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Museum's ethnic focus would include displays of R.I. Jewish heritage

Bond vote is Nov. 5

By Jonathan Rubin

Rhode Island voters will be asked Nov. 5 to approve \$5 million in bonds for the planned Heritage Harbor Museum in Providence, which will include a permanent Jewish historical exhibit among its displays.

Ballot Question Number 2 would help finance the \$60-million museum, to be built on the site of the former South Street electric-power station.

Expected to relocate to the museum from their existing quarters in the Jewish Community Center building are the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, which would bring with them their collections of Jewish artifacts, photographs and other objects of cultural and religious heritage.

Expected to be completed by 2005, the museum, to be the size of four football fields, will create an estimated 250 full-time jobs.

Heritage Harbor sought state funding two years ago, when a bond issue was narrowly defeated. This year, it seeks a share of \$14 million earmarked for cultural, recreational and preservation-based projects.

The museum will house displays sponsored by 17 exhibitors, including the Rhode Island Historical Society, the Hispanic Cultural Society, the Muslim Heritage Council and the American Diner Museum.

The bond money would go toward general construction of the museum, not to any specific exhibit.

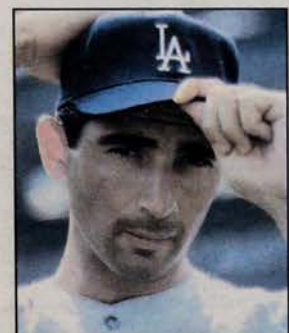
"The move will allow our

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Students given a window onto agony of the intifada

By Jonathan Rubin

Rather than poring through stories written about the intifada, schoolchildren at the Alperin Schechter Day School were recently able to hear firsthand about the terrible conse-



WITH THE 2002 World Series in full swing, a new biography looks backward to the days when star pitcher Sandy Koufax experienced anti-Semitism in his days with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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quences of the conflict.

Rihab Essawi, a Palestinian with a Ph.D. in education who teaches at Al Quds University, lost her mother to a bomb.

Amiram Goldin, an Israeli who has an engineering degree but works full-time at building Arab-Jewish relationships, lost his 20-year-old son to a suicide bus bomber.

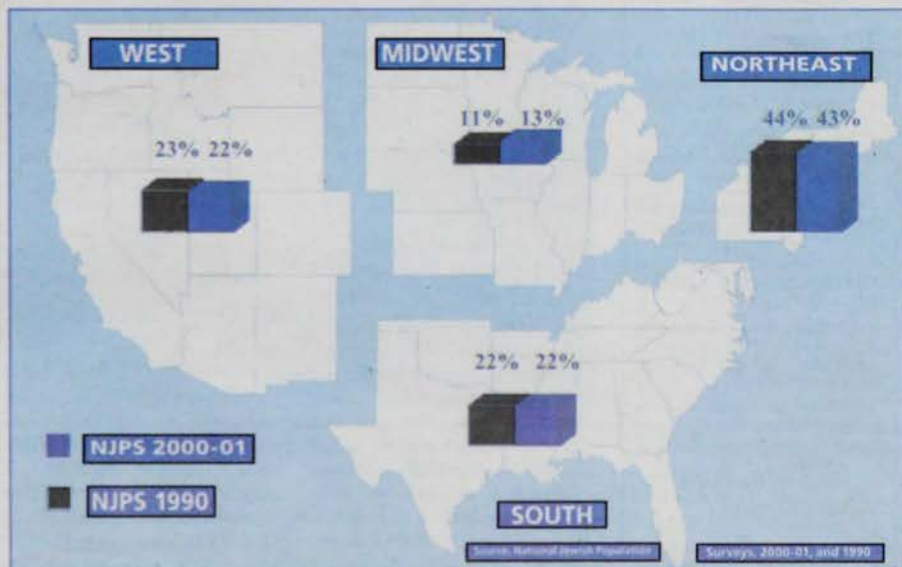
Despite their losses, the two do not seek revenge; instead, they are trying to convince people to stop shooting and start talking. They spoke to a group of 60 middle-school students and visitors last Friday morning.

The two are part of a group called Parents Circle www.theparentscircle.com, a

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GOLDIN



THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION of American Jews is in the northeast, according to results of a new population survey.

Jews in America are fewer, grayer, new survey reveals

By Joe Berkofsky

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new survey indicates that America's Jewish population declined by more than 5 percent over the past decade, a trend that is likely to continue because of the Jewish community's aging population and low birth rate.

The number of American Jews now stands at 5.2 million, down from 5.5 million in 1990 — even as the total U.S. population is growing, according to the National Jewish Population Survey 2000-2001.

The picture of a slightly smaller, and older, population was unveiled earlier this month by the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization of local Jewish federations that sponsored what is believed to be the most comprehensive demographic survey of the nation's Jewish community to date.

The new statistics — including the fact that Jews make up 2 percent of the American population — represent only the demographic findings of the survey.

Other parts of the study, which address issues of Jewish identity and affiliation, will be released at the group's annual gathering in Philadelphia at the end of November.

The study is likely to be

The Voice & Herald's Yehuda Lev and Brown University demographics expert Sidney Goldstein have their say on the new Jewish population survey.

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scrutinized for years, as the findings spark new debates about the numbers and what they mean for the Jewish community.

Intermarriage: weak link in Judaism, or a chance to involve more families?

Population survey revives debate

By Joe Berkofsky

NEW YORK (JTA) — The fiery intermarriage debate that roiled American Jewry over the past decade is resurfacing.

The battle that erupted after the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey, which showed 52 percent of Jews married non-Jews in the five previous years, is reviving over the 2000-2001 survey.

The latest demographic

Much of the study pointed out demographic changes that have been emerging for years, some contained in the 1990 survey.

For instance, the latest study found that the Jewish population is weighted to the Northeast, with 43 percent of Jews living there, while the Midwest, with 13 percent of the community, remains the sparsest Jewish area.

The median age of American Jews climbed from 37 in

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study, the most ambitious portrait of American Jewry ever undertaken, revealed earlier this month that 5.2 million American Jews live in 2.9 million households — along with 1.5 million non-Jews.

The figures highlight a long-time split in the Jewish community about how to deal with intermarriage.

On one side of the divide are those like Kerry Olitzky, executive director of the Jewish

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Oct. 25

Community Campaign: Statewide Shabbat

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Oct. 26

Jewish Renaissance

The Bureau of Jewish Education's annual Evening of Jewish Renaissance, free, open to the public. 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. 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.

Oct. 27

Community Campaign: Writer-scholar Pipes

Nationally known Middle East scholar Daniel Pipes, whose column runs in the *Jewish 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.

Torat Yisrael blood drive

Temple Torat Yisrael blood drive, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All types are needed. Schedule an appointment by calling the Temple office, 785-1800, or walk in. 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

Oct. 27-31

Suzanne Benton art exhibit

Reconnecting to Source, metal sculptures, masks and mono-prints based on Jewish themes and biblical stories, by Suzanne Benton. Jewish Community Center. Call 861-8800

Oct. 29

Temple Beth-El fashion show

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, Providence, fashion show by Circa Viso, 7 p.m. Minimum donation is \$36. Call 331-6070 for more information. Fundraiser to support temple programming.

Nov. 3

Violinist at Beth-El

Israeli violinist Yonah Zur will perform and discuss contemporary music in Israel, 7:30 p.m., Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Free, open to the community.

Holocaust talk at Temple Sinai

Author Daniel Asa Rose will speak to 6th and 7th graders at Temple Sinai, their parents, and any other interested adults and adolescents, 11 a.m. Subject is based on Rose's book, "Hiding Places," in which he and his young sons retraced his family's escape from Belgium during World War II. Refreshments and book-signing after the lecture 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. For more information call Sara Little at 942-8350.

'Kids' stuff' sale at JCC

Jewish Community Center "kids' stuff sale," 1 p.m. in the center's main lobby and in front of the building, 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence. Toys, clothing, equipment, tapes, and more.

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Meets our new sales rep at the *Jewish Voice & Herald*, Lee Waterbury.

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Waterbury grew up in Wickford (where she currently resides), graduated from North Kingstown High School, attended the University of Rhode Island and RISD.

Lee Waterbury can be reached at 401-421-4111 ext. 160.

Nov. 6

Cranston Seniors

The Cranston Senior Guild meeting, 1 p.m., Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. The guest speaker will be Stan Freedman, Jewish musician who teaches music in Providence schools. Refreshments following the meeting. Call Eleanor Ross at 723-8580

Nov. 7

Spirituality conference

Johnson & Wales Inn, Route 44 in Seekonk, 3rd annual Providence Spirituality Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Collective Trauma and Spiritual Care: Repairing the Rifts in our Souls." Call 863-3337.

Nov. 17

Temple to host Mah Jongg

Temple Torat Yisrael will host "Mah Jongg Mania," con-

tinuing Dec. 15, Jan. 5 and culminating in a tournament on Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Brunch included. Lessons for beginners. A program for children grades K through 3 will be available at \$2 per child. Cost per program is \$10, with funds supporting the United Synagogue Youth. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 15. 785-1890.

Torat Yisrael Men's Club

The Men's Club of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, will sponsor a breakfast, 10 a.m., with Rabbi Stephan Parnes and Joyce Willig, one of the world's first successful liver transplant recipients who lectures nationwide on "Organ and Tissue Transplantation: The Ultimate Mitzvah." After her speech, Rabbi Parnes and Willig will discuss the Jewish perspective of organ donation and answer questions. Free and open to the public by reservation. Call 785-1800 for reservations.

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Students given a window onto agony of the intifada

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non-profit organization that comprises more than 400 families affected by the conflict who speak out against further escalation.

"There's no one side to the conflict; there's only the human side," said Goldin.

"Taking a side is one of the tragic things that happens to us...when you take a side, you dehumanize the other side."

"The situation is very complicated," Goldin said, "[but] we want to come to a win-win situation."

Essawi agreed. "There's been enough killing, enough suffering, enough violence. I don't believe in fighting — If the Palestinians called me, I would not go."

The group came as part of the Israeli and Palestinian Bereaved Parents Forum, sponsored by the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence in Providence.

Teny Gross, director of the institute, said, "In the media,



JUDY KAYE, left, of Providence, chats with Palestinian educator Dr. Rihab Essawi, after the Parents Circle presentation at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

we get only pictures of violence... It's very easy to get media attention if I have a gun... it's tougher if I am just talking."

"You are the future," she told the students. "You are going to be the decision-makers in ten years."

Parents Circle, which works internationally, made headlines in March by laying out 1,000 mock coffins, draped with

Israeli and Palestinian flags, in New York City. The organization was founded in 1994 by an Orthodox Israeli Jew whose son was killed by Hamas terrorists.

Both speakers took questions, most of which were directed at Essawi:

"Have you ever walked down the street and been hated because you were a Palestinian?" (No.)

"What do you think of Arafat?" (I did not vote for Arafat.)

"What do you think about suicide bombers?" (I'm against this kind of killing.)

Essawi told the group that the "Israeli occupation" makes it impossible for her to see her husband, who lives in the West Bank. "Since the intifada, we haven't been able to live together as husband and wife," she said, adding that she manages to sneak him to her home through the mountains, but only infrequently.

She spoke of educational efforts designed to replace anti-Semitic textbooks from Egypt and other surrounding countries with a "hate-free curriculum" sponsored by the European Union.

Penney Stein, dean of the school, said that the timing of the presentation was excellent — the day before was the anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

"It was a perfect fit," she said. "We are trying to get students to learn from different points of view... so they can sift through them and see where they belong."

"We are not pushing a political agenda here," she said. "We're trying to introduce the fact that there are people working together... We need to keep the conversation going."

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Jewish presence to reach a much larger audience, particularly to non-Jews, in a context of Rhode Island history," said George Goodwin, president of the Jewish Historical Association.

He added that having Jewish organizations in the midst of a statewide cultural center will allow the building of partnerships and friendships between agencies as never before.

"There isn't a museum or any other type of cultural institution that tells a comprehensive history of Rhode Island and its people," he said.

The move will likely involve some restructuring of the two organizations, each of which currently is independent and has its own boards and endowments. Under the new plan, the groups would have numerous opportunities to work together, including joining forces in the planned "cultural crossroads exhibition," which will celebrate the cultural contributions of many immigrant groups.

