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In the limelight

DAVID N. CICILLINE was elected as the new Mayor of Providence on November 5 with a landslide 83.6 percent of the vote, according to the Providence Journal. Cicilline, 34, succeeded former mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., who will be going to federal prison next month. Cicilline spent Tuesday morning shaking hands in front of the Jewish Community Center, among other locations, and Temple Beth-El, and thanked the Jewish community for its assistance. "We've had the generous support of the whole East Side," he said.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Israeli parties racing the clock as countdown to elections begins

By Naomi Segal

With Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's decision to call early elections, Israel's political parties entered a race against the clock to organize for a lightening campaign. Elections are due to be held within 90 days — Jan. 28 was mentioned as a possible date — leaving parties less than three months to organize, hold internal elections to choose their leaders and submit their Knesset lists within 45 days of the national election.

Labor Party leadership primaries already are scheduled for Nov. 19. Sharon's Likud Party is expected to hold its own vote shortly thereafter.

Unlike the last three national elections, voting for

the 16th Knesset will be for political parties only, without a separate ballot for prime minister. After the election, President Moshe Katsav will give one Knesset member — usually the leader of the party winning the most seats — the chance to form a government.

Following Sharon's election in 2001, the Knesset voted to change the system of direct elections for prime minister, restoring the one-vote parliamentary system that had operated until 1996.

Advocates hoped the reform would lead to more stability, as the direct election system had strengthened the political influence of smaller, special-interest parties at the

expense of the larger parties. Indeed, none of the three prime ministers elected under the direct election system — Benjamin Netanyahu, Ehud Barak and Sharon — managed to serve a full term.

Both Likud and Labor hope their Knesset representation will be significantly boosted by the return to the old system. Both parties lost seats when citizens could cast separate votes for prime minister and Knesset representation.

Following Sharon's declaration of early elections, Netanyahu announced he would agree to serve as foreign minister in the outgoing government. Netanyahu, who plans to challenge Sharon in the Likud

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Holocaust benefit comes to R.I. 'All My Loved Ones' to screen Nov. 17



*All My
Loved
Ones*

By Jonathan Rubin

All My Loved Ones, a film about one family's flight from the Nazis in pre-war Czechoslovakia, will be showing at a single screening in Providence at the Avon Cinema, 260 Thayer Street on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. The film, which won Best Supporting Actor at the Czech Academy Awards, will benefit the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

All my Loved Ones tells the story of a Jewish physician, Jakob Silberstein, in Czechoslovakia just prior to World War II. After fleeing with his family

"...the tale commands attention."

— Dave Kehr, *New York Times*

to Prague to rebuild their lives after Nazi persecution, the Nazi threat soon advances once more. David, the youngest Silberstein, is entrusted to an English stockbroker Nicholas Winton, who tries to bring both him and 600 other Czech children to safety. Inspired by the true story.

The film is produced by

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Community Weekend



What a blast!

This year's Community Campaign Weekend, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, offered nationally-renowned speakers, a bustling Israeli marketplace, an Evening of Jewish Renaissance (courtesy of the Bureau of Jewish Education), and community religious services.

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Above: Caroline Axelrod, 7, of Warwick, tries out a shofar at the Israeli Marketplace at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

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Community Calendar

Nov. 12

Judaism, loss and suffering

The URI Hillel Foundation presents a special program examining how Judaism deals with loss and suffering. Call Hillel at 874-2740 for more information and directions. 7 p.m.

Nov. 14

Adoption information

6 to 7 p.m. JFS Adoption Option informational meetings at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St. in Providence. (401) 331-5437. Meets Thursdays, next meeting is Nov. 21.

Women's prayer group

Congregation Beth Shalom's women's prayer group will hold a planning meeting to prepare for the reading of the Book of Esther at Purim. 7 p.m. at 311 Taber Ave, Providence. For details call Stephanie Feld at 274-3577 or Shelly Greene at 454-4682.

Nov. 15

Temple Sinai Seniors

Yiddish Remembered, a video originally shown on public television, will be aired. Noon, at Temple Sinai, Hagen Avenue, Cranston. Bring a lunch - drinks provided. Call Baila 461-6124.

Nov. 15-16

Beth-El presents composer

Professor Bonia Shur, a celebrated composer of Jewish music, will be at Temple Beth-El the weekend of Nov. 15-16. He will present his compositions and arrangements of synagogue music, used in synagogues around the world. Friday Shabbat service at 7:45 p.m. will feature Shur's music. Saturday morning service, 9 a.m., Prof. Shur will give an interactive presentation. Saturday creative Havdallah service, 5 p.m. RSVP requested: 331-6070.

Nov. 16

Hadassah donor event

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah presents "Bucks for Beds", in support of the new medical center. At the Fleet Skating

Center in downtown Providence. The speaker will be Dr. Hillel Newman, of the Consulate General of Israel for New England. Admission for members: \$65 minimum; non-members \$90 minimum (Includes a year's membership). 7 p.m. To RSVP, call (401) 463-3636.

Meditative Shabbat

Temple Habonim in Barrington will be holding a Shabbat morning worship service that emphasizes quiet melody, meditation, movement and Torah. 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 165 New Meadow Road. For information, babysitting services or to volunteer, contact Jane Mizrahi at 245-0027.

Nov. 17

Mah Jongg

Temple Torat Yisrael begins "Mah Jongg Mania," a tournament running through February. 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 Nov. 15. 785-1890.

Torat Yisrael Men's Club

Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club, Cranston, sponsors a breakfast, 10 a.m., with Rabbi Stephan Parnes and Joyce Willig, one of the world's first successful liver transplant recipients lecturing on "Organ and Tissue Transplantation: The Ultimate Mitzvah." Free. Call Ried Redlich at 785-1800.

Yiddish Book Center

Temple Emanu-El Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies will sponsor a trip to the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass. A bus will leave Temple Emanu-El at 8:30 a.m. \$25 per person, includes a box lunch, or \$20 without lunch. To RSVP call the Temple at 331-1616.

Nov. 17-19

Qumran Conference

Conference sessions are open and free to the public but reservations are required. For a sched-

ule and additional information call (401) 863-2742 or e-mail Qumran@brown.edu. See pg. 15.

Nov. 18

Course in Hebrew

A free crash course in Hebrew will be given at the Chabad CHAI Center, 3871 Post Rd., Warwick, beginning Monday, Nov. 18. To RSVP call (401) 884-7888.

Nov. 19

Caregiver education series

The Comprehensive Adult Day Care Center, a program of the Jewish Seniors Agency, continues its Caregiver Support and Education Series. 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence. 351-2440.

Hunger awareness speaker

Brown Hillel and the Student Hunger & Homelessness Action Coalition present: Anna Lappe, keynote speaker for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week at Brown. 8 p.m. in MacMillan 117. Free. 863-3398.

Nov. 22, 24

Prov. Singers and Psalms

The Providence singers will open their 31st season with a program entitled Sing We Praises: 20th century American Psalms and Alleluia, inspired by the nation's response to the Sept. 11 attacks. 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Bristol, and Nov. 24 at 3 p.m., Grace Church, Providence. Tickets, \$18, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for students. 1-888 579-4800 or visit www.providencesingers.org

Klezmer Hanukkah Party

Seniors Klezmer Hanukkah Party, JFS kosher meal site, Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave. in Cranston. With klezmer music by Fishel Bresler and Shelley Katsh. Candle lighting ceremony followed by kosher lunch. Price \$4. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (401) 781-1771.

Nov. 23

Klezmers to Perform

The Landsman Klezmer Band will perform at the Brooklyn Coffee and Tea House, 209 Douglas Ave., Providence on Sat., Nov. 23 at 8 p.m.

Jewish Theatre ensemble presents 'The Odd Couple' this November

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble is proud to present Neil Simon's hilarious comedic farce, "The Odd Couple," showing Nov. 14 to 24 at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

Divorced from his wife, Oscar Madison consoles himself by living in cheerful chaos. Into the midst of a smoke-laden, beer-sodden weekly poker session walks the neurotic Felix, who is newly separated from his wife.

At Oscar's invitation Felix moves in and soon is plumping cushions, cleaning ashtrays, and washing dishes with the same fastidiousness that lost him his wife. Soon the two eventually realize that good friends do not necessarily make the best apartment mates.

Directed by Joan Dillenberg and featuring the talents of Lisa Bergman, B101's Big John Bina, Mike Campbell, Robbie Fearn, Karen Gail Kessler, Fred Kuhr and Bill Sikov, "The Odd Couple" will be showing at the Jewish Community Center, Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, and 24. Thursday curtain times at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 P.M. (There are no Friday performances.)

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and children 12 years old and under. Discount rates are available for groups. There will be a special opening night 2-for-1 discount on November 14. For tickets call 881-8800, ext. 189 or visit the JCC box office.

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Countdown to elections

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leadership primaries, had conditioned his acceptance on the holding of early elections. Sharon had rejected the demand earlier this week. At his news conference Tuesday, however, he said his offer to Netanyahu still stood, provided Netanyahu didn't present any new conditions.

Netanyahu was to be sworn in as foreign minister on Wednesday, formally marking his political comeback three and a half years after he was tossed out of the prime minister's office in May 1999 elections.

Netanyahu appealed to Sharon to work together and engage in a fair campaign for party leadership, declaring that "together we will move toward a big victory for the Likud and for the country."

Sharon reportedly favors holding the primaries as soon as possible, while Netanyahu wants at least a month to organize and get his message out, the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* reported.

According to the paper, a run-off in the Likud is not out of the question, as far-right activist Moshe Feiglin, who previously headed the *Zo Artzeinu* movement, also may throw his hat into the ring.

At a conference at Labor Party headquarters, party chairman Benjamin Ben-Eliezer

declared that if Labor wins, it will alter national priorities so that settlements do not receive special benefits at the expense of other sectors.

