I had just a little bit of sense, I would have moved to Australia," but not really mean it;

To fight with your spouse

a little more than usual, but not admit to yourself that it is because of the situation.

To be an Israeli is to say, "We should really bust them" — not even knowing who "them" are;

To say, "It cannot carry on like that," but to fear that it might carry on just like that;

To say, "We should conquer Gaza" — just to hear yourself say it;

To understand that there is no simple solution but to hope that maybe there is;

To remember that you have relied on too many leaders who let you down, but to tell yourself that maybe, maybe, there is someone else out there;

To tell yourself that it is high time to write a will, but not to do it;

To remember Rabin for some reason.

To be an Israeli is to feel that the country is a little bit too big for you;

To hear the prime minister talk about "resilience" and to understand, perhaps too late, that he means you.



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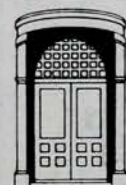
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Leukemia From page 1

ters in the country are equipped to treat it. The Dana Farber Institute in Boston is nearby, but has treated far fewer cases than the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance/Fred Hutchinson Center in Washington State.

After much discussion with her husband, William, her two children, Benjamin, 19, and Jessica, 16, and her two stepchildren, Stephen, 38, and Ellen, 42, she decided that the logical choice is the center in Seattle.

This is a major commitment in both money and time. No one can tell her conclusively what the ultimate cost will be, but it's usually staggering. While medical insurance will help in some areas, it does not cover others, such as the expense of searching for a non-family marrow transplant donor. The cost of that alone is estimated at \$22,000, according to Eileen — none of whose relatives are a match.

What awaits her in Seattle is daunting in itself. She'll begin with two weeks of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, neither of which is pleasant — and I tell you that from experience. Afterward, Eileen must remain in the hospital for at least two more weeks, and in the immediate area of the hospital for a minimum of 100 days.

How do I know what having a bone marrow transplant entails? I am still recovering from mine.

In March of last year I had been experiencing some shoulder pain. I thought it was a muscle pull, from shoveling snow, so I rested it and hoped the pain would go away.

It never did.

On March 8, I drove myself from school to a walk-in clinic to get checked out. My father arrived soon after; we knew something was at least mildly wrong when the doctor asked to speak to him privately.

The way my father tells the story, the doctor cried in his arms. Immediately afterward, we began calling and visiting local treatment centers and ultimately decided on the New England Medical Center in Boston.

Luckily for me, we found several potential donors and I was able to check into the center on July 20. I had my transplant a week later.

Eileen, unfortunately, has not been so lucky. As of yet no perfect matches have been found in the registry, so she needs our help — your help and the help of the community.

She and her planning committee have scheduled two bone marrow screening drives. The first, to be combined with a previously scheduled blood drive at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 7. The other will be held April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

The screening involves giving a blood sample. Potential donors should be between 18 and 60 and in good general health.

If you are ineligible as a donor, you can still help. Call Temple Torat Yisrael, 785-1800, or Temple Emanu-El, 331-1616, to find out how.

In preparation for what lies ahead, Eileen has left the job she held since 1989 as a social worker in the Cranston school system. Previous to that, she was chief pediatric social worker at Rhode Island Hospital.

A grandmother of three, Eileen continues to maintain an upbeat attitude. As she puts it: "I'm gonna do what I can do as long as I can do it!"



Max Dwares

March of the Living

From page 1

The dangers involved are just too great, according to officials involved in the program.

The feasibility of the international trip, coordinated locally by the Bureau of Jewish Education, was called into question after the Moment Café bombing on March 9.

A majority vote involving Jewish communities in Australia, France, Mexico, Canada, the U.S. and other countries, resulted in removal of Israel from the itinerary. Local officials abstained from that vote, and later expressed sharp disappointment at the decision.

While some regional organizations will still send their teens on the European leg of the trip, affiliates in New England have decided unanimously not to pursue a truncated version of the program and to bow out entirely this year.

Rhode Island's Jewish community has been sending organized groups on the March since 1994, and was preparing to send 26 teens this year, up from 18 the year before. However, they decided to cancel after discussions with community leaders and organizations both locally and regionally.

Rich Walter, director of teen education at the Bureau of Jewish Education and director of the New England region of the March, estimates that in the U.S., about half the communities are sending their students on modified trips to Europe, and the other half will not be sending international delegations at all.

The March is an international event that aims to bolster the Jewish connection with Israel by taking teens through Poland on Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust remembrance day, to retrace the Jewish death-march from Auschwitz to Birkenau. It then brings the Jews to Israel in time for Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

Long in Preparation

The Rhode Island Marchers spent almost a year preparing for the trip, attending numerous classes designed to prepare them for the horrors they would see firsthand. The classes included studying the history of the regions, information on the camps and military maneuvers during World War II, and a reading of Holocaust literature by authors such as Elie Weisel.

The decision to cancel the trip disappointed the Bureau staff and the marchers.

Shale Norwitz, 17, of Saunterstown, said he was "kind of crushed" when he heard the news. He is planning to join the Air Force next December, and the March was "my last chance to go to Israel" before that time. He was planning to attend the March with his brother Sid.

Norwitz chose the trip because there was "something unique about the March of the Living." He bought an American and an Israeli flag to fly during his march across Poland.

He said that he trusted the security that Israel would have provided, and that he "wasn't concerned" about any danger while over there.

"If it were me," he said, "I would not have cancelled it, but I'm not the head of a committee that is responsible for the safety of many young adults."

The March touts an impressive track record of success for its travelers; a study by Dr. William Helmreich, professor and chairman of the departments of sociology and Judaic studies at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York, states that returning Marchers show increases in membership in Jewish organizations, involvement in social causes, and often in the observance of Jewish rituals.

"The March of the Living has had a profound effect on participants in terms of how they identify Jewishly... The March plays a crucial role in the Israel-America relationship... Most [travelers] cite the March as having been a major determining factor in their decision to return to Israel and/or to consider aliyah (immigration to Israel)."

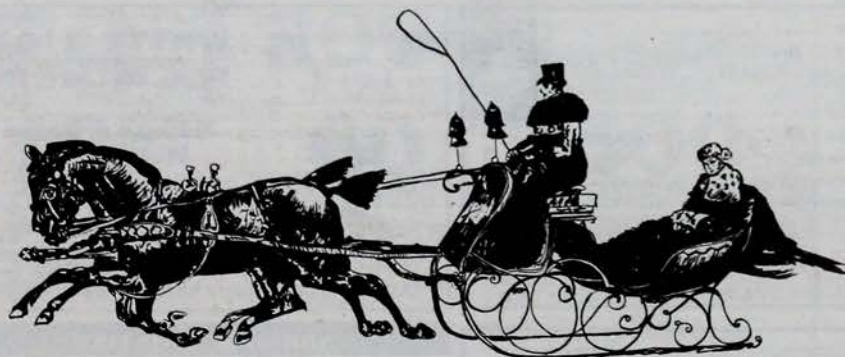
Walter, who said he also extremely disappointed with the final ruling, said that Israel is more important than just another stop on the journey.

"It's not just going to Israel, it's seeing Israel though the experience of going through Poland."

He defended the decision to cancel the trip based on Israel's omission from the itinerary. "Just as a trip to Israel is not a real march, neither is a trip to Poland a March."

"There's value in a trip to Poland, but it's not what we advertised."

The March usually takes place every two years. Walter said there are plans to put together a last-minute retreat for the 26 Marchers in conjunction with other communities. He also said that the New England region is trying to put together a new mission for next year rather than wait another two years.



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Food, music to highlight independence celebration

Jews throughout Rhode Island will join anniversary celebrations of Israel's independence April 17, and a major event will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, where the Netsach Band will highlight the evening.

Activities will appeal to all age groups, beginning with a dinner at 6 p.m. featuring traditional Israeli foods, including falafel, tehini, hummus, Israeli salad and more. There will also be crafts, storytelling, singing and music provided by Israeli college students living in the area, and students at local day schools.

