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Murder at random

The brutal slaying of an Israeli mom and dad gives Rhode Island a window into terrorism



WHEN THEIR FAMILY WAS INTACT: from top, Yaron, Efrat, Dvir and Yishai Ungar.

They were few, but a deadly few

By Gerry Goldstein

IT WAS a tiny cell, with just six members. But it exemplified how a hive of terrorists, no matter what its size, can be capable of steady and remorseless destruction.

In fact, in passing sentence on members of the group that murdered Yaron and Efrat Ungar, a panel of Israeli judges termed the cell's activities "one of the most severe and murderous affairs ever to take place in this country."

Even in the context of

more recent events, the sequence of ambushes is chilling. It addresses a question that over the past year has become as commonly asked in this country as in Israel: How deep can hatred run?

In more than 100 pages of confessions, cell members provided no insight into what drove them; their accounts of death and mayhem are detailed, but frustratingly dispassionate.

Explanation lies to some extent in the philosophy of the

By Gerry Goldstein

AS A WEAPON of death, the Kalashnikov submachine gun is ruthlessly efficient. With a 30-round magazine that empties in lethal bursts, it can kill at 1,300 meters. For those who prefer to shoot under cloak of darkness, a night sight is optional.

So effective is the weapon that it became a favorite of the Soviet army, earning a national hero award for its designer, Mikhail Timofeevich Kalashnikov.

Purveyors of the gun tout it as "very handy for use in any combat situation."

Yaron and Efrat Ungar, a young Israeli couple expecting their third child, were not in a "combat situation" on the night of June 9, 1996; they were driving home to Hebron from a wedding, with their 9-month-old son, Yishai.

Idling at a junction ahead, near Beit Shemesh, was a white Subaru, in which were two Kalashnikov submachine guns. Cradling one was 23-year-old Abdel Rahman Ghanimat — by day a male nurse at Al-Ahali Hospital in Hebron, by night the leader of a six-man terrorist cell dedicated to the random slaying of Jews.

When the Ungars drove by about 9:30 p.m., with Efrat — two months pregnant — at the wheel, the Subaru pulled out and accelerated, quickly overtaking them.

Abdel Ghanimat — healer in the light, killer in the dark — set his Kalashnikov on automatic and pressed the trigger, riddling the couple's car with all 30 rounds. His colleague in hunting Jews, Jamal al-Hor, 26, turned his own Kalashnikov on

A special report

Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist organization, this month injected new levels of brutality into Israel's daily life. Who are these people who kill, and who are the people who die? This special report presents, in microcosm, a portrait of both. It springs from the murder of a young Israeli couple in 1996, and their family's lawsuit against the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Through a quirk of circumstance, the suit is unfolding in the distant venue of Providence, R.I. The report's author, a former editor and columnist at the Providence Journal, is consulting editor of the Voice & Herald.

the car, unleashing an additional stream of 15 rounds.

The Ungar vehicle veered off the road and stopped. In the back seat, sitting directly behind his mother, little Yishai Ungar — miraculously — was alive and unharmed.

But his father, Yaron, 26, recreation director and Bible teacher in a junior high school, and his mother, Efrat, 25, an artist and writer looking forward to the birth of the baby within her, were dead.

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A cache of weapons, a stockpile of hate

By Gerry Goldstein

EVENTUALLY captured, four of the five terrorists implicated in the murder of Yaron and Efrat Ungar were convicted in Israel, where most received life sentences after making detailed confessions.

The documents describe how the terrorist cell operated, from obtaining weapons to choosing at random the Jewish victims who would be murdered.

The two triggermen in the Ungar case, Abdel Rahman Ghanimat and Jamal al-Hor, at first alleged that their confessions were extracted through torture.

But, said the three-member panel of judges in their verdict,

the defense lawyer withdrew her claims of inadmissibility, holding to the allegation of torture but conceding that measures used against her clients "were insufficient to influence their good and free will in giving the police confessions..."

Characterizing Ghanimat and al-Hor as people "in whose eyes human life is dust," the panel sentenced both to five consecutive life terms.

Here are excerpts from the confession of al-Hor, a 26-year-old construction worker from Tsurif, near Hebron; the document is similar in content to confessions given by the others.

"At the beginning of 1993... a masked man

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'A Yiddish World Remembered'

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Touro letter reading

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Aug. 22

Temple barbecue

Temple Torat Yisrael will hold its second annual barbecue on the lawn of the Temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Hot dogs and ham-

burgers. Meet the temple's new director of education, Beth Nelson. Cost is \$5 per person, with a maximum family charge of \$18. RSVP to the Temple office, 785-1800.

Aug. 25

Comedian to perform

Mel Simons, the humorist, accordionist and disk jockey, will bring his combination of comedy, trivia, nostalgia and old-time radio programs to Striar Jewish Community Center in Stoughton, Mass. at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for the performance and refreshments. To reserve space, send payment to Adult 60+ Department, Striar JCC,

445 Central St., Stoughton, 02072, ATTN: Carol Arbit.

August 28

Rosh Hashanah Primer

Rabbi Aaron Lapin will give a stimulating discussion about the High Holy Days at 8 p.m. at Congregation Ohave Sholam, 671 East Avenue, Pawtucket. Open to the public. 722-3146

Aug. 30-31

Special shabbos

Congregation Ohave Sholam, Pawtucket, will have a community Shabbat in preparation for Rosh Hashanah with Rabbi and rebbitzin leading a *Carlebach Shabbaton*. Call Rabbi Nosson Schuman, 722-3146, for further information.

Honing skills in teaching, learning, focus of conclave

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Elaine and Sanford Kroll Conference will be held Aug. 20 to 22, focusing this year on helping community members refine their skills as educators and students.

Conference planners said

the workshops, at the Bureau offices in the Jewish Community Center building, will be geared toward 'developing a repertoire of skills for addressing the key issues of our lives as Jews, as well as courses on Israel and bringing visual arts into Jewish classrooms.'

Roberta Bell-Kligler, director of Project Oren of Israel's Oranim, the Academic College of Education, will conduct workshops on building a personal relationship with Israel. Project Oren staff will also be available to meet for one-on-one consultations, scheduled through the Bureau.

The workshop schedule is:
Active Learning: Putting
Each Student in the Driver's

Seat, Sharon Katz, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1:30 p.m.

The Art of Rubber Stamping with Pizzazz, Arlene and Dean Bandes, of Zum Gali Gali, Newton, Mass., Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

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Hebrew University blast shakes up Rhode Islanders

Persistent students still plan to study in Israel this month

By Jonathan Rubin

Michael Simon, a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, received an unexpected bonus when he traveled to Israel on a fellowship earlier this year — he fell in love.

Studying in Tel Aviv to pursue a master's degree in Jewish education at Pardes Institute, he met Marla Bennett, also an American student, pursuing a career in Jewish education at Hebrew University.

They couple planned to be engaged.

But when Simon flew back to the United States recently, his joy had turned to sorrow; he was accompanying Marla's body. At age 24, she had perished, with seven others, in the July 31 Hamas attack at Hebrew University.

The blast is still causing pain for Rhode Islanders who knew Marla and others in the Hebrew University attack. And it has worried a number of Rhode Island students who plan to travel to Israel later this month.

Cynthia Wagner, formerly of Providence and now of San Diego, befriended Michael several years ago while working in Providence. Michael introduced her to Marla when the three were studying in Israel last year.

"She was someone who sought to inspire others... someone who would have had a tremendous impact on the Jewish world if she had been given a chance," Wagner said.

Despite Marla's death, Wagner left for Israel this week to continue her studies.

"Our lives are at risk by virtue of living," she said. "I'd rather be at risk in Jerusalem than anywhere else."

Marcia Kaunfer, of Providence, knew Michael from his time at Emanu-El. "He used to sit behind me in *shul*," she said.

Kaunfer was within earshot of the deadly explosion, at her brother's house in the French Hill section of Jerusalem. She was in Israel for a month with her husband, Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, who was attending a seminar there.

"I had this fear that it was a big explosion, but I didn't want to worry anyone, so I said out loud 'It was probably thunder.'" Within minutes, however, they received a phone call, saying that there had been a bombing.

Kaunfer's 19-year-old nephew, a trained medic, said, "I'm taking the car and I'm going."

"Don't drive too fast," his mother said calmly.

He returned home later — with blood on his clothes.

"He's 19," Kaunfer said, "and he's already seen things like this."

Although the level of security in Israel had been very high, she said, things had become "relatively quiet" prior to the bombing, and people were beginning to go about their routines again.

"People never believed this could happen at the university... they believed there was some sort of a gentleman's agreement... There are Arab students there," said Kaunfer, who

'She was someone who sought to inspire others... someone who would have had a tremendous impact on the Jewish world if she had been given a chance.'

teaches Judaic studies at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence and is already thinking about her lesson plan for the coming year.

"I don't want the kids to think that Israel is a scary place... Jerusalem is so beautiful; it's like a precious jewel. It's so beautiful that you could cry that this is happening."

Rhode Island routinely sends students to study in Israel; some ten students will be there

later this month in post-high school programs, yeshiva study programs and international exchanges.

Amir Aharon, of Kingston, attends high school at the American Hebrew Academy in Baltimore. Aharon, a junior, is planning to go to Israel with his entire class during the coming school year, danger or no.

"I'm very concerned, obviously... but I still want to go learn there," he said. "I think it's important for me to go, [and] not just because of the bombings."

He said that a year of study in Israel is standard procedure at his school. "All my class is

going, except for a few girls... and I wouldn't want to stay back in school with no classmates." Plus, he said, even if security is tight he can still visit friends and family on weekends.

His mother, Margalit, isn't so sure about the trip.

"There's a 50 percent chance that he won't be going," she said. "I'm petrified to send a child there right now."

"The situation right now isn't conducive for children to



MICHAEL SIMON and Marla Bennett

learn about their heritage in Israel. They aren't going to be with Israelis... they are going to be with armed guards."

She said she knows how much the program means to her son. "He wanted to go back this year... it was his idea. He likes being with Jewish kids."

Her anxiety is common among parents nowadays.

Ruth "Duffy" Page, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Israel desk, has helped many students like Aharon secure funding and scholarships for Israel study.

She said she understands the internal conflicts that beset parents in regard to Israel programs.

"Parents deserve credit for sending their children... Obviously they have faith not only

in the programs but in Israel [as well]... and they won't be deterred by the terrorists."

She understands as well, however, the decision to keep kids home.

"You can't judge a person for making that decision... it's extremely difficult and extremely painful."

Some people who aren't kids are also making the trek to study in Israel.

Lynn Flanzbaum, 43, was born and reared in Providence and has lived in a condo in North Providence for the last 11 years. She applied last summer to the graduate program in Jewish education at Hebrew Union College, an American-based college of the Reform

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Not enough balance at URI's peace conference

THE outdoor temperature was in the 90s, and my internal thermometer heated up as well after someone on the dais suggested that instead of Palestine, post-Holocaust and guilt-ridden Europe should have given its surviving Jews half of Germany or perhaps one of the United States.

Given the weather, I was prepared to suggest Alaska, but I kept my cool (sorry). The person holding the mike controls the conversation, and all you do in your righteous anger is give him further opportunity to enlarge on the views you don't agree with.

The occasion was an all-day international peace conference at URI on Aug. 4, and the theme was "Israel and Palestine: Working Toward Justice and Peace." It was billed as the "Sixth Annual Muslim Cultural Heritage Program." There wasn't too much said about culture, but there was a great deal said about politics; the degree of justice and peace one heard depended on what side of the

conflict one was on.

The speakers at all four sessions were, in the main, professors of Muslim or Arab studies, some officials in Muslim organizations and two Israelis, to me the most interesting of the group.

One of them is an officer in the Israeli army reserves but refuses to serve in the occupied territories. He discussed the reasons for his stand, basically that the occupation creates terrorism, and that it is not only morally wrong but also failing in its purpose. He left me wondering if, in his circumstances, I might have had the courage to do the same.

The second Israeli, a professor at Ben-Gurion University, said, among other things, that Israelis, assuming that peace was at hand after Oslo, turned their attention to factional infighting. This resulted,



Yehuda Lev

he said, in a division of power among smaller parties whose agendas involve parochial matters and who lack the ability to lead the public to an acceptance of the compromises necessary to achieve peace.

The Muslim speakers ran the gamut from (apologies to Dorothy Parker) A to B. There was some of the expected fiery denunciation of all things Israeli and American. (Some of the loudest applause came following expressions of opposition to an American attack on Iraq.) In general there was support for the idea that Iraq threatens neither its neighbors nor American interests and no reference was made to Saddam Hussein's record of wars against his neighbors and his own (Muslim) minorities, and his attempts to stockpile biological and chemical weapons.

There was general agreement, among the Muslims and the Arabists on the dais that Israel would not survive much longer, and on this the major

point of disagreement seemed to be whether the Palestinians should settle first for a withdrawal to the 1949 borders or go for broke and take it all in one fell swoop. Those who had no truck with compromise easily confirmed the fears of Israel's right wing that Arafat is preaching salami tactics, a slice here and a slice there until Jaffa and Haifa join Hebron and Jenin.

No one rejected the concept of the right of return to Israel of the Palestinian refugees although several suggested that a symbolic expression of that right by Israel might be the most that could be expected.