Responding to Sharon's accusation that Labor's "political caprice" was to blame for the fall of the national unity government last week, Ben-Eliezer retorted that Sharon alone bore responsibility for the collapse.

"Last week's dispute was about preference for development towns," and for "pensioners, students and young people and settlements," Ben-Eliezer said.

He also said that Sharon had no accomplishments after 20 months in power — although, until last week, Ben-Eliezer was his right-hand man during that entire period. Ben-Eliezer is being challenged for Labor Party leadership by two more dovish candidates, Knesset member Haim Ramon and Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna. Polls show him trailing both challengers.

The charged campaign atmosphere was not limited to the two largest parties. National Religious Party leader Efraim Eitam said on Israel Radio that he hoped to "unite the religious Zionists into a body of some 10 mandates, and to make a stand as a responsible right-wing camp."

Eitam said he expected to open a dialogue with the far-right National Union-Israel Our Home faction ahead of the elections.

In a procedural twist in the political developments, it appears that new Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, who stepped down in July as the army's chief of staff, will not be able to run for Knesset. The elections are expected to be held before the end of the "cooling-off period" former senior army officers must spend before they can enter politics.

However, observers said there were no obstacles to Mofaz being named to a Cabinet post as a political appointee.

On Tuesday, Katsav called on political parties to engage in a cultivated and cost-efficient campaign.

Finance Minister Silvan Shalom echoed this sentiment, saying he was working on a proposal to cut by 50 percent the election budget allocated for political parties.

"At this time, when we are truly in a difficult economic situation, I do not think political parties, on the eve of an election, can say 'no' to such a proposal," he said. "There are ways to make the campaign shorter and more cost-efficient." Based on the election rolls from August, some 4.7 million Israelis are eligible to vote.



All my loved ones

From page 1

Providence native Ari Newman. Newman is graduate of the Alperin Schechter Day School and began working with film while a junior at Boston College. As a senior, he began work

Newman decided to bring his movie to Providence (it's already screened in New York, Los Angeles, and other locales) to "give something back to the community," said Newman. "I think this is a great town to

"Sensitive ensemble performances and good period reconstruction add up to a moving tragedy with some buoyant human moments."

— Richard James Havis, *Hollywood Reporter*

on his first major motion picture, *Squeeze*, about inner-city life, which was released in 1997. He's produced three other films, most recently the outlandish National Lampoon's *Van Wilder*.

screen our movie in."

Tickets are \$18 and benefit the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. They are available from the museum by phone at 453-7860, or online through www.allmylovedones.com.

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— A MAJORITY OF ONE —

Put this in your Pipes and smoke it

IT was not until his response to the final question from the audience that I got to hear Daniel Pipes mention the issue I most wanted him to discuss. Pipes, whose column appears in each issue of the *Voice and Herald*, was the featured speaker at this year's Community Campaign Event, and gave his 40 minute analysis of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I'll leave the details of the evening for others to report on and deal with that final answer and its implications.

Pipes heads the Middle East Forum, a think tank which leans strongly toward the right side of the Jewish political spectrum. Of late he has founded a

group called "Campus Watch" which is intended to keep tabs on college faculty and students in this country who are, in his words, "anti-Israel."

As his final response he asked the members of the audience to inform his organization if they become aware of any such goings on in college classrooms and then added, almost as an afterthought, that if they contribute money to Israeli universities they should first make sure



Yehuda Lev

that anti-Israel propaganda is not being taught in their classrooms.

I had known of the existence of Campus Watch from articles in the Jewish press, pro and con, and I was curious to hear what Pipes defines as anti-Israel propaganda and who he is likely to label with the title "anti-Israeli." Recalling Senator McCarthy's witchhunt of the 1950s, I feared a replication of such activity, albeit with a Jewish content.

The Middle East Forum publishes the *Middle East Quarterly* whose Fall 2001 issue gave me my first clue as to who might be deemed fit for denouncing. An article titled "Israel's Aca-

ademic Extremists," by one Solomon Socrates (who doesn't exist; the name disguises a "watchdog team of researchers") lists such people now teaching in Israeli universities and documents their alleged crimes.

"A few extremists are serious scholars," says the mysterious watchdog team, including, you may be surprised to hear, Dr. Shlomo Avineri, the former director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, "who has sympathies for Marxism and strong leanings towards Shimon Peres' ideas."

"Many of Israel's extremists have dubious academic records," the watchdogs continue, and include among these sinners Ron Pundik and Yair Hirshfeld

who, under the aegis of Shimon Peres, inaugurated the negotiations at Oslo. Pundik is now the director of the Shimon Peres Peace Center.

Another villain, high on the watchdog list, is historian Benny Morris who wrote the definitive work, based on Israeli government papers, on the creation of the Arab refugee problem. He teaches at Ben Gurion University of the Negev and is described as "quarterback of the Negev's team of anti-Zionist academics."

I did not find, on either Pipes' web site or that of the Middle East Forum, any intention to verify charges that might be placed against professors or students accused of being anti-Israel.

Most such accusations are anonymous; people are afraid of retribution or, if knowing that their charges cannot be substantiated, don't want their names made public. Often they are made, as was the case with McCarthy, by individuals seeking to retaliate against someone with whom they have argued.

Judging by his statements at the Community Event, Pipes casts a wide net in his attempt to root out anti-Zionist villains. At one point he said that being post-Zionist means being anti-Zionist, which was of a piece with his central theme of the evening, namely that the entire complex Israeli-Palestine conflict can be described in black and white (his term). There were no ambiguities in Pipes' presentation — the conflict will be solved only when the Palestinians — not only their leaders but all Palestinians — realize that Israel is here to stay and abandon their struggle to destroy it.

Everything else, he claimed — land, Jerusalem, the settlements, refugees and the other issues dividing the two peoples — will have to wait until the necessary Palestinian recognition is obtained. It is this inability to appreciate the complexity of the problem, let alone grant some legitimacy to the needs of the other side, that makes Pipes, his anonymous watchdogs and his Campus Watch a threat not only to freedom of speech on the campus but lessens the ability of American Jews to understand a conflict in which they have so great an interest.

And be particularly watchful if you share any ideas with Shimon Peres.

Letters to the editor

A recollection of Jenny

We learned in the Sept. 27 issue of the *Jewish Voice and Herald* that Jenny Klein had died at the age of 95. My relationship with this remarkable woman was undoubtedly much shorter than so many others who were fortunate to have known her. However, I did want to share my rather unique contact to display another side of this wonderful lady.

One of my duties as librarian/archivist of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association was to analyze articles donated to the association. One such holding was from a woman who inquired whether we would be interested in receiving the music composed by her famous musician grandfather. The family was anxious that his talent be preserved for posterity. I started a search for someone to help us in this endeavor. It soon

became apparent that Jenny Klein would be the woman to contact.

Subsequent events proved this right. Jenny contacted Cantor Brian Mayer of Temple Emanu-El, who suggested that the entire music collection be donated to the synagogue. Inquiries from the temple revealed that they were interested in knowing when the music might appear for, as they wrote, "Emanu-El was the 'home' of so much of our donor's grandfather's distinguished musical career."

Also interesting was the fact that there was a history of a connection between Temple Emanu-El and other talented members of the Einstein family as seen in this quotation, "Temple Emanu-El and its music achieved national recognition when, on Sept. 14, 1947,

Professor Arthur Einstein, the composer and musician grandfather of the donor, and the Emanu-El choir, provided the program for the well-known radio program, 'Church of the Air.'"

The next December the Temple's Institute of Jewish Studies devoted its meeting to an anniversary celebration of Professor Einstein's twentieth year with the synagogue. He had not only been chosen choir-master and organist, he also had arranged and transcribed each choir part from the original music."

Thanks to Jenny Klein, her connections and her dedication, Professor Einstein's original music is now back "home" again.

Eleanor Horvitz
Providence

Wanted: Jewish women war vets

I am an American Indian who had previously reached out to the American Jewish community for help with a history project on indigenous peoples. I'm contacting your community again for assistance on other World War II era history projects.

I would like to correspond with any Jewish American woman who served in the military, Red Cross, civil air patrol, or aided the war effort in some other capacity. I'm also seeking contact with men or women whose childhood or teen years took place during the World War II era.

Finally, I'm seeking any unwanted or duplicate photographs, postcards, buttons, ephemera, etc. that depict Jewish persons, events, synagogues and other aspects of Jewish life in America. These items can be historic or contemporary.

Robert J. Clark
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Settlement allocations need addressing

We received a fundraising letter telling us about the dire needs the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island is trying to address. We admire what the Federation does and are grateful for your having sent my two children to Israel in the '80's. But, when we were called for a pledge last year and we asked whether any of your funds go to the settlements, the caller could not give us a straight answer — and we could not, in good conscience give again the tiny, token amount we can afford.

In the *New York Times*,

Thomas Friedman expresses and clarifies our sentiments on this matter. As much as we detest the Palestinians world view and know that their objective is to drive us into the sea, a workable solution, if it ever should come to fruition, will not be achieved by nurturing fanatics on either side.

The recent breakdown in the Israeli government shows how corrosive the settlements are — how they deprive all of us of the moral high ground. Similarly, your lack of clarity about

how much is going down this drain is corroding wide American Jewish support for the good causes you describe.

We suggest that the Federation cut off all aid to the settlements and publicly state that as its policy. We know this will alienate the radical, noisy fringe. But, as long as we have them in the driver's seat, Shalom is an oxymoron.

Howard & Mary Newman
Newport

From Jersey — “The Protocols”

By Daniel Pipes

Arab Voice, an Arabic-language newspaper published weekly since 1993 from Main Street in Paterson, N.J., appears to be just another one of America's many ethnic publications.

