

The JEWISH VOICE & HERALD

SERVING RHODE ISLAND AND SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

8 Tevet 5763

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

December 13, 2002



Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Barak on Intifada: 'It's going to be a long struggle'

By Jonathan Rubin

Ehud Barak, Israel's 10th Prime minister, spoke before a packed room of 500 students, faculty and community members at Brown University on December 10. Tight security,

including metal detectors and a strong police presence marked the occasion, along with about two dozen protesters.

Welcomed as a crucially influential leader in the Mid-

See BARAK, page 10



RIVKA WEISMAN munches a latke at the Hanukkah celebration at Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence. See more community Hanukkah photos on pages 12-13.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's annual community campaign has raised \$3.22 million to date! Turn to page 3 to see how you can help. Make your pledge before Dec. 31 and be included in the honor roll in an upcoming issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald.



ISRAEL BOUND — (From left) Back row: Peter Wegner, Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Dana Farrell. Middle row: Carolyn Kellner, Judith Romney-Wegner, Alan Axelrod, Judith Spindell, Ruth Page. Front row: David Yavner, Dr. Donald Kaufman, Justin Strauss and Kenneth Schneider. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Six days in the holy land

By Jonathan Rubin

When Carolyn Kellner heard about a group traveling to Israel that was leaving in December, she signed right up for her first ever visit to the Holy Land. "Israel is all I have ever heard about," she said. "I want to make more of a connection to my Jewish history."

She joined 11 other Rhode Islanders in the Israel Solidarity

Mission, organized and staffed by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and went along—See ISRAEL, page 11

INSIDE
Jewish communities in Argentina, Eastern Europe and elsewhere are in crisis. How do we help?

See page 11

Segal to leave Jewish Family Service

'It's a new beginning for everyone' Segal says after 31 years

By Jonathan Rubin

An era is coming to an end.

Paul Segal, who has been executive director of Jewish Family Service for more than three decades, will be hanging up his suit and tie at the end of December.

Segal, 65, has spent nearly half his life at the head of the agency. He came to JFS in 1971 at a troubled time for the agency, which was created in 1929. "It was depressing," he said. "It had lost its direction and focus."

At the time of Segal's arrival, JFS had an annual budget of \$90,000, offered minimal services and had only one full-time and three part-time employees none of whom had a professional degree.

Segal had the major task of expanding and modernizing the agency, and he jumped into it. He steered the agency away

from a social work model to more of a medical model by adding registered nurses to the staff to provide services for a wider variety and number of patients than ever before. He rescued the adoption program from the brink of oblivion, expanding its services to include non-Jewish families. Adoption Options is now one of the agency's major programs.

Today, Jewish Family Service boasts 30 employees, an annual budget of \$1.6 million, and an endowment fund that is ten times what it was upon his arrival.

Segal also added Lifeline to JFS's array of services. The program, which allows people at home to communicate with emergency services by means of a signaling device worn as a bracelet or necklace, helps many



Paul Segal

elders to remain at home. Their counseling services now have the ability to service a variety of clients, including children, adults, families and seniors.

Segal was at the helm when

See SEGAL, page 11

TO OUR READERS: There will only be one issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald this December. Our next issue will be January 10.

The Jewish Voice & Herald

Editor

Jonathan Rubin
Production Assistant
& Graphic Design
Leah Camara
Advertising Representative
Lee Waterbury
Copy Editors
Marilyn Graff
Gladys Sollosy

Published by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
President
Mark R. Feinstein
Executive Vice President
Janet Engelhart

The Jewish Voice & Herald (ISSN number 1078-7232, USPS #465-710) is printed twice a month, except in June, July and December when it is printed once a month.

Telephone / Fax: Editorial phone: 401-421-4111. Advertising phone: 401-421-4111 ext. 160. Fax: 401-331-7961;

Mail: The Jewish Voice & Herald, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

E-mail: voiceherald@jfri.org

Editorial Board:
Eleanor L. Lewis, chair

Members: Stanley Aronson, MD, Alan Axelrod, Patricia Cohen, Rabbi Alvan Kauner, Toby London, Doris McGarry, Robert Riesman, Richard Shein, Joshua Stein, Norman Tilles, Judith Romney Wegner, Alan Zuckerman

Correspondents: Stanley Aronson, Tema Gousse, Yehuda Lev, Tj Feldman

Advertising: The Jewish Voice & Herald does not accept advertisements for pork or shellfish, or attest to the kashrut of any product.

Copy Deadlines: All news releases, photographs, etc. must be received on the Thursday two weeks prior to publication. Submissions may be sent to: voiceherald@jfri.org.

The Jewish Voice & Herald encourages synagogues and members of the Jewish community to submit announcements of weddings, bar-and bat-mitzvahs, obituaries and other life cycle events.

Announcements and opinions contained in these pages are published as a service to the community and do not necessarily represent the views of The Jewish Voice & Herald, or its publisher, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Periodicals postage paid at Providence, RI.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Jewish Federation of RI, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, RI 02906

CANDLE LIGHTING

For greater
Rhode Island

Dec. 13 3:55
Dec. 20 3:58
Dec. 27 4:02



Community Calendar

December 14

Safam at Striar JCC

Safam returns to the stage at Striar Jewish Community Center in Stoughton, Mass. at 7:45 p.m. The Boston based ensemble, creators of the popular "Jewish-American Sound," will showcase new music from their upcoming Hanukkah/Passover CD. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. For tickets call (781) 341-2016, ext. 279.

Soulful Shabbat at Habonim

Soulful Shabbat is a unique Saturday morning worship experience that emphasizes quiet melody, meditation, and movement, along with traditional davening and Torah study.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington. Soulful Shabbat is open to all who are interested. No background in either Jewish worship or meditative practice is required. Participants should wear comfortable clothing. For more information contact: Jane Mizrahi: 401-245-0027

December 15

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will present "A Young Woman's Journey from the Congo to Providence" at 2 p.m. Kaj Deborah Kayij, a sophomore at Providence College, will speak about her personal journey growing up in the Congo and coming to Providence. This program is open to all. For more information, call Beryl Meyer, Leisure Club president, 401-274-8745.

Mah Jongg Mania at Temple Torat Yisrael

You too can learn the game of Mah Jongg in just one easy lesson! The next game is planned at 9 a.m. \$5 fee. For information or to RSVP call Beth Fine-Nelson at 401-785-1890. Temple Torat Yisrael is located in Cranston at 330 Park Ave (exit 16 off 95).

December 18

JCC trip to

Museum of Fine Arts

The Jewish Community Center will be providing transportation to the "Impressions of Light: The French Landscape from Corot to Monet," at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Bus departs at 9:30 a.m., and returns at 2:45 p.m. Cost to members is \$40, \$45 for non-members and includes transportation, entry fee and audio tour. Call Sue Robbio at 861-8800.

Honesty & Truthtelling

"Honesty and Truthtelling," the first of four educational sessions for Jewish communal workers will be held on Dec. 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge at the Jewish Community Center. Sessions 3 and 4 will be on Wed., Jan. 15 and Wed., Feb. 12. Sessions are \$5 each and include lunch. The study series was funded by a grant from the Joseph Galkin Memorial Fund. Call Sara Masri at 421-4111, ext. 170.

December 24

Klezmer at Lupos

Fishel Bressler's Klezmer-Hasidic Ensemble will be performing their annual December concert at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel, 239 Westminster St. in Providence at 8 p.m. Eighth annual performance. 'Nosh pit' with bagels included. \$7, children under 12, \$4. Call 272-5876.

January 2, 2003

Adoption Options

Informational Meeting

Free informational meetings are offered by Adoption Options, the non-sectarian, non-profit adoption program of Jewish Family Service (JFS). Adoption workers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. In RI, the meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the JFS offices, on the

second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St., Providence. In Massachusetts, call (800) 337-6513 for the next scheduled meeting. Call Adoption Options at 331-5437 or visit www.adoptionoptions.org.

January 8

Cranston Seniors

The Cranston Senior Guild will meet Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael on 330 Park Avenue, Cranston.

The entertainment will feature a nostalgic afternoon showing Sid Caesar and company on tape in "Your Show of Shows" from the fifties. Harold Winthrop will introduce the program. A raffle and refreshments will follow the meeting.

January 9-12

Youth Theater production

The Temple Emanu-El Youth Theater is planning a January production of The Orphan Train, a one-act musical that recalls a program of the Children's Aid Society of New York City to send orphaned, abandoned and neglected children to the rural midwest by train to be placed with farm families between 1854 and the late 1920s.

Performances will take place in the Temple Emanu-El meeting house on Jan. 9 and 11, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, Jan. 12 at 11:30 am. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Temple office for \$5 each, or at the door for \$6. For more information call the Temple Emanu-El office at 331-1616.

You are invited to Temple Am David in Warwick's

Family Fun Havdalah!

January 11, 2003

This will be a Saturday Night with the Family like you've never had before!

Our "Family Fun Shabbat" was so successful, now we're moving on to Saturday night.

We'll begin with a beautiful interactive Havdalah service followed by a light supper. We'll do Havdalah crafts, sing songs and lots of other Havdalah fun for the whole family.

Children young and old will enjoy this unique Havdalah experience!!

Call the Temple Am David office at (401) 463-7944 **RSVP by Jan. 7th**
An advanced donation of \$10.00 per family is greatly appreciated.



Get an additional
copy of

The JEWISH VOICE & HERALD



Providence:
Barney's in Pawtucket
Bread & Circus
Brown/RISS Hillel
Coffee Exchange
College Hill Bookstore
East Side Marketplace
East Side Prescription
Epoch on the Eastside
Kaplan's Bakery
Miriam Hospital
Rhoda's Judaica
Shaw's - North Main St.
Swan Liquor

Wakefield:
Shaw's Main St.
Wakefield Pharmacy

Cranston:
Barney's - Oaklawn Ave.
Borders
Phred's Pharmacy
Rainbow Bakery
Shalom Apartments
Shaw's - Garden City

Warwick:
Dave's
Shaw's - Baldhill Road (Rt. 2)
Shaw's - Warwick Ave.

Kingstown:
URI Hillel - Student Union

Narragansett:
Stop & Shop

Send us your
Calendar Listings

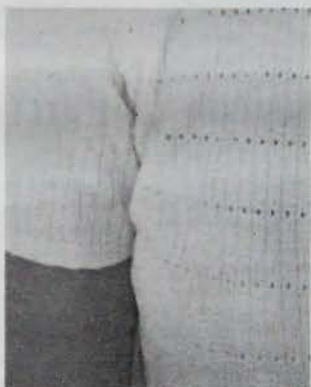
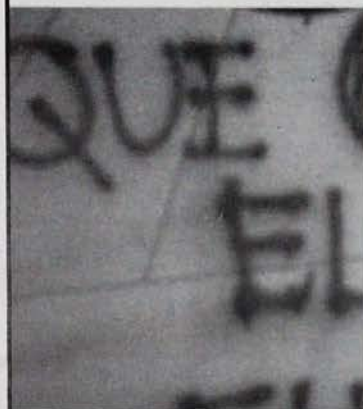
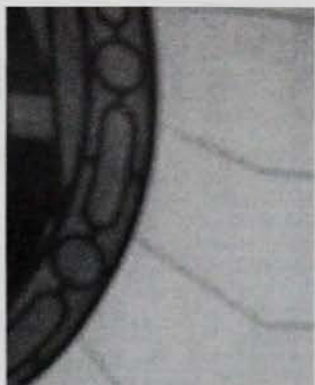
Send us your calendar listings, along with time, date & telephone number. Notices must be received 2 weeks prior to publication date.

E-mail to: voiceherald@jfri.org; Fax to: 401-331-7961, or mail to: Jewish Voice & Herald, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906 — Attn: Calendar

Table of Contents

Agencies	19	Lead	12-13
Briefs	6	Obituaries	22-23
Community	14-18	Opinions	4-5
Federation	8-9	Simchas	21
Israel	7-9		

In a year
of crisis,



federation
provides
aid.

26,000 Argentinian Jews live in poverty. 1700 have lost their homes. Federation can help. Even with Israel in the middle of a war, 5,000 Jews from Argentina are expected to make aliyah this year. Federation makes it possible.

These are extraordinarily difficult times for the Jewish people. The Jews of Argentina are in crisis; anti-Semitism is surfacing all across Europe and an unprecedented wave of violence is sweeping the Middle East and threatening Israel's very survival. Your gift to the Annual Community Campaign will give hope to Jews in Argentina, in Israel, in Rhode Island and around the world. Give generously.

The honor roll listing will come out early next year. If you would like your name to appear in the honor roll, please make your pledge before December 31. Remember, if you pay your pledge before the first of the year, you enjoy a tax deduction for 2002.

I am pleased to pledge the following amount to the 2003 Annual Community Campaign:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$36 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Please Bill Me ☐ Charge this gift to my MasterCard or Visa:

Acct. #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

**Jewish Federation
of Rhode Island**

Building Community. Helping Jews in Need.

Opinion

A MAJORITY OF ONE

Examining the U. S. – Israel alliance

By Yehuda Lev

I AM in touch, via e-mail, with friends in Israel, right-wingers, left-wingers, settlers, journalists, business people, and even several former girlfriends. Almost everyone assures me that the forthcoming invasion of Iraq by the United States and Britain will be in Israel's best interests.

They note with satisfaction that President Bush has made a virtual crusade (his word, not mine) of ridding the region of the despicable Saddam Hussein, an objective which links the United States and Israel in a common goal.

In light of all that Israelis have suffered from Arab terrorism in recent years, it is difficult to challenge their enthusiasm for Gulf War II, but it might be well to examine the basis for our relationship before concluding that all will be well.

Three pillars hold up the Washington-Jerusalem alliance. They are:

(1) An active, successful

American Jewish community that supports Israel politically and financially.

(2) Millions of fundamentalist American Christians who see the return of the Jews to the Holy Land as the beginning of the process of divine redemption.