There was a lot of talk about having the key to the family home in this or that village but little recognition of the fact that most of those family homes no longer exist. Nor did anyone ask if a million or more Palestinians returning to Israel would be loyal citizens of the state. And I heard only one reference to the Jews who fled

Arab countries for safety in Israel. (The Zionists, it was claimed, drove the Jews out of Iraq.)

The villains of the day were Zionism, Ariel Sharon, George W. Bush and Yasser Arafat. I hold no brief for the last three on that list and I share the belief that the occupation is morally indefensible and tactically self-defeating. But if what I heard was a fair sample of the thinking on the Palestinian side, we are a long way from a compromise peace and Ariel Sharon is only partially to blame.

The organizers will follow up with another conference next year. If they want someone to help add balance to their discussions, my calendar is clear. And there are plenty of people in Rhode Island's colleges who are better informed than I. Somehow, I don't think that is what they are looking for. Pity.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hebrew Day needs lesson in Zionism's importance

We read with interest Rabbi Nissel's response to the Sauers' letter to the editor about *Hatikvah* and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Our children attended PHDS until last year. We were not at the assembly in question. The bottom line is the Sauers are correct; PHDS, as we have witnessed it in the last four or five years, has not demonstrated a desire to educate the children to support the political State of Israel.

The school supports the Jews in Israel and teaches love of the *land* of Israel. The few hints of support for the state of Israel — such as the playing of *Hatikvah*, which the dean admits he sat through — have been the result of repeated requests to the dean by parents

who are religious Zionists.

We think it's fair to say that educating the children to love the Zionist state, or seeing the political revival of the Jewish state after 2,000 years as beginning the fulfillment of promises made in the Torah, is not part of the program at PHDS.

Many past and present families affiliated with PHDS, including the Sauers, see Zionism as an integral part of Jewish belief — the beginning of the promised redemption — which their children do not get at PHDS. Some of these families have made Aliyah. However their view has not been adopted, under the present leadership of the school.

Bennett Bergman
Lisa Bergman
Providence

Anthem issue is a non-issue

I received a copy of the complaint letter you received about the playing of *Hatikvah* at the Providence Hebrew Day School music night June 18. I was surprised by it, because the performance made for a lovely evening.

One of the elements was a selection of Jewish melodies by the fifth grade, and one of the tunes was *Hatikvah*. No one considered it to be played as an anthem. The school's deep concern for the situation in Israel was expressed by the entire audience reciting *tehillim* in unison, led by the dean, Rabbi Mordechai Nissel.

I was saddened to learn that one couple reacted so vehemently to a children's music recital. The frustration and pain we feel for our brethren in Israel is real. The reported issue is not.

Russ Raskin
Providence

The writer is president of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

For acts of terror, a taking of land

The answer to suicide bombings and shootings is land confiscation. Killing Palestinians won't work because they don't care about life. What they care about is their honor, their symbols, icons, images, fantasies and above all, the land, especially East Jerusalem.

For every atrocity, Israel should confiscate a percentage of land and later annex it. How much depends on the severity and brutality of the terrorist attack and how many Israelis are killed, injured and dispossessed.

For an attack in Natanya, for example, Israel might confiscate up to 200 acres of land. The Palestinians living in these areas should be moved further east toward the Jordan River and finally across it into Jordan or in Gaza, pushed toward Egypt.

The confiscated land might be returned upon good behavior — an absence of violence over a certain period. Barring that it would be annexed.

"Land for Peace" did not work, but "Land Confiscation for Violence" will, because fellow Palestinians, whether

through the PA police or mob action, will kill the terrorists to prevent further confiscation. Israel should consider trying this. Arafat will finally stop bluffing and come down hard on the terror groups.

Rafi Kestenbaum
Rego Park, N.Y.

RI Red Cross backs Israel

In recent months there has been some confusion about the stance of Israel's Magen David Adom, the American Red Cross, and the continued quest for membership in the International Red Cross Movement. As the new executive director of the American Red Cross of Rhode Island, I wanted to address this issue and assure you that our policy has not changed — the American Red Cross stands firmly alongside MDA.

Since Israel became a state over 50 years ago, Magen David Adom, which uses the Star of David as its identity, has been

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Despite the carnage, Israel is winning

APPEARANCES to the contrary, Israel is defeating the Palestinians.

For one piece of proof, note this reversal a few weeks ago: Yasser Arafat announced his belated acceptance of a generous Israeli offer that he had spurned two years earlier. This time, however, the Israelis responded with disdain.

To be sure, the Palestinian campaign of terror continues apace, with frequent, bloody successes. But it has failed to have the intended



Daniel Pipes

effect of demoralizing Israelis. Quite the contrary, the violence has promoted a sense of resolve and unity the likes of which Israel has not enjoyed for decades.

"Rather than undermine our morale, the terrorist attacks only strengthen our resolve," observes the writer Yossi Klein Halevi. A "notoriously fractious society has rediscovered its commonality," he concludes.

In contrast, consider three ways in which the Palestinians' own violence is causing them to suffer, lose ground, and have doubts:

Palestinian impoverishment: Two years of terrorism has brought huge economic losses to Palestinians. Unemployment is variously estimated

between 40 and 70 percent. Underemployment is no less dramatic: "University graduates, architects and engineers, men who once wore suits, now hawk flavored water, fruit, paper napkins and chewing gum alongside street children with their hands for alms," reports the *Chicago Tribune*.

As a result, over 50 percent of residents on the West Bank and some 80 percent in Gaza live below the poverty line, according to one recent survey. Just getting food is a problem. "I've been confined to my home for more than a month. I have eight children, we've eaten all we have," laments a falafel seller in Nablus.

He is hardly alone: Preliminary results of a survey conducted

in the Palestinian areas by Johns Hopkins University finds 30 percent of children suffering from chronic malnutrition and another 21 percent from acute malnutrition. (This said, even the Palestinians acknowledge that no one has died of starvation.)

The Palestinian Authority itself is nearly bankrupt, unable to pay salaries or other expenses.

Palestinian depression: Palestinian violence has ended normal life in the West Bank and Gaza, where the population labors under curfews, transportation barely moves, schools are mostly shut, and hospitals hardly function.

The result is severe depression. "Today is my wedding day

and I want to die," exclaimed a bride who had few guests at her marriage, no food to serve them, and hardly any presents from them.

Misery leads some Palestinians to contemplate even the unmentionable; "I don't say [Israeli] occupation would be better," said a farmer in Jericho who let his peppers wilt on the vine. "But if they were occupying us, at least the city might be open," permitting his produce to get to market.

More broadly, 55 Palestinian intellectuals and public figures signed a petition in June condemning the continuation of suicide bombings in Israel. Ehud Ya'ari of the *Jerusalem Report* notes that "instead of automatic applause for the attacks, there is now a readiness to allow expressions of doubtfulness and dissent."

Palestinian recruitment woes: The unremitting Palestinian campaign of violence has prompted what appear to be effective Israeli countermeasures. Destroying the houses of suicide bombers' families, for example, dissuaded at least two would-be suicide bombers in recent days from carrying out their operations. Israel's Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, for one, detects in this particular development "the initial signs of deterrence" at work.

The highly trained cadres of the war's opening months have been replaced by hastily recruited volunteers, or in some cases (such as the planted bomb at the Hebrew University cafeteria) different means entirely. Hamas publicly acknowledges that it needs to find new methods against Israel, suggesting that the 70 suicide attacks of the past two years cannot be sustained.

The unwillingness of Hamas leaders to dispatch their own children to their deaths adds piquancy to this evolution. Israeli media have widely played recordings of a Hamas leader's wife as she is entreated to allow her son to become "one of the martyrs." To this she stiffly replies that the boy "is not involved in any of that ... my son is busy with his studies."

In brief, terrorism is not working. It takes a toll on the Palestinians without having the intended effect on Israel. Barring a major change, the Palestinians will wear themselves out fairly soon, probably by the year's end.

Daniel Pipes is director of the Middle East Forum. He can be reached at www.DanielPipes.org.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changes at temple make the spirit soar

I am writing about an article in your June 21 edition. Initially, I got excited seeing an article about Temple Emanu-El. I thought your article might have focused on the renovations in the sanctuary, how the bimah will be accessible to all our members no matter what their physical abilities.

I thought the article would talk about the soaring energy during prayer when the cantor stands under the dome and the sound travels to the corners of the sanctuary. I thought you might talk about the new look that will be ready for our new year, thanks to hard work from

the temple board and executive committee.

I thought you might have mentioned the money that was raised in the capital campaign for these renovations. Frankly, I was surprised that the article focused on what seemed to be described as a controversy about where the cantor should stand while he leads members in prayer, given that he has been davening there for the past year and a half. As was stated in the article, central davening is really the more traditional form of prayer. Those of us who have been brought up in another style of praying may

find it different, but untraditional, it isn't.

Temple Emanu-El has been my spiritual home for 22 years and over that time I have observed many changes. When I first joined, women were just beginning to be included in the Saturday morning minyanim. Late Friday night services are no longer in vogue, though they are offered at times. Instead, an emphasis on Saturday morning worship has been the norm.

Kiddush after services is no longer herring and schnaps, but now a full lunch with people sitting and singing until 2 or 3 in the afternoon. As you can see, our Temple is one that is fluid, keeping all traditions of the Conservative movement but addressing the needs of our constituency. Change is difficult; all these changes that I have mentioned also had their supporters and detractors.

However, the Temple has always tried to balance the needs of its members.

Personally, I go to services to pray. In fact, I usually pray with my eyes closed to help my mind and my soul focus on the Infinite. Hence, where the cantor prays has no visual meaning for me. I do find that my ability to engage in prayers, to reach a spiritual height, is made easier when davening is led from "the floor" versus a raised bimah.

I do find that the music, the chanting, the recent addition of *niggunim* — wordless Jewish melodies — is welcome to my ears, my heart and my soul. Indeed, it would be my preference that the pulpit really be empty and that the rabbis and board members sit in the congregation as well!

Pamela Kaitin-Miller
Providence

Debate brings results at Temple Emanu-El

I was pleased to see your June 21 cover story on the changes that are taking place at Temple Emanu-El. However, I was confused by the emphasis your story puts on "playing to mixed reviews."

As a long-standing member of the Emanu-El community, I have actively participated in the changes that have taken place over the last several years. As a member of the services committee and temple board and as a regular participant in Shabbos services, I have had many discussions with other congregants about these and other changes taking place at Emanu-El.

Has there always been complete agreement among the congregation? Of course not! Have you ever met a group of Jews who can agree on everything?

Why should such a disagreement get so much press?

What has impressed me about our process at Emanu-El is that a membership of more than 1,000 households has been able to agree on a plan, join together to raise millions of dollars, and make those plans a reality. Now there's a story!

Change is an essential part of any healthy organization. We as a congregation are committed to openly discussing our differing spiritual needs in an atmosphere of mutual respect and curiosity. We hope you will come and join us and see for yourselves what all the fuss is about.

Rob Cable
Providence

A different perspective

To answer the letter of Samuel J. Shamoan, president of Temple Emanu-El in Providence: He states that the temple is turning more toward its Jewish roots, not away from tradition, in regard to the question of where the cantor is located.

Should he be in the middle of the sanctuary, or should he be on the bimah? Since Emanu-El is a Conservative shul, the former is Mr. Shamoan's preference.

However, this is certainly not keeping with tradition.

David Schwartz
West Warwick

Christian right: danger or opportunity?

Evangelical support helps Israel, and it's not based on anti-Semitism

By Abraham H. Foxman

(JTA) — It has been said time and again that Israel is today facing its greatest crisis in years. It has also been noted that a key factor that makes Israel's situation less desperate than it might be is the fact that the United States, the world's superpower, stands up — many times alone — on behalf of an embattled Israel.

These realities should make American Jews highly appreciative of the incredible support that the State of Israel gets from a significant group of Americans — the evangelical Christian right. In many ways, the Christian right stands out as the most consistently supportive group of Israel in America.

In Congress, support for Israel is strong on both sides of the aisle, among liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans. Most importantly, the issue has not been seen as one reflecting the views of a parochial lobbying group provoking significant support but also significant opposition. Rather, it is seen as above partisan politics.

Having said that, there is no doubt that evangelical Christians are notably aggressive in their support, proposing resolutions and speaking out forcefully.

This is especially noteworthy during the current administration, as they are conveying their sentiments to a president who shares many of their religious and social perspectives.

Similarly, polls of American public opinion reveal that, in marked contrast to similar polls in Europe, the American people support Israel over the Palestinians by a significant margin. A key element in these consistent findings in many polls conducted since the violence broke out almost two years ago is the overwhelming support for Israel among individuals calling themselves evangelical.

On many public occasions, including at rallies and meetings, on TV and radio appearances, evangelicals have become regulars, a pro-Israel presence alongside the Jewish community. While such support is evident from other significant parts of the body politic, support from evangelicals is especially consistent and unreserved.

Still, there continues to be a reluctance in certain sections of the American Jewish community to welcome or encourage evangelical support. Several



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Jewish 'affair' with Christian right is both misguided and shortsighted

By Arlene Stein

(JTA) — Six years ago, the Anti-Defamation League issued a scathing report entitled "The Religious Right: The Assault on Pluralism and Tolerance in America." But in a stunning reversal in May, it ran full-page ads in The New York Times and other publications, reprinting a strongly pro-Israel opinion piece by former Christian Coalition chief Ralph Reed.

