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With Israel as beneficiary:

A boy and his bankroll are parted

By Gerry Goldstein

Like most Bar Mitzvah boys, Marty Katzoff, of Providence, reaped a financial windfall when he came of age March 24.

Unlike most Bar Mitzvah boys, Marty drew up an unusual plan for his money — he gave it all away.

Hoping to set an example, Marty, a seventh-grader at the Alperin Schechter Day School, donated his \$1,400 Bar Mitzvah stash to LIBI, a fund that provides education and medical assistance to Israeli soldiers.

Also unusual was Marty's method of getting the money to Israel: He took it there himself and handed it to Lt. Col. Sabine Segal, a fund official.

Marty's was no run-of-the-mill Bar Mitzvah — it took place atop Masada, the 1,300-foot peak near the Dead Sea where, in the year 73, more than 900 Jews committed mass suicide to avoid capture and enslavement by an advancing Roman army.

Marty's connection to Israel is strong. His

mother, Nitza Attali-Katzoff, 48, is a native Israeli — born on the Gaza Strip — whose parents and four siblings still live in Israel and who herself served in the Israeli army.

In fact, it was Marty's grandfather, Shimon, or Sampson, 71, a retired kibbutz worker, who directed the Bar Mitzvah ceremony at one of Judaism's most inspiring sites.

Marty says he had long hoped for a Bar Mitzvah on Masada, which he had learned about in school, and he wasn't disappointed.

"You're in an ancient place, and it's peaceful and calm," he says. He recalls walking through the area and picking up shards of clay implements that could well have dated to the Roman era, and thinking, "Wow!"

He says it was only natural to want the ceremony in Israel, because "It's the land of the Jews. What's better than getting Bar Mitzvah-ed or married in Israel?"

Marty's father, Steven Katzoff, 42, acknowledges that the family of three traveled to Israel at an especially volatile time, but says



MARTY KATZOFF at his Masada Bar Mitzvah with his father, grandfather and a cousin. Family photo

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At URI, Hillel's a moveable feast

New executive director makes house calls

By Gerry Goldstein

Naomi Sobel, Jewish chaplain and Hillel director at the University of Rhode Island, learned quickly when she arrived last fall that on a rural campus where half the students commute, success can lie in

taking your act on the road.

That lends new meaning to URI's sobriquet as a suitcase campus, but Sobel, 30, says that reaching Jewish students is her goal and that when necessary, she'll pack up her programs and go where the students are.

That's why Shabbat dinners at student apartments in nearby Narragansett are part of her agenda, and why she intends next year to expand programs that take place outside Hillel House.

Sobel, reviewing her fresh-

man year as executive director, says she faced an unexpected challenge in taking over a Hillel program for the first time in her young career.

Students had barely settled in at Kingston when Sept. 11 rocked the nation. Everywhere, she says, the attack diminished participation in organizations, with many students turning introspective and "trying to figure out where they fit into this world."

That's when she realized more than ever that taking Judaism to apartments "down the line," and also into on-campus housing units, could pay off.

She notes that Hillel programs aren't always "overtly

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Israel's Labor Party in disarray

By Leslie Susser

JERUSALEM — Israel's Labor Party has an abundance of peace plans. It just doesn't have a clear leader to choose one.

For decades the near-hegemonic power in Israel, Labor has fallen into disarray. After winning a grueling battle to become party chairman just five months ago, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer faces a new challenge to his authority from Knesset member Haim Ramon.

And several different Labor legislators have presented conflicting peace plans.

Some pundits believe Israel-

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NAOMI SOBEL has much to reflect on after her first year at URI's Hillel.

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News Briefs

Sharon fires 4 ministers

Ariel Sharon has fired Cabinet ministers from the fervently Orthodox Shas Party who voted against his emergency economic plan.

The move by the Israeli prime minister late Monday night, took effect Wednesday evening. It came after four ministers from Shas helped defeat the government's emergency plan in the Knesset, because it would cut spending for social services and welfare payments for large families.

Albright faults both sides

Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has criticized Yasser Arafat and Ariel Sharon. "At Camp David, Arafat rejected the best deal the Palestinians may ever be offered. He is a survivor and a virtuoso of double-talk, not a leader," Albright said Sunday in a commencement speech at Tufts University's School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts.

She added that Sharon "was also a fierce opponent of Camp David, and has never put forward a viable plan for peace." Albright also said President Bush and his foreign policy advisers have a "split personality" on several global conflicts, including the Middle East crisis, where U.S. "signals have varied day by day."

Israeli sues European Union

An Israeli whose wife was killed in a West Bank shooting attack has sued the European Union for \$21 million.

Steven Bloomberg's lawyer argued that some of the financial aid received by the Palestinian Authority from the European Union had been redirected to terrorist groups, including the cell that carried out last August's drive-by shooting attack on the Bloomberg family's car. Bloomberg's wife, Tchiya, was killed in the attack. Bloomberg and the couple's 14-year-old daughter were wounded and remain paralyzed.

Plot to destroy Tel Aviv towers

Israel's army recently thwarted a Palestinian bombing of the nation's tallest building, an Israeli military official said.

Palestinian terrorists had planned to use a ton of explosives to destroy the two Israeli Towers in Tel Aviv, the officials said Monday at a closed-door session of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

The plan, thwarted after Israeli troops recently raided a West Bank town, involved blowing up a truck loaded with the explosives in the underground garage of the 50-story towers, a second military official told The Associated Press.



SHALOM SHANGHAI: Rabbi Shalom Greenberg, center, celebrates the opening of the Shanghai Jewish Center with community members during a ceremony at the center May 12.

The plot was similar to the 1993 attack by Islamic extremists on New York's World Trade Center.

Al-Qaida claims responsibility for Tunisia attack

An Al-Qaida official said one of its terror cells was responsible for a truck explosion in April at a Tunisian synagogue. The London-based Asharq

Al-Awsat newspaper reported that Abdel Azeem Muhajir, described by the paper as a "senior military leader" of Al-Qaida, made the claim when he was interviewed in the Pakistani mountains near the border with Afghanistan.

Muhajir was also quoted as saying that Al-Qaida would give the United States "a more

painful hit" than the Tunisian attack.

Rabbis threaten boycott of cellular companies

Fervently Orthodox officials in Israel threatened a boycott of cellular companies that provide erotic party-line services. The officials have said they will get prominent rabbis to issue a boycott if two of Israel's major cellular phone providers do not take steps to block such services to fervently Orthodox users, the Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported.

Representatives of the fervently Orthodox community and the cellular phone companies have been trying to resolve the issue in recent months.

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E-mail stirs global furor over California's Hillel faceoff

By Aleza Goldsmith

SAN FRANCISCO — Call it the e-mail read around the world.

Laurie Zoloth wrote the e-mail May 9, in the wake of a pro-Israel rally that turned ugly, but the Jewish studies chair at San Francisco State University sent it only to friends and some colleagues.

Within a few days, however, it had been circulated to thousands of e-mail addresses across the nation and in Israel, finding its way onto Jewish Web sites and worldwide media venues.

One local Jewish community leader, who asked not to be identified, said he was being flooded with calls wondering if there had been a pogrom at SFSU.

In the e-mail, Zoloth described the aftermath of the May 7 rally, when "an angry crowd of Palestinians and their supporters" surrounded the pro-Israel supporters screaming, "Get out or we will kill you" and "Hitler did not finish the job."

She wrote that the pro-Palestinians were "an angry, out of control mob, literally chanting for our deaths" and yet "the police could do nothing more than surround the Jewish students and community members who were now trapped in the corner of a plaza, grouped under the flags of Israel."

SFSU President Robert A. Corrigan was among the recipients of Zoloth's e-mail. While not entirely pleased with the notoriety it has brought to the campus, Corrigan responded last Monday with a strongly worded letter, which he said has

since been circulated to more than 30,000 people, condemning the turn of events at the rally.

He also met with Jewish community leaders and Jewish SFSU students and their parents, listening to several suggestions for addressing the pro-Israel/pro-Palestinian tensions on campus on a long-term basis.

Corrigan said that he and other SFSU administrators have taken several definitive steps to address the Jewish community's concerns.

For instance, he is currently in the process of forming a task force, made up of university and community representatives, to study the tensions on campus throughout the summer.

Also, since the rally, the university has filed charges with the campus judicial affairs office against at least one pro-Palestinian demonstrator. That individual, whose name has not been released, seized and stamped-on an Israeli flag.

In addition, the department of public safety is currently reviewing video tapes and personal accounts of the incident to decide whether disciplinary and/or criminal action against organizations and individuals are warranted, according to Ligeia Polidora, SFSU public relations director. San Francisco's district attorney has been asked to assist.

Sophomore Dikla Tuchman, an organizer of the pro-Israel rally, said she and others in her group were cleaning up and saying their goodbyes when the event was "sabotaged" by pro-Palestinians, armed with whistles and bullhorns. Although the rally had ended at 1:30 p.m.,

Hillel had reserved the campus space until 2 p.m., so "it was still our time" when the pro-Palestinians demanded that the Jewish students clear out, she said.

She added that the campus public safety officers told her, "There is nothing we can do here," when asked why the pro-Palestinians were allowed to intrude.

