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New year brings new focus for Federation



BACK(PACK) TO SCHOOL: Aaron Lentz, left, of Providence, and David Brenman, of Pawtucket, stand amid the sprawl of Algerin Schechter Day School students on the first day of classes Sept. 9. At right, Eilish Clare climbs a rock wall at the Jewish Community Center's member picnic with summer on the wane on Aug. 25

Photo by Jonathan Rubin



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New staff position established to aid community building effort

By Jonathan Rubin

Picture it: you've just been hired at a Jewish organization with the following job description: to encourage cooperation and communication between Jewish communities and synagogues all around the state, increase involvement with unaffiliated members of the community, and enhance existing Jewish services by helping the experts do their work better.

Scared yet?

Sheila Alexander isn't. She's been recently hired at a brand-new position at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island — director of strategic planning and community building.

Her job will be to coordinate a long-term project that the Federation has had in the works for nearly two years now known as strategic planning. The program hopes to put an entirely new spin on community building, encouraging Jewish institu-

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Service is strength for winners of JFS Family of Year awards

By Jane Haynes

The Ruth and Al Ross family and the Nancy and Ken Kirsch family, both of Providence, have been selected to receive the eighth annual Family of the Year Awards presented by Jewish Family Service. In keeping with its mission to strengthen and support families, JFS presents the awards to honor families who typify positive qualities. A Family of the Year committee selects award recipients from a statewide list of families nominated by members of the community.

The agency will present the awards during its annual meeting at 7:15 p.m. Oct. 10, at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Members of the community are invited.

The Kirsches

"One of the important themes of our family is *tzedakah* — volunteering to help people or organizations; Nancy and I are involved in boards and activities," says Ken Kirsch. "It is an opportunity to give something back to those less fortunate."

Mrs. Kirsch provides leadership in the community in many ways, serving on several boards, including that of Community Preparatory School in South Providence, spearheading

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The Rosses

Lillian C. Schwartz, who frequents the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston and who nominated the Rosses, says, "They truly live in the Jewish religion; call on them any time and without hesitation they are there to help in their quiet, unassuming way." They provide regular transportation for Mrs. Schwartz every Saturday "rain or shine" so she can get to Temple to worship, "because it means so much to

Israel's guard up over Iraq

By Matthew E. Berger

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israel is trying to keep a low profile in the American debate over whether to attack Iraq, but the Jewish state figures prominently in both sides' arguments.

Those in favor of action say Iraqi President Saddam Hussein may have weapons of mass destruction and might be willing to use them to exert power in the Middle East.

Those arguing against an attack say it would be too costly and is tangential to the U.S. war on terrorism — and that, in any case, there is

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Community Campaign 2003 Argentina's poor looking toward U.S. *tzedakah*

By Michael Hersch

At the Beit El Synagogue in Buenos Aires, Rabbi Dani Goldman operates a soup kitchen that feeds 600 people a day. Some among his flock, who once drove to services in BMW's and Mercedes, now struggle to find the one-peso bus fare to the free meal.

The Jewish Community in Argentina — 80 percent were once members of the prosperous middle class of business owners and professionals — has been devastated by the economic collapse of

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Sept. 16

Yom Kippur

Sept. 17

Jewish topics
on Channel 2

Hidden India: The Kerala Spice Islands will air from 9 to 10 p.m. on WGBH, Channel 2. In the small Indian state of Kerala, trade and spices brought Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Jews together to live in harmony. From 10 to 11 p.m. the station will present *Arab and Jew: Return to the Promised Land*, featuring David K. Shipler, who returns to Israel to revisit some of the people featured in the 1988 award-winning film, *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land*.

Sept. 18

Mass Media
and the Middle East

"Mass Media and the Middle East" will be the topic of a presentation by Hillel Newman at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, at 7 p.m. Having served as a paramedic in the Israeli Defense Forces, Newman, of the Israeli consulate to New England, holds a Ph.D. in history. He will speak about the dynamics of the mass media and how it affects Middle East reporting.

Social Seniors

The fall meeting of the Social Seniors of Warwick will be held at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick. The program will feature

a presentation by Jenny Miller, of the Village at Hills Grove.

Sept. 19

Ground zero
photographer

Joel Meyerowitz, ground zero photographer, shows his World Trade Center archive at Temple Beth-El, Providence, at 7:30 p.m. Meyerowitz will tell of his experiences during eight months in New York City photographing the attack's aftermath. Call 331-6070 for more information. Free and open to the public.

Immigrant aid
CEO to speak

International Institute of Rhode Island, annual meeting.

645 Elmwood Ave., 5 p.m. Leonard S. Glickman, president and CEO of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society will give the keynote address. All are invited. Call 784-4634

Sept. 21 & 22
Sukkot

Sept. 24

Hadassah fund-raiser

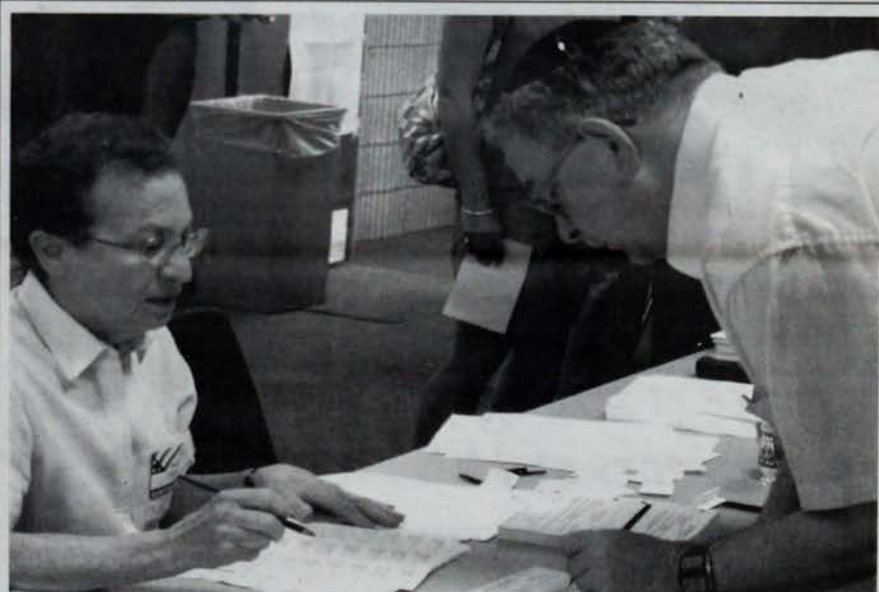
Hadassah Northeast has scheduled its fourth annual Major Gifts Sukkot Celebration at the Belmont Country Club in Belmont, Mass. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jacob Assaf, head of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. The event will support

the expanded Center for Emergency Medicine. For further information, contact Lois Cohen at (617) 641-0345; or e-mail lois.cohen@hadassah.org

Sept. 25

Challah baking at
ProvidencePlace

Bureau of Jewish Education challah baking demonstration at Williams-Sonoma, Providence Place Mall, 7 p.m.. Pastry chef Margaret Lederer will help participants make challah and French toast, and will provide samples to take home as well. A small fee will be charged. For more information call store manager, Nicole Vazquez at 351-1954.



ELAINA LEVY, left, checks in Michael Bharier as he prepares to vote at the Jewish Community Center in Tuesday's primary election.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

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Argentina's poor look to U.S. for assistance

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the country. A great many lost their jobs, ran out of money, and then watched in horror as their savings evaporated in the recent banking meltdown.

They are the nouveau poor; some 21,000 Jews are now welfare cases.

There is something we Jews can do to help our brothers abroad. The 2003 Annual Community Campaign has just begun, and we must raise the bar on behalf of Jews at home and elsewhere.

To meet the growing needs here in Rhode Island and to continue to help Jews in need

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around the world, we must raise more money.

The goals for Argentina are clear: food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, cash assistance for families who are about to be evicted. Efforts to strengthen the community structure and to support the fabric of Jewish life are also necessities, after basic needs are met. At least \$8.7 million is needed to ensure that no Argentinian Jew goes to sleep hungry, cold or without shelter.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, working through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Buenos Aires, is raising money to help dedicated laborers working 20 hours a day there for the beleaguered Jewish community.

You will be contacted over the next two months and asked to contribute to the Annual Community Campaign. Please give. If you would like more information on how to get involved, call Michael Hersch, assistant campaign director at the Federation, at 421-4111, ext. 206.