And last month, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, joined forces with Reed in "Stand for Israel," designed to mobilize 100,000 evangelical churches to raise money and support for Israel, leading Reed to proclaim that the burgeoning Jewish-Christian coalition for Israel is today as potent as the Jewish-black coalition for civil rights was in the 1960s.

Defending their budding love affair with conservative Christians, some Jewish leaders, like the ADL's Abraham Foxman, say the religious right has changed, and the declining influence of groups like the Christian Coalition means that it is "less adversarial." If this is true, though, it's the product of a shift in style rather than ideology.

Christian conservatives are softening

their pitch, reaching out to conservative Jews, Mormons and Catholics, but their political project — to win new converts, gain power and influence in the public arena, erode the barrier between church and state, shrink the public sector and increase their presence on the world stage — is more ambitious than ever.



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In the 1980s and 1990s, energized by their crusade against moral decline, politicized Christians built bases in local communities: running candidates for school boards, sponsoring local ballot measures against gay rights, abortion and comprehensive sex education, and successfully taking over the Republican Party in many states.

In the process, they polarized scores of communities, pitted neighbor against neighbor around "culture war" issues, and made as many enemies as friends.

Stung by criticism of their divisive tactics, and inspired by Ralph Reed's call to "cast a wider net," during the late 1990s Christian activists throughout the nation toned down their rhetoric and looked for other places to strut their stuff. Some ran for local office, or joined anti-tax and anti-immigration

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campaigns. Others entered the arena of foreign policy, organizing to save "persecuted Christians" around the globe.

Today, many are captivated by the Middle East crisis.

Joseph Farah, a Lebanese American who is the co-author with Rush Limbaugh of the best-seller "See, I Told You So" edits a daily Web site that specializes in spinning conspiracy tales about Bill Clinton, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), and supporters of stem-cell research — whom he likens to Nazi doctor Joseph Mengele.

Farah's pro-Israel stance is motivated by the belief that Christian sites are safer in Jewish than in Muslim hands, and by the biblical prophecy that Jews, ultimately, will facilitate the return of Christ. It's also motivated by a generalized antipathy toward Islam — a sentiment that is shared by Rabbi Daniel Lapin, president of Toward Tradition, a national alliance of Jews and Christians dedicated to "family values and the free market," who recently proclaimed that "conservative

Christians are the natural allies of the Jewish community."

"It may be attractive," Lapin suggests, "to think of Christians, Jews and Muslims as forming one great 'Abrahamic' civilization . . . but the truth is that today we are witnessing two distinct religious civilizations in conflict: that of the Koran, allied with the believers in no God, violently challenging the civilization of the Bible, of Christianity and Judaism."

Gary Bauer, a leading voice of the Christian right, agrees. "Western civilization is being challenged again and Israel and the United States share a civilization based on Western and Judeo-Christian values."

If this sounds curiously like the "clash of civilizations" rhetoric post-9/11, it should. Armed by the belief that the "civilized world" is engaged in a battle for the preservation of humanity against Islam, conservatives suggest that the new fault line isn't between communism and capitalism, it's between Judeo-Christian culture and the godless other — namely, the followers of Mohammed.

So why have some American Jews joined this band-

wagon? For ultra-conservatives like Lapin and Eckstein, the answer is pretty clear. Like their Christian brethren, they believe that "secular humanism" can only be kept in check through traditional morality and the free market. (Lapin: "I am far more concerned about the threat that sexual promiscuity poses to my children than I am about the threat of second-hand smoke.")

Like many hastily conceived romances, the Jewish alliance with Christian conservatives is bound to spawn some unanticipated — and unwanted — offspring.

The benefits they reap from this alliance — including a ready audience of perhaps 50 million evangelical Christians connected via an enormous media empire — are certainly not immaterial. On his Web site, Eckstein hawks Dead Sea bath salt and other tempting gift items. For his part, Lapin has a syndicated radio talk show, as well as a management training

and consulting firm that claims to "help organizations apply the ancient wisdom used over centuries by Jews to excel in business and translates it into modern day management tools for enhanced organizational performance."

A more vexing question is why moderate Jews — who have long opposed the Christian right on such fundamental issues as church-state separation and civil rights — have joined up with book banners, opponents of abortion, activists whose support for Israel is based on inflexible theological and sometimes prophetic explanations for Israel's right to exist — and people who are more than willing to express their unabated hatred of the Muslim religion.

Jewish leaders from groups like the ADL say the alliance is a strategic one, that since Republicans are in power and conservative Christians comprise the base of the Republican Party, it makes strategic sense.

But like many hastily conceived romances, the Jewish alliance with Christian conservatives is bound to spawn some unanticipated — and unwanted — offspring. It could poten-

tially alienate large sectors of the Jewish community, driving them away from the fold — particularly socially liberal baby boomers, who are likely to be turned off by the right's anti-abortion, anti-gay and anti-democratic agenda.

Advocating that religious doctrine rather than democratic debate should guide policymaking, the Christian right lobby — and the Jews who love them — are also likely to push Sharon's government and their American allies further to the right.

Are these "natural allies" really doing what's best for Israel or for American Jews? The answer is yes if one imagines Israel as a repressive, theocratic state, and if one sees the American Jewish community as essentially conservative.

But in fact, there are many who believe that a more democratic vision is still possible and that Jews should be building coalitions with liberal Protestants, Catholics and especially moderate Muslims who support Israel — not those who view a complicated world in theologically black-and-white terms.

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factors come into play. Many mainstream American Jewish organizations have major disagreements with evangelicals on many domestic issues — church-state separation, abortion and attitudes toward gays.

ADL and other Jewish organizations have made clear in its dealings with evangelicals that we will continue to be forceful advocates for our very different perspective on these issues before the American people, despite evangelical support for Israel. Importantly, at no point have we heard them place any conditions on their support. There is no quid pro quo. At no point have we had to choose between our fundamental principles concerning the role of religion in America and our appreciation for their standing with Israel.

Some say that evangelicals are behind Israel for the wrong reasons — that they see Israel's existence as a necessary precursor for Armageddon and the second coming of Jesus, visions which do not include a place for Jews. These religious beliefs, however, speak to an unknown future. (Indeed, one that Jews do not envision.)

Finally, it is said that evangelicals have a high degree of anti-Semitism in their commu-

nities. There is no doubt that there is a history of anti-Semitism among evangelicals, based on an old theology that Jews deserve punishment because they rejected Jesus. Today, that perspective has been superseded by the new special role of the Jews in the modern State of Israel. Indeed, evangelical leaders such as Ralph Reed have apologized for anti-Semitism in the past and have eloquently spoken to their communities about rejecting any element of anti-Semitism.

ADL polls on anti-Semitism in America show no greater inclination of evangelical Christians to harbor hateful views of Jews than other groups in American society.

In sum, American Jews should not be apologetic or defensive about cultivating evangelical support for Israel. The need to support an Israel under siege is great. Fortunately, evangelical support is overwhelming, consistent and unconditional. And the fears that such support will undermine our impact on other concerns that American Jews have are overblown, since we will continue to articulate in forceful ways our significant disagreements on social issues.

Abraham H. Foxman is the national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

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'May His Influence Be Wide': Celebrating the Life of Chaim Potok

By Ellen Frankel

On Tuesday, July 23, the Jewish community lost one of its most articulate spokesmen; the wider literary world, one of its most passionate writers. Chaim Potok, whose life began within the narrow confines of the Hasidic shtetle, wrote his way out into the wider world of arts and letters, and then through his writing brought us back with him inside that narrow world to understand what he had loved and learned and lost.

For his Jewish readers, he represented a new kind of Jew—fiercely proud of his heritage and learned in its sacred texts, but unafraid to embrace secular culture and its syncretic roots. For the Jew in the pew, he represented a new kind of rabbi—reverent yet unabashedly critical, intensely loyal to his community yet a citizen of the world.

But Chaim did not only make his contributions on the large stage. He also participated in several focused communities of influence, most notably The Jewish Publication Society in Philadelphia, in which he served as Editor-in-chief from 1966 to 1974, special projects editor, and finally, as chairman of its editorial committee until shortly before his death.

Chaim's rise to international fame coincided with his tenure at JPS. Only a year after assuming the editorship, his first novel, *The Chosen*, was published and immediately rocketed to the top of the bestseller list.

With the publication this past fall of *Etz Hayim*, in which Chaim Potok played a pivotal role as editor of the critical commentary, this and other important Bible projects have come to fruition, in no small measure thanks to the talents, vision and dedication of Chaim Potok. May his memory be for a blessing.

Ellen Frankel is editor in chief of the Jewish Publication Society



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News Briefs

U.S. Orthodox have most synagogues

Most U.S. synagogues are Orthodox, according to a new American Jewish Committee census. Of 3,727 synagogues throughout the United States, 40 percent belong to Orthodox congregations, the AJCommittee census said, while 26 percent are Reform and 23 percent are Conservative. The other groups, including Reconstructionist and Secular Humanist, account for 3 percent or less of all synagogue affiliations, according to the 2001 survey.

Israel, P.A., talk tax transfers

Three senior Israeli officials, including a top aide to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, met Sunday with the Palestinian Authority finance minister. The officials discussed Israel's promise to transfer to the P.A. some \$45 million in tax revenues it froze following the outbreak of the intifada in September 2000. Israel transferred about \$15 million to the Palestinians last month in what was the first of three promised payments.

Nine indicted in collapse of wedding hall

Nine Israelis were indicted Monday in connection with the May 2001 collapse of a wedding hall in Jerusalem. The nine, who include the building contractor and the owners of the hall, face a variety of charges, including manslaughter and negligence, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. Twenty-three people were killed and nearly 400 injured in the collapse.

Israeli parents may boycott schools

Some Israeli parents are threatening not to send their children to school when the fall term begins. The threats surfaced following reported government plans to cut funding for security guards at some elementary schools and preschools.

Palestinian groups OK more attacks

Members of leading Palestinian groups on Monday rejected language to end attacks on civilians inside Israel, and instead backed a continuation of their uprising. The groups have

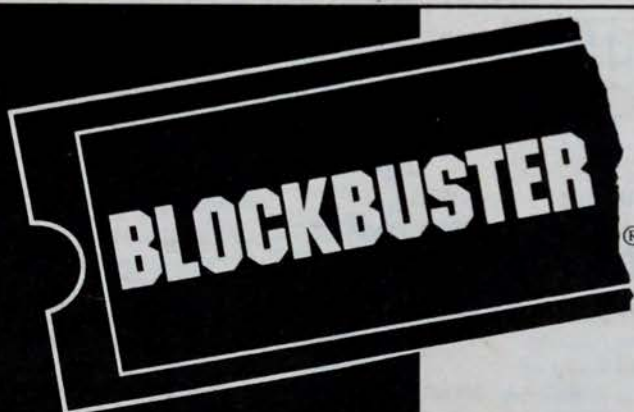
been holding talks in Gaza City with the aim of drafting a unified political platform, which would include terrorist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, which initiated the meetings, reportedly offered a draft proposal that called for an end to attacks against civilians inside Israel but that language was scrapped during debate.

Y.U. to allow gay housing

Yeshiva University's medical school will allow gay and lesbian couples to live together in its married student housing. Y.U.'s decision, reportedly reached late last month, ends a long-standing lawsuit launched in 1998 by two lesbian medical students whose domestic partners were not allowed to live with them in university housing at the Bronx-based Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

El Al angry at Orthodox

El Al plans to lodge a complaint against a group of fervently Orthodox passengers who disrupted a flight from Zurich to Tel Aviv last week. The passengers objected to what they considered immodest scenes in an in-flight movie and covered one of the cabin screens with blankets despite protests from other passengers, the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* reported.



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Saving lives through an emergency Israel fund

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By Michael Hersch

Upon opening the door to the armored van, I guessed that it probably weighed 350 pounds. That's just the door. The tires and wheels are reinforced so the van can still travel 35 miles after the tires are shot out. There are two layers of bulletproof glass.

One of these vans was, in fact, attacked just days after it was put into service. The armor saved the lives of the driver and the passengers, who almost certainly would have been killed had they been in a regular bus when a bomb exploded just outside the vehicle.

While in Israel, I had the opportunity to meet the driver, Yossi, who now thanks God and the American Jewish Community for saving his life.

One project that altered my perspective on what it means to be Jewish, or specifically, Israeli, today, is the purchasing of armored vans like this one. As a result of heartless Palestinian attacks on city and school buses, children and the elderly — the most vulnerable among us — have been put on the front

line.

The Israel Emergency Campaigns across the U.S. and Canada have made protecting these populations one of our top priorities. These armored vans, with a price tag of \$115,000 each, are used to transport children to and from school or day care, and to help older Israelis get around in at-risk neighborhoods such as Gilo.

In April of this year, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island set out to raise an additional \$1,413,000 above its annual campaign, (which has been raising more than \$4 million a year for the last few years), to help the people of Israel as they face the ongoing challenge of dealing with terrorism and a struggling economy.

We've met our goal. To date, approximately 1,600 members of the Rhode Island Jewish community have contributed over \$1.36 million to the "We Stand with Israel" Campaign. We have a chance to reach \$1.5 million. Jewish Federations across the United States took on similar campaigns and

raised over \$300 million.

It strikes me that only the Jews are forced to cage themselves in a ghetto with an electrified fence, and armored vehicles, but we have no choice. Though it makes me sad to see enduring anti-Semitism, and heartbroken that Jews are murdered on their way to work or school, I am proud of the American Jewish community for responding to the crisis in Israel, and I feel fortunate to have been able to contribute my share to this Israel Emergency Fund that helps save lives daily.