(3) Our common Western democratic culture.

All three of these pillars are showing signs of erosion.

The Jewish community is gradually lessening its political clout which depends on numbers, concentrated in the states with the highest number of electoral votes, a tendency to vote for one party (a divided vote would cancel itself out), a willingness to contribute considerable sums to political campaigns, and continued active personal and organizational involvement with Israel.



Yehuda Lev

Our percentage of the population is dropping and while most of us still live in the largest states, there is a migration to smaller and less critical states. (Every Jew who moves from Massachusetts [12 electoral votes] to Rhode Island [four votes] diminishes our political clout.) We still vote Democratic by large majorities and we continue to contribute handsomely to political campaigns but as Jews become less religiously observant and attitudes toward Israel change as conditions in that country change, our ties with that country tend to weaken.

The political importance of the Jewish minority is thus receding just when other minorities: Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians, are gaining in numbers and in influence. So far our alliances with them are strong. Black congressmen are almost as supportive of Israel as are Jewish congressmen. (We back them on social and economic issues, they vote for appropriations for Israel.) But if, as some Jews suggest, we begin voting our pocketbooks instead

of our traditional liberal positions, these alliances will break up, to Israel's serious detriment.

Israel's dalliance with fundamentalist Christians is a worrisome development. Their agenda makes them Zionist supporters of a strange variety. Their theological schedule runs like this: First all the Jews return to the Holy Land. Next comes the great war of good against evil. Finally the Messiah returns and all the surviving Jews accept Jesus. The "surviving Jews," by the way, are those who remain after a great war will take place in the Holy Land where "The blood will run as deep as the fetlocks on the horses." I am not sure where a horse's fetlocks are but I do know whose blood will run deep. More and more American Jews (though not Israelis) are asking, is this really something we want to buy into?

The final pillar is the concept of two western democracies as being natural allies. It sounds reasonable until you recall Talleyrand's dictum, mentioned here last month: "Nations do

not have friends, they have interests." What happens if (or when) the United States rids us of Saddam and resolves its differences with Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iran? The price for this is likely to include an end to support for Israel. If (or when) our interests diverge, a sentimental attachment based on Jewish votes and a common cultural heritage is not likely to stand up against American economic and geographic needs. The Arab states have oil, continents and Muslim support to offer. Even Christian fundamentalists drive SUVs and read maps.

My friends in Israel write that I have to live there again to understand their perspective. It is tempting but I have family, health and age considerations that didn't exist for me decades ago when I last lived in Jerusalem. Still, it is nice to be wanted.

Although, I note, this suggestion does not come from the former girl friends.

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

Letters to the editor

Jewish philanthropy and the Revolutionary War

A while ago, at the West Point Academy's Jewish Chapel, there was a display about Hyam Salomon and the Revolutionary War. Salomon was General Washington's financial advisor and assistant. He died penniless, having used all his resources to aid the newly formed and poorly supplied American Continental Army.

During the cold winter months at Valley Forge when American soldiers were freezing and running out of food, it was

Salomon who marshaled all the Jews in America and Europe to provide money in relief aid to these stranded American troops and turned the course of history. Without this help, Washington's Continental Army, and the fate of the American Colonies, would have perished before they could have defeated the British.

Alan Shawn Feinstein

Alan Shawn Feinstein is founder of the Feinstein Foundation.

Submission guidelines

The Jewish Voice & Herald welcomes letters to the editor and other opinion pieces on topics of interest to the Jewish community. All submissions must be signed and include city of residence and telephone number. Letters to the editor should be limited to 250 words, and viewpoint pieces to 700 words. Submissions may be edited for length or content. Send submissions to: Jewish Voice & Herald, 130 Sessions St., Providence, 02906, or e-mail to: voiceherald@jfri.org

Putting Pipes' paranoia in check

By Joshua Stein

I frequently endorse the writings of Daniel Pipes. Militant Islam is a danger to Jews, to Western civilization and to democracy throughout the world. Its influence is growing as its spectacular successes reverberate throughout the Arab "street" which is kept impoverished by the backward, anti-progressive, fundamentalist Mullahs who control the madrasas that "educate" Islam's next generation of rage. We can not, or have not yet, figured out how to destroy militant Islam; at best we can contain it until it runs out of steam; hopefully before it succeeds in its goal of dominating the world.

Pipes makes the following statements in the November 22, 2002 issue of the Jewish Voice and Herald:

- that a visit to American universities finds professors who "consider the United States (not Iraq) the problem and oil (not nukes) the issue,"
- when he cites Noam Chomsky and other splinters of the Left as truly representative of the Left,
- when he says that these anti-American "views are

unfortunately routine for the U.S. Academy"

• when he asks "Why do American academics so often despise their own country?" or what is the long-term effect of an extremist, intolerant and anti-American environment on university students?

In doing so, he paints us all with the same broad brush.

As a college professor I teach students to ask questions. Sometimes I don't like the questions they come up with, and sometimes I don't like the answers they derive, but if they stop challenging authority, even my own, they fail the course, even if they get an "A". This is what education is all about.

Do some of my colleagues hold students hostage, peppering them with their political opinions? I'm afraid that they do. Are these all of the Left? Not from my experience. Students at Roger Williams University, whom I know best, range politically from Left to Right, as does the faculty. Recently there was the largest non-social event ever held on campus when a moderate Democratic professor debated a far Right media super star, Anne Coulter. I was sitting amongst

the College Republicans and they were hooting and hollering for Anne, politely murmuring when the professor made a point. American colleges and universities pride themselves on their diversity, even at Harvard, though probably not at Bob Jones.

When Pipes suggests that "the time has come for adult supervision of the faculty and administrators at many American campuses" he is being snidely insulting. We are adults, Mr. Pipes; try to remember that. He suggests that such supervision can be achieved if outsiders "take steps to create a politically balanced atmosphere, critique failed scholarship, establish standards for media statements by faculty and broaden the range of campus discourse."

Pipes must be a student of early 19th century Europe. In those bad old days, when Liberals on German university campuses were advocating for German unification, and updating the curriculum, the Chancellor of Aus-

Opinion

Left, right, and what's best for Israel

By Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer

I regularly send some 300 people articles and e-mails I receive about Israel. I try to pass on material both from the "right" and the "left." Most people appreciate seeing the broad range of points of view because they know that the issues and situation are too complex for one perspective. Yet, some people have suggested to me that I express my own views on the subject. So here is my try.

I think that two of the recent brutal and heartbreaking attacks on two Jewish communities in Israel put into stark contrast the different approaches to a vision of where this conflict might end. The first was on a kibbutz, which has promoted co-existence with its Arab neighbors in the adjacent village. The second was an ambush in the Jewish settlement of Hebron where settlers support a claim that the entire West Bank is rightfully Jewish territory.

There are two rather different approaches to peace. Although we do not vote in Israeli elections, it is important

for us as American Jews to understand those visions and their implications. One is a two-state solution. In this view, a border will be drawn to create a viable and contiguous Palestinian state on most of the West Bank plus the Gaza Strip. It would also include clear security measures.

How can we get to a peace when this way was tried before, we have no Palestinian partners for peace, and terrorist bombings are still happening?

The election of Amram Mitzna to the head of the Labor party exemplifies this vision. Mitzna has publicly stated that he would support giving back the Gaza strip, dismantling of most of the settlements, and entering into immediate negotiations with Palestinians. If those negotiations failed, he would support a separation between the populations and a pull-back of forces to a unilaterally designated border until a final agreement was reached.

Although most analysts agree that Mitzna is unlikely to win the election in January, the fact that Labor will be in a opposition party position, can place this vision of a peace settlement clearly on the political agenda and in the public debate.

The other vision is radically different. It assumes that the Palestinians will never make peace and live side by side with Israel. It also assumes that the entire West Bank is rightfully Israel's by dint of its Biblical heritage. Therefore, according to this position, Israel must hold onto the entire West Bank indefinitely as a part of Israel. As for the Palestinians, they would be "transferred" to the "true" Palestinian state, namely Jordan. An alternate approach sees a small Palestinian State on the West Bank within some 30 percent of the territory.

I think that when one considers both visions, it is not difficult to see that they are diametrically opposed to one another and mutually exclusive. It is my view that there is only one fair and just solution — that

See KAUNFER, page 17

Israel mindset strikes an alien note

By Alan M. Dershowitz

If a visitor from a far away galaxy were to land at an American or Canadian university and peruse some of the petitions that were circulating around the campus, he would probably come away with the conclusion that the Earth is a peaceful and fair planet with only one villainous nation determined to destroy the peace and to violate human rights.

That nation would not be Iraq, Libya, Serbia, Russia or Iran. It would be Israel. There are currently petitions circulating on most North American university campuses that would seek to have universities terminate all investments in companies that do business in or with Israel. There are also petitions asking individual faculty members to boycott scientists and scholars who happen to be Israeli Jews, regardless of their personal views on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

There have been efforts, some successful, to prevent Israeli speakers from appearing on college campuses. There are no comparable petitions seeking any action against other countries that enslave minorities, imprison dissidents, murder political opponents and torture suspected terrorists.

The intergalactic visitor would wonder what this pariah nation, Israel, must have done to deserve this unique form of economic capital punishment. If he then went to the library and began to read about this planet, he would discover that Israel was a vibrant democracy, with freedom of speech, press and religion, that was surrounded by a group of tyrannical and undemocratic regimes, many of which are actively seeking its destruction.

[They] would wonder what this pariah nation, Israel, must have done to deserve this unique form of economic capital punishment.

He would learn that in Egypt, homosexuals are routinely imprisoned and threatened with execution; that in Jordan suspected terrorists and other opponents of the government are tortured, and that if individualized torture does not work, their relatives are called in and threatened with torture as well; that in Saudi Arabia, women who engage in sex outside of marriage are beheaded; that in Iraq, political opponents are routinely murdered en masse.

He would learn that in Iran members of religious minori-

ties, such as Baha'is and Jews, are imprisoned and sometimes executed; that in all of these surrounding nations, anti-Semitic material is frequently broadcast on state-sponsored television and radio programs; in Saudi Arabia apartheid is practiced against non-Muslims, with signs indicating that Muslims must go to certain areas and non-Muslims to others; that China has occupied Tibet for half a century; that in several African countries women are stoned to death for violating sexual mores; that slavery still exists in some parts of the world; and that genocide has been committed by a number of countries in recent memory.

Our curious visitor would wonder why there are no petitions circulating with regard to these human rights violators. Are the tactics used to combat terrorism by Israel worse than those used by the Russians against Chechen terrorists? Is there any comparable institution in any Arab or Muslim state to the Israeli Supreme Court, which frequently rules in favor of Palestinian claims against the Israeli government and military? Does the absence of the death pen-

See DERSHOWITZ, page 17

MORE LETTERS

Kosher ban raises questions

I read with a great deal of consternation about the action of the government of Holland. This brings to mind many questions: Is the hallal slaughter of meat animals, used by Muslims, also banned? Can Kosher

meat be imported into these countries? What other countries in addition to Holland and Norway ban kosher slaughter? Can anyone point me in the right direction?

Geraldine Foster Cranston

Don't sound alarms over kosher meat ban

By Michael Furman

Recent articles that are circulating concerning the ban on kosher meat in Holland are often written in an alarmist fashion, and structured in a manner to shock people and make them think that Europe is revamping a Holocaust era. I must say that I am disappointed that we have resorted to this new-age sort of cyber-yellow journalism. It's irresponsible for us to disseminate literature without the proper background on the subject.

The Dutch government has been jumping back and forth on this issue for months. It is not an issue of anti-Semitism but purely of one concerning animal rights, and it is absolutely sensationalist and wrong to peg an entire nation as anti-Semitic simply because it does not condone the ritual slaughter that is practiced by a certain people.

The part of *shechita* that they have condemned is that concerning certain bulls, not all animals. They say this because in secular slaughter, the animals are stunned first, so they cannot feel any pain whatsoever. While kosher slaughter is designed in a way that an animal feels as little pain as possible, there was most likely some concern because of the bodily design of a bull — perhaps the animal felt pain for longer than nec-

essary. This past July, the government brought to the attention of the kashrut community in Holland that if they can keep the time from the point that the knife cuts the throat to the death of the animal to 3 seconds, then it will be legitimate.

That is not an issue of anti-Semitism. They have not outlawed the slaughter of turkeys, chickens, etc. Granted, Europe is not the home of staunch support for Israel, but they are entitled to take a side in international relations.

However, when we begin to accuse these governments of discriminating against the Jews as a race or religion, we have then sunk to a new low. We cannot allow ourselves to use anti-semitism as a trump card against the world, for it is a form of scapegoating that destroys our integrity and our morality.

It is absolutely morally reprehensible to equate any actions of any government in Europe to the actions taken by Hitler, for doing so cheapens and trivializes the worst and most horrific tragedy in contemporary history. As a Jew, I am frankly ashamed that people are referring to the worst plight of our history for political purposes.

Michael Furman, originally from Providence, is a junior at George Washington University.

Paranoia

From page 4

tria and the *de facto* master of central Europe, Prince von Metternich, ordered the German princes to enforce the Carlsbad Decrees which controlled the universities by censoring all publications, placing spies in classrooms, vetting professors' notes, and establishing a secret inquisition to look into subversive student organizations. This censorship was successful for a while, but it never works in the long term. It was tried by Hitler and Stalin, it is being

done by the militant Islamics, and now Daniel Pipes wants it to come to America.

No thanks, Mr. Pipes. Leave the teaching of students to teachers and to students. We'll make our mistakes, but ultimately we'll get it right, and we always have, despite those who, like you, would impose outside strictures on what we can teach, whom we teach, how we teach. If you are looking at advocacy of anti-Americanism, Dan, check out your bathroom mirror.

Joshua Stein is a professor at Roger Williams University.

News briefs

Israeli managed Arafat money?

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A former senior Israeli security official reportedly managed a Swiss bank account for Yasser Arafat, according to an Israeli newspaper.