"All of a sudden the entire counter-protest was surrounding us and screaming and yelling as we were trying to go about our business," said Tuchman, 20.

"Something has gone morally awry at this university," she said, adding that an anti-Semitic climate has permeated the entire campus. "It's difficult to be in an atmosphere where we are constantly defending ourselves against blood libel, where Jews are compared to Nazis."

Representatives from the General Union of Palestinian Students could not be reached for comment.

The pro-Israel contingent was eventually escorted off the campus by a group of both San Francisco and campus police. Officers from the San Francisco Police Department were called in as reinforcement after the rally.

Cohen said he was personally disappointed that the controversy undermines the fact that throughout 90 percent of the day, "this was the most successful rally for peace in Israel at SFSU for years."

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Labor Party still in disarray

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lis would welcome a credible alternative to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of the Likud Party, but if so, they don't seem to be running to Labor.

If elections were held today, polls show that Labor would win just 12 seats in the 120-member Knesset -- barely half of the 22 seats it held under its last leader, Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and a far cry from the 46 it held under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin a decade ago.

For the first 30 years of the Jewish state, Labor was nearly synonymous with Israel, controlling the government, the Histadrut Trade Union, the industrial base, the health care organization and the main supermarket chain. Now it barely has a stake in Sharon's national unity government, and strong voices within the party are urging it to give up even that.

Moreover, 15 months after Barak resigned, the party still has no established leader and no clear policy. But Ramon, who intends to challenge Ben-Eliezer for party leadership in the fall, claims he has the electoral formula to turn things around.

His solution: Pull Israeli troops out of Palestinian areas and erect a physical border between Israel and the Palestinians.

Recent polls show that up to 74 percent of Israelis favor plans like Ramon's for "unilateral separation" from the Palestinians. The idea is to withdraw from most of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, redeploy behind a sophisticated electronic fence and wait until the Palestinians

are ready to negotiate a permanent border. Some security experts say the fence could prevent up to 98 percent of suicide bombings.

The plan offers clear benefits, Ramon argues: The Palestinians no longer could claim they were occupied; Israeli security would be enhanced; and Israel would offer the Palestinians a political settlement along the lines of the December 2000 proposals from President Clinton.

More than anything, it is Palestinian violence that has brought Labor so low. Since the Oslo peace process collapsed under the weight of Palestinian terror, Labor has been unable to offer the public an attractive or relevant political alternative.

Oslo was the embodiment of the Labor thesis that peace is possible and provides the best long-term guarantee of Israel's security. Coming just when peace seemed around the corner, the intifada shocked Israeli opinion, and seemed to prove the rival Likud thesis that the Middle East remains a dangerous and volatile place where true peace is not possible.

Ramon now proposes a new Labor agenda based on the middle ground: Nullify the terror by withdrawing behind new lines, while keeping a viable political option open. In other words, he argues, Labor under his plan could fight terror better than the Likud -- and could ultimately make peace, which the Likud can't.

Ben-Eliezer, Labor's current leader, is pushing a very different strategy: A fence, yes, but no dismantling of settlements before peace talks. Ben-Eliezer this week promised residents

of border communities that a fence would be built within six months.

At the Central Committee meeting, Ben-Eliezer emphasized his readiness to go back to the Clinton parameters, and even to give up Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem's Temple Mount, the holiest site in Judaism.

The absence of a Palestinian peace partner has led others in Labor in a different direction. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, for example, argues that in lieu of a Palestinian partner, Israel should coordinate an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal with the international community.

Peres wants the "Quartet" — the United States, Europe, Russia and the United Nations — to endorse a plan for early Palestinian statehood, leading within two years to a final peace deal.

Peres' predecessor in the Foreign Ministry, Shlomo Ben-Ami, agrees that Israel should coordinate final-status parameters with the international community and then close a deal on that basis with the Palestinians at an international conference.

Failing that, Ben-Ami is ready to consider a separation plan, but only on the condition that it has international backing.

All these plans likely will be submitted at the Labor Party Convention in July. What it decides will become party policy, and could have an enormous bearing on who is chosen in October as the party's leader and future candidate for prime minister.

Leslie Susser is a correspondent for *The Jerusalem Report*.



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On meeting a bombing victim:

Engelhart: I was in the trauma center with Gila Weiss, a woman who had been wounded in the Mahane Yehuda bombing. You could see the black shrapnel in her face. She had one eye that constantly teared because the explosion damaged part of her eye. The EMTs were with her on the ground at the market when it happened, and intuitively she knew something was wrong with her eyes. She said, "Please don't take my eyes." She couldn't hear out of one ear... one eardrum had been shattered... She's going to need a lot of surgery.

On prejudice:

Stern: Nobody expressed hate... twice in my trip I made note of that... the overwhelming sense that these people had risen above it all... not hatred into hatred and viciousness into viciousness... They don't live that way, and I'm talking about the ordinary person on the street.

On Israeli morale:

Engelhart: We were driving from the airport to Jerusalem... we saw people waiting at bus stops and outdoor cafes... We thought this would be an armed camp in Jerusalem, and it's not... I have difficulty rec-

onciling that with the fact that we're in an emergency. I started to ask Israelis, and they said... it had been a quiet two weeks, and they were starting to let their guard down a little. One woman said to me, 'Look in people's eyes, and see what you see there, and ask them how are you doing.' She said that she was worn out... People are worn out.

On meeting Shimon Peres:

Stern: Here's a Nobel Prize winner... here's a soldier... here's a statesman... and here's an ordinary human being. Here's a Jew, and he dreams of peace... He said to us, "You can't pick your parents and you can't pick your neighbors... we have to find a way to live with it, and Palestinians have to find a way to live with us."

On the military presence:

Stern: When we were driving around, we didn't see a lot of soldiers running around. We saw very little; as a matter of fact, we saw less than I saw in 1984 when I was there... I saw fewer policeman than I saw in Rome, or in Paris.

Engelhart: The reason we didn't see that many soldiers is because they were on the green line. That's where the terrorists were coming in. They were on the front lines.

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A MAJORITY OF ONE

An old soldier looks atrocity in the eye

NU, so Israel has dodged the bullet once again. The United Nations has canceled its plans for an investigation into Israel's alleged war crimes in Jenin. Israel sensibly refused to cooperate, originally because the committee would not have included anyone with a familiarity with combat conditions and then because it looked as if the committee would act as a hanging judge.

If anyone had been looking for wartime atrocities in Jenin, it seems certain they would have been found — not because Mr. Sharon or General Mofaz intended that they should occur, but because military combat is properly defined as an unending series of small and sometimes large atrocities.

Soldiers tend to discount attempts to allot blame for whatever occurred in combat by outsiders who have not experienced combat conditions. But on the subject of wartime atrocities I agree with the military; personal experience is the best

guide to their definition and evaluation.

The objective of a soldier is not to die for his country, but to make the enemy soldier die for his, which creates rules of behavior different from any we accept in civilian life. It explains, if it does not excuse, incidents like the following:

Driving at night on a secret mission to raid an Egyptian base in the Negev in 1948, we came across a shepherd girl, perhaps 10 years old. Taking her with us was out of the question; leaving her behind meant that 16 soldiers ran the risk of discovery and death. The shot that killed her increased our chances for survival, but was by any definition a war atrocity.

A few weeks later my brigade participated in the capture of Beersheba. The Egyptian soldiers we took prisoner were placed in the courtyard of the town mosque until they could be sent to a prisoner of war camp.

One of our men heard that

his brother, in another unit, had been captured by some

Egyptians, cut up into pieces and left on the road for us to find. He went to the mosque and began lobbing grenades into the courtyard. I don't know the final toll in dead and wounded but I can assure you that he did not face a court-martial.

Finally, a near miss. Driving an armored car in a battle for an Arab village in the Negev, I jumped out of the vehicle in a panic after it caught fire and dived head-first into a one-room hut. In it was a woman who had just delivered a child. I cut the umbilical cord, gave her my canteen of water, and departed quickly. Who knew who might be the next person to seek safety in that room?



Yehuda Lev

Only later did I realize that, for my own protection, I should have tossed a grenade into the room before I entered to ensure that anyone already inside was safely removed from battle.

I am not writing to defend wartime atrocities, but to point out that the rules of behavior are different in combat. Once it was established that the alleged massacre in Jenin was the product of a vivid Palestinian imagination, what remained to be investigated were incidents that, in the context of battle, were minor: looting, collateral damage (not so minor for the collaterally damaged) and the other, normal atrocities of combat mostly attributable to greed, fear and misinformation.

What needs to be investigated are the individuals who collude, deliberately or otherwise, to create a situation in which the atrocities of combat become legitimate behavior. We have seen this done in the past; after World War II the Allies tried, on criminal charges, the

leaders of the Third Reich. Trials also took place in many of the occupied countries, and more recently, the leaders of the Yugoslav government and its military have been placed on trial in The Hague.

In the aftermath of World War II and of the Yugoslav civil wars, guilt seemed fairly easy to assess. In the case of Israel and the Palestinians any effective settlement of their differences would be more like the South African example — courts of reconciliation designed not so much to affix blame as to lower the level of hostility, and desire for revenge, on both sides that invariably follow such a bloody conflict. For in truth, the assessment of responsibility will not be easy.