For more information on how dollars from the Israel Emergency Fund are being used, please contact Michael Hersch at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, at 421-4111.

Michael Hersch is assistant campaign director at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.



A generation of giving

Esther Elkin, Herta Hoffman, Judith Romney-Wagner and Gertrude Hak (shown from left to right) were among the 110 attendees at the Silver Circle Annual Summer Event, which was hosted by Robbie and Judy Mann on July 28. The Silver Circle's members have contributed to the Jewish Federation for 25 years or more.

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Washington's words to ring again at Touro Synagogue

Touro Synagogue in Newport will be the setting Aug. 18 for the annual public reading of George Washington's landmark letter to synagogue members that promised "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

With those words, Washington gave his strongest assurance that the New World would be a haven for Jews and other religious minorities. The letter will be read aloud at 1 p.m. The

public is invited to attend the free event.

U.S. Sen. Jack Reed will be master of ceremonies for this year's event, which will also feature Alvin Deutsch of Congregation Shearith Israel in New York City and the Rev. James Miller of the First Baptist Church of America in Providence.

Cantor Richard Perlman of Temple Am David in Warwick will sing, and Rabbi Mordechai

Eskovitz of Touro Synagogue will deliver the benediction.

Eli N. Evans, noted Jewish historian and chronicler of the Jewish experience in the South, will read the Washington letter and deliver a keynote address entitled, "Post-9/11 Reflections on Religious Freedom."

Touro Synagogue is at 85 Touro Street. For more information call the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, 847-4794, ext. 14.

'Mall,' Israeli style, part of Community Weekend in October

Prepare to be informed and energized as the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Bureau of Jewish Education present a "Community Weekend" Oct. 24-27.

To kick off the 2002 Community Campaign Weekend, the Women's Alliance has invited Laura Blumenfeld, author of *Revenge — A Story Of Hope*, to speak at Temple Emanu-El on Thursday evening, Oct. 24. Following Ms. Blumenfeld's presentation will be a dessert reception and book signing. All women who make

a pledge, in any amount, to the 2003 Annual Community Campaign are invited to attend.

On Friday evening, Oct. 25, all are invited to attend the synagogue of their choice as part of a community-wide Shabbat. Additional information, including a full listing of synagogues and programs, will appear in early October.

The Bureau of Jewish Education will once again offer "An Evening of Jewish Renaissance," on Saturday, Oct. 26.

In addition to the educational and cultural sessions that will be offered, participants can experience the "Ben Yehuda Street Shuk (market)" without the 6,000-mile trip to Israel. Merchants from Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall will travel here and will offer Renaissance attendees a broad

range of wares including clothing, arts and crafts, posters, and jewelry. The "Shuk" will also be open on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Registration and program information will be provided in the Sept. 27 issue of the *Voice & Herald*. Registration will be limited, so register early to save a spot. This event is free of charge and open to all.

The weekend will conclude with the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign Event on Sunday evening, Oct. 27, featuring well-known Middle East political analyst and commentator Daniel Pipes. Anyone who makes a pledge to the Annual Campaign may attend this event.

For additional information call Robin Kauffman at the Bureau of Jewish Education, 331-0956, or email her at rkauffman@bjeri.org.

Mentoring opportunities available at Brown Hillel's Providence Connection

Brown Hillel this year is implementing a new program to help members connect more personally with the community.

The Providence Connection will link Hillel students who have specific career interests with community members who work in those fields. A similar program, called *Pathways*, existed a few years ago.

The Providence Connection will use the link between community members and students to foster a mentoring relationship that will help students along their career paths. The

relationship may include anything from observing community members at work, to receiving advice, to attending a Shabbat dinner at home.

Students will have access to a Providence Connection binder in the Hillel office containing contact information on community members who have offered their time.

Community members interested in participating in the Providence Connection can call Abby Berenson, 863-9354, or send her an e-mail at Abby_Berenson@Brown.edu.

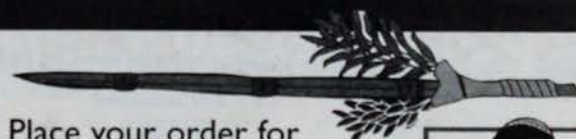
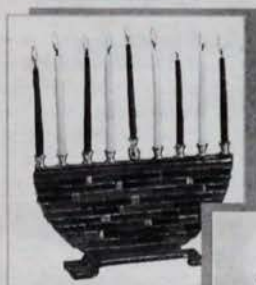
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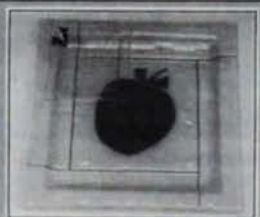
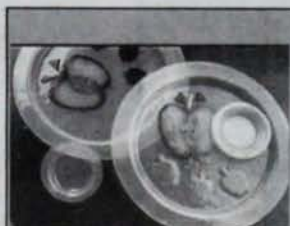
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Brown's Goldstein lauded for work in social science

The National Foundation for Jewish Culture has announced that Sidney Goldstein, a Brown University sociologist, has been named winner of the 2002 Laureate of the Jewish Cultural Achievement Award in Social Science.

The award recognizes scholars who have had a major influence on their fields, their colleagues, and their students and have enhanced Jewish scholarship in America.

Goldstein, of Warwick, is being recognized for his writings on Jewish demographic patterns and trends, for the students he has trained and nurtured, and for his enterprise in Jewish scholarship.

Goldstein is professor emeritus of sociology at Brown, and research professor of population studies. He also served as director of Brown's Population Studies and Training Center from 1965-1989.

He is a former Fulbright Scholar and Guggenheim Fellow.

Goldstein was president of the Population Association of America in 1976-77. In 1981 and 1983, he received awards from the National Academy of Science's Committee on Scholarly Communication with the People's Republic of China, to lecture and do research in China on the relation between population change and economic development.

Goldstein has conducted a number of studies of the Jewish population of the United States,



Sidney Goldstein

including the Jewish population of Rhode Island. He is the author of a number of reports on the Jewish population, including *A Population Survey of the Greater Providence Jewish Community of 1963*, *Jewish Americans*, and *The Jewish Community of Rhode Island: A Social and Demographic Survey, 1987*, the later two co-authored with Calvin Goldscheider.

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Hebrew University

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movement, and was accepted in March. Hebrew Union asks that students spend one of their three years of study in Israel. Flanzbaum, who is single, sold her car and her condo, and put all her things in storage.

She was given the option by the college to study stateside for her first year, but declined. "For me, to say no without even trying would be cheating myself out of an opportunity which a lot of people say is a transforming experience."

Flanzbaum's passion for Judaism has old roots, and her connections to Judaism have become stronger over the years leading up to her Israel study. A graduate of Brandeis University, with a degree in Middle Eastern studies, she originally planned to be a rabbi, but it didn't work out. In banking for the past 20 years, she was recently the victim of down-

sizing, which prompted her decision to become a Jewish educator.

Over the past ten years Flanzbaum increased her involvement in Judaism through a summer *kallah*, or spiritual retreat, with the Reform movement, and through her work at Temple Beth El in Providence, where she has served as treasurer and educator.

"Most people have been calling and saying, 'What, you're still going after this [attack]?' But they know me.... I'm nervous, but I'm not paralyzed with fear."

"My mother supports me...[but] I think parents with a 20-something just out of college have a different investment than the mother of a 40 year-old."

On Sunday, Flanzbaum left on El Al Flight 128 from Newark.

Kroll conference

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your Curriculum, Sharyn Yanku Wilk, Aug. 21, 4 p.m.

Principals' Council meeting, Roberta Bell-Kligler, Thursday, Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m.

Personalizing Israel, PreK-Grade 2, staff, Project Oren, Aug. 22, 12:15 p.m.

The Art of Jewish Origami, Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Aug. 22, 1 p.m.

To Cultivate & Preserve, Kathleen Fresher-Samways, Recycling for Rhode Island Education, with Sharyn Yanku Wilk, Aug. 22, 4 p.m.

Teaching "the Matzav" in Israel, staff, Project Oren, two sections, for grades 3-6 and 7-12, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.

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The yearly challenge began in 1997, prompted by reports from emergency food providers of increasing numbers of people who were asking for assistance. In the past five years Feinstein's challenges have raised more than \$190 million to help the needy.

Touro Fraternal names leaders

The 600-member Touro Fraternal Association, founded in 1918 and headquartered at 45 Rolfe Square in Cranston, has elected members to its board, and its two lodges have named new officers for the coming year.

Elected to three-year terms on the board were Milton Bronstein, of Cranston; Robert J. Hodosh, of West Warwick; Rodney Locke and Michael Smith, of Warwick; Lester Nathan, of Lincoln, and Alan D. Lury, of Sharon, Mass. Nathan is a newcomer to the board. The others are incumbents.

Harmony Lodge officers re-elected are Richard Glucksmann, of Cranston, president; Jeffrey Davis, of East Greenwich, vice president; and Richard Land, of Warwick, secretary.

Friendship Lodge elected Steven Dinerman, of Cranston, who was vice president for the past year, to his first term as president. Edward Deluty, vice president, and Barry J. Schiff, secretary, both of Cranston, are newcomers to the ranks of officers. Jeffrey Stolzberg, of North Kingstown, is treasurer.

Plant your way to Israel

Students who want to take a future trip to Israel can earn money for all or part of their journey by joining the "Plant Your Way to Israel" program, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund.

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The funds in the account can be applied toward the cost of any organized trip to Israel

with a Jewish non-profit organization, youth group, or with family or friends. Accounts are transferable to a younger sibling with JNF approval.

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Effi Ungar, in effect, had served as a shield for her son. The bullets had come from the front as the assassins passed by; she absorbed rounds that otherwise would have struck him.

Today, Yishai Ungar, nearly 7 years old, and his brother, Dvir, 8 — who was at home with his grandparents on the day of the murder — are among family members seeking redress in the form of a \$250-million civil suit against the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, alleging that the groups provided support and a base of operations for the Hamas terrorists who killed their parents.

Curiously, the case is being played out in the unlikely legal venue of Providence, because it is being handled for the family by Providence lawyer David J. Strachman.

What is emerging in federal court here, and in other documents related to the case, is far more than the story of one family's legal battle.

The record — much of it in the words of the killers themselves after they were identified and arrested — paints an unsettling portrait of terrorism working at its most basic level: the terrorist cell.

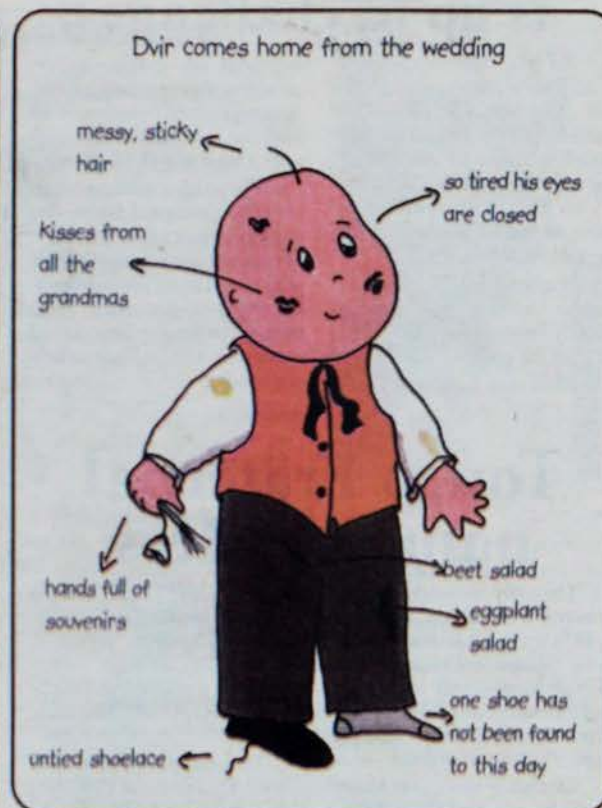
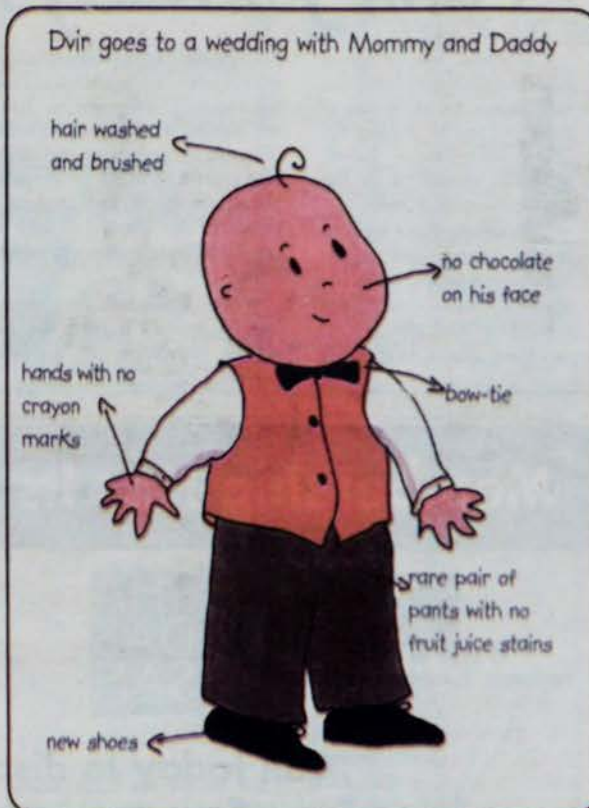
In more than 100 pages of confessions to an Israeli military court, cell members provided details of a sometimes muddled, but effective sequence of attacks that from 1995 to 1997 killed and maimed individuals, whole families, and large groups of Israelis in public places.

