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RABBI STEPHAN PARNES, of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, prepares to cut the halah at the groundbreaking of Tamarisk Assisted Living in Warwick. At center is Maurice Glicksman, JSA president, and at left is Susette Rabinowitz, JSA executive director.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

300 celebrate as 'Tamarisk' begins to rise in Warwick

By Jonathan Rubin

More than 300 people turned out Sunday to celebrate the ongoing construction of Tamarisk, the assisted living facility being built by the Jewish Seniors Agency next to Shalom Apartments in Warwick.

Tamarisk, which gets its name from a sheltering plant that grows in the Israeli desert, will offer 66 units and provide kosher meals three times a day. It will include sun rooms, parlors, a library, gardens, a 24-hour bistro, as well as education, counseling, adult day care services and religious activities. Apartments are expected to cost between \$2,500 and \$3,500 a month.

"Tamarisk will be a castle... not a place where people are put away," said Maurice Glicksman, president of JSA.

"We are building Tamarisk to show our love for the elderly, and to care for them in generations to come."

He called Tamarisk "the most studied project in Rhode Island Jewish history" in terms of the amount of feasibility

and market research done; more than seven years have passed since planning began.

Kudos were given to Susette Rabinowitz, executive director of JSA, who was called a "24-7 person" in her vigilance to keep the project rolling. Six past presidents of JSA were in atten-

dance to read poems in honor of the occasion.

Governor Almond, who was unable to make the ceremony, sent an official proclamation congratulating the agency, and Warwick Mayor Scott Avidesian remarked, "We're thrilled to have Shalom and Tamarisk as part of our commu-

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FRANK PROSNITZ, left, chats up Max Broomfield at the Rosh Hashanah annual service held by the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island / Jewish Seniors Agency. Story on page 14.

Photo by JSA

JFRI 'Community Weekend' to kick off

Fun, education are the focus; but 'tzedakah' is the objective

By Jonathan Rubin

In just a two weeks, a tremendous assortment of Jewish events will hit Rhode Island.

The Community Campaign Weekend, a highlight of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's annual campaign, will include four main events from Oct. 24-27, including an appearance by Middle East scholar and commentator Daniel Pipes.

The Women's Alliance will present Laura Blumenfeld, author of *Revenge: A Story of Hope* and a TV personality; the Bureau of Jewish Education will sponsor an Evening of Jewish Renaissance, bringing together educators from around the state for a public night of free Jewish learning; and 21 of Rhode Island's Jewish houses of worship will welcome worshippers

for Shabbat services in a community celebration.

Already, 333 donors have contributed \$1,241,000 to the JFRI annual campaign, which seeks to strengthen Jewish institutions and communities locally, nationally and internationally.

Oct. 24

Laura Blumenfeld

Women's Alliance event

In *Revenge: A Story of Hope*, Laura Blumenfeld interviews people of high and low status looking for the psychology of revenge: members of the Albanian Blood Feud Committee, an Egyptian heroin smuggler, the Grand Ayatollah in Iran, priests and prostitutes.

A chilling comment from the widow of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin: "There's not enough revenge in the entire world" to make up for her loss.

But inevitably it is Blumenfeld's own story that is most

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Sharon, Bush to discuss Iraqi threat to Israel

By Matthew E. Berger

WASHINGTON (JTA) — When Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visits Washington next week, the agenda will contain no surprises.

The White House will try to assure Sharon that the United States will do all it can to protect Israel in case of a U.S. attack on Iraq,

administration officials say.

It's not just out of concern for the Jewish state: The Bush administration fears that an Iraqi attack on Israel, and an Israeli response, could fracture a U.S. coalition against Iraq and spark a larger, regional conflict.

Sharon will meet with Bush on Oct. 16, and is expected to hold other senior-level meetings

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Community Calendar

Oct. 11

'Yana's Friends' at Cable Car

A new film by Israeli director Arik Kaplun. Winner of ten Israeli Academy Awards, as well as other prizes at film festivals in the United States and in Europe, the movie explores the consequences of large waves of Russian immigration to Israel by tracing the lives of two new immigrant families. At the Cable Car cinema.

Oct. 15

Fashion show fundraiser

The 96th annual fashion show fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund of the Hebrew Ladies Helping Hand Society of Greater Fall River, Venus De Milo, Swansea. Prior to the show an "Aisle de Boutiques," starting at 5 p.m., will feature sellers of jewelry, clothing and accessories. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For further information call 508-672-0302.

Oct. 16

'Red Tent' author to speak

Anita Diamant will read from, discuss, and sign copies of her latest book, *Good Harbor*, and, her classic *The Red Tent*, at Books on the Square, Wayland Square, 471 Angell St., Providence, 7 p.m.

Women's rights and the election

Dr. Pablo Rodrigues, medical director of Planned Parenthood, will speak on "Current Political Choices: How Will Your Vote Affect Women's Rights?" The program, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, will be held in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

For further information or a ride, call Nan Levine at (351)-8791.

Crash course in Judaism

Free weekly class meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the home of Stefanie Feld in Providence to discuss basic elements of Judaism. The classes are aimed at those with little or no background or who seek a refresher. Part of the national Jewish Outreach Program. Call Feld at 274-3577 to register and for directions.

Oct. 19

Shabbat meditation

A Shabbat morning worship service that emphasizes quiet melody, meditation, movement and Torah will be held at Temple Habonim in Barrington at 9:30 a.m. Organizers are Rabbi Alan Flam, Jane Mizrahi and Jennifer Reich. Open to all; no background in Jewish worship or meditative practice is required. Participants should wear comfortable clothing.

Wine and cheese

Perspectives, the Jewish young adult social group, will hold its kick-off celebration with a wine and cheese party at 8 p.m. at 417 Atwells Ave., Providence. The cost is \$7 for those who RSVP by Oct. 14, or \$10 at the door. Phone 861-8800, ext. 205, to RSVP, and for directions.

Oct. 20

Sinai Brotherhood hosts candidates

Candidates' meeting at Temple Sinai, Cranston, beginning with breakfast at 9 a.m. Gubernatorial candidate Myrth York will appear, along with U.S. Sen. Jack Reed and U.S. Rep. James Langevin; Lt.-Gov. Charles Fogarty, General Treasurer Paul Tavares and Patrick Lynch, candidate for attor-

ney general, all Democrats; and Andrew Lyon, Republican candidate for general treasurer.

The breakfast and program are open to all temple members.

ProJo columnist at Hadassah

The Rhode Island chapter of Hadassah will hear *Providence Journal* political columnist M. Charles Bakst at its autumn bagel nosh at 10 a.m. Bakst will speak about the upcoming elections and the Rhode Island political scene. The program, \$3, will be held at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. Call 463-3636 to RSVP.

Oct. 24

Community Campaign: Author to speak

Laura Blumenfeld, author of *Revenge*, will speak at a Women's Alliance Community Campaign event at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Call 331-1616 for more information. See page 11.

Brown Hille groundbreaking

Official groundbreaking of the new Brown Hille. President and International Hille Director Richard Joel will speak at noon at the site, 80 Brown St., Providence.

Oct. 25

Community Campaign: Statewide Shabbat

Experience a community Shabbat in synagogues all over the state. See page 19.

Oct. 26

Jewish Renaissance

The Bureau of Jewish Education's annual evening of Jewish Renaissance, free and open to the public. 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. To register, call 331-0956.

Oct. 26, 27

Community Campaign: An Israeli marketplace

Ben Yehuda Street Marketplace comes to Rhode Island. Buy unique Israeli products and help the Israeli economy. Saturday, 7 p.m.-midnight and Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center. Volunteers needed to work

three-hour shifts. Call Rebekah Raz at the Jewish Federation, 421-4111 ext. 172. See page 16.

Oct. 27

Community Campaign: Writer-scholar Pipes

Nationally known Middle East scholar Daniel Pipes, whose column runs in the *Voice & Herald*, will speak at a Community Campaign event at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Call 331-6070 for more information. See back page.

Oct. 29

Beth El Fashion show

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, Providence, will sponsor a fashion show by Circa Viso at 7 p.m. Minimum donation is \$36. Call Rona at the Temple office, 331-6070, for more information. This event is a fundraiser to support temple programming.

Nov. 3

Violinist at Temple Beth-El

Israeli violinist Yonah Zur will perform and discuss contemporary music in Israel at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Zur, who received his master of music degree at the Julliard School in New York, has performed with many of the world's most notable conductors and is presently associated with the Tanglewood music festival. The program is free and open to the community.

Nov. 10

Social Seniors of Warwick

The Social Seniors of Warwick are planning a trip to see the musical "1776," performed by the Community Players of Pawtucket. Prior to the play, members will have lunch at Gregg's Restaurant. All members are invited.

Nov. 24

Holiday fair set at Beth-El

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El will hold a holiday bazaar and crafts fair at the temple, 70 Orchard Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those wanting to participate should call 331-6070 before Oct. 21.

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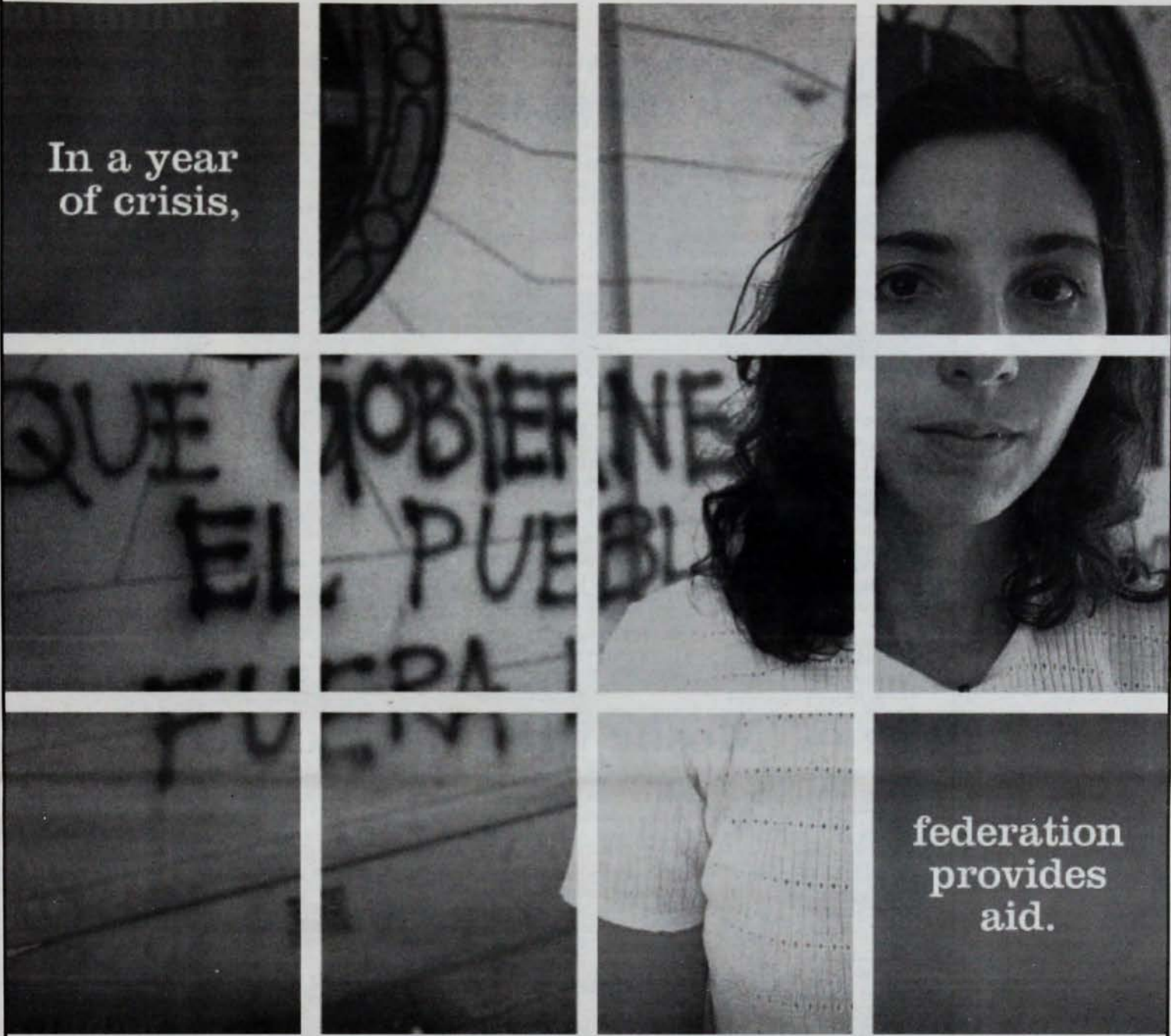
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In a year
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We invite you to join us for the 2003 Annual Community Weekend.