Its news pages are replete with items about Palestinian travails and possible war with Iraq. Its featured columnist is James Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute. Its publisher, Walid Rabah, modestly describes himself as “an activist with the Palestinian Writer's Guild in the United States.” Its pages are filled with ads hawking Arab-owned restaurants, travel agencies, real estate offices, retail stores, and doctors' offices.

It all appears achingly ordinary.

But it is not. For some weeks now, the *Arab Voice* has been serializing an Arabic-language version of *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in its pages (but not — revealingly — on its website, www.arabvoice.com).

And the *Protocols* is no ordinary book.

It purports to be the secret transcription of a Zionist Congress that met in Switzerland in 1897, as taken down by a tsarist spy and first published in St. Petersburg in 1903. At the meeting, Jewish leaders allegedly discussed their plans to establish Jewish “sovereignty over all the world.” *The Pro-*

ocols includes their boasts of being “invincible” and plans to establish a “Super-Government Administration” that will “subdue all the nations.”

In fact, the *Protocols* is a fabrication forged by the tsarist secret police, the Okhrana, in about 1898-99. This pseudo-document had limited impact until twenty years later, after World War I and the Russian Revolution,



Daniel Pipes

when a receptivity had developed for its message about a Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world. *The Protocols* quickly became a best-seller on appearing in German translation in January 1920. The former German royal family helped defray publication costs, and deposed kaiser Wilhelm II had portions of the book read out loud to dinner guests. Translations into other languages quickly followed. Henry Ford endorsed the book, as did the *London Times*.

Although the book's forged nature was already established by 1921, somewhat reducing its appeal and reach (the *Times* and Ford both retracted their endorsements), it remained a powerful force. A 1926 study found that “no piece of modern

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Good news from the holy land?

By Carl Alpert

Haifa — Is all the news from Israel depressing, discouraging, pessimistic? Aren't there any rainbows, any pleasant stories of friendly relations with Arab neighbors? We made a casual



Carl Alpert

search and came up with the following, all recent items:

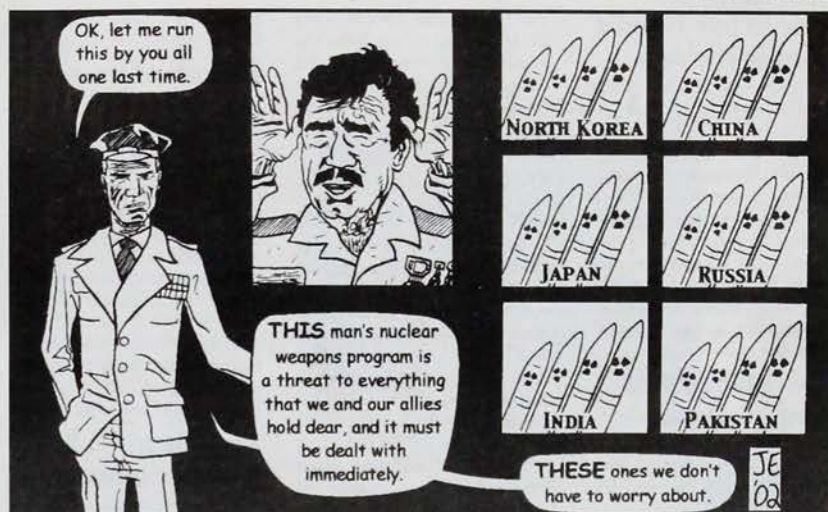
* Oded Volak, 51, from Modiin, was a fervent advocate of the Israeli peace camp. He was shot by Arab terrorists, and one of his lungs was transplanted into the body of a 52-year-old Arab from Umm al-Fahm.

* Ra'ami Mahamid, 17, an Arab youth, was standing at a bus stop near the village of Umm al-Fahm. A bus filled with Jews was due to stop there

shortly. Ra'ami's suspicions were aroused by a fellow Arab who carried a suspicious looking bag, and he called the police on a cellular phone. The latter arrived quickly and separated the terrorist from the crowd, averting a major disaster. When the explosion did occur, one policeman was killed and Ra'ami himself was injured. The lad was given a cash reward in recognition of his alertness.

* Plans for the construction of the security fence to separate Arab villages from Jewish areas, in one spot called for cutting off a large old olive grove from the Arab village of Kafin. The neighboring kibbutz of Metzger thought this was unfair and volunteered to relinquish a strip of its own land to enable a change in the fence's line to preserve the Arab occupation of their olive grove.

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Sharon's clever elections gambit

By Leslie Susser

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Early elections may not have been Ariel Sharon's first choice, but his decision to go to the polls as soon as possible enables the savvy Israeli prime minister to make a number of political and diplomatic gains.

By calling the shots, Sharon comes across as a powerful leader still setting the national agenda. By calling elections for late January or early February, he makes it difficult for the Labor Party, which left his government only last week, to establish itself as a credible opposition force.

In addition, by rejecting The Jewish Ethicist

the idea of a narrow government with the far-right National Union-Israel Our Home bloc, Sharon avoids a potential showdown with Washington and retains the consensual, middle-of-the-road image that has

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made him so popular in Israel.

The Sharon government's last order of business will be to pass, as soon as possible and without amendments, the 2003 budget over which Labor ostensibly left the coalition last week.

All other major policy issues

likely will be on hold until after the elections. In the run-up to an expected American attack on Iraq, Sharon is unlikely to undertake any military moves against the Palestinians that might upset Washington.

For the same reason, he is unlikely to move on the American “road map” for peace with the Palestinians, arguing that such major policy issues should be left to the post-election government.

What the early election gambit fails to do is catch Sharon's rival for Likud Party leadership, former Prime Minister

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Gilt or Guilt — the big question

by Rabbi Dr. Asher Meir

Is wealth a curse? Is it wrong to enjoy wealth while others are impoverished?

Q. I work at an interesting job that pays a fantastic salary. I guess I should be grateful, but really I feel guilty for getting paid so much when others are suffering from poverty. Is it wrong to enjoy wealth while others are impoverished?

A. I'm sure many readers would like to experience your particular sorrow, but the fact remains that this is a profound question.

The basic approach of Judaism to wealth is that it is a positive thing which we should enjoy and be grateful for, as long as two conditions are filled:

1. We must use our wealth in a responsible fashion;
2. We must always remember that our wealth is not a reflection of our inner worth, but rather is a deposit given to us by the Creator.

Certainly someone blessed

with material resources is permitted and encouraged to enjoy them. Judaism doesn't encourage asceticism. Indeed, one of the most prominent features of our religion is the blessings we make on all kinds of material enjoyments, including food, drink, fragrances and so on. By taking the time to praise the Creator for these enjoyments, we augment our appreciation of them, and at the same time elevate them from being a purely bodily enjoyment to being a spiritual experience as well.

But enjoyment is maximized when it is moderated. So there should still be plenty of resources left for giving charity. According to Jewish tradition, a person of means should strive to give twenty percent of his or her income to charity each year. The most prominent recipients are generally the needy and Torah education; at the same time, other worthy causes need not be neglected.

It is a foundational belief in Judaism that wealth and pov-

erty each have their own challenges. In the book of Proverbs, we find a prayer to be given neither poverty nor riches, “Lest I become sated and deny, saying, ‘Who is God?’; or lest I become impoverished and steal, thus profaning the name of My God.” (Proverbs 30:7-9.)

Each of us, whether wealthy or poor, is called upon to serve the Creator from our particular situation. A wealthy person runs a greater risk of forgetting God's role in providence, but also has a greater opportunity to use resources to help others and to expand his or her appreciation of God's loving kindness.

It goes without saying that wealthy people should be particularly strict about business ethics. A poorer person may pretend to have an excuse due to his or her strained situation, but obviously this is irrelevant to a person of extensive resources.

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News Briefs

One in five Israelis poor, study says

One out of five Israelis lives in poverty, according to a new report. According to Israel's National Insurance Institute, which presented its annual poverty report Monday, some 1.17 million Israelis, or 34 percent of Israeli families, live in poverty, an increase of more than 32 percent from 2001 totals. Of them, 537,000 are children, an increase of 50,000 since last year.

Two immigrants died in attack

Two Argentine immigrants to Israel were killed in Monday's suicide bombing in Kfar Saba. The two were killed and more than 30 others injured when the suicide bomber set off his explosives at an electronics store in a shopping mall. One of those killed was a 51-year-old security guard who prevented the terrorist from entering the mall. Islamic Jihad, which claimed responsibility for the attack, identified the bomber as a resident of the Balata refugee camp near Nablus.

Islamic party wins in Turkey

A new party with Islamic roots won a landslide victory in Turkish elections Sunday. After declaring victory, the leader of

the Justice and Development Party pledged to maintain the nation's pro-Western, secular stance. The Justice Party has its roots in Turkey's Islamist movement, but it has denied that it has a religious agenda.

JDL leader declared brain dead

A jailed leader of the Jewish Defense League was declared brain dead after making what police described as a suicide attempt. Authorities said Irv Rubin used a razor to slit his neck and throat and then fell or jumped from a prison balcony on Monday as he and other inmates lined up for breakfast. The incident occurred hours before he was scheduled to appear in court for a hearing in his case. Rubin was arrested in December 2001 for conspiring to bomb a mosque and an Arab American representative's office in Los Angeles. The JDL questioned whether Rubin's wounds were self-inflicted and called for a full investigation.

Two Palestinians killed in clash

Two Palestinian gunmen were killed and 15 others injured during a clash with Israeli soldiers Tuesday in the Gaza Strip. The army said the soldiers came under machine gun and anti-tank fire at a military check-

point near Rafah in southern Gaza.

