





## New faces

## New rabbi now making the rounds at Miriam Hospital

By Mary Katz

Rabbi Lisa Benninger Rothfeld, the new rabbi of the Miriam Hospital, Shiloh give of Jewish life has she didn't know she was Jewish as a girl growing up in Casson, Michigan. She found out in a message.

"I grew up in a community with anti-Semitism. People had their prejudices, one of the differences between Jews in Spain after the Inquisition. There were Jews burning on fires. One day I came home from high school and received something for my grandfather about the Jews. He brought out a piece of paper that was torn and folded and read from it. It was about his family and his pride in being Jewish. That's how I found out I was Jewish."

She said it was the beginning of a spiritual awakening and ultimately a deep commitment to Judaism, which led to her desire to become a rabbi.

Although at the Miriam Hospital was somewhat unexpected, the fact that she was chosen to lead in the Midwestern State is a sign that there is a hospital administrator for a little over a year to lead in a religious service would be a Jewish rabbi. But it was the defining question for Benninger Rothfeld before she accepted the position around which she wanted to work in a secular Jewish hospital, rather than a community hospital with Jewish roots.

It looks like she's found it.

Benninger Rothfeld she is described as someone at the hospital and speaks about her background.

Before she came to Providence, she lived in Indianapolis, she has worked as a chaplain since 1996. She was ordained at the Rabbinical Seminary International in New York City. "My wife was a modern Orthodox rabbi, originally from Hungary," she said.

She adds, "One of the strengths I bring to the program here is the interest of education I have in other religions. It helps me to understand the history of religions I've been with for years. I have a husband's degree in theology and a master's degree in history from the Christian Theological Seminary."

Her work has the personal touch. For example, she will visit seriously ill patients and make a visit of their hand in a ruffled pocket, for the husband or wife or family member to hold on to in their grief. "The reason I do this and will sit in family members if they want a conversation," she said.

The rabbi and her family have been going to services at different temples when they arrived on the East Side. The couple is also Temple Emmanu-El, a congregation.

She was in 7' and will be going to school next year. The husband, Clark Rothfeld, is much older than she and is and is



**RABBI LISA BENNINGER ROTHFELD** is very where you see differences from anti-Semitism. Rabbi Lisa Benninger Rothfeld, the new rabbi at the Miriam Hospital, says she had long a faith in her hospital as a display of Jewish tradition and hospitality. Students from Brown University's Jewish Community helped out, as did the rabbi's own friend, Chai Tzedek, shown at her right.

Photo by author

with her own story, getting the

rabbi's study. This has writing up all day long, she said, pointing her out through the lobby window.

He explained by author's own story, said, a Jewish Seminary of America, and

a Chai Tzedek group. "A lot of people of the hospital to work. Sometimes I'd see today they don't work in a unit at the hospital and the other when it was treated on their family," she said.

Working around, she joins the work

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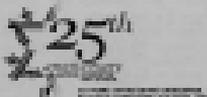
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## Federation

### From the Executive Vice-President Recharging our Israel batteries

The stars are never steady. I intend to lead for the first time, as president, in a large Pittsburgh Federation meeting that we called "Reenergizing '03." Federation leaders delighted in showing us everything they have learned over the last year. I'm looking forward to the next year's annual conference that will bring together nearly 4,000 Jewish American Jews to enjoy the beauty and wonder of Israel while we express our solidarity with our Israeli brethren and sisters.



Susan Engelhart

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and activities — the means to sustain ourselves in exciting new ways and thinking new ways in our lives.

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### What's Happening in Rhode Island A review of the Community Relations Council's Homelessness coalition includes springing

Several programs in Rhode Island are collaborating to help with the homelessness crisis this winter. These programs are collaborating, springing their doors to become a shelter, such as Temple Emanuel in Providence. Others are providing with meals and hot food to help to already existing shelters. Mt. Temple Beth El and St. Martin's Church.

**Community Relations Board closed**  
The Community Relations Board within the Jewish Community Center located 1400 State Ave. Providence, RI, after 11 years of service was dissolved by the RI State Board. The Board will help to help up to 20 people in need of food and shelter.

**CRC represented at MetroLife Diversity Fair**  
The Community Relations Council along with a dozen other non-religious groups participated in the MetroLife Diversity Fair last week. The CRC had the opportunity to explain to MetroLife the diverse types of programs we are involved in, and explain where the Jewish Federation is.

**Black Jewish Alliance to co-sponsor "Driving Miss Daisy" program**

The Jewish Temple Emanuel and The Mount Zion Theater Co. will be presenting the play "Driving Miss Daisy" from January 14 - 21 at the Jewish Community Center. On November 20, the Black Jewish Alliance will be sponsoring special discussion with Shalom Chay, the award-winning author of the play following the production.

**Members of the CRC meet with Kennedy**

Several members of the Community Relations Council Executive Committee, as well as Federation leaders, met Tuesday with Congressman Frenzo Buscetta and Council Chairman on their day last, October 20th. The group discussed the "weekend," the weekly dinner, and the ongoing work against terrorism. They also discussed the group who sponsored their thanks to the Congressman for supporting the Syrian Accountability Act.

For more information on any of these items, contact Richard Klein at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh at 412-381-1733.



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**Israel**

**Gaza bombing escalates violence**

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in a U.S. diplomatic move that the Gaza Strip away from the Hamas. Hamas.

Palstinian security forces arrested several suspects in the last 48 hours. The Hamas Executive Committee's decision to support the Popular Resistance Committee, a militant organization composed in part of disarmed Israeli P.A. members.

The group, known as Jihadists, has the role of the Palestinian Authority, but both Palestinian and Israeli sources said the members arrested in connection with the recent bombing have strong ties to P.A. security services. Analysts are skeptical among opponents of terrorist groups.

The events came after U.S. officials criticized the Palestinian Authority for its actions since the bombing, the time to support Hamas. The U.S. Palestinian Authority began three meetings.

After the bombing, President

Bush said in a statement, "Palestinian authorities should have used long ago to fight terror in all its forms."