The size of each exhibit space has not yet been determined, but the Jewish Historical Association, currently housed in two cramped offices, will have two galleries, a library and improved storage facilities.

"Rhode Island Jews will

see themselves in a new light," Goodwin said of the planned move.

The exhibitors must cover some of the cost of their construction themselves, and Goodwin said the Holocaust Museum has plans to announce a campaign for its share of the funds.

If the bond issue fails, construction will still continue, but "It will take longer than three years before the opening," Goodwin said, adding, "a smaller part of the building will open in the first phase, and a couple of exhibitions would have to be downsized."

But, he said, chances for voter approval are good.

Working the phones



THE JEWISH FEDERATION of Rhode Island's Women's Alliance phone-a-thon recently raised \$13,659 in two hours of calling. The campaign has raised more than \$2.3 million to date, slightly off last year's pace, but Federation leaders are still optimistic, given the tough

economic times. From left, Susan Leach-DeBlasio, Marsha Horowitz and Sharon Gaines field calls. Photo by Jonathan Rubin



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Defining a Jew is no piece of kugel

HERE'S a game you might want to play some cold winter evening.

Gather 20 Jews of different or no denominations in a room and assign them a simple task: "Give us a definition of 'Who is a Jew' with which we can all agree."

I'll tell you what will happen. They will never agree on an answer.

I know. I've tried it scores of times.

Twice a year I fly to Los Angeles and teach elderhostel courses at Jewish institutions. Some of these courses are on American Jewry, and invariably, I begin with that exercise. My rationale is, how can you dis-

cuss a group unless you can first define it?

The Orthodox have a definition on which they all agree; anyone who is born to a Jewish woman, or converts according to the Orthodox regimen, is Jewish. Everyone else is not.

The Conservatives make allowances for their own converts (whose Judaism the Orthodox reject) and the Reform and Reconstructionists permit the father to be the determinate of a child's Jewishness and have their own methods of converting gentiles (at which the Orthodox and Conservatives simply throw up their hands). But how about Jews who identify themselves as "just

Jewish?"

And how about Jews for Jesus, who claim to be "complete" Jews? And how about gentiles who marry Jews, live a Jewish lifestyle and raise their children as Jews? And how about Jews who claim they are atheists? Can you have a religion without God?

In brief, who's in and who's out? And who makes the determination?

The matter comes up now because the 2000 National



Yehuda Lev

Jewish Population Study is just beginning to release its findings, beginning with an American Jewish population it estimates at 5,200,000, down 300,000 from ten years ago.

Meanwhile, another study, conducted by Gary Tobin, a respected sociologist from San Francisco, has also been completed. He arrives at a figure of 6.7 million Jews.

The discrepancy, you will not be surprised to learn, comes because there is no general agreement on who should or should not be included in the ranks.

I was research manager of the first National Jewish Population Study in 1970, and one of

my responsibilities was to train interviewers in the 50 large and small communities in which the study was conducted.

Most of the interviewers were Christian women who were stumped by question eight of our questionnaire, which was: "Would you say that you are," followed by eight choices, the last three being "agnostic, atheist or other." (A third of the sample said "other." They described themselves as "just Jewish.") "Excuse me," I was asked, "but how can you be an atheist and a Jew?" It was incomprehensible to our Christian interviewers. You must believe in God if you are going to be accepted as a Christian. Yet how many of us were asked if we believed in God on our synagogue membership forms? Case closed.

It is this fact that has created enormous problems and also opened up great possibilities for today's Jews. For the first time in Jewish history, Jews

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have freedom of choice as to whether or not they will remain Jews, and, if they do, what kind of Jew they choose to be.

It is no longer enough to be born a Jew; you now have to be a born-again Jew, i.e., make a conscious decision as an adult to remain in the group. There are no gates at the ghetto entrance to lock you in at 5 p.m.; no penalty accrues if you leave, or intermarry, or join some other faith. Your family may not approve, but they cannot prevent you from making up your own mind.

This causes much confusion when counting Jews. There is no Jewish pope to make binding decisions. Sometimes even opting out doesn't help; the Orthodox do not accept the idea that Jews can renounce their faith. We are left with the fact — anathema to traditional believers — that Jews decide for themselves, individually, what constitutes being Jewish.

Which brings us back to my original question: How can we discuss a group if we can't define it? The answer is that we can't define it. We use what figures suit us and proceed from there. Somehow, it works.

Tallying Jewish numbers on a flawed calculator

By Sidney Goldstein
and Ira Sheskin

THE issue of how many Jews there are in America is highly charged, both with regard to how we count and whom we should count. But too much of the debate recently has been pushed by those with an agenda: to find the largest number of people we can possibly call Jewish, never mind who they really are, in a desperate attempt to deny reality or to suggest that Jewish power — whatever that is — somehow derives from our total numbers and not from who we are and what we do.

To do this, the flimsiest "research" has been conducted or embraced, with no criticism whatsoever, while the most outrageous charges against a very professional community-wide undertaking have been leveled without an opportunity for response.

We are talking about the National Jewish Population Survey, a years-in-the-making, multimillion-dollar research project commissioned by United Jewish Communities and guided by an international committee of nearly two dozen of the top Jewish demographers, statisticians, researchers and sociologists; and a scientifically suspect poll of a handful of Jews and their spouses by a man determined to undercut and discredit the findings and methodology of a major survey in which he was not included.

The NJPS, part of which was released recently, contacted more than 177,000 randomly selected Americans and interviewed more than 9,000 of them, both Jews and non-Jews.

Some 4,500 Jews were surveyed at length, and another 600 people with varying levels



Sidney Goldstein

of Jewish background also were interviewed. Meanwhile, 4,000 more non-Jews were given a shorter questionnaire as part of a parallel study for comparison purposes, and to develop a total number of Jews in the country,

using criteria as close as possible to a similar 1990 survey.

Jewish participants were asked several hundred questions about their Jewish identity and ethnic identification, cultural practices, religious beliefs and behaviors, Israel, philanthropy and Jewish education. The survey, by far, is the largest and most comprehensive ever conducted by American Jews.

The survey found a U.S. Jewish population of 5.2 million, slightly below the 5.5 million found in 1990, using a comparable definition of being

Jewish. When those with all levels of Jewish background are included, the NJPS number rises to 6.9 million, a little-reported statistic. Furthermore, these 6.9 million live in 3.6 million households that have a total population of 9 million, both Jews and non-Jews.

In an effort to discredit these findings, even before they were known, a self-declared Jewish population "expert," Gary Tobin, conducted a very small survey of his own, and

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Saddam's sinister diversion

By Howard Kohr

DURING the past two years, Israel has faced a systematic campaign of Palestinian terror and violence, as well as Hezbollah attacks and deployment of long-range rockets aimed at Israeli civilians. It has been well documented for some time that Iran and Syria have backed both Hezbollah and the radical Islamic Palestinian terrorist organizations, that Iran supplied weapons and explosives to the Palestinian Authority aboard the *Karine A* and that Iraq is offering huge financial rewards to families of suicide bombers.

It has now come to light that Baghdad's role has been far more sinister than previously known. Iraq has worked with Palestinian terrorists and fomented Palestinian violence to divert attention from itself, thus attempting to impede an American military campaign.

Baghdad also has used the

PA to sell Iraqi oil illegally in return for large kickbacks used to buy arms. Iraqi officials, furthermore, have maintained contacts with al-Qaida.

These startling revelations, which are based on Palestinian documents discovered by Israeli forces in the West Bank and on interrogations of captured Palestinian terrorists, were exposed in a landmark segment of CBS News' *60 Minutes* Sept. 29.

Senior Israeli intelligence officer Ido Hecht told Leslie Stahl that the Israelis have caught and interrogated members of a Palestinian terrorist cell who admit they were trained in the use of firearms and explosives in June by Iraqi intelligence officers at a base near Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown. The group, which Saddam has reactivated in Baghdad, was recruited by Abu Abbas, the notorious hijacker of the *Achille Lauro* and murderer of disabled American Leon Klinghoffer in 1985. The Israelis captured

a document signed by Yasser Arafat providing money to 50 members of Abbas's organization.

Col. Miri Eisin, an Israeli intelligence officer, said captured Palestinian documents prove Saddam has used the PA as a middleman in his illegal oil sales in return for millions of dollars in kickbacks, which the PA has used to buy arms from Iran.

Finally, in meetings with the Bush administration late last month, senior Israeli intelligence officials shared evidence about contacts between al-Qaida and top members of Saddam's Ba'ath Party.

These revelations point to Saddam's deep involvement in Palestinian terrorism, and they also indicate that Iraq is maintaining contact with the vile perpetrators of 9/11.

Howard Kohr is executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

A belligerent agency endangers U.S. lives

YES, anyone can become a terrorist. But so far nearly all deaths at the hands of militant Islam on U.S. soil have been perpetrated by 50 foreign-born Arab men.

This means that the very first line of defense for the U.S. homeland consists of those who issue visas (the consular division of the State Department) and those who control the borders (the Immigration and Naturalization Service). Trouble is, neither of those agencies has understood its security role, favoring instead a "courtesy culture" that approves for entry as many applicants as possible.

The disastrous mistakes they made became painfully evident with two revelations last week. Had the State Department properly applied its own rules — as Joel Mowbray showed in *National Review* — not one of the 15 Sept. 11 hijackers whose visa forms he inspected could have legally entered the United States. Those applicants failed almost all the tests required for admission (information about addresses, means of support), but nonetheless were allowed in.

As for the INS, Congressman George W. Gekas (R-Pa.), chairman of the Judiciary's Immigration, Border Security and Claims Subcommittee, finally overcame INS stonewalling to learn the disheartening saga of how one immigrant terrorist, the Egyptian Hesham Mohamed Ali Hedayet, stayed in the United States.

According to information revealed in a recent hearing, Hedayet entered the United States as a tourist in 1992, and then applied for asylum claiming discrimination on account of his "religious beliefs." To support this claim, Hedayet told the INS that the Egyptian government had coerced him into signing two documents, acknowledging his membership in the Islamic group al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya and his intentions to overthrow the government of Egypt.

Hedayet denied the validity of these confessions, but — given the nature of al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya, which has engaged in terrorism going back to the assassination of Anwar el-Sadat in 1981 — their very existence should have raised red flags.

The INS, however, treated Hedayet's case as routine. It did rule against his asylum application in March of 1995 (uncon-

vinced by his claims of religious persecution) and formally began deportation procedures, but like countless other failed applicants, he was allowed to disappear into the vastness of American life. His possible membership



Daniel Pipes

in al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya went unremarked on, and no government agency tried to find him. More appalling yet, the INS authorized Hedayet to work in June, 1996, on the same day it issued a deportation memorandum.

In July, 1996, Hedayet's wife won a visa from the State Department's annual lottery. Again, the possible connection to terrorism went unheeded, permitting him to take advantage of this to become a lawful permanent resident.

Six years later, on July 4, 2002, the full extent of the INS's error became evident when Hedayet launched a shooting spree against the El Al counter at Los Angeles International Airport, killing two before being shot dead himself.

One might think this atrocity would have caused the INS to admit its errors. One would be wrong.

"The only indication that Mr. Hedayet could pose a threat to others in the United States," it defiantly announced, "was his own assertion that he was falsely accused of being a member of an organization that committed terrorist activities."

This cavalier attitude toward Hedayet's possible membership in al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya fits a pattern of unrepentant sloppiness by the INS. To begin urgent repair work, the INS must take three steps: own up to its multiple errors with regard to Hesham Mohamed Ali Hedayet; undertake a remedial campaign to go through its archives and arrest or deport all immigrants with ties to terrorism; and hold accountable those employees who behaved with what appears to be criminal negligence.

At a time when Americans are watching corrupt business executives being hauled off in handcuffs, should anything less await the INS staff responsible for allowing into the country the murderers of their fellow citizens? Perhaps this will finally end a vital institution's lax ways.

Daniel Pipes is director of the

AH, YES... THIS REMINDS ME OF THE FALL OF APARTHEID! BUT IN THIS CASE ISN'T ISRAEL MERELY DEFENDING ITSELF FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE OF TERRORISM?



Letter to the editor

A food crisis in Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank and many food pantries are running out of food. Rhode Island Meals on Wheels has 200 needy seniors on their waiting list to get one meal a day they desperately need.