Israel will point to the Palestinian refusal to accept a state of their own created by the United Nations' partition of Palestine in 1947 and the decision, by the neighboring Arab states, to invade Israel in 1948. It will also state, without much

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Letters to the editor

'Please pray for Israel, because we are in crisis'

Imagine what it is like to have children and grandchildren and being afraid to visit them. Our son, Jon, made aliyah in 1990 and has lived in Israel ever since.

He is married to a sabra and has two beautiful daughters. The youngest was born in January.

We were eager to see her, but very nervous about traveling to Israel. Our last visit was in August, 2001, and people were already afraid to go to restaurants and other public places. Despite the building tensions, we decided we would overcome our fear and visit our Israeli family during Passover of 2002.

Over the years, we have had the good fortune to visit our family in Israel at least twice a year.

I can say from personal experience that dramatic changes have occurred. The difference between last August and now is like night and day. My husband and I arrived in Israel the day of the first Seder. That evening was the Passover massacre, and for five straight days there were suicide bombings.

We were not able to go any-

where, other than to friends' houses. Imagine living in an environment where you are unable to take your child or grandchild to a movie, go to a restaurant or mall, or even take a leisurely walk outdoors! None of these activities that we take for granted are possible right now in Israel.

The Israelis are feeling besieged and are constantly on edge, always wondering if the person next to them is a suicide bomber. The amazing result,

however, is that with all the fear, with all the tension, the Israelis are more determined than ever to protect their country.

During the few times we were able to leave our son's house, we spoke with several Israelis, and all of them felt that this was the most challenging time in the country's history. They were not fighting an army, they were fighting terrorists, and guerrilla warfare is a lot more difficult than fighting

an army.

A dear friend of my son's, a retired general from the Israeli army, shared with us how frightened he is for Israel. His last words to us were, "Please pray for Israel, please tell all of your American friends to pray for us, because we are in crisis."

Susette Rabinowitz
Cranston

The writer is executive director of the Jewish Seniors Agency.

New paper lacks balance

Although it is an excellent piece of writing, I find myself taking issue with some of the ideas that Linda Lotridge Levin, chairwoman of URI's journalism program, raises in "History of R.I.'s Jewish papers" (*Providence Journal*, May 13).

It would appear from the article that the recent demise of *The Rhode Island Jewish Herald* was inevitable and had to do with its irrelevancy. I found that the *Herald* always maintained an independent voice within the Jewish community in Rhode Island.

Both my mother and I had short stories published in the paper. I also had a lengthy and controversial letter to the editor published. The satisfaction of reading one's piece in the *Herald* was more rewarding than having a commentary or letter published in other newspapers and magazines. There was a sense of comfort in writing for the *Herald*.

Near the end of Levin's article she asks if the new newspaper will take editorial positions it knows may be contrary to the opinions of the Jewish

Federation. Will it publish news that might be embarrassing or upsetting to the Jewish community or some segments of it?

Sadly, reading the last several issues of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*, especially the opinion and letters columns, the sense of balance that is so important to dispassionate journalism has been missing.

Howard Lisnoff
Narragansett

Another letter
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Community answers plea for marrow

We turned to the Jewish community as well as to the community at large, and the response has been heartwarming.

The R.I. Blood Center has had many bone marrow registration drives over the last few months to help patients like me survive. Hundreds of people have recently registered. Through similar drives, I have found a bone marrow match and we are on our way to Seattle for a bone marrow transplant.

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Eileen Rosenberg-Black
Providence

Stepping on the gas

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Daniel Pipes

Palestinian-Israeli crisis? More of the failed diplomacy that created the mess.

Let's review the last point. Things were not great between the Arabs and Israel ten years ago, but neither were they that bad. Israel's toughness permitted it to achieve a modicum of acceptance by its Arab neighbors, as symbolized by Anwar as-Sadat's 1977 trip to Jerusalem.

By 1993, Israel's leadership convinced itself that Arabs fully accepted the existence of a sovereign Jewish state, so it radically changed approaches. Thinking it no longer had to assert its existence; it displayed a gentler side, hoping that diplomacy could settle such secondary issues as borders, Jerusalem's status, and refugees, thereby closing down the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Nice idea, but it failed. Seeing Israel's willingness to negotiate as a sign of its vulnerability, Arabs responded not with the expected good will but with violence. Rather than win Israel more acceptance, diplomacy lost it the recognition it had previously achieved.

Israel's response to this disaster? In time-honored fashion, it stepped on the gas, offering ever-more generous terms to the Palestinians. It got back ever more violence.

That violence reached such alarming levels by the end of 2000 that Israelis had to rethink their approach. They concluded that their concessions on borders, Jerusalem, and refugees were useless, even counterproductive, so long as Palestinians sought to destroy the State of Israel.

As Israelis came to their senses (reverting to their pre-1993 policy of toughness and deterrence), the Bush administration persists in promoting the failed policy of com-

promise on secondary issues. The downward trajectory of the past decade seems not at all to have shaken its belief in diplomacy.

That explains why the Bush administration still warms itself with thoughts that diplomacy plus compromises can end the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This might be plausible - if we had not just watched since 1993 how just such too-clever diplomacy had the effect of turning a bad situation into a crisis. Must the U.S. government repeat its mistaken policy of the past decade? If it insists on doing so, this time it might turn a crisis into a full-scale war.

Instead, the Administration should seek out and address the root cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict. This has nothing to do with any of the issues currently being discussed - Israel's borders, a Palestinian state, Arab "refugees," or economic improvement.

It has, rather, to do with something almost never mentioned in official circles, for that is an unpleasant fact that politicians would rather avoid: the unremitting Arab rejection of Israel's existence. This rejectionism lay behind the Arab attack on Israel in 1948 and all violence since, including the current campaign of suicide bombings.

If the Bush administration wishes to make itself useful, let it address the reality of Arab rejectionism. That would imply not slight adjustments to the present policies but adopting a wholly different outlook:

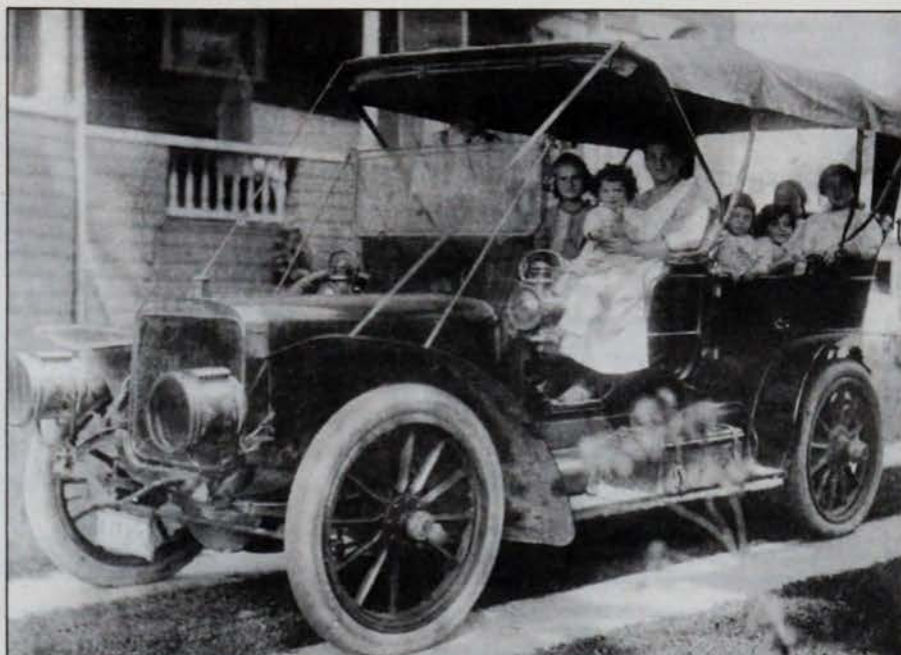
- Stand unequivocally by Israel to signal the Arabs that their dream of destroying Israel is futile.

- Take steps to prevent Arab violence against Israel.

- Discourage Arab-Israeli negotiations until the Arabs clearly and consistently show they have fully come to terms with Israel's existence.

Only when the U.S. government acknowledges the bankruptcy of the current approach - finessing Arab rejectionism through compromise - might it start on the much harder work of tackling head-on the sources of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But that means easing off the gas pedal and asking for directions.

Daniel Pipes is director of the Philadelphia-based Middle East Forum.



Remember when

THE SHOLES FAMILY was getting set for a spring drive in their Stevens-Duryea automobile when this shot was taken in 1912 outside their Attleboro home. Morris, front seat, left, later moved the family to Pawtucket and established Sholes' Hillsgrove Country Club and Roller Skating Rink, a Warwick landmark that the family ran for 63 years. It was demolished two years ago to make way for hotel construction. Photo was donated to the R.I. Jewish Historical Association by Morris's son, Leonard, of Cranston, now 87, who operated the rink for years after his father's death.

Looking at atrocity in the eye

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fear of contradiction, that terrorist bombings, suicidal or otherwise, are violations of the human rights of their victims, to say the least, and outlawed by all civilized states.