The Kirsches: a tradition of helping

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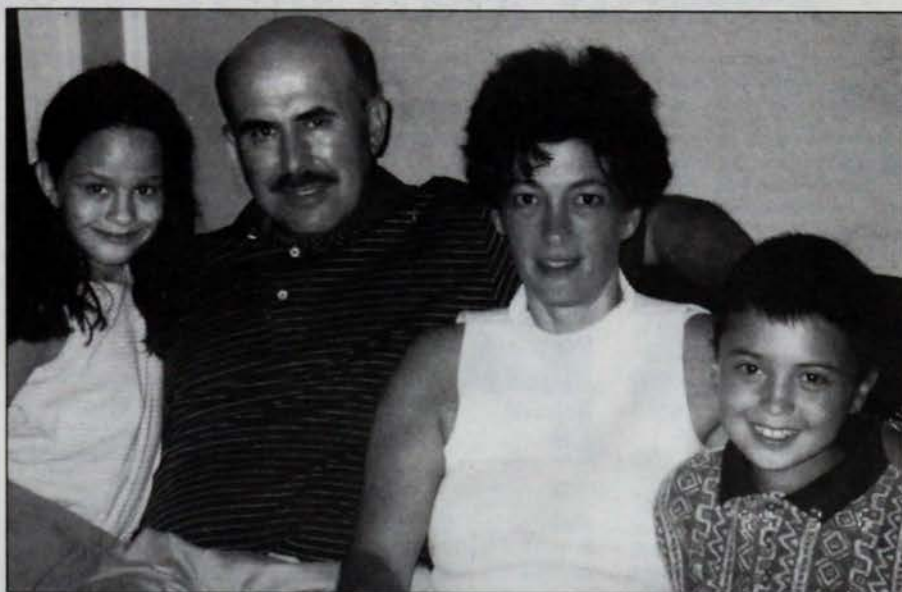
the Mitzvah Mania community service project at Temple Beth-El, serving on a variety of temple committees, and attending Shabbat services.

Mr. Kirsch has a long history of service on the board and executive committees at Temple Beth-El, this year becoming president of the congregation.

Mimi Kirsch, almost 10, says of her family: "They are always there for me when I need help."

Mimi enjoys helping others, in the family tradition. She has organized a lemonade stand with proceeds going to charities, most recently giving her \$16 in profits to the Red Cross for the Sept. 11 Fund. In addition to other volunteer projects, she has participated with her mother in helping at the Ronald McDonald House during the Christmas season. She is an avid reader who also enjoys horseback riding, roller skating and ice skating.

Eight-year-old Sam has also been involved in many family and school activities to help others. An enthusiastic athlete in many sports, his passion is baseball — playing in a recreational league, collecting baseball cards, watching the Red Sox, and even playing chess on a special board that pits the



MEMBERS of the Kirsch family, from left: Mimi, Ken, Nancy and Sam

Red Sox against the Yankees.

Instilling a love of nature in the children is one of their priorities, says Mr. Kirsch, who explains, "We want our kids to have an appreciation for how great this country is, how much we as a people have to be thankful for." The children attend school with people from a variety of backgrounds. "Respect for each other and other people is an important concept," adds

Mrs. Kirsch.

Because their extended families are distant, the Kirsches joined a havurah, or Jewish social group, where they created a local "family." Nancy Kirsch says, "One of our goals is to raise our children to be happy, productive Jewishly connected adults. We wanted a sense of community, to be part of a bigger place. It's not just about us." According to nomi-

nator Lauren Zurier, they have been involved with the group of families for nearly ten years and have been instrumental in its vibrancy.

Last year's winners of the family of the year award were Harold, Sara, David and Adam Foster; Malcom, Ruth, Howard, Susan, Arnold and Jane Bromberg; and Jay and Judy Rosenstein.

The Rosses: Call on them anytime

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her and is no trouble for us," say Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

Both have been involved in many temple and volunteer activities since they were young, as their parents were before them. A partial list of Mrs. Ross's service includes the

Temple Torat Yisrael Religious Committee, volunteering at the Providence Public Schools, working with Sisterhood at the Temple and with the Hadasah training program and the National Women's Alliance.

Mr. Ross's community ser-

vice activities include volunteering at Hasbro Children's Hospital, driving for Kosher Meals on Wheels, working with Hospice, and in various activities at the temple.

A friend introduced Ruth LaBush to Al Ross when both were students at the University of Rhode Island. The friend's matchmaking talent stood the

them. They recently enjoyed a cruise with 38 extended family members and close friends to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Ross's brother.

In 1971, the Rosses established an award to honor students at Temple Torat Yisrael in memory of their daughter Michele, who was struck and



Ruth and Al Ross

"We want to give recognition to children who exemplify the way we would want our daughter to be; good people."

— Al Ross

test of time — they have been married 43 years. Mrs. Ross taught mostly kindergarten in the public schools for 28 years and Mr. Ross served as a letter carrier, delivering mail on the East Side of Providence.

Family is important, extending beyond their daughters Leah, Beth, Gilda and Naomi and eight grandchildren. When Mr. Ross's mother died, his father came to live with

killed by a car as a child.

"We want to give recognition to children who exemplify the way we would want our daughter to be — good people," says Mr. Ross.

Mrs. Ross says, "We always stressed the value of education, putting family and the Jewish religion first."

Jane Haynes works in public relations for Jewish Family Service.

A MAJORITY OF ONE

Zionists hitch their wagon to a dark star

SOMETIMES the little things make a big difference. Sorry about the cliché, but even the most common of clichés contains a germ of truth — and we have been witness over the summer to a few outstanding political examples.

On the national level, we have a president who threatens war against Iraq on the grounds that Saddam Hussein resorts to all manner of dreadful behavior toward his own minorities and supports terrorism against Israel.

He is correct on both counts, but in calling on all civilized nations to join in eliminating terrorism, the President courts Saudi Arabia, whose ruling family has a dreadful record of oppression against its female citizens and provides Osama Bin Laden with financial resources and trained suicide aviators. (Granted, we made the training possible.)

Did someone mention oil? Not our president. We go to war for ethical reasons only.

Since oil is evidently not a

factor, what is the small thing that makes the big difference? Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction and may or may not, if provoked, decide to use them.



Yehuda Lev

Without the provocation of war, of course, we have seen no reliable evidence that Iraq is preparing to use them. In Israel, the homes of Arabs accused of terrorism are blown up and the government is considering deporting their families. No one has suggested that the same treatment be meted out to the family of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, who murdered 29 Muslims at prayer in Hebron or, to cite a more recent instance, to the families of the youthful settlers who have been accused of selling arms and ammunition to Arab terrorists.

And what is the small thing

that makes the big difference? Need you ask?

Finally, we turn to our own American Jewish community for a blatant example of the genre. Cast your mind back to the Gulf War and think of one of the most extreme opponents of American intervention in Kuwait. Hint: he blamed our decision to attack Iraq on the "amen corner" of senators who did Israel's every bidding at the behest of Jewish contributors and organizations.

Still don't recall the name? Another hint: In his book "The New World Order" (1991), he argued that a conspiracy run by Jewish banking families such as the Rothschilds and the Warburgs is attempting to control the world.

Here is absolutely the final hint: In July, he was honored at a Salute to Israel dinner by the Chicago chapter of the Zionist Organization of America and presented with the "State of Israel Friendship Award."

He is none other than Pat Robertson, of the 700 Club and

the TV station in Lebanon that attempts to proselytize Jews and Muslims living in the region. The "honor" given him by the ZOA reflected a precedent set by the then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin who, many years ago, presented an Israeli award to Jerry Falwell.

We can't do much about presidential wooing of (carefully selected) evil governments and even less about Mr. Sharon's policy of punishing the innocent for the crimes of the guilty, but we should be able to do something when one of our own organizations steps over the line of what is acceptable behavior.

According to the July 12 issue of the *Forward*, from which this information is taken, Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, objected to the ZOA's choice of honoree. Foxman had earlier protested a cartoon that appeared on Robertson's TV network "saturated with sinister caricatures of Jews reminiscent of the anti-Semitic stereotypes in the darkest

periods of Christianity." In response, Robertson called Foxman the "principal secret agent of the Democratic party."

Presumably, those members of the senate who comprise the "amen corner" are all Democrats. That will come as a surprise to AIPAC, the Israeli lobby in Washington that works, with some success, to see that Israel obtains support from both sides of the political fence.

The point of all this is not to hurl blame at the moribund ZOA, which is probably beyond resuscitation, but to question the wisdom of hitching Israel's cause to fundamental Protestant preachers. There is a grain of truth in the argument that they support Israel in its struggle with Muslim fundamentalists, but they do so for theological reasons that are unacceptable to almost all Jews.

To close with a cliché that has more than a grain of truth, I can defend myself against my enemies, but heaven protect me from my friends.

Letters to the editor

Tay-Sachs affects Jewish adults, too

I am writing in response to the article, "The Story of Tay-Sachs," in *The Jewish Voice & Herald* March 20. The article was brought to my attention because of the omission in the story of the form of Tay-Sachs recognized in adults and adolescents for the past 25 years, known as adult onset Tay-Sachs, or late onset Tay-Sachs.

Late onset Tay-Sachs is a

less severe form of the disease that strikes infants.

Because these infants are born totally deficient in a certain chemical, death usually results by age 4 or 5. Because adolescents inherit trace amounts of the chemical, their life span is not affected. However, the following symptoms may be present: hand tremors, muscle weakness, speech disorders and psychiatric problems. Not all

symptoms may be present, and severity is different with each individual.