I am asking every Rhode Island school to put on a food drive for the food bank or food pantry of their choice. The Feinstein Foundation will add

money to everything they raise.

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Tallying Jewish numbers

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then proceeded to trash-talk NJPS to every reporter who would listen, making outrageous and patently untrue allegations.

Tobin's "survey," the methodology of which he has yet to reveal, reportedly interviewed only 250 households. His finding of 6.7 million core Jews includes people who say they practice Judaism and Christianity (but not, he says, so-called "Messianic Jews").

Complete random-digit dialing of 5 million calls to 1.3 million phone numbers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia insured that no age or regional demographic group was underrepresented in the NJPS.

What is so remarkable about Tobin's "data" and negative allegations and assertions is not so much that he refuses to divulge exactly how he arrived at them, but that all of his absur-

dities went completely unchallenged in the media.

Debate in our community is healthy and we welcome such discussion about how to count the Jews in America and about whom to count. No research, certainly including NJPS, should be beyond reproach. But when one individual launches a massive campaign meant to discredit others, perhaps his own research and motives should be held to the same standard.

Dr. Sidney Goldstein is professor emeritus of population studies and sociology research at Brown University. Dr. Ira Sheskin, associate professor of geography at the University of Miami, has directed some 30 Jewish community population studies, including one funded by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island whose results are currently being compiled. Gary Tobin is president of the San Francisco-based Institute for Jewish and Community Research.

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Israel extends emigre benefits

Immigrants to Israel from prosperous countries, including the United States, will now get the same benefits as emigres from poorer nations. The decision is aimed at increasing the number of those making aliyah. Israel Radio reported Monday that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made the decision the night before at a meeting with the deputy minister of absorption, Yuli Edelstein.

Report: Arafat formed new Cabinet

Yasser Arafat has formed a new Cabinet, a top Palestinian official told The Associated Press. The new Cabinet will be presented to Palestinian lawmakers for approval next week, according to the report. Palestinian sources said legislators are unlikely to approve the new Cabinet because it includes some officials from the previous Cabinet who have been accused of corruption. Arafat's previous Cabinet resigned recently when lawmakers were about to vote no-confidence in the government.

Ben-Eliezer blasts rabbis' call

Israel's defense minister wants to prosecute rabbis who urged soldiers not to obey orders to dismantle illegal West Bank settlement outposts. "You, the rabbis, who called on settlers to refuse to evacuate the outposts, issued similar calls seven years ago which led to the murder of Yitzhak Rabin," Benjamin Ben-Eliezer was quoted as saying Tuesday. The apparent target of Ben-Eliezer's ire is the leader of the settlers' Rabbinical Council, Rabbi Zalman Melamed of Beit El, who issued a religious edict that soldiers must disobey orders to dismantle settlements.

Suicide bombings coming to N.Y.?

Palestinian-style suicide bombings will someday strike New York, two New York security officials said. The security chief of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Louis Anemone, and the security chief of the Port Authority, Joseph Morris, made the prediction after a five-day trip to Israel, according to the Jerusalem Post. The two men were in Israel to learn about counterterrorism programs. New York's police commissioner, Ray Kelly, said a suicide bombing is not inevitable, but said everything should be done to prevent an attack.

Bin Laden planned to hit Israeli targets

Osama bin Laden planned a series of attacks against Israeli targets in Asia, according to a top aide. Omar Farouk spoke of the plan, which was later abandoned because it would not have a large enough impact, when he was interrogated by CIA agents after his arrest in Indonesia in June, according to the Israeli daily *Haaretz*. He told investigators that bin Laden and other Al-Qaida terrorists had a variety of plans to kill Westerners, Indonesians and Israelis, including a plan to shoot Americans and Israelis staying in hotels in Indonesia. Another plan called for hijacking a passenger airplane and crashing it into an Israeli target, he said.

Troops kill suspected infiltrators

Israeli troops on Monday killed two Palestinians suspected of trying to infiltrate a settlement in the southern Gaza Strip. In raids Sunday night in the West Bank, Israeli troops arrested eight Palestinian terror suspects. Meanwhile, in an operation near Jenin, the army said it destroyed the house of a Palestinian militant accused of organizing a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv in January.

Israeli official, Palestinian to share honor

Israel's deputy foreign minister is to be honored in Britain this week for efforts to advance religious tolerance and dialogue. Michael Melchior will share the International Prize for Tolerance and Peace with Palestinian Authority official Sheikh Talal Sidr and Latin Patriarch Michel Sabah for their efforts to advance interreligious dialogue.

Israel says gunmen put civilians in danger

Israeli officials say they have proof Palestinian terrorists used civilians for cover during a clash in the Gaza Strip during an Oct. 17 clash. Eight Palestinian civilians were killed and dozens wounded by army tank fire, sparking international criticism of Israel, including from the United States. According to the interim findings of an army inquiry into the incident, photos taken during the fighting in southern Gaza show Palestinian gunmen firing on Israeli targets from a civilian area, Israel Radio reported.

UJC earmarks \$18 million for Israel

The United Jewish Communities said its Israel Emergency Campaign is allocating \$18 million to the Jewish state. In an announcement last Friday, the umbrella group of North American federations said the funds will help Israel's medical services, trauma relief programs and citizen safety programs. Since the fund was initiated in September 2001, donors have pledged \$319 million.

E.U. may tax Israeli goods

Israeli officials are trying to block higher E.U. tariffs on products from Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The officials negotiated last week with the European Union, which says goods produced in the territories are not covered by a trade agreement granting Israeli exports low-tariff or tariff-free access to the 15-nation bloc.

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13 killed in suicide bombing

By Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A retired schoolteacher. A young border police officer. A dedicated soldier due to complete his service.

These were three of the 13 victims of Monday's suicide car bombing against a bus in northern Israel.

On Tuesday, Israeli officials revised the number killed in Monday's suicide bombing from 14 to 13.

The revision was made after officials confirmed that there were two, not one, suicide bombers responsible for the attack, according to Israel Radio.

Israel's transportation minister, Ephraim Sneh, said Tuesday that some 80 additional guards were expected to be recruited to help secure buses.

But he acknowledged the guards could only help keep suicide bombers from boarding the public transportation. There was little they could do, he said, to prevent a car bomb from blowing up beside a bus — even as Islamic Jihad, which claimed responsibility for Monday's attack, said the destructive power of such car bombings had made them the group's weapon of choice.



AYELET, right, daughter of Ofra Burger, weeps at her mother's funeral together with other relatives in the central Israeli town of Hod Hasharon on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Burger was killed along with 11 others when a car bomb exploded next to a bus in northern Israel on Monday. The attack was claimed by Islamic Jihad. JTA

Pathologists said the identification process had to be done by blood samples, a much slower process, because the state of the remains could not be matched up to other information supplied by families of missing Israelis, such as height, hair color and distinctive markings.

Those identified were Irit Lavi, 68, of Netanya; Ofra Burger, 56, of Hod Hasharon; Sgt. Maj. Eliezer Moscovitz, 40, of Petach Tikva; Cpl. Ilan Hanokiev, 20, of Hadera; Staff Sgt. Nir Nahum, 20, of Carmiel; and Border Police Staff Sgt. Iman Sharuf, 20, of Ushiya.



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Hilltop struggle over settlements pits Israeli against Israeli

By Leslie Susser

JERUSALEM (JTA) — On the face of it, the struggle between Israeli troops and a group of unruly young settlers for control of a windswept West Bank hilltop does not seem that important.

The illegal outpost known as Gilad Farm is minuscule; evacuating it was not part of any breakthrough deal with the Palestinians; and leaving it up or taking it down doesn't make any substantial difference to the map of Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

But the battle for the Gilad Farm goes to the heart of Israel's most divisive political dilemma: Should the Jewish state evacuate settlements for peace — and, even if it decides to — will it be able to do so?

Israelis long have feared that a political decision to dismantle settlements could result in a civil war, pitting left against right and Israeli settlers against Israeli soldiers carrying out government orders.

Yet an unwillingness to evacuate some settlements would appear to complicate the chances for a comprehensive peace deal with the Palestinians.

In addition, failing to impose the rule of law on unruly settlers who feel they answer to a higher morality has obvious ramifications for the stability of the state.

The standoff also is part of a domestic political struggle



Israeli army soldiers and police officers face off against Jewish settlers, among several hundred who gathered from around the West Bank to try to prevent the dismantling of an illegal settler outpost, at Havat Gilad, near the West Bank city of Nablus, on Oct. 20. JTA

that could have implications for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's national unity government.

Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer is widely seen as using the evacuation issue to shore up his fading chances in next month's Labor Party leadership race. He has gone so far as to threaten to resign if he feels he doesn't have Sharon's backing for evacuating the illegal outposts.

The start of the evacuation of Gilad Farm did not augur anything like the violence that was to follow.

Moshe Zar, the father of Gilad Zar — who was killed by Palestinians at the site and for whom the farm is named — urged dozens of young settlers who had gathered to oppose the army to disperse quietly and enable a peaceful evacuation.

But the young settlers paid no heed, and, when soldiers and policemen tried to move them they lashed out wildly, showing contempt for the apparatus of state sent in to uphold the rule of law.

Leaders of the settlers' Yesha Council say they no longer can control an unruly element among the "hilltop youth" that listens to no one. The hilltop dissidents, they said, were acting on their own and certainly not doing the settler movement's bidding.

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BOOK REVIEW**Biography: A Jew in the diamond game**

By Peter Ephross

NEW YORK (JTA) — As a kid, Jane Leavy was an anomaly — a Jewish baseball fan who didn't root for Brooklyn Dodger Sandy Koufax.

Blame her grandmother, who lived around the corner from Yankee Stadium and bought Leavy her first baseball glove.

"She was the woman who supported, with her grandmotherly tolerance, my infatuation with baseball," Leavy says.

In fact, Leavy says she sneaked her glove into High Holiday services and prayed that Koufax wouldn't hurt the Yankees if the two teams met in the World Series.

During the past few years, Leavy, a longtime sportswriter, learned a lot more about Koufax — originally signed by the Dodgers when they were still playing in heavily Jewish Brook-

lyn — as she researched a biography of him.

But *Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy*, isn't a typical biography.

Leavy, who lives in Washington, details the outlines of Koufax's life — his childhood in Brooklyn and nearby Long Island; his mediocre early years with the Dodgers as he struggled with his control, and his outstanding performance between 1961 and 1966, when he had five of the greatest years any baseball pitcher has ever enjoyed, before retiring because of a sore arm.

As part of her novel approach to the craft of biography, Leavy alternates chapters of Koufax's life with an inning-by-inning description of

Koufax's perfect game in 1965, as told by fellow players, fans and friends.

But as she crafts the story,



Sandy Koufax
A Lefty's Legacy

Leavy makes it clear she is as interested in the light that Koufax's life sheds on U.S. history in the 1950s and 1960s — as a Jewish athlete emerges as one of America's greatest sports heroes.

Indeed, Leavy goes beyond the famous story of how Koufax

refused to pitch in the first game of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur.

During his career, Koufax encountered a lot of anti-Semitism. In one incident, Koufax and the Dodgers were stuck in Miami, on a bus with no air conditioning. As Carl Erskine, a teammate, told the story to Leavy, the players "were moaning and mumbling, and Billy Herman was one of our coaches, who was a Hall of Famer. And after a while, he yells out, real loud, 'You can give this damn town back to the Jews.' And Sandy's sitting right across the aisle, you know? And all of us are, 'Oh Billy.' So after a few minutes of silence, Sandy, in a real soft voice, says, 'Now, Billy, you know we've already got it.'"

Like slugger Hank Greenberg in the 1930s and 1940s and Shawn Green, a contemporary Jewish star for the Dodgers — "by honoring his tradition-

and acknowledging his tradition, while not really discussing it, he certainly enhanced and made it easier for other people to identify themselves proudly as Jews. And at the same time he broadened the cultural image of what a Jew is," Leavy says of Koufax.

His staunch resolve in the face of anti-Semitism is typical of the portrayal of Koufax that comes through in the book — as a man of quiet dignity and modesty.

Even before she began writing the book, Leavy realized that Koufax had affected her.

While covering the U.S. Open tennis tournament on Yom Kippur in 1983, Leavy realized she had learned more from Koufax than she had previously thought. Although working on deadline, she walked out of the press box — and hasn't worked on Yom Kippur since.