The Palestinians will point to the Israeli settlements in Palestinian areas as proof of Israel's intentions to annex their terri-

tory and disclaim responsibility for the terrorists.

This is not to equate one side with the other; my loyalties are with Israel, although I grant that it, too, has made serious misjudgments. It is merely to point out that when it comes to blaming one side or the other for wartime atrocities in a con-

flict such as this, one's time and effort are better spent in trying to reach an equitable solution, thereby lowering the chances of even more such atrocities occurring in the future.

Yehuda Lev, of Providence, is a journalist who fought in Israel's war of independence.

Letter to the editor Reading up on a tragedy in the family, circa 1935

I received a copy of the last issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* from a friend. We lived most of our lives in Providence, as did my parents and grandparents. In the centerfold of that issue are covers of old *Heralds*.

The one dated May 17, 1935 contains part of an article that I had never seen before and would very much like to have a copy of.

The title reads, "Auto Crash Takes Six Lives." The six lives were of my two grandmothers, my brother, sister, uncle and cousin. I grew up at 7 Overhill Rd., the old family homestead. The article may have gone on to say that the family was on their way home from visiting

my father in a Hartford hospital. After my father was well again he and my mother started a new family; thus my brother and I were born. Since this article is about six members of my immediate family it would mean so much to me to have a copy.

Bob Halpert
Newburyport, Mass.

Editor's note: Back issues of the Rhode Island Jewish Herald are available at the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, 130 Sessions St., Providence. Some issues may be photocopied for personal use.

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Federation elects new leadership



AT RIGHT: MAXINE RICHMAN, center, was the recipient of the Joseph W. Rens Award for outstanding community service. She stands with her son, Bruce Richman, far left, who flew from London to be at the event, her husband, Stephen Richman, left, her daughter Wendy Levinson and her son-in-law Scott Levinson.

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AT LEFT IS the JFRI Women's Alliance Executive Committee for 2002-2003. From left are, Wileen Rosner Snow, V.P. Judaica; Sharon Gaines, V.P. Campaign; Judy Robbins, co-V.P. of Leadership Development; Susan Froehlich, President; Elaine Odessa, V.P. of Endowment; Rebecca Zakin, V.P. of Young Women; Mitzi Berkelhammer, V.P. at Large with the Portfolio of Associate Campaign Chair; Lynn Brodsky, V.P. of Lion of Judah; and Stacy Emanuel Co-V.P. Leadership Development. Not pictured are Linda Miller, V.P. of Community Service; Joyce Starr, Secretary; and Toby London, Associate Secretary.

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Lions and Pacesetters talk Israel



DARREL, SUSAN AND DANNY ROSS hosted an Israel discussion at their home in Providence. Lee Meyerhoff Hendler (not pictured), a nationally known lecturer on leadership, Jewish identity, and intergenerational philanthropy, was the guest speaker.



DAVID AND ANDREA REISER, left, stand with Andrea's parents, Pat and David Cohen, at the inter-generational event at the Ross home.

Photos by Jonathan Rubin

On May 1, Lions, Pacesetters and their children gathered in the home of Susan and Darrell Ross for an opportunity to share their feelings about Israel, philanthropy, and involvement within the Jewish community, especially in light of the We Stand With Israel Emergency Campaign. The event was organized by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Lion of Judah and Women's Alliance Endowment Committees.

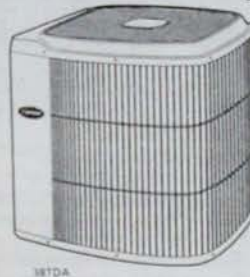
Elaine Odessa, chair of the Women's Alliance Endowment Committee, shared how she and her late husband Benton established a Federation endowment 22 years ago as a way to leave a legacy for their children, grandchildren, and community that would "safeguard [their]... values of social justice, healing the sick, preserving human dignity, and providing Jewish education and Jewish growth for all."

Lynn Brodsky, Lion of Judah chair, said her grandparents were excellent Jewish role models. "The creation of the State of Israel and its continued prosperity were the primary focus of my grandparents' lives. I remember them raising money for Israel... and speaking about the tremendous gratification they felt from their philanthropy and volunteerism."

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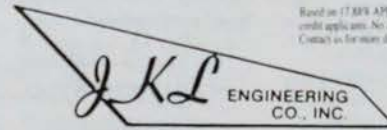
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riott on Friday, June 14. Continuing Education Units will be offered.

For registration information, call Jewish Family Service at 401-331-1244.



DOROTHY WINN, left, and Beverly Salk, volunteers at Jewish Elder-care of Rhode Island, a program of the Jewish Seniors Agency, prepare to deliver flowers for Shavuot. JSA

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Ethan Adler to be new CHAVER coordinator

Ethan Adler of Cranston has been appointed coordinator of the Jewish Seniors Agency's (JSA) Caring Helpers and Visitors Enliven Residents (CHAVER) program.

Adler will be responsible for training individuals to become spiritual care volunteers.

The 8-week CHAVER-workshop covers Jewish beliefs and practices, elder care skills and ecumenical spirituality. Following the training, volunteers are matched with Jewish nursing home residents whom they will visit on a regular basis.

The next CHAVER training session begins July 11 and runs through Aug. 29. Workshops are held once a week on Thursday evenings. Contact Susan Adler, director of the JERI program, at 621-5374.

Greenery brightens Shavuot at JSA

In celebration of Shavuot, the Jewish Seniors Agency's Women's Association bought and delivered potted plants to every Jewish person living in a Rhode Island nursing home. Shavuot celebrates the harvest season in Israel and commemorates the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai.

One of the legends of Shavuot is that the Israelites found Mount Sinai lush with greenery and flowers — hence the custom of decorating Jewish homes and synagogues with tree branches and flowers.

The Women's Association also provides nursing home residents with traditional gifts on Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover. Money for the gifts is raised through the Association's knit shop at 229 Waterman St., Providence, and through an annual raffle. For more information on membership and volunteering, call Sylvia Brown, 438-8398, or Marcia Gerstein, 737-0985.

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It is time to do what we can as individuals to let our leaders know that we will not wallow in despondency, we will not feel hopeless before the enormity of unfolding events, nor we will simply watch as the situation spins out of control.

Israelis recognize settlements in the occupied territories as impediments to peace, and they are willing to evacuate all settlements from Gaza and locations near Palestinian population centers in the context of a peace agreement. Yet Prime Minister Sharon is unwilling to even discuss the evacuation of settlements.

Meanwhile, the lives of Israeli soldiers are being put at risk and hundreds of millions of dollars in the Israeli budget are being wasted each year just to support the settlement movement.

"What can an ordinary man do when he faces an enormous fire? He can try to flee the flames, abandoning to their fate all those who either cannot run or have nowhere to run. He can stand around and moan. He can blame others. And he can also fill the teaspoon he holds in his hand with water, over and over again, and splash it on the blaze..."

"During these days, every man of peace must draw water—at least enough to fill the spoon he holds—and pour it on the fire: make his voice heard, object to war crimes by either side, help the victims of these war crimes; demonstrate, persuade, write, debate, garner support for reasonable compromise, oppose the continuation of the Israeli occupation and the Islamic/anti-Semitic campaign for Israel's extermination."

Amos Oz 4/19/02

In response to this situation, Peace Now recently launched a major campaign that calls on the Israeli government to take interim steps on its own that will help improve Israel's security position, namely to evacuate settlements and troops from all of Gaza and as much of the West Bank as possible. In this way, Israel can shorten its lines of defense against terrorism and provide its citizens with the security they need and deserve. Peace Now also calls on Prime Minister Sharon to proclaim his willingness to return to political negotiations with the Palestinians when they are willing and able to come to the bargaining table, even if this is unlikely to happen any time soon because the Palestinian Authority has absorbed so much damage in recent months.

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— Around our agencies —

Seniors from adult center showcase art work at mall

Borders Book Shop café and gallery at the Providence Place Mall is featuring the watercolor art of seniors from the Jewish Seniors Agency's Comprehensive Adult Day Center in Providence.

The show opened May 5 with a reception for family, friends, and eldercare professionals. The show is open to the public throughout May, which is Older American's Month. For more information call 351-2440.

The watercolor program is led by art therapist Maurice Turcotte. A similar art show held recently at the Jewish Community Center was so well-received that it was expanded for the month-long Borders show.

Considering adoption?

Anyone who wants to explore the possibilities of adoption is invited to Adoption Options' two free informational meetings. In Rhode Island, the next meeting is June 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Jewish Family Service, United Way building, 229 Waterman Street, Providence. In Massachusetts, the meeting will be at Adoption Options, Community Counseling Building, 366 Winthrop St., Rehoboth, Mass. Call (800) 37-6513.

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The art therapy program allows seniors who may be cognitively impaired to express themselves through the visual arts. According to the agency's director, Roberta Sinapi, many of the participants are discovering their interest and talent in art for the first time.

Sinapi has brought in Peter Neff, a professional potter, and horticulturist at Zabarano Hospital, to teach wheel-thrown pottery; Rhode Island School of Design intern Lisa Mello, to teach soapstone sculpture and quilting; and Lori Shulkin-Lowinger, who will introduce residents to charcoal and pencil illustration. Works by the seniors will be showcased throughout the year at various locations, including the Warwick Museum of Art and the Slater Mill Reception Center.