Parents of immigrant soldiers to get citizenship

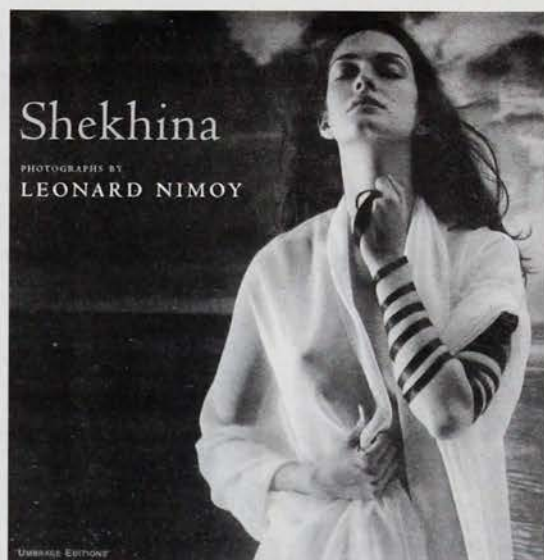
Israel's Cabinet adopted a recommendation to grant citizenship to the parents of immigrant soldiers, even if they are not entitled to it under the Law of Return. Until now, parents who did not qualify for citizenship entered the country as tourists or were given temporary resident status. Under the new policy, the citizenship process will take five years.

Israel helps U.S. prepare for war

Israel reportedly is helping the United States prepare for a possible war with Iraq. According to U.S. defense officials cited by *USA Today*, Israel is helping train U.S. soldiers and marines for urban warfare and is allowing the United States to place combat supplies in Israel.

Masada a world heritage site

The ancient Jewish fortress at Masada, near the Dead Sea, was declared a world heritage site at an Oct. 31 ceremony. The designation by UNESCO commits Israel to protect and preserve the site. If a site on



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the list begins to lose its value through natural disaster, war, pollution or lack of funds, it is entitled to emergency assistance from nations that have signed the World Heritage Convention. More than 190 nations have signed the convention, and some 730 sites are on the organization's list.

U.S. warns firms about boycott

The U.S. Commerce

Department warned American companies not to support a renewed Arab boycott of Israel. In a statement issued Monday, the department said it is "strongly opposed to restrictive trade practices or boycotts targeted at Israel." The 1951 Arab boycott has not been active for almost a decade, following the start of the Oslo peace process. Last week, however, 18 members of the Arab League pledged to reactivate the ban.

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would go to elections within 90 days followed a weekend of dramatic maneuvering between Sharon and Netanyahu, two political masters

Sharon had hoped to trap Netanyahu by offering him the Foreign Ministry. Either he would accept and tie his fate to Sharon's government, or he would refuse and appear more interested in his own political destiny than in the national welfare

The move seemed to backfire, however, when Netanyahu outflanked Sharon by accepting the post — on the condition that Sharon move for early elections. On Monday, the prime minister rejected the condition, calling it "irresponsible."

The very next day, however, Sharon notified President Moshe Katsav of his intention to go to elections — making the decision his own, rather than the product of pressure from Netanyahu

For good measure, Sharon blamed the decision on political blackmail by the far-right parties, displaying the centrist tack he will take in his re-election campaign against challengers he will portray as too extreme from both the right and the left. Netanyahu then accepted the Foreign Ministry offer, arguing that Sharon had met his main condition.

For Netanyahu, too, it's not a bad development. As foreign minister, he would approach the election for party leader — which will be held before the national elections — from

the best possible position, some say.

Netanyahu has been working intensely on his political comeback since leaving politics after his landslide loss to Ehud Barak in May 1999. In the recent Likud membership drive, which brought in a total of 305,000 members, he seemed to have the edge over Sharon. Polls of Likud members, who will elect the party's leader and

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candidate for prime minister, give Netanyahu a slight lead

Trying to cobble together a new government after Labor's defection last week, the prime minister found himself caught in a tangle of political and diplomatic contradictions: If he moved to the right, he ran the risk of confrontation with Washington. But unless he moved to the right, his chances of forming a stable coalition were small

His determination to avoid antagonizing Washington made it almost impossible for Sharon to satisfy the demands of potential right-wing coalition partners. Early on in the government crisis, Sharon assured the Bush administration that he would not change the government guidelines worked out with the Labor Party in March 2001 or

retract his support for the Bush vision of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel

The composition of the next government is therefore crucial. Will it be led by the Likud — and if so, by Sharon or by Netanyahu? Or will it be led by Labor — and if so, by the current, centrist party leader, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, or by more left-wing politicians such as Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna or Knesset member Haim Ramon?

Whoever wins the Labor primary is expected to target the settlers, arguing that Likud is beholden to the settlers and thus can't make peace with the Palestinians and solve the nation's acute security and socioeconomic problems.

Ironically, the early elections could turn out to have been very nicely timed: A post-Iraq America and a post-election Israel could get down to serious business on the basis of the American plan for peace with the Palestinians.

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Jews mourn Sen. Wellstone

By Matthew E. Berger and Sharon Samber

American Jewish leaders are mourning the tragic sudden death of Sen. Paul Wellstone, a two-term Democrat from Minnesota almost universally lauded as a "mensch."

Wellstone, 58, a Jew known for his liberal views on domestic and Middle East issues, died in a plane crash recently in Eveleth, Minn., less than two weeks before a pivotal and hotly contested election.

"You had to like Paul Wellstone," said Judy Yudof, president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, a personal friend of the two-term senator.

The plane was taking Wellstone to the funeral of a state legislator's father. Wellstone's wife Sheila, 58, his daughter,

Marcia, three campaign staffers and two pilots were also on board, and all perished in the crash. A small, private funeral was held Monday at Temple Israel in Minneapolis.

Wellstone was in the midst of a heated re-election battle against a Republican challenger, former St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman. The race was the only Senate contest pitting two Jews against each other, much like the 1990 race Wellstone won to join the Senate.

Both Wellstone and Coleman had strong backing within the state's 45,000-strong Jewish community.

Wellstone was known for his liberal views, highlighted recently in his hesitancy to support the Bush administration's drive for military action against Iraq.

Jewish leaders said Wellstone's voting record was always strong on aid to Israel. In recent years he signed or co-sponsored various congressional letters in support of Israel, including one to President Bush criticizing Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and urging the administration not to meet with Arafat until the Palestinians ended violence against Israel. Wellstone also supported moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In the early 1990s, however, he did not sign on to a number of other letters and resolutions regarding Israel. Such points led some pro-Israel voices to declare that Wellstone had a poor record on Israel, and some pro-Israel donors directed their contributions to Coleman in this year's race.

Controversy shaking at N.Y. Times

by Jonathan Mark

The *New York Times'* coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has come under harsh attack in the Jewish community. Now come accusations that the Times is insensitive to the Jewish laws of modesty.

The alleged culprit is Randy Cohen, whose "Ethicist" column in the Sunday Magazine last week said that it was ethical for a woman to "tear up the contract" with an Ortho-

dox real estate agent because the man refrained from shaking her hand. According to the Jewish custom of Shomer Nigiah, men and women have restrictions on physical contact, including, to an extent, husbands and wives.

The advice so incensed members of the Jewish community that a delegation from the Orthodox Union was to meet Cohen and *Times* editors "to sensitize the *Times* on this issue," according to OU offi-

cials. Ironically, Orthodox feminists have found themselves in the unique position of defending a tradition that the Ethicist calls "sexist" and offensive.

The Ethicist's query was posed by "J.L." who said she had a "courteous and competent real-estate agent" whose religious refusal to shake her hand "offended me. As a feminist, I oppose sex discrimination of all sorts. However, I also support

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MORE BAD NEWS? Roughly 100 people protest the Egyptian TV's scheduled airing of an anti-Semitic television miniseries, in front of the Egyptian Embassy in Washington on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002.

Good news from the holy land?

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posed of players from Arab cities in the West Bank, and the other half of Israelis from various towns. Security regulations and frequent curfews make practice sessions difficult, but the team gets along well. Their first game was against a team representing the Israel police force. The Selected Peace group won, 6 to 3.

* Nasir Nujeidat, an Arab bus driver, was on the busy main highway alongside the Sea of Galilee when he observed what looked like a strange bundle rolling along the road. Upon coming closer he was shocked to discover that it was a tiny child,

less than two years old, toddling along the road. Cars driving by barely missed it. Nujeidat stopped his bus, picked up the little one, and after ascertaining that there was no one else in the area, took it to the police station where, some time later, the frantic parents came to claim their child.

* During the period that Israel occupied areas in south Lebanon, it laid pipes to provide a water supply from Israel's sources to about a dozen villages. Even after Israel withdrew, the water supply continued, since the villages had no other source. Today, despite the

dispute with Lebanon, which has been diverting water which otherwise goes to the Sea of Galilee, Israel continues to supply those Lebanese villages with water.

* Late in October of this year an ailing Palestinian from the West Bank was brought to an Israel army post. By error he had drunk a large quantity of pesticide and had been badly poisoned. A helicopter was called and the man was quickly transferred to the Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem where he was properly treated.

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Protocols in New Jersey

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literature has even approximated the circulation of *The Protocols*.

The historic importance of the *Protocols* lies in permitting anti-Semites to reach beyond their traditional circles and find a huge international audience. Its vagueness — almost no names, dates, or issues are specified — was one key to this success. The purportedly Jewish authorship also helped to make the book more convincing. Its facile embrace of contradiction — Jews supposedly use all tools available, including capitalism and communism, philo-Semitism and anti-Semitism, democracy and tyranny — made it possible for the *Protocols* to extend its insidious ideas to both rich and poor, Right and Left, Christian and Muslim, American and Japanese.

Its hold on the extreme

right prompted a hitherto cautious Adolf Hitler to endorse the book, refer often to it, and make it both a centerpiece of Nazi Jew-hatred and then a key argument in justifying his murder of six million Jews. In the words of historian Norman Cohn, the *Protocols* served as the Nazis' "warrant for genocide."