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'Lion's' share of tzedakah uplifting for this survivor

*Women's group provides aid
for mom shot by terrorists*

By Sylvia Berman-Peck

When Shoshana Gottlieb describes how she ended up paralyzed from the chest down, she does so without tears or self-pity.

Addressing 1,000 other Jewish women at the recent 2002 International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington, Gottlieb, a 49-year-old mother of four from Jerusalem, explained how she was left a paraplegic when Palestinian snipers fired on a van carrying her home from work in February of 2001.

From her wheelchair, she refers to herself as a survivor of terrorism, not a victim.

Gottlieb, who works as an export-import manager for an Israeli chemical company, thanked the large group of women, all major contributors to the United Jewish Communities, for the life-changing gift they had helped to deliver: a device that lets her navigate the stairs in her four-story apartment building.

Gottlieb told her subdued listeners, some of whom wept, "There are no words to describe my appreciation."

Among the more than 1,000 Lions (women who make a minimum contribution of

\$5,000 a year to the annual community campaign) attending the conference Oct. 13-15 were eight Rhode Islanders. Rhode Island's contingent reflected the level of communal involvement among the women at the conference, who wear the gold Lion of Judah pin as a symbol of their commitment.

Rabbi Shosana Gelfand explained that the Lion symbolized the Tribe of Judah. Today, more than 13,000 women throughout North America, Israel and around the world wear a Lion of Judah pin to declare their commitment to the worldwide Jewish community.

"Women are coming into their own as stakeholders in the world of philanthropy," said Carol S. Smokler, president of the National Women's Constituency. "We chose the theme of this conference, 'Power Philanthropy: Dare to Dream,' as women are becoming more knowledgeable and responsible for their own financial resources."

For more information about the Lion of Judah, contact Sylvia Berman-Peck, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Women's Alliance Director, at 421-4111, ext. 171, or at sberman-peck@jfri.org.



LOCAL PARTICIPANTS in the Lion of Judah conference were, seated, from left, Judy Mann, Susan Froehlich, Elaine Odessa, Selma Stanzler; and standing, from left, Janet Engelhart, Doris Feinberg, Mindy Wachtenheim, and Sylvia Berman-Peck (not pictured Roberta Holland).



ROBERTA HOLLAND, a past president of the UJC National Women's Constituency and a past Jewish Federation of Rhode Island campaign chair and Women's Division president, "pins" new Lion Doris Feinberg, a past JFRI Women's Division president and the chair of the JFRI Strategic Planning Process, during the International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington.

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1990 to 41 in 2000, with 19 percent age 65 and older, compared with 15 percent in 1990.

At the same time, Jewish women approaching the end of their childbearing years, ages 40-44, have an average of 1.8 children, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.

Stephen Hoffman, chief executive officer of the UJC, said the study's conclusions of an aging population coupled with low birth rates "raise policy questions" about how Jewish agencies should spend money.

With an increasingly aging population, "we need to proportionately devote more attention to caring for the elderly," he added.

One who welcomed the scrutiny of an aging Jewish population was Rabbi Dayle Friedman, who is currently developing Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism, at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

"I hope we'll stop viewing this as bad news, but as an invitation to tap the resources of people who are older, and to tap their creativity in ways we haven't imagined," said the Philadelphia-based rabbi, who has worked extensively with the Jewish elderly.

Referring to the overall demographic trends, Frank Mott, professor of sociology at Ohio State University who co-chaired the National Technical Advisory Committee, which helped steer the survey, said, "It doesn't look too good."

"Unless there are some significant changes" in Jewish demographic patterns, Mott added, Jews ultimately "are not going to replace themselves."

America's 5.2 million Jews live in what the survey identified as 2.9 million Jewish households.

But the study also found 6.7 million people in those households, which means that 1.5 million are not Jewish.

Survey officials are not yet saying how those non-Jews are related to the identified Jews.

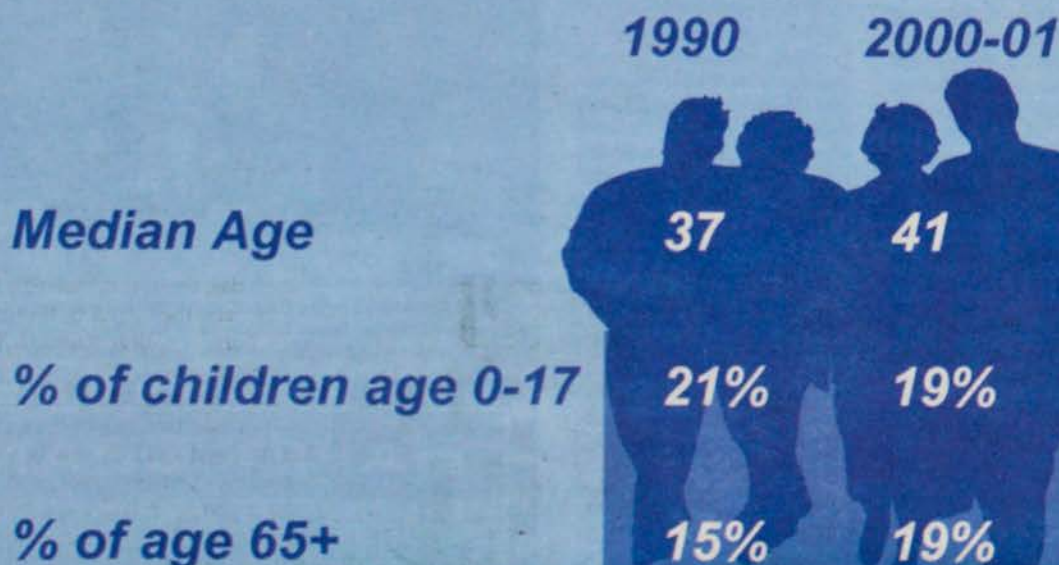
The survey contacted 4,500 Jews, from every state and the District of Columbia.

Four questions were used to determine Jewishness: What is your religion, if any; do you consider yourself Jewish for any reason; if your religion is not Judaism, do you have a Jewish mother or father; and, if your religion is not Jewish, were you raised Jewish?

Those questions were unchanged from the 1990 survey, which threw American



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Jewry into upheaval by showing that 52 percent of Jews who married in the previous five years had chosen non-Jewish spouses.

That revelation alone sparked intense debate and soul-searching and spurred tens of millions of dollars' worth of programs in the past decade meant to solidify Jewish identity and reach out to Jews.

While the 1990 survey became known mostly as the harbinger of troubling news about the community's viability, the team behind the 2000-01 report tried to avoid creating a single focus by releasing the data in two parts.

Officials of the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization of local Jewish federations, have so far released what Mott termed only a "skeleton outline" of the Jewish population.

The study, which was delayed in an effort to reach the sample of 4,500, cost \$6 million, compared to only \$500,000 in 1990.

Among those who found the results less than surprising was Egon Mayer, who chairs the Brooklyn College Sociology Department and directs the Center for Jewish Studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

"I wish I could say they have got it all wrong, but on

this macro level, it's pretty much what every study has found — they've identified what's real," said Mayer, who sat on the survey advisory panel.

If U.S. Jewry dropped even a slight 5.45 percent during a decade when the U.S. population expanded 33 million, to 288 million, in some part due to immigration, then even "a modest decline is not a good thing," Mayer said.

Mayer led his own 2001 demographic survey meant as a second opinion to the UJC survey. His effort, which used criteria similar to the 1990 survey, counted 5.5 million U.S. Jews.

But Mayer also found that only 51 percent of those actually identified themselves as Jews, down from 58 percent in 1990.

One critic of the UJC survey who issued his own report last

month, identifying 6.7 million Jews, blasted the initial results as a "methodological disaster."

Gary Tobin, president of the San Francisco-based Institute for Jewish & Community Research, said the UJC survey frightened away some Jews by asking screening questions about their religion immediately.

Unlike his own study, which located 250 Jewish households by asking a series of general questions first, the UJC survey "waded way too quickly" into the Jewish aspects, he said.

But Ira Sheskin, a member of the survey advisory panel and a geography professor at the University of Miami, said the survey used synagogue and Jewish community center lists of known Jews to test whether people admitted to

being Jews.

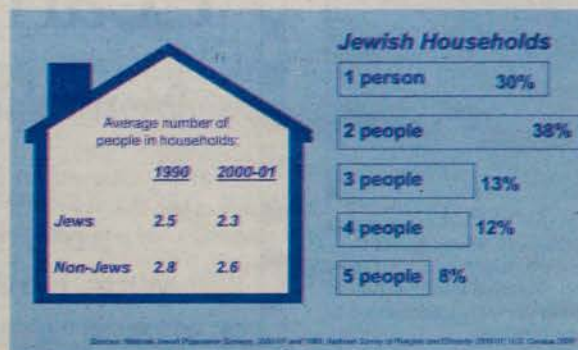
In addition to the 6.7 million Jews he found using the same definition of a Jew as the UJC survey, Tobin also pinpointed another 2.5 million Americans as "connected non-Jews" who are tied by marriage, ancestry or secondary practice to Judaism; and another 4.1 million with some Jewish ancestor such as a grandparent.

Sheskin said he could not explain why Tobin came up with different figures from the other survey, or from the 6.1 million Jews estimated in the 2000 American Jewish Year Book — a figure itself based on local community lists.

But Sheskin, who has criticized Tobin's study for casting too wide a net in determining Jews, added that the dueling studies are ultimately "about the same" and differ largely along lines of "how you go about defining who is a Jew."

Indeed, some demographers cautioned that it would be a mistake to focus too heavily on the UJC numbers.

Calvin Goldscheider, professor of Judaic studies at Brown University, said one key challenge will be to study the 1.5 million non-Jews living in the 2.9 million Jewish households that the study identified.



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Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are very proud to bring you the "JCC CenterPiece", our new means of communicating with you, our JCC family. Included will be news about the "center", information about current classes, programs, and activities, a list of upcoming events, listings of donations, and general membership information. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Jewish Herald Voice for giving us the opportunity to better tell the JCC story.

All of us in the JCC family give our sincere condolences to the family of Jenny Klein. Jenny has been the heart and soul of the JCC for many years. Many of you were welcomed to numerous JCC events as she volunteered to be at the door collecting entry fees. Her influence is in every corner of the Center. One of her favorite phrases, and proof of her love of the Center, was "the Center was parve." Everyone in the Jewish community was welcomed and made to feel at home in the center Jenny helped build. I feel extremely fortunate and proud to have been able to learn from Jenny, as I'm sure thousands of you do.

- Rick Nelson, JCC Executive Director



The JCC is Building Community



Each day, the JCC is making a difference in the lives of toddlers, their parents, those using our exercise facilities, seniors, or college students. The JCC means different things to different people, and many things to many people. I always assumed everyone knew this, yet I am constantly reminded as I meet prospective members that many have never been in our building and don't know what we're about. Open to all, regardless of religion, race or ability to pay, we serve a diverse group of people and offer a wide array of services. We are a community within our walls...and we offer community to those outside our walls.

This was clear on August 25, when members gathered together at our first annual membership picnic and fall kick-off. Twenty-three-and-forty-something parents with children in strollers and on bikes, "fifty-and sixty something" empty nesters, college students and seniors, all mingled with the JCC staff and its directors.

In the field behind the "J", young children ran through water sprinklers, others ran in the open space blowing bubbles, while parents and children sang songs and made puppets together. There was volleyball and the challenge of a climbing wall. They all ate lunch, while chatting with people from throughout the area. They learned about the history of the shofar, crafting their own to take home for the New Year. It was a great day! With a wonderful response and turnout - more than 250 attended - our sense of community was confirmed.

Every day the JCC is busy with activity, building community. Fitness and sports, early childhood and after school programs, senior activities, enrichment classes, cultural and holiday programming - all encourage members to make new friends and re-connect with old ones. If physical fitness leads to good health, our members are doing well. The machines in the Fitness Center are never idle for long, and personal training "the JCC way" has really taken off. Youth and children are keeping fit with their parents and grandparents through sports programs and new exercise classes offered this fall. Fitness programs are only a part of what the JCC offers. We are dedicated to creating new and innovative programming to meet your needs. The only JCC in Rhode Island, we are the central address for the Jewish community. To our members, we're glad you're part of our family. Keep telling us how we're doing and what you want. To those who haven't discovered us yet, we invite you to try us out. You'll like what you see. My door is always open to you.