Volunteers kept Shalom's meals coming

When Helen Mitchell, mealsite manager at Shalom Apartments in Warwick, announced her retirement, the noon mealsite for the elderly, and Meals on Wheels, continued to roll — thanks to the volunteer efforts of Shalom tenants and volunteers.

The Shalom mealsite, which opened in 1996, annually serves or delivers some 20,000 meals. The noon meal is served at Shalom Monday through Friday, and meals are packaged there for delivery by Meals on Wheels to homebound residents in Warwick. Volunteers who kept the program running while a new director was sought were Rita Marsland, Etta Blade, Norman Coffey, Arlene Blade, Bill Clarke and Tony Palombo. Mitchell's replacement is a Shalom tenant, Doris Truppi.



SHALOM APARTMENTS tenants and volunteers recently kept the Warwick meal site and Meals on Wheels program running. Pictured are Rita Marsland, Etta Blade, Norman Coffey, Arlene Blade, Bill Clarke, Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty, who stopped by to deliver Meals on Wheels, and Tony Palombo.

Shalom I and II, located off Route 5, are non-profit, federally subsidized apartments owned by the Jewish Seniors Agency. There are 148 one-bedroom and 5 two-bedroom apartments. Shalom was the first housing development in

Rhode Island to employ a social service coordinator. Occupancy there is consistently 100 percent.

Anyone wishing additional information on eating or volunteering at the meal site should contact Truppi at 737-0180.

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A boy and his bankroll are parted

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fear was never a factor.

"This is Israel — life goes on," he says.

Marty's mother, a freelance jewelry designer, recalls telling relatives that if they were frightened of traveling along the exposed roads to Masada, she would scrap the idea of having the ceremony there.

But, she says, "They insisted, 'We're not cancelling anything.'"

Marty, whose interests at home run to hockey, lacrosse and theater, says he decided to give the money away because it would probably have been saved for future use anyway.

"Why should it wait in the bank when you can use it for a good cause?" he says.

Much of his Bar Mitzvah money came from the family's non-Jewish American friends, who knew of his plan to give it away in Israel and who, he says, "were very proud."



COUSIN MAYAN blows the shofar at Marty Katzoff's Bar Mitzvah.

He chose LIBI (the acronym stands for Strengthening Israel's Defense), because of an interest in the military and because "I'm really sad about all the victims of the terrorist attacks — the citizens, and the soldiers who have to go out and get killed by snipers. It makes my whole family sad."

Israel itself, he says, "is like a family when somebody gets killed."

Marty's interest in the military stops at bloodshed, which is why he chose a fund that does not help buy weapons or ammunition.

His mother, too, says that her focus is on getting past the carnage. Her view is that Israel must dismantle its many small settlements in Gaza and on the West Bank that she sees as little more than provocations — and, she says, that drain the country's resources in their need for military protection.

She agrees with Prime Minister Sharon's policy of hunting down and killing terrorists, but says of the Palestinians in general, "We have to give them hope, to give them land and to make a country for them."

Her own hope, she says, is that anti-Israel organizations will someday contribute to peace by stopping programs that "teach their children to hate."

As for Marty, he says he intends to continue raising money, to recruit a few other students, and to open a LIBI branch in Rhode Island that will give presentations on the program in hopes of encouraging others of confirmation age to follow his example.

As for how problems in the Mideast can be solved, he says, he doesn't have an answer, but observes, "everybody says it's about politics."

For now at least, Marty intends to leave the politics to others while he contributes in his own way.

"I'm pro-Israel," he says. "I feel for the Palestinians who are suffering, but I feel more for the Israelis."

While he hopes that others will consider donating to LIBI, he acknowledges that he can speak only for himself, since "every kid is different."

And what he knows firsthand, he reports, is that giving away his windfall "felt really good."

Facing a shanda: Jewish domestic violence

By Jonathan Rubin

When speaking about domestic violence in the Jewish home, Rabbi Abraham Twerski, who is also a psychiatrist, often reduces his observations to a single sentence: "Domestic violence is a Jewish problem."

Appearing before a large audience at Temple Beth-El in Providence on April 18, Twerski, a widely requested lecturer and author of more than 40 books, spoke about the hidden issue of spousal abuse in Jewish homes — and why it remains hidden.

His talk was sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, as part of its expanding initiative to educate the public about domestic violence.

"The Jewish family is hermetically sealed... Nothing comes outside of the house," he said. Jews, he added, "have an enormous capacity to not see problems."

Spousal abuse is such a *shanda*, or shameful embarrassment, that the subject is never brought up, and the lack of discussion often convinces many that it never occurs, Twerski said.

Despite the fact that Twerski's book, *The Shame Borne in Silence: Spousal Abuse in the Jewish Community*, is one of the few written on the subject from both a religious and psychological viewpoint, it has been boycotted in the past by rabbis who, he said, feel that the subject should not be discussed. Even when Jewish bookstores choose to keep it in stock, it is sometimes hidden behind the counter rather than openly displayed.

Rather than shirk away from its existence, Twerski feels it is important to take the problem of abuse head on.

"The Talmud says that if someone has the opportunity to prevent harm... and does not do it, he or she is responsible." Judaism does not teach domination or violence inside a mar-



RABBI TWERSKI

riage, he said.

"The Torah says that the husband must love his wife as much as he loves himself, and must respect her more than he respects himself."

Rabbi Twerski said that the likely reality is that domestic violence is at least as prevalent in the Jewish community as in secular society.

"We are horrified when we hear about another terror attack in Haifa... We've lost more Jews to spousal abuse last year than we did to terror attacks."

He said it took him years to realize that women who were seeking his counsel as a rabbi were really asking for help.

Rabbi Twerski said he sees serious flaws in the way rabbis and psychiatrists are basically untrained in seeing domestic violence in congregants or patients, and recommended that victims of abuse contact specialists in the field.

He advised against visiting a therapist with the abuser.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, the batterer is not interested in treatment," he said. "He blames her, not himself."

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URI HILLEL DIRECTOR Naomi Sobel discusses an upcoming program with students April Pascal and Jeff Wilhelm.

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Hillel

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Jewish," they can be secular at first glance while reflecting Jewish values.

For instance, she says, a fundraiser this spring was geared to collecting enough money to send 250 live chickens — at \$5 a chicken — to rural families in earthquake-ravaged El Salvador.

The project's theme, she says, is "helping to repair the world and helping other people" — fundamental Jewish tenets.

Sobel, who grew up in Tampa, Fla., isn't a member of the clergy, although one of her undergraduate degrees is in Jewish studies, from the Jewish Theological Seminary. She also has an undergraduate degree from Columbia, and a master's in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.

Judaism is a strong force in her family; both her father and her older sister are Reform rabbis.

Sobel, who lives in Cranston, came here from Milwaukee, where she was director of the Jewish Community Center overnight summer camp.

She found herself on a URI campus where a surprising 10 percent of the students are estimated to be Jewish, in a state where the general Jewish population is less than 2 percent.

The difference, she says,

lies in large numbers of Jewish students who enroll from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, attracted by some of URI's well known programs such as oceanography and pharmacy, and the school's relatively low cost, even for out-of-staters.

The numbers mean that Sobel has a potential Jewish student base in Kingston of between 1,300 and 1,500.

A major challenge, she says, is the budget. The 52-year-old Hillel program at URI is financed with money from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, national Hillel, and some endowment money, but fundraising is still necessary.

In fact, says Sobel, that's one of her major priorities these days now that commencement is over and campus life has settled down for the summer.

As for building on this year's experience, Sobel says she'll be ready in the fall to do more traveling, on and off campus.

Her goal, she says, is to come up with a mix of programs that will get Jewish students involved and to keep them involved, not just during their college years, but for a lifetime.

"We don't want to lose Jewish students to a secular world when they graduate," she says.

'Heart' a factor in Judaica shop purchase

By Jonathan Rubin

Rhode Island's only independent Judaica shop is here to stay.

Cynthia and Jeffrey Davis, of East Greenwich, have purchased Rhoda's Judaica, at 775 Hope St., Providence, and, thanks to speedy negotiations with former owner Rhoda Fischman, the store never closed.

Fischman, of Providence, had owned the store for the past 5 1/2 years. She said she decided late last year to sell the business so she could spend more time with family in Chicago.

Mr. Davis heard about the sale from a friend and decided he wanted the shop to remain open as a service to the community. The name of the business will remain Rhoda's Judaica.

"This state can't be without a Judaica shop," he said. "It's a must."

He said the purchase was influenced in part by his increased love for Judaism since he became president of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston two years ago.

Davis, who worked in the retail business for more than 20 years, selling photographic and imaging supplies and equipment, will run the day-to-day operations of the store. His wife, a clinical social worker in Cranston for the past 21 years, will be there on Sundays and during her lunch breaks.

"This isn't the type of business that makes a million dollars," Jeff Davis said.

"This is for the heart. You don't run a business unless your heart is in it."

The store is open Monday through Thursday from 10 to 5:30, Friday from 10 to 3, and Sunday from 10 to 2.



JEFFREY AND CYNTHIA DAVIS are the new owners of Rhoda's Judaica on Hope Street.