The Netsach Band performs music ranging from jazz to klezmer and features trumpet, keyboard, guitar and drums.

For dinner reservations and more information, call Linda Singer-Berk at 861-8800, ext. 110.

A lot's cooking at the JCC for school vacation

The Jewish Community Center offers numerous activities for children who will be out of school April 15-19.

On Monday, April 15, the center will feature a cooking session with Chef Jeff, the "Pied Piper of children's cooking classes" at the JCC this year. Jeff has developed a loyal following and makes cooking easy, nutritious and fun.

Tuesday, April 16, will feature a story hour and crafts at the Rochambeau library.

On Wednesday, April 17, a field trip to the Providence Children's Museum will be held.

For program details, call Charli Lurie, director of children, youth and camp at 861-8800, ext. 147.

Art exhibition is memorial to the Holocaust

Artist Stephany Riemer will present her artwork in remembrance of the Holocaust during the month of April in the Jewish Community Center's Gallery 401. An opening reception with the artist will be held Tuesday, April 9th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The center is at 130 Sessions St., Providence. For more information, call 861-8800.

JCC excursion heading west

Members of the Worcester Jewish Community Center will travel to Arizona and Utah for eight days, and there's room for Rhode Islanders to go along.

Collette Tours will be at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island April 16 at 11 a.m., to present a travelogue of the trip to the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Kaibab National Forest, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, and other landmarks.

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Spring programs blossom at center

The Jewish Community Center is bustling with new members and new programs as spring arrives in Providence; more and more people are finding a reason to head over to the "J."

More than 250 new families and individuals have joined the center since early fall, according to Lyn Schaffer, membership director. Most of these have come from member referrals and the Member-Get-a-Member program, which gives members an incentive to send their friends and neighbors over. For each new full member they recruit, current members get a \$36 check.

The Membership Committee will observe Member Appreciation Week April 14-20. Highlights include a new member brunch on April 14; drawings for prizes including spring flowers, \$25 center cash certificates; an upgrade to the health club, an hour of personal training, Jewish Theatre Ensemble tickets and the cost of a baby sitter while you see the show.

Also, on that Tuesday, the center will give a discount on all Ahava beauty and skin products ordered, and discounts for JCC members to the Israel birthday

celebration and dinner April 17. On Friday, the 19th, members can usher in Shabbat with challah and snacks, and on Saturday, members may bring a guest for free for an afternoon of swimming in the pool.

The Center offers activities for all age groups. For more information about ongoing activities call Schaffer at 861-8800.

For first-timers who belong to an area synagogue, a 25 percent discount is given on the first year's membership fees, and there are special teen and college student rates.

Brown Bag Club will go behind TV cameras

Join the Jewish Community Center's Brown Bag Club April 9 as it travels to WJAR-TV, Channel 10, for a tour of the station in Cranston.

Participants will watch the Noon News from the control booth. They will meet at the center, 130 Sessions St., Providence, for a light brunch at 10:15 a.m. The bus will leave at 11. Cost for members is \$5, and for non-members, \$7. Call 861-8800 for more information.

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Spring sports for children begin at the center the week of April 7.

The schedule:

Sunday	Soccer	Ages 4 and 5, noon-1p.m.; 6 to 8, 1-2 p.m.
Monday	Tee-Ball	Ages 4 and 5, 3:45-4:45
	Baseball	Ages 6 to 8, 3:45-4:45
Monday	Golf	Ages 6 to 9, 3:45-4:30
Tuesday	Flag Football	Ages 6 to 8, 3:45-4:45 Ages 9 to 12, 3:45-4:45
Thursday	Basketball	Ages 6 to 8, 3:45-4:45

Dive into JCC water programs

The Jewish Community Center's water programs are only a swim away.

Water aerobics classes are currently running, and the first class is free.

Lifeguard classes will be held from April 22 to May 28, and parent-and-tot swim classes are also available.

For more information, call 861-8800.

Jewish Seniors Agency joins CareLink network

The Jewish Seniors Agency has become a member of CareLink, Inc., a network of nursing homes, assisted living residences, adult day centers, home care agencies, independent housing facilities and mental health agencies.

As a CareLink member, JSA will gain access to assistance including collective purchasing of supplies and contracted services, staff training, and care coordination.

CareLink was established in 1997 by a consortium of four non-profit nursing homes. The JSA enhances CareLink's network of adult day care, affordable housing, and assisted living facilities through its Comprehensive Adult Day Center in Providence, the Shalom Apartments in Warwick, and a 66-unit assisted living Alzheimer's residence soon to be built on Greenwich Avenue in Warwick.

JSA also will offer new services to CareLink members, including InfoQuest, an information and referral system, holiday and religious programs for Jewish residents in nursing homes

and assisted living facilities, and staff training in Jewish traditions and customs.

For further information on the Jewish Seniors Agency call 351-4750.

Grant money will nourish programs on healthy diets

Jewish Family Service has been notified that it is one of several organizations in Rhode Island that will receive a grant to help the public toward better nutrition.

The money comes from a settlement the state received, along with 20 other states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, in a suit against six major vitamin manufacturers who allegedly conspired to fix prices and control market share in the vitamin industry.

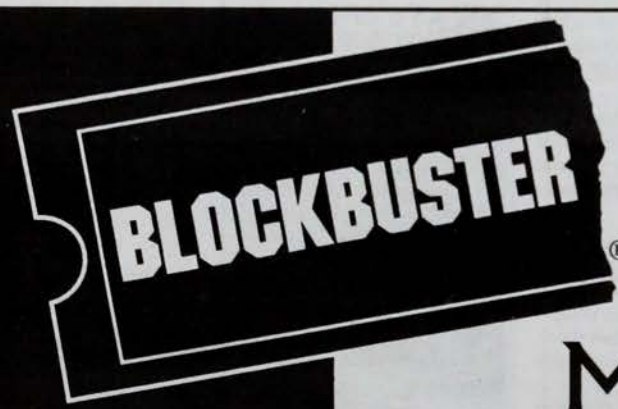
The funds are designated to be used to improve nutrition and health, and to advance nutritional, dietary or agricultural science.

The Jewish Family Ser-

vice's allocation will provide consultations on nutrition, with a registered dietician, to home care clients; educational and informative programs at the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston and at the Jewish Community Center Kosher Mealsite; and enhanced nutritional education for JFS certified nursing assistants in the Home Care program.

Home Care Coordinator Vicky Briggs, R.N., said the program will be of special benefit for clients with health problems including diabetes, heart disease and osteoporosis.

For more information about home care at Jewish Family Service, call 331-1244.



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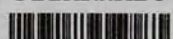
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When love's lost, a *get* breaks the bond

By Avis Gunther Rosenberg

"When a man taketh a wife and marry her, then it cometh to pass, if she finds no favor in his eyes, because he hath found unseemly things in her, he writeth her a bill of divorcement, giveth it to her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; and she departeth his house, and goeth and becometh another man's wife." (Deuteronomy 24:1-2)

Judaism regards marriage as a special relationship between husband and wife that begins with a holy bond, or *kiddushin*. But, not all marriages last. Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, says "Divorce is mentioned in the Bible and in the earliest codes of Jewish law, like the Midrash, as a reality of life."

The divorce rate among American Jews is the same as the national average for all other groups, according to Paul L. Segal, executive director of Jewish Family Service. About half of all marriages in this country end in divorce. And while most divorces used to occur in the first three years of marriage, this is no longer the case.

A different person

"People are coming in for counseling, saying that the person they married 25 years ago is not the person they want to live with now," Segal says. "Marriage is tough. When a couple is first together they look at each other with technicolor eyes. They're in love. There is physical attraction. But we all have warts. We all have *mishugas*. It's not always pleasant, the pain of dealing with in-laws, the stress of finances, of everyday life."