The forgery has since polluted public life wherever it appeared; as Italian novelist Umberto Eco explains, it was "self-generating; a blueprint that migrated from one conspiracy to another." The process still continues; this very week, an Egyptian television station begins airing a 41-part blockbuster Ramadan special, "Knight Without a Horse" spreading the *Protocols*' defamation to a vast new audience and creating new legions of anti-Semites.

That a forgery that helped cause the Holocaust is now openly published in New Jersey points to two important realities:

To prevent *Protocols* from making further inroads in the United States, advertisers, James Zogby, and the newspaper's printer must immediately and completely disassociate themselves from the *Arab Voice*. In addition, Arab and Muslim groups in the United States must explicitly denounce the *Protocols* and condemn all those who forward it, whether the *Arab Voice* or Egyptian television. Not to do so makes them complicit in the prejudice and villainy of this foul tract.

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Controversy shaking at N.Y. Times

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freedom of religious expression. How do I balance these conflicting values? Should I tear up our contract?"

Cohen replied that though it was "a petty slight, without ill intent," she doesn't have to work with someone who denies her "the dignity and respect" he shows to men. "I believe you should tear up your contract" at the offense of the Orthodox man rendering "a class of people

untouchable." He rejects the Orthodox theory of separate but equal, citing the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling against Jim Crow.

Said Adena Berkowitz, a feminist activist and long-time member of the UJA-federation Medical Ethics Committee: "I continue to be amazed how too often tolerance only runs in one direction and in fact

soon becomes intolerance. What would Mr. Cohen like next: to have the Justice Department bust up Orthodox synagogues because men and women sit separately?"

Blu Greenberg, president of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance, added, "Pluralism means you sometimes have to stretch and understand the other person's convictions."

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Hanukkah books for young people

by Judith S. Greenblatt
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ALL THE LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT, by Arthur Levine. Tambourine Books, 1991. As Moses and his little brother escape from Russia, they are comforted by the light of the Hanukkah menorah.

THE BORROWED HANUKKAH LATKES, by Linda Glaser. Whitman, 2001.

Mrs. Greenberg refuses Rachel's family's invitation to join them for Hanukkah dinner, until one year, Rachel's mother runs out of potatoes. If we borrow her potatoes, will she

On Nov. 19, Kathy Bloomfield will speak on interfaith dating and families. Ms. Bloomfield comes from the popular website Interfaithfamily.com, and will provide copies of the publication, *The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Family Life*.

These events are free, open to the public, and will have refreshments. On these nights, the book fair will be open until 9 p.m. Regular hours will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers needed. Call 861-8800, ask for Linda.

come for dinner, Rachel wonders?

THE CHANUKKAH GUEST, by Eric Kimmel. Holiday House, 1988. Bravna's bad eyesight doesn't keep her from making the best latkes—even her unusual guest thinks so.

CHANUKAH LIGHTS EVERYWHERE, by Michael J. Rosen. Harcourt, 2003. Multicultural in outlook, on each night a boy finds a number of lights in the world around him that matches the number in the menorah.

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Pajamas are 'in' attire for bedtime event

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold a special program on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m. for children and their families in celebration of National Jewish Book Month. The program, "Children's Bedtime Rituals," will include favorite bedtime stories and music geared to incorporate Judaism into the family bedtime ritual. Children are invited to attend in their pajamas. Milk and cookies will be served.

Borders Books will host Jewish Bedtime Rituals at the following locations: Borders Book Shop and Café, 190 Hillside Rd., Cranston; Borders Books, 1212 South Washington Street, North Attleboro, Mass., and Borders Books, 142 Providence Place, Providence.

This event is part of "Celebrations: Discovering Jewish Life in the Marketplace" sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education in partnership with the Alperin Schechter Day School, and is funded through the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. For further information, contact Robin Kaufman, director of adult education at the BJE/RI, at (401) 331-0956 or rkauffman@bjeri.org

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• JCCRI book club discusses *In the Image*, by Dara Horn Nov. 20 at 7:30 pm

Community Campaign Weekend

Big numbers show up for multi-faceted Community Weekend

By Jonathan Rubin

For the second year in a row, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island pulled out all the stops for its "Community Weekend," which brought a smorgasbord of activities to the Jewish community this past Oct. 24 to 27.

Acting as a benchmark in the JFRI annual campaign, which has brought in more than \$4 million a year for the past few years, the weekend starts off with a Women's Alliance event on Thursday, then segues into a "Community Shabbat" event, following by the Bureau of Jewish Education's famous 'Evening of Jewish Renaissance' educational expo, and then finishes up with a big name

speaker on Sunday to close the weekend. As of press time, the annual campaign stands at \$2.95 million.

This year Laura Blumenfeld, author of *Revenge: A story of Hope*, was the Women's Alliance speaker. She brought a new twist to the perpetual cycles of violence in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world (see next page).

The community Shabbat event, which is still in the experimentation phase, acted like an "open house" for synagogues across the state, and invited in anyone who wanted to partake in a Shabbat service. This was the second year this program has been in effect.

The Bureau's event brought more than 500 people into the Jewish Community Center for back-to-back educational seminars taught more than 40 professors, rabbis and educators from around the state. The goal of the event, accord-

ing to the BJE, is "to highlight the breadth and depth of Jewish educational opportunities already in our community... and to celebrate the joyfulness in Jewish learning, and, in particular, in learning together as a community."

The evening, as in past years, was an incredible success, with different experts and educators interacting with entirely new segments of the community, and with such tantalizing topics such as "Does God really care?", "A Jewish Perspective of the Messiah," "Anger Management: A Jewish Perspective" and "Realizing the Loss: A Close Look at the Second Jerusalem Temple."

Helen Friedmann said she was one of at least 50 Barringtonians who came, and remarked she was just thrilled by a Jewish Meditation class taught by Rabbi Aaron Lapin. "He tried to sandwich such a huge amount of knowledge into one hour... and succeeded."

Frederic Reamer, a professor at Rhode Island College, brought some of the stark figures of Jewish poverty to a



SOPHIE FELDER, left, and Rachel Bergman, both of Providence, create "prayer in a box" crafts workshop taught by Paula Bodo.

Photos by Jonathan Rubin

packed audience. In New York City, he said, 13 percent of Jews live below the poverty line, and in Brooklyn the figure is 1 in 5, almost 50 percent of which are elderly.

Stanley Freedman led a good old-fashioned sing along on his keyboard, and music, conversation and laughter seemed to permeate the halls of the JCC that night. The BJE shared the spotlight with the fantastic Israeli Marketplace (see below), a first for Rhode Island.

Finally, Middle East scholar Daniel Pipes, syndicated columnist, frequent guest on CNN and other news broadcasts, spoke about Israel and the raging intifada (see next page).



MORA HORA! Nitza Attali-Katzoff (above center) helps with a hora workshop.

Shuk, rattle and roll! Israel Marketplace brings the goods to R.I.

By Jonathan Rubin

The Jerusalem Mall somehow managed to squeeze inside the Jewish Community Center Oct. 26 and 27, for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's first ever Israeli Shuk (marketplace), which brought goods from nearly a hundred Israeli merchants to the fingertips of Rhode Islanders.

It was the place to find that hard to find Machina album (80's Israeli pop, for those who don't know), or Hebrew board games, a shofar, jewelry, elaborate

dreidels, seder plates, skin products from the Dead Sea, and more. Tables upon tables were lined with glittering kiddush cups, ornate menorot, tzedakah boxes — the whole megillah.

"I came all the way to the East Side for this," said Cory Fink, of Cranston. "Everything is wonderful... It's a wonderful way for everyone to buy Israel."

Liza Goldstein, of Providence, was shopping for anklets, and was impressed for the whole-scale Israeli attitude that permeated the room.

"It's pretty cool," she said. "It reminds me of Ben Yehuda Street."

More than \$48,000 was raised in the two days the marketplace was here, 100 percent of which will benefit Israeli shopkeepers, vendors and retailers. The average price per purchase was \$60.

The program, officially known as the "Ben Yehuda Mall Comes to America Program," was developed in Denver, Colorado by a grassroots advocacy organization called ActionIsrael www.actionisrael.org. The success of the first marketplace in early 2002 has spread news of the economic-driven marketplace around the United States.

Rebekah Raz, community



HUNDREDS turned out for the Israeli Marketplace, held in the Jewish Community Center in Providence, which was held in conjunction with the Bureau of Jewish Education's 'Evening of Jewish Renaissance.'

Photos by Jonathan Rubin

relations council director at the JFRI, was instrumental in bringing the market to Rhode Island.

"I felt we needed to do another community building program. We've done Israel rallies in the past, but I'm not sure if rallies have a long lasting effect on people that attend. I thought that maybe this program would have a good effect— people in our community would buy products that would remind about Israel and Judaism, and they would get a

tangible result."

Michal Katz, an Israeli student studying at Johnson and Wales, hung around the CD section for quite a while. "These albums are kind of old," she said, "but they are definitely the essentials."

Michael Bharier, of Providence, heard about the shuk in synagogue, and was happy he came (and made some purchases). "It's great that we can see what the bigger communities are doing," he said.



NAOMI WINKLER, of Pawtucket, writes out a sales slip for some purchased Israeli goods.

Community Campaign Weekend

Pipes: Palestinian 'change of heart' should precede Israeli concessions

By Jonathan Rubin

Sometimes, being a good neighbor can be bad politics.

When Israel thinks it is getting points by offering the Palestinians treaties, land concessions and even independent statehood to quell the violence of the intifada, it only serves to feed the notion that Israel is retreating, wounded, and one step closer to being down for the count.