- Lyn Schaffer, Membership Director



Our mission

To strengthen Jewish identity, family life, community and the connection between the local Jewish community and Israel is the mission of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The JCC provides for social, cultural, educational, recreational and health-related needs of the Jewish community. With commitment to Jewish tradition, the JCC provides a common meeting place for all Jewish individuals and groups, and welcomes the general community to join and participate in its activities.

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Leagues and new programs arriving this fall at the health and fitness center



The Fall season is extremely busy in the JCC's Health and Physical Education Department, with the start of basketball leagues, a road race, new activities, a Maccabi Games program, and much more.

While the pace barely slowed during the summer, it goes into high gear for fall.

Programs that were initiated last spring and summer continue to become popular, specifically the personal training program, which the JCC brought in-house this year. There are some 45 individuals involved in the personal training program, and more are welcome.

Among the other activities that either have already begun or are scheduled to begin this fall are:

- A road race was held on October 6.
- Men's basketball began in mid-September.
- Youth basketball starts Nov. 17, with divisions for 6 and 7 year olds, 8 and 9 year olds, 10 and 11 year olds, and 12 and 13 year olds. Games will be held on Sundays from noon to 5:30 p.m. The JCC is looking for sponsors and volunteer coaches. It only costs \$125 to sponsor, and it's a great way to support the JCC and our youth.

New programs include:

- Junior strength training, ages 12 to 18
- Kid cardio kick boxing, ages 7 to 16
- Kids Yoga, ages 7 to 16.

These will be six-week sessions.

Four or five different hockey programs (roller blading in the gym) will also be added.

A JCC Maccabi Games program will begin this fall for youngsters 13 to 16 years old. Alex Turek, health and physical education director, said the hope is to take a basketball team of youngsters 14 and under, and for others individual sports, to the Maccabi games in the spring. Teams will gather at the JCC Palisades in New Jersey for the competition August 17-22, 2003.

For information about these programs and other ongoing activities at the JCC's health and physical education department, call the Fitness Desk at 861-8800.

JCCRI becomes new home for Perspectives

Perspectives, an organization for young Jewish adults, has found a new home at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Previously housed at Brown University's Hillel, the group, which formed seven years ago, begins the year with a new home, a new director and an expanded mission.

"It gives the opportunity for young adults to connect with the larger Jewish Community," says Tavlin Hogan, Perspectives new director. She expects the group to become more integrated with the overall Jewish community and to be more "involved with Jewish related events."

Perspectives programs events that are social, cultural, educational, athletic, religious, and community action oriented. It is open to Jewish young adults, married and single, providing an opportunity to connect with other young Jewish adults and with the greater Rhode Island Jewish community.

Tavlin said Perspectives currently has a mailing list of some 550. Anyone interested in the organization can call Tavlin at the Jewish Community Center, 401-861-8800, or visit Perspectives Web site at

www.providenceperspectives.org.



New playground, courtesy of the city of Providence, is near completion adjacent to the JCCRI's ballfields. It is certain to become a favorite of pre-school programs at the JCCRI.

JCC Hanukkah celebration, December 4

Members of the Rhode Island Youth Philharmonic will join with the JCC at its annual community wide Hanukkah dinner and celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.



Members of the Rhode Island Youth Philharmonic will play some seasonal favorites, adding to the singing, crafts, merriment, and festive Hanukkah meal with latkes, pasta, hot dogs, salad and "sufganiyot" (donuts).

Conducting The Rhode Island Youth Philharmonic is Stephen Starkman, a violinist who made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of 11, and has established himself among the most versatile violinists today. He is a graduate of Juilliard and long-time violinist with the Pittsburgh Symphony. The Youth Philharmonic adds to an evening that will also feature singing from the JCC Early Childhood Program. It is an event that traditionally attracts several hundred people from the community. A raffle will also be held to benefit the Kidspace/PTC program.

Reservations are suggested. Cost is \$18 for a family of four; \$7 for adults; \$5 for children, ages 5 -12; and \$2 for children 2 and under. Reservations may be made by calling Linda Singer-Berk, assistant Executive Director, at 861-8800, extension 110.

Kids' Night Out scheduled for November 2

It's Kids' Night Out at the JCC on Saturday, November 2, a chance for parents to plan a special evening, while their children are at a fun-filled event at the JCC.

Kids' Night Out is open to JCCRI members only and is for youngsters from kindergarten to sixth grade. It runs from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Volunteer adult members of the Children, Youth, and Camp Committee, all of whom are parents themselves, will be "counselors" for the evening.

The cost is \$10 per child and \$5 for each additional sibling if the children are registered by Oct. 28; otherwise the cost for late registration is \$15 per child, \$7 for each additional sibling.

Sign-in is at 6:00 p.m. in the Kidspace area on Nov. 2, followed by a night at the movies, with separate selections for kindergarten through second grade, and grades three to six. After the movies there will be free playtime with board games, cards and other activities. Snacks will be served, and parents will pick up their children by 9:30 p.m.



JCCRI Hours

Monday - Thursday 5:30am - 9pm
Friday - 5:30am - 4pm
Saturday - 1:30pm - 7pm
Sunday - 7am - 7pm

Please check pool schedule for specific opening and closing times

Book fair speakers explore interfaith dating and feelings of loss

Interfaith dating and how to deal with feelings of loss will be explored during the JCCRI's annual book fair.

Rabbi Earl A. Grollman, author of "Living with Loss, Healing with Hope: A Jewish Perspective" will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18. In a joint program with Perspectives, the young adult Jewish organization, the JCCRI will present Kathy Bloomfield, president and publisher of InterfaithFamily.com, at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Rabbi Grollman, who is a recognized expert and author in the field of death, dying and grief, has published more than 19 books on these and related subjects. He is considered among the leading voices in the rabbinic community on the subjects of death and grief.

Edmund Case's InterfaithFamily.com is a bi-weekly online magazine for and about interfaith families.

InterfaithFamily.com is a non-profit spin-off from Jewish Family & Life. It recognizes that as many as half of marriages involving Jews will continue to be intermarriages, and that less than a third of interfaith families raise their children as Jews. His organization advocates making the Jewish community genuinely welcoming and inclusive of interfaith families.



Book Fair November 17 through November 27

Books, books and more books will be offered at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's annual Bookfair, Sunday, November 17 through Wednesday, November 27.

The Book fair will feature an outstanding selection of new books for children, adults and families. As in previous years, gift items will be on sale for adults and children, including toys, candles, wrapping paper, decorations and paper goods.

For the Book fair schedule, information, or to volunteer, contact Linda Singer-Berk, Assistant JCCRI director, at 861-8800, extension 110.

JTE to present ODD COUPLE

The Jewish Theater Ensemble will present the *Odd Couple*, among Neil Simon's funniest plays, beginning November 14 at the Jewish Community Center.

Neil Simon has stretched the imagination and limits in putting two characters that take roommates to the extreme in a production that has been successful on stage, in film, and on television.

JTE is presenting the play on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$12, \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Call 861-8800, voicemail 189 for tickets or information. Tickets go on sale on Oct. 19.

Fred Kuhr, who was in JTE's productions of *Lost in Yonkers* and *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh*, plays Felix, and JTE newcomer Robbie Fearn, who has performed in many local theater productions, plays Oscar. Big John Bina of local radio fame plays one of the card players.

Calling all Mah Jongg Mavens

Enjoy the resurgence of Mah Jongg at the Jewish Community Center's weekly Mah Jongg games, to be held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Admission is \$3 and includes refreshments. Instruction is available. Call Sue Suls at 861-8800 extension 108 to register.

Book Club discussions

The JCCRI Book Club has scheduled a fall line-up of interesting reading, and lively discussion, beginning October 23 with Nicole Kraus's "A Man Walks into a Room." The club will discuss Dara Horn's "In the Image" on Nov. 20, and Letty Cottin Pogrebin's "Three Daughters" on Dec. 18. For further information contact Linda Singer-Berk, JCCRI assistant executive director, at 861-8800, extension 110.

What's on your mind?

Each month we will select one BRITE IDEA. If it is yours, we'll send you \$25 in Center Bucks to be used towards programming - classes, daycare, preschool, Kidspace, JTE.

If you would like to help make the JCCRI more exciting and effective, drop off or mail your BRITE IDEA to Lyn Schaffer at the Membership Office, JCCRI 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, RI 02906-3400. (401) 861-8800, extension 117



New England artist on exhibit

Gallery 401 will present an exhibit of paintings by the Connecticut artist Jack Lardis - *The Many Faces of Jack Lardis* - from Nov. 4 - 30.

Gallery 401 is presenting this exhibit as part of its effort to recognize the accomplishments of New England artists. This is Mr. Lardis first exhibition in Rhode Island.



The Many Faces of Jack Lardis will feature a series of portraits in oil-stick medium of celebrities, as well as friends and family of the artist. These are not portraits in the traditional sense. Since the early 1980s, Jack Lardis has focused on representations of the human face, not with the goal of photographic reproduction, but with the intent of exploring the inner world of the subject. For over two decades, Mr. Lardis has strived to capture the dark and mysterious side of the people he paints. He desires to tap into what he terms a person's "internal sanctum".

Emil Weddige, Professor Emeritus of Art at the University of Michigan, describes his art as rich and powerful, at times mysterious or whimsical. It reaches out, each in its separate way, to the viewer and gives a message or raises a question. Mr. Lardis is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he majored in Information Design. He lives in Connecticut. Mr. Lardis has presented six solo shows, and participated in more than 20-juried exhibitions. His work can be found in private collections throughout the United States.

Gallery 401 is located in the Jewish Community Center. This exhibit is available for public viewing Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The artist's reception is open to the public on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For further information on *The Many Faces of Jack Lardis* or other upcoming shows, call Sue Suls at 861-8800, extension 108.

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JCCRI Calendar of Events for November and December 2002



- Nov. 1 – Pre-election discussion with the Gray Panthers.
 Nov. 1 – Blood pressure screening, 11 a.m. to noon.
 Nov. 2 – Kids' Night Out, 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Nov. 4 – 30 "Expressionist Portraits" in the Gallery 401.
 Nov. 6 – Artist reception in Gallery 401, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day Vacation Day Program, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Nov. 12 – Brown Bag Lunch program.
 Nov. 14 – Jewish Theatre Ensemble opening presentation of "The Odd Couple" – 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 15 – Flu clinic, 10 a.m. – noon (registration required).
 Nov. 16 – Jewish Theatre Ensemble presents "The Odd Couple" at 8 p.m. & Nov. 17 2 p.m.
 Nov. 17 – Youth Basketball Leagues begin (registration required).
 Nov. 18 – Book Fair Speaker – Rabbi Earl Grollman on "Living with Loss, Healing with Hope: A Jewish Perspective," 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 19 – JCCRI and Perspectives Book Fair event, Interfaith Dating, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 20 – JCCRI Book Club – "In the Image" by Dara Horn
 Nov. 21 – Jewish Theatre Ensemble presents "The Odd Couple" at 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 23 – Jewish Theatre Ensemble presents "The Odd Couple" at 8 p.m. & Nov. 24 2 p.m.
 Nov. 26 – Brown Bag Lunch program, noon.
 Dec. 3-31 – "Winter Lights: Group Glass Show" in Gallery 401.
 Dec. 4 – Artists' reception in Gallery 401, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Dec. 4 – Community Hanukkah Dinner and Celebration with members of the Rhode Island Youth Philharmonic, 6 p.m.
 Dec. 6 – Mini-Health Day, blood pressure screening, 11 a.m. – noon.
 Dec. 6 – Senior Adult Hanukkah Party, 11:30 a.m.
 Dec. 18 – JCCRI Book Club – "Three Daughters" by Letty Cottin Pogrebin.
 Dec. 23-31 – December vacation camp.
 Dec. 25 – Kosher Chinese Dinner, 6 p.m.

For more information on these events, please call the JCC at 861-8800

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The CHAI membership program at the JCC is a special new program that was established to help offset membership scholarship dollars. Members make a tax deductible \$180 or \$360 contribution over and above the annual membership fee, so that the JCC can continue to provide financial assistance and help families in need. For more information on becoming a CHAI member, please call Lyn Schaffer, Membership Director, at ext. 117.