Even after the outbreak of the intifada, Yossi Ginosar and his former business partner transferred some \$300 million from funds in the bank to unknown sources, the Israeli daily Ma'ariv reported.

Ginosar, who had acted as a go-between with the Palestinian Authority president for former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak as well as current Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, called the report baseless and said he has served Israel faithfully.

Poll: Jews down on Bush

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- A majority of U.S. Jews rate President Bush's leadership on the Middle East as fair or poor, according to a new poll.

The study, funded jointly by American for Peace Now and the Arab American Institute, also found that both the Jewish and Arab communities in the United States would like the Bush administration to steer a middle course in the peace process.

Only 5 percent of Jews surveyed rated Bush's handling of the Middle East as excellent, with 23 percent saying it was good, 38 percent calling it fair and 31 percent describing it

as poor. The poll, produced by Zogby International in late October, has a 4.5 percent margin of error.

E.U. to restate Palestinian support

NEW YORK (JTA) -- E.U. leaders were expected to reiterate their support for the creation of a Palestinian state during a recent summit in Copenhagen. The officials were also expected to restate their willingness to continue providing financial support to the Palestinian Authority.

Annan: Peace in 3 years

NEW YORK (JTA) -- A peaceful, two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can be achieved within three years, according to Kofi Annan. The U.N. secretary-general made the assessment in a speech recently at a dinner for the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Annan also said that the majority of Palestinians accept the continued existence of Israel, and are ready to live alongside it in their own state.

Canadian university boots Hillel

MONTREAL (JTA) -- The student union of Montreal's Concordia University banned any activity by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

This week's 8-1 vote by the university's student government came in response to Hillel fliers

promoting Mahal, a volunteer program for the Israeli army.

The student union, which comes under Canada's Ministry of Education, called the act a violation of Canadian law, a rationale national Hillel officials called "outrageous." The organization is planning "major legal action," the officials said.

Labor chooses Knesset candidates

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- Political doves and hawks shared top spots in the Labor Party primary to choose its candidates for Israel's January elections. According to final results from Monday's primary, former Cabinet minister Matan Vilnai, a backer of dovish party leader Amram Mitzna, placed first. Also finishing in the top 10 slots were doves Avraham Burg and Yuli Tamir, alongside more hawkish members Dalia Itzik and Ephraim Sneh. Veteran Labor member Yossi Beilin, an architect of the Oslo accords, placed so low on the list that it is unlikely he will serve in the next Knesset. The first three spots on the list were reserved for Mitzna, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer and Shimon Peres.

Swiss may overturn convictions

NEW YORK (JTA) -- The Swiss government backed a proposal to overturn the wartime convictions of people who broke laws then in effect when they sheltered Jews and others fleeing Nazi Germany.



HOTEL HELL — Two lion statues at the entrance, and burnt walls are all that remain of the Israeli-owned Paradise Hotel in Kikambala, Kenya, Friday Nov. 29, 2002. The day before, terrorist bombers drove up to the doors of an Israeli-owned hotel and detonated their explosives. The attack killed the terrorists and at least 12 others — 9 of them Kenyans and 3 of them Israelis — and wounded dozens more. Miles away, in a coordinated attack, shoulder-launched missiles narrowly missed a crowded Israeli passenger jet.



PRESIDENT BUSH watches as Daniella Wald, 12, lights one of the candles on the Menorah Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the White House. President Bush presented one of the lighted candles to Daniella Wald, who lit the first three candles, and she presented the lighter candle to her sister, Alexandra Wald, 15, who lit the other three. Both of the girls are from Manhattan, and their father, Victor Wald, was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

East Coast Auto Transport, Inc. 401-438-6454

800-393-1850



#1 IN AUTO TRANSPORT

FLORIDA & NATIONWIDE

- Door to door
- Licensed - Bonded & Fully Insured
- Airport Delivery

Snowbirds Reserve Early

Serving...new and repeat customers since 1992

Visit us on the web at: www.eastcoastautotransport.com

Long Term Care Insurance Isn't Just for Nursing Homes Any More

GE's Long Term Care Division has observed, in its 25+ years experience, that a nursing home usually is the last choice for most people who need long term care. With *GE Long Term Care Choice*SM, your first option is home care with no waiting period. Clients can also qualify for Preferred Health and Couples Discounts of up to 35%.

For more information on *GE Long Term Care Choice*, please call me:



Lynn Pohl

401-274-7213

Long Term Care Insurance Specialist

We bring good things to life.

Products underwritten by General Electric Capital Assurance Company, and in New York, by GE Capital Life Assurance Company of New York. Policy series 7035 and in New York 51010

NS18266

The Cheese Shop of Providence

Specialists in the World's Finest Cheeses & Gourmet Gift Baskets



186 Wayland Avenue
Wayland Square Providence, RI

401-274-7177

fax: 401-421-5691

www.cheeseshopprovidence.com

• Visa & Master Card •

ADVERTISE
it pays...call
421-4111, ext 160

What would Moses drive?

Jews, Christians join in calling for smaller cars and less pollution

By Joe Berkofsky

(JTA) — Rabbi Jerome Epstein owns a Buick, but he's going automobile shopping this week.

"What I'm looking for is a small car," Epstein says.

As he wanders the wilderness of car dealerships, Epstein might wonder, what would Moses drive?

Epstein, executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the movement's congregational umbrella group, is among Jewish and Christian leaders and organizations aiming to steer the United States away from its dependence on foreign oil and put the brakes on Americans' penchant for gas-guzzling Sport Utility Vehicles.

Officially called the Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign, the effort by four dozen leaders and groups has won major media coverage, thanks largely to the evangelical Christian motto, "What would Jesus drive?"

On the Jewish side, fuel-

ing the push are the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, together with leading rabbis and organizations such as the American Jewish Committee, Hadassah, the Jewish Council of Public Affairs, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

On Nov. 20, campaign members delivered petitions to the heads of the Big Three automakers in Detroit, urging tighter fuel economy standards in new cars as a "moral imperative" that would heighten national security and reduce pollution from fossil fuels.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center, told the CEOs of Daimler Chrysler, Ford and General Motors that nearly all the cars Detroit is producing "are poisoning the air, warming the air, punishing the poor, weakening America's security by dependency on foreign oil, jeopardizing the future of our children" and "just plain violating the

covenant with our Creator."

Coalition members maintain that there's a direct connection among SUVs, national security and global warming.

Mark Jacobs, executive director of the Jewish environmental group COEJL, says 52 percent of U.S. oil is imported from places such as Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

That means "U.S. foreign policy is significantly shaped by Saudi oil and some of the same nations that support terrorism," Jacobs says. "The quickest way to increase our security is to lessen our reliance on foreign oil."

The New York Times reported Tuesday that the United States, which has only 3 percent of world oil reserves, remains reliant on Saudi reserves more than a decade after the Persian Gulf War sparked calls to diversify oil imports.

U.S. oil consumption also is rising as cars get bigger, while fuel economy standards are stagnating, the coalition says.

Israeli products aid economy

Now, more than ever, Israel needs our help. One way to help the Israeli economy is to buy Israeli products. The next time you need a gift, or something for your own home, why not purchase Israeli arts or crafts, religious objects, books or other Israeli products.

Jewish gift shops, synagogue religious bookstores and even supermarkets often have Israeli goods in stock. The extra cost to you of purchasing Israeli products is minimal, but the benefit to Israel could be enormous. If every Jew outside of Israel purchased only \$10 worth of Israeli products a year, that would generate an additional \$100 million for the Israeli economy. If they purchased \$50 worth of products, that would generate \$500 million per year.

The internet also has a wide variety of Israeli products for sale:

Wine and Food:

<http://www.israeldirect.co.il/Food-wine.htm>

Art and Jewelry:

<http://www.kakadu-design.com>

Music:

<http://www.israeliscent.com/IsraelStore/IsraelMusic>

<http://israelvisit.co.il/Music/index.html>

Judaica:

<http://israelvisit.co.il/Judaica/index.html>

<http://www.israeldirect.co.il/judaica.htm>

Software:

<http://www.jewishsoftware.com>

Books:

<http://israelvisit.co.il/j/books.htm>

<http://www.israeldirect.co.il/books.htm>

Sports Products:

<http://www.israeliscent.com/IsraelStore/IsraelSports>

Cosmetics:

<http://www.holylandcosmetics.com>

Provided by Jason Orenstein North American Director of Student Affairs, Israel Aliyah Center

Coastal Medical Renaissance

welcomes

Dr. Eric Rogoff

Internal medicine physician

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Binghamton University.
- Acquired his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine - affiliated with Yeshiva University in N.Y.C.
- Completed his residency in 2000 at Harvard University's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.
- Diplomate American Board of Internal Medicine
- Member of the American College of Physicians and Rhode Island Medical Society.
- Full admitting privileges to Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals.
- Accepting new patients, some evening appointments are available.

Call 401-946-6200 to schedule an appointment

**75 Sockanosset Crossroad,
Cranston (across from library near Garden City)**

Accepting: •Blue Cross/Blue Chip • United Healthcare • Medicare and Medicaid and others



Federation News

RHODA'S JUDAICA

YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR EVERYTHING JEWISH!

AFTER CHANUKAH CLEARANCE SALE SAVE UP TO 50%

TALIT, CHANIKIAH, GIFTWARE, CHALLAH
COVERS, JEWELRY, MEZUZAHs, KIDDUSH CUPS,
FRAMED ART, TZEDAKAH BOXES,
CUTTING BOARDS AND MUCH MORE

BOOK SALE! SAVE UP TO 40%

(Does not include prayer & religious text books)

STORE HOURS

MON.- THURS. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. • SUNDAY: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sale ends December 27, 2002 • All sales final
Prior purchases excluded from the sale

775 HOPE STREET • PROVIDENCE, RI
CALL: 454-4775 FAX: 454-4692

Please support our advertisers
Tell them you saw it in the
Jewish Voice & Herald



R.I. participates in General Assembly

ABOVE: The most recent General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities in Philadelphia brought (from left) JFRI president Mark Feinstein, Stacy Emanuel, Doug Emanuel, and JFRI executive vice-president Janet Englehart, among others.



AT LEFT: RABBI MORDECHAI ESKOVITZ, right, a member of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis and spiritual leader of Touro Synagogue in Newport, was honored with the United Jewish Communities (UJC) 2002 Rabbinical Award by a UJC representative. The Rabbis chosen to receive the special recognition were presented with the award at the UJC General Assembly in Philadelphia on November 21.



Speaking our Plece Americans for Peace Now... www.peacenow.org

A recent joint survey of American Jewish and Arab American opinion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict revealed that, even after more than two years of brutal bloodshed that has marked the Intifada, both communities share moderate views on the situation and voice strong support for positions that can advance the peace process. Beyond the results of the poll, the groups that sponsored the survey, Americans for Peace Now and the Arab American Institute, also demonstrated that cooperation between our two communities is indeed possible-and desirable.

Here are the major findings:

Over 86% of American Jews and Arab Americans agree that Israelis and Palestinians each have a right to live in secure, independent states of their own;

Given a choice of seven different possibilities, pluralities of American Jews (42.1%) and Arab Americans (49.6%) think both sides are to blame for the break down of the Middle East peace process;

A plurality of American Jews (45.4%) and a majority of Arab Americans (65.8%) want to see the Bush Administration steer a middle course in the pursuit of peace;

51.7% of American Jews and 78.9% of Arab Americans support a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians that would include independent, secure states for each side, the evacuation of most settlements from the West Bank and Gaza, the establishment of a border roughly along the June 4, 1967 line, a Palestinian right of return only to inside a new Palestinian state, and establishing Jerusalem as the shared capital of both countries.

Further, American Jews were asked a separate series of peace-related questions during the survey. We found that:

71.8% of American Jews believe the best way for Israel to respond to ongoing violent attacks by Palestinians is with a combination of political negotiations and force, while another 17.6% said that just political negotiations was the best response; and

67.5% of American Jews agree that some Israeli settlements should be evacuated in the context of a peace agreement, while 53.3% of American Jews support removing settlements to improve Israeli security, even without a peace accord.

As decision makers in this country consider their next moves regarding the conflict in the Middle East, they should keep in mind that there is a real Jewish and Arab constituency for Israeli-Palestinian peace right here at home.

Add your voice - return this coupon with your tax-deductible donation today

_____ \$5000 _____ \$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ other \$ _____

My check payable to Americans for Peace Now is enclosed

Name _____

Please charge my: Visa MC Amex Disc.

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Card# _____

Expiration _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Americans for Peace Now • 1815 H Street, Suite 920 • Washington, DC 20006 • 202.728.1893 • www.peacenow.org

Federation News



Mitzvah of the month

LINDA MILLER, above, Chair of the Women's Alliance Community Service Committee, with donated toys for December's "Mitzvah of the Month". Toys will be donated to the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center during the week of December 16. Interested in hands-on community service projects? Call the Federation at 421-4111 ext. 162 to get involved.

Notes from the Community Relations Council

A service of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

1. Upcoming meeting

You are invited to join the Community Relations Council at our December 23rd meeting. Among the things to be discussed are the current events in Israel, the formation of our Tzedek Synagogue Initiative, the Martin Luther King Sing, and more. This meeting will be at 5:30pm at the Jewish Federation Board Room.

2. JCPA Plenum

The 2003 Jewish Council for Public Affairs Plenum early-bird registration deadline is only

a month away. Hurry up and register for the first Jewish gathering after the Israeli elections and after the 108th Congress has been sworn in. The Plenum brochure is available on our website at www.jewishpublicaffairs.org. For additional information, please contact Tamar Harari-Gur at tharari-gur@thejcpa.org.

3. News briefing

President Moshe Katsav hosts Ramadan Feast for Knesset Members: Israeli Arab Members of Knesset, mayors and heads of local councils were invited to a Ramadan feast hosted by Israeli Presi-

dent Moshe Katsav. President Katsav, along with Arab Coordinating Council head Shawki Hatif, spoke about a need to end the violence and bloodshed in Israel. Hatif stated: "Every day we are burying people on both sides... We have to raise our voices against this madness."