Because late onset Tay-Sachs symptoms resemble those of muscular dystrophy, muscular sclerosis, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, (Lou Gehrig's Disease), late onset Tay-Sachs may be misdiagnosed. A simple blood test identifies carriers and the affected.

Like the infantile form, the

mutation that causes late onset Tay-Sachs is most common in those of Ashkenazic (Eastern European) ancestry.

Additional information may be obtained from the Late Onset Tay-Sachs Foundation, 1303 Paper Mill Rd., Erdenheim, Pa., 19038, or at www.lotsf.org.

Shirley A. Webb
Sarasota, Fla.

The writer is vice president of the Sarasota Health Club Center.

Your voice can offer comfort

About 40 Rhode Islanders are each committed to saying a few chapters of the Psalms (Tehillim, in Hebrew) daily for the benefit of people in the community in need of healing. With each participant reciting specific chapters, the entire Book of Psalms is completed daily.

A list of sick people is distributed to each of the Tehillim sayers weekly, by e-mail, and the names, with a brief prayer asking for healing, are recited after the chapters have been said.

This is a commitment of five to ten minutes a day. Participants can decide at what point in the day they wish to

recite their psalms.

Volunteers are desperately needed, since a number of the participants have moved out of town or have asked to be replaced for other reasons.

If you'd like to make this commitment to help bring

God's healing light into the world, or would like more information, please reply to 267-0029.

Submitted by Howard Brown
Rhode Island Center
for Jewish Healing
North Kingstown

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Terrorism breeds more terrorism

In response to a letter to the editor by Rodney Driver:

I'm sure there are many Israelis who would gladly give up all the occupied territory for peace, but as long as there are millions of Arabs who will never be satisfied until there is no Israel at all, I can see why going back to less defensible borders is not a viable option for most of them.

As for the suicide bombing, as much as the Palestinians have suffered under occupation, is it as much as the millions who were slaughtered in the Holocaust? And did any of their relatives strap bombs on themselves to kill non-combatant German women and children? Would you, or I, or most civilized people condone it if they had?

I feel there is one thing that Mr. Driver and I would have to agree on: If such terrorism achieves its intended goal, or even appears to, we can be assured of one thing — more of it — there, here, and everywhere. Successful terrorism, or even the perception of its success, is the mother of more.

Alan Shawn Feinstein
Cranston

A surprise awaited her in old photo

Regarding your Aug. 30 "Remember When?" photo of a family on the beach at Block Island in 1919, I wanted to let you know that the little girl in the picture was my mother, Doris (Rubin) Rosenfield, who passed away in January, 1999.

The little boy in the picture was her cousin, not her sister, as stated in the caption.

I can't even express in words how I felt seeing my mother's picture; it was quite a pleasant surprise!

Sandra B. Motta
Cranston

As the Temple Mount goes, so goes hope

THE TEMPLE MOUNT in Jerusalem — holiest spot on earth for Jews and ranking up there in sanctity also for Christians and Muslims — may soon come partly crashing down.

Despite appearances, the 35-acre Temple Mount plateau is not a natural formation, but a man-made esplanade built centuries ago by stacking one large brick-like rock atop another.

The wall on one side might cave in because the Palestinian Authority has held administrative control of the Temple Mount since the mid-1990s, and since then has made many structural changes, all aimed at increasing Muslim claims to the site.

In particular, the PA converted a long-disused space at

the southern end, known as Solomon's Stables, into a mosque. In the process, it took down some supports.



Daniel Pipes

The PA professes no concern.

"This bulge is under our monitoring since the '70s" and has neither grown nor shifted in 30 years, says Adnan Hussein, director of the Islamic religious authority called the *waqf* that

oversees the Temple Mount. "It is stable; we don't feel that there is any dangerous situation."

Knowledgeable Israelis beg to differ. Already, back in 2001, the Israel Antiquities Authority warned that if not treated, the bulge would cause the Temple Mount "irreversible damage."

Today, there are warnings of alarm.

That wall is "in danger of collapse," says Shuka Dorfman, head of the antiquities unit.

It certainly "will fall if nothing is done about it," says Giora Solar, formerly of the Getty Conservation Institute.

"It could collapse," says Jerusalem's mayor, Ehud Olmert.

It "will collapse," warns

Eilat Mazar, an archaeologist at Hebrew University. Mazar goes on: "The central issue at present is whether it will collapse on the heads of thousands of people who are praying there, or whether it will be done in a controlled manner."

The moment of truth might come in November. That's the Ramadan holiday, when thousands of Muslim worshippers will aggregate in the mosque at Solomon's Stables. Their weight and movement could cause the southern wall to give way, causing yard-long rocks to come cascading down on them, possibly killing many.

Judging by prior incidents in Jerusalem — the arson at Al-Aqsa Mosque in 1969, the opening of a tunnel in 1996 —

this disaster would lead at least to wide-scale fighting in Jerusalem and a heated international crisis.

If things really went wrong, it could precipitate a wave of violence in Europe and a full-blown Arab-Israeli war. It could also complicate the war on Iraq, obstruct the war on terrorism, and jump the price of oil and gas. At worst, it could unleash an end-of-days messianism in three monotheistic religions, with unforeseeable consequences.

The structural integrity of this ancient wall is, in short, very serious business.

And yet successive Israeli governments, both Labor and Likud, have abdicated their role, turning a deaf ear to the increasingly anxious predictions. Their insouciance has two main causes.

First, memories of 1969 and 1996 are enough to make any Israeli leader want to stay away from Jerusalem's holy places. Second, it is a well-established tradition that the governing authority in Jerusalem — Ottoman, British, Jordanian, Israeli — endorses the status quo, permits precedent to have sway, and stays out of the city's many and hugely intractable religious disputes.

Thus, when Israel captured the Temple Mount in 1967, it permitted the *waqf* to remain in charge there. The PA has exploited that deference of 35 years ago to increase Muslim claims to the Temple Mount, notably by building the new mosque at Solomon's Stables. That the *waqf* denies any structural problems means the Israeli authorities just tiptoe away.

But they cannot afford to any longer. At issue is not some squabble over who gets to sweep which church step or who gets which hours in a sanctuary; this is a disaster in the making. As the *Jerusalem Post* correctly editorializes, that the government of Israel has abdicated its responsibilities is "nothing less than scandalous" and it must now, however belatedly, "finally assert its full sovereignty over the area."

Governments around the world, Jewish organizations, and others with influence over the Israeli prime minister should get him to attend to the wall before it, and much else, crashes.

Daniel Pipes is director of the Middle East Forum and author of *Militant Islam Reaches America*. He can be reached at www.danielpipes.org.

'Who shall live and who shall die...'

By Carl Alpert

HAIFA, Israel — The Yom Kippur season affords opportunity for each individual not only to review his deeds of the past year, but also to look into the future and to contemplate what fate has in store for him, subject to actions on his own part.

Collectively, the state, too, can survey the past 12 months — and in Israel, it's a pretty discouraging record. In accordance with our annual custom, we present a list of the dozen major problems Israel will face as we start a new year on the Jewish calendar. They appear in order of their importance, as we see them.

Terrorism: Because of continued threats by Hamas and other extremist Muslim groups that, in the face of any agreements reached by Israel with the Palestine Authority, will continue their terror campaign against Israel, we must steel ourselves for additional heinous acts of murder against civilians. And defense efforts must be strengthened.

The Iraqi front: An American attack against Iraq, which looms as a possibility, will almost automatically result in Iraqi retaliation against Israel. Indications are that such retaliation may take the form of missiles carrying chemical or biological death-dealing elements. Defenses have been prepared, but the danger is real.

Palestine: The demand for an autonomous Arab state of Palestine, as set forth by the Palestine Authority, the borders to be determined for such a state, and the role to be played by Yasser Arafat, all combine

to constitute a problem that is at the essence of our difficulties with our neighbors.

The government: The domestic political pot is already boiling, and despite external threats it is likely that the Sharon unity coalition will disintegrate, possibly on the issue of the national budget, and the country will be plunged into new national elections. Parties and candidates are already maneuvering to attract public support.

Inflation: Israel's economy is faced not only by domestic, political and security problems, but also by an unsettled world economy. The result is that exports are decreasing, production has been reduced and the cost of living has been rising

slowly but steadily. Economists differ as to the proper steps to take to avoid run-away inflation.

Unemployment: Directly related to the above is the steadily rising rate of unemployment. The result is poverty, serious human problems and a rising spirit of social discontent.

World opinion: In this area, the situation appears to have worsened since last year, when we reported that overt acts of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel attitudes by major nations were serving to isolate the country on the international scene. The U.N. appears to have been hijacked by a conglomerate of states with fixed anti-Israel policies.