When a Jewish marriage ends, there are two steps — civil divorce proceedings in Family Court and a religious divorce in front of a *bet din* (rabbinical court). The *bet din* issues a document known as a *get*, the official paper required by Jewish law for either party to remarry.

A man's prerogative

According to the Torah, it is the man who initiates the Jewish divorce. This can raise some practical difficulties, if the husband is unwilling or unable to do so.

In ancient days, a husband might disappear on a long journey and never return, yet his death could not be proven because there was no body, Rabbi Kaunfer says. Recently, traditional Jewish wives faced similar situations when their spouses perished in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade



AN EXAMPLE of an artist-drawn ketubah. Photo by William K. Daby

In the beginning is the ketubah

By Avis Gunther Rosenberg

While a *get* is a legal document that dissolves a marriage, a *ketubah* (marriage license) is a legal document that begins the marriage. Though often beautifully crafted, *ketubot* have a practical purpose. No one beginning a union wants to think about the possibility of it ending, but the language in the *ketubah* may come into play later if the marriage dissolves.

Much of the information on a *ketubah* is standard, says Rhoda Fischman, owner of Rhoda's Judaica in Providence. Every *ketubah* lists the bride's and groom's English and Hebrew names, their parents' English and Hebrew names, and — in the case of traditional and Conservative marriages —

whether this is the bride's first marriage, if she is widowed or divorced, or a convert to Judaism.

The *ketubah* also notes whether the fathers of the bride and groom are living, and whether they are Kohen, Levite or Israelite.

Beyond this, couples may choose from several styles of wording including Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform, as well as same-sex, gender-neutral or interfaith versions.

Some of the differences follow:

The Orthodox text is written in Aramaic and includes a line about the bride's price, a custom that dates back to Biblical days when a bridegroom financially compensated his father-in-law. (The bridal price, or *mohar*, was translated by the Mishnah as a settlement

to be paid to the bride on the occasion of divorce or widowhood.

The Conservative *ketubah* is similar, with two changes, Fischman says. The bridal price is omitted, and the Lieberman Clause is added. In the Lieberman clause, the groom agrees to guarantee a *bet din* if the bride requests one. (In traditional Judaism, only the man can request a divorce.)

The Reform *ketubah* is even more flexible, and can be written in Hebrew and English, Fischman says.

An artist-designed *ketubah* costs anywhere from \$130 up, Fischman says, although many synagogues provide simple forms free with the wedding.

Sources for personalized *ketubah* designs include online sites such as ketubah.com.

— products of a forbidden marriage. These children are born with a stigma; *mamzerim* are allowed to marry other *mamzerim*, only.

Reform Judaism generally does not require a *get*, but, obtaining one is often advised to prevent these complications.

"In recent years, more and

more, this is a question the Reform movement is exploring," says Rabbi Jonathan Blake of Temple Beth-El in Providence. It is an issue of *"klal Yisrael"*, the sake of Jewish unity worldwide.

Reform rabbis often perform a "ritual of separation or *seder preidat*, which is helpful

in forming closure, Rabbi Blake says. Both parties give consent to the termination of their marriage, then sign an egalitarian document, worded in language that includes the man and woman equally.

In May 1980, a Reconstructionist *bet din* officiated at the issuance of a *get* by a woman, resulting in the first egalitarian *get*. A Reconstructionist *bet din* will grant a *get* after a civil divorce if the three members of the court are convinced that the woman cannot move her husband to issue the *get* as required by traditional Jewish law.

The Conservative movement requires a *get*, but has taken several steps to "mitigate the possibility of having a situation of an *agunah*," Rabbi Kaunfer says — a woman "chained" to her former spouse because she was unable to obtain a Jewish divorce.

The Lieberman Clause

In 1948, Rabbi Saul Lieberman wrote a clause now standard in a Conservative *ketubah*, a response to a problem following World War II when the wives of Jewish soldiers who were missing in action could not remarry. The *ketubah's* Lieberman Clause obligates both parties to following the ruling of the *bet din*. Many Conservative and some Orthodox rabbis also have engaged couples sign a prenuptial agreement stipulating that both parties agree to a *get* if one of them requests it.

In extreme situations, Conservative rabbis will annul a marriage, reviving a procedure mentioned in the Talmud, Rabbi Kaunfer says. The marriage is annulled from its inception. (This is not a problem for the children of the union, since being born out of wedlock holds no stigma according to Jewish law, the rabbi says.)

A no-fault *get*

When a civil divorce takes place first, the best way to ensure a *get* is to stipulate that both parties agree to one in their legal settlements.

The actual decree makes no reference to responsibility, blame, fault or settlement details, and has no bearing on civil court proceedings. It is prepared only if both parties are seeking to end the marriage of their own free will, and if it is signed by witnesses. As long as there is mutual consent, there is no need to state the grounds of the divorce. No religious blessing or divine reference is included.

The *get* consists of 12 lines which must be letter-perfect,

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20 years of dedication pave the way for '40 years of Bad Road' *Jewish play to show this April*

by Jonathan Rubin

When the newest production of "40 Years of Bad Road" comes to the Jewish Community Center next week, audiences will see a fresh, musically-rich retelling of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt. What they won't see is the 20 years of evolving hustle behind a crack-jack group of actors, writers, choreographers, directors and theater enthusiasts who make up the Jewish Theater Ensemble.

Styled as a musical-biblical parody, the play begins with the Israelites crossing the Red Sea en route to Canaan. What makes a four-day journey take 40 years? Good-natured arguments, hostile nations, clueless Jews, the sweltering heat and, of course, the unforgiving rocky desert (a.k.a. Bad Road).

The play recounts the misadventures of the Israelites as they race (in circles) toward the promised land, not to mention the little-known sibling rivalry between Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble was born in 1995, but many of its members, who

include Providence natives Lisa Bergman, Shelley Katch, Toby Marwill and Michael Mellian, had been working together for years in the Purim Spiel circuit. Temple Emanu-El in Providence has been running the annual Purim parodies for nearly two decades, and many of the JTE members acted, sang or wrote at Emanu-El.

So did Jules Gelade, of Providence, who started his acting career at Emanu-El. As the spiel grew over the years, Gelade, who is also a lawyer, expanded his involvement with the spiel and by the end was writing and co-directing.

He knew that there were other great Jewish stories to tell besides Purim's, and he and other members, with encouragement from Marvin Stark and others, decided to form an independent Jewish theater group that would perform for the entire community.

Gelade had a play in mind, but he wanted to present it the right way. He decided to go back to basics for materials — the Torah itself — and "look at it from a different perspective."

"Biblical parody is univer-



"OY GEVAULT — which way to Canaan?" Cast members of the Jewish Theater Ensemble production of '40 Years of Bad Road' strike a pose. The play will be performed at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions St., on April 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, and 21. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

sal," he said. "The situations are almost timeless... everyone understands them."

Besides the expectant crowds from the Jewish community (Jules estimates that 90 percent of his audience in the past learned of the production through the former *Jewish Herald*), local churches have also been excited about it.

"Theater is a great method of teaching [because] no one feels that they are being educated," said his wife, Karen, who works as theater manager, actor and co-producer, along with Michael Mellian.

The show is co-choreographed by Lisa Bergman, Margaret Hayes, and Elaine Colaneri from the Modern Jazz Dance Company. Bergman, who has an M.A. in dance education and choreography, was one of the founding members of the ensemble and has worked extensively in New England theater as well as in Rhode Island. She was director of the Temple Emanu-El youth theater, and is putting on a dance movement program called "Focus on healing" for breast cancer survivors.

Shelley Katsch is musical director of the production, which prides itself on its musical numbers (there are no less than 23!), and contains everything from rock to doo-wop to showtunes.

"We do it professionally," said Karen. "We tell people it's not community theater... it's theater."

"40 Years of Bad Road" first ran in 1998, in the year of Israel's 50th anniversary. Jules feels

that the market for Jewish comedies is basically untouched, especially on the local level.