Be a part of the community. Celebrate passion, determination and hope.

OCTOBER 24

Women's Alliance Campaign Event

Speaker: Laura Blumenfeld
7:30 pm at Temple Emanu-El
Providence, RI

OCTOBER 25/26

Community Shabbat

Find community. Feel connected.
Experience the magic of Shabbat.
For a listing of community synagogues,
please see inside.

OCTOBER 26

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Evening of Jewish Renaissance
featuring an Israeli Shuk (Marketplace)
7:00 pm at the JCCRI
Providence, RI

OCTOBER 27

JFRI Community Campaign Event

Speaker: Daniel Pipes
7:30 pm at Temple Beth-El
Providence, RI

A community is too heavy for anyone to carry alone.
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For additional information please contact Robin Kauffman, Community Weekend Coordinator,
at 331-0956 (x180), or RKauffman@bjeri.org

**Jewish Federation
of Rhode Island**

Building Community. Helping Jews in Need.

Opinion

— A MAJORITY OF ONE —

Farewell, my dear Sherlock

Sherlock is dead.

A pound puppy from Van Nuys, he made his home with us in Los Angeles and Providence for more than 15 years before he finally succumbed to cancer, the failing of his faculties and general weariness. He has been reduced, by our local veterinarian, to ashes in a jar.

If I had to describe Sherlock in a single word it would be "nondescript." He was a mixture of several breeds, all small, and someone had removed his tail before consigning him to the pound from which we rescued him. Totally lacking in any of the graces, his primary achievement in life was scrambling over the garden fence of our home in California, thereby enabling us to meet our neighbors who kept bringing him back home, occasionally several times in a single day.

In Providence, fortunately, our backyard has a higher fence.

Sherlock received his name

because his ribs could be clearly seen and he joined the family at a time when we were addicted to watching Sherlock Holmes on PBS. His full name was Sherlock Bones but the more formal sobriquet was quickly dropped. You might expect that an animal so grandly titled would be capable of learning a few simple tricks, but even "lie down," "fetch" and "stay" were beyond him. Sherlock will not go down in our family lore as overly intelligent, certainly nothing on the scale of one of his predecessors, Whiskey Soda.



Yehuda Lev

Whiskey Soda (black and white, of course), was also rescued from a pound, this one in Jerusalem. He too was small, but he took to tricks as he did to table scraps. His best known

trick was to come running to me if I snapped my fingers. This may not seem like much but it can have dangerous consequences as I discovered one day during the trial of Adolf Eichmann.

It was a Sunday and since Eichmann and his attorneys were Christians, the court was not in session. I was reporting on the trial for the Israel State Radio and several Jewish-American newspapers, and went to the courthouse to pick up some documents. Whiskey Soda ambling along behind me.

At the entrance to the building I saw a colleague who was talking to someone I didn't know. He waved me over.

"I'd like you to meet the correspondent from the Yugoslav News Agency," he said.

"Pleased to meet you," I replied. "I'm a great admirer of your country. In fact I named my dog for your president. Come here, Marshal Tito." I

snapped my fingers.

Whiskey Soda trotted over.

The man got red in the face, wheeled around and rushed to the Foreign Ministry where he lodged a complaint that the president of a friendly country had been insulted by an Israeli journalist.

Now Jerusalem in 1962 was not the populous city it is today. Government officials, Hebrew University faculty, Jewish Agency personnel, diplomats and journalists all knew one another. So the lads at the Foreign Ministry were not about to make me lose my job. But something had to be done for the sake of our ties with Belgrade.

The very next morning, in the official government gazette, the following appeared. "By order of the Prime Minister's Office, the dog, Whiskey Soda, belonging to the journalist Y. Lev, shall not be permitted

within 100 meters of Beit Ha'Am" [the Eichmann Trial courthouse].

And Israeli-Yugoslav relations returned to their normally peaceful level.

The closest that Sherlock ever came to an active Jewish life was as a show and tell exhibit at a Jewish Day School in Los Angeles and the only time he ever met an Arab was when we invited a Lebanese friend to the Seder (he was asked to defend the Pharaoh). Sherlock, being an equal-opportunity *schnorrer*, accepted gefilte fish and brisket leavings from all present, regardless of cultural or political leanings.

And now he is gone. The house would seem more empty without him yapping away at the door, gobbling down bowls of kibble and sleeping on whatever chair met his fancy on a given night. Would seem more empty that is, except — meet Maggie.

He's not 'Moshe who?' any longer

HAIFA, Israel — When Moshe Katzav was elected president of Israel little more than two years ago, he was practically unknown outside the country. Observers overseas, who had become accustomed to election of renowned personalities like Chaim Weizmann and Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, who were regarded as the "founding aristocracy" of the state, could not help but ask, "Moshe *who?*"

When Chaim Weizmann

died in 1952, Ben-Gurion offered the presidency to Albert Einstein, considered the most prestigious Jew of his time. Einstein refused the offer, and the presidency thereafter rotated among domestically prominent personalities: Ben-Zvi, Zalman Shazar, Prof.



Carl Alpert

Ephraim Katzir, Yitzhak Navon, Chaim Herzog and Ezer Weizman.

And then came Katzav. Startling was the fact that this relative unknown had defeated the veteran political leader, Shimon Peres. (The Knesset, not the popular vote, chooses the president.) Even at home, Katzav was not generally regarded as one of the giants in public life.

His career, though impressive, had been modest. Born in Iran, he came to Israel with his family in 1951 at the age of 6. He had a good education, including a degree in economics from Hebrew University.

He had a pleasant personality and at the age of only 24 was elected mayor of the immigrant community of Kiryat Malachi, serving for a number of years. Since 1977 he had been a

member of the Knesset. His political views were rightist and under successive Likud administrations he filled several ministerial posts, though with no particular distinction.

There was one misstep during his first week in the presidency. Personally religious, he was quoted by a newspaper as saying that the Jewish state would never have come into existence if all the Jews were secularists. A member of the Shinui party threatened to bring impeachment proceedings against him. Katzav declared that his statement had been taken out of context, but he apologized, and has been careful ever since.

During the two years of his administration he has gradually emerged as a true representative of the people, without political ties or loyalties.

It has been accepted that the presidency is a post without power; it is merely a symbol. The president's functions are largely social and diplomatic in nature. Yet Katzav has gradually taken on a father image with his open interest in the welfare of all the country's citizens.

He loses no opportunity to bridge the differences of opinion in a country marked by many disputed issues between Jew and Jew, and Jew and Arab.



Ben-Ami

on Israel. Every day I spent in Rhode Island, I felt lucky to work with this kind of supportive community.

Leaving Rhode Island was even harder than leaving Israel and my family for a year. It was especially hard to leave the Beraha Family, Nate, Karen, Ben, Adam and Josh, who graciously hosted me for the year.

When I came back, I found that most things are the same, including my friends — only

called Young Emissaries, which sends young Israelis, before their service in the army, to communities in the U.S.

This project is unique to Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts, which are connected through Partnership 2000 to the Afula (my town) — Gilboa region. The purpose of the program is to showcase Israel and to help teach about Israel. The program also

helps build bridges between the U.S. communities and the communities in Israel.

My year in Rhode Island was one of the best experiences I could ever have had. I worked through the Bureau of Jewish Education, coordinated by Rich Walter, and with many institutions in the community. I worked with kids in the Alperin Schecter day school, with the elderly in the community, with the children in Temple Am David, and with the teenagers in the Midrasha and in the JCC.

Everywhere, I found friendly people who had a lot of interest in Israel. The community itself is very focused

didate who worked hard to overcome a well-funded campaign.

Thomas W. Pearlman
Providence

Appreciating Matson's win over Driver

We should be thankful that Rodney Driver was defeated by a vote of about 2 to 1 in the Republican primary. John Matson is an honorable, outstanding Congressional can-

Letters to the editor

Israeli army next for R.I. emissary

Hello from Israel:

When I came back to the homeland, the first couple of days were very hard. It is difficult to readjust to the life you had a year ago.

But let me start from the beginning. My name is Gal Ben-Ami and I was lucky enough to spend a year in your lovely Rhode Island community. I took part in a program

A twisted Islam beats plowshares into swords

MILITANT Islam keeps on killing, but politicians and journalists continue to avert their eyes.

One terrible example comes from Pakistan, where a sequence of assaults on Christians, both local and foreign, has taken place over the past year:



Daniel Pipes

- An attack on St. Dominic's Church in Behawalpur kills 16.
- March 17: An attack on the Protestant International Church in Islamabad kills five (including two Americans).
- May 22: An attack on the executive secretary of the Karachi Diocese of Church Pakistan, who was tied to a chair and injected with poison.
- Aug. 5: An attack on the Murree Christian School kills six.
- Aug. 9: An attack on the Christian Hospital in Taxila kills four.
- Sept. 25: An attack on the Institute for Peace and Justice, a Christian charity in Karachi, kills seven.