Water: This problem is a creation of nature, but human efforts to solve the problem have long been neglected. Desalination plants now under construction will not yet be in operation during the coming year, nor will water imported from Turkey yet be arriving. Israel can only pray for a heavy rainy season.

Road accidents: The number of fatalities on the roads each year exceeds by far the number of victims of Palestinian terrorism, but not enough is being done to combat the scourge. The dreadful number mounts from month to month, but even the public tends to accept the situation as normal and unavoidable.

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One of the most common difficulties and causes of death, among the elderly is difficulty swallowing, a condition known as dysphasia. In nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, as much as 87 percent of the population run the risk of choking and aspiration and require assistance when eating or drinking.

The University of Rhode Island Speech and Language

Pathology Department is addressing the problem through a pilot restorative dining program at the Jewish Seniors Agency's Comprehensive Adult Day Center in Providence and the Eleanor Slater Hospital in Cranston.

The goals of the program are to reduce the risk of aspiration so the elderly can again feed themselves, and to improve nutritional intake and hydration.

According to Roberta Sinapi, director of the Comprehensive Adult Day Center, the ability to feed oneself also has important social benefits, helping to preserve independence, dignity, and the enjoyment of socializing with others while dining.

URI speech and language

pathology graduate students, under the supervision of Program Director Karen Houle, will train the Adult Day Care Center staff in areas such as oral care, drink coaching, meal-time coaching, food presentation and the use of adaptive equipment. Family caregivers will be encouraged to attend training sessions so they can use the techniques at home.

The center, at 229 Waterman St., Providence serves 35 to 39 frail older adults who cannot be left at home alone during the day. The program provides a safe, nurturing environment, medical monitoring, personal care, therapeutic activities and case management, as well as a respite for family members. For further information call Sinapi at 351-2440.

Through a lens Jewishly: program offers college guide

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, in conjunction with Brown Hillel, will offer a program for teens and their parents entitled "Looking at College Through a Jewish Lens," on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

The program will provide insight into the college search process and on-campus Jewish life. Speakers will include Lloyd Peterson, former director of admissions at Yale University and Vassar College, and Rabbi Elyse Winnick, assistant director of Koach, the Conservative movement's college outreach program. In addition, a panel of Hillel professionals and college students will answer questions. The program will also include representatives from College Coach, a private organization that assists teens in the college selection process.

The program will be held in the Petteruti room of Brown's Faunce House, 75 Waterman

St., Providence. For more information on the program, or on other programs for teens offered by the Bureau, call Rich Walter, director of teen education, at the Bureau, 331-0956 or e-mail rwalter@bjeri.org.

Golfers to tee off for Israel

The Jewish National Fund will hold its annual golf tournament Monday, Sept. 23, at the Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, Mass.

More than 150 golfers and friends will participate in a day of golfing and dining to help the JNF raise money to build reservoirs, dams, and security roads in Israel.

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Teen classes to focus on Jewish values, leadership

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will once again this year give teens in grades 10-12 the opportunity to participate in the Jewish Civics Initiative program offered by PANIM, the Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values.

JCI encourages students to apply Jewish values to public policy and social justice issues. The program has three major elements: an innovative curriculum based on Jewish values, a Washington D.C., retreat, and community-based service learning projects. Students in the JCI program gain a heightened

understanding of Jewish values, an increased commitment to social action, an in-depth look at advocacy, and a deeper awareness of policy decisions that face the government.

Students can enroll in the Wednesday evening JCI class, which will meet at Temple Sinai in Cranston from 7:30-8:10 p.m. beginning on Sept. 18. They can also enroll in the Sunday morning JCI class, which will meet at Temple Emanu-El in Providence from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. beginning on Oct. 6.

In addition, students in South County can take part in

JCI through the Gesher program that will begin on Sunday, Oct. 20. For more information on how to participate through Gesher, call Rich Walter at 331-0956 or rwalter@bjeri.org. Space to participate in the Jewish Civics Initiative will be limited to 20 Rhode Island area teens.

This year, Rabbi Alan Flam will coordinate the JCI program. Rabbi Flam is both a senior Fellow at the Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University and Associate University Chaplain at Brown. Rabbi Flam is also an active member of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and a member of the faculty of the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. He served for 18 years as executive director of the Brown/RISD Hillel.

The Jewish Civics Initiative is funded by grants from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and PANIM.

Mealsite serving up a busy September

Seniors will find plenty of variety to keep them entertained, enlightened and energized at the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Cranston this month.

Programs begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted, and a hot kosher lunch is served at noon. Every Friday, a Shabbat meal is served.

On the current schedule:

Bingo will be offered at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, and Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Exercise with Sylvia will take place at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 18 and 25.

Men's and women's discussion groups will meet on Fridays, Sept. 13, 20, and 27.

Dance therapy will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 23.

A birthday celebration will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, with a cake and musical entertainment by Dan Began.

Yoga class will meet at 11:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30.

The mealsite, in Temple

Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., be closed Monday, Sept. 16, in observance of Yom Kippur.

Transportation to the mealsite is available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick. For reservations and information, call coordinator Ronda French at 781-1771 or 331-1244, extension 42.

Corrections:

The address for Congregation Agudas Achim was listed incorrectly. The correct address is 901 North Main St., Attleboro, Mass., 02703.

The caption on a picture showing a July 11 picnic at Colt State Park failed to mention that the picnic was a program of the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

The recipe for cheese-cake that ran last issue listed the incorrect amount of cream cheese. It should have read 16 ounces of cream cheese, and not 6. Also, you should keep beating the mix after each addition.



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Would assault on Iraq be good for Israel?

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an imminent threat.

On each side, there is debate about the effect an attack on Iraq would have on U.S. "allies in the region," an implicit reference to Israel.

It's unclear what weapons of mass destruction Hussein may hold and whether he has the technical capacity to unleash them at Israel.

But Israel is taking no chances. Fearing that Iraq will again lash out at Israel if attacked — as it did in the 1991 Gulf War — Israel already is



AN ARMED GUARD stands outside a Jerusalem school this past Sunday as children arrive on the first day of Israel's new school year.

JTA

purchasing gas masks and has considered inoculating its entire population against smallpox.

Israel also asked its security and emergency services to complete preparations by Nov. 1 for a possible Iraqi retaliatory strike to a U.S. attack.

The United States has not told Israel if or when it will attack Iraq, but Nov. 1 seemed a "reasonable" deadline for preparations, a senior government official told The Associated Press.

While neither side in the American debate is publicly discussing the Israeli angle at length, "people on both sides" are using "the implications for Israel to support their arguments," said David Makovsky, senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Those who favor an attack highlight the threat Hussein poses to the Middle East.

"Armed with an arsenal of these weapons of terror and" sitting atop "10 percent of the world's oil reserves, Saddam Hussein could then be expected to seek domination of the entire Middle East, take control of a great portion of the world's energy supplies, directly

threaten America's friends throughout the region and subject the United States or any other nation to nuclear blackmail," Vice President Dick Cheney said in an Aug. 26 speech.

Many see the speech as the beginning of a concerted White House campaign to make the case for attacking Iraq.

Cheney also suggested that after Hussein was defeated, the "Israeli-Palestinian peace process would be enhanced, just as it was following the liberation of Kuwait in 1991."

Yet those opposed to an attack say it would destabilize the Middle East and cause increased Arab frustration to boil over onto Israel.

Those opposed to action note that, if attacked, Hussein is likely to attack Israel; the United States in effect would be sacrificing Israel's welfare by attacking Iraq, some say.

"Israel would have to expect to be the first casualty, as in 1991 when Saddam sought to bring Israel into the Gulf conflict," former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft wrote in the Wall Street Journal on Aug. 15.

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News Briefs

Jewish high-tech network to launch

A network for Jews in the high-tech sector is about to be launched. Dubbed "Blue Knot: The Jewish Tech Initiative," the network will be unveiled at the annual computer industry trade show Comdex in Las Vegas this November.

The network will seek to help Jewish high-tech workers develop professionally while meeting other Jews. Officials of the United Jewish Communities and the Jewish Federations of North America, which are spearheading the effort, said Blue Knot groups are being formed in cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Toronto, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington. More details are available at www.ujc.org/blueknot.

Two Palestinians killed in Gaza

Two Palestinians suspected of trying to plant explosives in the Gaza Strip were killed by Israeli tank fire Sunday night. The two were spotted

near the fence separating Israel from Gaza. In another incident, Israeli troops tore down the home of a Palestinian wanted for involvement in terrorist attacks. They also razed a building containing a weapons workshop.

Also on Sunday, Israeli troops shot and lightly wounded a Palestinian woman who approached a settlement carrying two packages and ignored soldiers' orders to stop. No suspicious objects were found in the packages. In the West Bank, Israel began gradually lifting curfews imposed on Palestinian towns over Rosh Hashanah.

Uzi inventor dies at 79

Uzi Gal, the inventor of the submachine gun that bears his name, died Saturday in Philadelphia at 79. The Uzi submachine gun was used by Israel's army for the first time during its Sinai campaign in 1956. Gal was born in Germany in 1923 and immigrated to Israel in 1936 after Hitler came to power. He was buried Thursday at the kibbutz near Haifa where he grew up.