Cell members in civilian life followed mundane pursuits: Construction worker, student, shopkeeper, restaurant worker. But after hours they were foot-soldiers of Hamas: stalkers of Israelis who went out for an evening of murder much as a group of Americans might go bowling.

Their targets on the highways were chance victims — chosen because a driver might be wearing a yarmulke, for instance. Cell members shot and fled, seldom knowing what violence they had wrought until they returned home and turned on the television news. From that source, they learned if they had killed, and who their victims had been.

Their weapon of choice was the Kalashnikov, conveniently lightweight and with a folding stock that makes it easy to conceal. Their car of choice was the Subaru, so common in Israel that it attracts no attention.

The men who murdered the Ungars were mostly in their



PAINFUL IRONY: In jest, Effie Ungar drew this cartoon of what might happen if she and her husband took son Dvir to a wedding. Subsequently, the couple was murdered by Hamas — as they drove home from a wedding with their other son, Yishai.

20s, Muslims by religion, who often took time from their endeavors to pray.

Their world was one of secret meetings, code names, code phrases. They were as deadly as Murder Inc. and as inept as the Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight, sometimes discharging their weapons accidentally in their own houses.

According to the confessions, their colleague Musa

Ghanimat, who in 1997 became a "suicide bomber" in Tel Aviv's Apropos Café, where three Israelis were killed and dozens of others wounded, was not a suicide bomber at all.

He simply bungled the job, accidentally detonating a remote-control bomb while he was hiding it there, instead of activating it later from a switch in his car.

Sometimes, cell members

shot up their own vehicles in their eagerness to kill Jews.

And eager they were.

The cell's driver, Ra'ed Abu Hamdiya, a 20-year-old worker in the Tel Aviv wholesale market and an Israeli citizen, told an interrogator how he begged a colleague to replace him behind the wheel during one attack: "I asked... not to drive but to kill Jewish people."

Hamdiya got his wish, and

his confession recounts what happened next as he and his colleagues followed an Israeli car on July 26, 1996:

"I fired two shots at the driver with the pistol... and then Abdel Rahman fired a whole magazine from the Kalashnikov into the vehicle and the vehicle disappeared without seeing whether we had injured the people... I heard on the news that two people had been killed and one severely wounded in the attack and I think he died two days later."

In that attack, cell members devastated two generations of an Israeli family, killing Uri Munk, 53, and his daughter-in-law, Rachel, 24. Rachel's husband, Ze'ev Munk, 30, died two days after the shooting. The Munks and the Ungars were among 11 civilians and soldiers the Hamas cell would murder.

To Ra'ed Hamdiya, the spilling of Jewish blood had been a pleasure. So it was that on the following Sept. 9, he was with cell members who planned to kidnap an Israeli soldier.

They saw one hitchhiking, and when they pulled up, Staff Sergeant Sharon Edri, 20, asked them, "Are you going in the direction of Beit Shemesh?"

Hamdiya's account continues: ... "We said 'Yes.' The soldier sat next to me and in my right hand I had a loaded 14 [shot] pistol. When I concealed the pistol inside my left arm the



ORPHANS: Dvir, left, and Yishai Ungar

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A cache of weapons, a stockpile of hate

In confessions, terrorists detail how they murder in Israel

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approached me, I did not see his face. He gave me a piece of paper, and left without saying anything. I opened the paper and on the paper it asked whether I want to join "Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades," [the military branch of Hamas dedicated to attacking Jews] and if so, I need to write "yes" or "no" on the large board on the big mosque in the village... I agreed to join. The next day I went to the mosque and I wrote on the board in the mosque "yes," and I went home.

"After about a month, Abdel Rahman Ghanimat [the cell leader] came to me in the mosque... and asked me to come with him for a spin... we also met Mohammed Aziz Rushdi... Mohammed told me that there are a lot of guys in the "Brigades," and I should be prepared to be called into action. And I told him that I agree to do whatever is necessary.

"A month later, Abdel Rahman and I agreed to recruit Iman Kafishe... After about a month, Iman met me and told me he could buy weapons... Abdel Rahman, Iman and I took money from our own pockets, and Iman Kafishe went and bought a 14 [shot] pistol, two clips and a box of bullets. I did not ask Iman from whom he bought the weapons, and he didn't tell me who he bought them from.



DVIR UNGAR celebrates his first birthday with his mother and father, who were later murdered by Hamas terrorists.

"Abdel Rahman and I agreed that if I recruit people they would not know about Abdel Rahman, and if Abdel Rahman were to recruit people, they would not know about me. We did this so that if the people, or we, would be arrested and interrogated, we would not be able to tell on everyone...

"In October-November 1995... we planned to carry out a shooting attack on a moving vehicle in the Bethlehem-Hebron region... It was night

time. An Israeli car came by... We passed the car and then Abdel Rahman and I fired at the car with our pistols. The driver was a settler, with a yarmulke. I fired all the bullets that were in the pistol. We were not masked, and we fled the scene immediately. Afterwards... I heard that there was an attack near Neve Daniel, and a father and daughter were injured by gunfire. I was very satisfied by the attack which we carried out.

"In December, 1995, Abdel Rahman brought from his contact person with the organization a Kalashnikov with a folding stock and two clips filled with bullets... we fired the weapon to test it, and the weapon was good. And then we decided to do another attack.

"On 16 January 1996, we went to the Beit Omer region... We saw a small car traveling from Hebron in the direction of Bethlehem. It had a blue police

light on the roof... We opened fire on the car... I fired the 14 pistol, and Abdel Rahman sat in the back and fired the Kalashnikov... In the village we heard on the news that there had been an attack and two people were killed, an army physician and his assistant.

"Iman Kafishe told us that he heard that there were several shooting attacks, and he asked us if we had done it. We told him that he shouldn't ask too many questions, and that he did not need to know more than he already did.

"Abdel, Iman and I sat and decided that we would abduct soldiers in order to get prisoners released. We said that for that, we needed someone with an Israeli ID card and a car with [standard-issue] yellow license plates... I met Ra'ed Abu Hamdiya... a tall guy, blond hair, green eyes, a good-looking guy. At that meeting we got acquainted, and I recruited him to the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades... I told him that he would be called, among the members of the cell "Abu Ibrahim," and that my code name in the cell was Abu Ahmed," Abdel Rahman's code name in the cell was Abu Osama...

In June, 1996 Abdel and I decided to go out and kidnap a soldier. We got into Ra'ed's

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soldier looked at me and after about a minute or two I understood that the soldier was suspicious of me and then I fired three shots at him in the side of his chest. His head fell and then I fired another bullet."

Hamdiya was trying to shoot Edri through the head to make sure he was dead, but even at point-blank range he missed, sending the fourth bullet through a door panel.

The terrorist need not have worried; his victim was indeed dead. The group drove a while, pulled over near a grove of olive trees, dug a pit, and buried Sharon Edri.

Ra'ed Abu Hamdiya told authorities that he had bought his pistol from an arms dealer in Hebron with money he had saved.

The killers did a poor job of burying Sharon Edri. Worried that the body would be found, they dug it up a few months later and moved it, according to the confession of cell member Iman Kafishe, then 26, a shop-

keeper from Hebron.

Kafishe was unpleasantly surprised shortly afterward when he met with the men who had exhumed the body. He recounted that a problem had been visited on them — a problem that seemed almost Biblical in character.

His friends, he said, "smelled strongly of the corpse" and could not rid themselves of the odor.

"They also had a strong smell of cologne, but even with that, their smell was not good and it was not good to be with them... When I asked them what the smell was they told me that the day before they had transferred the body... and because of this they had such a bad smell and even after they had bathed the bad smell stayed on them."

When it came to meeting unfamiliar contacts for weapons-buying or other business, cell members followed elaborate rituals for clandestine identification.

When an unfamiliar go-between was involved, reported Kafishe, "He should have a white bandage on his left hand and put a Band-Aid over his left eye and he should hold a newspaper in his right hand and the contact person would recognize him according to these signs and he would ask him

his code word: 'Is this the El Mahad Church?' and I would answer him and I had to answer him: 'No this is the Cleopatra Hotel.'"

It was toward members of this cell that Yaron and Effie Ungar, with their son and unborn child, were driving that last night of their lives in 1996.

In the end, there was a painful irony: The Ungars, so brutally executed, had been married just a few years before — on the day that the Oslo Accord was signed amid hopes that Mideast peace might indeed be at hand.

Yaron Ungar, who was born in New York and held dual U.S.-

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A trail of blood in Israel

Taken from the Israeli court record, here is a litany of the terrorist cell's carnage from 1995 to 1997:

Dec. 5, 1995: Attack with pistols on a car in the Neve Daniel area. Wounded: Yonatan Mushitz, Lior Mushitz, a father and daughter.

Jan. 16, 1996: Attack with a Kalashnikov assault rifle and a pistol on a military car in the Beit Omer region. Killed: Maj. Oz Tibon, army

physician; Sgt. Yaniv Shimel, his assistant.

June 9, 1996: Attack with two Kalashnikov assault rifles on a car near Beit Shemesh. Killed: Yaron Ungar, a teacher, 26; his wife, Efrat Ungar, an artist and writer, 25.

July 26, 1996: Attack with a pistol and a Kalashnikov assault rifle on a car in the Beit Shemesh area. Killed: Rachel Munk, 24; her husband, Ze'ev Munk, 30; his father, Uri Munk, 53.

Sept. 9, 1996: Kidnaping and shooting with a pistol near an army base. Killed: Staff Sgt. Sharon Edri, 20.

March 21, 1997: Bomb explosion in the Apropas Café, Tel Aviv. Killed: Anat Winter Rosen, 31, a lawyer; Yael Gilead, 32, a social worker; Michal Midan Avrahami, 31, a doctor, 16 weeks pregnant. Wounded: 30 others.

- Gerry Goldstein



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Israeli citizenship, was an idealistic educator who had studied at a yeshiva in the Golan Heights, who learned Russian and then traveled to Russia to teach Judaism, and who was about to start a newspaper column on hiking in Israel.

Effie Dasberg Ungar, a native Israeli, was the daughter of a rabbi whose family had strong Zionist roots and a background that ranged from the Holocaust to a casualty in the Yom Kippur war.

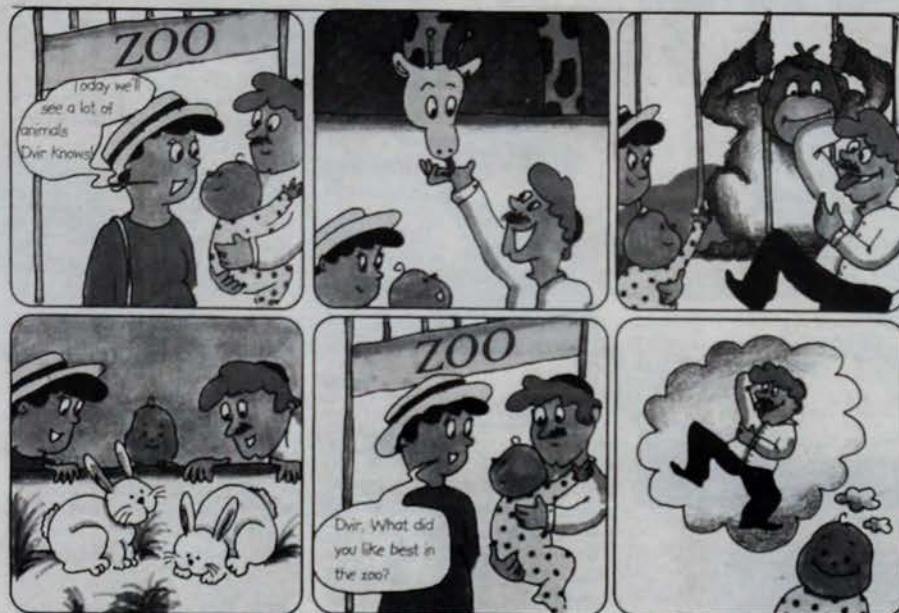
She drew comics for children in the newspaper *Hatzofeh*, creating a new series named for her first-born, Dvir. When Yishai came along, Effie added him to the strip.

The Ungars were raising their family in the settlement of Kiryat Arba, a suburb of the West Bank city of Hebron.

Now, according to lawyer Strachman, the couple's families "want an accounting, and justice."

They can pursue those goals under the American Terrorist Act, passed as a result of the Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacking by Hamas agents in 1985, in which wheelchair-bound American Leon Klinghoffer was murdered.

According to Strachman, the law lays out procedures by



FAMILY LIFE was the center of the Effie Ungar's universe, and the focus of many of her cartoons.

which the families of American citizens killed by foreign terrorists can seek damages.

The law applies to Yaron Ungar because he held U.S. citizenship, says Strachman, who adds that the legislation "recognizes how problematic terrorism is. The Ungars were killed for being Jews. They were not political, they were just regular people coming home at night from a wedding, starting off life

with two beautiful kids."