So said Daniel Pipes, rising political commentator, director of the Middle East Forum and author of the recent book *Militant Islam Reaches America*, at the main event of the 2003 Community Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Speaking before a group of about 400 at Temple Beth El in Providence on Oct. 27, Pipes asserted that the core problem perpetuating the intifada is not what it is commonly believed to be; rather than being caused by issues over the territories, refugees, water or any other explanation, Palestinian vio-

lence against the Israelis is caused by a deep-rooted hatred for the State of Israel, and a continual desire to oppose it.

"The Arabs have fundamentally never accepted Israel's existence," he said.

Standing well over six feet tall and dressed in a dark black suit, Pipes spoke succinctly without mincing words. Pipes predicted in the late 90s that America was vulnerable to attacks by Muslim fundamentalists, and has been a frequent lecturer in the media circuit since Sept. 11. He has earned both praise and scorn for his new website campuswatch.org, which monitors Middle East studies in American's universities, and to "reverse the damage already caused by [many] activist/scholars on American campuses."

At the campaign event, he traced back to the creation of Israel in 1948, when Israel's victory created a feeling of inferiority in the minds of the Palestinians. After defeating

Arab armies in 1967 and 1973, Israel looked strong and formidable, effectively creating a détente situation, or in Pipes' words — "Don't mess with us, don't you dare."

In 1993, Pipes said, "people thought the battle was over" and signed the Oslo accords and other treaties in trying to take step towards a lasting peace. Instead, the move had an opposite effect. "It left the Arabs think that Israel was a weakened state."

Perhaps an even more egregious error, he said, was when Israel pulled its forces out of Lebanon in 2000. Working under the premise that a quiet withdrawal would save about 25 Israeli lives per year, Israel

instead gave the following impression: "The Arabs saw that Hamas and Hezbollah had been hammering [the Israelis] for 20 years, and this caused [the Israelis] to flee."

This had a profound effect on the Arab-speaking world,

Pipes said. The aggression against Israel that "never died out" was slowly fanned back to life, and the attacks that followed were proof of it.

"Israel has lost, thanks to Oslo, 25 years of deterrence,"

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DANIEL PIPES, right, signs a copy of his newest book *Militant Islam Reaches America*, at the Jewish Federation Community Campaign event Oct. 27.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Changing Hearts:

Laura Blumenfeld: Transformational revenge

By Jonathan Rubin

What is the best revenge?

Lashing out violently, "Rambo-style," against the guilty parties? Utilizing economic or political pressures? Or using "collective revenge," spreading the blame (and punishments) to the family, community or even the culture / nationality of the offender?

Laura Blumenfeld, speaker at the annual Women's Alliance Campaign event Oct. 24, chose a different method of revenge against the man who shot her father in the head for the crime of being Jewish — constructive revenge.

"Revenge doesn't need to be about destroying," she said. "If you put yourself in other people's shoes, it's very hard to take revenge."

Blumenfeld, who spoke in front of nearly 300 women in the recently renovated sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, is the author of *Revenge: A Story of Hope* and has received numerous praises for her book from everyone from Oprah to President Bill Clinton.

Rather than turning the other cheek, seen as being a little too passive, or by acting with an "eye-for-an-eye" sort of retribution, Blumenfeld chose "constructive revenge," and tried to transform her father's would-be assassin into an engine for peace rather than bloodshed.

To do it, she told her employers at the *Washington Post* that she was researching a book about revenge and set off around the globe collecting stories: in some African countries, they have a rulebook for revenge that has step-by-step instruction, in Sicily, even the priests advocate revenge.

But the most gripping part of her story was when she traced the bullet from the gun that was pressed against her father's head back to its source.

Going door to door asking questions in the Palestinian territories, she finally came upon the family of the gunman. His name was Omar al-Hatib, and his family lived in East Jerusalem. Omar was in jail, his family explained, but they invited her in. Stating that she was a reporter doing research

for a book, she inquired about the shooting. Yes, their son had shot someone in the recent past, but "it wasn't personal, it was political." Chills ran down her spine as the family laughed at the incident, and the victim, who was, after all, "only a Jew." They served her tea and snacks and were quite a festive bunch.

She spent weeks with the family, and tried to be objective as they warmed to her further. She was afraid that she might explode in rage, reveal her identity, or, worse, perhaps even forget that this family was in favor of her father's shooting.

"Other than wanting my father dead, they were pretty nice people," she said.

Eventually, she said, she began to correspond with Omar himself, communicating through tiny notes hidden in the mouths of his visitors. His letters are first were furious, and raged against the United States, Israel and the West. Her plan was simple: "Could I make my father human in [his] eyes?" Their communication continued, and she chipped away at



REVENGE EXPERT: Laura Blumenfeld was this year's Women's Alliance Campaign Speaker.

Photos by Jonathan Rubin

his hatred. He began to question the use of violence as a political weapon, she said, and, after a long while, progressed to the point where she honestly believed that "he was no longer a threat to anyone."

At his trial, Blumenfeld shocked the largely Arab court by giving her support for Omar in Hebrew. Later, when he was finally released, he wrote to her: "Dear Laura, you made me feel so stupid that I ever caused you pain." Omar is now a prominent

coexistence speaker, regularly appearing before large groups, and wants to be a peace-negotiating diplomat. He appeared on the cover of a major Israeli newspaper holding a photo of Rabbi Blumenfeld with a large quote saying, "I'm sorry I shot you, Mr. Blumenfeld." (her father also advocated for his release, towards the end).

Although she was happy that she was able to bring about

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A struggle for identity, survival

By Judith Romney-Wegner

During the first week of October, noted Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld visited Brown University, giving presentations sponsored by the Program in Judaic Studies and the CV Starr Foundation Lecture-ships Fund.

The first was a lunchtime Judaic studies faculty seminar discussion of his book *The Conversion*, which describes the efforts of fin-de-siecle Austrian Jews to gain acceptance among the general population by abandoning their Jewish roots and converting to Christianity. But to no avail; many of the book's characters run into what we would now call a "glass ceiling," beyond which they could not assimilate fully into the extremely anti-Semitic Austrian society.

Sadly (as reflected in the book's Hebrew title *Timyon*, meaning "utterly lost, down the drain, in limbo") these apostate

Jews had lost their greatest treasure, namely their Judaism, and gained nothing worth having in return.

Like many of Appelfeld's novels, *The Conversion* is partly autobiographical, reflecting the author's childhood memories and the life experiences of his parents' generation in a small town in the Austro-Hungarian empire prior to World War One.

Appelfeld himself was born in 1932 in Czernowitz (now in Ukraine). The Nazis killed his mother and sent him (aged 8) and his father to concentration camps. Appelfeld was reunited with his father in Israel 20 years after their separation.

Appelfeld, a retired professor at Ben Gurion University in Beersheva, is the author of more than 30 books, and has been translated into 29 languages.

On Thursday evening, Appelfeld spoke at a public lecture on the topic, "Testimonies

of Child Holocaust Survivors."

Here again the author's remarks were based in part on his own experiences, and engendered a lively question and answer session. Appelfeld made the observation that Holocaust accounts of child survivors differ from those of adult survivors in certain ways, because child survivors had few earlier life memories to contextualize their Holocaust experiences and thus had to use their imaginations far more.

As a result, while adults tended to recount their experiences factually and unemotionally, emphasizing the names of victims and dates of events, child survivors tended to fantasize to fill in gaps in their knowledge of what had occurred prior to the events they could personally recall.

Like Elie Wiesel, Appelfeld was among the earliest writers to recount their Holocaust

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The Jewish Voice & Herald announces the 17th Annual Hanukkah Art Contest

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

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

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

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Mysteries of the Qumran caves

First-ever international conference being held at Brown University

The first-ever international conference on the Qumran caves, the original site of the Dead Sea Scrolls, will be held at Brown University, Nov. 17-19. Hosted by the university's Center for Old World Archaeology and Art, scholars from Europe, Israel, New Zealand and a number of American universities will try to fill the gaps in our knowledge of the people who hid the scrolls in the caves along the Dead Sea.

Their discovery by two Bedouin shepherd boys in 1947, revolutionized the study of Greco-Roman Palestine.

The conference will focus squarely on the archaeology of the site, the settlement and the surrounding caves.

"To date it has been the scrolls that have stood in the spotlight. Those who have tried to explain the mysteries of the site have been mostly historians, not archaeologists," said Katharina Galor, the conference organizer and visiting assistant professor at the Center.

Conference sessions are open and free to the public but reservations are required. For a schedule and additional information call (401) 863-2742 or e-mail Qumran@brown.edu.

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club continues programs

Autobiographies from foreign lands to the environment...

The Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club is continuing its Monday and Thursday activities for this semester.

On Mondays, Rabbi Kauner is holding classes titled "Hasidic Stories and Philosophy," followed by a series of musicians using a variety of instruments and vocals to entertain.

On Thursdays individuals who grew up in foreign lands will present their autobiographies. This will be followed by a series titled "The Environment; Different Aspects of the World Around Us," including two classes on environmental issues in Israel.

The Leisure Club cost is \$15.00 for the entire year. For more information call club president Beryl Meyer at 274-8745, or program coordinator Miriam Abrams Stark at 331-1616.

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experiences. His first collection of short stories, *Ashan* (smoke), was published in 1962.

Most Holocaust accounts date only to the 1980s and 1990s because in earlier years the world's indifference to the Holocaust, together with the reluctance of the Zionists who established the State of Israel to identify closely with Jews-as-

victims, discouraged survivors from telling their stories.

Appelfeld pointed out that adult survivors (now in their 80s or older) are increasingly no longer with us, the palpable presence of the Holocaust will gradually cease to be felt; so the testimony of child survivors becomes all the more important to perpetuate its memory.

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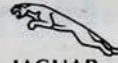
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HONORED GUESTS dig into the future site of Brown's new Hillel building. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Brown breaks ground for new Hillel

By Jonathan Rubin

On October 24, the golden shovels came out to commemorate the new Glenn & Darcy Weiner Center, which took place on the site of the old Hillel building, at the corner of Brown Street and Angell Street, in Providence. About 150 alumni, staff members and students were on hand for the celebration.