Palestinians arrested in poison plot

Israeli officials arrested three Palestinians accused of plotting to poison drinks at Jerusalem's Rimon Cafe. Two of the suspects confessed to their role in the plot, police said. They were expected to be formally charged Monday, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. The third, who is the alleged ring-leader, is a chef at the cafe. He is to be charged with attempted murder. The suspects were apprehended three weeks ago, shortly before they were to have carried out the attack, the paper reported.

Legislators pass Shoah bills

California legislators have passed two Holocaust-related bills. One of the bills, approved last week, creates a Holocaust education center to provide teachers with training and tools. The other, which was subsequently signed into law by Gov. Gray Davis, extends the deadline on claims to recover Holocaust-era artwork to Dec. 31, 2010.

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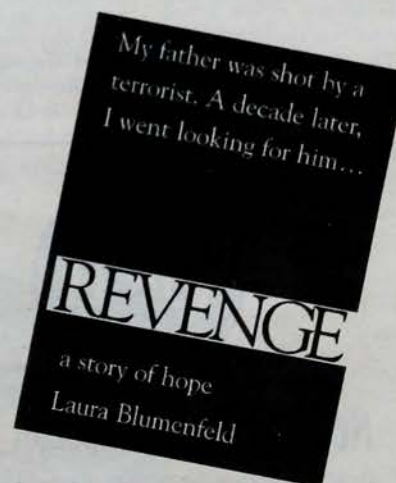
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This event is open to all women who make a gift of any amount through the Women's Alliance to the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island 2003 Community Campaign.

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New staff position established to aid community building effort

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tions to think differently, work cooperatively and expand their reach.

Part of this initiative will involve assessing the best way to maximize the use of Jewish facilities on a statewide level.

"We have known for a few years that virtually every community agency we support has outgrown its facility or struggles with one that is outdated," said Janet Engelhart, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Improving facilities and making them more efficient will be a goal for upcoming years, she said, and in the process Jewish professionals will be working more closely with one another. For example, a "community neighborhood" structure on the East Side would allow a plethora of agencies, from the Jewish Community Center to the Bureau of Jewish Education to Jewish Seniors Agency to Jewish Family Service, not to mention the Jewish Federation and the two Jewish day schools, to work in tandem.

"We want to have a stronger community... but you can't do that if you don't have the infrastructure to support it," Alexander said.

Assessing needs

Alexander will lead an effort in coordinating volunteers and Jewish professionals all around the state in laying the foundation for the Jewish community of the future.

The first step to making this possible was information gathering; focus groups were



NEW FACES, NEW PLANS: Sheila Alexander will head the new strategic planning initiative at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

set up with Jewish organizations and individuals around the state, a process which asked Jews statewide about specific challenges each community faced.

"When I look at South County, for example," Alexander said, "it's so big and sprawling... and it offers different challenges than you find in more densely populated Jewish areas... We have so many resources and so much talent in this community. By strengthening each area around the state, we'll be strengthening the whole."

JFRI volunteer leaders identified six major Jewish communities in Rhode Island: West Bay (including Cranston, East Greenwich and Warwick), East Bay (including Barrington,

East Providence, Bristol), South County, Newport County (including Portsmouth and Middletown), the Greater Providence area, and Northern Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts (including Lincoln, Woonsocket, Foxboro and the Attleboros).

"The information we

Jewish organizations and members of the community, the JFRI would like to see "regional councils" made up of representative members of each of the six communities.

"We want to work with community leaders around the state as they define their priorities," Alexander said. "Regional councils may be the best way

"People invest in things that they feel have the greatest return... And what is being anticipated and proposed will have returns for at least another generation, if not two."
— Mark Feinstein

received will act as a blueprint for serving the state-wide Jewish community," said Doris Feinberg, chair of the strategic planning steering committee.

Engelhart said that the purpose of information gathering is to allow services to be better distributed across the community and begin to give people what they need where they live.

"You don't just build it and wait for them to come," she said. "You work closely with the community and agencies to build momentum in order to introduce new ways of serving a broad range of needs."

Endowment grant proposals have been distributed to Jewish agencies around the state, and grant requests will be flooding in during the next two months. Alan Litwin, chairman of the endowment grants committee at the JFRI, said that they will be actively seeking programs that have a community building focus, and giving priority to these types of programs.

"We're basically putting our money where our mouth is," he said.

Regional Councils

Next, in working with local

to express their program and service needs and identify and develop leaders for the future and include seasoned volunteers."

"I look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to be involved in this effort," she added.

"Effective community building takes years not months," she said. "but we are working aggressively to establish a format that begins that process."

A Community Pro

Alexander moved to Rhode Island with her family 25 years ago, and quickly got into the Jewish community stream. She joined with other parents to help found the Solomon Schechter Day School (now the Alperin Schechter Day School), and served as president there and at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

She's also served on the boards of a plethora of Jewish organizations, from Jewish Family Service to the Jewish Community Center to the Jewish Home, and worked at Brown-RISD Hillel from 1995 to 2002 as director of institutional development and interim

director.

"We are thrilled to have Sheila on staff," Engelhart said. "She has built bridges and encouraged community growth in every position she has held."

In her new role, Alexander will have her hands full of information to sift through; Besides face-to-face data gathered from focus groups, important statistical findings will soon be available from the demographic study completed by the Federation earlier this year. Information concerning the age, distribution, and affiliation of the local Jewish population, including social service needs, religious expression, and commitment to social justice, is expected to be available by December.

Synagogue partnerships

There's another type of well-established Jewish entity that will be an important partner and resource in the community-building initiative — synagogues.

Synagogues and federations have traditionally had differing strategies for building Jewish unity, Alexander said. "However, synagogues really are communities in and of themselves, and in creating stronger relationships with them, everyone can benefit."

Some innovative ideas involve working with synagogues as centers for attracting the unaffiliated, as well as expanding their role in providing educational and family needs.

Some of this year's strategies include reaching out to synagogues throughout the state through their social action committees, and facilitating their cooperation through the Community Relations Council at the JFRI, and expanding women's Rosh Hodesh study programs through the Women's Alliance with help from synagogues.

"This is an opportunity to work together in ways that we never have," said Alexander.

Mark Feinstein, the newly-elected president of the JFRI, said he believes that when people in the community understand what needs to be done, and why it needs to be done, the participation that will be needed in the upcoming years, as well as the money for new projects and improved programming, will be available.

"People invest in things that they feel have the greatest return," he said. "And what is being anticipated and proposed will have returns for at least another generation, if not two."



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Viewpoint:

Vandals ordered to Holocaust Museum—but did they listen?

By Marla Dansky
Executive director
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Recently, three juveniles sentenced for the desecration of a church and a synagogue in Woonsocket paid a visit to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum as part of an innovative ruling by Judge Jeremiah Jeremiah. The youths were required to attend an educational program at a Holocaust museum, a screening of the film "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," and services at a synagogue and a Baptist church.

In the days prior to the visit, I thought a great deal about the unique group of guests I would be welcoming to the museum. I had been assured that they would be respectful and appropriately behaved. A Holocaust survivor was going to be speaking to the young men—how would they be different from the thousands of other students she addressed each year? Was it fair to ask her to sit face-to-face with people who had desecrated a synagogue with swastikas, and tell her most painful truths?

Some of my colleagues suggested that the visit was as much a punishment for the museum as it was for the young men. They assured me that I had a legal right to refuse the visit. I saw it as an opportunity, not a punishment—a chance to reach some young people before it was too late. It concerns me that the visit might have been seen as a punishment, because that would send a strange message to the thousands of students who choose to visit the museum each year.

Plans for the offenders' visit included hearing the experiences of the survivor, participating in a museum tour and discussion, and viewing another film, "The Courage to Care." The itinerary was the same one used for many groups of high school students who visit. More than 4,000 come through each year; they are from a variety of religious, ethnic, socioeco-

nomie, and educational backgrounds. We have never turned away a group because of academic or behavioral challenges. These three students would be treated no differently from the 90 other school and community groups who had preceded them this year.

The group assembled promptly in front of the Jewish Community Center on the morning of their visit, as any other group would. But this group was different. Instead of students and educators, three young men, two officers of the court, and the attorney charged with carrying out the sentence awaited entry at the appointed hour.

'In every group of 50 students who visit the museum there are at least three who maintain a respectful silence throughout their visit and ask no questions. How do we know if we are reaching them? In most cases, we don't—we can only hope.'

The visit began with the survivor sharing the most painful moments of her life with three young men devoid of expression and three chaperones engaged by her words. The youths remained respectful while she spoke, but did not ask questions at the conclusion of her talk. The film portion of the morning was greeted with the same response of respectful silence.