If you have any suggestions or would like to learn more about how you can become more active in the Community Relations Council, contact Rebekah Raz at rroz@jfri.org, and include your name, phone number, and e-mail address.

The Community Service Committee
of the Women's Alliance
is pleased to announce our new program

"Mitzvah of the Month"

Each month, we will announce a new social action project.

DECEMBER'S MITZVAH IS TOY DONATION

BRING a new toy for donation to the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, RI 02906, by December 19.

ALL toy donations will be delivered to the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, which provides emergency shelter and support to victims of domestic abuse and their children.

Be sure to watch for next month's Mitzvah in the January 10th issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald.

For more information contact Rachel Siegal at, 401-421-4111, ext. 162 or E-mail: rsiegal@jfri.org

SIMPLY THE BEST. CAMP JORI 2003.

Be the FIRST to register for the NEWEST camp in North America with a BEAUTIFUL campus, a MAGNIFICENT waterfront, SPACIOUS cabins, an ENORMOUS rec hall, a dining hall with an INSPIRING view, a HIGHLY SKILLED staff, COMPREHENSIVE programming, and a PROTECTED environment...

... but still with the OLDEST values — that JORI family feeling, the WARMEST and FRIENDLIEST atmosphere, and the MOST CARING personnel.



BOYS AND GIRLS,
GRADES 2 - 10.
TWO FOUR-WEEK
SESSIONS.
TWO-WEEK SESSIONS FOR
FIRST TIME CAMPERS ONLY.

Located in Wakefield, Rhode Island.
Kosher dietary laws observed.

Be the EARLIEST to register (we recommend it), to be part of JORI's historic move to our new site.

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION CONTACT:

Camp JORI, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906

CALL: 401/521-2655

OR: Camp Director Ronni Guttin at 401/781-3016

WEB: WWW.CAMPJORI.COM

E-MAIL: CAMPJORI@HOTMAIL.COM

CAMPJORI
ON WORDEN'S POND



FIRST HORIZON.
HOME LOANS



Jonathan Salinger, Manager
Deborah Salinger, Loan Coordinator

Providing expert advice
on all your home
purchasing and refinances

Less Stress. More Choices.



300 Metro Center Blvd., Warwick, RI (401) 736-2250

...or call toll free

1-800-611-6256

Local News

Barak at Brown

From page 1

East peace process by the Brown Lecture Board Barak, Barak advocated nothing less than a hard-line approach to terrorism, whether in Iraq, Israel, or elsewhere.

"The attacks of 9/11 have changed the world forever. At stake is everything we hold dear."

"After Sept. 11, nothing about terror can ever be taken for granted... If someone is willing to kill 3,000 people... what makes you think they will stop at 30,000? Or 130,000?"

He said that the situation in Israel and Iraq is "just the opening chapter of this ordeal... this is the first world war of the 21st century."

Barak is both a warrior and a statesman/ politician. After serving as chief of staff of the Israeli Army, he was elected to the Knesset in 1996 and became chair of the Labor Party. Three years later, he led the forma-

tion of the One Israel Party. After serving in Yithak Rabin's cabinet, he became prime minister and served from May, 1999 to March, 2001. The failure of the Camp David negotiations and the renewal of violence on Barak's watch, led to his defeat by Ariel Sharon in a special election.

Speaking at length about the escalating situation with Iraq, he said that the need to remove Saddam Hussein from power stems from his dangerous nuclear military arsenal. "No one really knows how long [it is] until Saddam Hussein has a crude nuclear device," he said, adding that it was a "crude nuclear device" that leveled Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Barak noted that when Israel attacked Hussein's nuclear facilities during the Gulf War, "the whole world condemned Israel" only to realize the wisdom of her action later. He predicted that removing

Saddam will result in an "uncovering of facts that will ridicule those who hesitated so long."

Despite the frightening thought of being attacked by chemical weapons, in Barak's opinion, "the need to remove Saddam Hussein... exceeds the dangers."

Barak spoke about the famous Camp David peace conference in which he had offered Yasser Arafat all of the Gaza Strip and 90 percent of the West Bank. "Arafat refused to take it," he said. "He closed the door behind him, walked out and turned... to suicide terror."

"Arafat does not recognize the right for a Jewish state... If it was just about the occupation, there would be peace for two years now," he said, to large applause.

"The fact that Mr. Arafat does not want peace should not stop Israel from pursuing its own secure future," he said.

Israel's reaction to ongoing Palestinian attacks should be threefold: First, strike back for every attack, harshly if necessary, but "focus[ing] on Palestinian terror, not the Palestinian people." Second, make it clear that Israel is always open to negotiations. Third, continue to build security fences, which will "reduce dramatically the suicide attacks." He said this move is essential to "protect the



From left: David Hirsch, Rabbi Richard Kirschen, executive director at Brown Hillel, Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, and Danny Warshay, president of the Brown Hillel Foundation, in a photo taken in a reception after the speech. Photo by Brown Hillel

identity of the state of Israel," and to "assure a Jewish majority."

Concerning the politically controversial issue of the settlements, Barak said that "most of the settlements should be relocated and brought inside Israel proper."

The Palestinians, in turn, should take steps towards peace, including improving the infrastructure of their government, working to "crush Hamas," and transferring Arafat to a non-executive role and leaving his position vacant for new leadership.

He doesn't expect results anytime soon. "It's going to be a long struggle... months... years... half a generation."

In terms of a response to both the intifada and the looming threat of Saddam Hussein, Barak recommends that both the U.S. and Israel adopt "an unflinching persistence" and resist any pressure to abandon their efforts to bring Hussein

down.

However, while moving into a state of war, he said it was important not to lose sight of humanitarian needs on a global scale. "Once we have won the great and noble battle against terror... we can fight [for] social justice... We should never lose sight of the poor of the earth."

Reaction to the speech was largely positive. "I thought he was fantastic," said David Jacobson, an associate professor of Judaic Studies at Brown. "I think he'll go down in history as playing a very important role in bringing peace. At Camp David he showed the world that Israel is ready to make peace... Eventually, when the Palestinians are ready, it'll happen."

Nathaniel Lepp, a freshman at Brown, said that Barak's comments reminded him of post 9/11 rallying speeches from President Bush. "I can see Israel's security reasons for destroying Iraq... but not his notion that we need to purge Iraq from the face of the earth."

Love to Shop?

Turn your sense of fashion into an entrepreneurial opportunity. Represent an exclusive New York collection of Women's Designer Sportswear; flexible hours, sell via home trunk showings.

1-800-658-7015

bringing Families closer

A Helpful Message from EPOCH Assisted Living on the East Side



The holidays are a time for turkey, celebrating and most importantly, spending time with family and friends. Bringing families together can often be challenging... especially if there is an older parent or loved one who does not live nearby, yet requires daily care and assistance. EPOCH Assisted Living on the East Side can help through our Holiday Visit Program. This program provides short-term accommodations for older adults, as well as amenities and services including furnished private apartment, daily activities and programs, dining and daily housekeeping.

A parent or loved one can stay in his or her own apartment at EPOCH and enjoy all the amenities and services. Most importantly, they can travel to the family home to enjoy the traditional turkey dinner, then return to EPOCH following the festivities to enjoy the companionship of peers and the convenience of supportive services.

For additional information on our Holiday Visit Program, please call 401-275-0682.

EPOCH
ASSISTED LIVING
on the East Side

One Butler Avenue
Providence, RI 02906
www.epochsl.com

EPOCH's
Holiday Visit
Program
beginning at
\$100 a day.*



*Based upon single occupancy.
Personal care services additional.

THE RESIDENCES OF CHOICE FOR SENIORS



Need To Plan A Special Event?

Dave & Buster's is the premier place in Rhode Island for Bar/Bat mitzvahs. Dave & Buster's Special Events Team can eliminate the hassles of event planning by providing you with everything you could possibly need whether your group is 20 or 2,000.

Call to make your next event a huge success!

Ice Sculptures • Party Favors • D.J. services • Themed Events
Mouth-Watering Menus • Million Dollar Midway
Billiards • Shuffleboard • Spacious Meeting Areas

I-95 @ Exit 22/Providence Place
401.270.4555

www.daveandbusters.com

Segal

From page 1

Russian Jews began arriving to the U.S. in record numbers. JFS coordinated the resettlement, educational and employment services for the refugees. During this time of crisis Segal worked with the Federation to have JFS become one of its core agencies. Segal also oversaw the JFS move from the Butler Hospital Campus to its current location in the United Way Building on Wayland St. in Providence.

With increased programming, enhanced staff size, and professional accreditations, JFS has earned many national awards under Segal's leadership. "We brought the agency into the 21st century in terms of accreditations," he said proudly, pointing to the perfect score they received from the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services.

Segal's role has changed over the years from the clinical work for which he was trained to fundraising. "Since the 1970s that's all I do," he said with a shrug. "I see my role as executive director as representing my agency and trying to raise as much money as I can." "I've worried more about agency finances than my own personal finances," he said.

When he began in the 1970s, 90 percent of his operating budget came from the United Way. A complete financial restructuring now finds programming fees providing the majority of income, followed by subsidies of 25 percent from

JFRI and only 11 percent from the United Way (this United Way allocation may change in the upcoming year).

Segal has been with JFS so long that he and the agency have become synonymous. Born in Brookline, Mass., he received his undergraduate degree from Boston University and his M.S.W. from Boston College. He is a licensed independent clinical social worker in both Mass. and R.I.

He described his reaction to retirement as running the gamut from happy to sad, but with an overall sense of great relief. Agency issues have been front and center in his head for years. "It's time I started enjoying myself, and, for the first time in a while, be selfish." Joining Paul in retirement is his wife Roberta Segal, whose public relations firm, Roberta Segal and Associates, has been active in Rhode Island for 20 years.

Tributes to Segal's service to the community have come from many who have worked with him.

Carol Feldman, a former president of JFS said that "When the going gets tough, Paul keeps a good balance and an even nature. His personal kindness is remarkable. Alvin Pansey of Pawtucket, president of JFS at the time when Paul came aboard, boasts that "I will be forever known as the guy who hired Paul Segal. He's built a wonderful reputation at a wonderful agency... He's become an asset to the community. What more could you ask for?"

WANTED

Very experienced agent in long-term care to join our team

MUST

HAVE over 1,200 clients

Have participated in over 30 client claims
Have earned the credentials of CLTC & RHU
Be compassionate, honest & knowledgeable

Call: **Paul W. Isenberg**

Long Term Care
Insurance Advisors

Paul W. Isenberg CLTC (Certified in Long Term Care)
RHU (Registered Health Underwriter)

111 Tampa Street
W. Warwick, RI 02893
E-mail: isenbergltc@cox.net

Tel (401) 826-3424
Home (401) 828-5843
Fax (401) 828-2299

Rhode Islander's in Israel

From page 1

side 500 other American Jews from around the country on similar missions. The trip,

which takes the travelers on a lightning-fast trip to numerous locations in Israel in only six

days, is one of dozens by sent by the JFRI and other federations to Israel since the intifada began.

The group will visit Jerusalem, Afula, Rhode Island's sister city in Israel, meet many high-level political figures (including Minister of Foreign Affairs Binyamin Netanyahu), and visit many social service agency's that Rhode Island's Israel Emergency Campaign has financed (READERS: Hear their story next issue!).

Alan Axelrod, chair of the community relations council at the JFRI, said he signed up for the trip "as soon as I heard about it." He hadn't been to Israel since 1990 and hoped that the intifada had not entirely erased the vibrancy he witnessed at his last visit.

Sandy Afasi, from Tel Aviv, was taking a brief vacation in Rhode Island this past month, and hitched a ride back to the airport with the mission-goers. "It means a lot to Israelis when people come to Israel," she said. "This trip is very important. It's not a tourist trip, it's a solidarity trip."



Saving Jews a world away

(from left) Michael Novick, executive director of strategic planning for the Joint Distribution Committee, and Andres Spokoyny (right), JDC director of the Baltic States, brought stories to Federation leadership and members of the Jewish community about how locally raised overseas dollars (25 percent of which are given to the JDC) help to counteract the specific problems in different communities in 57 countries.

Argentina, for instance, suffered an almost complete economic collapse, bringing many Jews, as Spokoyny put it, "from the country club to the welfare center." Fifty-four percent of the population now lives below the poverty line. With many Hebrew schools and Community Centers having been closed in a short amount of time, the Jewish community is in danger of being annihilated.

To counteract this, the JDC opened more than 700 social service centers in less than two months, are working to retrain laid-off workers, serve hot meals to the recently impoverished and are working to reorganize and consolidate Jewish institutions to help them survive.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

BLOCKBUSTER

Right now...

When you buy
\$50 worth of
BLOCKBUSTER

Gift Cards,

you will receive a
\$5 Gift Card FREE

Offer good through December 16th.

So hurry to your local
BLOCKBUSTER store.

**Happy
Holidays**

Always the
Right Size
& Color



BLOCKBUSTER® name, design and related marks are trademarks of J.V. Blockbuster Inc. © 2001 Blockbuster Inc. All rights reserved.

Hanukkah lights around Rhode Island



SYLVIE SCHNEIDER, right, gives a hug to Amy Vogel, both age 4, after dancing to the live music at the Jewish Community Center's Hanukkah party on Dec. 4.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin



MAX DWARES, 19, of Cranston, lights the menorah at the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin



DAVE PINCHUS, right, of Providence, sits with his son, Aaron, 4, and daughter, Madeline, 18 months, at the Jewish Community Center's Hanukkah celebration.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

By Jonathan Rubin

Being a Jewish community reporter around Hanukkah is tough work — everyone in town throws their own gala bash! In the span of about a week I went to as many Hanukkah celebrations as I could, and here are the results. If I missed your party — sorry, there's always next year!