The Popular Resistance Committee claimed any role in the bombing, in July of the P.A. violence against groups, including Islamic Jihad and Hamas, whose bombings have killed U.S. citizens on the plane.

Who considers you right to be angry with the Hamas group and we in our view to be involved in conventional secondary forces," the Popular Resistance Committee said in a statement issued Oct. 18.

The day of the bombing, the Israeli U.S. envoy to the Middle East, Dennis Ross, told a House subcommittee that Hamas and Hezbollah probably helped in the attack.

Just days later, discussion of the bombing was overshadowed

by further deadly developments in the region.

Clashes from the Al Aqsa Mosque, the terrorist wing of P.A. President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, unfolded and killed three Israeli soldiers in the West Bank on Sunday. Palestinian militants also fired on Israeli soldiers at Israeli settlements on Sunday.

These attacks brought renewed calls for the Israeli's return, including remarks by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in an appeal for the return of Israel's borders.

Sharon said the world gradually is becoming accustomed that Israel must be returned from Gaza, especially after "I brought down the National Union government, and for the first time, in modern Israel, I am not a politician." The criticism came in the House and against P.A. prime minister, respectively.

In a five-day letter, Sharon had suggested a withdrawal of Israel's position, asking the Israelis that the "pulling Arafat" would be a "good idea."

Israel's military minister, Shaul Mofaz, after consulting with the cabinet, said if Arafat remained in power, military action rather than negotiating, as he had threatened, Israel would be interested in entering negotiations with the government.

Mofaz's remarks were a departure from the earlier September Israeli officials stated following Sharon's appointment in early September. In any case, both



Rescuers provide for the victims of the Gaza bombing.

ambulance arrival declined to be overwhelmed by increased violence.

Mofaz decided to withdraw Israeli soldiers from Gaza to allow the local Defense Forces after receiving threatened armed attacks following Israeli withdrawal of soldiers from Gaza. Hamas leaders vowed to wage an attack of such magnitude that it would "shake the Arafat."

Meanwhile, Israel followed up attacks on Israeli settlements and on IDF soldiers with a series of operations in Gaza on Monday, killing a dozen people. It was one of three killed since Hamas members, Mofaz, reported.

Israeli officials said the Hamas members were considered as producing and storing weapons, including rockets and missiles. The New York Times reported.

The IDF has stepped up its operations in Palestinian areas since Monday. Israel carried out a raid on a building in Gaza on Oct. 18, killing 11 people.

Israeli officials say their actions were concerned about the Hamas, encouraging them about taking any concrete steps against Hamas.

This week, a delegation of Palestinians flew to the United States to press their case against Israel.

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## Boston Jewish film festival opening

Opening November 1 and continuing through November 16, The Boston Jewish Film Festival offers an expanded line of opportunities for viewers to delight, inspire — or cry along. This 16th annual festival presents the opportunity to see award-winning films from around the world on Jewish themes, produced by great documentary filmmakers, actors and directors, and musical masterpieces from sophisticated to light-hearted.

The festival is one of New England's largest Jewish cultural events, with attendance expected to exceed last year's 11,000. The festival features more than 50 independently produced films, shown from locations, and offers

the best of the arts from 20 countries. Highlights include an ILL and two North American productions and 26 other films from 16 countries in Boston. The festival presents nearly all award-winning, popular and musical productions.

The festival's opening night film, on November 1 is *Love and J*, a romantic comedy from Argentina, with director Eduardo Gattas present, followed by a reception with a live jazz performance.

The closing night film is *Shame People*, which explores the Jewish French Holocaust survivors' experiences after their flight to Paris in the period aftermath of World War II. A reception

following the film provides an opportunity to meet the director and producer. The festival offers a *Public* as its flagging slogan, under which a constant curtain and a gift bag of gifts. Two early night films, *The Forest* is already associated with jazz, accompanied by Boston College of Music students.

### Festival Locations

The film festival will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Cambridge Center Theatre in Roslindale. The West Newton Campus will host three screenings of the year.

For more information, for more information and a complete festival schedule, visit the festival website at [www.bostonjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.bostonjewishfilmfestival.org) or the Cambridge Center Theatre and JWS, for each theater screening. To ensure a festival experience, with film descriptions and schedule, mail names, address, and phone number to [info@bostonjewishfilmfestival.org](mailto:info@bostonjewishfilmfestival.org) or call 617-262-9999.

The festival is free to all the general admission, \$100 for members, students, JWS, JWSA, CCCT, and WJWSB members. For groups of 20 or more attending the same film, depending on seating night film, followed by a dinner reception, are priced at \$25 general admission, \$25 for students, students, JWS, JWSA, CCCT, and WJWSB members.

## Miriam Hospital rabbi

By David J. Green

The health-care field of Miriam Hospital is seeking an individual with a minimum of 10 years of rabbinic experience in a hospital setting, which should include at least one year of the above. "We want someone who is able to set up a schedule," she said.

Miriam Hospital is a member of the American Association of Jewish Hospitals and a member of the Jewish Community of Greater Boston. The 14,000-bed hospital is located in the heart of many community people and hopes to continue the process.

"Working on a project like this is an absolute joy for me," she said. "I'm looking for someone who is able to set up a schedule, which should include at least one year of the above. "We want someone who is able to set up a schedule," she said.

was happy to do it," she said.

As the founding rabbi of the Miriam Hospital, she brought in that and her own experience to help the hospital. "I had the same idea, but I was not in the same position as she was," she said.

"I should go up quickly to see what their needs are," she said. "We want to see the Miriam Hospital and its needs," she said. "I should go up quickly to see what their needs are," she said.

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## News Briefs

### Malaysian PM still in Saigon

(TA) — Malaysia's prime minister again refused to leave the world. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad told the Bangkok Post that the media ignored the rest of a speech he delivered at an Asian conference last week in which he said he considered

outside bombings and violence, focusing instead on comments about Jews that were widely considered anti-Semitic. "The rest of the world shows they do consider the world's 'Jehovah's witness' Mahathir's statement."