After that morning I was asked by my colleagues if the museum program made a difference to these three young men. In every group of 50 students who visit the museum there are at least three who maintain a respectful silence throughout their visit and ask no questions. How do we know if we are reaching them? In most cases, we don't—we can only hope. We hope that when the opportunity to violate someone's human, civil, or religious rights becomes available, the students the museum has touched remember the words of the survivor they met, or the rescuers in the film they saw.

We find encouragement in the hundreds of student art and writing entries that come to the museum each spring from all over Rhode Island and South-eastern Massachusetts; in the hundreds of young people who attend student awareness day each year; in those who visit the museum with their class and come back as interns; in the educators who attend museum workshops and use museum resources; and in the personal notes to our speakers from thousands of students each school year.



Good scouts

RABBI SOL GOODMAN, above center, Jewish chaplain at Yawgoog Boy Scout Reservation in Hopkinton, presents certificates for participation in Jewish activities to Scouts Abraham Berin, of Providence, left, and Caleb Havalotti of Falmouth, Mass. Below, he answers questions from Scouts at a morning discussion.

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the Jewish Community Center Saturday night, Oct. 26 and Sunday, Oct. 27.

Merchants representing Israeli stores will bring their wares, including items suitable for birthday, anniversary, wedding and Hanukkah gifts. The marketplace is also a means to

help support the troubled economy in Israel.

The JCC is at 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence.

For more information, call Robin Kauffman, coordinator of the community weekend, at 331-0956.

Course set for those seeking to convert

The Gerim Institute for prospective converts to Judaism began a new series of classes Sept. 12. The next meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

Participants in the program will study basic elements of Jewish theology, life-cycle celebrations, Sabbath and holiday observances, dietary laws, Hebrew reading, prayer book comprehension, and Jewish history.

For further information call any of the participating congregational rabbis or cantors: Rabbis Wayne Franklin and Alvan Kaunfer, and Cantor Brian Mayer, of Temple Emanu-El, 331-1616; Rabbi Stephan Parnes, of Temple Torat Yisrael, 785-1800; Cantor Rick Perlman, of Temple Am David, 463-9262; Rabbi

Raphael Kanter, of Tifereth Israel Congregation, (508) 997-3171; and Rabbi Rich Kirschen of Brown-RISD Hillel, 863-2806.

Jenny Klein, a veteran educator, will again serve as a mentor and instructor in Hebrew for students in the program.

Hadassah program will span generations

Rhode Island Hadassah is offering a "Training Wheels" program for parents or grandparents that offers a chance to participate in activities revolving around the Jewish holidays.

Nine 90-minute sessions will be geared to parents or grandparents and children ages 3 to 5. Each session will consist of songs, art activities, snacks and stories about Jewish heritage.

The program will begin in October with times and dates to be announced. For further information call Ruth Ross at 781-2478.

Hadassah will hold a "bagel nosh" with Providence Journal political columnist M. Charles Bakst at 10 a.m. Oct. 20 at the Jewish Community Center.



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Yom Kippur is a time for reflection, a time for confession, a time for repentance.

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The first Yom Kippur occurred after Moses came back from his second trip to Mt. Sinai with the replacement tablets that contained the Ten Commandments. Moses had smashed the original tablets after returning from his initial trip to Mt. Sinai, finding that the Jewish people were worshipping a golden calf instead of God while he was gone.

Moses implored God to give the Jewish people another chance, and he once again went up the mountain and brought down a second set of tablets. In his absence, the children of Israel fasted from sunrise to sunset as a sign of their repentance. Thereafter, the tenth of Tishri was kept as a day of atonement.

So when we observe Yom Kippur, we are doing more than asking forgiveness for our personal transgressions. We are also recognizing the past transgressions of the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai and God's willingness to grant us a second chance.

It is a lesson that should also be applied to Israel's pursuit of peace.

Many say that the peace talks have failed and should never be tried again. However, the Sharon government, willing to try military options over and over again despite their lack of success, must be willing to give the peace process another chance.

The Oslo Accords certainly were not perfect. The arrangements that they contained were subject to human frailties, politics, and compromises, all of which contributed to their collapse.

But their central premise—that Israelis and Palestinians must find a way to peacefully coexist and share the land—was correct. The tragic violence to which Israelis have been subjected over the past two years only serves to underscore the immediate need to return to the pursuit of this basic truth.

This Yom Kippur, as we remember that God gave us a second chance at entering into a covenant that defined us as a nation, it is imperative for our nation, Israel, to give the peace process another chance, as well.

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TINA SHEFF watches as her daughter Maya puts together a puppet at the Jewish Community Center's recent membership picnic.

JCC picnic a big hit

With camp over and school about to start, the JCC of Rhode Island hosted a fall kick-off membership picnic Aug. 25. Over 250 members gathered on the field behind the "J" for a fun afternoon in the sun.

Some came for the watermelon and hot dogs grilled by executive director Rick Nelson and board member Jeff Vogel. Others enjoyed the climbing wall, moon bounce, face and body painting, 'slip 'n slide' and a presentation by Tunes 'n Tales's musician, Ann Marie Forer. In anticipation of the Rosh Hashanah holiday, the culminating activity of the afternoon was the annual Shofar Factory by Chabad of West Bay.

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Touro Fraternal to honor past presidents

The Touro Fraternal Association, founded in 1918, will pay tribute to its past presidents in ceremonies at its headquarters, 45 Rolfe Square, Cranston, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18. A total of 22 past presidents plan to be on hand to help launch a formal past presidents' club. The evening's program, beginning with dinner at 6:30, is open to Touro members.

Robert D. Miller, board chairman and a past president, said the function of the club will be to act as advisor to the Association and its officers.

Until 1990 the Association elected one president. In that year it split into Harmony Lodge and Friendship Lodge, and each has elected its own officers since.

The past presidents expected to attend are Leonard Levin, Morton Coken, Judge Howard Lipsey, Arthur Poulten, Dr. Aaron Shatkin, David Sholes, Robert Hodosh, Nathan Lury, Mitchell Sugarman, Robert Miller, Allan

Gourse, Joseph Shapiro, Michael D. Smith, Andrew Lamchick, Alan Hochman, Charles Dressler, Bruce Weisman, Stevan Labush, Alan Lury, Andrew Gilstein, Dr. Aaron Sherman and Jeffrey Goldberg.

The event will mark the first time the Association's newly-expanded Social Hall will have been used. During the

summer, the hall was renovated to increase its seating capacity for meetings and dinners. With the larger space the Association will be able to accommodate the increasing number of members taking advantage of the events at the group's Rolfe Square headquarters.

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Who shall live and who shall die

From page 5

Israel's Arabs: While the
majority of Israel's Arabs, and
spokesmen for the community,
continue to express their loy-
alty to Israel as citizens of the
state, there has been an increas-
ing number of local Arabs who
have collaborated, actively or
passively, with the perpetration
of terrorist attacks.

The naive idealists: The
reality of Palestinian barbarism
has brought many of our Jewish
idealists and so-called pacifists

to their senses, but there is still
a small and vociferous Jewish
group that agitates against Israel
at home and abroad. Their
danger lies in the fact that they
give the Arabs the feeling that
Israeli morale is crumbling, and
that increased terrorism will
bring about an internal col-
lapse.

Lebanese border: The rel-
ative quiet here has been dis-
turbed by occasional hostile
activity by the Hezbollah and
by obvious armed strengthen-

ing of that body, with Syrian
backing. Israel's defense forces
are in a state of constant alert
in the face of possible massive
aggression on this front.

Prospects for the coming
year are not cheerful. We must
bear in mind that these are the
expected problems. They can
be offset by a recounting of the
positive, constructive and uplift-
ing features of life in Israel. But
that is a separate list.

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Some advice for seniors: Don't forget to remember

I was supposed to call my niece on her birthday, but the day came and went and Nancy was never phoned.

I ran out of tomato juice two weeks ago and every day I announced at dinner that I needed to buy some. I have

been in super-markets three times in that 2-week period, but I never remembered to buy tomato juice.



Tema Gouse

My friend Arlene moved to her apartment in Warwick over 25 years ago. I speak to her almost every week. She calls me or I call her. But every time I call her I have to look up her phone number. That doesn't happen with most people I have to call, but something happens with Arlene's phone number.

I can read your mind. You are saying, "Oh boy, she's losing it." You don't mention that you have similar experiences, because if you did, you would have to acknowledge that you are almost as old as I am.

When one enters one's "senior years," one adds the joys of senior moments — temporarily forgetting a name, a location, an experience. If I had a dollar for all my friends who, in the past year, told me they had lost or misplaced their keys, I'd be rich.

Another goodie is to go to

the market because you need sour cream. Two hours later, \$80 poorer and having carried home six heavy bags, mostly filled with Diet Coke that was on sale, you decide not to make a sour cream coffee cake because, of course, you forgot to buy the sour cream.

If someone could do a survey at the public library they would find that senior citizens pay more overdue fines than any other age group. Oh, the books were read promptly. It is returning them promptly that doesn't stay in the reader's consciousness.