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CANTOR BRIAN MEYER, above left, and Cantor Judith Seplovin front row, right
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Roots, Italian style

Temple Emanu-El's Benton A. Odessa Memorial Concert brought the richness and vibrancy of Italian Jewish history to life on April 27.

The concert traced the roots of Italian Jewish history through its rich musical tradition, from the Roman, Medieval and Renaissance eras to modern-day Holocaust and post-war themes.

Songs were performed in

Italian, Hebrew and English; many of the soloists and presenters wore period costumes. Cantor Brian Mayer, of Emanu-El, was artistic director, and Cantor Judith Seplovin, of Beth-El, sang soprano.

Cantor Joseph Ness, of West Hartford, Conn., composed and conducted many of the pieces, which were performed by numerous congregations and group choirs.

Touro Fraternal Assoc. re-invests in Israel

Touro Fraternal Association, of Cranston, has reaffirmed its support of Israel by voting unanimously to invest the proceeds from a maturing Israel Bond into another bond. It is one of several such bonds the association holds.

In light of current events in Israel, the board of directors also approved a substantial donation to the Magen David Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, whose resources have been severely taxed.

Michael Smith, a member of the Touro board and chairman of its welfare committee, said the additional funds "will go directly to help the work of the Magen David Adom at a time when it is needed."

"Perhaps our action will encourage other organizations to make similar donations," he said.

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ARI SHAFNER, son of Ellen and David Shafner and grandson of Benjamin and Marilyn Eisenberg, is now serving with the Israeli Defense Forces. Ari and his family, along with his siblings, Shoshana, Aviva and Hillel, previously lived on Woodbury Street in Providence, and all attended the Providence Hebrew Day School before moving to Israel three years ago to make their home in Ramat Bet Shemish.

Submitted by Benjamin and Marilyn Eisenberg.

NCJW Annual Meeting

National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section invites members to their annual meeting and installation of officers and directors, on June 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue, Providence. Guest speaker will be Phyllis Snyder.

Correction:

In a May 10 column about Jim and Sylvia Shocket and their granddaughter Shayna Kulik, Shayna's name was misspelled.

Clarification:

In last issue's article "R.I. turns out to stand with Israel," a quotation by Anne Schwartz may have appeared out of context. Her intended meaning was that no matter what Israel has done to promote peace, including the use of diplomacy and restraint, or by sacrificing land, terrorism continues to increase.

Correction:

In the May 10 column about the Jewish demographic study taking place in Rhode Island, the study was funded by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and given as an endowment grant, rather than by a federal grant, as listed. Also, 800 households were surveyed in the study, not 8,000.

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News from Afula / Gilboa

A resident of Rhode Island's sister city speaks on Jenin and fear

By Donna Ron

Editor's Note: The Afula/Gilboa Region is Rhode Island's sister community in Israel. Linked via Partnership 2000, the region receives financial aid, mentorship, supplies and volunteers from this state.

To our Partnership 2000 friends in Southern New England:

It has been overwhelmingly difficult to write about the events of the past two months. In general, I can say that it was terrible; this has been the worst time I have lived through in Israel since the Yom Kippur War.

The escalation of the terrorist suicide bombings combined together with the increased randomness of the locations of the bombings made life totally impossible. I personally felt as though I was living through a hell of death and destruction which was all encompassing, and I was trying to pass through a narrow tunnel of light. I went to sleep with the faces of the victims before me and woke up with them.

My daughter and I had made plans to go shopping together for her 18th birthday, but we were paralyzed with fear and uncertainty as to how to choose a shopping mall which had the least risk of being blown up by a suicide terrorist bomber. Concentrating on anything was difficult as we were constantly bombarded with news of the deaths of friends and acquaintances.

Operation Defensive Shield came as a relief to the feelings of fear and helplessness. The predominant mood of the country was that of another battle for our very existence needed to be fought.

The most horrible period for me was the two weeks, from Passover Seder night into the second week of Operation Defensive Shield, when 13 soldiers were killed in the fighting in Jenin. It was such a heavy feeling, especially because I have a son in the army right now. And this was all happening with Holocaust Memorial Day as a backdrop.

The Afula-Gilboa region is in close proximity to Jenin — a radius of 10 kilometers — the sounds of the fighting could be heard by all in their homes.

Army bases were set up in various settlements in the Taanach area as well as in Gan Ner. (For an on-line map of the area around Jenin in the Gilboa region go to www.gemsinisrael.com/gilboamap.htm. The entrance to

Jenin is in the bottom left hand corner of the map past the Israeli Arab village of Sandale).

People in the Gilboa Region organized to take care of the soldiers fighting in Jenin. Families adopted fighting units, including the unit of the 13 soldiers who were killed in the house-to-house battle.

Residents in the settlements housed soldiers in their homes, and some of the residents of Moshav Magen Shaul had up to 18 soldiers sleeping in their homes. Soldiers were brought to private homes so they could take showers. Families in the area prepared home cooked food for the soldiers and the food was brought daily to the point where the army trucks took ammunition into Jenin, the pots of food were delivered to the soldiers together with the ammunition.

The soldiers who were stationed outside Jenin before the Passover holiday were hosted in Seders in Moshav Ram On and Magen Shaul. Several evenings of entertainment were organized for the soldiers during the military operation.

With the completion of this military operation, and with the knowledge of its limitations, we hope and pray that positive diplomatic energy will bring about a serious change for the better in the direction of the events here in Israel.

Donna Ron grew up in Detroit, and graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 1973 she came to Israel's kibbutz Ein Harod Ichud in the Gilboa region, and still lives there. For the last two years she has worked as the living-bridge coordinator of Partnership 2000. She is married and has four children.

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The Cantors Five, consisting of Cantor Ivan E. Perlman, and his four sons, Cantor Eli B. Perlman, Cantor Richard E. Perlman, Cantor Emanuel C. Perlman and Cantor Josh C. Perlman, will perform at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, on June 16 at 3 p.m.

Bringing with them a unique blend of cantorial music in English, Yiddish, and Hebrew, the Cantors Five will also perform music from Broadway, the Beatles, pop tunes, and the classics. Working in past years as a group of two, three or four family members, in recent years all five Perlman have teamed up and tour various congregations around the United States.

Ivan E. Perlman is Cantor Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in Providence. Perlman, 76, is a full time cantor at Temple Beth Kodesh in Boynton Beach, Fla. He raised his children in Rhode Island and has been performing since his was seven years old.

"Our audiences at the other concerts are not exclusively Jewish," said Cantor Richard Perlman. "Word gets around that our program appeals to anyone who enjoys good music, good entertainment - a good time, regardless of religious background."

Richard E. Perlman left the broadcast booth at WSAR in Fall River, Mass., where he was also station program director, to become the cantor, spiritual leader and religious school director at Temple Am David.

Eli Perlman, who is cantor at the Jewish Congregation of Concordia, Monroe Township, New Jersey, remarked, "What

many who have attended in the past have told me is that the very sight of a grown family - a father, mother, and four sons singing together in harmony can be very inspirational.

"I realize family acts are popular when the children who are performing are very young, but imagine the feeling an audience gets when they see a family whose ages run from 40 to 76 stand on the stage, sing in harmony and share obvious pride in each other."

Also performing will be Emanuel C. Perlman, cantor at Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, a former social worker, and Josh C. Perlman, cantor at B'nai Israel Congregation in Rockville, Maryland, who was in the security business before completing his cantorial training.

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May 26

Memorial Day

The Jewish War Veterans, Rhode Island chapter, will hold their annual memorial day services on at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services will also be held at 1:30 p.m. at Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

The Jewish War Veterans will also hold their annual state convention at the Sheraton Providence Airport Motel, 1850 Post Road, Warwick, on June 9 at 9 a.m. A free buffet breakfast will be served. Memorial Services will be conducted for departed members at 11:00 a.m.

May 28

Judaism course

Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence, is offering a free course in Judaism through June 25. The class meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call 274-3577 to register.

Brown Bag Club

The Brown Bag Club will feature a program on "Elder Law," conducted by the Rhode Island Bar Association, at 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

May 29

Hebrew Free Loan

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence invites all members to their 99th annual meeting at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island beginning at 6 p.m. Call 331-3081.

June 2

Robinson Concert

A closing celebration for the baseball exhibit "How Jackie Robinson Changed America," which will include gospel, synagogue and klesmer music, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bryant College in Smithfield. Call 421-4111 ext. 172 for more information.

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SAGE concert

International singers

Rosalie Gerut and Betty Silberman will perform "Cabaret" at a concert presented by Senior Adult Group Educators (SAGE) at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Admission is \$3 and refreshments will be served. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 331-1244.

June 5

Hadassah golf

Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will hold its seventh annual golf tournament at the Exeter Country Club, to benefit its Hasbro community service program. There will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start after an 8 a.m. registration. For more information, call the Hadassah office at 463-3636.

Performing arts production

Laura Bennett, professional choreographer, dancer, and teacher, will present an original performing arts production at 5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, starring seven local youngsters. Call 861-8800.

Installation and luncheon

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its annual installation of officers and board members luncheon at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, Mass., at noon. Comedian Terry McGrath will perform, and dinner is provided. The cost is \$16.50. For reservations call Mal Ross at 723-8580, or mail in to his home address, 115 Marbury Ave., Pawtucket.