There is no doubt about the motives of the perpetrators, for militant Islamic groups brazenly speak their minds, declaring their goal "to kill Christians" and afterward bragging of having "killed the non-believers."

Victims know full well why they are targeted — "just for being Christians," as one person put it. A local Christian leader says, "The terrorist attack was an act by Al-Qaida or some pro-Taliban organizations."

Pakistani law enforcement also recognizes who engages in this violence, and why. "We are investigating whether there is an anti-Christian gang operating in Karachi, made up of jihadis," the city's chief investigator explains. A provincial police chief comments about the Sept. 25th carnage: "Unlike the usual terrorists, the killers showed no haste. They took a good 15 minutes in segregating the Christians and making sure that each one of their targets got the most horrific death."

A survivor of that slaughter recounts that the murderers separated Christians from Muslims by requiring each hostage to recite a verse from the Koran.

Those who could not were seated at a table in the library, bound to chairs, gagged, and shot in the head.

Politicians and journalists pretend not to recognize the problem.

Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf reacted to the Sept. 25th butchery with seeming bewilderment: "I could not say who [was behind the killings]. It could be Al-Qaida, it could be any sectarian extremists within, or foreign elements of RAW" (RAW is the Research and Analysis Wing, India's intelligence agency). Pakistan's interior minister likewise emphasizes that the RAW "cannot be ruled out."

The media is almost as bad: Paul Marshall of Freedom House shows that American and European reporting on these many massacres in Pakistan overlooks the militant Islamic dimension, instead presenting the atrocities as vaguely anti-Western in purpose.

This pattern of reluctance and euphemism in the case of Pakistan fits into a more general context. George W. Bush declared war not on militant Islam, but on a faceless enemy he has called "a radical network of terrorists."

The establishment media has been complicit. With the notable exception of CNN's Lou Dobbs, who talks about "the war against radical Islamists," it unthinkingly echoes the government's line that the conflict has nothing to do with religious motives.

It's as though Franklin D. Roosevelt, after Pearl Harbor, declared war on surprise attacks rather than on the Japanese empire.

This evasion has consequences, for an enemy who cannot be named cannot be defeated. Only when "war on terrorism" becomes "war on militant Islam" can the war actually be won.

Fortunately, the president has on occasion hinted at this, as in May when he called the enemy those "defined by their hatreds: they hate ... Jews and Christians and all Muslims who disagree with them."

It is not a war on terrorism, nor a war on Islam. It is a war on a terroristic version of Islam. Authorities in the United States, Pakistan, and elsewhere need to face this unpleasant fact. Not to do so will mean the unnecessary loss of lives.

Daniel Pipes is director of the



Playing with water could light a fire

By Howard Kohr

Syria's young president, Bashar Assad, is once again playing with fire.

Having allowed Hezbollah to amass thousands of Katyusha rockets in southern Lebanon to lob anti-aircraft shells into northern Israel and to shoot at Israeli servicemen on the Golan, he has now permitted Lebanon, in collusion with Hezbollah, to begin work on diverting one of the sources of Israel's Jordan River. Unless Assad reverses course, his actions could lead to a dangerous escalation.

Israeli army next for R.I. emissary

From page 4

they are not in high school anymore, they are soldiers in the army. To be a Young Emissary I had to defer my army service eight months.

I am very close to my drafting day — about three months away — and I want to be in the best combat unit that the army will offer me, so I went to the paratroopers' *Gibush*.

Gibush is a day or two, sometimes more, in which commanders test the people who want to become a part of their units. They test your strength and physical condition, but mostly they test your will to serve.

You wake up at 4 a.m. and you start running with a platoon. You run until you get to a sack of sand — a new "friend." The sand sack weighs more than 40 pounds. Now, you carry your "friend" up and down a hill with your platoon (each member with his own

A cardinal rule of international law is: when a river crosses an international boundary, not only the upstream country, but also the downstream nation has rights to the water.

An upstream country can take water at the expense of the downstream country only by mutual agreement.

Yet in recent weeks, Lebanon has begun work, without consulting Israel, on a project that would divert water from the Wazzani tributary of the Hatzbani river, a major source

of the Jordan river that feeds into the Kinneret, Israel's primary reservoir.

That is a flagrant violation of international law, no less serious than Lebanon's defiance of the world community in insisting that the Israeli positions in Shebaa farms on the Golan are inside Lebanon and therefore a legitimate target for Hezbollah attacks.

But Beirut's action goes far beyond violating international law. Israel is suffering through one of the severest droughts in its history, with the Kinneret reaching a dangerously low level. The diversion of the Wazzani would further aggravate Israel's already desperate water situation.

The Lebanese action is particularly offensive because, unlike Israel, Lebanon has ample sources of water. Clearly, the diversion is intended to harm Israel far more than to benefit local Lebanese farmers, who could easily get water from other sources. The planting of a Hezbollah flag at the site of the project, in plain sight of Israel, serves to underline this point. Lebanon's adamant refusal to discuss the matter with Israel only adds insult to injury.

At the time of this writing, U.S. officials are in Lebanon in an effort to avert a crisis. Unless the Lebanese, and their Syrian masters, listen to reason, Israel may have no choice but to take action to protect its meager water sources.

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News Briefs

Bush concerned by Gaza attack

The White House expressed concern over Israeli raids in the Gaza Strip "that have resulted in the deaths and wounding of many Palestinian civilians."

The statement came after 14 Palestinians were killed and more than 100 injured in an Israeli raid earlier this week on a Hamas stronghold in the Gaza Strip.

"While the administration supports Israel's right to self-defense, it is critical that Israeli forces make every effort to avoid harm to civilians in exercising that right," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in a statement Tuesday.

Sharon: Gaza actions to continue

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel will continue its anti-terror operations in the

Gaza Strip. Speaking to reporters Tuesday, Sharon called the previous day's raid of a Hamas stronghold in southern Gaza a success. He expressed regret for the civilian casualties in the operation, but said Israel had to prevent future terror attacks.

The Israeli army operation drew international protests, including from the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia. On Tuesday, the Israeli commander in Gaza, Brig. Gen. Israel Ziv, acknowledged that none of the 14 people killed in Monday's raid was wanted by Israel.

Court rejects challenge to Lautenberg

The U.S. Supreme Court has paved the way for former Sen. Frank Lautenberg to run as the Democratic candidate for senator next month.

Without comment, the court refused an appeal by New

Jersey Republicans that replacing Sen. Robert Torricelli with Lautenberg so close to Election Day violated New Jersey law.

One of the first Jews elected to the U.S. Senate and a staunch supporter of Israel, Lautenberg has actively embraced Judaism and Jewish causes.

Crown Heights retrial likely

The U.S. Supreme Court paved the way for a third trial stemming from the 1991 Crown Heights riots. The high court decided this week not to consider a defense request to throw out charges against Lemrick Nelson stemming from the riots in Brooklyn.

During those riots, a Hasidic man, Yankel Rosenbaum, was fatally stabbed during black violence that followed the death of Gavin Cato, a black child hit by a car in a Hasidic motorcade.

After an appeals court, citing technicalities, in January

overturned the convictions of Lemrick Nelson and Charles Price for civil rights violations in the 1991 murder of Yankel Rosenbaum, the Anti-Defamation League wrote the Justice Department to continue the case.

The department's civil rights division subsequently affirmed the office's commitment to "continue to pursue meaningful and serious punishment" against Nelson. Price struck a plea bargain in April for 11 years and eight months in prison, but Nelson's case is still pending.

Study: Jewish population in U.S. decreasing

The U.S. Jewish population has declined by 5 percent during the past 10 years. The total Jewish population in the United States now stands at 5.2 million, according to the just-released National Jewish Population Survey 2000-2001. The decline in the number of Jews, from 5.5 million in 1990, is a trend likely to continue, given the aging Jewish population and low birth rates.

Rabbi plans to appeal his conviction

Rabbi Baruch Lanner plans to appeal his conviction for sexually abusing two teen-aged girls. Lanner, 52, was sentenced last Friday to seven years in prison for fondling the two stu-

dents between 1992 and 1996, when he was their principal at the Hillel High School in Ocean Township, N.J. He also was the girls' supervisor in the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, the youth wing of the Orthodox Union.

The Orthodox Union has admitted it was negligent in failing to respond to reports of Lanner's behavior. The judge denied Lanner's request for a new trial and for bail pending appeal of the sentence, instead ordering him to prison.

Law sought to enable poet's firing

The governor of New Jersey is seeking the power to fire the state's poet laureate, who read a poem insinuating that Israel knew in advance about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Legislation giving the governor the authority to end Amiri Baraka's two-year term could be introduced within days, Gov. James McGreevey said.

Last month, McGreevey demanded Baraka's resignation after the poet read "Somebody Blew Up America" at a recent festival, but Baraka refused to step down. McGreevey then tried to fire him, but the attorney general ruled he did not have the authority.

The poem asked, "Who knew the World Trade Center was gonna get bombed/Who told 4,000 Israeli workers at the Twin Towers/To stay home that day/Why did Sharon stay away?"

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Views on anti-Semitism spark campus uproars

By Rachel Pomerance

NEW YORK (JTA) — Even before Daniel Pipes arrived at the University of Oklahoma for a speech recently, his opponents were waiting for him.

The *Oklahoma Daily* campus paper carried two letters to the editor blasting Campus Watch, a Web site Pipes created that monitors professors and institutions it deems anti-Israeli or anti-American.

A college campus in an uproar over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is nothing new.

Daniel Pipes, whose column appears regularly in The Jewish Voice & Herald, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Temple Beth-El in Providence as part of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Community Campaign events.

What is new is the furor created by last month's launch of Campus Watch and, the next day, a speech by Harvard President Lawrence Summers warning that anti-Israel movements on university campuses smacked of anti-Semitism.

Opponents of Israel on campus say Israel backers are trying to limit their free speech.

"The organizational campaign to silence academic criticism of Israel is incompatible

with the cherished American values of free speech and inquiry," the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee said in a recent statement.

In the *Oklahoma Daily*, a letter to the editor signed by 19 history professors — out of 26 in the department — echoed the sentiment.

Groups like Campus Watch inhibit the "free and open exchange of ideas and beliefs," the writers said.

Another letter, signed by just one member of the history department, who helped coordinate Pipes' visit, applauded Campus Watch for fighting "false speech."

According to Norman Stillman, director of Jewish studies at the University of Oklahoma, some of those criticizing Pipes — the director of the Philadelphia-based Middle East Forum — were in fact the ones guilty of "intellectual fascism."

Their criticism of Pipes, in the name of free speech, "has this '1984' quality, that war is peace and hate is love and so on. Things are turned on their heads," Stillman said. "By blacklisting or shunning anyone who holds different views, they put a complete damper on free speech."

One Jewish studies professor, who asked to remain anonymous, said the universities' Arab-dominated Middle Eastern studies departments routinely blacklists Jewish or pro-Israel scholars.