Some highlights:

JFS Kosher Mealsite

More than 130 seniors showed up at the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite in Temple Torat Yisrael for their annual Hanukkah party. Located in Cranston, the event sported a catered kosher lunch by Prima Kosher, and the klezmer duo of Fishel Bresler and Shelley Katsch, who entertained the crowd in English, Yiddish and Hebrew.

"I think it's great... I love klezmer music, it's very lively" said Stella Pollock, of Warwick. Many women were kicking like rockettes, foremost among them Irene Belsky, of Warwick, fresh out of the hospital. "It makes

you want to shake your booty!" she said with a laugh and a high kick.

Shayna Kulik, senior at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., was visited her grandparents at the mealsite. "My grandparents come here every day," she said. "It's wonderful."

The mealsite, which is funded by Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, assists many Warwick and Cranston residents, and is non-denominational.

Jewish Community Center

On Dec. 4, the Jewish Community Center threw its big Community Hanukkah celebration, which was geared towards families and small children. There were kosher hot dogs and latkes galore, and with music by Stephen Starkman, director of the Rhode Island Youth Philharmonic, who brought two of his students to play with him. A few little girls were stirred into motion by the music, and, using the

skills they gleaned from their ballet class at the JCC, began to dance and twirl to the music. All of the children were invited to light the menorah, and worked on arts and crafts projects to take home.

Congregation Beth Shalom

"Candlepin" bowling, "pin the fire on the menorah" and lots of balloons made this Hanukkah celebration stand out. Fishel Bresler and Shelley Katsch were on hand for some Hanukkah music.

Temple Habonim

Temple Habonim of Barrington was the scene of a gala celebration on the final night of Hanukkah. Tables were set with space for each family, who brought their own menorahs to light. Rabbi James Rosenberg said the Hanukkah/Shabbat blessings, and played guitar.

Dinner was prepared by the Temple Youth Group, after dinner the younger children were treated to story telling, music and magic tricks (thanks to Marilyn Graff).

1994 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE-GREEN
New Tires - Original Owner - Leather - CD
 Meticulously Maintained with Records to Show
 For Sale @ **Bargain \$5,995** Call 401-521-1199

Stephen F. Schiff, M.D., F.A.C.S.

MOHEL

CERTIFIED by Jewish Theological Seminary and
 the Rabbinical Assembly
CERTIFIED by the American Board of Urology

401-274-6565

CLEARANCE SALE 50% OFF
 Outfits for the
 Newborn to
 8 years
 Opening Hours
 Tues-Sat 10-5 pm
 Thurs. 11-7 pm

Shop at...
Charlotte's Boutique
 Governor Francis Plaza #951
 1256 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI
 Tel. 401-463-3663

Hanukkah lights around Rhode Island



Keshet Levine, left, and Tali Bessler play at Congregation Beth Sholom's Hanukkah party in Providence. Photo by Jonathan Rubin



RABBI YOSHI LAUFER, of the Chabad Chai Center of West Bay, shakes hands with Congressman James Langevin at Chabad's annual Hanukkah celebration at the Warwick Mall. More than 250 people came to witness the lighting of a giant menorah, to sing songs with members of Temple Am David Hebrew School and to make arts and crafts menorahs. Sounds of Simcha provided the music.

Photo by Chabad CHAI Center of West Bay



Herbert Schwartz lights the menorah at Beth Sholom in Providence. Photo by Jonathan Rubin



ABOVE — From left: Adena Malka Yudkowsky, Esther Basya Raskin, and Devorah Golda Taitelbaum show off their prize winning entries in The Jewish Voice & Herald's annual Hanukkah art contest. Prizes were given away at an awards ceremony on Nov. 26 in the Jewish Community Center. (Unclaimed entries are available at the JCC front desk. Call 861-8800).

Photo by Jonathan Rubin



PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM! From left: Cantor Judy Seplowin, of Temple Beth El in Providence, helps Stan Freedman and Ira Rice make some noise at the Jewish Community Center's Senior Adult Hanukkah party on December 6.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

The Consignment Barn
394 Fall River Avenue
Seekonk, MA 02771

*We Will Buy or Consign
One Item or a Full House*

Nancy Rasmussen
(508) 336-3228

Hours: Daily 10 to 5
Sunday 12 to 5

Gordon & Alperin
Kosher Meat Market
552 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459
(617) 332-4170 • 1-800-498-7879 • (617) 527-3913

"KOSHER & QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST"
— DELIVERY AVAILABLE —

UNDER ORTHODOX RABBINIC SUPERVISION

*For this holiday season...
beautiful velvet robes
and sleepwear*

Happy Holidays

Mrs. Robinson
187-189 WAYLAND AVE. • PROVIDENCE, RI, PHONE 831-7740

Community



Cicilline pays visit to Alperin Schechter

PROVIDENCE MAYOR elect-David Cicilline dropped by the Alperin Schechter School in Providence on Dec. 3. After reading a children's book entitled *The Island of the Skog*, by Steven Kellogg, he took time to sign a few autographs and answer some questions from second and third graders, including "What do mayors eat?"

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Book reviewers wanted

Like to read? Like to write? The Jewish Voice & Herald is selecting a group of volunteer book reviewers to review books of interest to the Jewish community. Volunteers can offer suggestions for reviewers and

will receive copies for review.

This endeavor will be coordinated by Judy Greenblatt, librarian at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. Greenblatt has a masters in library science from Rutgers University and a masters in Judaic Studies from Hebrew College in Boston.

Interested parties can send a sample by mail for review to Judy Greenblatt at The Bureau Of Jewish Education, 130 Sessions Street, Providence RI 02906 or by e-mail to jgreenblatt@bjeri.org.

For more information, call Judy at 331-0956, ext. 184.



JUDY GREENBLATT, librarian at the Bureau of Jewish Education, will head the new book review committee for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

Date change

Temple Torat Yisrael has changed the dates of its Congregation (3rd to 7th grade) and Tor Shabbat (Pre-School to 2nd grade). The revised calendar is: December 14, January 11, February 8, March 15, April 12 (Final meeting). All meetings at 10 a.m. Call 785-1890.

Come in out of the COLD

WINTER FITNESS SPECIAL!

Come inside and warm up in our pool and group exercise classes. Let our fitness experts help you design your own personalized fitness program.

JANUARY 1st – MARCH 31st ...for only \$145.*
Special rate for Teens...just \$75.
Join beginning Dec. 15th & get 2 weeks free!

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island
 401 Elmgrove Ave. – Call 401.861.8800 for information.

jcc
 rhode island
www.jccri.org

You belong here

* this special is for first time members

JEWISH VOICE & HERALD BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

AUTOMOBILE SALES

Elaine Kaplan's
LIMITED

Elaine Kaplan

1346 Bald Hill Road
 Warwick, RI 02886
 Tel: (401) 461-2000 x126
 Fax: (401) 781-3389

LAND-ROVER



JAGUAR

ACUPUNCTURE



道

Mel Diana

Doctor of Acupuncture

144 Waterman Street
 Providence, Rhode Island 02906
 (401) 273-0404

ENTERTAINMENT

Make Your Day Special
 Allow us to provide you with
The Best Entertainment!

Private and Corporate Functions
 Weddings • Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and more
 Full Bands • Soloists • DJs • Specialty Acts and more

SILVERSTAR
 ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

Faye L. Silverman
 PHONE: 401-475-4737
 E-MAIL: FSilverStar@cox.net

www.silverstarentertainment.biz

ADVERTISING SALES

Lee Waterbury
 Display Advertising Representative

The JEWISH VOICE & HERALD
SERVING RHODE ISLAND AND SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

(401) 421-4111, ext. 160

E-mail ads to: lcamara@jfri.org

Fax: 401-331-7961

130 Sessions Street • Providence, RI 02906

lwaterbury@jfri.org

**Place your business card in the
 Jewish Voice & Herald
 Business & Professional Directory
 Direct exposure in over 9,000 households**

JEWISH VOICE & HERALD BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

ATTORNEYS

ABB & G A. Larry Berren

Audette, Bazar, Berren & Gonzalez, Inc.
Attorneys at Law

1481 Wampanoag Trail • East Providence, RI 02915-1071

Phone 401-437-4450 Fax 401-437-4780
Internet www.abbglaw.com
E-mail lberren@abbglaw.com

APQS
ADLER POLLACK & SHEEHAN
SOLUTIONS AT LAW

2300 Financial Plaza 175 Federal Street
Providence, RI Boston, MA
(401) 274-7200 www.apslaw.com (617) 482-0600

K&K KAPLAN & KOLB INC.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

DANIEL S. KAPLAN

1100 TURKS HEAD BUILDING, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
401-272-9000 FAX 401-272-9020
HOME 401-245-8382 CELL 401-965-1880
E-MAIL ICEDADI@AOL.COM

AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS

Lexus and Toyota Repair

Elite Auto Repair, Inc.
eliteautorepair.icarumba.com

53 Kent Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886

401-736-8942

COMPUTER REPAIR & SERVICE

troubleshooters
PC

EMERGENCY SERVICE

Networking • Installation/Set-Up
Maintenance/Repair •
On-Site Service • Tech Support

Call Eric Shorr
331-0196
toll free
800-782-3988

115 Cedar St., Providence • www.pctrouble.com

BOOK BINDING



Preserve your memories

Personal Historian Mandy Syers will help you preserve your life story, photos, or family history in a beautiful custom-made book.

Heirloom Books

401-351-2842 • www.heirloom-books.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Eliot Rose

Asset Management, LLC
Value Investments

Gary S. Siperstein, President
Research, Investments & Portfolio Management

10 Weybosset Street, Suite 401 • Providence, Rhode Island 02903
Voice: 401.588.5101 • Toll Free: 866.585.5100
Fax: 401.588.5120 • e-mail: gs@eliotrose.com

MBF, Inc.

Martin B. Feibish, CLU, ChFC
Robert P. Narrin, CLU
Howard M. Myers, JD, MBA
Laurie Turchetti

Financial Services and Strategies

Two Hemingway Drive • East Providence • RI • 02915
401-435-3800 • 401-435-3833 (fax)
email: mbfinc@finsvcs.com

ORIENTAL RUGS

Sales, Cleaning & Restoration
Stevens Oriental Rugs

88 Main Street
East Greenwich, RI 02818

(401) 885-6066

www.stevensorientalrugs.com
StevensOriental@aol.com

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10-6

INSURANCE

Starkweather & Shepley

Insurance Brokerage, Inc.

Affiliates:

Insurance Underwriters, Inc. & Morton Smith, Inc.

David B. Soforenko
Vice President

60 Catamore Boulevard, East Providence, RI 02914
Phone: (401) 435-3600 Fax: (401) 438-0150
Email: dsfofrenko@starkweathershepley.com

PHOTOGRAPHY

SKORSKI
PHOTOGRAPHY
(401)821-7639

BAR / BAT MITVAH WEDDINGS

HOME IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS



Garage Doors

Residential & Commercial Sales & Service
Doors, Electric Operators & Repairs

"The best values in service you can buy"
George's Mobile Shop Service

Extensive Experience

RI Lic. 17220

Phone: 401-323-5220
Pager: 800-616-6571

T. L. WAGNER PAINTING

Interior/Exterior
Licensed & Insured
Free Estimates
Competitive rates



Home: 401-647-5161
Pager: 575-4173

R.I. Lic. #19280

REAL ESTATE



Bonnie Kaplan
CRI
Relocation Specialist

401.884.8050 ext 139 off.
401.374.4488 cell
bkaplan@dewolfe.com
website: bonniesells-houses.com



Sheila Land
CRS, CBR
Relocation Specialist

401.884.8050 ext 124 off.
401.884.2690 res.
sland@dewolfe.com
website: sheilaland.com



527 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818



2002
CHAIRMAN'S
CLUB

Licensed and Insured



Les and Viner

Chimney and Slate Repairs

RI 401-751-6210
MA: 508-336-9943
Cell 401-339-3451

R.I. Jewish Historical Association presents Horvitz award

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association presented the Eleanor F. Horvitz Award to two students from New England universities during its Nov. 17 meeting at Temple Beth-El. Established in 1998, the award, named in honor of the Association's longtime librarian-archivist, Eleanor Horvitz, recognizes outstanding research and writing by undergraduate

and graduate students.

This year the \$1,000 award was shared by Lauren Antler, a 2002 Brown graduate, and Rebecca Warren, a 2000 alumna of Wellesley College, currently completing a masters degree in teaching at Tufts.

Drawing extensively on the Association's archives, Antler's paper was "Pious Print: A Comparative Analysis of the

Rhode Island Jewish and Catholic Presses' Coverage of Civil Rights, 1954-1965." A native of New York City, she is presently teaching elementary school with the AmeriCorps program in Mississippi.

Warren's current field is American immigration history. Her paper dealt with a 1902 episode in the revitalized Newport Jewish Community. In addition to visiting Touro Synagogue and searching local records, she drew upon studies published by Bernard Kusinitz in the Association's journal, "The Notes." She is currently teaching middle school in Roxbury, Mass.

Entries for next year's Horvitz Award are due on Sept. 1. Any facet of R.I. Jewish History may be examined. For information, call 331-3160.

Ronald McDonald House asks holiday aid

The Providence Ronald McDonald House is looking for a person, couple or family to stay at the Ronald McDonald House from noon Dec. 24th through Dec. 26th and offer support to families of hospitalized children. Members of the Jewish community have assisted

in this annual event in prior years. An apartment is provided and a short training will be required. Duties include supervising day-to-day operations, passing out gifts, supporting volunteers and assisting with cooking, serving, answering phones, etc. Call 274-4447



'Yom Hadash' bring Jewish rock to Torat

by Jonathan Rubin

Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston was the home Dec. 7 of some good old fashioned Jewish rock n' roll. Yom Hadash (which means "new day"), a contemporary Jewish rock group from New Bedford, Mass., performed before a crowd of more than 200 at the Ira S. and Anna Galkin concert on Dec. 7.