Touted as "the oldest and newest Hillel in the world," the new building will incorporate historically preserved Rhode Island architecture into its design, giving it a 19th century and a 21st century look all in one.

International Hillel President Richard Joel remarked, "We don't destroy what's old, we venerate it... We don't let the

past impede the future, we build upon it." He hoped that the Hillel would encourage work between Jewish groups and the rest of the campus, and act as a "tent that opens in all directions."

Student support for the new building was strong, even despite the fact that Brown Hillel is temporarily running out of offices in Faunce Hall while the new facility is being built.

"I think of all the obstacles they've overcome... fundraising, staff turnover, the neighbors," said Mike Rozensher, a sophomore at Brown. "I can't wait to see it built."

"I hope it helps the community to allow people who aren't involved to get involved," said Zack Teusch. "A bigger building helps our already existing community to grow... It's really a great asset for the school."

Ritual objects workshop

"Celebrations: Discovering Jewish Life in the Marketplace," a program of the Bureau of Jewish Education of RI continues with a pottery presentation at *The Accidental Artist* on Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at 416 Thames St., Newport.

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By Daniel Kane

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Kidnapped children. A mother beating her four-year-old daughter in the car while parked in a department store parking lot. Children being killed in the Middle East. Snipers shooting people as they go about their daily routines. The news can leave children feeling scared and vulnerable.

It seems that children are becoming more exposed to the violence in the world. This happens even as we try to protect them from these images and stories. However, by turning on television children see all on the news. They hear it on the radio as they are being driven to school, or in news flashes during their favor-

ite television shows. They see it in the paper you are reading. And they might hear about violent acts from peers or teachers in school. In 1994, a research study found that 50% of children who watch the news feel angry, afraid or sad afterwards.

What can be done about children's exposure to the news? The most important thing you can do is to talk with them about it. When young children want information, they tend to go to their parents. This gives you the opportunity to be the first one to talk about the issues, before anyone else can confuse them with either false information, or explanations that lack your moral values and principles.

How do you go about talking to your children about the news? The first step is to help them understand how the news works. News reports focus on the unusual. For example, although we hear about tragedies that involve airplanes, we do not hear about the thousands of planes that land safely every day. The news makes it seem that tragedy is the norm, not the exception, and can lead children to believe that the stories that are reported are closer to home than they really are. News of the loss of a child's parent or a child kidnapping can leave a child feeling particularly vulnerable. It is hard for children to understand that just because they see it in the news, it will not necessarily happen to them.

By clarifying the difference between their perception of the news and the reality, you can help them to work through their feelings and fears. It is important to let them know that they will be fine, and that as a parent, you will be there to protect them. You can also let them know that others are available as well, such as the police, teachers and the military, to protect them, and make them feel safe.

When your children are watching the news, watch it

with them so that you will know exactly what they are exposed to and can talk to them about it afterwards. By being there and discussing it with them, you can help alleviate fear and confusion. You might reassure them that they (and you) are safe, or use a news item as a conversation opener to talk with your children about tough issues.

Children tend to resist formal discussions, often thinking that you are going to lecture to them. However, using the news as a "talking opportunity" makes it less likely that they will tune out. For example, a story about a student being expelled from school for being in possession of a firearm would be an excellent opportunity to talk about the connection between guns and violence and your feelings related to violence.

Your home should be open and conducive to communication. The most important aspect of communication is not talking; it is listening. Children will look to parents for answers only if they feel that the parents are open to the questions. Avoid ignoring them or the subject ("I don't know. Now finish your breakfast."). When children feel that they are listened to and valued, this boosts their self-esteem.

Finally, select and watch child-friendly news sources. Nickelodeon has Nick News, and there are a multitude of child-friendly web sites and magazines for kids. Be aware of your child's news environment. Set limits on when and where they are able to watch the news. Experience the news with your child and create a sense of balance by talking about it afterwards.

If you have any questions about how you can help your children experience or cope with the news, please call Jewish Family Service (401-331-1244), and one of the counselors can help you through this process.

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RICHARD KLARBERG, left, and Paul Segal at JFS annual meeting

Jewish Family Service installed its 2003 officers and board during its 73rd annual meeting, along with Family of the Year awards and a special presentation for Executive

Director Paul L. Segal, who is retiring this year after 31 years of service at JFS.

Richard Klarberg, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council on

Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA), traveled from New York to make a special presentation Segal honoring the agency's exemplary marks across all accreditation categories, for "meeting the highest national standards of professional performance."

One of two families honored with a Jewish Family Service Family of the Year award were Nancy, Mimi, Sam and Ken Kirsch, who were nominated by Lauren Zurier. Al and Ruth Ross, who were nominated by Lillian Schwartz, were also one of two Family of the Year award recipients. Both families were honored at the meeting.

Bingo and Yoga at kosher mealsite

Mon-Fri: Program for seniors (11 a.m. followed by a kosher lunch at noon) at the JFS kosher meal site, Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. On Friday there is a special Shabbat meal. Transportation available every day for residents of Cranston and areas of Warwick.

Mondays, Nov. 4, 25: Dance Therapy led by Teresa Pearson.

Monday, Nov. 18: Yoga Class taught by Ross LaBossier.

Tuesdays, Nov. 5, 12, 26: Bingo with Harold Fishman.

Tuesday Nov. 19: Bookmobile

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Yiddish class led by Lillian Schwartz.

Wednesdays, Nov. 13, 20, 27: Exercise class with Sylvia Shocket.

Thursday, Nov. 7: Menu meeting

Thursday, Nov. 14: Special program with Beth Fine Nelson.

Thursday, Nov. 21: Birth-day celebration with cake and musical entertainment by Lou Renzi

Fridays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22: Men's and women's discussion groups.

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R.I. Holocaust Museum is ready for the big move

By Selma Stanzler

During the summer months, Ellie and Bud Frank and myself quietly met with community leaders to begin raising the necessary funds needed to make their move to larger and more prominent quarters at Heritage Harbor Museum.

For the first time many community members began to realize that the Holocaust Museum was not about pictures on the wall but rather a vibrant, educational force in the entire Rhode Island community.

The campaign has been going quite well and will continue until the necessary funds are achieved. The campaign focuses on an endowment fund as well as a capital component. The endowment portion will place the museum on a more solid financial base.

When classes of 90 to 100 students arrive at the present site in the lower level of the

Jewish Community Center, it is difficult to accommodate them, or to present information, films, and speakers properly. Since the museum interacts with over 4,000 school kids each and every year, in addition to the college classes that regularly come for seminars, the present quarters, are, to say the least, stifling and frustrating.

The new facility will be three times the current space they now occupy. Precious momentos and interesting historical artifacts will receive the proper showcasing they deserve. The museum library will be more readily accessible for teachers, students, and researchers, and, most importantly, the new space will be located next to the state-of-the-art education center, funded by Fleet Bank.

Our work continually impacts the community. More than 400 students and their families attended the winners of the Art and Writing com-

petition celebration held on a Sunday evening in May at the Warwick Mall food court, generously donated by Board Member, Aram Garabedian. Rhode Island Family Court Chief Judge Jeremiah S. Jeremiah, Jr. called to say he was interested in our work which deals with bullying, harassment, and vandalism found in too many of our schools. He feels that visits to the Museum will do much to aid in understanding and appreciation of diversity.

The Museum serves as an insurance policy for educators and students as they try to begin to understand the importance of living together in a peaceful, tolerant community in spite of personal differences.

In June the second generation grasped the reigns of responsibility of leadership at the Museum. Wayne Estes was elected president and Elisa Silverstein-Heath and Regina Schild were elected vice-presidents.

None of us ever imagined the huge impact or success of the Museum when it was first envisioned. The new quarters at Heritage Harbor will finally do justice to the mission of the Museum: to educate in the broadest sense of the word and to make the world a better place so that "Never Again" will always be more than just a slogan.

If you would like to visit the museum, please feel free to call Alison Golub, Program Director for an appointment at 453-7860

Selma Stanzler is president of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Bureau of Jewish Education offers Philadelphia trip for teens

For the fourth consecutive year, the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is offering a three-day trip to Philadelphia for teens, to take place from Dec. 22 through 24. It will be centered on a massive-community service project.

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The baby's Hebrew name is David Hayim, named for his paternal great grandmother, the late Dorothy Land, and his maternal great-great uncle, the late Hyman Cohen.

Carol & David Resnick proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Jodi Riva, born August 8. Jodi was born in Boston at the Brigham & Women's Hospital. Baby and parents live in Foxboro, Mass. Grandparents are Frank & Sylvia Resnick of Cranston and Pat Mandell of Weymouth, Mass.

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The politics of medical care

by Tema Gouse

This morning on television a local congressman, running for re-election, boasted that he



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for the elderly.

Impressive isn't it? Baloney! I could make the same claim but that doesn't mean that my bill or his bill will ever hit the floor of Congress.

The whole issue has become so distasteful to many senior citizens that it is difficult to anticipate any helpful resolution. Everyone complains and

Washington expresses concern yet every day the situation worsens. Retirees, living on reduced incomes, are depriving themselves of other necessities in order to obtain essential medical care.

When the Medicare bill was passed many years ago, most Americans were relieved to learn that all older people, regardless of socioeconomic level, would receive adequate medical care at the time it was most needed.

And for many years that was what happened.

Increasingly, over the past two decades, costs for treatment have risen and full coverage of those costs can now only be achieved by seniors buying supplementary insurance. Some employers assist with premium payments for this coverage for their retirees. Most do not and the individual has to buy this costly insurance at even higher rates, often at great hardship.