"We scanned the country," he said, and he found that most Jewish theater was "serious and somber... and deals with the nature of current Jewish problems."

Not run-of-the-mill

The Jewish theater Ensemble is a program of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, but is a largely self-supporting, independent entity, doing its own producing, advertising and fundraising.

They do between two and three productions a year; each show has broken even or made money. They have purchased numerous improvements for their productions over the years, including a new sound system, lightboard and curtain.

They ensemble's first production was "Milk and Honey," a 1960's travelogue about Israel. They also did a showing of Alan Sherman's "Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah."

The JTE also put out "Sum Yum Soup," which Gelade describes as "Adam and Eve and David and Goliath... turned into a mystery." He is tight-lipped about his next production, although he did say it involves the wedding of Samson and Delilah.

Even after a play has been written and is being rehearsed onstage, it frequently changes as suggestions come up from cast and crew.

"It's really an ensemble process... it evolves over time... it isn't one person," he says.

Rave reviews

Shows that the group puts out have received write ups in the *Providence Journal* and *Rhode Island Monthly*. Productions by the JTE have been performed at First Night in Providence and were reviewed in the national *JCC Circle* magazine. When a friend put a brief synopsis of "Sum Yum Soup" online, Gelade received calls from California to New England asking about the show.

His productions receive visitors from other communities who want to see it for themselves, and, perhaps, convince him to allow them to try his shows in their hometowns.

A Wayland, Mass., fundraiser of "40 Years" brought in \$21,000 in two nights, and he had numerous sold-out shows in Stoughton, Mass.

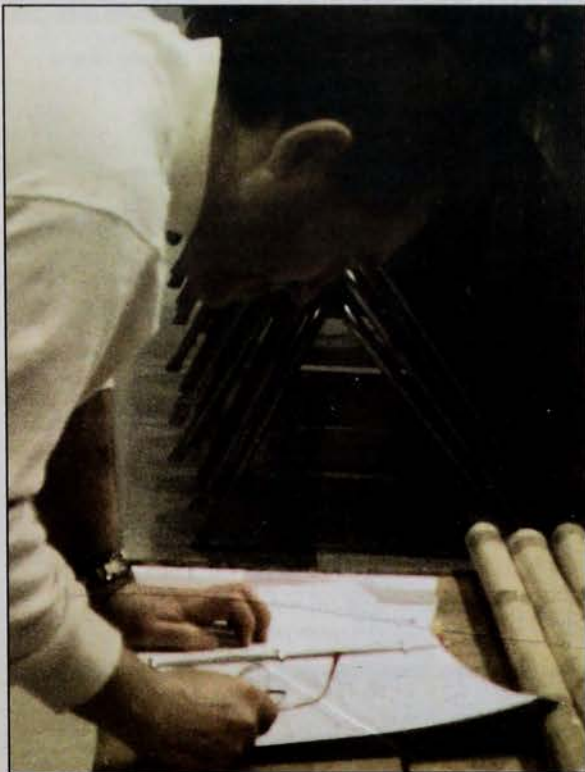
Theater on the cheap

Despite the energetic and dedicated staff, members of the ensemble have to hustle to get by on a tight budget. The group must recycle donated costumes, scenery and props from previous productions. Actors, technicians and most all of the musicians are volunteers.

"Jewish people who support Jewish theater are the ones who make or break us," Gelade says.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization; the ensemble is constantly on the lookout for painters, carpenters, writers, and people to fill other positions. "You don't need skills; everything you need we'll teach you," says Gelade.

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CHECKING THE SCRIPT — "40 Years" writer and director Jules Gelade reviews his notes at a rehearsal. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Jewish theatre

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He makes it his habit to include volunteers in the actual productions whenever possible, and often they just keep coming back.

Joshua Gutterman, of Providence, originally agreed to do backup harmony for a musical number. Jules offered more involved positions, which Gutterman continued to accept. "He just suckered me more and more," Gutterman says with a laugh.

"I told him, 'OK, Jules, I'm in.'"

"40 Years of Bad Road" will be playing at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions St., Providence, on April 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, and 21. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and seniors. The first performance on April 11 will be a "two tickets for the price of one" show. Discounts for groups of ten or more are available. For ticket information call 861-8800 and ask for voicemail 189. On weekends call 272-8631.

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from the non-religious world of Yiddish, since the non-Orthodox who wish to keep the language alive are small, dedicated groups isolated from the majority of Yiddish speakers.

Yiddish has had an enormous effect on North American culture. For example *Tevye der Milchman* by Shalom Aleichem spawned *Fiddler on the Roof*. After World War I, traditional East European life began to disintegrate, and New York became a major Yiddish literary center that influenced the entire English world.

Toward the end of the 19th Century, Yiddish theatre also began to develop in many Diaspora cities, including New York. This had an enormous impact on American theatre, cinema, radio and television.

While Yiddish cinema has died out, Yiddish theatre has not. The Folksbiene Yiddish Theatre, founded in 1915, continues to produce shows in New York. In Montreal, the 40-year-old Yiddish Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts does two productions a year with simultaneous translation in English, French and occasionally Russian, and tours internationally.

A number of newspapers are published in Yiddish, such as *The Forward*, though these lack the large circulation that once existed.

My Yiddishe mamelosbn

Thousands of Yiddish books were published. Many have been saved from destruction at the national Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., with 1.5 million volumes. The center collects books and has donated duplicate volumes to more than 450 of the world's great libraries, including the British Library, the Hebrew University, and the national libraries of Australia, China and Japan.

There are also a large number of universities that teach Yiddish, including Columbia.

Yiddish is available online from the Dora Teitelboim Institute for Yiddish Education in co-operation with Florida International University.

The best method is to attend one of the Yiddish language summer schools.

Columbia University offers a program in New York from June 24 to Aug. 2, in conjunction with the world famous YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Israel offers a summer program at Bar-Ilan University. There are also programs in Oxford and London, at the Oxford Institute for Yiddish Studies.

Despite changing times, Yiddish organizations continue to meet and flourish.

From April 12-15, Milwaukee will be the center of the

Yiddish-speaking world when it hosts the 7th world conference of the International Association of Yiddish Clubs. In New York, the League for Yiddish actively promotes the study, use and development of Yiddish, as does *Yugntruf*, a worldwide organization of Yiddish-speaking and Yiddish-learning young adults.

Some say there is no point in learning Yiddish. Grandparents or great-grandparents who spoke it are no longer with us. But Yiddish opens up a world that most Jews have never even remotely experienced.

Even today, the Yiddish world is colorful, rich and diverse; the person who speaks it is a member of an exclusive international club. With a knowledge of Yiddish, you can go far beyond pinching your baby's *shyne punim* or giving a *potch on tuchis*. And, as you savor *kibbka un tzimes*, you can say, "Och! It's a *mechaye*. (a delight)."

Lorne E. Rozovsky, president of Temple Beth-El in Richmond, Va., is a feature writer for the *Richmond Jewish News*, where this article first appeared. He is married to the former Fay Frank, of *Pawtucket* and *Cranston*.

A series of Yiddish language instruction audiotapes, with a booklet, can be borrowed at no charge from the Bureau of Jewish

Education of R.I., located in the Jewish Community Center, 130 Sessions St., Providence. For further information call Ruth Page at 331-0956, ext. 181.

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Pack 104 is up and running

Cub Scout Pack 104, based at Temple Beth Shalom is up and running. The pack held several activities the past few months. In February, the scouts made *mishloach manot* baskets for the elderly through Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island.

The scouts enjoyed the Pinewood Derby Race for which the boys constructed race cards from woods. The winners were: 1st place - Ilan Levine, 2nd place - Eliyahu Simcha Raskin, 3rd place - Azriel Jakobowicz. A

pizza dinner followed the race. This month's theme is Dollars and Sense. The boys are collecting pennies for a future *tzedakah* project and will visit Citizens Bank to see where our money is kept.