In the Islamic morning last week, he said Jews stole the world by paying, getting others to fight and die for them, and spreading lies to cause toward a "final victory" over the Jews. European leaders and President Bush have sharply criticized Mahathir's comments.

### Terror advisory to Israel

(TA) — The U.S. State Department issued an advisory to Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Egypt Friday. The advisory issued Monday night came after two failed attempts last week that called on U.S. citizens to leave the Gaza Strip.

### Arrests in conspiracy attack

(TA) — Palestinian police arrested several members of a terrorist group for the bombing of a U.S. diplomatic mission.

The suspects belong to the Popular Resistance Committees, a coalition of Hamas Palestinian Authority security units and headquarters members that has developed Gaza. Israeli troops in an earlier raid on the Oct. 23 attack, which killed three American guards and wounded a U.S. diplomat.

The three-dimensional investigation in the attack, and Israel demanded the arrests in a case. Meanwhile, FBI agents arrived in Israel to investigate the attack.

### Grow roots peace plan grows

(TA) — A new peace Israeli-Palestinian peace plan has gained thousands of signatures from both sides.

And Ayalon, former head of the Israeli Shin Bet security unit and now Minister, formerly the Palestinian Authority's top Palestinian official, endorsed the new resolution. These plans as they visited Washington, the world's first meet with congressional representatives and State Department officials.

The plan outlines two years required plus one-year Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and its "right of return" to Palestinian refugees.

Three other members of the PLO's executive committee have also met in Washington meeting with congressional officials.

### Fine for hate speech in France

(TA) — A priest and a Catholic newspaper in France were fined for hate speech against Jews after the publication of an article titled "Jews: a national disaster."

After Guillaume in The man and Claude Rousseau were sentenced for article 24,000 euros by a court in Paris, the daily L'Espresso reported. They also were ordered to pay a symbolic fine to the League of Human Rights. Both belong to the Saint Michel de Charente-le-Maritime in Paris, which opposes with the French extreme right.

### Jordanian population grows

(TA) — Jordanian population hit 10 million people during the past decade. More than 200,000 people have left Jordan during the past 10 years and 100,000 were naturalized, according to the expanding records of the national household of Jordan. This is a new figure of 10,000,000 people, 65 percent Jews, and 35 percent Arab.

### A 'living' role

(TA) — The following is a

an Israeli Jewish President (Joseph) (Joseph) to the Gulf War and support for the Palestinians. The best and most important dates are only in the case for the Jewish holy month of Ramadan have been given for the name "Three days" according to French news reports. Other dates are only in more than 10 a lifetime. Arab the year of the end of the Jewish quarter "Three Jewish dates." The Israeli Jewish date are more than 1000 days (Sharon and George Bush, on the 10 and 11 over a lifetime, respectively).

### P.A. blames Israel for attack

(TA) — The Palestinian Authority's official newspaper is blaming Israel for the Oct. 11 attack on a U.S. embassy in Gaza.

A columnist in Al-Hayat, a newspaper in Gaza, wrote that he doesn't rule out the possibility that Israel detonated the bomb by remote control because their article in the past, especially against the American "Jehovah's witness," according to the press.

Also in the paper, Palestinian member Fadi Saleh said the attack on the embassy, which killed three, was the result of the "Jehovah's Witness" (Jehovah's witness) "international network" of a conspiracy against the Israeli.

### Held? President Bush?

(TA) — Israeli women's groups are organizing a rally in New York City on Oct. 21 to demand that Israel release the 11 Jewish women's group from across the political and religious spectrum, in calling on Israeli women to call the president on Oct. 21 to demand that he support the release. More information is available at [www.womenofisrael.org](http://www.womenofisrael.org).

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## Book Review

## Telling the story of Noah and the flood

**ITA** — When a group of children were asked why Noah was chosen to save the great flood, Cannon, 8, had a wry smile. "That Noah person had connections. He knew a couple of angels personally."

The answer from David Heller's book, *Just Build the Ark* and the Jewish Big Game: Children on Bible Stories, is one of many that parents and teachers consider as they decide how to transmit the story of Noah and the flood to young children.

As it is, biblical text invites a wide range of interpretation and analysis.

Beyond the role of Noah makes for such a colorful story, it is one of the most widely discussed biblical tales, having inspired countless versions, adaptations of different ages, religious interpretations and retellings.

For the authors, illustrators and publishers that create the books, the challenge is to express the details of these versions within its unique and unmistakable manner while maintaining the integrity of the biblical text.

"Noah used to be very kind," says Gaby Dineen, executive editor of *Stories and Jewish Relationships: Books for Young Readers*. "It's something that they're used to. This number eleven is very good for their minds."

In *Relationship: The Ark and the Flood*, written by Kala Kaitlin and illustrated by Michael Karpman, the ark and Noah's story is told from the perspective of the

animal's point of view. "Kala thought of doing it from an animal's point of view because kids identify so well with animals," Kaitlin says.

Expanding on the familiar story, the story of Noah opens to many other lessons, a reminder the families may like while adding new dimensions to keep them interested.

In *Noah's Great Race*, edited by Kala Kaitlin and illustrated by Tom Fikerson, the story is told in the form of a game where the reader appears to have taken place on the ark.

"You have to imagine that they did something like construction," says Kaitlin. "I don't think the book is a good way to teach the actual facts, because it's fanciful. But it is a good way to extend the story and use it as a prompt for the questions that 'What did they do for the ark?' and 'What were the instructions and instructions?'"

On the other hand, many children's books make an effort to stick closely to the biblical version, though some of them have cut some of the more important details.

Many authors omit the explanation of why God made the flood, what cause of corruption Noah was given and the chronology of events after the flood.

"We make it more of the feeling than the facts in *All Stars*," says Doreen Burtis, managing director of conversion



The cover of *The Animals and the Ark* by Kala Kaitlin, illustrated by Michael Kaplan. Photo by © Deborah Baskin for StoryWorks

publishers at Standard Publishing. "We prefer to say that Noah was God's friend, and this is what I feel and love to do."