Singing in both English and Hebrew (and a little Yiddish, too), brothers Jon Nelson (bass and vocals) and Josh (guitar, lead vocals) played alongside lifelong friend Dave

Lefkowitz (drums). Besides singing original music from their new album "All This Comes From You," (available on www.yomhadash.com), they also played some traditional Hanukkah songs and Jewish melodies, with a smattering of funk and blues.

Members of Cranston/Warwick USY were on hand to get some horas started in the crowd, and young and old got out of their seats to dance. The Hanukkah celebration also had latkes and a raffle.

conflictSOLUTION

Whether you are experiencing the pain of anxiety or depression, or stress in personal or family relationships, our skilled therapists can help you build on your inner strengths and help you to move toward solutions.

THE FAMILY THERAPY CENTER

229 WATERMAN STREET, PROVIDENCE RI 02906

TELEPHONE: 401/331-1244

web: www.jfsri.org e-mail: jfs2@conversent.net

THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.

A PROGRAM OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

Membership Has Its Privileges



B'nai B'rith
Members' Insurance Program

**Call today to discuss
Long Term Care Insurance plans.**

Brier & Brier
401-751-2990

18 Imperial Place • Providence • Rhode Island • 02903

Not connected with or endorsed by the U.S. Government or the Federal Medicare Program. Administered by Selman & Company. The Underwriters: Continental Casualty Company; Valley Forge Life Insurance Company; Unum Life Insurance Company of America. Coverage may not be available in all states.

A3/219-02/LC2337

MEMORY SUPPORT ASSISTED LIVING

Connect to Quality Caring



EPOCH Assisted Living can help enhance the quality of life for those suffering with dementia or other memory-related illnesses.

Our specialized program assists residents in maximizing their daily activities of living within a supportive and structured residential environment.

EPOCH's Memory Support Program Offers:

- 24 hour care
- High staff-to-resident ratio
- Specially trained memory support staff
- Daily programming designed to enhance memory stimulation
- A comfortable and secure environment

To learn more or to schedule a personal visit please call Arlene Nihill at
(401) 273-6565.

EPOCH®

ASSISTED LIVING
on Blackstone Boulevard



353 Blackstone Boulevard • Providence, RI • www.epochsl.com

THE RESIDENCE OF CHOICE FOR SENIORS

**Why not place your business card in our
Business & Professional Directory
Call Lee Waterbury for details
401-421-4111, ext. 160**

Kaunfer

From page 5

is option number one — the two-state solution. We should not be in the business of controlling large Arab populations with military rule. Although Israel has been forced into reoccupying those areas for security reasons, there is no doubt that those military incursions and curfews have caused enormous hardships and deaths among Palestinian civilians.

The taking of further lands, which have been in the possession of Palestinian families for hundreds of years, is simply wrong in my view. I think that placing Israeli settlements in the faces of Palestinian villages was a terribly mistaken policy and that the only way peace can come is to remove most of those outlying settlements in the con-

text of a wider peace agreement. I believe that the two-state solution is the only viable and fair solution.

How can we get to a peace when this way was tried before, we have no Palestinian partners for peace, and terrorist bombings are still happening? My feeling is that the Israelis and Palestinians may not be able to reach such an agreement on their own. At Pesach, we had a psychiatrist as one of our guests. I asked him what would he do with a couple who were battling for years and could not resolve their conflicts, but were not able for many reasons to simply divorce. He said they would need a mediator. I think the situation between Israel and the Palestinians may ultimately need a strong mediator. And I think that the United States with its allies should spearhead

such a mediation.

I don't know if this is the "quartet" or if it will be some mid-east NATO type of arrangement as suggested in an op ed in the *Times*. But some party will have to push the two sides into a final agreement — and I think that agreement will have to be a two-state solution, and not a solution in which Israel controls the West Bank perpetually. Of course security measures and guarantees along with the economic rebuilding of the West Bank will have to be part of the package. That will be left to the diplomats and military strategists.

I think that we as American Jews are allowed to have opinions on this matter. This does not mean that we don't support our brethren in Israel. I was in Israel this summer studying and spending time with

family; I buy Israeli products even more so now. I was there during the Six Day War and know the roots of the conflict first hand. But I truly believe that if a strong Jewish State

with its Jewish soul is to survive, a two-state solution should be our collective vision.

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer is rabbi at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Dershowitz

From page 5

ality in Israel make it more barbaric than the countries which behead, hang and shoot political dissidents? Is Israel's settlement policy, which 78% of Israelis want to end in exchange for peace, worse than the Chinese attempt at cultural genocide in Tibet? Is Israel's policy of full equality for openly gay soldiers and members of the Knesset somehow worse than the policy of Muslim states to persecute homosexuals? Is Israel's commitment to equality for women worse than the gender apartheid practiced in Saudi Arabia?

Our visitor would be perplexed to hear the excuses made by university professors and students for why they are prepared to delegitimize Israel while remaining silent about the far worse abuses committed by other countries. If he

were to ask a student about the abuses committed by other countries, he would be told (as I have been): "You're changing the subject. We're talking about Israel now."

This reminds me of an incident from the 1920s involving then-Harvard president A. Lawrence Lowell. Lowell decided that the number of Jews admitted to Harvard should be reduced because "Jews cheat." When a distinguished alumnus, Judge Learned Hand, pointed out that Protestants also cheat, Lowell responded, "You're changing the subject; we're talking about Jews."

It is not surprising, therefore, that as responsible and cautious a writer as Andrew Sullivan has concluded that "fanatical anti-Semitism, as bad or even worse than Hitler's, is now a cultural norm across

much of the Middle East and beyond. It's the acrid glue that unites Saddam, Arafat, al-Qaeda, Hezbollah, Iran and the Saudis. They all hate the Jews and want to see them destroyed."

Our intergalactic traveler, after learning all of these facts, would wonder what kind of a planet he had landed on. Do we have everything backwards? Do we know the difference between right and wrong? Do our universities teach the truth?

These are questions that need asking, lest we become the kind of world the visitor would have experienced had he arrived in Europe during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Originally appeared on www.jewishworldreview.com.



Featuring...

**Vintage Toys
Branded Toys
Educational
Material and Toys**

**Visit us to discover
a world of fun!**

808 HOPE STREET • PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND • 02906
401 • 453-5334



WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE

Meet the Newest Addition to the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Team

Midge Kahn

Place your home financing needs in the experienced hands of Midge Kahn and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Together we're committed to making your home purchase or REFINANCE as smooth and affordable as possible. Our comprehensive selection of mortgage choices, including flexible down payments, interest rates and closing options allow us to tailor a product that is personalized for you. No matter what your stage of life. No matter what your home buying dreams. Because dreaming is the first stage. Wells Fargo is The Next Stage.®



Closing Cost Credit

This certificate entitles **MIDGE'S CLIENT** to a closing cost credit in the amount of \$300 to be applied against costs when closing a mortgage loan with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

Midge Kahn

Phone: 401-741-2729 • Toll Free 800-456-8717

Fax: 401-943-3091

100 Midway Road • Suite 5 • Cranston, RI 02920

Custom Wooden Judaica

by
Al Resnick

If you're looking for a custom piece of Judaica...

- Many styles of Hebrew and English lettering
- Signs, plaques, menorahs, puzzles, etc.

If it's wood, we can craft it.



Unique & affordable



We can craft this sign into many items



A special gift Puzzle

Catalogue available upon request

Call: 401-739-2140 • E-mail alcor59@yahoo.com

On the web at: www.guthrieweb.com/reshon

Home Care with a Certified Nursing Assistant, assessment and monitoring with our Registered Nurses. Personal care. You can stay in your own home.

living INDEPENDENTLY

THE CAREGIVERS GROUP

229 WATERMAN STREET, PROVIDENCE RI 02906

TELEPHONE: 401/331-1244

web: www.jfsri.org e-mail: jfs2@conversent.net

A PROGRAM OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE



Offering the Best
Fine Wines
Beers & Spirits
& a Full Selection of
Kosher Wines

FOR ALL OF YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS INCLUDING...
BAR/BAT MITZVAHS, WEDDINGS AND MUCH MORE

806 Hope Street • Providence
Phone: 401-421-5760

Seeking a Rabbi

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM
TAUNTON, MASS.

Small, unaffiliated congregation in Taunton, Mass. is seeking a rabbi.

Poised for growth in the fastest growing region of Massachusetts, Congregation Agudath Achim, established in 1913, is seeking a leader who will honor the traditions of the past and help form the congregation of the future.

Part-time position considered. Send resume and salary requirements to:

Search Committee
Congregation Agudath Achim
P.O. Box 826
Taunton, MA 02780
or E-mail to: leorah@attbi.com

"The most invigorating and ingenious play of ideas in many a year... an electrifying work of art!"
NEW YORK TIMES

Copenhagen

by Michael Frayn

Winner of the 2000 Tony Award
December 6-Jan. 19
Call for tickets: 351-4242
Order online: www.trinityrep.com
Great group rates: call 521-1100, x223
Sponsored by
CITIZENS BANK
Season sponsored by
NBC

TRINITY REPERTORY COMPANY
TRINITYREP.COM • 201 WASHINGTON ST. • PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND

'Orphan Train' to arrive in Jan.

The Temple Emanu-El Youth Theater is planning a January production of *The Orphan Train*, a one-act musical.

The Orphan Train recalls a program of the Children's Aid Society of New York City to send orphaned, abandoned and neglected children to the rural midwest by train to be placed with farm families.

Between 1854 and the late 1920s, almost 120,000 children were transported on these "orphan trains," sponsored by a variety of Jewish agencies.

Performances will take place in the Temple Emanu-El meeting house on Thursday and Saturday, Jan. 9 and 11, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, Jan. 12 at 11:30 am.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Temple office for \$5 each, or at the door at \$6. For more information call 331-1616.

Shop the Voice & Herald CLASSIFIEDS



To place an ad call 421-4111, ext. 169, or e-mail to: voiceherald@jfri.org. Cost is \$8 for first 15 words, 25 cents for each additional word.

COMPUTER TRAINING

PERSONAL TRAINER. Get the basics or expand your abilities. Home private lessons from a patient and practical teacher. Harry Friedmann. Gift certificates are available. 245-5313.

DRIVING SERVICE

Available for Driving to doctors appointments, shopping, errands, etc. Please call Barbara for availability and rates. 861-5115

ENTERTAINMENT

Steve Yoken Entertainment Professional Disc Jockey and Master of Ceremonies. Bar/Bat Mitzvah and wedding specialists. Candle lighting ceremony and contests. Featuring "Mr. D" — the hip-hop dance heart throb! Many references. Fall River — 508-679-1545.

HOME HEALTH AIDE

Companion to elderly — Will care for your loved one in your home. Experienced, reliable, have references. 431-1043. Please leave message.

Educating the educators

Alexandra Zapruder (right), author of *Salvaged Pages: Young Writers' Diaries of the Holocaust*, fields questions and signs copies of her book at a recent Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum workshop for Rhode Island educators. The day-long program showed local educators more innovative and engaging methods of introducing middle and high school students to the Holocaust and issues of tolerance and prejudice.



Photo by Jonathan Rubin

College Hill Book Store

The Finest in Children's Books for the Holidays

Featuring from Simon & Schuster

Giggle, Giggle, Quack



Farmer Brown is going on vacation. He asks his brother, Bob, to take care of the animals. "But keep an eye on Duck. He's trouble."



"Eloise has been celebrated at the Plaza, in Paris, and in Moscow, now Eloise takes a plunge in the Bawth"

• Free gift wrapping •

25% OFF all New York Times Hardcover Best-sellers — Including Children's Titles! Same/Next Day shipping in RI

Daily ordering available — Access to over 3 million titles!

252 Thayer Street • Providence • Phone: 751-6404 • Fax: 331-4432

Community

Elderly history project to launch

Volunteers needed

By Barbara Dawson

When we meet someone for the first time, it's not unusual to ask, "What do you do? Where do you come from?" You discuss interests, families, and past experiences, and fully engage the person.

But when meeting a frail, elderly person, many of us will just say, "Hello, nice day isn't it?" We often don't take time to get to know the person or to hear about the life they once led.

Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, a program of Jewish Seniors Agency, recently decided it was time to start a formal program to capture the rich and fascinating histories of Jewish residents in nursing homes. Most residents don't readily talk about themselves

unless someone shows a genuine interest. Then, they will open up and tell story after story about their childhood, travels, work and family.

The oral histories are being recorded by volunteers, transcribed by the JERI staff and then given as a gift to the families. The histories also will help nursing home staffs know their residents better and will be a tool for the younger generation to understand and appreciate their elders. Eight volunteers have been trained in the special techniques needed to successfully interview the elderly and these people are now visiting residents in nursing homes around the state.

Alice Goldstein, who has met with several residents, loves the experience. "I don't necessarily get information in chronological order, but given time, the life stories and personalities

of the individual come out," said Goldstein. "The elderly have a lot to say and we can learn from them." "I really admire the grit with which some people have faced adversity," she added.

With more than 240 Jewish residents in nursing homes, more volunteers are needed for the oral history project. For information call Susan Adler, Director of the JERI Outreach Program at 621-5374.

Camp Avoda

On Beautiful Lake Tispaquin
Middleboro, Massachusetts 02346

Oldest Jewish Boys Camp in New England
Founded in 1927 for Jewish boys 7 to 15 years old
entering grades 2 through 10

CALL OR WRITE:

Paul G. Davis, Director
Camp Avoda

11 Essex Street • Lynnfield, MA 01940

(781) 334-6275

FAX: (781) 334-4779

E-Mail: campavoda@aol.com

www.campavoda.org



Saving, binding memories Scrapbooking program begins Jan. 9

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold a special program on scrapbooking for beginners at Memories and More, 1000 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, on January 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The program, "Preserving Memories and Traditions," will highlight some of the techniques used in the art of scrapbooking and the importance of memories and special occasions as building blocks of Jewish identity and Jewish tradition.