Pipes and a few other



Daniel Pipes

scholars heightened their critique of Middle East studies in America after Sept. 11, arguing that political correctness led many scholars to apologize for Muslim antagonism toward the West or justify violence against America and Israel.

Since the intifada began two years ago, a number of faculty members have joined campus protests against Israel or used their classrooms to blast the Jewish state.

In one notorious case, a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley offered a course glorifying the Palestinian cause and made it clear that students with opposing views were not welcome.

Anti-Israel protests on campus have grown increasingly ugly, with Israel routinely compared to Nazi Germany or apartheid South Africa.

It was in that context that Harvard's Summers lashed out at the anti-Israel movement on college campuses.

"Where anti-Semitism and views that are profoundly anti-Israeli have traditionally been the primary preserve of poorly educated right-wing populists, profoundly anti-Israel views are

increasingly finding support in progressive intellectual communities," he said. "Serious and thoughtful people are advocating and taking actions that are anti-Semitic in their effect if not their intent."

He singled out the movement to force universities to divest their holdings in Israel — similar to an effort against South Africa's apartheid government in the 1980s — while raising no objections to investments in countries with far worse human rights records.

\$5 million grant to provide Israeli presence at Berkeley

By Joe Eskenazi

Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO — Pro-Israel elements on the University of California-Berkeley campus have 5 million new reasons to believe the university is listening to them.

A grant from the Helen Diller Family Fund, at \$5 million, is far and away the largest donation ever received by the university's Jewish studies program, and will ensure a permanent Israeli presence on the campus.

Starting in the fall, the grant will be used to bring an Israeli professor to the university every year.

The funding will also enhance graduate studies and research within the program.

In addition to the grant for U.C. Berkeley, Diller gave a matching \$5 million to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev toward a building to house its humanities departments.

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National

Mideast conflict doesn't fit script for Jews of Hollywood

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Hollywood's top Jewish names may be silent on Israeli-Palestinian violence, but a group of young Jewish screenwriters, talent agents and others are speaking up for Israel.

Their job is not easy in a predominantly liberal community whose founders shunned their Jewishness in public, according to *Los Angeles Times* film reporter Rachel Abramowitz.

A leader of the pro-Israel push, dubbed Project Communicate, is Dan Adler, a 39-year old talent agent and son of a Holocaust survivor. Though he seeks to develop a network of defenders and advocates for Israel, he wants to steer clear of ideological divisions.

"We're trying to be pro-humanity and pro-solution, rather than simply pro-Israel," Adler said.

Even that modest goal may be difficult to achieve in an industry not otherwise known for its diffidence.

"There's been a puzzling silence" on Israel, screenwriter Dan Gordon told the *Times*. "We're an industry that takes stands on everything. People can't shut us up. I'd love to see the indignation about homicide bombers that is reserved for smokers. You smoke in this town and you're dead."

His sentiment is echoed by publicist Howard Bragman. "It's easier to come out as a gay in Hollywood than as a Jew," Bragman said. "I'm frankly shocked at how many people are in the closet about their Jewishness." Yuval Rotem, Israel's consul general in Los Angeles, has expressed his frustration about the silence of major Hollywood names on Israel. Speaking in April to a Hollywood audience at the Israel Film Festival, he

asked, "Where have you been? We need to see you with us when times are hard."

Rotem said he's made dozens of phone calls trying to persuade top Hollywood figures to visit Israel, but has failed completely.

Indicative of the mood, such Hollywood movers and shakers as Steven Spielberg,

David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg of DreamWorks, Harvey Weinstein of Miramax, and actors Jerry Seinfeld and Adam Sandler declined to comment for the *Times* article. Their spokespeople, however, noted that most had contributed to various Israel crisis funds, while Spielberg has allotted all profits from "Schindler's List" to

domestic Jewish causes.

One explanation for the deafening silence is put forward by screenwriter Andrea King, formerly a film critic for the *Jerusalem Post*. "I don't think Jews in general know what to do, and Hollywood knows even less what to do," she said.

"Jews in Hollywood have never been big flag-waving Jews to begin with. If the Jewish community is struggling, then the Hollywood community is paralyzed."

In addition, many among Hollywood's liberal Jews have strong misgivings about Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's policies in fighting the intifada.

One exception in the top ranks of the industry is Paramount Chairman Sherry Lansing, who said, "I've always been pro-Israel. This is the first time in my life that I have feared for the existence of Israel."

Hollywood has produced numerous films and documentaries on Holocaust themes, but has been notably shy about making movies about Israel. This may perhaps be changing, with both Spielberg and writer David Mamet, who did visit Israel recently, reportedly working on separate films about the birth of the Israeli air force.

Dreyfuss, Wallach among Jewish film, TV honorees

Los Angeles — Jerry Offsay, president of programming for Showtime Networks, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award recently at the second annual Jewish Image Awards in Film and Television, which recognizes outstanding work reflecting Jewish heritage.

Other honorees at the Four Seasons Hotel Beverly Hills included Hank Azaria for *Uprising*, Tovah Feldshuh for *Kissing Jessica Stein*, Richard Dreyfuss, Eli Wallach and Eric Ian Goldberg for *The Education of Max Bickford*, and Dinah Manoff, Erica Yohn and Alia Shawkat for *State of Grace*.

Hosted by Jeffrey Tambor, the awards ceremony was pre-

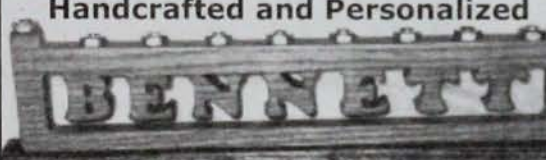
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Gaza raid prompts speculation that Israel plans wider operation

By Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A new Israeli military operation has many wondering if the army now has the Gaza Strip in its sights.

Israeli forces for months have been engaged in a massive anti-terror operation in the West Bank, but have not carried out such operations in Gaza.

Several reasons were given, including the argument that an incursion into the densely populated area would exact heavy Israeli casualties.

Israeli officials also said a security fence between Israel and Gaza was preventing terrorists from attacking Israeli targets.

In recent weeks, however, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon spoke of

the inevitability of military action in Gaza to root out the terrorist infrastructure there.

Following a series of Palestinian mortar and rocket attacks from Gaza, the army carried out a strike in Khan Yunis, in which at least 13 Palestinians were killed and more than 100 injured in the raid on a Hamas stronghold. At least two civilians were among the dead.

The Israeli army denied Palestinian claims that a military helicopter fired a missile at a crowd of civilians outside a mosque. The army said the missile was fired at armed Palestinians who were shooting and throwing grenades at Israeli soldiers.

During the operation, Israeli troops detained a Palestinian with a bomb and blew up a bag containing three mortars, Army Radio reported.

Palestinian officials denounced the strike as a massacre and called for international protection.

During clashes later in the

area, eight people were wounded by Israeli fire directed at a Palestinian hospital. The army said it targeted the hospital after

Palestinians fired from the facility at a nearby Israeli settlement.

Shortly after the military operation ended, Palestinians fired three mortars at an Israeli settlement in southern Gaza, but caused no injuries. A senior Hamas official called for revenge and urged all Palestinian groups to attack Israel.

Brig. Gen. Yisrael Ziv, the army commander in Gaza, told Army Radio the operation was "very important" because it made "clear to the other side that there is no place that constitutes a fortress against the Israel Defense Forces."

Palestinian official Saeb Erekat said Israel was trying to disrupt a mission to the region by E.U.'s top diplomat, Javier Solana.

"Every time we see efforts to get the peace process back on track, the government of Israel commits new war crimes against innocent civilians," the

Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* quoted Erekat as saying.

With the threat of more violence in the offing, and the United States asking Israel to avoid flare-ups that could distract attention from the U.S. campaign against Iraq, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres defended the operation.

"Israel tries to employ restraint, but it is committed to acting to prevent terrorist activity," Peres told Army Radio.

Gay advocates in Israel applaud first gay in Knesset

By Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Activists in Israel's gay and lesbian community are hailing the upcoming swearing-in of the Knesset's first openly gay member, calling it a breakthrough in their efforts for greater recognition.

When the Knesset reconvenes later this month following its summer recess, Uzi Even, a Tel Aviv University chemistry professor, will become one of the Meretz Party's 10 lawmakers.

He succeeds veteran legislator Amnon Rubinstein, who is retiring from politics.

"This is a day of celebration for the gay and lesbian community, but also for the free and civic society in Israel," said Itai Pinkas, chair of the Association of Gays and Lesbians in Israel. "Those who for years tried to push the community outside the public discourse will now get a declared homosexual as a Knesset member."

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For more information, contact the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at 421-4111, the Rhode Island State Council of Churches at 861-1700, or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence at 421-4808.

Notes from the CRC

The following updates on events concerning the security of Jews in Rhode Island, Israel, the United States, and around the world, is service of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

1. "Justice for Jews who come from Arab Countries." A new initiative entitled "Justice for Jews who come from Arab Countries" was launched at a demonstration across the street from the United Nations in New York. The initiative asserts, "There exists a moral imperative to ensure that justice for Jews from Arab countries assumes its rightful place on the international, political and judicial agenda and that their rights be secured as a matter of law and equity."

The goal of this effort is to document the losses and chronicle the experience of Jews who were expelled or forced out of Arab countries, educate public opinion on the causes and plight of Jews from Arab countries, and to advocate for, and secure rights and redress, for Jews from Arab countries who suffered losses as a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The initiative is being launched under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the World Jewish Congress, the Center for Middle East Peace and the American Sephardi Federation.

2. "Caterpillar Hoax." E-mails have been circulating indicating that the Caterpillar corporation would cease to sell equipment (bulldozers, etc) to

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Special senior service for High Holidays

A joyful rite sweetens new year for Jewish aged

By Jonathan Rubin

The High Holidays can be a stressful time, especially if you're a senior citizen who has trouble getting to services. So, for the fifth year in a row, Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, a program of the Jewish Seniors Agency, brought residents of more than 15 nursing homes and assisted living facilities to Temple Beth El in Providence for a special Rosh Hashanah service.

Nearly 100 people attended the event, which was sweetened with apples and honey for the new year. The service was conducted largely in Hebrew, with Edward Adler, the religious director at Temple Emanu-El, reading sections of the Torah.

Many who attended have made the service an annual ritual to exchange smiles and hugs with old friends. Pauline Priest, of Providence, said,

"We're all friends; we love each other. It's terrific."

Cantor Judy Seplowin of Temple Beth-El, and Bob Starr, led the service. Frank Prosnitz sounded the shofar and Jeff Brier and Henry Abromowitz contributed as well.

Although many in the congregation were in wheelchairs or used canes, almost everyone managed to rise for the *Shema* prayer; some wept tears of joy when the Torah was carried around the sanctuary.