Standard Publishing, which caters to a Christian audience, will not be published in the biblical text of the story. Their books — including *All Stars*, *Genesis and the Promise* stories — largely follow the publisher's philosophy, Kaitlin says.

"We might be familiar as an account of what details in the story, but it is not what we make it clear that that is what we love. It wouldn't be presented as 'This is

what the Bible says,' she says.

"To appeal to kids, the books are accepted up with an engaging story rather than a factual account.

Debbie Ties, a psychologist from Standard Press, says that no matter how a biblical story is presented, it's important to give the children something pleasant to read and to teach them a lesson.

The story of Noah, she says, teaches that "when people are kind, that makes God angry. When people are righteous and good, that gets through. People should look out for each other and other beings."



A page of *The Animals and the Ark* by Kala Kaitlin, illustrated by Michael Kaplan. Photo by © Deborah Baskin for StoryWorks

## Noah's ark books for kids

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- 1. *Genesis*, by Eric Black, Ed. Con-Jordan Books Publishing, New York, 1993
- 2. A one-page and colorful board book from the popular *My Bible* series. Not recommended for ages 1-4.
- 3. *Build, Build, The Ark and the Flood*, by Kala Kaitlin, Executive Editor of *Stories and Jewish Relationships: Books for Young Readers*, New York, 2002.

Great Illustrations complement a story that demonstrates spiritual values. Noah's ark is a wonderful story of faith and preparation. Recommended for all ages of preparation.

- 4. *Building Noah's Ark*, by Ben

*Just Build the Ark*, New York, 2002.

Readers learn and practice their skills on the biblical text. Recommended for ages 1 and up.

- 5. *Children's Bible: One Year Bible*, by Kala Kaitlin, Ed. Life Learning, DE Publishing, New York, 1999.
- 6. A large board book with discover questions for parents. Recommended for ages 1-4.
- 7. *Noah's Ark*, by Peter Spier, D&J Publishing, New York, 1977.

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## March of the Living drops price for teens

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, the New England regional office for the March of the Living, reduced the price for this year's march to \$1,850 for Rhode Island students. This price includes a \$1,500 subsidy from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

The March of the Living is a one-of-a-kind program for high school juniors and seniors, highlighted by a two-week trip to

Poland and Israel. It is an opportunity for students to experience Jewish history first-hand by reliving the growth of modern Judaism, serving as witnesses to the horrors of the Holocaust, and celebrating the birth of the State of Israel. This year, it will take place from April 14-28.

For more information, please contact Rich Walter at BJE/RI at 331-0956 or [rwalter@bjeri.org](mailto:rwalter@bjeri.org).

## Sinai offers gift cards

Temple Sinai in Cranston now sells gift certificates for Stop & Shop. You can purchase them at face value, and five percent of the proceeds will benefit programs at Temple Sinai.

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Temple Sinai is also accepting donations for the annual goods and services auction to be held on Nov. 22.

## Emanu-El plans a variety of adult-ed courses for fall

Temple Emanu-El is holding a fall adult education series. The eight-week courses (Oct. 21 - Dec. 16) at the Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies, are from 8-10 p.m.

Talmud, film and choral club are at 7:30 p.m.

**For the first hour, the schedule is as follows:**

- Jewish film festival of American films: Jews and Justice (Prof. Raphael Shargel), 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Includes full-length films
- Preparation for adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah (Rabbi Kaunfer)
- Biblical portraits: Love beyond Eden, (Leonore Sones and Rabbi Lisa Bensinger-Bushnell)
- Talmud - Tractate Sanhedrin chapter 4 (Rabbi Franklin)
- *Pirkei Avot* (Rabbi Leeman)
- Congregational Choral Club (Cantor Mayer)

**For the second hour:**

- Afterlife, the Messiah, and the World to Come (Rabbi Kaunfer)
- Introduction to Hebrew reading (Lea Eliash)
- The *Qur'an* in biblical context (Prof. Judith Romney Wegner)
- Jewish short stories (Dr. Ronald Florence, Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Prof. David Jacobson,

Dr. Naomi Parker, Toby Rossner, Elisa Silverstein Heath, Dr. Myrna Silverstein, Prof. Albert Silverstein, and Dr. Penny Stein).

**Minicourses:**

Inside Israel will look at a different aspect of life in Israel and include the following lectures:

- "Zionism, Past and Present" in collaboration with Brown University from Oct 21 to Nov. 4
- American Propaganda from the Cold War to Iraq War (Tom Roberts), from Nov.18 to Dec. 16
- Judaism and Christianity: What Do We Say To and About Each Other? on Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18. (Rev. Maria DeCarvalho, Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John, Providence, Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Temple Emanu-El)
- Religion in the Ancient World, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, 16 (Prof. Kenneth Sacks, Brown University; Prof. Joan Branham, Providence College; Prof. Ross Kraemer, Brown University, and Prof. Nancy Evans, Wheaton College).

All courses are open to the public and meet Tuesday evenings at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. The full course is \$20, minicourses are \$10.

To register and for additional information, call the temple at 331-1616.



## Setting up a Sukkah

CREATING DECORATIONS for the sukkah at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket are: (clockwise from front) Erik Brenner, Abby Fernald, Caroline Petrone, Jesse Dugas and Tom Maoz.

Photo by B'nai Israel

## Community helps Israeli 'Sukkah crisis'

By Robin Kauffman

The Chief Rabbinate of the Israeli Army contacted the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (via BJE/RI's counterpart in New York) asking for its help.

With so many soldiers out in the field, and *Sukkot* just around the corner, the Israeli army did not have enough portable/combat *sukkot* available. They estimated that they needed one thousand additional *sukkot*, each of which costs \$180 and holds about 12 soldiers at a time

Following Rosh Hashannah, the BJE notified the members of the Principals Council and asked if any schools could raise the funds.

Despite the high holiday rush, approximately \$2,000 was raised in just more than a week by the Alperin Schechter Day School Middle School, Temple Beth-El, Temple Emanu-El, and Temple Sinai schools and the BJE/RI staff, enough for more than 10 *sukkot*.