June 6

Art show

The opening reception for an art exhibit by Jennifer Clement, of Topsfield, Mass., will be held at Gallery 401 in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island from 5 to 8 p.m. Clement will display a variety of oil landscapes through the month of June. Call 861-8800 for more information.

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June 9

Ancient worship

The Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El will follow the footsteps of a Jew coming to worship at the Temple in the first century B.C.E., in a 2 p.m. program presented by Joan Brannham, associate professor of art history at Providence College. Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome.

June 11

Israel in Egypt

A summer sing sponsored by the Providence Singers will be held at 7 p.m. in the meeting hall of the Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St. in Providence. Admission is \$7. Call (888) 579-4800 or visit www.providencesingers.org.

June 16

Cantors Five

The Cantors Five will perform Cantorial, Yiddish, Hebrew, Folk and popular music at Temple Am David, 99 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, at 3 p.m. Open to the public. Tickets are \$18, \$36, \$54 and \$100. Call 463-7944.

June 17

Golf tournament

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will hold its 17th annual golf tournament and auction at the Ledgemont Country Club. Included this year will be an all new women's division. Call Alex Turek, 861-8800, ext. 149, for more information.

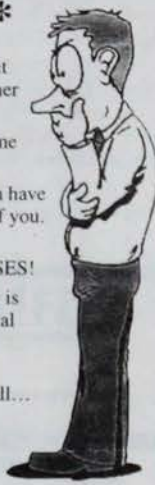
June 18

Social Seniors

Installation of officers of the Social Seniors of Warwick will be held at the West Valley Inn at 11:30 a.m. Also planned is a trip to Whites of Westport July 7. For further information call Tillie Orleck or Anne Margolis.

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Walking: a traditional way to keep pace with sanctity

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

For nomadic tribes such as the ancient Hebrews, the ability to walk was as essential to their survival as securing a reliable source of food or water. Those unable to walk, the lame of the community, became a burden, perhaps even a hazard, to a wandering people who depended upon unhindered mobility for their precarious existence.

It should not come as a surprise, then, that the strength to

walk unaided was incorporated into many early Hebrew beliefs, religious standards, poetic metaphors, and certainly, criteria for acceptable health.

The Book of Leviticus, probably assembled during the Sinai migration, is uncompromising on the subject of walking. A lame person, regardless of his other qualifications, was not eligible for the priesthood. It made little difference whether his lameness had been secondary to injury, disease or even birth defect.

In legend, lameness has sometimes been the price for a direct encounter with God. Jacob, in his struggle with the angel of the Lord, survived, was granted much insight, but was henceforth burdened with a persisting limp.

The Psalms, ascribed to David, often use walking, or the paths chosen to walk, as metaphors both for man's struggles and for man's quest for divine guidance. Indeed, symbolic paths are strewn throughout the Psalms. Even the first

line of the first Psalm declares: "Happy is the man who has not followed the course of the wicked or taken the path of the sinners."

For a nomadic people, ever moving, ever preparing to flee, walking became an irreplaceable daily activity much like eating and sleeping. And the language of their prayer inevitably emphasized that righteousness was not a gift to be plucked idly from the ripened vine, but was a goal to be achieved by walking a path of probity. A sedentary, agricultural people might have chosen other forms of expression for their religious fervor.

The walking around, the circling of an altar (or a sacred tomb or even an entire sanctuary), is a fundamental element of the customs of many older religions. The nomadic Hebrews regularly circumambulated their Holy of Holies. And Moslems, when on their sacred pilgrimage, still walk in processions around the Ka'ba in Mecca, making seven circuits corresponding to the Islamic concept of seven celestial spheres.

Buddhists regularly walk around their stupas, those dome-shaped monuments dedicated to Buddha. In Western Europe, newly crowned kings circled their capitol city, in olden days on foot, when assuming control of the realm.

In most cultures the circling was clockwise, representing expressions of peaceful reverence. Counterclockwise encirclement, on the other hand, symbolized hostile intent. Celtic warriors drove their chariots in a counterclockwise pathway around enemy strongholds before initiating an attack. In the Book of Joshua: "The Lord said to Joshua, 'See, I will

deliver Jericho and her king and her warriors into your hands. Let all your troops march around the city and complete one circuit of the city. Do this six days, with seven priests carrying seven rams horns preceding the Ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. And when a long blast is sounded on the horn — as soon as you hear that sound of the horn — all the people shall give a mighty shout. Thereupon the city wall will collapse."

The lame, in all vulnerable societies, were intentionally excluded from assuming any tribal authority, either in the military or the priestly class. And for the wandering Israelites, ceaseless walking through the wilderness of Sinai represented a life-saving capability. Beyond a way of moving the vulnerable tribes of Israel through the wilderness, walking then became symbolic of many things. It sanctified their altars, it provided them with imagery for prayers.

Ritual walking, in circumambulating sacred sites and enemy fortresses, as well as in the ancient Jewish ritual of marriage, became a way of achieving unity with that which was being encircled. In one Jewish tradition, the bride circles the groom seven times under the chuppah before the wedding ceremony commences. And while she circles, the groom prays. The walls, which separate bride and groom, will fall and their souls will then be indivisibly united.

Editor's note: Dr. Betty Aronson, a long-time contributor to The Jewish Voice and The Jewish Voice & Herald, died May 17; she will be missed. Her obituary is on page 22.

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Births

Joseph Spraragen and Pamela Scheininger Spraragen, of New York City, announce the birth of their first child, Bruria Dina Scheininger Spraragen, Feb. 28. Bruria is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sanford C. Spraragen of East Greenwich, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Scheininger of Toronto. She is named for her maternal great-grandmother, Dina Weiss.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Fischer, of Boca Raton, Fla., announce the birth of their first child, David Leslie, Jan. 23. Paternal grandparents are Billie and Charles Fischer, of Cranston. Maternal grandparents are Sylvia Lugosi and Gabor Kadar, of Budapest, Hungary. David is named for his great-grandfather Lazlo Kadar, of Budapest.

Basketball honoree

Andrew Yosinoff, of Pawtucket, was recently honored by the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association for accumulating his 400th career victory. Yosinoff has coached the Emmanuel College women's basketball team for 26 seasons. He graduated from Pawtucket West High School in 1966 and from the University of Rhode Island in 1970. Last season, he led the Emmanuel Saints to the NCAA Division III Final Four.

Bat Mitzvah

Jennifer Amy Sacks, daughter of Laura and Sam Sacks, of Coventry, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah April 13 at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. Jennifer attends Coventry Middle School, where she has achieved highest honors throughout this school year.

National semifinalist

Ari Savitzky, of Providence, a graduating senior at the Wheeler School, has been named one of approximately 500 semifinalists in the 2002 Presidential Scholars Program. He was selected from more than 2,600 candidates on the basis of achievement, leadership qualities, character and involvement in school and community activities. He is the son of Eve and David Savitzky, of Providence.

Ph. D. recipients

Tara Thaler Satlow, daughter of Jill and Michael Thaler, of Cranston, has received her Ph. D. in counseling psychology from Boston College. Tara received her B.A. from Hofstra

University and her master's in clinical psychology from Connecticut College. She is a psychologist at Seacoast Mental Health Center, in Exeter, N.H.



the medical center's board of trustees. Dr. Schiff joined the medical staff in 1992.

Named by Hillel

Abby Berenson, daughter of Ruth and Jon Berenson, of Providence, will serve next year as program director at Brown/RISD Hillel.

Elected by USY

Shayna Hersh, of Providence, was recently elected membership-kadimah vice president of the New England region of USY. She will serve on the regional executive board, where one of her responsibilities will be to increase membership at younger age levels.

Installed as rabbi

Rabbi Elan Adler was installed as rabbi of Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Hebrew Congregation on May 17. He is the son of Edward and Trudi Adler, of Providence. Previously, he was an associate Rabbi at Agudath Sholom in Stamford, Conn., and Beth Tfiloh Congregation in Baltimore. He was installed by his father.

CORRECTION:

The May 4 Bar Mitzvah of Eddie Jacob Allen was mistakenly listed under the births section of our May 10 issue. The Voice & Herald regrets the error.

Deborah Needleman, daughter of Drs. Alan and Wanda Needleman, of Providence, received her Ph.D. from Rice University in Houston, Tex., May 11. She will be an assistant professor of English at the University of North Texas. She dedicated her dissertation to the late Asher and Steven Sapolsky, her grandfather and uncle, respectively.

Named to board

Stephen F. Schiff, M.D., a urologist who practices with Urologic Surgeons of New England and is president of the medical staff at Roger Williams Medical Center, has been named to



RUNNERS FOR LIFE — Merav Minkin, left, and Daren Bulley, center, both of Pawtucket, will be running in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska on June 22. Bulley will be running on behalf of Max Dwares, right, a Rhode Island teenager who is battling leukemia. The two runners began a vigorous training regimen in January to prepare for the marathon, and Bulley lost more than 100 pounds getting fit. Their marathon training is documented on www.darensmarathon.com, and donations can be made on the web site or made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and mailed to 144 Pidge Ave., Pawtucket, 02860. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for the society.