I lived in the same house for 46 years, and knew where almost every item was. I knew

where the surplus paper napkins were. I knew where the key

to the safe deposit box was. I knew where my wedding invitation (nearly 54 years old) was. I even knew where the rarely used garlic press was. And then, about a year ago, we moved. Now, I know where none of those things are. Oh, occasionally, I'll trip on one of them, but when I actually need to use one of those items, I haven't the foggiest notion where it is.

This cannot go on. Fellow seniors, we must find a solution. I have an idea. We must follow the suggestions of those young geriatric counselors. WE MUST MAKE LISTS — many of them. Then, we must make a list of the lists, wisely listing the locations of various items, and of the lists. I think it

could work.

Let's start with lists of birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and memorial dates, hoping we are disciplined enough to transfer them to all the household calendars. There are four in our little household, but none has all the vital dates highlighted.

Second, let's professionalize those shopping lists. Items should be listed according to where the purchase is usually made or which market has it on sale this week. The item should be checked off after it has been purchased. Unpurchased items should go on next week's list. (Boy, am I getting organized).

Telephone number lists should be posted at each phone, to include numbers of relatives, friends, and every service person you

may have emergency need of. It's not very attractive, but it's sensible.

A list of undone chores would be really wise, even if the chore continues to be ignored. Sooner or later, guilt will take over and the job will be done.

I cannot conceive of any list that would correct my inability to remember the names of people who greet me in public places, but if you have any ideas on this matter, please contact me immediately.

Gee, I liked all this so much that I have made a list of all the lists to be implemented. Now if I could only recall where I put my list of lists, I'd be in really great shape.

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Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. Gus Schlessinger, of Providence, announce the engagement of their daughter, Reva, of Boston, to Peter Winston, also of Boston. He is the son of Arthur Winston and the late Judith Winston.

The bride-to-be graduated from Brandeis University and McGill University, and is a marketing manager with Precise Software Solutions Inc. in Westwood, Mass.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Vassar College and is the founder and CEO of ICS Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

An October wedding is planned.

Engagement

Arthur and Lois Finstein, of Framingham, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Debra, to Charles Earl Schneider, son of Albert and Edna-Mae Schneider of Natick, Mass.

The future bride, a 1998 graduate of Brandeis University, received a Master's degree from the University of Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Selma and the late Joseph Finstein of Waltham, Mass., and the late Meyer and Jeanette Saval of Providence.

The future bridegroom, a graduate of Framingham State College, is the co-founder of CE Associates in Natick, Mass. He is the grandson of the late Harold and Selma Morse of Newton, Mass., and the late Frank and Mollie Schneider of Brighton, Mass.

A June 2003, wedding is planned.

Bat mitzvah

Ariana Shapiro, daughter of Tom Shapiro, formerly of Cranston, and Lillian Shapiro, became Bat Mitzvah May 18 at Temple Beth Shalom in

Peabody, Mass. A reception followed at the Thompson Country Club in North Reading. She is the granddaughter of Freda and Sheldon Shapiro, of Cranston.

Ariana is an honor student at the Higgins Middle School in Peabody, where she participates in theatre, chorus and dance.

Birth

Abby and Jon Winderman, of Island Park, N.Y., announce the birth of Joshua Marc on April 30. Maternal grandparents are Ann and Phil Brown, and paternal grandparents are Charlotte and Barry Winderman.

Fellowship

Jonathan Snow, a Pawtucket native and Johns Hopkins University senior, has been selected by The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, to participate in an undergraduate fellowship program that teaches students about terrorist threats directed at America and democracies around the world.

Twenty-six students were selected from around the country to participate in the year-long program, which includes 17 days in Israel. The students hear presentations from military, intelligence, diplomatic and political officials, as well as experts on terrorism.

Snow is an international relations major at Johns Hopkins, focusing on the Middle East and is a Woodrow Wilson Research Fellow there, studying Israel's fight against terror.

Scholastic award

Daniel Newman, son of Jeff and Janice Newman, of Pawtucket, a junior at Providence Country Day School, has received the Rensselaer Medal, awarded to the most promising science and math student at 2,700 secondary schools throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

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Loebenberg-Fridman

Nanette Rochelle Loebenberg and Dr. Jose Fridman were married April 21 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly A. Loebenberg, of Cranston, and Theodore F. Loebenberg, of Rumford. The bridegroom is the son of Raquel Fridman Mintz, of Mexico City, and the late Luis Fridman.

The ceremony was performed by Rabbis Wayne Franklin and Alvan Kaunfer, and Cantor Brian Mayer.

The bride, a *summa cum laude* graduate of Tufts University, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received her masters in public policy, and a juris doctor, cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center. She is an associate at a Boston law firm.

The bridegroom is a *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Boston University School of Engineering, where he also received his master's degree. He received his Ph.D. in engineering from Northeast-



ern University. He is employed at Analog Devices in Wilmington, Mass. as an architect specialist.

The couple is living in Swampscott, Mass.

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Murray B. Baker

COVENTRY — Murray B. Baker, 84, of Brookside Villa, 10 Woodland Dr., a retired jewelry manufacturer, died Aug. 27 at the Villa. He was the husband of Tina (D'Amico) Baker, of West Warwick.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Louis and Dorothy (Zax) Cohen, he had lived in West Warwick for 23 years before moving to Coventry seven years ago.

The adopted son of the late John Baker, he was the owner of the former Either-Ore Manufacturing Co. in Johnston, retiring seven years ago.

He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where he received his engineering degree.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific, and was a former member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Steven Baker, of Eugene, Ore., and Lewis Baker, of Manchester, Conn.; a daughter, Susan Dimbath, of Stewart, Fla.; a stepson, John Short, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; four stepdaughters, Karen Spartz, of Groton, Conn., Virginia Meyer, of Norman, Okla., Caron Rez Merkin, of Manchester, Conn., and Laura Stiles, of North Kingstown; 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was the stepfather of the late Cathy Lavoie. Graveside services were held in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Robert Borod

MARTHA'S VINEYARD — Robert L. Borod, 70, of Martha's Vineyard, formerly of Providence, a retired production manager of stage and television shows in New York City, died Aug. 26 at home.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morton and Pearl (Morrison) Borod, he lived in New York City for most of his life before retiring to The Vineyard in 1997.

Mr. Borod was a stage manager for 35 years, including for productions on Broadway and the West Coast and on television. He was a member of Actors Equity.

A 1954 graduate of Brown University, Mr. Borod served in France with the Air Force. Afterward, he returned to Providence, working at the Warwick Musical Theater before moving to New York.

He leaves three nieces. He was the brother of the late Harriet and Arnold Borod.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Actors Fund Nursing Home, 175 West Hudson Ave., Englewood, N.J., 07631.

George Bressler

WESTON, Fla. — George Bressler, 79, of Weston, formerly of Providence, a retired office manager, died Aug. 24 at Memorial Hospital, Weston, after a long illness.

He was the husband of Barbara (Schreiber) Bressler.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Charles H. and Lillian (Bekelman) Bressler, he had lived in Providence before moving to Florida 45 years ago. Before retiring, Mr. Bressler had worked as a manager at several firms.

He attended Providence schools and the former Bryant-Stratton Business College, now Bryant College.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a member of the Freemasons.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Scott Bressler of North Potomac, Md.; a daughter, Ellen Levine of San Diego, Cal.; and a sister, Sandra Bressler-Dolan of West Warwick.

He was the brother of the late Max Bressler and Evelyn Kushel.

The funeral was held in Hollywood, Fla.

Lillian Chudnovsky

SCITUATE, MASS. — Lillian Chudnovsky, wife of the late Max Chudnovsky, died Aug. 29. She was formerly of Taunton, Mass.

She leaves two daughters, Sara Weintraub, of Norwell, Mass.; and Elizabeth Leary, of Norwalk, Conn.; a sister, Alice Cahill, of Arlington, Va.; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Samuel, Hyman, and Israel Alpert.

Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton.

Esta H. Katz

PROVIDENCE — Esta H. Katz, 81, of East Street, a saleslady at the former City Hall Hardware Store, died Aug. 17 at Tockwotton Home. She was the wife of the late Samuel Katz.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Jacob and Dora (Alpert) Kushner, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

She was a graduate of Central High School, and a former member of Sons of Abraham Synagogue.

She served in the Women's Army Corps in World War II, stationed in Paris.

Mrs. Katz, an avid reader, was a member of the American Kennel Club, participating in many local dog shows.

She leaves several nieces and nephews.

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

Frederick Kenner

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Frederick Kenner, 89, of West Palm Beach, formerly of Providence, a retired business owner and patron of the arts,

died Aug. 27 at home.

He was the husband of Sylvia (Cor) Kenner.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Jacob and Lena Kenner, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to West Palm Beach in 1998.