For most seniors, supplementary health insurance programs no longer cover the preventative annual exam. Some of the pills most use daily cost more than a pound of chocolate. Pharmaceuticals justify the out-

for higher priced drugs requires special evaluation for approval for those fortunate enough to have any pharmacy benefits.

But not to worry, our politicians say. They are fully aware of our dilemma and will tackle and resolve it through legislation. Unfortunately this legislation requires honesty and the willingness to stand up to those moneyed powers that finance our politicians. The lobbying groups in Washington never appear on the surface. But behind the scenes are hundreds of individuals who remind our Congressmen daily that those who finance their elections campaigns do not want restrictive legislation passed which can control their industries and their profits. We too have a lobby, called AARP. We can rely on them to get us lower priced admissions to movies but cannot rely on them to advocate for senior health care. Remember that AARP was present when our representatives curtailed Medicare funding a few years ago, a move which nearly bankrupted many doctors and hospitals.

Everyone talks. Few do anything. If all medical care were paid "out-of-pocket," it would be prohibitive for about 90% of the population.

It is ironic that the wealthiest nation in the world does not respond to one of the most basic needs of its people.

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Obituaries

William Borenstein

NEW YORK CITY — William Borenstein, 59, of New York City, formerly of Pawtucket, a retired sales representative, died Oct. 15 in the Jacob Perlow Hospice of Beth Israel Hospital, New York City, after a brief battle with cancer.

He was the husband of Laura (Nowak) Borenstein. Born in Pawtucket, a son of the late Leo and Dora Borenstein, who ran the former Miller's Deli on Hope St., he had lived in Pawtucket until moving to New York 38 years ago.

Mr. Borenstein had been a sales representative for the Shepard Clothing Co. for 20 years before retiring in 1997.

He ran the Greenwich Village Bloch Association, and headed the B'nai Saltaire congregation on Fire Island, N.Y.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Lou Borenstein, a daughter, Lea Borenstein, both of New York City; and three sisters, Reva Metzger of Sonoma, Calif., Elie Rosenberg of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Ruth Maass of Longboat Key, Fla.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Joseph A. Lapatin

PROVIDENCE — Joseph A. Lapatin, of Third Street, a former clothing business owner, died Oct. 13 at Hillside Health Center.

He was the husband of the late Sara (Union) Lapatin. Born in Philadelphia, a son of the late David and Sadie (Bluestein) Lapatin, he moved to Rhode Island at an early age, living in Central Falls before moving to Providence.

Mr. Lapatin worked as a textile plant foreman and bookkeeper before opening his own businesses. He owned and operated the former Federal Army and Navy Store on Atwells Ave.,

and Elmhurst Men's Shop on Smith St. He later worked for Saltzman's Clothiers.

He was a member of Temple Am David, and a longtime member of Redwood Masonic Lodge. He was an assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

He leaves a son, Philip Lapatin of Mass.; a sister, Helen Lewinstein of Providence; and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Samuel Lapatin.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 275 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903.

Rachel B. Lidzki

PROVIDENCE — Rachel B. (Rabinowitz) Lidzki, of Freeman Parkway, died Oct. 31. She was the wife of the late Harry Lidzki.

Mrs. Lidzki leaves a daughter, Celia Gamm of Providence, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. Contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69th St., New York, NY 10021, or Hadassah of Rhode Island, 1150 New London Ave., Cranston, RI 02920.

Archie Finkelstein

Archie Finkelstein was a life-long resident of Providence and a winter resident of Delray Beach, Fla.

He was an honorary member of the board of Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, and a generous benefactor. The Temple ballroom has been named the "Sylvia and Archie Finkelstein Hall."

A memorial service will be held at Temple Sinai, Del Ray Beach, on Nov. 13 at 11:00 a.m. All who knew Mr. Finkelstein are invited.

Irving G. Gabrilowicz

NARRAGANSETT — Irving G. Gabrilowicz, 76, of Old Boston Neck Road, a retired automobile dealer, died Oct. 29 at South County Hospital.

He was the husband of Roslyn (Davis) Gabrilowicz. Born in Providence, a son of the late Phillip and Edith (Fishler) Gabrilowicz, he had lived in Warwick before moving to Narragansett in 1978, and was a winter resident of Deerfield Beach, Fla. since 1985.

Mr. Gabrilowicz, with his brother, owned and operated Acme Motors in Providence and then in Warwick.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a radio operator in the South Pacific.

Mr. Gabrilowicz was a longtime member of the Jewish Federation, a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek in Westerly, and was instrumental in winterizing the synagogue for year-round use.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Alvin Gabrilowicz of Narragansett, Matthew Gabrilowicz of Cranston, and Ronald Gabrilowicz of Mansfield, Mass.; a brother, William Gabrilowicz of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Florence Sternbach

RIVERDALE, N.Y. — Florence (Buchwald) Sternbach, 85, died Oct. 23 at Riverdale Terrace.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Lewis and Sarah (Gottfried) Buchwald, she was a resident of West Warwick and Providence for 55 years before living in Florida for 8 years and moving to Riverdale a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Sternbach was a grad-

uate of Hunter College in New York City.

She was active in the Providence Jewish community, volunteering at Providence Hebrew Day School and the Bureau of Jewish Education. She was a former member of Congregation Shaare Zedek and Sons of Abraham, a member of Amit Women and Hadassah.

She is survived by three daughters, Hinda Hoffman of Jerusalem, Israel; Dina Berger of Westport, Conn.; and Marna Sternbach of Philadelphia, Penn.; two sisters, Rose Langer and Dora Reich of New York City; one brother, Elias Buchwald of New York City; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Israel Buchwald.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Eunice Tregar

PROVIDENCE — Eunice E. Tregar, 85, of Blackstone Blvd., a retired social worker, died Nov. 2 at the Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the

wife of Harold I. Tregar. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie (Cohen) Jacobs, she had lived in Cranston for 56 years before moving back to Providence a year ago. She was a social worker for the RI Department of Human Services for 20 years, retiring 16 years ago.

Mrs. Tregar was a founding member of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston and was a past president of its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of RI and a member of the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son Jack Tregar of Cranston, a daughter, Betsy Tregar of Quincy, Mass. and 3 grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Milton and Daniel Jacobs.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael.

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Pipes: Israeli concessions are not the way

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he said. "The feeling now exists in the Arab world that Israel is destroyable."

In the context of the current intifada, the Palestinians are interested in obtaining independent statehood, Pipes said, but that's just the beginning.

"They thought, 'Why should we opt for a partial solution when we can get it all?'" Upon the establishment of a new state, he said, a different goal will be voiced by the Palestinians — "Well, we got back the old territories, let's get the new ones in Haifa or Tel Aviv."

Pipes said he doesn't feel particularly encouraged by any new changes in Arab government, which would be meaningless to the situation if the new government refuses to recognize Israel. This looks unlikely, since "moderate Palestinians... are extraordinarily weak and never had a voice."

Put plainly, he said, the situation is: "Either the Palestinians win and there is no Israel, or the Israelis win and Israel survives."

The solution, he said, is to get Arabs to accept Israel, and not for Israelis to give up land. "What's needed is a change of heart." Israel must reestablish a

deterrence policy to reinforce its existence, which can be done by keeping to the following guidelines: First, no more Israeli concessions; second, "no more pieces of paper" — they are just being ignored; and lastly, and most painfully "no quick fixes."

"There are other, sexier solutions, but they are ineffectual."

He advocated what he saw was the only possible plan of action: a "long range, boring, dreary" operation that would convince the Palestinians, and the surrounding Arab nations, that Israel is not in danger of going anywhere.

Strong, conservative speakers like Pipes have been a rarity in the past; former Federation speakers have included Elie Wiesel, Henry Winkler, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Larry King.

If the goal of bringing Pipes was to generate conversation, it was a smashing success; large groups stayed for more than an hour after the presentation conversing amongst themselves or shooting a question or comment to Pipes.

"I think it's obvious that Israel is in a tight spot," said Murray Rosofsky, of Fall River, Mass. "He wasn't encouraging,

but he wasn't discouraging. I thought what he said was true, but then again, who really knows?"

Ben Schneider, of Cranston, said that Pipes' presentation was "pretty good [and] relatively accurate. It is war... I don't think that's a radical opinion. Arafat could set off a bomb in every city in America and people would still find excuses for it."

Mel Zurier, of Providence, said he enjoyed seeing different opinions on important issues like Israel, but hoped that "there is a more moderate way in which this [conflict] is handled."

Mark Paige didn't agree one bit with Pipes view on the cause of the intifada. "It's about everything... the settlements are a big part of that. The Palestinians do not want to be ruled by the Israelis."

Solving this crisis "takes leadership," he said, "which I don't think Israel, the Palestinians or America have right now."

Surveying the scene with a slight smile on his face, Sherman Price, of Warwick, remarked, "I think that anything that brings people together in a common interest is wonderful."



Nearly 300 women showed up to hear the Laura Blumenfeld speak in Providence. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Changing heart

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a positive change in Omar's life ("against the darkness, you must retaliate with light," she said), she admits that although they speak frequently, the pain of the assault still remains.

"I still have a hard time looking at his picture... He had bad aim — if he didn't, he would have killed my father."

The crowd seemed to thoroughly enjoy Blumenfeld's presentation, and asked more than dozen questions afterward. "This is the best speaker the Women's Alliance has ever had," one woman remarked as the event let out. Others seem to agree, praising the content and timeliness of the speaker.

Pat Cohen, who co-chaired the event with Mindy Sherwin and Barbara Lavine, remarked: "We wanted a speaker that was relevant to the situation in Israel, and would give us a fresh perspective. What's so interesting about her is that during a time when so much blood is being shed in the name of revenge, Laura spoke about hope."

The Women's Alliance has raised \$725,000 so far, bringing the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's 2003 campaign total to \$2.9 million. The event was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and East Side Marketplace.



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