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Survey results rekindle debate on intermarriage

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Outreach Institute, which promotes efforts to bring unaffiliated and intermarried Jews into the fold.

"These are potential partners in the Jewish community," Olitzky says of the 1.5 million. "We have the power to either embrace or exclude them."

On the other side are those like Steven Bayme, national director of contemporary Jewish life for the American Jewish Committee, who is convinced that intermarriage is producing a generation that doesn't identify primarily as Jews.

The new survey found that the Jewish population fell 5 percent from 1990, that Jews are aging and that Jewish women are waiting longer to have fewer children.

A decade ago, the intermarriage data sparked two main reactions, from those who called for "inreach" — reinvigorating Jewish life as well as staving off intermarriage — and those who advocated "outreach," — efforts to welcome marginal Jews and interfaith families.

A decade later, those on both sides are still debating, though now, in the wake of the latest figures, the conflict is about whether outreach and identity-building programs costing tens of millions of dollars have made a difference — and whether they should continue.

Bayme, for one, remains

concerned about the offspring of intermarriages, pointing to a study of 235,000 Jewish college freshmen released last summer by UCLA professor Linda Sax.

Among college freshmen with Jewish mothers and non-Jewish fathers, 38 percent identified as Jews, while among those with Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers, 15 percent identified as Jews.

In contrast, Bayme pointed out, 93 percent of freshmen with two Jewish parents identified as Jews.

He said the Jewish identification gap appeared after a decade "where people are being raised partially as Jewish, partially as something else." And "to the extent that those 1.5 million non-Jews living with 5.2 million Jews fall into that category, I'm very pessimistic."

The only real prospects for Jewish survival, Bayme said, lie in strengthening Jewish identity among Jews and in encouraging conversion among non-Jews close to them.

"All of our experience up to now is that the only hopes for Jewish continuity lie in an unambiguous Jewish identification," he said.

Drawing an equally bleak assessment when it comes to dual-faith marriages is Sylvia Barack Fishman, associate professor of contemporary Jewish life at Brandeis University.

Fishman said the intermar-



United Jewish Communities

Age Compared to Total US Population

Median population

Adults 65+

Children 0-17

Sources: National Jewish Population Survey 2000-01 and U.S. Census 2000



ried couples the survey identifies are largely raising their children in two religions.

In May, 2001, the American Jewish Committee published Fishman's study of 254 couples around the country, showing how the intermarried "negotiated and renegotiated the religious character of their households" rather than committing to one faith, she said.

Two-thirds of the couples were in mixed marriages, while one-third were split between Jews married to converts and Jewish couples, who were surveyed as a basis for comparison. Of the intermarried, 63 percent said they were raising their children as Jews, she said.

However, half of these couples also said they held Christmas and Easter celebrations in their homes, while another 16 percent attended church services. Only 16 percent confined Christmas events to those with their non-Jewish relatives.

Many of these couples "absorbed Christian themes" such as Christmas dinners, Christmas stockings and Easter-egg hunts into their lives, she added — while doing little Jewishly to complement those activities.

Those Christian traditions "may not sound deeply religious, but when you realize that nothing in their lives is deeply religious, that makes a difference," she said.

Fishman, who is expanding her study into a book to be published next year called *Jewish and Something Else: A Study of Mixed-Marriage Families*, sees one hope for these couples and

the Jewish future.

"It is really important for temples and synagogues to gently encourage mixed couples to make their homes exclusively Jewish," she said.

Acknowledging that her solution "is not politically correct," Fishman said this would be difficult to implement because most American Jews are liberal and pluralistic, and inclined to be inclusive.

In her study, that meant many Jewish spouses did not push their non-Jewish spouses to do Jewish things out of empathy.

The non-Jews interpreted the inaction as a lack of commitment to Judaism, she said.

Still, Olitzky of the Outreach Institute, countered that the way children are raised does not necessarily shape the way they'll view themselves as adults.

"The Jewish community would like the children of interfaith marriages to totally reject their non-Jewish side, but these kids need to figure out how to identify Jewishly, and feel welcomed by the Jewish community, while at the same time embracing the non-Jewish side of their family," he said.

Ed Case, publisher of *Interfaithfamily.com*, which offers resources and support for intermarried couples in an effort to encourage Jewish involvement, said it remains unclear how many interfaith couples are raising their children as Jews.

Case said not enough resources have been devoted since the 1990 survey to accurately assess the impact of out-

reach to the intermarried or of intermarriage itself.

Not many Jewish federations or organizations outside cities such as Boston and San Francisco target spending on outreach, such as introduction to Judaism courses for interfaith couples, he said.

That lack of attention, and the rising numbers of the intermarried, should make spending more money on outreach the Jewish community's top priority, he added. "You can't prevent intermarriage. We ought to treat these people as a growing audience and try to get them more involved," Case said.

Ultimately, many of these arguments trace the same fault lines that the 1990 survey drew, but some are hoping the latest data will spark an entirely different debate.

Rachel Cowan, who with her late husband, Paul, wrote the 1987 book *Mixed Blessings: Overcoming the Stumbling Blocks in an Interfaith Marriage*, urged "new leadership" on the intermarriage issue because of the recent study.

Cowan, who converted to Judaism and is an ordained rabbi, said the community should be seeking new methods of outreach, examining the religious lives of these families of Jews and non-Jews.

"We can't discount this 1.5 million. God forbid they have a Christmas tree — so what?" she said.

"If you lop them off, then in 10 years we'll have even fewer Jews."

Survey: Jews in America are fewer, older

From page 12

"Who are these people? What's attractive about the Jewish community from the point of view of a non-Jew?" he said.

These non-Jews are associated with Jews because the community is family-oriented, well-educated, relatively high-income and strongly American, he said.

Given the earlier focus on intermarriage, the community now should focus not on fewer numbers, but at what kind of Jewish life is being lived in these homes, he said.

Mayer, who has been involved in outreach programs for interfaith families, agreed.

The greater the decline in those identified as Jews, Mayer said, "the greater the question is, 'Who are these people in the Jewish household, and what impact will they have on the life of the Jewish community?'"

Stephen Cohen, a sociologist of American Jewry and professor at the Melton Centre for Jewish Education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said few sociologists would be surprised that after a decade of high intermarriage rates, the UJC study pointed to many non-Jews living with Jews.

Now, the community needs to "look at how to intensify the involvement of Jews, and how to negotiate the boundary between Jews and non-Jews," said Cohen, who was a consultant to the UJC survey.

Mayer, meanwhile, said he is also concerned about the political implications of the overall decline in strictly Jewish numbers, coming as it does as the overall population rose.

"That means that our proportional share has weakened," he said.

Leisure club events set

Temple Emanu-El's Leisure Club has announced the following events: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 18, 25, 10-10:50 a.m.: "Hasidic Stories and Philosophy" with Rabbi Alvin Kaunfer.

Oct. 28, 11:10 a.m.-noon: "Music, Music, Music" with Mitchell Kaplan; jazz sax, clarinet and flute.

Oct. 31, 10-10:50 a.m.: Albert Habif, Egypt. 11:10 a.m.-noon: Leonard C. Mandell, The External Environment: The Atmosphere.

Nov. 4, 11:10 a.m.-noon: Ted Charbasz on the trumpet.

Nov. 7, 10-10:50 a.m.: Ellie Elbaum, Japan. 11:10 a.m.-noon: Elana Kirshenbaum, "Gone with the Wild."

Hebrew Free Loan Assoc. readying for centennial

Founded on Feb. 4, 1903, the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Providence is preparing to celebrate its centennial on Sunday, March 30 with a banquet.

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With expansion in works, Touro unit makes changes

Newport's Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue has announced plans for expansion and a number of administrative changes in the organization, dedicated to maintaining and preserving the 239-year-old synagogue and several other historic sites.

A new executive committee is chaired by Society President M. Bernard Aidinoff, a native of Newport and a partner in the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell.

He is active with the American Jewish Historical Society, Harvard University and a number of national charitable organizations. Aidinoff succeeds Andrew Teitz as Society president.

The executive committee also includes First Vice Presi-

dent Keith W. Stokes and Vice Presidents Alvin Deutsch, Alan M. Edelstein, Dr. Alan Feinberg, Irving Kessler, and Dr. Melvin E. Prostokoff.

Treasurer is Richard Casten, and secretary is Rita Slom.

Michael Balaban, formerly campaign director, succeeds Jane Sprague as executive director of the Society. Sprague retired in August. Balaban said Touro will expand its role as a provider of educational services, and also plans to expand its facilities.

Marla Dansky, formerly director of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum and Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation, becomes education director. Much of her work will focus on the current visitor education program and a newly planned visitor center.

Sandra van Duinwyk has been promoted from coordinator of administrative services to financial coordinator.

Arlene Hicks, currently tour coordinator, will move to gift shop and membership coordinator.

Elisa Silverstein Heath continues as Touro's grant consultant and Prof. Melvin Urofsky joins Touro as curator and interpretive consultant.

The Society of Friends is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization that also maintains the Levi Gale House, Patriots Park and the Colonial Jewish Cemetery, and promotes religious freedom in America.

For more information visit www.tourosynagogue.org.

Jewish films coming to Boston area

The 14th Jewish Film Festival will be presented in the Boston area Nov. 7-17, featuring 45 films to be shown in six locations.

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B'NAI B'RITH conference attendees nosh bagels for breakfast at their leadership training seminar.

BBYO lets leaders loose in R.I.

By Jonathan Rubin

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization brought 17 chapters from all over New England to the Jewish Community

Center in Providence for their two-day annual leadership training institute.

Fifty-seven recently elected

chapter presidents, vice-presidents, treasurers, secretary and community service liaisons spent Oct. 13 and 14 in the social hall in the JCC learning about their new positions.

Susan Ziegler, 16, of North Kingstown, said she enjoyed the seminar, and learned a lot of parliamentary procedure, which was, in a nutshell "when to speak and when not to speak."

The attendees met with their counterparts from other regions, conducted a "mock meeting" and also received materials to take back home with them.



ERANHODIS, 17, from Framingham, Mass., grabs a bagel while reclining on backpacks early Sunday morning at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

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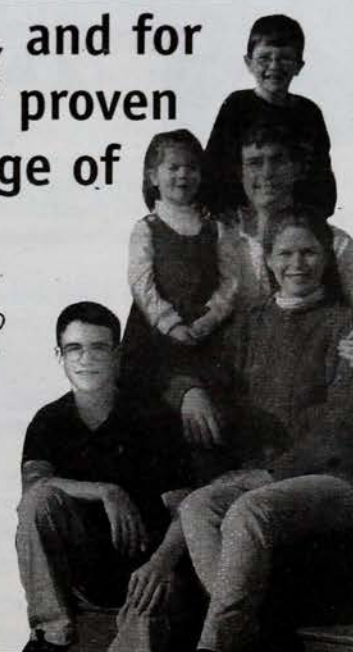
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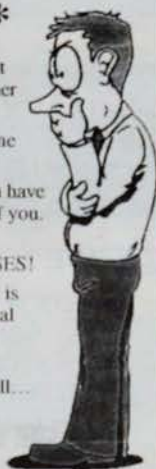
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Jewish stories and spirit highlight Torat Yisrael weekend

Temple Torat Yisrael, of Cranston, announces its Siperstein Family Scholar-in-Residence Weekend. The program will be held at the temple, 330 Park Ave., Nov. 1 to 3. The scholars-in-residence will be Rabbi Eugene and Dr. Annette Labovitz, who tell stories drawn from Jewish heritage.

The weekend is made possible by a gift from Gary and Mynde Siperstein in memory of

their parents, Phyllis Siperstein and Martin Rozbruch.

The Labovitzes create a world in which faith in God, the survival of the Jewish people and the performance of noble deeds create a warm Jewish atmosphere.

Eugene Labovitz was the rabbi of Temple Ner Tamid of Miami Beach, Fla., where he served for more than three decades and was a leader in the

Greater Miami Jewish Community.

Annette Labovitz is a Jewish educator who served as coordinator of the Jewish Educational Resource Center and the Holocaust Center of the Jewish Federation of South Broward County, Fla. She holds a doctorate in Jewish education.