Cub Scouts meet most Tuesdays at 3:30 at Providence Hebrew Day School. Boys in grades 1-5 are welcome to join. For further information, please call Russell Raskin at 273-2299.

Letters catalogue ravages of persecution

Most people write books for the masses — for people they have never met but who, they hope, will part with a few dollars.

Paul Weisz, professor emeritus of biology and medicine at Brown University, wrote a book that has a much more personal scope: his own family.

Family in War: A Personal Chronicle, begins its preface with, "I prepared this chronicle because I want my three children to know who I am."

A Family in War is a written legacy of Weisz's family struggling to escape Nazism during World War II.

Numerous members of Weisz's family, including his children and grandchildren, read portions of his book at a well-attended book-signing recently at Laurelmead Assisted Living in Providence.

Weisz has written numerous books about the sciences



PAUL WEISZ signs a copy of his newest book, "Family in War: A Personal Chronicle," at Laurelmead in Providence.

Photo

by Jonathan Rubin

and other disciplines, which have sold more than 1.5 million copies.

Through letters sent among family members in Austria, Israel, Belgium and elsewhere, Weisz documents years spent both in hiding and on the run, frantically searching for safe

haven and freedom. Although he managed to find freedom in Canada, not everyone in his family was so lucky.

"This book has nothing to do with me," he said at the signing. "I'm just doing it to honor my parents and my sister."

Golf tourney to benefit Rhode Island Hadassah

Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will hold its seventh annual golf tournament Wednesday, June 5, at the Exeter Country Club.

Michael Mendell and Dr. Harvey Rappoport, chairmen of the event, said registration begins at 8 for a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The tournament will benefit Hadassah's Hasbro community service program, which has earned national acclaim.

The charge for each player is \$90 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. There will be raffle prizes, a \$5,000, putting contest, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one competition. A raffle for a \$1-million shootout will be held; tickets are \$10 each. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive and drive closest to the pin.

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"The Jews of Italy — A Cultural Immersion" is the theme for this year's educational-musical weekend at Temple Emanu-El, scheduled for April 26-28.

The three days will provide an opportunity to study with leading international scholars, participate in Shabbat services featuring historic melodies, taste the foods of Jewish Italy, view a film on Italian Jewry, and attend a concert featuring the music of Jewish Italy.

On Friday at 7 p.m. (after early services at 5:45 p.m.), Chef Walter Potenza will serve a special dinner in the Alperin Meeting House featuring the foods of Italian Jewry.

Potenza owns and operates Aquaviva Restaurant on Federal Hill. As one of 41 chefs nationwide selected by the James Beard Foundation to showcase the regional cuisines of America, Walter recently traveled to Salt Lake City to cook for Olympic representatives from around the world.

Friday's dinner will feature several courses, highlighted by thyme poached Norwegian salmon. Reservations, at \$25 a person, may be made through the Temple Emanu-El office at 331-1616.

Following dinner, at 8:15 p.m., Kenneth R. Stow, a professor at the University of Haifa, will explore "When in Rome..." but Staying Jewish, too: The Challenge of Living in the Roman Ghetto.

Jews have lived in Rome since the time of Judah Maccabee, Dr. Stow notes. They spoke Italian and dressed like their neighbors, but in 1555 were forced into a ghetto, where they remained for more than 300 years. When they emerged, they returned as both Romans and Jews, sharing a problem that confronts Jews in America today: how to combine two identities and survive.

During Shabbat services Saturday morning, David I. Kertzer, professor of anthropology and Italian Studies at Brown University, will speak on Tearing Down the Ghetto Walls: The Poles and the Jews in 19th century Italy.

Professor Kertzer's 1997 book, *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara*, was a finalist for the National Book Award for Nonfiction. His new book, *The Poles Against the Jews: The Vatican's Role in the Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism*, has been attracting national attention. One of the first scholars allowed into

the newly opened Inquisition archives at the Vatican, Professor Kertzer presents dramatic evidence of papal involvement in the vilification of the Jews.

After services, the congregation is invited to join Professor Kertzer as he entertains questions at a special kiddush buffet lunch. On Saturday evening at 9, a showing will take place of "The Garden of the Finzi-Contini," a film about a well-known Italian Jewish family on the eve of the Second World War.

The Italian experience will conclude Sunday at 7 p.m. with "The Jews of Italy," this year's Benton A. Odessa Memorial Concert. The original production, conceived and directed by Cantor Brian Mayer, will survey significant highlights — historically and musically — of the Jewish-Italian experience, from antiquity to the 20th century.

Guest soloists will be Cantor Judy Sepulwin and Cantor Joseph Ness; also featured will be an original narration written by Gershon Levine and presented by Rich Walter, a 15-piece chamber orchestra, the Temple Emanu-El choirs, and the Temple Beth-El choir.



Peri Smilow brings songs of freedom to Temple Sinai

Singer-songwriter Peri Smilow, whose buoyant music embraces the elements of Judaism that celebrate freedom and equality, will appear in concert at Cranston's Temple Sinai Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

The free performance is made possible by the Ira L. Schreiber Memorial Music Fund and by the Temple Brotherhood.

In addition to the Saturday event, Smilow will perform for the children of Temple Sinai, Torat Yisroel, Am David and the South County Jewish Center on Sunday, April 28 from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m., at Temple Sinai.

In addition to her singing career, Smilow is an educator and actress.

She has been a student in Israel, an activist in the Deep South, and a social innovator in New England.

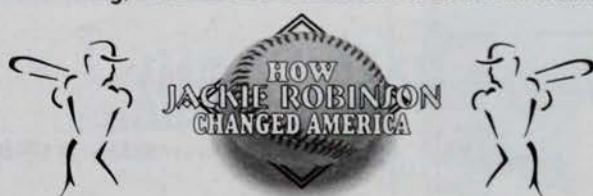
Smilow, who lives in Manhattan, spent 18 years design-

ing and running educational programming for low-income youth in Boston and New York. She most recently served as cantorial soloist for Temple Isaiah in Lexington, Mass., has taught music to the children of Boston's Temple Israel, and holds a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

She founded, staffed and chaired the boards of community-based organizations that focus on inter-generational programming, community service learning, and anti-bias awareness training.

She has made two recordings of traditional and original compositions, *Songs of Peace* and *Ashrei*, and a more recent endeavor is *Peri Smilow and the Freedom Music Project*, featuring an 18-voice choir of young Jewish and African-American singers performing the music of Passover and the Civil Rights Movement. Call 942-8350 for more information.

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- Trained docents will guide students through the exhibit. Curriculum guide will be available in early spring. Middle and high-school students are invited to participate in an essay contest on topics related to civil rights, diversity, and heroism. Winners will receive a special award and will have their work published.

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Chabad's day camp expands, adds programs

Camp Gan Israel in Warwick, which previously served only youngsters age 4 to 10, is extending its range of age groups this summer, adding a mini-Gan Israel program for children 3 and 4 and a girls' Pioneer Program for ages 11 to 13.

The regular Gan Israel day camp is for boys and girls 5 to 10 years old; this year it will offer programs from June 24 to July 12.

Campers will participate in a wide range of activities and field trips that cultivate Jewish heritage. The camp, operated by Chabad of West Bay, is based at Congregation Am David, 40 Gardiner St.

"Fun, spirit, action and Jewish friends await kids at Camp Gan Israel, this summer," says Shoshanah Laufer, camp director.

Each day of camp is devoted to a different theme, carried out with hands-on activities, stories, games and songs. Challah-baking and Shabbat parties are among the activities focusing on tradition.

The schedule:

Mini Gan Izzy: \$75 per week. Two one-week sessions, June 24 - June 28 and July 1-5 (no camp July 4).

Camp Gan Israel: \$125 per week and \$300 for entire session. June 24-June 28, July 1-5 (no camp July 4), July 8-12.

Girls Pioneer Program: \$125. July 7-12.