Dr. Joseph Katz, of Greenville, said, "I think it's a wonderful thing... and so much Hebrew!"

"We're bringing them all together as a family," said Susan Adler, director of the JERI program. "It doesn't matter what synagogue they used to go to... they are all one congregation now."



Past presidents of the Jewish Seniors Agency water a cousin of the Tamarisk tree at the groundbreaking Oct. 6. From left to right are Martin Temkin, Debbie Waldman (in lieu of Ellis Waldman), Maurice Glicksman, Dr. Stanley Aronson, Susan Leach DeBlasio (in lieu of Muriel Leach), Estelle Klemer and Barbara Sokoloff.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

300 celebrate as Tamarisk rises

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nity."

"We could use another Jewish place like this, like the Jewish Home used to be," said Sandy Levine, a resident at Shalom Apartments, which is also managed by the JSA.

Rhode Island has more than 240 recognized Jewish residents in assisted living facilities and an almost equal number in nursing homes. The agency estimates that between 50 and 80 senior citizens move into homes each year.

Jewish practice is largely non-existent in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Miriam Hospital has a full-time rabbi on the premises, but assisted living facilities must rely

on the Jewish Seniors Agency or the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island for rabbinic home visits, kosher food deliveries and religious services. The new facility is expected to have an 80 percent Jewish occupancy.

The JSA has owned the property that the Tamarisk facility will be built on since 1970, and estimates that the total cost of Tamarisk will be \$13.8 million, not including consulting fees.

JSA has invested \$3.2 million from its endowment to fund the project, and plans to raise an additional \$4 million in community money to establish an endowment for resident financial subsidies and to cover capital expenses and program expansion.

When the endowment is complete, agency sources estimate that \$150,000 will be available annually for residents who need financial aid.

Construction had already begun in advance of Sunday's ceremonies, and a few steel girders rose on the site.

Rosalind Freeman, who lives in Shalom Apartments, said new facility will be "just wonderful... Rain or shine, they are out there working on it. I can't believe how fast it's coming up."

Harold Halzal, who lives at Weatherfield Commons in Warwick, said he was interested in getting on the waiting list for Tamarisk. "I like the assisted living," he said, "so my wife won't have to mess around in the kitchen anymore... I can't wait."

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Fun run at JCC

Runners loosen up the first annual Mills Tavern/Jewish Community Center's 5-K road race, on Oct. 6 at the center in Providence. A beautiful day greeted the nearly 300 children and adults who ran to help raise money for the JCC fitness area. More than \$15,000 was raised by day's end. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Community

Dazzled by a proud heritage

Ethiopian dance troupe wows crowd at Brown

By Jonathan Rubin

When the Eskesta Dance Theatre performed a version of an Ethiopian-Jewish dance involving rapidly shifting shoulders, craning necks and "walk like an Egyptian" head movements, hundreds of people in the audience responded with boisterous applause, as if to say, "That is way cooler than the hora."

In their premier U.S. tour, the ten Israelis brought the religious "shoulder dances" of Ethiopian Jews living in Israel to Brown University on Oct. 1, courtesy of Brown Hillel. The supple performers, between the ages of 18 and 25, performed barefoot wearing white robes and bright sashes.

Most of their movements were confined to the shoulders, neck and head, ranging from the slow to the furious; heads

floated gracefully on shoulders like waves on an ocean, or darted like a cobra's, or shook like a jackhammer.

Drums joined whoops and shouts and songs in the ancient Semitic language of Geez, which is no longer written and exists only in prayer. This exotic language melded with words like "Halleluyah," "Yisrael," and the names of the Jewish patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that evoked the groups' ancient Jewish heritage.

These and other movements told traditional stories, from a courtship between a man and a woman to an elaborate wedding ceremony to the daily labors of hunting and cutting bananas. The dances are mostly prayers, and are passed from generation to generation through the Qesso, or spiritual

leaders. Dr. Ruth Eshel, artist director of the troupe and a lecturer at the University of Haifa, offered historical information about the rich heritage of the Ethiopian Jews.

"Jews come in all shapes and sizes," she said.

She explained that the origin of Ethiopian Jewry is shrouded in mystery and legend, and dates back untold centuries. Thought by some to be descended from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, Jewish kingdoms were known to exist in Ethiopia in the sixth century.

Traditionally a very religious people, the Jews of Ethiopia were subjected to raids and attacks; in the 13th Century Christians tried to force them to convert, and many perished. Their numbers contin-



Eskesta, the Ethiopian-Israeli dance group from Haifa University, are currently touring the United States for the first time.

ued to dwindle, and in the 17th Century the last Ethiopian Jewish stronghold fell to attackers. Despite the constant attacks, the Jews of Ethiopia continued to dream of the Jewish homeland, and their inevitable return.

In 1977, a secret plan called Operation Moses began to smuggle Jews out of communist Ethiopia to Israel, a plan that was foiled by media expo-

sure. In 1991, the ban that kept Ethiopians inside the country's borders was lifted for 24 hours. Jewish communities worldwide aided a mass airlift, which brought 15,000 Jews to Israel from Ethiopia.

Many of the performers came to Israel via perilous trip through the Sudanese desert that claimed that lives of 5,000

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The Jewish Voice & Herald announces the 17th Annual

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The Jewish Voice & Herald is continuing the state-wide Hanukkah art contest that the Rhode Island Jewish Herald made so famous for the last 16 years. Get your art materials out and send us your most creative Hanukkah illustration.

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Entries must be received at the Voice & Herald office, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, by 4 p.m. on November 10. No entry received later than 4 p.m. on November 10 will be considered.

Judging will take place during the following week. The winners will appear in the November 22 Hanukkah issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald.

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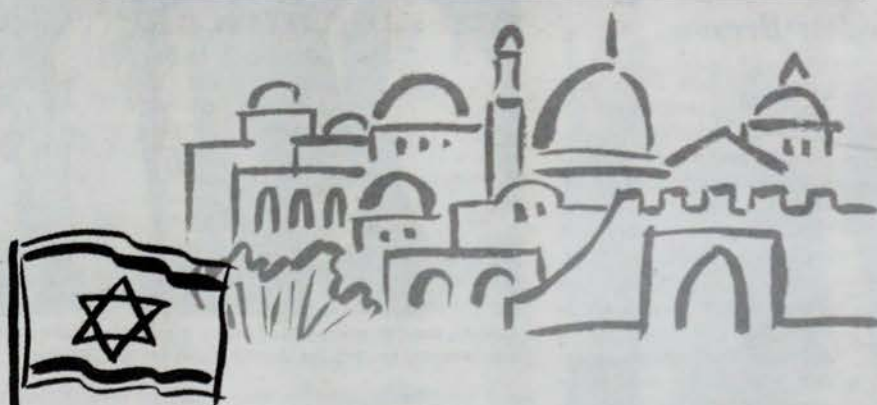
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Night classes shed light on Judaism

Temple Emanu-El's Koffler-Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies begins another year of adult learning and discussion Oct. 15.

The curriculum this year features a combination of traditional and new offerings.

Courses are open to the public, and unless noted otherwise, meet on Tuesday evenings, through Dec. 3, at the temple, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

Some of the classes offered include:

Talmud study, Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin, 7:30-8:50 p.m. This year's course will consider capital punishment, focusing on the sages' discussion of the rules for courts that try capital cases, in the fourth chapter of Sanhedrin.

The Congregational Choral Club, Cantor Brian J. Mayer, 7:30-8:50 p.m. Jewish choral music in an informal ensemble, focusing on preparations for the 13th annual Hanukkah concert. The ability to read music is not required, and there are no auditions.

Civil, criminal and religious law in Deuteronomy, Rabbi Saul Leeman, 7:30-8:50 p.m. An exploration of Biblical law.

Jewish Film Festival, *The Jew and the Modern World*. Explore how Jews fit into American culture through viewings and discussions of *The Jazz Singer*, *Force of Evil*, *Sweet Smell of Success*, *The Heartbreak Kid*, *Hester Street* and *Zelig*. Discussions led by Prof. Raphael Shargel, 7:30-10 p.m.

Hidden Treasures of the Prayer Book, Rabbi Baruch Goldstein, 8-8:50 p.m. An examination of the structure of the siddur, focusing on selections from the *Shaharit* (morning) and *Ma'ariv* (evening) services.

Introduction to Yiddish, Mara Sokolsky, 8-8:50 p.m. Learn a *bis!* Yiddish in an introduction to grammar, vocabulary, sayings, poems and songs.

Print, Power, and Persuasion: Graphic Design in Germany, 1890-1945, Jan Howard and Judith Tannenbaum, through Nov. 5, 8-8:50 p.m. An exploration of the relationship between art, propaganda and politics.

Propaganda, Prof. Tom Roberts, Nov. 12-Dec. 3, 8-8:50 p.m. An exploration of the uses of propaganda by both sides during World War II and in the post-9/11 war on terrorism.

Introduction to Hebrew Reading, Lea Eliash, 9:10-10 p.m. For those with little or no previous instruction in Hebrew, this course will enable students to read phonetically and to participate more fully in synagogue services.

The World of Hasidism, Rabbi Alvan H. Kaufner, 9:10-10 p.m. An exploration of Hasidic stories, texts, and perspectives, including readings from Martin Buber, Elie Wiesel, and Arthur Green.

Jews in the News: Current Issues and Events in the Media, David Leach, 9:10-10 p.m. An interactive discussion of key topics in the news related to Jewish interests, with guest discussion leaders.

Jewish Short Stories: Readings and discussions of stories from the Bible, Sholem Aleichem, I.L. Peretz, S.Y. Agnon, Grace Paley, Bernard Malamud, and others. Discussion leaders include rabbis, scholars, psychologists, translators, historians, and novelists. 9:10-10 p.m.

Mikveh: Traditional and Contemporary Perspectives, an exploration of the origins, traditions, and revived popularity of the mikveh, including a field trip to the local mikveh. Discussions led by archaeologists, rabbis, mikveh advocates, and others. Oct. 15-Nov. 5, 9:10-10:00 p.m.

Other classes are available as well. The Adult Institute offers online courses through the Jewish Theological Seminary, a Friday morning *Parashat Ha-Shavua* course, a Wednesday morning prayer study group, a Saturday morning Jewish meditation group, and opportunities for one-on-one learning.

Registration begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 15. To request a catalog with complete course descriptions and listings of other programs of the Institute, call the synagogue at 331-1616.

Community



Coming down at Brown

BROWN UNIVERSITY'S Marvel Gym, located next to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence, takes a hit during its demolition late last month. The building has been razed to make way for a rugby field.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Elie Wiesel topic of new TV biography

Elie Wiesel: First Person Singular, a new television biography of the Nobel Prize-winning author and Holocaust survivor, will debut Thursday, Oct. 24, at 10 p.m. on PBS.