The Labovitzes have written a number of books, including *Time for My Soul: A Treasury of Jewish Stories for Our Holy Days*, *A Touch of Heaven: Eternal Stories for Jewish Living*, and *A Sacred Trust: Stories of Jewish Heritage and History*.

The schedule:

Friday, Nov. 1: Kabbalat Shabbat Services, 6 p.m. Dinner follows (\$12 per adult, \$6 per child, reservations required). The presentation: *How to Make Time for Your Soul: Reclaim shabbat into a Truly Uplifting Experience*. After dinner, about 7:30.

Saturday, Nov. 2: Morning service, 9:30. The presentation, *Searching for Spirituality: What Does the real Jew Hear at Mount Sinai*, will take place during the service. A kiddush will follow the service. Havdalah service at 7:30 p.m. The presentation, *Now That You've Heard, What Will You Do?* will follow.

Sunday, Nov. 3: Morning Service, 9. The presentation, *The Legendary Maggidim: Stories for the Spirit and Soul*, will take place following the service. A light breakfast will be served.

Reservations for the Friday night dinner are required. There is no charge for the Saturday and Sunday programs. To make reservations or for further information, call 785-1800.

Brown Hillel to present folk-rocker David Broza

Singer-songwriter David Broza will appear in concert at Brown University's Salomon Center 101 at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in a program sponsored by the Brown Hillel Foundation.

For more than a decade, Broza, born in Israel, has been steadily gaining a reputation throughout the world, with 19 albums to his credit — many of which became gold or platinum.

Broza originally intended to become a graphic artist, planning to attend the Rhode Island School of Design. But while fulfilling his three-year term in the Israeli army, he began play-

ing guitar in clubs to earn extra money. A song from his promotional tape became a hit in Israel, and by age 21, he was a star. By 27, his first recordings had gone triple platinum.

Critics have praised Broza's flamenco-tinged, folk-rock melodies.

His American debut album, "Away From Home," was termed by the *New York Times* one of the best pop albums of the year. Since moving to the U.S., Broza has been studying the works of American poets such as Matthew Graham, with whom he has collaborated on song lyrics.

The son of an Israeli-British businessman and a folk singer, he was born in Haifa, and was reared and educated in England and Spain.

Admission is \$5 for students and \$10 for others. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased in advance by calling 863-2805. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to UNICEF, for which Broza is a goodwill ambassador.



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Jewish rites focus of URI art show

The URI Providence campus will host a national travelling exhibition of Jewish ceremonial objects, entitled *Avoda: Objects of the Spirit*, by New York artist Tobi Kahn, Nov. 4 to Dec. 31. A gallery night reception will be held Nov. 21 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Created by Kahn in his distinctive natural style, the objects represent all phases of Jewish ceremonial life. Kahn's work has been shown in more than 40 solo exhibits and 60 museum and group shows, including the 1985 Guggenheim Museum's *New Horizons in American Art*.

In addition, Kahn and other teaching artists will conduct workshops Nov. 22-25. He will participate in collaboration with the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Bureau of Jewish Education, and the Brown and URI Hillels.

For more information call Steven Pennell at 277-5206.



JACOB CAWLEY, left, and Ben Pedrick

Wonder Boys

By Tj Feldman

For most teens, Bar or Bat Mitzvah is the first time they read Torah and Haftorah portions. However when Jacob Cawley and Ben Pedrick, both of Newport, took to the bimah earlier this year, their Bar Mitzvahs marked the seventh Haftorah portion for each (you don't have to be of bar mitzvah age to read a Haftorah). It was such a special event for the two of them that they decided to spread their Bar Mitzvah earnings around.

Ben, 13, is an eighth grader at the Pennfield School. He donated money to the Ladies Auxiliary of Congregation Jeshurun Israel, at Touro Synagogue, and to the Touro Hebrew

School, to thank Touro's Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz for his instruction.

Jacob, 14, is a freshman at Rogers High School. He gave ten percent of the money he received to the Israel Emergency Fund, because, he said, "I feel bad for the people of Israel because of the violence they are experiencing."

Rabbi Eskovitz was overjoyed that both boys took to heart the mitzvah part of Bar Mitzvah by giving something back to the Jewish community. "These kids are a success story," he said. "They realized how much they had and wanted to give back to the community."

Jewish learning for children, parents

Religious school children at Temple Torat Yisrael will soon be introduced to a new program combining Jewish studies with artistic creation, in sessions that will include their parents.

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 3, the Dalet class and parents will study a text dealing with Havdallah, and will create a family heirloom Havdallah set.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, the Gimmel class and parents will study and create a Kiddish cup. Eventually, the Aleph class will make a Seder plate, and Bet will

decorate candlesticks. These objects will be on display in the Temple lobby.

The families will come together on various Shabbats for private dinners in which the objects will be used, and the classes will lead the congregation in Shabbat services. The first of these events will be held Friday, Nov. 22.

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Paul Buhle, professor of American civilization at Brown University, will speak Sunday, Nov. 17, at the mid-year meeting of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

The 2 p.m. meeting, to be held at Temple Beth-El, is free and open to all. Film buffs, in particular, are encouraged to attend.

Buhle will present highlights of his recent book, *Radical Hollywood: The Untold Story Behind America's Favorite Movies*. He will focus on significant roles played by Jewish moguls, directors, screenwriters, and performers in such classic films as *Casablanca*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, and *Woman of the Year*.

Buhl has written more than 20 books, including *Tender Comrades: A Backstory of the Hollywood Blacklist*, and *A Very Dangerous Citizen: Adam Polonsky and the Hollywood Left*.

His interests include labor history, radical politics, oral history, and Yiddishkeit.

The meeting will be chaired by Prof. James Reibman of Lafayette College, first vice-

president of the Historical Association.

The Eleanor F. Horvitz Award, honoring outstanding research and writing, will be presented to two students attending New England universities.

A reception will be held after the program in which Buhle will autograph copies of his book.

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DANIELSTIEGLITZ, left, and his father, Prof. Ezra Stieglitz, will be two of the 40 speakers, presenters and educators at the Bureau of Jewish Education's annual "Evening of Jewish Renaissance," held Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The two Stieglitzes recently spent two weeks in Israel as volunteers on a military base, and will share their experiences and describe opportunities for serving as a volunteer in a military base or hospital.



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An exhibition of her work, *Reconnecting to Source*, is being held through Oct. 31 at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

The show highlights Benton's metal sculpture, masks and monoprints with Jewish themes.

Her metal masks have been featured in dramatic performances worldwide since she created her first mask tale based on a biblical story and performed at Lincoln Center in 1971. The masks collected for this exhibition, include those that explore and challenge representations of men and women as heroes, warriors, mothers and peacemakers.



"Right of Passage," a welded steel sculpture by Suzanne Benton, reflects a theme reminiscent of the Holocaust. It will show at the Jewish Community Center in Providence until the end of October.

The show features her *Jewish Heritage Secret Work*, originally created for her solo show at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia in 1994. It centers on the artist's complex relationship to her Jewish past.

Says Benton: "Throughout the years, I have chosen to develop my work as a bridge

between cultures. As a Jew, I have had to reclaim and retell the myths and life stories of Judaism to be comfortable with my own culture. In order to honor my Jewish identity as a woman, I had to transform Jewish stories and bring attention to the humanity and suffering of biblical women, and then to the victims of the Holo-

caust.

"Believing that we need to share the texts of our culture again and again, I draw on midrashic techniques in my retelling of these stories. It is the present time transformation of our cultural heritage that keeps our spirit alive and invigorated."

For more information, call 861-8800.

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Israeli shops, in the form of a Ben Yehuda shuk (marketplace), will come to you Oct. 26 and 27 during the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's third annual Community Weekend.

Sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and funded by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the shuk — including merchants representing a wide variety of Israeli stores and products — will be open from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence.

The shuk will provide an opportunity to buy birthday, anniversary, wedding and Hanukkah gifts, while also helping Israel's flagging economy. A sharp decline in tourism because of the violence there has left shops empty, and many have already closed.

For more information, call Robin Kauffman, coordinator of the Community Weekend, at 331-0956.

Issues affecting the elderly

By Susette Rabinowitz

With Election Day coming Nov. 5, we are being bombarded with advertisements from politicians. Let's talk about what we need to look at, especially in the governor's race:

• **Prescription assistance:** As we know, there is no national prescription assistance program, so we need to hear how the next governor will try to expand existing programs.

• **Community based care:** What does it mean? It means putting more money into providing more services for those who wish to remain at home, rather than continuing to put most of the state's money into nursing homes.

• **Transportation:** A necessity for older adults. Will the candidates expand the present RIDE transit system? How will they ensure that older adults have available transportation?

• **Housing:** Affordable housing is an issue many older adults face. What are the candidates saying regarding affordable housing?

I urge you to listen carefully and attend some of the debates. It is imperative that our gubernatorial candidates realize how important elder issues are. I hope that everyone takes the time to go out and vote Nov. 5.

Susette Rabinowitz is executive director of the Jewish Seniors Agency.

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A Freudian slips into B'nai B'rith

By Stanley M. Aronson, M.D.

Sigmund Freud (1856 - 1939) was born in the Moravian town of Freiburg. His Galician father, Jakob, was a wool merchant by profession and a scholar by inclination. His mother, Amalia, also Galician, came from an Orthodox family that honored the worth of formal education.

When Freud was 3, the family moved to Leipzig, and then, in 1860, to Vienna. In Austria, the family continued to observe the rules of kashrut, but only loosely.

Freud matured in a family imbued with the assimilationist beliefs of Moses Mendelssohn and the agnostic philosophies of the Enlightenment. His university associations were more with liberal political organizations than with Jewish groups, although virtually all of his campus friends, such as Solomon Ehrmann, were Jewish.

Upon completion of his medical studies in Vienna, Freud devoted a year in Paris to studying under the eminent clinician Jean-Marie Charcot. He then returned to Vienna where his enthusiasms for the new insights of Charcot's behavioral neurology were indifferently received at the university.

Indeed, Freud's attempts at undertaking institutional research into the nature of hysteria and the subconscious, initially using Charcot's technique of hypnosis, were actively discouraged by a senior faculty that Freud found to be increasingly authoritarian and intolerant of variant ideas.

Freud's earliest investigative efforts concerned the neuro-pathological changes associated with what was loosely called cerebral palsy of childhood. He also experimented with cocaine as a surface anesthetic, particularly in oral and laryngeal surgery.

But by 1888, he found himself increasingly drawn to inquiries into the realm of dreams as a means of understanding human motivation and behavior. Psychiatrists, he instructed his colleagues, must learn to analyze the things that other observers may deem irrelevant. (A critic of psychoanalysis once described a psychiatrist as one who goes to a burlesque show but studies only the audience.)

Historians have identified Freud more as a *fin de siècle* Austrian than as a Jew, contending that his liberal bourgeois orientation and his documented

scorn of mindless ritual transcended conventional Judaism and therefore removed him from its ranks. Yet, says the Talmud, "A Jew who has sinned still remains a Jew." And Isaac Deutscher, in his 1968 essay on *The Non-Jewish Jew*, declared that "the Jewish heretic who transcends Jewry belongs to a Jewish tradition."

To what extent, then, did Freud consider himself a Jew? And further, to what degree did that evolving branch of medicine called psychoanalytic psychiatry represent an outgrowth of what has sometimes been called "Jewish science?"

Certainly Freud's closest professional collaborators, Joseph Breuer and Wilhelm Fleiss, were avowedly Jewish, and Freud's subsequent circle of medical colleagues studying the clinical and therapeutic implications of analytical psychiatry, until the later arrival of Carl Jung and Ernest Jones in their midst, were all Jewish.

"It was only to my Jewish nature that I owed the two qualities that have become indispensable to me throughout my difficult life. Because I was a Jew I found myself free of many prejudices which restrict others in the use of the intellect: as a Jew I was prepared to be in the opposition and to renounce agreement with the 'compact majority.'"

Freud once worried that the growth of analytic psychiatry might be thwarted because so many people perceived it as being an exclusively Jewish enterprise. A typical Viennese joke, at that time, described a psychiatrist as one who asks a lot of expensive questions that his Jewish mother asks for nothing.