For more information call Camp Director Shoshanah Laufer at 886-7875.

Hero to Jews is focus of Holocaust ceremonies

The story of Varian Fry, the only American ever honored by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem as a Righteous Gentile, will be the focus of this year's statewide commemoration of Yom Hashoah, to be held at Temple Emanu-El Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

The Harvard-educated Fry visited Germany in 1935, and witnessed some of the early Nazi attacks on Jews. He was horrified by what he saw. In August, 1940, Fry was sent by the Emergency Rescue Committee to Marseilles to rescue as many prominent refugees as he could. He went with a list of some 200 artists, musicians, writers, scientists and political refugees.

Some of the better-known people whom Fry helped were sculptor Jacques Lipshitz, harpsichordist Wanda Landowska, writers Hannah Arendt, Andre Breton, Lion Feichtwanger, Hans Sal, and Franz Werfel, and the 1922 Noble Prize winner, Otto Meyerhof, who was cited for his work in physiology.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Sheila Isenberg, who recently published *A Hero of Our Own* about Fry.

In addition to Isenberg's presentation, the program will feature selections of music, poetry and art created by those whom Fry helped. At the end of the service in the Temple, participants will walk to the garden of the Holocaust Memorial Museum to conclude the commemoration with a recitation by members of the Rhode Island community of names of those who perished in the Holocaust.

Cranston Senior Guild changes meeting date

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its monthly meeting on the second Wednesday, April 10, instead of the first Wednesday, due to Passover. The meeting will be held at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, at 1:00 p.m. Nancy Berman, president, will preside.

The guest speaker will be Barbara Orson, renowned actress and a founding member of Trinity Repertory Theater Company. She has appeared in more than one hundred productions; and she has also toured with Trinity Rep to the Edinburgh Festival, to Phoenix, Boston, and Philadelphia. The meeting is open to everyone, and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

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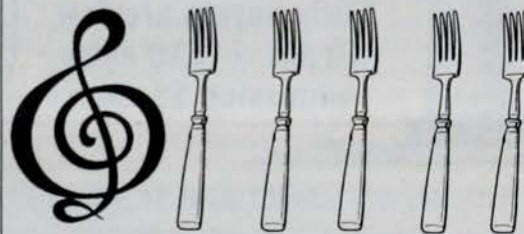
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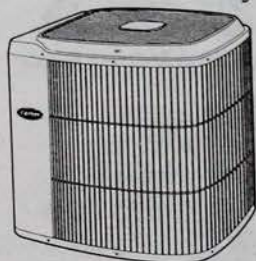
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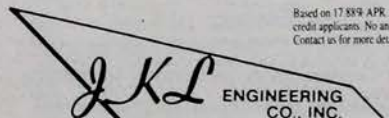


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Gallery showing through April

Wood and metal sculptures and enamels by Seymour "Sim" Glantz and Evelyn "Evi" Sheffres will be displayed until April 26 at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County Rd.

An opening reception will be held April 7 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The artists, who are cousins, have collaborated on projects for years. Among their joint pieces are copper and enamel mezuzahs sculpted by Glantz, and then adorned with silver and Venetian glass and fired by Sheffres. In addition to their joint creations, they have individually crafted many pieces.

Glantz, of Barrington, was an art teacher in the town school system for more than 25 years. Some of his creations include wood sculptures and animals often fashioned from found objects. He also crafted a seven-foot "tree of life" for Temple Habonim in Barrington.

Sheffres, of Wellfleet,



CREATIONS of wood, metal and enamel will be shown at the Barrington Library from April 7 to 26.

Mass., is a graduate of the arts program at Brandeis University and studied at DeCordova Museum School, Harvard University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

She has exhibited at Brandeis's Rose Art Museum,

America House, Bentley College and other art galleries. She has been creating enamel works for more than 25 years.

For more information, call the Barrington Library at 247-1920

A musical tribute rises, a cappella, at day school

The Alperin Schechter Day School hosted Pizmon, a Jewish a cappella group, March 1 for a day of musical workshops, practical exercises in singing without musical accompaniment, and the Einstein Memorial Concert, performed by Pizmon.

Students from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary founded Pizmon in 1986. The 17-member



group performs throughout the United States and Europe with an energy and mix of music that appeals to a variety of age levels and Jewish backgrounds.

The memorial concert is an annual program in memory of Arthur and Essie Einstein.

Arthur was born in Odessa, Russia where he became a piano professor at the Imperial Conservatory of Music. In the 1920's, he and his wife, Essie, came to Providence, where as music director and organist of Temple Emanu-El he introduced the synagogue music of Odessa and Europe.

He also initiated a Kadima Choral Society, which presented concerts at Brown University. Because the couple loved children, their sons, Ralph and Ted, and their families established a fund to perpetuate their memory with annual concerts of Jewish music at the day school.

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Reporter to review R.I. history, politics April 14

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MacKay, who has been with the newspaper since 1984, started as a suburban reporter and also was the *Journal's* East Bay bureau manager. He has also covered Providence City Hall, the State House and general assignments.

In 1999, he co-wrote the *Journal's* "Rhode Island Century" series, which covered the 20th century in Rhode Island.

MacKay majored in political science at the University of Vermont.

Before coming to Rhode Island, he covered politics for the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.

A question-and-answer period will follow the 2 p.m. talk at the temple, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Refreshments will be served.

Pupils discover the afikoman — and with it, a new sensitivity

By Debbie Waldman

They made "Hillel sandwiches" and they hunted for the afikomen.

They reclined, dipped greens and eggs into salt water and blessed four cups of wine in Hebrew and English.

They took turns reading aloud the miraculous saga of the Exile, exploring the Four Questions and recalling the Ten Plagues. Jubilantly, they finished the evening singing, L'shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim (next year in Jerusalem).

Not bad for 12 elementary school students who aren't Jewish.

Amid mounds of matzah, gallons of grape juice, glowing candles and bowls of sweet charoset, the third- and fourth-graders, and 22 parents, participated in the first seder of their lives.

No matter that Passover was still a month away.

The lively seder was the brainchild of master teacher Baer Collen, an instructor at the Potter Hill School in Kingston, which adheres to the Waldorf educational model developed

by educator-philosopher Rudolf Steiner almost a hundred years ago.

Assisted by the class's Hebrew teacher, Debbie Waldman, Collen was determined to bring to life the climactic chapter of the Hebrews' journey from slavery to freedom, a history unit on which the children had been working since late January.

"To me," says Collen, "the Passover service is a monument to Moses' not-so-gentle coaxing of the Pharaoh, and taking the Hebrews out of Egypt and into the Promised Land."

Collen explains that "the whole point of teaching the children the imagery of the Old Testament is to bring them down to the earth and let them learn, through Moses's laws, what life needs to be like, once you leave Heaven — how to live on the earth."

As with seders throughout the generations, Collen says that this one's purpose was to inspire personal awareness and empathy for the Hebrews' experience: to undergo the journey through their own imaginations and senses.



PARTICIPANTS PLAYFULLY "FLOG" one another with scallions, imitating the Persian Jewish custom of mocking the Egyptian taskmasters while singing "Dayeinu."

Collen asked the parents to help supply materials, ingredients or dinnerware, and also required them to attend.

"This has been a significant experience for these children," he says. "It's a milestone in the year, and I thought that the Passover seder would be the perfect opportunity for the parents to step into that place, and experience where their children are."

Collen was thrilled with the reactions of the parents and children alike:

"It was wonderful. . . . It was just very moving for the parents, a lot of whom even said that they now have much more of a feeling for what the Jewish people are going through today, on the basis of that story; that this focus on the Jewish people continues. . . . And besides that, they loved the foods!"



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VICTORIA LEE (left) and Gabriela Rojas-Pelegri roll out dough at the Chabad portable matzah factory at the JCC.