Strachman, 38, has already won what he considers a victory in U.S. District Court here. Although Judge Ronald R. Lagueux ruled recently that PLO leader Yasser Arafat and others named in Strachman's filing cannot be sued here as individuals because they have no American ties, he rejected defense arguments that the family could not sue the PLO

and the PA as organizations.

He had already noted last year that the two groups, despite their distance, have strong American ties because they rent offices and maintain staffs in this country. Some reports place the groups' American assets at \$18 million.

The judge also rejected PLO claims that what happened to the Ungars did not represent an act of international

terrorism. He cited U.S. law that makes it a crime to commit violent acts abroad in order to intimidate a civilian population or influence government policy.

Strachman alleges that the PA encouraged Hamas and allowed it to operate freely in territory under PA control, that the PA gave material and financial support to families of Hamas members who had been captured or killed carrying out terrorist attacks, and repeatedly praised Hamas members who undertook attacks against Israeli targets and Jewish civilians.

Still to be decided by the court is a motion by the PLO, whose lead lawyer is former U.S. Atty.-Gen. Ramsey Clark, seeking to dismiss the Ungar family's wrongful death claim on grounds that the PLO has state powers that protect it from being sued.

Strachman, who is Jewish,

"The Ungars were killed for being Jews. They were not political, they were just regular people coming home at night from a wedding, starting off life with two beautiful kids."

— Lawyer David J. Strachman

They were few, but a deadly few

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organization they joined: The Islamic Resistance Movement — Hamas.

Formed after the previous Intifada broke out in 1987, Hamas does not recognize Israel's right to exist; it is dedicated to killing Jews and establishing an Islamic state in place of Israel.

Hamas is comprised of a political branch and a military wing — the Izzedine al-Qas-

sam Brigades that carry out armed attacks against Israelis. It was to this branch that the convicted cell members belonged.

In imposing consecutive life sentences on Ra'ed Hamdiya, the defendant who shot Sgt. Sharon Edri, the court made a point of addressing what it considered an unusual degree of blood-lust, explaining:

"At issue is a series of deeds among the most serious and

horrific to ever be seen in a courtroom in this country — the defendant set himself a goal to kill Israeli citizens irrespective of gender or age, without considering whether they were civilians or soldiers, and time and again cold-bloodedly took part in vicious acts of slaughter; he did not hesitate to shoot at the head of the late Sharon Edri, who was sitting beside him, and was not even ashamed to request that he be allowed

to shoot and kill with his own hands, and not make do with his role as driver."

In fact, although Israel does not ordinarily impose the death penalty, the three judges hearing Hamdiya's case were split in their opinion.

The two judges who prevailed voted for consecutive life sentences — one life sentence for each of the counts against the defendant that resulted in a death.

But, says the court's written report, "The minority judge agrees that, in general, even for acts of murder, a death sentence is not imposed. However, in his opinion there are cases the scope, degree of cruelty and number of victims of which justify imposing a death sentence, thereby most clearly demonstrating for all the severity of the deeds and the need to deter others therefrom."

"Such are, in the opinion of the minority judge, the deeds of the defendant, who took part in acts of murder for their own sake, time and again, demonstrating cold-heartedness and cruelty. Were this judge's opinion to prevail he would have sentenced the defendant to death."

is a native of Framingham, Mass. He graduated from Brandeis University and Boston University's law school and has practiced for 12 years in Rhode Island. He said the couple's family contacted him through lawyers he knows in Israel, probably because he is also working on two other cases involving terrorism.

An Israeli court appointed him administrator of the Ungar estate. Strachman has been to Israel four times doing research on the case.

According to the Israeli newspaper *Maariv*, Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu visited Efrat Ungar's parents a few days after the murders to express condolences, as did Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

It was to Weizman that Effie Ungar's mother, Yehudit Dasberg, related the most painful irony of all: Her artist-daughter had designed, and signed the artwork on, a series of condolence telegrams distributed through the Israeli telephone company, which read: "May you be comforted with the mourners of Zion."

"Yesterday, we received one," Yehudit Dasberg told the president of her tiny country. "It seems as if my daughter is also consoling us."

Confessions: a stockpile of hate

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Subaru car, I sat in the front next to Ra'ed, who drove, and Abdel sat in back... and we didn't see any soldiers... an Israeli car passed by... and I told Ra'ed to follow that car, and Abdel and I, who were armed, fired at the Israeli car. The car spun on the road and stopped next to a small bridge on the road. We drove away from the site, toward the village of Tsurif. At the village, Abdel and I got out, we took the weapons, and Ra'ed returned to work in the Tel Aviv market. Afterwards I heard on the radio that a man and his wife were killed in this

attack, and a little child was in the car and was not harmed."

The Israeli court, in its bill of particulars against Abdel Ghanimat and Jamal al-Hor, upheld allegations in the indictment that tabbed Ghanimat as the liaison between the cell and Hamas headquarters, and "the one responsible for obtaining military materiel and weapons for its activity." In 1997, the court said, the two received a map from the Hamas headquarters describing a drop site containing a cache of military materiel and explosives.

Additionally, the court said, Ghanimat received money from Hamas headquarters and delivered it to his companions to buy weapons.

The court upheld another allegation, that the cell possessed military materiel, including pistols, an Uzi submachine gun, two Kalashnikov assault rifles, a Karl Gustav submachine gun, hand grenades, and two explosive suitcases.

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Don't let depression rule the roost

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are having "bad-hair" days. And men become depressed if the Red Sox lose an important game.



Tema Gouse

Both of these disasters make us unhappy but that does not always equate with real depression, which is a condition that evolves from a diverse combination of biological and psychological conditions. And seniors suffer from diagnosable depression at a more frequent rate than do members of younger age groups.

There are many symptoms of depression in the aged. A beautiful hair-do or a successful Red Sox pitcher does not relieve them. To complicate the issue, these symptoms are not always overtly obvious. The demeanor of a depressed senior citizen may seem quite normal on the surface. There may not even be evidence of sadness. But the depressed individual may need to exert more effort for day-to-day functioning and pleasures previously enjoyed are no longer rewarding.

The older depressed people may not even be aware of this condition on a conscious level. Days may seem endless and joys may be absent but they are not identifying the deeper problem. Even their loved ones, however close, may not recognize the changes occurring to the older man or woman. We are, in fact,

growing old, so when depression is intensifying, we tend to attribute it to the aging process.

These physical and mental changes manifest themselves gradually. When we have less interest in food, we welcome the dwindling appetite as a weight control. And if the depressed person lives alone no one else notes the lessening of food consumption. If the change in food habits is noted by others, the depressed senior tends to become defensive and denying, saying "I just don't seem to get hungry these days." And that may be innocently true. In the course of aging we do tend to need less food intake. But diminished appetite may reflect some physical disorder or it may be a warning of depression.

Loss of appetite is just one early sign of depression. Our adult children begin to notice that we are avoiding social and cultural events that we previously attended on a regular basis. Invitations are turned down, often for no obvious reason. Theater and concert subscriptions are no longer purchased. The excuses for this dramatic change are varied. "I do not like to go out at night." (Why not?) "It's not worth the effort." (How much effort is actually exerted?) "I had no one to go with." (Did you actually try to find a companion?) All are legitimate excuses, but they may be signals of an unattended condition.

Another comment that comes when inactivity is questioned is "I've been too tired lately."

Well, if you know someone who qualifies for senior citizen discounts who hasn't said that in recent weeks, I'd like to meet him or her. Face it — older people have less stamina. What

I worry about is the olderster who gets enough sleep and has frequent naps, but who is still exhausted all the time. If the family doctor can find no physical reason for the exhaustion, then depression should be considered.

When the usually well-groomed senior gets careless and untidy, that isn't just aging. It is symptomatic of dwindling self-esteem. When the visits of children and friends cease to be a pleasure and become a burden, it is time to question what is really going on.

We do not know what precipitates depression in some elderly and not in others. Genetics, life experience, medical problems — all are undoubtedly contributors. But it does occur to an alarming number, and if no physical basis can be found for the symptoms, then it is time to look at the possibility that you are depressed. The condition is highly treatable, and alleviating it can restore your joy in living. When life is shrouded in gloom and activities come to a halt, it is time to get help.

Confide your concerns to your primary physician and obtain referral to a qualified gerontologist or geriatric psychiatrist, who can provide healing medication or psychotherapy. Depression should not cloud our remaining years. Face up to what is happening to you and afford yourself relief. Don't just live with it.

Correction:

Alice Goldstein, who wrote a story in the July 19 issue about her return to Germany, lives in Warwick, not in Cranston as reported.

Clarification:

In the July 19 issue, Paula Katzman was inadvertently left out as a step-grandparent of Kole Henry Wilner.



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RICHARD LICHT, chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Rhode Island, and Wendy Singer, director of the organization's Jerusalem office.

An insider's view of political thinking in turbulent Israel

Wendy Singer, director of the Jerusalem office of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), spoke on June 27 at a meeting hosted by Richard Licht and Robert Reisman at the law firm of Tillinghast, Licht,

Perkins Smith & Cohen. Twenty-five people attended to hear Singer give a briefing on the current situation in the Middle East. Singer presented an insider's view of political thinking in Israel, as well as of life under the present difficult conditions.

Yard sale at Beth Sholom

The first annual Cub Scout Pack 104 End of Summer Yard Sale will take place on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Congregation Beth Sholom, on the corner of Camp and Rochambeau, Providence. The Pack will accept deliveries on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The scouts will prepare popcorn bags for sale at the yard sale, and parents can help with stowing items away. The Scouts will accept: toys and games, small appliances in working condition; sports and hobby equipment; housewares; tools and hardware; books and videos; and bicycles.

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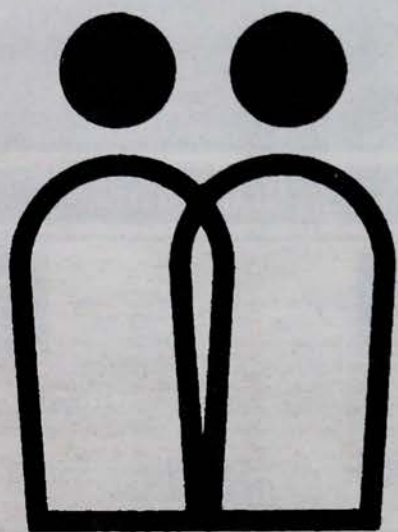
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Red Cross backs Israel

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excluded from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies because the international body does not recognize this symbol.

Our protest against this exclusion is so fervent and deep that our American Red Cross Board of Governors decided, in May, 2000, to withhold our dues to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and our voluntary overhead contribution to the International committee of the Red Cross, until Magen David Adom is given all the rights and privileges of membership in our humanitarian movement.

Today, we continue this protest, having withheld a total of \$10 million to date.

On April 9, 2002, we attended the first meeting of a new international working group that has been tasked with addressing this emblem issue. The group includes representatives from 10 national societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Federation).

We are working closely with MDA to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our organizations. In February 2002, an American Red Cross staff traveled to Israel to negotiate the terms of this MOU, focusing on collaboration in preparedness for Weapons of Mass Destruction attacks, international tracing and family reunification, organizational development and international humanitarian law dissemination.

Locally, all of us at the Rhode Island Red Cross have been busy providing assistance to fire victims, teaching water safety, lifeguarding, first aid and CPR, and raising the money necessary to fund these programs.

Inclusion of MDA is, and will continue to be a vital issue for the American Red Cross. We will continue to stand firm until such a time as MDA is admitted as a member to our movement.

Barbara E. McGann,

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Barbara E. McGann is executive director of American Red Cross of Rhode Island. She can be reached at mcgann@rircross.org.

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Next year's presentation will be "Families and Forgiveness: Therapy and Ethics in Healing Relationships," by Dr. Terry D. Hargrave. The lecture will be given Friday, April 11. Continuing education units in ethics will be offered. Call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 for further information.

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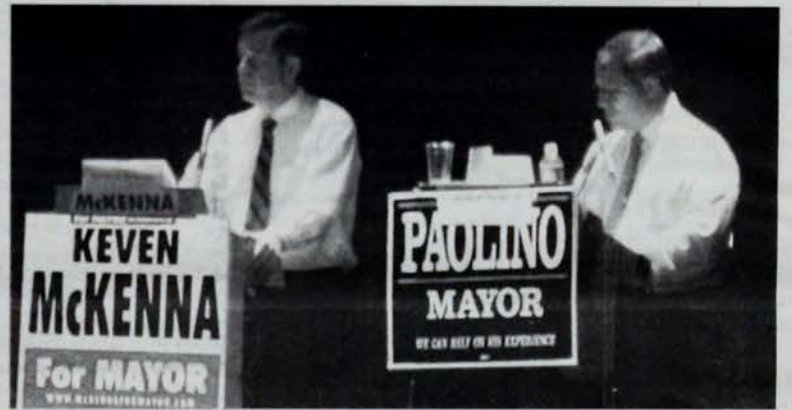
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The Council's review team evaluates family, children and residential treatment agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

As part of the review process, the peer reviewers sent surveys to and interviewed clients, visited foster homes, met with

adoptive couples, attended the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston and met with the staff without their supervisors to check on management practices. They also solicited information about the public's experiences with the agency.

"It is like going to the doctor and having every aspect of your body probed and examined," says JFS executive director Paul L. Segal of the review.

"Receiving a perfect score

on all the sections from the Council on Accreditation is a tribute to our staff," he said. Our funders and loyal supporters will know that their funds are going to an agency that has met the highest standard from the national accrediting body."