The one-hour film jux-

taposes Wiesel's intimate reflections about key events that have shaped his life with evocative visual recreations that use personal and historical photos, archival footage, and location footage at places Wiesel has found essential to the formation of his philosophy and work.

Wiesel, 74, speaks about his childhood in rural Romania, his deportation and imprisonment during the Holocaust, his development as a writer and teacher, his path to America, his love of Israel, and his relationship with God. Passages from some of Wiesel's greatest writings, including the internationally acclaimed *Night*, echo throughout the film offering insight into the mind and character of its subject. The

documentary closes with Wiesel's despair over the events of Sept. 11 and his interpretation of the hatred that inspired the terrorist attack.

The biography, a production of *Lives and Legacies Films*, is the latest installment in the *First Person Singular* series. *Lives and Legacies Films'* previous documentaries for PBS were on architect I. M. Pei and historian John Hope Franklin. For the Wiesel biography, Executive Producer Stan Zuckerman worked with three-time Emmy winner and Academy Award nominee Robert Gardner, who directed and produced, and David Grossbach, who wrote and edited the film.

Eskesta

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Ethiopians.

Today, Israel counts more than 80,000 Ethiopian Jews inside its territories.

The dancers came courtesy of the University of Haifa and a host of local and international sponsors, and will make stops in Milwaukee, Boston, Chicago, Columbus, New York, Philadelphia and other cities during their tour. Most of them attend Universities in Israel — Asher Tagena plans to major in political science at UH, and Manatel Gobezu is an aspiring physical therapist.

While referred to in the past as "falasha," a derisive word that actually means "stranger" or "foreigner" in Amharic, Ethiopian Jews now prefer "Beta-Israel," or "house of Israel."

"The mixture of people in that audience was very important... it's good for Israel," one attendant commented. Her friend added, "They were so regal and beautiful and noble... I'm wowed."

For more information about Eskesta and Ethiopian Jewry, visit <http://eskesta.haifa.ac.il>



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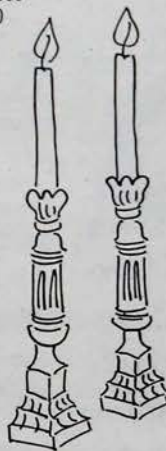
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MICHAEL FINK, in his eclectic office at RISD

Writer, artist to show 'book of memories'

Writer Michael Fink and artist Kate DeCarvalho will show and discuss their hand-made book, "Round Summit," which captures memories of the Jewish East Side, in a program to be presented by the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Tuesday, Oct. 29.

A professor of literature at RISD since 1957, Fink studied at Yale, Harvard, and Brown and has been designated an honorary RISD alumnus. He has written columns for both the *Providence Journal* and the former *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, and he wrote and directed the documentary film,

Never Again.

DeCarvalho, a RISD graduate, is a freelance graphic designer. Both she and Fink received a grant from the Rhode Island Foundation to create "Round Summit." Their illustrated text was featured in the June 27 issue of the *Providence Journal*.

The Historical Association's program, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Room at Laurelmead, 355 Blackstone Blvd., Providence is free and open to the public.

A reception will follow. For reservations call Anne Sherman at 331-1360 or e-mail



Hebrew Day school holds Sept. 11 memorial program

On Sept. 11, the student body of the Providence Hebrew Day School attended an assembly to remember the victims and heroes of 9/11, and afterward went outside to plant a memorial tree. Members of the local fire department were invited later to participate in the dedication of the tree and a plaque.

The students heard prayers,

recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Hatikva," and heard thoughts from students on what they could do to bring about world peace.

They also heard Ahuva Barros, a PHDS graduate, read her essay, printed in the *Providence Journal*, on how Sept. 11 affected her.

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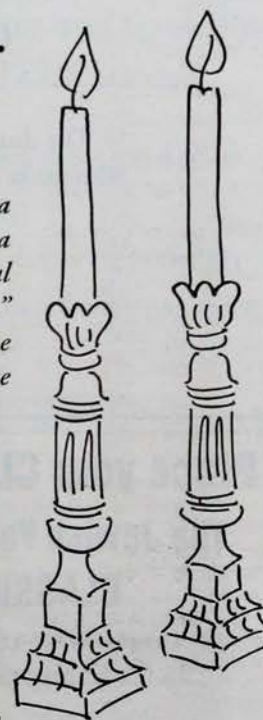
A legend is told that the Roman emperor Hadrian used to argue with Rabbi Yehoshua ben Hanania. One day he asked, “Why is it that your Sabbath dishes have such a special flavor and a fragrant scent?” Rabbi Yehoshua answered, “It’s because we use a certain special spice.” What is this spice? The emperor asked. “The spice is called Sabbath.” “That is an unusual spice,” the emperor said. “Please give me some of that spice so that I too may enjoy the special flavor and the special aroma of your Sabbath meals.” Rabbi Yehoshua answered, “The Sabbath spice is only effective for those who observe the Sabbath.”

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Authors aged 18–35 are invited to submit a short story on a Jewish theme or topic. Up to three winners will be selected. A first prize of \$700, a second prize of \$200, and a third prize of \$100 will be awarded by the jury; prize money will be allocated proportionally if fewer than three winners are selected. Winning stories will be pub-

lished consecutively in CAJE's journal, *Jewish Education News*.

Authors should submit a typed, double-spaced manuscript of no more than 5,000 words; the submission must be an original short story that has never received an award or been published. Only one entry per author per year is permitted.

All stories must be accompanied by a cover sheet listing the author's name, address, phone number, and title of the story. To verify submission requirements, a copy of a driver's license or another document to confirm the author's age must be submitted, along with a signed statement attesting that the story has not been published. CAJE membership is welcome but not required for participation.

Deadline for the contest is Dec. 31. Winners will be notified by June 30. Stories should be sent to CAJE-Dornstein Contest, 261 West 35th St., Floor 12A, New York, N.Y., 10001.

The writing award honors the memory of David Dornstein, a CAJE conference assistant who died in the explosion on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. Dornstein was a lover of short stories, which he both wrote and read.

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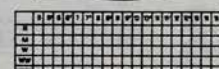
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Any adult of any age who takes from one to three classes to learn a new skill or upgrade an old one is eligible.

Anyone wishing to start a scholarship in honor of a person may do so by calling 941-5913 or 467-5155.

Hebrew Day School given a \$10,000 gift

The Providence Hebrew Day School has announced that a gift of \$10,000 has been made to the Darachinsky Family Endowment Fund by Marsha Reiser, daughter of Elizabeth Darachinsky Glickman.

The fund, part of the PHDS Endowment Fund held by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, was established

by the five Darachinsky children of Fall River.

Support of Jewish education has been a high priority for the Darachinsky family. Nathan Darachinsky established a scholarship fund for Fall River children who wished to attend PHDS.

Mrs. Reiser has lived in Virginia for many years.

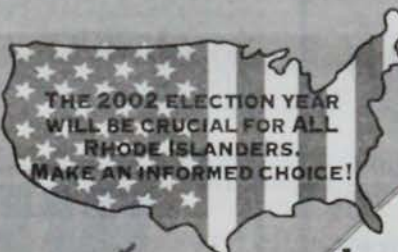


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Gay advocates in Israel

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replaced by the next person on Meretz's roster, businessman Benny Temkin, who is currently in Mexico. But Temkin announced he would decline the position for personal and family reasons.

The seat then passed to Even, 61, who was next on the list. At a news conference, Even said he would focus on science, technology and education and promised to lobby for gay rights.

Labor Party Knesset Member Yael Dayan, who initiated the first Knesset conference on gay and lesbian issues 10 years ago — in which Even participated — welcomed his appointment to the Knesset.

Dayan invited Even to head a parliamentary subcommittee on gay issues that would function under the auspices of her Committee for the Advancement of Women.

Legislators from the fervently Orthodox parties condemned Even's appointment.

Shas legislator Nissim Dahan called the appointment "a black day for the State of Israel."

Shas "will have no problem cooperating with me in the Knesset. My vote will be equal to that of every other legislator," Dahan said.

In 1993, when the army found out that Even was living with a man, it removed him from his job as an intelligence officer.

He later was invited to address the Knesset about discrimination against gays in the army. Orthodox lawmakers walked out when he spoke.

Within months, a regulation prohibiting discrimination against gays in the armed forces was signed by then-army chief of staff Ehud Barak.

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Professor David Little, Senior Scholar, U.S. Institute of Peace Dunphy Professor of the Practice in Religion, Ethnicity, and International Conflict at Harvard Divinity School, will speak on "Roger Williams and Interfaith Dialogue Today."

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WILL THIS HAPPEN AGAIN? Residents of a Tel Aviv suburb wait out an Iraqi scud attack in their sealed room wearing gas masks during the Gulf War. GPO

Iraq

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in Washington.

U.S. officials have said recently that they want Israel to sit quietly if attacked. Given the resistance from Jerusalem—and the potential volatility of the issue—the United States is likely to draw up attack plans with an eye to minimizing Saddam's ability to strike Israel.

"We're going to try and make it a moot point," one administrative official said. "We're very focused on Saddam's willingness to draw others into the conflict."

Among the issues under discussion in Washington are plans to attack Iraq's Scud missile launchers and bases, especially in western parts of the country closest to Israel.

Bush administration officials say Israel, concerned about the lack of input into attack plans, asked for the Sharon-Bush meeting. Israel is seeking advanced warning of a U.S. attack, as well as assurances that the United States will try to prevent Iraq from lashing out at Israel.

Israeli defense officials were in Washington in recent days for a series of meetings on the subject. "They are moving ahead with plans on Iraq. These plans can affect Israel and it's important to touch base," said Mark Regev, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

"There is a definite need for the two countries, at the highest level, to consult about issues pertaining to likely run-up to a war, 'including certain parameters during the war itself,' said David Makovsky, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Administration officials started discussing an attack on Iraq shortly after Bush took office in January 2001, long before the Sept. 11 attacks and the resulting U.S. war on terrorism.

Israeli officials have said

from the beginning that -- unlike the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when the first President Bush succeeded in convincing Israel to stay out of the conflict -- they would reserve the right to retaliate if Iraqi missiles again hit their country.

In recent weeks, however, senior American officials have begun pressing Israel to hold its fire, saying Israeli retaliation would not be in anyone's interest.

The executive director of the American Jewish Committee, David Harris, who met with senior Bush administration officials recently, said he believes the retaliation issue is not a major source of disagreement.

"I don't think the issue has been Israel's right to retaliate," Harris said. "What's been at issue, on occasion, has been specific methods."

If Israel is attacked with nonconventional weapons or suffers mass casualties, "they are crossing thresholds to which any country should be able to act in self-defense," Makovsky said.

Many in Israel believe that if it doesn't retaliate against an attack, the Arab world would conclude that Israel succumbs to U.S. pressure and can be used as a pawn in regional conflicts.