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Senior shopping spree

By Tema Gouse

Why do senior citizens shop so much? By the time we reach our older years we have certainly acquired most, if not all, of the necessities for comfort and security. But that does not keep us out of the markets of the world. Shopping has evolved into a hobby, and for the first time in our lives we have the time to pursue our hobbies. The addiction is greater in women than in men, but the malls and markets of the world are also filled with men.

As we grow older our appetites for food have decreased; certainly, in the interest of good health our food intake should be smaller. We are less physically active, so we burn fewer calories. We drive less, and put less mileage on our cars. We have been driving for many years and have learned to baby our "wheels" and not abuse our automobile engines.

We are invited to fewer parties, weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, meaning that we have less need of fancy clothes. Very few people over the age of 65 look presentable in shorts or bathing suits.

Most of us have not retained the energy to spend time in the kitchen preparing dinners for friends. Grandchildren get invited out to restaurants more frequently than they are invited to Grandma's house for home cooking. And if in some moment of madness we invite guests to eat in our home, we do not have to worry. The fancy trays, tableware, and linens are

still in cabinet drawers where they were first placed many years ago.

So why do senior citizens shop so much?

Shopping is a habit that is hard to break, and we all have plenty to free time to indulge the habit. Just because your children grew up and left home is no reason to decrease your purchase of potato chips or bread; I have friends who have more ice cream in their freezers today than when their kids were tots.

And the joy of getting bargains doesn't diminish just because need has diminished.

...The joy of getting bargains doesn't diminish just because need has diminished. If the supermarket has a good buy on Niblets, you feel compelled to buy a dozen cans even though they may not be finished in our lifetimes.

If the supermarket has a good buy on Niblets, you feel compelled to buy a dozen cans even though they may not be finished in our lifetimes. In the old days, one can was a six-month supply.

When we were driving to work five days a week, and when we were carpooling kids to music lessons and Little League on a daily basis, the odometer on the car added 20,000 to 30,000 miles per year. Now

if you visit your grandchildren fairly often, you will probably put on 3,000 to 4,000 miles per year. Yet we still buy new cars every few years. Why?

Two years ago I bought a nice dress for my granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah and have never worn it since. But her sister will be a Bat Mitzvah this summer and I am already looking for a dress for the occasion. Why?

There are many reasons for endless shopping. The food is easy to explain. Feeding ourselves and others is gratifying. It doesn't matter that most of us have never been truly hungry. It doesn't matter that we rarely cook for others these days. Entering a supermarket makes us salivate in anticipation of the joy of tasting and feeding.

Cars are indecently expensive. New cars costs much more than we paid for our house 46 years ago. So why do we buy them? Because we are no longer preoccupied with mortgages or paying college tuition or saving for the kid's wedding or Bar Mitzvah. Today we can afford to indulge ourselves.

We can also afford to buy clothes we do not need. But there is a deeper reason for that indulgence. The image that comes back at us from the mirrors today isn't what it used to be, and if new garments will do anything for one's self-image, they are well worth the price.

And lastly, there is the issue that shopping can be fun, whether buying a head of lettuce, a new sweater, or a jazzy automobile. And if you stop for lunch, there is one meal fewer to prepare.

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Simchas

The Mazel Tov column



Elana Jacobs and Bruce Kessler

Wedding

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Elana Jacobs, daughter of
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of Monsey, N.Y., was married
Dec. 23 to Bruce Kessler, son

of Mr. and Mrs. William
Kessler, of Pawtucket.

Rabbi Ari Solomont per-
formed the ceremony at
Marina Del Rey, N.Y.

The bride attended Dar-
chai Binah in Israel and grad-
uated from Stern College. She
is a resource teacher in Wash-
ington Heights, N.Y.

The bridegroom attended
Mevarsaret Zion in Israel and
graduated from Yeshiva Uni-
versity with degree in account-
ing. He is the manager
of finance in the accounting
department of HIP Health
Plan of New York.

The couple lives in Wash-
ington Heights, N.Y.

Births

Loren and James Sidman,
of Lincoln, announce the birth
of their first child, Sarah Eve,
Feb. 2. Sarah is the granddaugh-
ter of Marsha and Allen Kir-
shenbaum, of Cranston, and
Joan and Irwin Sidman, of
Sharon, Mass. She is named
for her maternal great-grand-
mother, Sarah (Sally) Tishler
Rosenfeld, and her paternal
great-grandmothers, Eva
Slanger and Sarah Sidman.

Debra May and Aaron
Hughes, of Milton, Mass.,
announce the birth of a daugh-
ter, Bridget Day, Feb. 21.
Maternal grandparents are
Rose Epstein, of Providence
and South Kingstown, and
the late Gerald G. Epstein.
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and Jamie Berman of Cranston on March 7. Maternal grandparents are Ellen and Joel Robinson of Cumberland, and paternal grandparents are Shelly and Mel Berman of Lauderhill, Fla.

Maternal great-grandmother is Lillian Volpe of Encino, Calif.

Mazel

Thomas E. Broffman recently completed his Ph.D. in social work at Boston College. His doctoral dissertation examined gambling disorders. He is a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

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Gertrude Hochberg, woman behind Bryant College's image, Heritage Hall of Fame member

BRADENTON, Fla. — Gertrude Hochberg, 90, the first female vice president of Bryant College and the first woman ever inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, died March 20 at the Shores Rehabilitation Center. She was the wife of the late Robert Hochberg.

Educated as a journalist at the University of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Hochberg began her career at her hometown newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and then spent 15 years as a retail advertising executive in her home state, New York City and Providence.

Gregarious and a wellspring of energy, she brought national recognition to Bryant after becoming its director of public relations in 1949.

The publicity she generated for the college in 1973, when it opened its new campus in Smithfield, won her the American College of Public Relations Association Award for Excellence in News Information.

Ten years earlier, she had organized the first symposium on the Status of the American Woman, and because of that was appointed by then-Gov. John H. Chafee as a member of the Rhode Island Commission on the Status of Women. Gov. Frank Licht named her commission chairwoman in 1971, the year she retired from her Bryant vice presidency.

In recognition of her contributions to the college, Bryant more than a decade ago created the Gertrude Meth Hochberg Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Hochberg was inducted into the Heritage Hall of Fame in 1977, and in 1999 — at age 87 — was the first recipient of the Rhode Island Historical Society's Goff Women's Achievement Award.



Mrs. Hochberg, who lived on Rochambeau Avenue in Providence for 25 years before moving to Florida in 1978, remained active in a multitude of organizations after her retirement from Bryant.

In Florida, she did volunteer work for Blake Hospital in Bradenton, which led to her becoming the full-time public relations director at Sun City Hospital.

A member of Temple Beth Israel in Longboat Key, Fla., she was president of its Sisterhood and a member of the board of directors.

She was a daughter of the late Louis and Rose (Lieberman) Meth.

She leaves a son, Dr. Mark S. Hochberg, of Short Hills, N.J.; a daughter, Erica H. Stern, of Newton Highlands, Mass.; a brother, Irwin Meth, of Stratford, Conn.; a sister, Charlotte Kaufman, of Boca Raton, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Paula Portnoy

New Bedford, Mass. — Paula Portnoy, 92, of 296 Hathaway Rd., a retired shoe store owner, died March 20 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford.

Born in Odessa, Russia, a daughter of the late Simon Jacob and Eva (Valevich) Portnoy, she had lived in New Bedford most of her life.

She was co-owner, with her late brother, Dr. Waltham Portnoy, of the former Richard's Shoe Store in New Bedford for 42 years until her retirement in 1978. She was a 1931 graduate of the Kinyon Campbell School of Business in New Bedford.

She leaves several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Max, Bradford and Liz Portnoy. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Graveside services were held in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Ada Petrik

PAWTUCKET — Ada Petrik, 64, of George Street, a retired teacher's assistant, died March 15 at Oak Hill Nursing Home. She was the wife of the late Peter Petrik.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Gregory and Nina Dexterman Borulya, she was a teacher's assistant in a kindergarten in the Ukraine until moving to Rhode Island in 1997.