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Dr. Betty Aronson; established state's first virus laboratory

REHOBOTH, Mass. — Dr. Betty Aronson, 82, of Elm Street, a physician, scientist, and writer, died May 17 at home.

She was the wife of Dr. Stanley M. Aronson, with whom she wrote a column on medical topics for the former *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* and the *Jewish Voice & Herald*. They had been married for 58 years.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the daughter of the late Fred Ellis and Edna-Louise (Shurtleff) Ellis, she had been a resident of New York for many years before moving to Rehoboth in 1970.

Dr. Aronson received her undergraduate degrees from the City College of New York and New York University. She received her medical degree from New York University.

She was trained at the Sydenham, Bellevue and Mount Sinai Hospitals, all in Manhattan, and was a professor of research medicine at the State University of New York College of Medicine until 1970.

In that year she joined the medical faculty at Brown University as a professor of pediatrics and worked full time at Miriam Hospital. She was also on the staff of Rhode Island Hospital.

Gertrude Solomon

EAST GREENWICH — Gertrude Solomon, 80, of Mawney Street, a retired elementary school teacher, died May 3 after an illness. She was the wife of Leonard Solomon, with whom she recently celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary.

Born in New York city, a daughter of the late William S. and Fannie Epstein, she graduated from Hunter College with a B.A. in arts in 1942. After raising three children, she earned an M.A. in education and taught elementary school in East Greenwich for 20 years.

A past president and life member of Hadassah, she enjoyed drawing, painting, calligraphy, and needlework, and was an accomplished cook.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Erna Jane Kondon, of North Kingstown; two sons, William Solomon, of North Brunswick, N.J., and Harvey Solomon, of Takoma Park, Md.; a sister, Mildred Krauss, of Old Bethpage, N.Y., and two granddaughters. She was the sister of the late Bertram Epstein.

The funeral service was held at Temple Sinai, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Donations may be made to the Gertrude Solomon Education Fund, c/o the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, 02906.



Dr. Aronson established the first virus-disease laboratory in Rhode Island 31 years ago. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and the Wednesday Club, and a volunteer for Hospice Care of Rhode Island and the Interfaith Healthcare Ministries.

Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters: Susan Symons, of Providence, Lisa Aronson, of Rehoboth, and Dr. Sarah Aronson, of Lake City, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, 02906.

Esther Finn

PROVIDENCE — Esther R. Finn, 94, of North Main Street, a retired women's apparel manager, died May 5 at the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, Providence. She was the wife of the late David I. Finn.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Eva Greenberg.

She was a manager for the former Wilner's Dress Shops for 35 years and later was a manager for the former Peerless Department Stores for 10 years, retiring 30 years ago.

She was a lifetime member of Hadassah and the Jewish Community Center of R.I., the Jewish Federation of R.I., Order of the Eastern Star, the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged and the former Temple Beth Israel.

She leaves a son, Samuel "Mickey" Finn, of Providence, and three grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Joseph Greenberg, Rose Cohen, Tillie Winegard and Anna Jagolinzer.

Funeral services were held at Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, 02908.

Samuel Adelman

CRANSTON — Samuel Adelman, 89, of 225 New London Ave., a retired poultry dealer, died May 6 at the Rhode Island Veteran's Home, Bristol. He was the husband of Esther (Malnikow) Adelman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Morris and Sarah (Kadsvitz) Adelman, he had lived in Cranston for 50 years, previously residing in Providence.

He was the owner of Adelman Live Poultry in Providence. He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the South Pacific. Mr. Adelman was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Temple Torat Yisrael and its Men's Club and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was an avid bowler.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Karen Wier, of West Warwick, and Sharlene Adelman, of Hollywood, Fla.; and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late William Adelman, Anne Nass, Rose Rubin and Dena Perlow.

Graveside funeral services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Edna Smith

FALL RIVER — Edna Smith, 88, of the Fall River Jewish Home, died April 13 at the home.

She was the wife of the late Sidney Smith.

Born in Springfield, Mass., the daughter of the late William and Celia (Dubrim) Manhoff, she had lived in Dorchester, Mass., before moving to Fall River 50 years ago.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, and the Temple Beth El Sisterhood.

She is survived by a son, Arthur Smith, of Fall River; a daughter, Wilma White, of Escondido, Calif.; a brother, Harold Manhoff, in Florida; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Hebrew Cemetery.

Esther Troy

PROVIDENCE — Esther Troy, 101, died April 30. She was the wife for 70 years of the late Phillip Troy.

Born in Milwaukee, she moved to Passaic, N.J., where she married, and then moved to Wayne, N.J.

She leaves a daughter, Nancy Troy Lovett, of Providence, a sister, Marion Brickman, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Samuel, Alex, I. Robert and Arthur Scheffrin and mother of the late Suzanne Zahler. The funeral service was held at Jewish Memorial Chapel, Clifton, N.J., and burial was in King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton.

Dr. Hugo Taussig; helped create Brown University Medical School

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Hugo Taussig, 80, of 210 Laurel Ave., a retired doctor and professor of medicine at Brown University, and one of a group of doctors who helped establish Brown's medical school, died May 6 at Miriam Hospital.

He was the husband of Marguerite Dorian Taussig. Born in Cernauti, Romania, he was the son of Erwin and Helen Taussig.

Dr. Taussig had worked in many clinical and administrative capacities at Bradley Hospital, East Providence, the General Hospital of the former Rhode Island Medical Center, Cranston, and Butler Hospital.

He became a member the Brown medical school's department of human behavior in 1973.

Dr. Taussig supervised medical students, psychiatric residents, psychology interns and social-work students.

He served on the Governor's Council on Mental Health and the Professional Advising Committee of Hospice, and had chaired the Rhode Island and American Psychiatric Associations.

Dr. Taussig, a former book review editor for the Rhode Island Medical Journal, received several honors from the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island and the American Psychiatric Association.

He had worked on APA committees dealing with international affairs, and on international abuses and misuses of psychiatry.

He graduated from the Bucharest School of Medicine in 1948, despite the persecution of Jews in Romania, and had studied at the Institute of Psychology of the Sorbonne in Paris before coming to this country in 1952 to continue his postgraduate training.



DR. TAUSSIG with the grandson of a friend.

ing in psychiatry and child psychiatry.

He worked on many social issues involving psychiatry during years of consulting with public assistance offices and nonprofit agencies.

He lobbied for the establishment of living wills and the long-term care of the elderly.

Besides his wife, he leaves a nephew, Daniel Dubovy of Toronto, Canada; a cousin, Fanny Fischer of Basel, Switzerland; and an uncle, Erich Dubovy of Erkrath, Germany.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. June 1 in the Ray Conference Center at Butler Hospital, Providence.

Mildred Eisenstadt

CRANSTON — Mildred G. Eisenstadt, 84, of 55 Mayflower Dr., died May 9 at Hall-

worth House, Providence. She was the wife of Samuel L. Eisenstadt.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Simon and Sophie (Leshinsky) Greenberg, she had lived in Cranston for 49 years. She was a member of Hadassah, Temple Emanu-El's Leisure Club and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. She was a former member of Temple Beth-El and Temple Torat Yisrael. She was a board member of the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Elaine Eisenstadt, of Maui, Hawaii, and Susan Eisenstadt, of Burlington, Vt.; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. She was the sister of the late Abraham Greenberg and Charlotte Lurie.

Graveside funeral services were held in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Hadassah.

Herman Pavlow

CRANSTON — Herman Pavlow, 83, of 63 Edgewood Ave., a retired accountant, died May 13 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband for 49 years of Emily (Gediman) Pavlow.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Jacob and Sadie (Kaufman) Pavlow, he had lived in Cranston for 49 years. He was a graduate of Johnson & Wales, where he received his accounting degree. He was an accountant for the Veterans Administration Hospital for more than 30 years.

He was a World War II Air Force veteran, having served in the Pacific, and was a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans' Post 23.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and was an officer of its Men's Club. He was a member of Redwood Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and of the Cranston

Senior Guild.

Besides his wife, he leaves several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Samuel and Robert Pavlow, Sarah Klein and Marilyn Mesibov.

Graveside services were held in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Jewish War Veterans.

Adele Landesberg

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N. Y. — Adele Landesberg, 62, formerly of Cranston, a retired psychiatric nurse, died April 16 at home.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of Harriet (Glazer) Landesberg and the late Leo Landesberg.

A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where she received a bachelor of science degree in 1962, she received master's degree in psychiatric nursing from New York University in 1967.

Ms. Landesberg began her

career at Hillside Psychiatric Hospital, in Glen Oaks, N.Y., and later moved to Coney Island Hospital, where she worked until retiring in 2001 as assistant vice president of the hospital's University Group Medical Associates.

She was a member of Sigma Delta Tau, the international nursing society, in which she had held many offices, and had also been active in the New York Nursing Association.

She was a member of the board of directors of her cooperative residence.

Besides her mother, she leaves a brother, Melvin Landesberg, of Medfield, Mass.; and three nieces.

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

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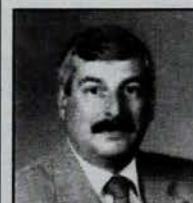
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