## South County Hebrew School plans craft fair

**Crafters and gift sellers needed**

South County Hebrew School will hold a holiday craft/gift fair fundraiser on December 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at URI's White Hall.

The SCHS is looking for people with arts and crafts skills to volunteer at the fair, and for art vendors and donated items.

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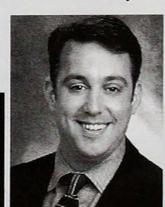
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The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association needs your help! Eve Zucker donated this picture of her father, Cantor Meyer Smith and his choir. She has identified everyone in the photo except for one. From left to right are: Joe Chafetz, the unknown person, Jacob Smith, Rev. Meyer Smith, Maurice Greenstein and Abraham I. Smith. The picture was taken at either the Howell Street *shul* or Congregation Sons of Zion on Orms Street. Zucker would like to know which *shul* and the year the picture was taken. If you have any information on this, call the historical association at 331-1360.

**Ahavath Achim to host weekend Shabbaton**

Dr. David Shatz will be the Sydney L. Horvitz Scholar-in-Residence at the Torah Weekend Shabbaton at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, New Bedford, on Oct. 24 and 25. Dr. Shatz is a professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University, adjunct professor of religion at Columbia University and editor of the *Torah u-Madda* journal. He has published eight books and over 50 articles and reviews, dealing with both general and Jewish philosophy.

**Miriam Hospital to host ethics forum**

On Oct. 26, the Miriam Hospital will hold the 2003 Jewish Medical Ethics Forum from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Sopkin Auditorium. The forum will include a discussion on "Health-care and the Ethics of Relationships" by Rabbi Susan Harris, of Children's Hospital, Boston, at 1:15 p.m., followed by a kosher lunch at 2:15 p.m. and a series of breakout sessions at 2:30 p.m. Topics include music therapy and healing, grief is the price we pay for love, and taking responsibility for making it work. The Miriam Hospital is located at 164 Summit Ave., Providence. Call 444-4800 to register.

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## New day school models under consideration

From page 1

Schechter Day School, and the Torah U'Mesorah Orthodox-affiliated Providence Hebrew Day School.

"This would not be a merger of schools... but a brand new school serving the broadest needs of the Jewish community," said Larry Katz, director of educational services at the Bureau of Jewish Education.

"The new school would not only serve as a solid competitor to the other private schools in the state; it would be the incubator for coming generations that will be greatly involved in the Jewish community," he said.

Those working on the project hope to significantly increase the day school enrollment in Rhode Island in 3 to 5 years.

Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, Dean of Providence Hebrew Day School, stated, "Since my arrival this summer, I have been working to strengthen PHDS to serve the needs of the community and to build a stronger Orthodox presence in this state. At the same time, I am deeply supportive of a community school and the work of the Partnership to broaden day school opportunities for students not currently served in our day school system."

### Past to present

The community school concept has been scrutinized in Rhode Island for the past year. Two groups have been leading the charge: the Federation Day School Task Force, in coordination with the BJE and chaired by Robert Landau, and a Partnership committee chaired by Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer.

The task force compared its data with that of schools around the country and consulted experts in day school education such as Rabbi Joshua Elkin of the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE). In a few short months, a daunting amount of data was accumulated and studied.

The Alperin Schechter Day School and the Providence Hebrew Day School gathered enrollment, demographic and financial information for the task force. Subsequently, the board of ASDS signed a resolution last March agreeing to explore the idea further.

"We thought it would be beneficial to go down this path," said ASDS president Bruce Wolpert, although also adding that this agreement "was not a commitment."

Schechter, currently celebrating its 25th anniversary, has an enrollment of 193, and PHDS

is at 131. If a lot more parents became interested in the school due to its pluralistic vision, and if enrollment was able to significantly expand as a result, "that's a worthwhile project to consider," Wolpert said.

Leslie Gutterman, rabbi at Temple Beth-El, the largest Reform synagogue in Rhode Island, supports the new day school initiative.

"As our community continues to shrink and age, which is what the National Jewish Population Survey suggests, I think the more important choice in the future will not be between denominations as much as the choice of whether or not to be a serious Jew, and there's no more serious Jewish education than can be found in a day school," he said. "I think it would be a good thing if young people from all denominations can be brought together to know

**"You want to be as inclusive as possible, but you don't want to lose a sense of what makes you a distinctive community in the first place."**  
 — Rabbi Mitchel Levine

one another, to learn together and study together."

### Current challenges

The task force study found that the existing day schools in Rhode Island are challenged by rising educational and tuition costs, faculty retention, meeting special needs requirements, inadequate space, and enrollment attrition to public and private schools, especially at the transition to middle school.

"The status quo isn't working," said Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, chair of the Partnership committee that is moving the project to the next step. Formally known as the "Collaborating for Excellence Pillar" of the Partnership, Kaunfer's committee comprised of Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and secular leaders within the community, was bound by the broad charge of finding "what's best for the community."

"We weren't looking for agreement on ideology or texts, just the school's concept," Kaunfer said.

When the work was done, the following statement was issued:

*Whereas: the Partnership is seeking to strengthen the greater RI Jewish community,*

*And Jewish day school education is an essential component of a thriving Jewish community,*

*The greater RI Jewish community seeks to provide a quality dayschool education that will serve the widest population of students*

*and families with the greatest possibility of maximum community support,*

*[and] pluralism is a positive value which will enhance the Jewish life of this community,*

*There be it resolved that on behalf of the Partnership*

*We support the concept of a community day school, if feasible, in order to fulfill these goals.*

### Supporting all students

The report also stated the following pertaining to the Orthodox community:

"We also recommend that while working to establish a community day school, the Rhode Island Jewish community honor its commitment to meeting the educational needs of those in the Orthodox community."

"A community school can be a problem for someone hoping to have an experience grounded in *halacha* (Jewish law)... divisions in the road limit the capacity to appeal to everyone, but there are ways to appeal to a very broad group," read a statement by Elkin as presented to the original task force.