She is survived by two daughters: Natalya Petrik and Sveta Petrik, both of Pawtucket, two sisters, Pelageya Ganner, of Pawtucket, and Rita Sinelnikova, of Providence; a brother, Vladimir Borulya, of Israel, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Edith Sinel, entrepreneur, war worker, book lover

PAWTUCKET — Edith Sinel, 92, of 292 Hillside Ave., a lover of literature who at various times ran a scrap metal business, operated a pharmaceutical company and worked in a World War II shipyard, died Feb. 26 at Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket. She was the wife of the late Abe Sinel.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Hyman and Yetta (Singer) Berger, she moved to Pawtucket as a girl and lived there for the rest of her life.

After the death of her husband in 1960, she ran his business, Berger & Company of Pawtucket, a waste and scrap metal company.

After she graduated from college, she and her sister, Ruth, operated Beta Products, a pharmaceutical company.

During World War II, she worked at the shipyard in Providence.

She was a bookkeeper for Narragansett Race Track when

it opened, and later worked for the Strand Theater in Providence.

She loved literature and was a member of a women's book club that met monthly for more than 40 years to discuss books.

She was a 1928 graduate of Pawtucket High School and a 1932 graduate of Pembroke College.

She was a member of Pawtucket Hadassah, Workman's Circle, Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Pawtucket Demolay Mother's Club, Brown Alumni Association, and was the class agent for Pembroke College Class of 1932.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Sinel, of Pawtucket, and Samuel Sinel, of East Greenwich; two sisters: Sylvia Snyder and Ruth Ross, both of Providence, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

Arthur Barrow

BURLINGTON, Mass. — Arthur B. Barrow, 53, of Old Beaver Brook, Acton, Mass., a computer architect who held two patents for his work, died March 14 at the Lahey Clinic.

He was the husband of Leslie (Greenfield) Barrow. Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a son of Evelyn (Jacobs) Barrow of Albany, N.Y., and the late David Barrow, he had lived in New York before moving to Massachusetts at age 18.

Mr. Barrow was a 1970 honors graduate of MIT with a major in math and English.

He was a computer architect at Converse Technology in Andover, Mass., and had formerly worked at Wang Laboratories in Lowell, Mass.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves a son, Stacy H. Barrow, of Acton; and a sister, Judith Thorpe, of Albany.

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

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Gertrude F. Becker

PORTLAND, Maine — Gertrude F. Becker, 94, of Portland, formerly of Johnston, died March 14 at Cedars Nursing Home.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Nathan J. Becker. Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Samuel and Fannie (Goldsmith) Flanzbaum, she had lived in Warwick and Johnston before moving to Portland.

Mrs. Becker attended Sargent School, now part of Boston University. She was a life member of Beth Israel Hospital, Jewish Memorial Hospital and the Jewish Tuberculosis Sanatorium of New England.

She leaves a son, Robert M. Becker, of Ogunquit, Maine; a brother, Sydney Flanzbaum, of Sarasota, Fla.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Leon Flanzbaum and Beatrice Galkin.

The funeral was held at Samuel Priest Chapel in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Cedars Rehabilitation & Nursing Care, Box 466, Portland, 04112, or your favorite charity.

Celia Torgan

PORTLAND, Ore. — Celia Torgan, 96, of Portland, formerly of Providence, died March 21 at Hopewell House.

She was the wife of the late Alton M. Torgan. Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Fannie (Sternberg) Robrish.

Mrs. Torgan leaves a daughter, P. Sydney Herbert, in Oregon; a sister, Paula Funk, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and a grandson.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. A memorial service was held in Portland.

Plenum's agenda

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In the closing session, scholar Daniel Pipes noted that, with the September terrorist attacks, "Israel's war has become our war." Militant Islam, he said, is the greatest strategic threat to the U. S., despite encompassing only a small minority of the Muslim population.

American Jews should reach out to the mainstream Muslim community here, Pipes asserted, but in doing so must recognize that militant Islam has taken over most Muslim institutions in this country.

As did Israel, a Palestinian state will emerge

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Never once did Israel destroy the enemy's capability of renewing the conflict at a time of its choice. Israel won as the Allies won World War I; 15 years later along came Hitler and the war started up again. Israel has never totally crushed its enemies as the Allies did in World War II, nor can it. Israel is too small, too vulnerable and too lacking in the kind of totalitarian ethos that might make such a victory over the Palestinians acceptable.

How different from 1948

When love's lost, a get breaks the bond

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The *get* consists of 12 lines which must be letter-perfect, written by a scribe in Aramaic. Special ink is used to write the text, usually with a goose quill.

At the Orthodox *bet din*, the husband and wife sign the *get* in the presence of witnesses. The document is given to the man. Meanwhile, the woman is instructed to remove all of the jewelry from her hands, and to hold them together with palms upward. The man then drops the document into the woman's open hands, saying, "This be your *get*, and with it be you divorced from this time forth so that you may become the wife of another man."

Once she receives the *get*, the woman takes three steps backward, symbolizing the actual spiritual break between the couple, and demonstrating that she is free to leave. Then she returns the *get* to the rabbi, who reads it for the witnesses, and asks them to identify the

are matters today. The Palestinians have learned from Israel's experience and from those of other emerging nations. They face an enemy far more powerful than that against which we fought and their tactics are necessarily different. But they appear to have developed the governmental and social structures necessary for statehood, although at times these seem fragile, and they have not taken on a particularly democratic sheen. They have an educational system, hospitals, some social services, several trained militias, a sense of being "Pal-

signatures. Finally, he makes a cut in all four corners, so that it may never be reused by another party, and places it in his files. The man and woman receive receipts of divorce, or *petur*, rather than the actual *get*.

In cases where both parties cannot be in the same room — either because of geographic constraints or when face-to-face contact may pose a difficulty — a proxy or *sheliach* may be used.

The Conservative movement no longer requires the couple to meet face-to-face at a *bet din*, feeling that it is too painful, Rabbi Kaunfer says. Instead, the *get* is signed by the husband and wife separately, and sent to the other party by an agent.

Once a long process, which rabbis deliberately stretched out over the course of an afternoon to give the couple time to change their minds, a modern *get* typically takes only a couple of hours. Costs vary. On average, they are \$300 to \$400.

Divorce is a painful experience, says Segal, who provides counseling for individuals, couples and families. Sometimes, problems can be worked out if caught early enough.

"Too often, people come in here, and it's too late," Segal says. "They've made up their minds and there's not much to save. When you see some issues coming up, try to seek help as soon as you can."

Segal recommends that couples talk to their clergy or a counselor, rather than friends.

"It takes strength to acknowledge you need help," he says.

Children, too, need to be able to talk things out with a professional. "They may blame themselves. They don't want to be abandoned by either party. At any age, it's traumatic."

estonians" and, above all, perhaps, they have in Yasser Arafat a leader who is recognized as such by the rest of the world and a cause for which all too many of them are prepared to die.

And today, 54 years later? I have come to admit — until now not openly — that if I were a Palestinian I would probably join the struggle as best I could although I wouldn't make a very effective martyr. As I recall, every time I came under enemy fire I wished fervently that I were somewhere else. The Palestinians, different in so many ways from how we were in 1948, are on the verge of creating their own state, and when the present bloodbath has ended in mutual exhaustion, will some day point to their intifada as the start of it all as Israelis refer to the War of Independence.

In all honesty I cannot state that my being there at the time did much for Israel,

which would have gained its independence without my presence. But, as they tell us on election day, every vote counts, so get out of the house and follow your conscience. Unencumbered by family responsibilities, I did.

Looking back from this distant vantage point, I don't regret a moment of it.

Yehuda Lev, of Providence, a retired journalist who has worked in Europe, Israel and the United States, enlisted in the Israeli army to fight in the 1948 War of Independence.

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