Freud, facing an increased degree of anti-Semitism in his professional activities, retreated to his expanding office practice. The Judaic irony of Freud's humor at this stage of his career, can be heard in a statement that he made, "No doubt fate would find it easier than I do to relieve you of your illness, but you will be able to convince yourself that much will be gained if we succeed in transforming your hysterical misery into common unhappiness."

Seeking venues for his newer and more radical speculations concerning the dynamics of human emotion, Freud chose an unlikely audience, Beginning in 1897 and continuing into the 20th century, Freud elected to present his most advanced psychiatric theories not to the local medical society but before

a local fraternal organization called the B'nai B'rith.

The B'nai B'rith (Brotherhood of the Covenant) had actually been started in New York City in 1843 by German-Jewish immigrants. It spread to Germany and Austria in later decades, and in Vienna served as a gathering place for Jewish intellectuals and professionals.

Freud found the audience perceptive, avidly open to new ideas and aggressively argumentative. Between 1897 and 1917 he presented to B'nai B'rith audiences his initial theories on the interpretation of dreams, the psychic life of the child and the subconscious nature of superstition — the basis for psychoanalysis — as well as numerous sessions analyzing the literary works of Emile Zola, Shakespeare and Anatole France.

On his 70th birthday, a very Jewish Freud spoke to the Vienna B'nai B'rith, saying:

"It happened that in 1895 I was subjected simultaneously to two powerful convergent influences. On the one hand, I had obtained my first glimpses into the depths of the instinctual life of man and had seen things to sober or even frighten me. On the other hand, the publication of my disagreeable discoveries led to the severance of a greater part of my contacts."

"I felt as though I were despised and shunned by everyone. In this loneliness I was seized with a longing for a circle of chosen men of high character who would receive me in a friendly spirit in spite of my temerity. Your society was pointed out to me as the place where such men were to be found."

"It was only to my Jewish nature that I owed the two qualities that have become indispensable to me throughout my difficult life. Because I was a Jew I found myself free of many prejudices which restrict others in the use of the intellect: as a Jew I was prepared to be in the opposition and to renounce agreement with the 'compact majority.' So I became one of you and took part in your humanitarian and national interests."

I thank my daughter, Sarah C. Aronson, M.D., a professor of psychiatry in Ohio, for the initial idea, the Freudian quotations and the many needed references for this column. — S.M.A.

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Engagement of Cole sisters is announced

Alan and Harriet Cole, of Natick, Mass., announce the engagements of their daughters, Rebecca Lauren and Lisa Karen, to, respectively, Adam William Lurie, son of Marc and Emily Lurie, of Potomac, Md.; and Jonathan Foster Olin, son of Michael and Marlene Olin, of Miami.

The brides-to-be are the granddaughters of Albert and Pearl Hanzel of Providence and Bernard and Rita Cole of Floral Park, N.Y. and Boca Raton, Fla.

**Rebecca Cole,
Adam Lurie**

The future bride graduated from the joint double-degree program at Barnard College and the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2001, and is currently in a management training program in human resources at Prudential Financial in Newark, N.J.

Upon his graduation from the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University this year, the future bridegroom entered a management training program at Merrill Lynch in New York. He works in their Jersey City, N.J. office as a technology analyst.

Mr. Lurie is the grandson of Alfred Rosenthal, of Silver Spring, Md.

The wedding is planned for October, 2003.

**Lisa Cole,
Jonathan Olin**

The future bride and bridegroom met at Brown University, from which they graduated in 1999. They both live in Philadelphia, where she is a second-year student at Jefferson Medical College and he is a first-year student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

They moved to Philadelphia after two years in New York City, where she spent a year teaching at the Association in Manhattan for Autistic Children and then took a research position at Albert Einstein Medical School.

Her fiancé worked at MTV and then as a journalist for a Manhattan-based publication. He is the grandson of Shirley



Rebecca and Adam



Lisa and Jonathan

Kravitz, of Hollywood, Fla., and the late Herbert Kravitz, and Gerald and Marsha Olin of North Miami Beach and the late Zoe Olin. The wedding will take place next June.

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Evelyn Chase

PROVIDENCE — Evelyn Chase, 89, of Wellington Hill Road, Manchester, N.H., died Oct. 15 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. She was the wife of the late Allen A. Chase.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Alex and Lena (Freidlander) Chase, she had lived in Florida for 31 years before moving to Manchester six months ago. She previously lived in Providence for many years.

She was co-owner with her husband of the former J & C Yarns in Providence, and the former Dutch Donuts in Pawtucket.

She leaves three sons, Howard Chase, of Manchester; Robert Chase, of Providence; and Harris Chase, of Seekonk, Mass.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Harold Chase and Naomi Chucnin.

Funeral services were held in Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston, and burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Fund.

Elizabeth Gaffin

CRANSTON — Elizabeth Gaffin, 40, of 40 Betsy Williams Dr., a cosmetologist who for seven years was the owner of the L. Lovett Salon in Warwick, died Oct. 10 at Rhode Island Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the wife of Michael M. Gaffin.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Merrill F. Lovett, of Warwick, and the late Marilyn J. (Shulman) Lovett, she had lived in Pawtucket for two years before moving to Cranston five years ago.

She was a 1984 graduate of the Vidal Sassoon School of Cosmetology, and was also an instructor in the field.

She was a member of Temple Emanuel-El, Providence. She was

a member of T.S.L., a national salon association, and a volunteer at the Hope Center for Cancer Support in Providence.

Besides her husband and father, she is survived by a daughter, Sadie Lovett Gaffin, at home; a brother, Jonathan Lovett, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a sister, Mallory Parker, of Cranston; her maternal grandfather, Hyman Shulman, of East Greenwich; and her stepmother, Marion Lovett, of Warwick.

Funeral services were held in Temple Emanuel-El, and burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Elizabeth Lovett Gaffin Memorial Fund, c/o Hope Center for Cancer Support, 297 Wickenden St., Providence, 02903.

Frank Lax

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Frank Lax, 91, a retired furniture manufacturer and philanthropist, died Oct. 10. He was the husband for 62 years of Florence Lax.

Mr. Lax was president of Lax and Company, furniture manufacturers and interior designers, of Newark, N.J., until his retirement in 1977.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Marvin W. Lax, of Pawtucket; two daughters, Renee Phon, of West Orange, N.Y., and Hinda Berger, of Lake Worth, Fla.; two brothers, Philip, of Maplewood, N.J. and Oscar, of West Orange, and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late William and Norman Lax.

Burton Markoff

CRANSTON — Burton Markoff, 73, of Sachem Drive, a retired sales manager and business owner, died Oct. 4 at the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center. He was the husband of Roslyn (Falcovsky) Markoff.

Born in Providence, a son of

the late Allen and Lillian (Bachman) Markoff, he had lived in Pawtucket for 20 years before moving to Cranston two years ago.

Mr. Markoff was the owner and president of the former Super Products Co. before becoming a sales manager for the Carol Cable Co. He was the owner of a retail jewelry company for 13 years before retiring in 2000.

He graduated from Northwestern University in 1952, where he had been on the football team. He was a past board member of Temple Beth-El and past president of its brotherhood. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society and an avid golfer and sports fan.

Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Caryn O'Connor, of Peace Dale; Nancy Chodak, of Pittsford, N.Y.; and Susan Markoff, of Pawtucket; a brother, Arthur Markham, of Wyndham, N.H. and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center or Temple Beth-El.

Lillian Mushnick

PROVIDENCE — Lillian (Riter) Mushnick, 83, of Washington Street, a retired office clerk, died Oct. 11 at Charlesgate Nursing Home. She was the wife of the late Douglas Mushnick.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late David and Fanny Riter.

She was an office clerk at the Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing Co. in Providence and North Kingstown for 38 years before retiring 21 years ago.

Mrs. Mushnick was a member of Temple Emanuel-El, its Leisure Club and Kulanu. She was also a member of Hadassah, the former Majestic Guild and a life member of the former Women's Association of the Jewish

Home for the Aged. She was a past secretary of the Cranston Senior Guild and a past president of the Jewish War Veterans' Post 23 Women's Auxiliary.

She leaves nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Max Riter and Katherine Klein.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Norma Richmond

PROVIDENCE — Norma Richmond, 85, of Germania Street, a handicrafter and former bookkeeper, died Oct. 11 at the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center. She was the wife of the late David Richmond.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Julius and Sadie (Reganthal) Schwartz. She graduated from Central High School, where she was elected to the National Honor Society.

Mrs. Richmond was a member of Temple Beth-El, a life member of Hadassah, and had regularly attended the Leisure Club at Temple Emanuel-El. She was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

An accomplished handicrafter, she received a volunteer award from Hasbro Children's Hospital for the 3,000 pairs of booties she knitted for newborns there.

Mrs. Richmond leaves two sons, Kenneth and Gerald Richmond, both of South Kingstown; a daughter, Linda Blakney, of Pawtucket; two sisters, Beverly Rosen, of Providence, and Beatrice Levin, of Houston, Tex.; a brother, Abner Swartz, of Cherry Hill, N.J. and Long Boat Key, Fla., and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Sharon (Mass.)

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Pearl Stayman

EAST GREENWICH — Pearl Kozlov Stayman, 87, of Pine Glen Drive, a former bookkeeper, died Oct. 9 at home. She was the wife of the late Samuel Stayman and of the late Abraham Kozlov.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a daughter of the late David and Dora (Levine) Zide, she had lived in Warwick for 24 years before moving to East Greenwich six years ago.

She had worked at the former James Kaplan Jewelers for 10 years and later was a bookkeeper at Elan Salon and Day Spa for 25 years.

Mrs. Stayman was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and a former member of Temple Am David. She was a member of the Warwick Seniors and Hadassah, and a vice president of the former Majestic Guild.

She leaves a daughter, Elaine Shapiro, of East Greenwich, and a granddaughter.

Contributions may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, 02905.

Magda Szendro

PROVIDENCE — Magda Szendro, 81, of Colonial Road, a Holocaust survivor, died Oct. 8 at home.

She was the wife of the late Alex Szendro. Born in Hungary, she was a daughter of the late Dezso and Gizella (Weisz) Lengyel. She moved to Toronto in 1957, and to Providence in 1998.

She leaves a son, Joseph Szendro, of Providence; a daughter, Miriam Langsam, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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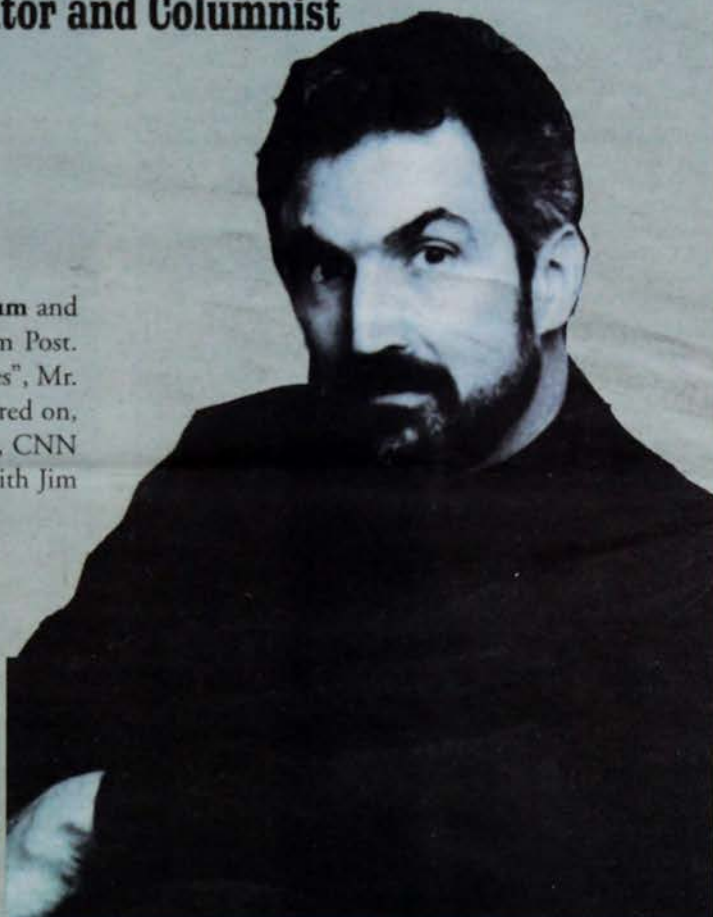
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