"I think the broad range of educational needs are best served by the community school," said Rabbi Mitchell Levine of the Orthodox Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence. "The school makes economic sense and educational sense."

Religiously, however, "it's challenging," he said. "I think the way to meet this challenge is to be very careful about the difference between the public space of a school and the private [space]."

In general, Levine said that "you want to be as inclusive as possible, but you don't want to lose a sense of what makes you a distinctive community in the first place."

### Moving forward

The Partnership is forming a new subcommittee to lead the project to its next step, simultaneously looking for community support while examining, in detail, potential models, and issues of finances, ideology, curriculum and personnel in determining its viability and, if feasible, building a blueprint for the proposed school.

"There are few times in the history of a community when critical needs and the opportunity to meet them for the sake of future generations come together," said Kaunfer. "For Rhode Island, this is one of those moments... Our hope is that a community day school which is pluralistic by design will transform the Jewish life of this community."

# Jewish day, community schools growing nationwide

By Jonathan Rubin

Jewish Day School education experienced an overwhelming success in the United States in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Enrollment rates have almost doubled in the past 23 years — from 100,000 students in 450 schools, to nearly 200,000 in 700 schools.

Much of this growth has been in the Conservative and Reform spheres, where elementary, middle, and high schools were opened at a rapid rate. Now, there are approximately 70 Schechter schools, and more than 20 Reform day schools. By 2005, a study has shown that more than a thousand new Judaic teachers will be needed; the pricetag — a hefty \$1 billion.

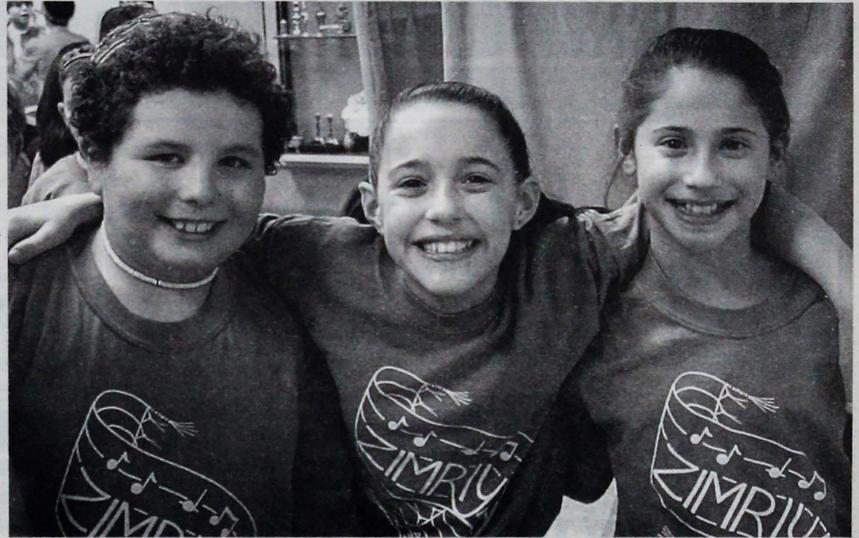
Looking ahead, many educators are pointing toward the community or pluralistic school as the wave of the future. The community school tries to be what Jonathan Woocher, president of the Jewish Education Service of North America, calls the “public school system for the Jewish community,” serving Conservative,

Reform and unaffiliated families, in addition to a number of Orthodox children. Sometimes the community school is the only show in town; at other times it works alongside an Orthodox yeshiva or denominational school.

Usually, the community school prides itself in being affordable to everyone, to attract a range of Jewish students. Because the school sees itself as a community resource, a variety of funding sources can be tapped. In addition, collaborations with other educational entities, both Jewish and non-Jewish, often develop.

Educational curricula vary widely from community to community — often there will be a full, diverse Judaic program, with preparatory tracks to appeal to students of different backgrounds.

Ideology is always a thorny problem, and there are many questions that schools must address, including the eternal “Who is a Jew?” question. The Orthodox and Conservative movements



THE ALPERIN SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL is one of 70 Conservative-affiliated Schechter schools in the United States, many of which have sprouted up in the last 25 years. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

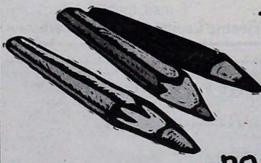
define a Jew by the religion of the mother. The Reform movement acknowledges patrilineal descent. What admissions' criteria will

schools use? Should students say the blessing after meals, or not? What about daily prayer? Every community tackles these dilemmas in its own way, sometimes

by having separate prayer groups based on affiliation. Students can choose among Reform, Conservative or Orthodox services, or discussion groups.

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The **DEADLINE** for submission is **Nov. 29**. Entries must be delivered to the front desk at the Jewish Community Center, c/o Voice & Herald Hanukkah Art Contest, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

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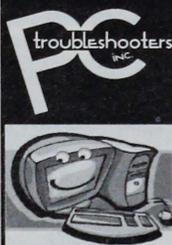
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The films will be:  
1. "Counselor-at-Law" (1933), directed by William Wyler. John Barrymore plays a Jewish lawyer who must negotiate his fame in the world at large

with the demands of family and childhood friends.

2. "Symphony of Six Million" (1932), directed by Gregory La Cava. Produced by David O. Selznick, his only Jewish film. This little known classic concerns a Jewish doctor who sells out in order to make money and comes to question his

decision.

3. "Crossfire" (1947), directed by Edward Dmytryk. The first Hollywood film to deal with anti-semitic hate crimes, this stars three Roberts at the beginning of their careers — Young, Mitchell, and Ryan.

4. "Gentlemen's Agreement"

(1948), directed by Elia Kazan. The Oscar winner for best picture features Gregory Peck as a reporter who pretends to be Jewish in order to investigate American cultural prejudices.

Also screening will be "Norma Rae" and "Broadway Danny Rose." Call 331-1616.

**Hadassah to host Jewish / Christian workshop**

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will hold its fall education program, "Harmonies of Praise," a discussion and video concerning the similarities and differences in Jewish and Christian worship, on Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Com-

munity Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Temple Emanu-El, Providence and Rev. Daniel Burke, St. Martin's Church, Providence, will facilitate the discussion.