Recently, with the growing interest in genealogy, scrapbooking clubs have become a popular hobby not only for children but adults as well. Scrapbookers get together often to

socialize, exchange ideas, and creatively archive their favorite memories of holidays, vacations and Jewish family ritual and holiday traditions.

Space for this program is limited, and those interested should register in advance by calling Robin Kauffman, Director of Adult Education at the BJE/RI, at 401-331-0956. A materials fee of \$5 per person will be collected at the program.

This program, part of "Celebrations: Discovering Jewish Life in the Marketplace," is sponsored by the BJE/RI and is funded through the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

A personal emergency response system, 24/7.

For seniors, the homebound, those with chronic conditions or those recuperating. Call for help with the push of a button. For peace of mind and independence.

LIFELINE^{RI}

emergency RESPONSE

229 WATERMAN STREET, PROVIDENCE RI 02906

TELEPHONE: 401/331-1244

web: www.jfsri.org e-mail: jfs2@conversent.net

A PROGRAM OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE



It's time for DECEMBER VACATION CAMPS

Give your child a school holiday to remember!

December 23rd - 31st

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Early Arrival & Extended Day Available

- Field trips - Fleet Skating Center, IMAX, Snow Tubing at Yawgoo Valley & Bowling
- Daily swimming
- Outdoor play
- Arts & Crafts ♦ Special Arts Day
- Sports and games
- Children bring a dairy lunch

You belong here



Nurturing environment where children feel at home.
Don't give it another thought...take this off your "to do list".
Call NOW to sign up!

We guarantee your children will have fun!



The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island

401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, RI 02906

401-861-8800 ♦ For membership & program information, visit us at

www.jccri.org

FIRE

IF IT HAPPENS TO YOU, ARE YOU COVERED!

A new survey shows that 67% of high-valued homes do not have proper insurance. For a complimentary appraisal by a national insurance carrier call 401-274-0303 x14.

THE EGIS GROUP

81 S. Angell Street, Providence, RI 02906

www.egisgroup.com



As we grow older

Precious moments — sometimes only fleeting minutes

Sometimes a precious moment lasts a whole day.



Tema Gouse

Sometimes it only lasts an hour, or at times, only a few minutes. But the joy of it remains with us and when we are old enough to maddeningly forget names, events, and places, the pleasure of those

special incidents stay with us.

I am not necessarily referring to earth-shattering occasions. The incidents are uniquely owned experiences that we carry into senior life. When they happened, we knew we were happy but did not realize that the actual sensations would resurface again and again.

For most of us, those wonderful moments are usually confined to the private world of our families and close friends. And, occasionally, they are confined

to us alone.

Let's begin at the beginning. It would seem that giving birth to a child would immediately produce a delightful moment to remember. But that response is not automatic for everyone. A variety of factors, such as difficult pregnancy or delivery, can delay the joy, because we are all different. Thus, that rise of emotions may not come for days or weeks or even later. I experienced it when my first-born, age three months, reached over, grabbed my finger, and fell asleep. Not very dramatic, but oh so endearing and, for us, the onset of that much-abused term, "bonding."

I will also never forget the tears I shed when he walked down the aisle at his grammar school graduation. I was happy at his college graduations and his wedding but neither provoked tears of joy. (Who said I was normal?)

The first time I flew was in 1945. For a week before I was so nervous that I could not force myself to eat. I was flying from Chicago to Cleveland. My knees shook visibly for the first ten minutes of the flight and then, with overwhelming relief, I realized that the plane was probably not going to crash and asked the stewardess when lunch would be served. (In olden days, mealtimes were observed

on airplanes). What jubilation! I've traveled hundreds of thousands of miles since, but that 300-400 mile trek aboard a 25 passenger DC3 is the one I recall most happily. A precious moment. (It takes so little to satisfy me.)

In my professional life I remember quiet but elevating moments when two very difficult patients I was treating made significant changes in their lives. (Though I have presumably helped many others, I can still visualize their two faces, and recall my satisfaction at the realization that my training had been worthwhile.)

I had a wonderful retirement party. Everybody said nice things. The presents were special. But when another surprise present came in the presence of my younger son, who lived far away, it provoked emotions then, and to this day, that are rarely experienced.

A life-threatening illness kept me for some time in a world outside my family but when one day I opened my eyes and they welcomed me back I began to smile and have been smiling about it ever since. They

do not make better life experiences than recovery.

There are some fleeting memorable moments that do not involve the people in our immediate world. I often recall the memory of a play that deeply moved me. If someone mentions a book I loved, I'll think of it frequently weeks later. And who doesn't often, relive the day that President Kennedy was killed? (Or, seniors, the day that FDR died?)

Those are some of my precious memories and along with them, the bad moments that are even harder to set aside and which come into our consciousness more often than we

How often does an older person begin a sentence with "I'll never forget when.....?" The wonderful moments should be treasured, even if they bore others at times.

appreciate.

How often does an older person begin a sentence with "I'll never forget when.....?" The wonderful moments should be treasured, even if they bore others at times. Nourish them. Even in the saddest of lives there are highlights worth reviving again and again. We finally have enough free time to dwell on the pleasures, past and present.

Tema Gouse lives in Cranston. Contact her via this paper at voiceherald@jfri.org

THE YARN OUTLET
225 Conant Street
Pawtucket, RI
Open: Mon. — Fri. 9:00 — 4:30

Offering the largest selection of books in the state.

YES...We have the yarns you need to make a beautiful, fancy scarf!

Directions from South: Rt. 95 north to Exit 26 — at first traffic light turn left onto Lonsdale Ave. Turn right at 2nd traffic light onto Weeden St. — turn left at 1st traffic light onto Conant St. Bear right to #225
Directions from North: Rt. 95 South to exit #30. turn right at 2nd traffic light onto Central Ave. (Central Ave. becomes Cross St.) Follow to the end. Turn left onto Pine St., then 1st right onto #225 Conant St.

WE DELIVER
• PICK-UP • PACK • SHIP

We ship UPS/FED EX

SALE!
Packing Boxes
50% OFF

MAIL BOXES ETC.®
A UPS COMPANY

Frank Weiss
Owner / Operator

MBC centers are independently owned and operated franchises.

MAIL BOXES ETC.®
A UPS COMPANY

1800 Mineral Spring Avenue
North Providence, RI 02904

CALL: 401-354-8810
FAX: 401-353-0666
E-MAIL: mbemail.com

Mon-Fri. 8-5:30
Sat. 10-2:00

Pawtucket Credit Union

Not a bank. A whole lot better.
www.pcu.org

Main Office: 1200 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, RI
401-722-2212 or 800-298-2212

Nine Branch Locations: Pawtucket, East Providence, North Providence, Cranston and Warwick

ATMs available at all locations, at McCoy Stadium and at 150 Roosevelt Avenue (across from Pawtucket City Hall).

Fall River Jewish Home
538 Robeson St., Fall River, MA 02720

A kosher skilled nursing facility
providing complete rehabilitative services and spiritual support.

Respite Care Available

Conveniently located
only 20 minutes from Providence

For more information call
(508) 679-6172

Mazel Tov

BIRTHS

Scott and Michelle (Blasbalg) Hammer of Coventry announce the birth of triplets, Sydney Amanda, Zachary Seth and Evan Jared, on Aug. 27. Grandparents are Ruth and Arnold Blasbalg of Coventry, and Shelly and Howard Hammer of Mahopac, NY. Sydney is named for her paternal great-grandmother, Anna Hammer and her maternal great-grandmother, Bella Rubin. Zachary is named after his paternal great-grandmother, Esther Chupper, and his maternal great-uncle, Milton Rubin. Evan is named after his maternal great-grandfather, Hyman Blasbalg, and his paternal great-grandfather, Jack Chupper.

Susan and Danny Edmiston of East Greenwich, R.I., proudly announce the birth of their second son, Chris Matthew Edmiston, on June 21.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Phyllis B. Solod. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Harry Edmiston. Paternal great-grandfather is Mr. Fred Smith.

Chris was named in memory of his maternal great-grandfather, George Thomashow.

Steven and Dana (Blasbalg) Schneiderman of Montville, NJ announce the birth of a daughter, Jaclyn Elizabeth on Aug 1.

Jaclyn is the granddaughter of Ruth and Arnold Blasbalg of Coventry, R.I. and Etta and Samuel Schneiderman of Port Washington, NY. Paternal great-grandmother is Helen Rothstein of New Hyde Park, NY. Jaclyn is named for her paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Schneiderman, and her maternal great-grandmother, Bella Rubin.

Bethany and Richard Sutton, of Pawtucket, announce the birth of their first child, Zachary Samuel Sutton, on Nov. 23 at Women and Infants Hospital. He is the grandson of Aron and Caren Trachtenberg of Pawtucket and Thelma Sutton of Pachaug, N.Y.

Send us your simcha!

Announcements can be sent to: Jewish Voice & Herald, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906 or e-mailed to: voiceherald@jfri.org.



Sara Ellen and Joshua Robert Parker

Wedding

Sara Ellen Yaffe and Joshua Robert Parker were married at Sterling Country Club in Sterling, MA. Rabbi Sol Goodman of Temple Beth Shalom in Milford officiated at the August 11, 2002 ceremony.

Sara is the daughter of Morris and Clare Yaffe of Milford, MA and the granddaughter of Aaron and Muriel Davis of Cranston, R.I. and the late Bertha Davis. Her paternal grandparents are Betty Yaffe of Rosindale and the late Samuel Yaffe.

The bride, who teaches first grade in the Sharon Public Schools, graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and received her Masters Degree from Wheelock College.

Joshua is the son of Stanley and Rhonda Parker of Randolph and the grandson of Julius and Celia Parker of St. Petersburg, FL. His maternal grandparents are the late Lester and Beulah Lampert.

The groom, who is employed at Catholic Charities

of Boston as an IT Technician, graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and received certificates in PC Service and Support and Windows 2000 from Clark University.

Following a wedding trip to the Dominican Republic, the couple will reside in Randolph.

Bar Mitzvah

On November 16, 2002, Joshua Harold Lentz became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El.

He is the son of Marcia Spindell Lentz and Jonathan Lentz and brother to Aaron. His maternal grandparents are Edith Koffler Spindell of Warwick and Dr. Edward and Judith



Joshua Lentz

Spindell of Providence. Joshua's paternal grandparents are the late Dr. Harold and Ruth Lentz of Clifton, NJ.

Joshua is an eighth grader at the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Jean Jaffa Congratulations!!

Dear mother,

I want to take this opportunity to wish you happiness and good health on your special birthday.

I am truly blessed to call you my mom.

You are an inspiration to us all. Robert, Allisyn-Rai and Harley Micah feel so very fortunate to call you "Mom" and "Nana".

We are so proud of you.
You make our lives complete.

Your loving daughter,
Lesley Nan

COMPLETE PARTY SUPPLIES FOR ALL SEASONS

The Party Warehouse

DISCOUNT PRICES

ALL OCCASION DECORATIONS

Favors for Showers

Weddings • Anniversaries • Children's Parties

WEDDING, BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Invitations — also a large selection of birth announcements

BALLOON SPECIAL - \$5.98 per/dozen

Graduation supplies and much more.

"The Party Warehouse...
offering the same quality service
for over 20 years!"

Call

726-2491

Fax: 726-2504

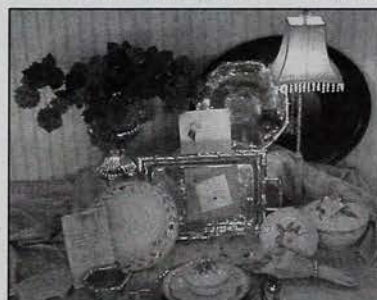
310 East Avenue, Pawtucket 02860



Sweet D's

invitations, gifts & design

1265 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920
Phone 401.943.7800 Fax 401.943.6036 www.sweetpsgifts.com



- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| • Invitations | • Glassware | • Home Furnishings |
| • Bridal Registry | • Dinnerware | • Favors |
| • Table Linens | • Flatware | • Attendant Gifts |
| • Holiday Gifts | • Hostess Gifts | • Bar/Bat Mitzvah Invitations |

Anne Abedon

PROVIDENCE — Anne Beatrice (Seidman) Abedon, 96, of West Palm Beach and formerly of Providence, died November 25 at home.

She was the wife of the late Bernard B. Abedon. Born in Providence in 1906, a daughter of Israel and Minnie (Gleckin) Seidman, she lived in Providence for 88 years before moving to Florida eight years ago.

Mrs. Abedon was a member of Temple Beth-El.

She leaves two sons, Herbert Abedon of Providence and Richard Abedon of Wellington, FL, and formerly of Tiverton; a sister, Lillian Solomon of Bal Harbor, FL; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 820 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, 02910.

Herman Geller

PROVIDENCE — Herman Geller, 77, of Martin Street, a retired food-market proprietor and meat cutter, died November 23, at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

He was the husband of Helen (Beeman) Geller. They were married for 53 years. Born in Malden, Mass., a son of Samuel and Rose (Myers) Geller, he lived in Boston before moving to Pawtucket. Mr. Geller was the proprietor of the former Mineral Spring Avenue Food Market, and later worked as a meat cutter for the former Dedora's, Grand Central, Chelley's and Spigels Markets before retiring.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Jewish War Veterans, Congregation Ohave Shalom and its Men's Club, the Pawtucket Hebrew Free Loan Association, and Jenks Lodge 24, Masonic Temple.

Besides his wife, he leaves

two sons, Samuel S. Geller of Wrentham, Mass., and Jan B. Geller of New York City, and four grandchildren.

Lottie Greenfield

SOUTH KINGSTOWN — Lottie (Goldman) Greenfield, 95, of Green Hill, South Kingstown died Nov. 6 at South Kingstown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Russia, a daughter of Barney and Ida Goldman, she had previously lived in Pawtucket, and Providence before moving to South Kingstown.