After strongly backing Israel's counterterrorism efforts for months, analysts say the Bush administration is now looking at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of its efforts against Iraq.

Bush is likely to tell Sharon that he cannot take advantage of the American focus on Iraq to tighten Israel's grip on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. White House officials sharply criticized Israel's siege late last month of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's Ramallah compound.

The American reaction to the Ramallah siege "was an example of what happens when the two countries are not coordinated in advance at a sensitive juncture," Makovsky said.

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Seniors

To reap upright children, sow seeds of moral fiber

The truth of the matter is that the "good old days" were not all good — but there are some values from our earlier



Tema Gouse

years that would have been nice to retain, and even to transfer to succeeding generations. They have not totally disappeared, but their impact has certainly diminished. Instead of being the rule, they have become the exception.

For instance, courtesy. Nowhere is rudeness more obvious than on the road. Drivers, using cell phones, are indifferent to what hazards that self-indulgence creates. They even believe that making the practice illegal would be an infringement on their rights.

Many of the same drivers resent others who are driving within the legal speed limit, and indicate this by speedily weaving from lane to lane, endangering themselves and others.

In turn, when saner drivers wish to change lanes, the speed freaks will speed up suf-

ficiently to deter it, because basically they are interested only in their own destination. Vulgar hand-signals are the norm in this and similar situations. What can be so important that common decency doesn't seem to matter?

It is the rare individual who will slow down to allow an elderly person to cross the street, and even rarer are shoppers who will concede their position in a checkout line to an obviously old or disabled person.

Kindness is another value that seems to be eroding, being replaced by a selfish sense of unmerited entitlement. Sharing through charitable acts and donations used to be high on a family's priorities. Today's parents are not following the patterns of grandparents and are not modeling generosity for their offspring. Charity does not mandate extensive sacrifice, but concern for the more needy should certainly be part of our lives. Assisting others without expecting compensation is diminishing as a practice even though needs abound worldwide.

Consideration of the feelings of others seems less important these days. There have always been bullies who prey on others. When I was a child, kids who wore glasses were prime targets. The bullies

today, of all sizes and inclinations, will taunt anyone who is shy or obese, or in any way different and vulnerable.

This has intensified to such a degree that 11 states have already passed laws dealing with bullying, primarily of children. And, sadly, mostly by children. It is a commentary on today's morality that some individuals enjoy creating misery in others. This, too, existed 50 years ago, but not to the degree that we see today.

Respect for the law was the norm when we were growing up. Today, too many people are more preoccupied with getting around the law. Needing to pay high income taxes used to be an indication of success. Today

the respect goes to professionals who help us avoid paying taxes. Driving at speeds above legal limits is the accepted thing. And business, at the highest levels, operates selfishly, immorally and often, downright illegally. This is the age of me first.

This ethical disintegration did not occur overnight. Ironically, it increased as our economic situations improved. Certainly a large proportion of the population did not lower its ethical standards, but even this group is partially responsible for the problems — because it has not adequately opposed the moral violations.

The nations of the world have huge governmental bodies

devoted to resolving multiple issues. Most are worthwhile and most are better at words than at accomplishments. But none addresses the issues of human decency and kindness. Those must originate in the home or in the classroom, but no one seems to find time for them in either setting these days.

Is there one solution for all of this? Of course not. However, it behooves senior citizens to guide their children, our grandchildren, by word and by example, to make our world a more decent and giving place — not just for themselves, but for everyone.

This has significance for the future. Certainly, today's world is enmeshed in enough conflict. But if, as individuals, we are courteous, considerate, and helpful, perhaps we can set examples for nations.

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Help serve lunch on Fridays from 11:45 a. m. to 1

p. m. at the JFS Kosher Meal-site in Cranston. Volunteers are needed to help set tables, serve meals, clear tables and clean up. Friday is the busiest day at the meal-site, since the program includes discussion groups led by the JFS staff.

Create greeting cards — the agency is seeking student volunteers to make get-well cards on their computers.

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To volunteer or for more information, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

JCC joins meal plan for nonprofit organizations

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Simchas

The Mazel Tov column



Shayna Guarnieri and Bradley Wellington

Engagement

Ronald and Roslyn Guarnieri, of Warwick, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shayna, to Bradley Wellington, son of Cary and Imelda Wellington, of Del Ray Beach, Fla., and Rabbi Jon and Jean Haddon, of Danbury, Conn.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree from Brandeis University, and her

master's from Simmons College. She teaches first grade at the Trevor Day School in Manhattan.

The bridegroom-to-be holds his undergraduate degree from Brandeis and is a master's candidate at New York University. He is a senior software engineer at HBO in New York.

The wedding is planned for next Aug. 9.

Births

Karen and David Hammarstrom, of Providence, announce the birth of Minna Rose, Aug. 8. Grandparents are Reva Stern, of Providence, and the late Leo Stern, and Richard and Sarah Hammarstrom, of Monteca, Calif.

Amy and Benjamin Steinberg, of Coventry, announce the birth of Sydnie Rianna, Sept. 4. Grandparents are Edith and Ronald Meyers, of Owings Mills, Md., and Barbara and Burton Steinberg, of Monsey, N.Y. Sydnie is named for her paternal great-grandfather, Samuel Steinberg, and maternal great-grandmother, Rose Meyers.

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troubling — her father, a rabbi, was shot in the head by a member of the PLO while in Jerusalem on business. Others were killed in the senseless attack, but her father survived. A student at Harvard University, she promised her father that she would find the gunman.

In her travels, she travels door-to-door in the West Bank, asking and searching. She discovered her man in a jail, secretly gets to know him without revealing her identity, and found herself speaking at his parole hearing — not saying at all what she expected.

"I realized that these attacks didn't begin or end with my father. They were really part of a mindset, which said it was OK to target innocent civilians to make a political point," she said in a recent interview.

Blumenfeld, a reporter for the *Washington Post*, has received much acclaim for her book, which was chosen as an

Oprah's Book Club selection. She has written for the *New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *Elle* and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Joyce Starr, co-chair of the Women's Alliance campaign cabinet, said, "I just finished reading Laura Blumenfeld's book and I think that we are all in for a treat. *Revenge: a Story of Hope* is a story that grows and grows. It is like peeling an onion, for there are so many levels and lessons about relationships in this book. I also saw Laura on *Oprah*. In addition to being charming and beautiful, Laura has some insights to share. I think we are in for an incredible evening."

Blumenfeld will speak at a Women's Alliance annual event Oct. 24 at Temple Emanu-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to all women who make a gift in any amount to the Community Campaign. Call 331-0956, ext. 180, for more information.

Oct. 25

Community Shabbat

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Oct. 26

BJE/RI's Evening of Jewish Renaissance and the Israeli Shuk

The Bureau of Jewish Education pulls out all the stops each year in an impressive assortment of educators, rabbis and professionals from the community, in a sampling of what some of the best Jewish education in Rhode Island looks like. A total of 38 presenters will give mini-classes on everything from "Kvetch, kvetch," a class on historical Jewish bickering, to a political chat with *Providence Journal* political columnist M. Charles Bakst, to a Jewish cooking class with Chef Walter Potenza. More than 550 people attended last year's Renaissance.

"Every year we do this it gets better and better," said Robin Kauffman, community weekend coordinator.

The evening also boasts the Israeli *shuk* (marketplace), which will offer merchandise from more than 100 Israeli shops, including jewelry, art, Judaica, Dead Sea products, posters, T-shirts, CDs, stained glass, books and more. All purchases will help support Israel's economy. The shuk will be open from 7 p.m. to midnight on the night of the Renaissance and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence will unveil its new glatt kosher hot dog cart.

The Evening of Jewish Renaissance will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence at 7 p.m. Call 331-0956, ext. 180, for more information.

Oct. 27

Daniel Pipes

In 1997, when "Get Ready for Twenty World Trade Center Bombings" appeared on Daniel Pipes' Middle East Journal, many people thought he and his colleagues were blowing things out of proportion.

Needless to say, he's being taken a little more seriously today. Since Sept. 11, Pipes has been one of the most in-demand Middle East experts on the planet. He has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, ABC World News, CBS Reports, Good Morning America. He has written articles for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and 67 others. He's also written 11 books, the most recent of which, *Militant Islam Reaches America*, came out

on Sept. 11, 2002.

His website, located at www.danielpipes.org, now gets over 100,000 hits a month, up tenfold since the terrorist attacks, and his new website, www.campus-watch.org, is causing a stir, as well.

Pipes serves on the Special Task Force on Terrorism and Technology at the U.S. Department of Defense, and he's lectured in 25 countries.

Bob Starr, JFRI campaign chair, remarked, "Having viewed him on television on multiple occasions, and because of his recognized background as the director of the Middle East Forum, and because his views are well respected in the academic community, we thought that Pipes would be very appropriate this year."

"He brings great historic perspective to the table, and his message is important for a community that needs to be informed."

Pipes will appear at Temple Beth-El in Providence at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to anyone who makes a gift to the 2003 Community Campaign.

'Moshe who?'

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In the swirl of normal political antagonisms he has introduced a new spirit of public welfare based on political neutrality. Some may call it populism, but the public has been responsive.

Political commentators, quick to put the spotlight on the weaknesses and failings of politicians, have suddenly become aware of the new spirit emanating from the presidency. Katzav does not hold himself aloof. He makes many public appearances, and does not hesitate to express views seeking to calm

troubled waters. The presidency has heretofore been marked by prestige without power. Katzav has used that prestige to give him public relations power.

Under present regulations he will serve as president for five more years, and will then not be eligible for re-election. But since he will retire at the age of only 62, there is no telling what his path will be thereafter, although none of the surviving ex-presidents plays any active role in public life.

Carl Alpert is a journalist who writes from Israel.



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Obituaries

Charles Abrams

CRANSTON — Charles Abrams, 84, of 50 Birch St., a retired sales manager who took part in the Okinawa invasion in World War II, died Oct. 2 at the Veterans Home in Bristol. He was the husband of Estelle (Mandell) Abrams. They were married 59 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Rose (Rosenberg) Abrams, he had lived in Cranston for 48 years. He was a sales manager for the Franklin Supply Co. for 31 years, retiring in 1982.

A Navy veteran, he was a life member of the Jewish War Veterans, VFW, and the American Legion. He was a past commander of the Rhode Island Jewish War Veterans and a past commander of Post 23, Jewish War Veterans. Mr. Abrams was vice chairman of the Jewish War Veterans' Memorial Wall of Honor in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, which was dedicated last year.

When he was executive vice president of the Sampson World War II Navy Veterans Inc., he helped establish a memorial to honor the servicemen who came through the Sampson Naval Training Center in Geneva, N.Y. during the war.

According to his family, Mr. Abrams was such an avid fan of the New York Giants football team that he attended every home game in 50-plus years as a season ticket holder, except one — which was played on his daughter's wedding day. He received the Tyler H. Day award from the New England unit of the Giants' fan club for exemplifying "the characteristics of consistent devotion, enthusiasm and passion for the New York Giants' football team."