The agency's director of professional services, Erin Gisherman Minior, said, "We are a better, stronger agency in many ways as a result of this process. It motivated us to be the very best."

Eye screening set at mealsite in Cranston

Seniors who attend the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston can take part in a free glaucoma screening Thursday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, provided by Saving Sight of Rhode Island.

Also in late August, the mealsite will offer:

- Yoga on Aug. 19.
- Dance therapy with Theresa on Monday, Aug. 26, with music including old and new favorites.
- Bingo on several days. Call for details.
- A program on back pain Aug. 27.
- The Bureau of Jewish Education Bookmobile on a limited schedule. Call for dates.
- Men's and women's discussion groups Aug. 16, 23 and 30, talking about current events, popular issues, and other topics chosen by participants.
- There will be regular blood pressure screenings with the JFS registered nurses.

Programs begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated and a hot kosher lunch is served at noon.

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Registration under way at BJE's school for teens

Registration has begun for the new school year at the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School of the Bureau of Jewish Education/R.I.

Last year, more than 180 students participated, from as far south as North Kingstown and as far north as Foxboro, Mass.

The school offers a wide variety of courses, flexible scheduling, and a gifted faculty. Students have an opportunity to study for advanced college credit, participate in community service projects, and create art work. Classes connect the modern world with ancient Jewish texts, history and religious thought.

Classes meet Wednesday evenings in Cranston and Sunday mornings in Providence. Among new courses to be offered this year are: *Miracles*, a look at miracles today and in the ancient world; *The Six-Day War*, a look at how events of that conflict continue to shape the Middle East; *Am I still Jewish if I don't believe in God?*, offering a personal connection to Judaism and spirituality; *American Jewish Film*, providing discussion of Jews in popular American movies; and *Scapegoats and Outcasts*, an examination of groups that are pushed to the fringes of society.

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ONE OF THE MANY textile exhibits at the Jewish Community Center's Gallery 401 Art Show.

Gallery 401 announces Sept. shows

Gallery 401, located in the Jewish Community Center, will exhibit the artwork of Eleanor Elkin and Suzi Knight Ballenger throughout September.

Elkin, a clinical social worker practicing psychotherapy for many years before entering the art world, says that combining the two fields permits the expression of deep emotion. Her work is both literal and abstract.

Ballenger is a self-taught artist widely known in Rhode Island for her teaching, demonstrations, and public performances of woven art. Her work sold out when it was exhibited at Gallery 401 last October.

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FROM LEFT, Linda Mittleman shows Mardelle Berman and Toby Sproch the basics of Mah Jongg at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The next "Mah Jongg Mania" is scheduled for Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. Lessons are provided. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Mah Jongg and more at the JCC

The Jewish Community Center's Brown Bag Club meets Aug. 20 at noon for lunch (bring your own; the center provides drinks and dessert). The speaker will be Prof. Gordon Wood, Alva O. Way Professor in History at Brown University, who will speak about Benjamin Franklin.

On Aug. 27, learn about group travel. Brown Bag presents a Collette Travelogue, "The Heart and Soul of America's Southwest." After lunch at noon, the speaker will begin at 12:30.

Call Sue Suls or Sue Robbio at 861-8800 for reservations.

JCC races set for Oct. 6

The Jewish Community Center and Mill's Tavern will hold a 5K race and youth races Oct. 6 starting at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Youth races start at 9 a.m. and the 5K starts at 10. All proceeds go to the Jewish Community Center. For more information call Lisa Mongeau at 861-8800, ext. 210, or email lmongeau@jccri.org.

Registration under way at BJE school for teens

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In addition, many popular classes are returning such as Hebrew, Israeli dancing, Talmud, Jewish cooking, *Kol Kesem*, and *Inspiration to Creation*.

Besides attending classes, students have the opportunity to participate in a wide-variety of special programs. These include a trip to Philadelphia, a community service learning program in December; hearing the Hazamir Choral Festival in New Jersey and at Lincoln Center in New York in February; the *Jewish Civics Initiative*, a service and values learning program that includes a retreat in Washington, D.C. in February; and the *March of the Living*, a Jewish identity learning program that includes a two-week trip to Poland and Israel in late April.

Information on registering for the school, and on other teen programs offered by the Bureau of Jewish Education, is available from Rich Walter at 331-0956 or at rwalter@bjeri.org



Speaking our Piece Americans for Peace Now...

Successive Israeli governments have enticed settlers into the occupied territories with incentives like housing subsidies, tax breaks, and bypass roads for easy access into Israel proper. Israel needs to make an equally strong effort to bring them home again-for the sake of their lives and the lives of the soldiers sent to protect them. A recently released Peace Now study found that this is a very doable proposition.

According to the study, a majority of settlers (77%) moved to the West Bank and Gaza for "quality of life" issues, not religious or national security reasons.

It was no surprise, then, when the study further revealed that only a tiny fraction of settlers (2%) would use extreme measures, like taking up arms, to fight a democratic decision taken in Israel to withdraw from the settlements. In fact, 68% of settlers recognize the authority of Israeli democratic institutions to make that decision and would comply with it, while another 26% of settlers would obey such a decision following a struggle against it with legal means.

If Israel decided to withdraw, Peace Now found that 59% of settlers would consider suitable financial compensation as the best solution, while another 10% would prefer moving to a community inside the Green Line as sufficient compensation. Around 23% of settlers would prefer moving as a community to another settlement in the occupied territories. Just 9% would refuse any solution.

These findings mean that settlers are much more pragmatic, respectful of the democratic process, and willing to accept reasonable compensation than their more ideological leaders would have us believe.

Unfortunately, there is no official program to help settlers move to Israel. Peace Now is calling on the Israeli government to fill this void by establishing an entity that will help settlers relocate, by stopping the flow of government subsidies that keep people in the settlements, and by using some of those funds to establish a fair compensation program for settlers.

Join us and help send the message that it's time for the settlers to make aliyah-and for the Israeli government to help them do so.

the Settlements

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Simchas

The Mazel Tov column

Weddings



VILKER - SAMRENY

Beth Vilker, daughter of Nancy and Sam Vilker, of Cranston, was married June 16, to Jason Samreny, son of Paul Samreny and the late Lois Kaplan, and stepson of, Ivan Kaplan of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Boca Raton, Fla.

The wedding was held at the Newport Regatta Club, with Rabbi Mark Jagolinzer officiating.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Hartford, and holds a master's degree from Columbia University. She is a senior product-consultant for IBM Southeast Federal Credit Union.

The bridegroom graduated from Carnegie Mellon University and is director of leasing for Staubach Retail Services.

The couple honeymooned in Spain and are making their home in Boca Raton.



MENDELOWITZ - WILSON

Ilene Stacie Mendelowitz, daughter of Sam and Lillian Mendelowitz, of Cranston, was married May 19 to John David Wilson, son of Robert and Minette Wilson, of Stow, Mass.

The ceremony was held at Temple Emanu-El, with Rabbis Alvan Kaunfer and Wayne Franklin officiating. The reception followed at the Bay Voyage Inn in Jamestown.

The bride attended Boston

University, and is employed as a messaging engineer at Fidelity Investments in Marlborough, Mass.

The bridegroom attended Keene (N.H.) State College. He is sales manager at Sprint PCS in Shrewsbury, Mass.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Benjamin and Bella Mendelowitz and the late Julius and Sally Heimann. The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Herbert and Hazel Wilson and the late Dewey and Lizetta Brumberg.

The couple honeymooned at Disney World and Marco Island, Fla., and are residing in North Chelmsford, Mass.



ENDE - MASRI

Sara G. Ende and Aaron F. Masri were married July 14 on Long Island.

The bride, originally from Oceanside, N.Y. is director of planning and allocations for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The bridegroom, originally from Pittsburgh, is a financial analyst for Hasbro, Inc.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple is residing in Providence.

Births

Jeanette and Michael Idlis, of Boca Raton, Fla., announce the birth of their first child, Aaron Paul.

He is the grandson of Carol and George Idlis, of Cranston, and Sandy and Shel Olkon, of Minnetonka, Minn. He was named for his maternal grandfather and paternal grandmother.

Robin and Todd Galkin, of Bethesda, Md., announce the birth of their first child, Charlotte Avery. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Gail and James Galkin, of Cranston, and Shelley and Harry Friedman, of Cleveland. Paternal grandmother is Rosa Galkin, of Providence.

Excellence in nursing

Jayne Ritz, R.N., of The Miriam Hospital, has received the Jaffe Foundation Award for Excellence in Nursing. The award, established in 1986, is given to recognize excellence and commitment to the nursing profession at the hospital.



Ritz

Ritz, one of five nominees for this award, is a hematology-oncology nurse. She became a nurse-intern at the Miriam in 1989 and graduated from Rhode Island College with a B.S. in nursing in 1990.

A native of Enfield, Conn., she now lives in Cranston.

Jewish delegate

Eitan Hersh, of Providence, was one of the elected delegates to the 34th World Jewish Congress held in Jerusalem in June, it was recently announced by the Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement, and Temple Emanu-El of Providence, where Hersh is a member.

A student at Tufts University, Hersh is the immediate past president of the Conservative Movement's United Synagogue Youth.

Volunteer Youth Award

Michelle Smoller, a sophomore at Toll Gate High School, has been awarded the Volunteer Youth Award from Travelers Aid in recognition of her charitable service. She has organized a statewide backpack drive that collects carryalls from students in schools throughout the state and distributes them to the homeless.

She was selected as a 2002 U.S. Senate scholarship recipient to Japan, where she is spending six weeks this summer in an international exchange program.

Collegiate Scholar

Jonathan A. Jagolinzer, of Portsmouth, has been selected for induction into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. A student at the University of Rhode Island, he will be honored at a campus ceremony this fall.

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Sadye Avrutsky

CRANSTON — Sadye Avrutsky, of 225 New London Ave., a retired salesperson, died July 24 at South County Nursing and Subacute Center, North Kingstown, on her 92nd birthday. She was the wife of the late Irving "Izzy" Avrutsky.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Nettie (Fleishman) Chorney, she had lived in Cranston for more than 20 years. She was a salesperson for the former Morse Shoe Store in Providence for 40 years.

She was a former member of Temple Sinai, Congregation Beth David and the former Temple Beth Israel. She was a member of the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the former Pioneer Women.

She leaves a son, Donald Avrut, of Newbern, N.C., a daughter, Marilyn Moskol, of Saunderson, a brother, Sanford Chorney, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Diane Raiff and Pauline Poulten.

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

Pauline Beckman

PROVIDENCE — Pauline Beckman, 91, of Epoch on Blackstone Boulevard, an artist and stenographer, died July 22 at home. She was the wife of Irving Beckman.

Born in Russia, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Anna (Kievsky) Krentzin. She had lived in West Bloomfield, Mich., for many years before moving to Providence.

Mrs. Beckman was a graduate of Northern High School and the Society of Arts and Crafts, both in Detroit, where she also worked as a stenographer for 20th Century Fox.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Ralph Beckman, of Providence; a brother, Fred Krentzin, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., and four grandchildren. She was the mother of the late David Beckman, and the sister of the late Nathan and Louis Krentzin and Etta Tuber.

The funeral was held at Sugarman Sinai Memorial Chapel, and burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

Balbina Borenstein

EAST PROVIDENCE — Balbina Borenstein, 99, of Waterman Avenue, an economics professor and Holocaust survivor, died July 10 at Eastgate Nursing Home.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, a daughter of the late Mowsha and Chana Jocket (Eilenberg) Borenstein, she lived in Cambridge, Mass., Kingston, R.I., and Providence before moving to East Providence.

Mrs. Borenstein graduated from the University of Brussels in the early 1930s, where she

earned a Ph.D. She taught economics for several years at Boston University, and at the University of Rhode Island for two years before retiring in 1965. She was also a visiting researcher and fellow at Harvard and Columbia Universities, and a former member of the American Economics Association.

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

Betty Bornstein

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Betty Bornstein, 89, of Smithfield Road, died July 13 at Hopkins Manor. She was the wife of the late Louis Bornstein.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pritzky, she had lived in Boston for many years, and in Providence before moving to North Providence recently.

Mrs. Bornstein volunteered as a Gray Lady at The Miriam Hospital.

She was a member of the Hospital Women's Association. She also belonged to Temple Emanu-El and its Leisure Club.

She leaves a son, Stanley Bornstein, of Syosset, N.Y.; a sister, Clara Kane, of Miami Beach, Fla.; four grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Esther Burkhardt

PROVIDENCE — Esther Burkhardt, 97, of Epoch on Blackstone Boulevard, a homemaker and volunteer, died July 17 at Epoch. She was the wife of the late Harold J. Burkhardt.

Born in Amsterdam, N.Y., a daughter of the late Max and Ida (Joyce) Gray, she had lived in Sarasota, Fla. and Brooklyn, N.Y. before moving to Providence 2 1/2 years ago.

She was a former member of Temple Ahavat Shalom in Brooklyn and a past president of its sisterhood. She was a volunteer for Common Cause and was a volunteer tutor in local elementary schools in Florida.

She leaves a son, William Max Burkhardt, of Los Angeles; a daughter, Ann Kittner, of Barrington; a brother, David Gray, of Medford Leas, N.J.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Nathan and Joseph Gray, Rose Kronick and Sarah Frank. The funeral and burial took place in New Jersey.