The charge of \$5.50 includes

a light brunch. Guests (including men) are invited. Make checks out to Rhode Island Hadassah and mail by Nov. 7 to: Sam Price, Apt. 411, 143 Hoffman Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. For additional information call the Hadassah/RI office at 463-3636.

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**Trachoma spread from the Middle East, Africa to Europe**

Blindness was well known to the ancients. Indeed, it was the most obvious and the most troublesome of the many medical afflictions burdening primitive societies.



**Stanley Aronson M.D.**

Genesis tells us that when Isaac was old, "his eyes were too dim to see." And it was the blindness of his eyes rather than the blindness of his heart that led him to bestow his patrimony upon Jacob. And when Jacob was old, he too knew the encumbrance of blindness. Yet while the Bible frequently associates loss of vision with aging, it is silent on the subject of blindness

in childhood.

An ancient Egyptian parchment, dating back to 1500 BCE and referred to as the Ebers papyrus, describes a clinically distinct disease of childhood characterized by intense irritation, redness and watering of the eyes; in time, the conjunctival surfaces become painful and visibly rough and granular; eventually the victim's vision fails. Some 16 centuries later, the Greek physician Dioscorides named the disease trachoma from a Greek word meaning rough.

Roman physicians declared that the disease was endemic to the children of the Middle East; and the movement of Roman troops and administrators between Rome and its more southerly colonies brought trachoma to southern Europe. And

while trachoma was then equated with poverty, such well-established personages as the great Cicero were victims of trachoma.

There is little mention of trachoma in the ensuing centuries until the 13th century. Trachoma was again evident in the cities of southern Europe, brought back by the crusaders. Indeed, each time European armies invaded the Middle East, trachoma reappeared in Europe. Napoleon's armies swarmed over Egypt in the early years of the 19th century; and over one-fourth of the French troops contracted trachoma and were made unfit for further military duty. The French called it Egyptian ophthalmia.

In area of Africa and Asia where sanitary facilities are primitive, trachoma continues to be the leading cause of blindness. It begins, typically, in childhood; but inevitably their mothers became reinfected; and thus three of every four trachoma-blinded adults are women.

The World Health Organization estimates that there are a minimum of 146 million active cases of trachoma globally and six million completely blind because of recurrent trachoma infection.

Trachoma, along with measles and poliomyelitis, is on a special World Health Organization list of those diseases that can be globally eradicated within a decade — if the will to do so is there. But for those American Jews who made the transition from the old country to the *goldene medina*, the bitter memory of trachoma will persist.

*Dr. Stanley Aronson is Dean Emeritus of Brown University Medical School and a member of the Voice & Herald editorial board.*



ELLIS ISLAND physicians inspect the eyelids of arriving immigrants for trachoma. They used a device to invert the eyelids, looking for signs of the disease which was reason to send those afflicted back to the old country. Photo courtesy of Ellis Island Archives

**'You have trachoma. You cannot enter.'**

Trachoma was certainly present in the poor Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. But it was then regarded as merely one of many burdensome medical infirmities, such as tuberculosis, typhus and cholera. Trachoma assumed critical importance in Jewish thinking, however, only when the United States Immigration Service declared trachoma to be one of a number of physical and mental disabilities barring admission to these shores.

Informal medical inspections of arriving immigrants had been customary. But in 1892 an outbreak of cholera prompted President Benjamin Harrison to issue an order declaring the need to inspect all immigrants. This hastened the development of the U.S. Public Health Service to establish formal criteria listing those disorders, which would bar any immigrant from this nation.

Ellis Island in New York harbor became the principal gateway for immigrants seeking

admission. Each immigrant went through an anxiety-generating examination in the great hall of the imposing red brick structure called by many "the Palace of Tears." A Public Health physician scrutinized each person and chalk marks were then affixed to their clothing. For example, a letter "G" signified goiter, a letter "X" for apparent mental illness, a letter "L" for lameness and a letter "T" for trachoma. The eyelids of each immigrant were everted and any severe inflammation was interpreted as evidence of trachoma and therefore grounds for returning the immigrant to the old country. The fear of trachoma was so great that mothers often blindfolded their children during the long Atlantic Ocean voyage to prevent any eye irritation.

In truth, the numbers denied admission were small. In 1911, a typical year, 749,642 aliens were examined at Ellis Island; 16,910 (2.3%) were turned down for medical reasons, and only 1,167 of these because of trachoma.

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Rachel Deutsch and Brian Gingold

**Wedding**

Rachel Deutsch and Brian Gingold, both of New York, were married August 23 at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

The bride, daughter of Dr. Stephan and Judy Deutsch, of Providence, graduated with a BS from Vanderbilt University, and is currently marketing manager at Giorgio Armani cosmetics.

The groom, son of Harlan and Diane Gingold, of Syracuse, NY, earned a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He is currently an attorney at Simpson, Thacher and Bartlet.

The couple will reside in New York.



Sheila L. Romanowitz

**Romanowitz named SNEC Exec.**

The Southern New England Consortium (SNEC) for Partnership 2000 has announced the appointment of Sheila L. Romanowitz as executive director. Romanowitz most recently served as Executive Director, Office of the President and Chair of the Board, at UJA-Federation of New York. Prior to joining the staff of UJA-Federation of New York in 1999, she served as Executive Director of the United Jewish Federation of Stamford, CT from 1989 to 1999.

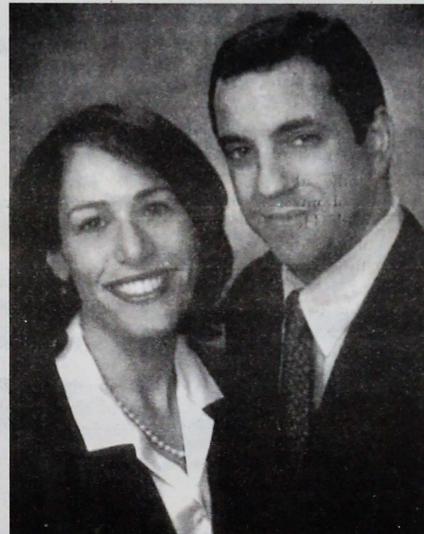
**Humanities Prize**

The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities awarded AIKlyberg, executive director of the Heritage Harbor Museum, the Tom Roberts Prize for Creative Achievement in the Humanities for 2003. The prize recognizes an individual whose work is distinguished by inventive and original inquiry and contributions in the humanities.