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Marsha Williams, of South Easton, Mass., and a granddaughter.

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

Contributions may be made to the Diabetes Foundation of R.I., 209 Cottage St., Pawtucket, 02860, or the JWV Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 3699, Cranston, 02910.

Irving Beckenstein

WARWICK — Irving Beckenstein, 74, of 28 Cushing Road, an art teacher for Pilgrim High School in Warwick for 30 years before retiring in 1989, died Sept. 18 at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility, Providence. He was the husband of Phyllis P. (Minsky) Beckenstein.

Born in New London, Conn., a son of the late Louis and Sophie (Singer) Beckenstein, he had lived in Warwick for 35 years.

He was a corporal in the Army National Guard from 1950 to 1952, serving stateside during the Korean War.

A former member of Temple Sinai and Touro Fraternal Association, he was a graduate of the Hartford Art School and the Rhode Island School of Design.

He was a member of the Wickford Art Association, and displayed his work at arts and crafts shows and libraries.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Larry Beckenstein, of Brentwood, N.H., Louis Beckenstein, of Warwick, Brian Beckenstein, of Mansfield, Mass., and Neal Beckenstein, of South Weymouth, Mass.; a brother, Fred Beckenstein, of Guilford, Conn., and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Martin Beckenstein.

Betty Finkelstein

PROVIDENCE — Betty Rand Finkelstein, 95, of Hoffman Ave., retired owner of a women's apparel business, died Sept. 24 at South Bay Manor, South Kingstown. She was the wife of the late Saul Finkelstein.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Marcus and Gussie (Fogel) Fried, she lived in Providence for many years before moving to Cranston.

Mrs. Finkelstein owned and operated "Betty of Providence" for 30 years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, a life member of Hadassah and B'nai B'rith, and a supporter of Miriam Hospital and Brandeis University. She was a Life Master bridge player and a Red Sox fan.

She leaves a son, Marcus Rand, of Narragansett; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Elizabeth R. Shapira and Louis Fried.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, 02906, or Hospice Care of R.I., 169 George St., Pawtucket, 02860.

Gerald Goldberg

SOMERSET, Mass. — Gerald Goldberg, 72, of Mount Hope Road., a retired graphics designer, freelance artist and muralist, died Sept. 20 at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River. He was the husband of Glenda (Karp) Goldberg.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a son of the late Louis and Anna (Gerson) Goldberg, he had lived in Somerset since 1968.

He received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Massachusetts College of Art in Boston.

Mr. Goldberg was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans.

He was a member of Temple

Beth-El, Fall River, and the Temple Beth-El Players. He had been a season ticket holder of the New England Patriots since 1961.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Mark Goldberg, of Providence; a daughter, Merryl Goldberg, of Vista, Calif.; a sister, Barbara Winnerman, of Danbury, Conn.; and a grandchild.

Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Contributions may be made to the Gerald Goldberg Memorial Scholarship fund, c/o Citizen's Scholarship Fund, Somerset High School, Grandview Avenue, Somerset, Mass., 02726.

Odette Goldstein

PORT SAINT LUCIE, Fla. — Odette (Newmann) Goldstein, 86, who lost family members in Holocaust-era Europe, died here Sept. 12.

She is survived by two children, Claude Goldman, of Providence, and Sylvia Zelvin, of Port Saint Lucie, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Born in Hungary in 1916, Mrs. Goldstein lost her first husband, Arpad Goldman, a sister and a daughter, Lillian Goldman, during World War II.

She immigrated to the United States in 1948, where she and her second husband, the late Armin Goldstein, ran a dry cleaning and tailoring business in Brooklyn.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of R.I., 245 Waterman St., Providence, 02906, or to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, 02906.

Esther Kaufman

PORTSMOUTH — Esther Kaufman, 85, of Michael Drive, a retired hardware store owner, died Sept. 26 at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River. She was the wife of the late Bernard Kaufman.

Born in New Bedford, a daughter of the late Max and Etta (Wishnetsky) Guy, she had lived in the Fall River area before moving to Portsmouth 35 years ago.

Mrs. Kaufman was the owner-operator, with her late husband, of Kaufman's Hardware Store before retiring 14 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, Fall River, and its Sisterhood, the Sisterhood of Congregation Adas Israel, the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, Hadassah and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She leaves three daughters, Marilyn Hoffman, of Houston, Tex., Etta Kaufman, of Portsmouth, and Marsha Kaufman, of Arlington, Mass.; a sister, Bertha Cohen, of New Bedford; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River.

Beatrice Levin

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. — Beatrice Levin, 95, of Swampscott, formerly of East Providence, the retired owner of a beauty supply company, died Sept. 19 at home. She was the wife of the late Hyman Levin.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Solomon and Anna Brandt, she had lived in Providence and East Providence before moving to Swampscott in 1992.

Mrs. Levin had been office manager at the former Adolf Mellor and Sons, and later was the owner-operator, with her husband, of the former Hope Beauty Supply Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1976.

She was a former member of Temple Beth-El in Providence, and a former member of Hadassah.

She leaves several nieces and nephews. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Charles Lindenbaum

CRANSTON — Charles Lindenbaum, 96, of 143 Hoffman Ave., a retired real estate owner, died Sept. 29 at Mediana Nursing Home in Lake Worth, Fla. He was the husband of Bessie (Rosenberg) Lindenbaum. They had been married 69 years.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Meyer and Sophie (Chester) Lindenbaum, Mr. Lindenbaum had lived in Providence for 27 years before moving to Cranston 25 years ago.

He was a real estate owner for 30 years, retiring 34 years ago.

An amateur artist, he was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood, the Chautauqua Society, B'nai B'rith, the National Holocaust Museum, and the Wiesenthal Center.

He was a life member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Besides his wife, he leaves

a son, Kenneth Lindenbaum, of Maple Shade, N.J.; a daughter, Roberta Fox, of Albany, N.Y.; a brother, Benjamin Lindenbaum, of Phoenix, Ariz., two grandchildren and twin great-grandsons.

He was the brother of the late Ruth Korn. Funeral services were held in Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston, and burial was in Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 245 Waterman St., Providence, 02906.

John Starr Rosen

PAWTUCKET — John Starr Rosen, 56, of Randall Street, died Sept. 16 at home.

Born in Providence, a son of Benton and Beverly (Starr) Rosen, he was a lifelong resident of the Providence-Pawtucket area.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Susan Hirsch, of Providence.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

June Zeitz

FALL RIVER — June Zeitz, 75, of Albany Street, died Sept. 24 at the Highland Nursing Home. She was the wife of Carl Zeitz.

Born in Brooklyn, a daughter of the late Bernard and Freda (Servitz) Jaffe, she had lived in Fall River for 55 years.

Mrs. Zeitz was a member of Temple Beth-El, Fall River, and its Sisterhood.

An avid golfer, she was the first woman director of the Fall River Country Club.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Barney Zeitz, of Martha's Vineyard; a daughter, Marjorie Keith, of Mendon, N.J.; a sister, Hilda McVay, of Providence; and four grandchildren. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River.

Walter Annenberg, founder of TV Guide, philanthropist

By Joshua Runyan

The Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Philanthropist Walter H. Annenberg, the billionaire founder of *TV Guide* and former ambassador to Great Britain, died Oct. 1 at the age of 94.

Annenberg, who gave to many charities and endowed two leading journalism schools, died at his home in Wynnewood of complications from pneumonia, according to Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. "Philadelphia lost one its most distinguished citizens this week," said Harold Goldman, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, noting that Annenberg gave generously

to Jewish causes, including a \$15 million gift to Operation Exodus in 1990 to bring Russian Jews to Israel.

Many of Annenberg's donations were unequalled both in their size and frequency. Shortly after the Six-Day War broke out in June 1967, Annenberg gave \$1 million to the Israel Emergency Fund of the Federation of Jewish Agencies.

Over the years, Annenberg gave in excess of \$30 million to Federation, including a \$10 million gift to Operation Moses in 1984.

Annenberg gave the University of Pennsylvania \$3 million in 1958 to create the Annenberg School for Communications. He established another Annenberg School in 1971, at University of Southern California.

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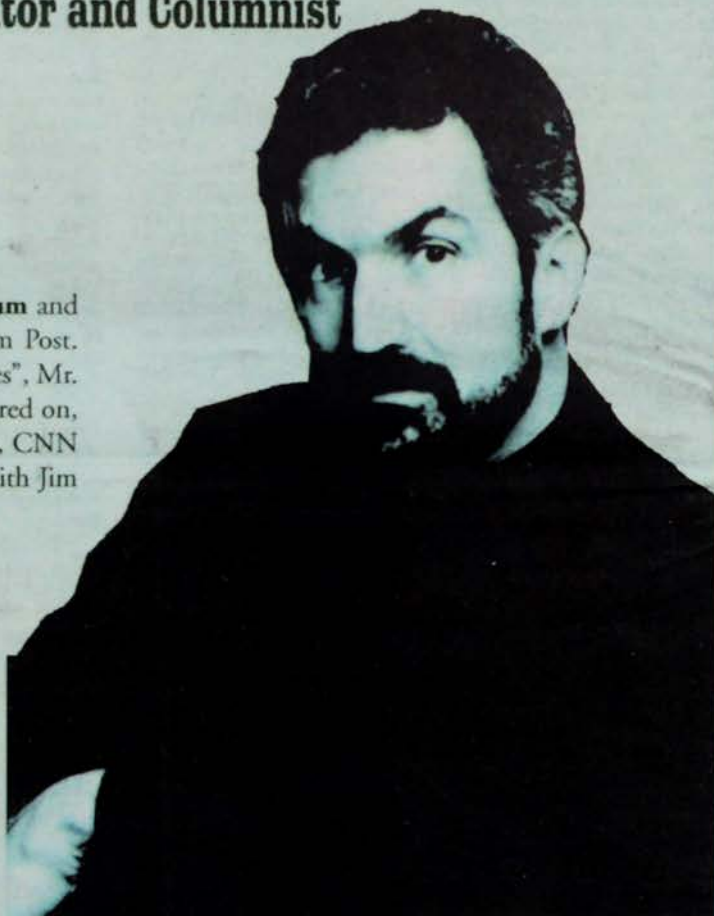
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DANIEL PIPES is the Director of the Middle East Forum and is a columnist for both the New York Post and The Jerusalem Post. Described as one of the best known "Mideast policy luminaries", Mr. Pipes is frequently called upon to express his opinions. He has appeared on, among others, ABC World News, CBS This Morning, CBS Reports, CNN Special Events, Firing Line, Good Morning America, News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Nightline and the Today Show.



This event is open to all households that pledge a gift in any amount to the 2003 Annual Community Campaign.

For additional information please contact
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