Mrs. Greenfield was an employee of Brier Manufacturing in Providence for 42 years before retiring in 1972.

She was a former member of the Theatre Guild of Providence.

She leaves her daughter-in-law, Rochelle Greenfield of So. Kingstown, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were private.

Max Kaplan

PROVIDENCE — Max Kaplan, 91, of North Main St., a retired salesman, died Nov. 15 at The Miriam Hospital in Providence.

He was the husband of Florence (Silbert) Kaplan. Born in Central Falls, he was a son of Abraham and Rose (Epstein) Kaplan.

He lived in Pawtucket before moving to Providence 44 years ago.

Mr. Kaplan was a self-employed housewares salesman before his retirement.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and active in its brotherhood.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Alan Kaplan of Morristown, N.J., and Ronald Kaplan of Somerset, Mass.; a daughter,

Sasha Kaplan-Miner of Portland, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

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

Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Emanu-El.

Morris Levin

FLORIDA — Morris Levin, 89, of Pembroke Pines, FL, formerly of Pawtucket and Cranston, RI, died November 19 of cancer.

Mr. Levin is survived by his wife Fay (Max) Levin, daughter Sandy Dorf, son-in-law Larry Dorf of Cooper City, FL, sons Henry Levin of Avenel, NJ, Harvey Levin and daughter-in-law Ruth Levin of Warwick, RI, a brother, Abe Levin, of North Lauderdale, FL, a sister Sophie Waitzman of Providence, RI, five granddaughters, and 15 great grandchildren.

He was co-owner with Abe Levin of the Biltmore Furniture Co. in Pawtucket, RI, before retiring.

Milton S. London

FLORIDA — Milton S. London, 87, of 4211 Palm Forest Drive South, Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Warwick, a retired sales representative, died at Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach. He was the husband of Emma (Perlow) London. Born in Chelsea, MA, a son of Jacob and Bella London, he lived in Pawtucket and Warwick before moving to Delray Beach 25 years ago. He was the New England sales representative for Metacraft Corp. for 25 years, retiring 15 years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Bruce London of Hampstead, NC and Robert London of Warwick; a daughter, Suzan Levin of Las Vegas, NV; a brother, Melvin London of Boca Raton, FL; three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Funeral services were held in

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

Merrill F. Lovett

PROVIDENCE — Merrill F. Lovett, 74, of Green Bush Rd., died Nov. 15 at the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center.

He was the husband of Marion Manning Lovett. Born in Providence, he was a son of Samuel and Jeanne (Millman) Lovett.

Mr. Lovett had been vice president of the Airport Taxi and Limousine Co. for the past 30 years. He was an American Kennel Club judge and breeder of Great Danes from 1962 to 1983.

Mr. Lovett's family was the subject of an independent film, The Accident, which played at the Rhode Island Independent Film Festival in 1999.

He was a graduate of Brown University and an Army veteran of the Korean War. Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Jonathan Lovett of New York; a daughter, Mallory Lovett Parker of Cranston; three stepchildren, Gregory Manning of Warwick, Dory Manning Grimley of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Lisa Manning Waldheger of Kingston; a brother, Joseph Lovett of New York; and four step-grandchildren.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Sloan Kettering Cancer Research Hospital of New York.

Stanley M. Myerson

CALIFORNIA — Stanley M. Myerson, 86, of Mulholland Dr., Woodland Hills, Calif., formerly of East Providence, retired proprietor of the former

Stanley M. Myerson Co., Providence, died last month at the Motion Picture and Television Health Center, Woodland Hills, Calif.

He was the husband of the late Evelyn (Berlinsky) Myerson. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of Louis and Dinah (Levy) Myerson, he had lived in Providence, Pawtucket, and East Providence before moving to Woodland Hills in 1999.

Mr. Myerson was the proprietor of a wholesale meat company in Providence for many years before retiring.

He was an Army Air force veteran of World War II.

He was a former member of the Redwood Masonic Lodge, and Temple Emanu-El and its men's club.

He leaves a son, Richard Myerson of Woodland Hills and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Nathan E. Pass

E. PROVIDENCE — Nathan E. Pass, 94, of Dartmouth Ave., a retired attorney, teacher and civic activist, died Nov. 9 at Philip Hultar Inpatient Center.

He was the husband of Gertrude (Nystead) Pass. They were married for 61 years. Born in Providence, a son of Samuel and Fruma (Savran) Pass, he lived most of his life in East Providence.

A 1925 graduate of East Providence High School, he was a member of the Rhode Island Honor Society. He received his undergraduate degree magna cum laude, and a master's in education in 1941, both from Brown University, where he was a James Manning Scholar and won a

See NATHAN PASS, page 23

A Dignified Funeral Doesn't Have To Be ... Expensive.

Every family, no matter what its financial circumstances may be, will need the services of a funeral home some day. That's why we provide funeral services at prices to fit the budgets of families at all income levels.

And no matter how much or how little a family chooses to pay for a funeral, our commitment remains constant: we will serve you with competence and compassion, and provide the dignified ceremony that you desire.

Your Only Local Family-Owned Jewish Funeral Home



Michael D. Smith, R.E.
Member National and Rhode Island
Funeral Directors Associations



1100 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Tel.: 463-7771

Toll-free: 1-877-463-7771
Pre-Need Programs Available

SUGARMAN SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL

*Newly Remodeled Chapel
with over a century
of tradition and service to the
Jewish Community of Rhode Island
and Southeastern Massachusetts.*



Member of the
Jewish Funeral Directors of America
Certified by the
Rhode Island Board of Rabbis



Jill E. Sugarman, Director
Shelly Goldberg, Associate

458 Hope Street, Providence, RI (401) 331-8094
OUTSIDE RHODE ISLAND CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-447-1267

Formerly Mount Sinai and Max Sugarman Memorial Chapels

Nathan E. Pass

From page 22

Susan Colver scholarship in biology. In 1953 he received his juris doctor from the Northeastern School of Law.

Mr. Pass practiced law for 45 years, and worked as a city solicitor for East Providence from 1966 to 1972. He taught science at East Providence High School from 1929 to 1966, also coaching the debate and tennis teams.

He was club director for the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island from 1925 to 1936, a member of Temple Beth-El, a past president and member of Kiwanis, and a former member of the Crestwood Country Club.

He leaves two sons, Robert N. Pass of Falls Church, Va., and Richard D. Pass of Warwick; a daughter, Linda J. Armstrong of Riverside; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice Care of RI, 189 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860.

Anita Phenex

WARWICK — Anita Miller Phenex, 88, of West Shore Health Center, 109 West Shore Road, Warwick, died on Nov. 29 at Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick. She was the wife of the late Maxwell Phenex.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Harry and Rebecca (Tiger) Miller, she lived in Providence for many years before moving to Florida 28 years ago then returning to Warwick eight years ago.

She was a member of Hadassah and a former member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood in Providence. She leaves two daughters, Eileen Newman of Attleboro and Joyce London of Narragansett; a sister, Esther Weisbrot of Florida; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Shalom Memorial Chapel, Cranston. Burial was at in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

Donald Pugatch

SO. KINGSTOWN — Donald Pugatch, 67, of Foxridge Dr., a retired psychiatrist, died Nov. 19 at the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, Providence.

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., a son of Mischa and Adele (Cohen) Pugatch, he lived in Lexington, Mass. and the Andovers before moving to So. Kingstown.

Dr. Pugatch was a psychiatrist in Andover for over 30 years, retiring 10 years ago. He was a graduate of Columbia College in New York, graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and received his MD degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

He was an avid reader and sports fan.

He leaves two sons, Dr. David Pugatch of South Kingstown and Todd Pugatch of Revere, Mass.; a daughter, Marianne Pugatch of Arlington, Mass.; a sister, Paulette Weiss of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Physicians Health Services, Mass. Medical Society, 860 Winter St., Waltham, Mass. 02451.

Burial was in New Fernwood Cemetery, South Kingstown, R.I.

Benton H. Rosen

PAWTUCKET — Benton H. Rosen, 88, of Kenilworth Way, former president and owner of the Franklin Supply Co., in Providence died November 22, at home. He was the husband of Beverly (Starr) Rosen. They were married for 61 years.

Born in Providence, a son of Max and Ida (Glogos) Rosen, he lived in Providence for many years before moving to Pawtucket in 1948. Mr. Rosen was an author and lecturer on the Wedgwood Commemorative War.

He was a past president of the Wedgwood Society of Boston. He was past president of the

Jewish Historical Association, a member of Temple Beth-El, the China Students Club of Boston and the American Ceramics Circle. He was a 32nd-degree Mason.

Mr. Rosen was a 1936 graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He was a member of the board of trustees for the URI Foundation, and the recipient of the URI Alumni RAM Award in 1976. A captain in the Army during World War II, he served overseas for more than two years.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Susan Hirsch of Providence; a sister, Annette Myers of Delray Beach, Fla.; a brother, Herbert Rosen of Pawtucket; and two grandsons.

Contributions may be made to the Dr. Samuel Starr or the Nancy Starr Fellowships, c/o Brown University, Providence, RI 02912.

Eleanor Westerman

CRANSTON — Eleanor Westerman, 96, of 32 Betsy Williams Drive, died Nov. 26 at home. Born in Lithuania, a daughter of Meyer and Edith (Levinson) Westerman, she lived in Brooklyn, NY before moving to Cranston 50 years ago. She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael. She was the aunt of Michael and Joel Westerman, both of East Greenwich. A graveside funeral service was held at New Montefiore Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York.

Lawrence Zais

FLORIDA — Lawrence Zais, 93, of Hillcrest Drive, Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Fall River, a retired merchant, died Nov. 16 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

He was the husband of the late Minerva "Pinkie" (Brown) Zais. Born in Fall River, a son of Abraham and Jennie (Kaufman) Zais, he lived in Fall River before moving to Hollywood 33 years ago.

"Man of the year", tutor, veteran — Mervin Bolusky dies at 78

MERVIN BOLUSKY, 78, of Oak Hill Avenue, an active member of the Jewish community and a former worker in the textile industry, died Dec. 9 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

He was the husband of Rosalind (Rubinstein) Bolusky; they had been married for 56 years. Born in Fall River, a son of Ida (Schwartz) Bolusky of Fall River and the late Samuel Bolusky, he had lived in Fall River before moving to Rhode Island 45 years ago.

He was a graduate of the former BMC Durfee Textile School, now BMC Durfee High School, in Fall River, and had also attended Hamilton College, in Clinton, N.Y. Mr. Bolusky had worked in textile-industry manufacturing and sales for many years, until retiring 16 years ago.

He was honored at the State House in May, by Providence Volunteers in Action, as the group's Tutor of the Year, for his work over the past five years as a math tutor to fourth graders at the Windmill School, in Providence.

He had been active for 25 years in the Boy Scouts of America, as a scoutmaster, assistant district commissioner, and a Cub Scout pack master. He also had been a volunteer for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Mr. Bolusky and his wife were honored in 1981 by Temple Emanu-El, in Providence, with Mr. Bolusky as its "Man of Emanu-El"; in 1986, by the Jewish Theological Seminary, with its Centennial Award; in 1998, by Jewish Family Service, as its Family of the Year; and in 2000, with the 2000 Year Community Service Award.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, he had served in the weather branch, in the Pacific.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, where he blew the shofar on the High Holidays, was an honorary life member of the temple's board of directors, and had been a vice president of the temple and a president of its Men's Club.

A Hadassah associate, he was a founder, along with his wife, of the Hadassah National Chapter. He was a trustee of the Jewish Seniors Agency; a life member of the Hebrew Free Loan Association; and a member of the Rhode Island and Washington, D.C., Holocaust Museums and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves a son, Eric Bolusky of Perkins, Okla.; two sisters, Hilda Willner of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Marcia Appert of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Contributions can be made to the Rosalind & Mervin Bolusky Endowment Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, or R.I. Hadassah, 1150 New London ave., Providence, RI 02920.

Mr. Zais was the owner of several grocery stores, a wholesale meat packing plant and several retail discount centers in Fall River before retiring 35 years ago.

He was a former member of Temple Beth El, in Fall River, the Kiwanis Club, the Knights

of Pythias and the Masons. He leaves a son, Neil Zais of Weston, Mass.; a sister, Ruth Gollub of Hollywood, Fla.; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Services were held in Beth El Cemetery, Fall River.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Beth El, Fall River.



SOMERSET

Wishes You and Your Family
A Happy New Year

**The Jagolinzer Family
Quality Automobiles
for 3 Generations**

195E, Exit 4, MA

800-495-5337



How to increase your income and help Jews in need

Act before December 31, 2002 to increase your income even more.

A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY can double or even triple the income you are getting from your fixed income investments. It can provide you with a guaranteed income for your lifetime, which beats the return of most equity investments in the current market. But most importantly, a charitable gift annuity is an investment in the future of your Jewish community, and isn't that what you want for your children and grandchildren?

IF YOU ACT NOW, before January 1, 2003 when the rate changes, you'll get a higher rate and more income for the rest of your life. The following chart illustrates the differences on a \$10,000 single life annuity.

Donor's Age	By Dec. 31	After Jan. 1	Income if established by Dec. 31	Income if established after Jan. 1
60	6.4%	6.0%	\$640.00	\$600.00
65	6.7%	6.3%	\$670.00	\$630.00
70	7.2%	6.7%	\$720.00	\$670.00
75	7.9%	7.3%	\$790.00	\$730.00
80	8.9%	8.3%	\$890.00	\$830.00

THE PROCESS of creating a charitable gift annuity is a very simple one. To start the process or if you have any questions, please call Meyer Goldstein, Associate Director of Endowment, at 401-421-4111, ext. 174.

What else can you do **TODAY that will make you more money tomorrow?**
Call Meyer Goldstein now!

**The Endowment Fund of the
Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.**



Visit our website at www.jfri.org