Mr. Kenner was a member of Temple Beth-El and its brotherhood, and was active in the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

He was a member of the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, the Museum of Art in Boston, and the Smithsonian Institution. He donated 20 paintings to art schools, museums and colleges throughout the United States.

He was also a member of the Kravis Performing Arts Center, West Palm Beach; the Florida Ballet, the Masons, and the boards of the Miriam Hospital and the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Harris Kenner, of North Scituate; a daughter, Kathy Kenner, of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Paul and Harold Kenner.

Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

Anne Krakowsky

PAWTUCKET — Anne L. Krakowsky, 88, of Lowden Street, a retired bookkeeper, died Aug. 30 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Harry Krakowsky.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie (Breiter) Linder, she had lived in Providence before moving to Pawtucket 14 years ago.

She was a graduate of Hope High School.

Mrs. Krakowsky was a bookkeeper for Samuel Gereboff Associates before retiring.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the ladies auxiliary of Miriam Hospital, and had been a volunteer at the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Susan Engelson, of Manalapan, N.J., and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Maurice Miller

PROVIDENCE — Maurice (Murry) Miller, 88, of Highland Avenue, owner of the former Blackstone Fabrics of Pawtucket and the Murry Realty Co., died Aug. 25 at Miriam Hospital.

He was the husband of the late Sylvia (Cokin) Miller. Born in Millis, Mass., a son of the late Samuel and Velya Miller, he had lived in Providence for 66 years.

Mr. Miller was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Redwood Lodge of Masons, Kirkbrae Country Club, and the Tuesday Night Poker Club. He was a

sponsor of foster children from third-world countries for most of his adult life.

He leaves three daughters, Wendy Lee Suzman, of Atlanta, Ga., Louise Ann Miller-Mason, of Worcester, Mass., and Susan Zide, of Framingham, Mass.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Raymond and George Miller.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El or the American Parkinson's Disease Association; Box 41659, Providence, 02940.

Dr. Stanley Robbin

LONG BEACH, N.Y. — Stanley R. Robbin, M.D., 88, a Holocaust survivor, died Aug. 10 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Ruth (Eliaser) Robbin.

Born in Kracow, Poland, he was liberated from the Maunthausen concentration camp and settled in New York City, completing cardiology training at Mount Sinai Hospital.

He practiced medicine in Long Beach for more than 30 years. He started the Future Physicians Club at Long Beach High School and was instrumental in establishing a Holocaust memorial in front of Long Beach City Hall.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Mark Robbin, M.D., of Providence; two daughters, Rhona Smith, of Fairfield, Conn., and Joan Kurtz, of East Setauket, N.Y.; two brothers, Marc Rubenstein, of Boca Raton, Fla., and Arthur Rubenstein of Sun City West, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, 02906.

Philip S. Rosen

PROVIDENCE — Philip Sayre Rosen, 76, of Everett Avenue, a lawyer who was instrumental in establishing collective bargaining for the Rhode Island State Police, died Aug. 26 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Linda (Katzman) Rosen.

A Navy veteran of World War II who earned four battle stars on Guam, he was a lifelong resident of Providence. He was the son of the late Max and Nellie (Byrnes) Rosen.

Mr. Rosen was legal counsel to the state Fraternal Order of Police. He was a Mason with Roosevelt Lodge, and a former member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons; Bruce G. Rosen, of Boston, and Michael S. Rosen, of Boca Raton, Fla.; a daughter, Tracy J. Mallah, of Providence;

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and a sister, Gloria Rosenbaum, of Sharon, Mass. He was the brother of the late Dr. Robert Rosen.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Box 8099; Cranston, 02920.

Israel Solmer

ATTLEBORO, Mass. — Israel Solmer, 96, of 195 Pleasant St., a retired restaurant owner, died Aug. 23 at Pleasant Manor.

He was the husband of the late Rachel (Chernick) Solmer.

Born in Saco, Maine, a son of the late Michael and Hanna Solmer, he had lived in Saco and Biddeford, Maine, during his early years. He then moved to

Taunton, where he lived until he married, and moved to County Street in Attleboro 50 years ago.

He was active at Congregation Agudas Achim, and was a lifelong member of the Elks Lodge.

He leaves a daughter, Nancy Gore, of Bedford, Mass.; a son, Michael W. Solmer, of Attleboro; a sister, Julia Solmer, of Danbury, Conn.; and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Sally Rome, Frieda Spriggs, Minnie Dick, and William, Samuel and Maurice Solmer.

The funeral was held in

Congregation Agudas Achim.

Hannah B. Stern

CRANSTON — Hannah B. Stern, 78, of Brandon Road, died Aug. 31 at the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence. She was the wife of the late Sidney Stern.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Gertrude (Finkelstein) Sackin, she had lived in Cranston for 48 years.

She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and was a member of Sackin-Shocket Post, Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans.

She leaves a son, Robert Stern, of Gloucester; a daughter, Sharon Stern, of Cranston; a sister, Ethel Sackin, of Warwick, and four grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Howard Frederick Stern and the sister of the late Robert and Leo Sackin.

The funeral service was held in Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, 02908, or the Alzheimers Association of R.I., 245 Waterman St., Providence, 02906.

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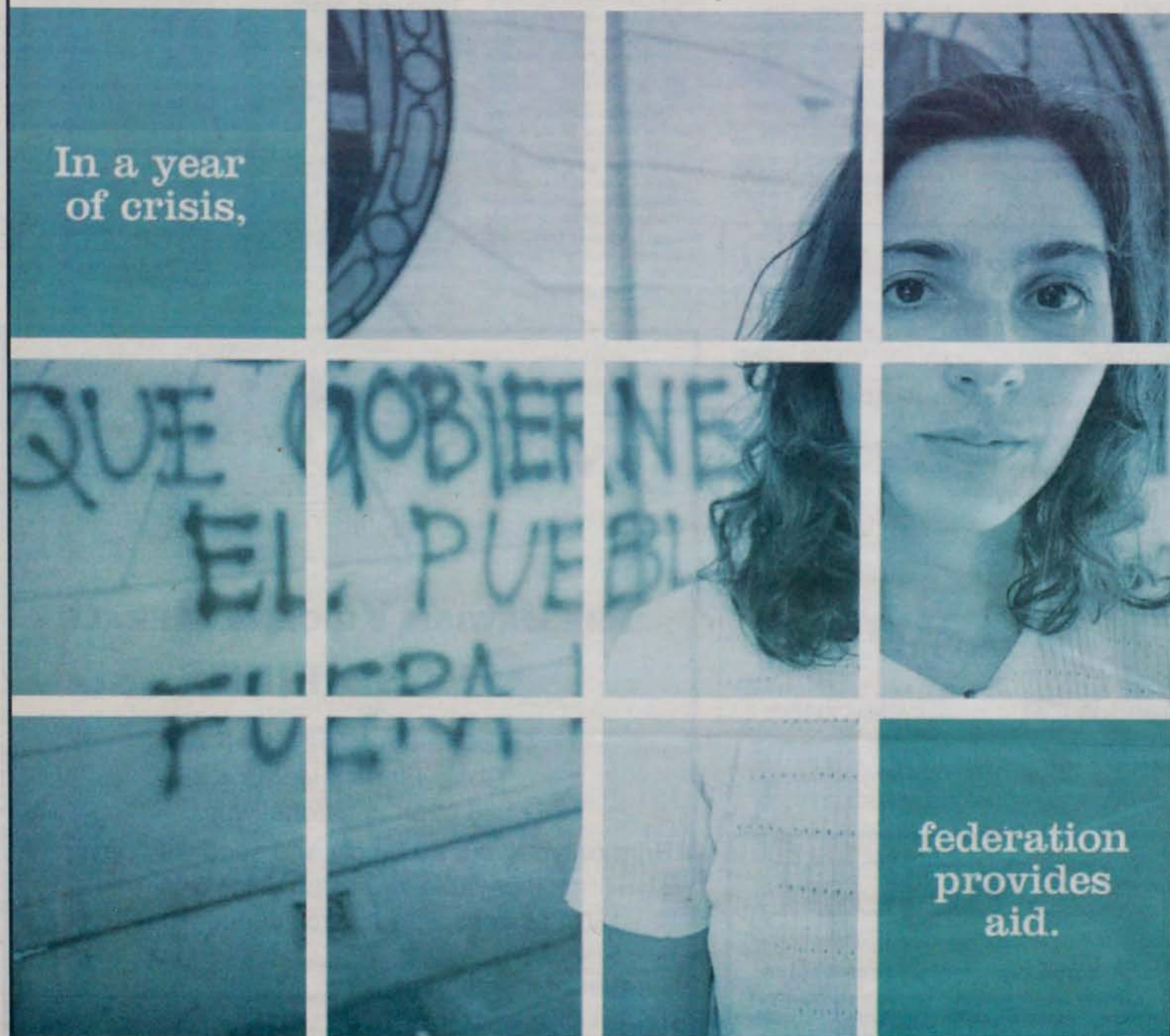


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