A. Archie Finkelstein

PROVIDENCE — A. Archie Finkelstein, 87, of Alton Road, the proprietor of the former Atlantic Knitting Co., died recently at Miriam Hospital.

He was the husband of the late Sylvia (Cardon) Finkelstein. Born in Providence, the son of the late Joseph M. and Rose (Levy) Finkelstein, he had been a resident of Providence most of his life. He maintained a summer residence in Narragansett, and

another seasonal home in Delray Beach, Fla.

He attended the University of Rhode Island, and completed a program at Philadelphia College of Textiles.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in Europe as a lieutenant colonel.

He was a past member of the former Edwards Affiliates investment group, and a former member of the Metacomet Country Club, in East Providence.

Mr. Finkelstein was a member and life trustee of Temple Beth-El, and a member and past president of its Brotherhood. He was also a member and trustee of Temple Sinai, in Delray Beach.

He enjoyed gardening, sculpting and creating mosaics.

He leaves three daughters, Dr. Judith Finkelstein, of Bethesda, Md., Mitzi Berkelhammer, of Providence and Marcia Goodman, of New York City and Narragansett; a sister, Marian Mirman, of Delray Beach, and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Pearl F. Braude.

The funeral was held in Temple Beth-El, Providence, and burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

Lynn Gunzberg

PROVIDENCE — Lynn Marian Gunzberg, 58, of President Avenue, an associate dean at Brown University and an author, died July 4 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., she was the daughter of Arthur S. Gunzberg, of Nashville, Tenn., and the late Aline (DuBin) Gunzberg.

She was a graduate of Park School in Buffalo, and the University of Wisconsin, and received a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

Miss Gunzberg was the author of *Strangers at Home: Jews in the Italian Literary Imagination*. She was formerly assistant professor of Italian studies at Brown.

She was a member of the Modern Language Association, American Association of Teachers of Italian, secretary of the board of Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island, and a board member of Temple Beth-El, the Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts and the Providence Singers.

Besides her father, she leaves a brother, Guy W. Gunzberg, of Evanston, Ill., and two nephews.

Contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood of R.I., 111 Point St., Providence, 02903.

Alexander Guttin

PROVIDENCE — Alexander Guttin, 89, of Highland Court, a retired bakery owner, died July 7 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Alice (Brookstone) Guttin.

Born in Russia, a son of

the late William and Dorothy (Greenberg) Guttin, he had lived in Sunrise, Fla. for 20 years before moving back to Providence seven months ago. He had previously lived in Cranston.

Mr. Guttin was the owner of Guttin's Bakery in Providence for 40 years before retiring in 1987. He was an army veteran of World War II, serving as a master sergeant in the Rainbow Division in Europe from 1944 to 1946.

He was a member of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, the Masons, and Palestine Shrine. He was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston.

He leaves a son, William Guttin, of Cranston; a daughter, Priscilla Jaffe, of Woodstock, Conn.; a sister, Bertha Globman, of Bloomfield, Conn.; and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions made to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

Doris Jacobs

PROVIDENCE — Doris Jacobs, 81, of Smith Street, died July 12 at the Golden Crest Nursing Home, North Providence. She was the wife of the late Alfred Jacobs.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Anna (Katz) Charney.

Mrs. Jacobs operated the former accounting practice of Jacobs and Jacobs with her husband for many years before retiring.

She leaves several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Frances Gordon.

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

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Seniors Agency, 229 Waterman St., Providence, 02906.

Milton Jacobs

PROVIDENCE — Milton Jacobs, 86, of Slater Ave., a retired business owner who won the Bronze Star in World War II, died July 27 at Rhode Island Hospital.

He was the husband of Doris (Meyers) Jacobs.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Frances (Cohen) Jacobs, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

Mr. Jacobs was the New England director for Budget Rent-a-Car, and former owner of Thrifty Car Wash, Cranston.

He graduated from Hope High School in 1933 and Brown University in 1937.

Mr. Jacobs was a past president of Temple Torat Yisrael, and was instrumental in the building of the temple in 1959.

An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater as a captain.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Susan Safran, of East Northport, N.Y.; two sons, Donald Jacobs, of Holden, Mass., and Andrew Jacobs of Williamsburg, Va.; a sister, Eunice Tregar, of Providence; and eight grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Daniel Jacobs.

The funeral was held at Temple Torat Yisrael, and burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Rena Koozman

PROVIDENCE — Rena A. Koozman, of Taber Avenue, an illustrator, died July 25 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in New York, a daughter of Rhoda (Gerard) Koozman, of Providence, and the late Charles Koozman, she had lived in New York before moving to Providence in 1997.

Miss Koozman specialized in illustrating children's books.

She received a fine arts degree from the Parsons School of Design in New York City.

Besides her mother, she leaves a brother, Brad Koozman, of Rego Park, N.Y.

The funeral was held at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel. Contributions may be made to the Brain Research Foundation, c/o Steven A. Rasmussen, M.D., 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, 02906.

Eli Leftin

CRANSTON — Eli Leftin, 83, of Cedar Crest Nursing Centre, Cranston, formerly of 77 Clifden Ave., owner of a tool and storage-shed manufacturing company, died July 18 at the Centre.

He was the husband of the late Pearl E. (Gordon) Leftin.

Born in Haverhill, Mass., a son of the late Sidney and Jennie (Krystal) Leftin, he had lived in Cranston for 50 years. He was the owner of Elco Products for more than 20 years, previously working for 20 years as a metallurgist at the former Quonset Point Naval Air Station. He attended the Boston University School of Engineering with the class of 1939.

Mr. Leftin was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a past commander of Post 23, Jewish War Veterans, and a past commander of the Department of Rhode Island Jewish War Veterans. He was a member of the United Veterans' Council and the Touro Fraternal Association. He was a member and past board member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

He leaves two sons, Rabbi Barton B. Leftin, of Coral Springs, Fla. and Dr. Howard I. Leftin, of Fort Worth, Tex.; a daughter, Joan Linda Leftin, of Providence, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Temple Torat Yisrael. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Providence Center or Temple Torat Yisrael.

Harvey Lieberman

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Harvey A. "Hal" Lieberman, 70, of Hawthorne Street, a retired cartographer and artist who painted cartoon characters in the children's wards of area hospitals, died July 7 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Elaine (Kosofsky) Lieberman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Ida (Zeidel) Lieberman, he had lived in North Providence for 26 years, and was a 1951 graduate of Hope High School.

Mr. Lieberman was a cartographer for the former Defense Mapping Agency in West Warwick for more than 20 years, retiring in 1985. He was an army veteran of the Korean War, a past member of the Korean War Veterans Association, and a past commander of Disabled American Veterans.

He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association and Temple Am David. Besides his wife, he leaves a sister, Ruth Max, of Tamarac, Fla., and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Temple Am David or a favorite charity.

Lillian Rosen

PROVIDENCE — Lillian Rosen, 89, of the Regency Plaza, a retired executive, died July 7 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of the late Albert Rosen.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Regina (Rein) Korb, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

Mrs. Rosen was an executive at the former B.F. Rosen Co. before retiring. She was a graduate of Hope High School and had taken many courses at Brown University.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, and was in charge of the temple's

floral arrangements. She was a life member of Hadassah, and a past treasurer of the Criterion Women's Investment Club.

She leaves a son, Norman E. Rosen, of Water Mill, N.Y.; a daughter, Judith Rothenberg, of Newton, Mass.; a brother, David Korb, of Bethesda, Md.; two sisters, Helene Yoffe of Worcester, Mass., and Ethel Troberman of Warwick; and four grandchildren.

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

Gladys Ross

PROVIDENCE — Gladys Ross, 84, of East Street, who worked for many years in fine ladies' apparel stores in New York and Providence, died July 8 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the former wife of Harold Ross, of Miami.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Joseph and Sylvia (Posner) Friedman, she had lived in Warwick since 1980, moving to Providence earlier this year.

She attended the Julliard School of Music in New York City.

She was a member and past officer of the Shalom Tenants' Association and a member of the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Cheryl Buteau, of East Taunton, Mass.; a son, Joseph Ross, of Miami Beach; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Myra Shafran and Herbert Friedman.

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

Contributions may be made to the Tockwotten Home, 75 East St., Providence, 02906.

Sylvia Sackett

NORTH KINGSTOWN — Sylvia Sackett, 81, of North Quiddnesset Road, a homemaker and artist, died July 19 at Scalabrini Villa. She was the wife of

the late Kenneth Sackett.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Bertha (Tannenbaum) Lipsey, she was a resident of Cranston for many years before moving to North Kingstown.

Mrs. Sackett received a bachelor's degree from Rhode Island School of Design. She was an accomplished painter and had been a pizza maker in Cranston.

She was a founding member of Temple Sinai in Cranston.

She leaves a daughter, Susan Sackett, of New York City; a son, Dr. Burton Sackett, of Warwick; a sister, Edith Fleisig, of Florida; a brother, Rabbi Eugene Lipsey, of New York; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 245 Waterman St., Suite 306, Providence, 02906.

Max Sandler

PROVIDENCE — Max L. Sandler, 91, of Randall Street, Providence, formerly of Cranston, a retired mailroom clerk, died July 12 at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, North Providence. He was the husband of Lillian (Hollander) Sandler.

Born in Central Falls, a son of the late Jacob and Rose (Glassman) Sandler, he had lived in Cranston for two years before moving back to Providence six months ago. He was a Providence resident most of his life.

Mr. Sandler was a mail room clerk for the state Welfare Department for 40 years, retiring 21 years ago. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association and a former member of Congregation Shaare Zedek in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Elaine Rushing, of Warwick, and Marcia La Rose and Nancy Rapa, both of Cranston; a brother, Samuel Sandler, of California; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a step great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at

Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Jeanette Saval

PROVIDENCE — Jeanette Saval, 93, of the Summit and Pavilion, North Main Street, a homemaker, died July 14 at the Pavilion. She was the wife of the late Meyer Saval and the late Myron Hart.

Born in Fargo, N. D., a daughter of the late Jacob and Lena (Lifschitz) Kopelman, she had lived in Providence for 44 years, previously living in Medford, Mass.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, its Garden Club and its Leisure Club where she gave book reviews. She was also a member of Hadassah, the Brandeis National Women's Committee, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, and the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Richard Saval, of Wayland, Mass.; two daughters, Dorothy Levy, of Providence, and Lois Feinstein, of Framingham, Mass.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Alick and Louis Kopelman, Dave Elman, Rose Weingarten, Toby Torpey and Dorothy Hart.

Contributions may be made to the Saval Endowment Fund of Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave; Providence, 02906.

Mary Zuckerman-Wasjard

PROVIDENCE — Mary Zuckerman-Wasjard, 88, of West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., a retired seamstress, died July 12 in New York City.

A lifelong resident of New York, she was a daughter of the late Nathan and Celia (Himowitz) Schoenfeld.

She leaves a son, Robert Zuckerman, of Providence; two brothers, Paul Schoenfeld, of Florida and Nathan Schoenfeld, of California; a sister, Dorothy Persky, of California; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late David, Joseph and Gussie Schoenfeld.

Contributions may be made to the Rabbi's discretionary fund at Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence, 02906.

Richard Henri Jr.

JOHNSTON — Richard E. "Ricky" Henri Jr., 25, of Paradise Lane, a warehouse worker, died unexpectedly July 5 at home.

Born in Norwood, Mass., a son of Kathleen M. (Cuddy) Resnick, and stepson of George Resnick, both of Johnston, he had lived in Johnston for 16 years. He worked for SuperValu, Cranston, and previously was an installer for Cox Communications.

He was a 1995 honors graduate of Cranston West Vocational-Technical High School. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Michelle Mickelson, of Johnston; and a brother, Joshua Resnick, of Tennessee. He was the brother of the late Aaron Michael Resnick.

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

Contributions may be made to the Aaron Michael Endowment Fund, c/o Meeting Street Center, 667 Waterman Ave., East Providence, 02914; or Boston Children's Hospital, Cardiac Unit, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, 02115.

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- 6 medium firm ripe tomatoes, about 7 to 8 ounces each
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 1/4 cup softened, chopped sun-dried tomatoes, not packed in oil*
- 1 can (16 ounces) **BUSH'S** Kosher Vegetarian Baked Beans
- 1 Tbsp balsamic

Breadcrumb topping:

- 1 slice white bread
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 2 Tbsps chopped herbs, such as basil, parsley, rosemary, thyme
- 1 tsp olive oil

If necessary, cover sun-dried tomatoes with hot water for about 10 minutes to soften.

Cut 1/2 inch off tops of tomatoes. Remove pulp from tomato with small knife, leaving a thick shell for filling and being careful not to cut through bottoms. Chop pulp and reserve 1/2 cup.

Heat olive oil in 10-inch nonstick skillet until hot. Add onion, pepper and garlic to skillet and sauté until almost tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in sun-dried tomatoes, reserved tomato pulp, baked beans and vinegar. Cook until hot. Fill reserved tomato shells with bean mixture. Place tomatoes on a baking sheet.

For topping, break bread into chunks and place in blender or food processor with garlic and herbs. Blend to fine crumbs. Add olive oil and stir. Sprinkle breadcrumb topping evenly among tomatoes. Place baking sheet with tomatoes on grill and cook on medium heat until tomatoes are hot, but not overcooked, about 15 minutes.

* Sun-dried tomatoes and balsamic vinegar may be optional.



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