**Murray Scholar**

Joshua David Rogol of Pawtucket, a student at the Providence Country Day School, is this year's Murray Scholar winner. The Murray Scholarship is awarded in recognition for academic excellence, athletic and extra-curricular achievement and leadership in the Providence Country Day School community. Joshua is a senior at PCD and the son of Dr. & Mrs. Neal W. Rogol.

The scholarship provides full tuition and expenses for books and materials as well as a stipend for an opportunity to engage in a summer study / community service experience within the United States or abroad. During the summer of 2003, Josh chose to travel to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.



Dr. Alyson Gail Yashar and James Kasen Goldfarb

**Wedding**

Dr. Alyson Gail Yashar, daughter of Dr. James and Judge Marjorie Yashar of Providence, Newport and Palm Gardens, Fla., and James Kasen Goldfarb, son of Lynn and Matthew Goldfarb of Portland, Maine, were married on Aug. 31 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. A reception followed at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass. The couple resides in New York City.

The bride is a partner in Woodcliff Lake Ophthalmology, located in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. She is a graduate of Brown University and the New York University School of Medicine. The bridegroom is a graduate of Washington University, the London School of Economics and the Duke University School of Law. He is an associate attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, in New York City.

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**Obituaries**

**Harry Genter**

PAWTUCKET — Harry Genter, 97, of Scott Street, a retired pharmacist, died Sept. 30, at Oak Hill Nursing Home.

He was the husband of Celia "Tillie" (Marcowitz) Genter; they had been married for 65 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Peter and Matilda (Peil) Genter, he had lived in Pawtucket for 65 years.

He was a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Pharmacology.

Mr. Genter had operated the former Genter Pharmacy, in Pawtucket, for many years until retiring. He was a former member of Temple Emanu-El, and a member of the Barney Merry Lodge 29, F&AM, in Pawtucket.

Besides his wife, he leaves a sister, Rose Pritsker of Fall River, and two grandsons. He was the father of the late Barbara Dress Miller, and the brother of the late Maurice and Charles Genter.

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

**Joshua Lovett**

PROVIDENCE — Joshua Seth Lovett, 36, of East George St., an accomplished pianist and writer, died at home on Oct. 4.

Born in Providence, a son of Nancy Troy Lovett and the late Raul L. Lovett, he was a lifelong resident of the city. Mr. Lovett was a graduate of the Wheeler School and Boston University.

Besides his mother, he leaves two brothers, Samuel Lovett of Providence and Carl J. S. Lovett of Cranston; a sister, Suzanne Dana Troy Lovett of White Plains, N. Y.; and eight nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Temple Beth-El. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

**Diane Mintz**

FALL RIVER — Diane (Newman) Mintz, 84, of Reading St., died Oct. 3, at South Coast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Somerset.

She was the wife of Jacob Mintz. Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., a daughter of the late Barnett and Schifra (Lutsky) Newman, she had lived in Fall River since 1953.

Mrs. Mintz was a member of Congregation Adas Israel, and a former member of Temple Beth-El, in Fall River, and its Sisterhood. She was a life member of Fall River Hadassah and the American Women's ORT.

She was a contributor and volunteer of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged. She volunteered as a worker with children with cerebral palsy, and was an active volunteer with the March of Dimes. She was a former Girl Scout leader, and had a passion for music and dancing.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Mark L. Mintz; a daughter, Bonnie Mintz Cooper, and two grandchildren, Benjamin and Samuel Cooper, all of Barrington. She was the sister of the late Lillian Miller and Edward Newman.

A graveside service was held at Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, N. Y. Contributions may be made to the South Coast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, c/o David Wilkerson, 455 Brayton Ave., Somerset, Mass. 02726.

**Harold Ross**

PROVIDENCE — Harold K. Ross, 85, of Miami, Fla., and formerly of Rhode Island, a retired jewelry manufacturer and distributor, died Oct. 3, at the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged.

He was the former husband of the late Gladys (Friedman) Ross. Born in Providence, a son of the late Emil and Gertrude (Rosenfeld) Ross, he had lived most of his life in Rhode Island before moving to Florida 22 years ago.

Mr. Ross had been honored for assisting in the safety of residents at the Federation Gardens in Kendall, Fla., during hurricane Andrew. He was named "Father of the Year" at the Miami Jewish Home in 2000, and was a life member of the home's Men's Club. He had also been honored by the Miami Beach Optimist Club as an outstanding member of the community.

He was a member of the former Temple Beth Israel.

He leaves a son, Joseph Ross of Miami Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Cheryl Buteau of East Taunton, Mass.; a sister, Madeleine Schwechter of Glencoe, Ill.; and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Ruth Ross Myrow and Evelyn Swerling.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Miami Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged (MJHHA), 5200 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Miami, Fla. 33137.

**Janet Sollitto**

CRANSTON — Janet Ellen Sollitto, 48, of Third Avenue, died Oct. 2, at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of Alphonse Sollitto.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Bernard Bieder of Warwick and the late Harriet (Farber) Bieder, she had lived in Cranston for 16 years. She had worked for Spurwink in Cranston for four years and previously worked for the Trudeau Center in Warwick.

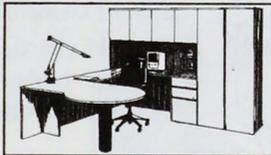
Besides her husband and

father, she leaves a daughter, Heather Sollitto; a brother, Jeffrey Bieder of Ithaca, NY; a twin sister, Susan Greco of Phoenix, AZ, and step-mother, Audrey (Benzion) Bieder of Warwick.

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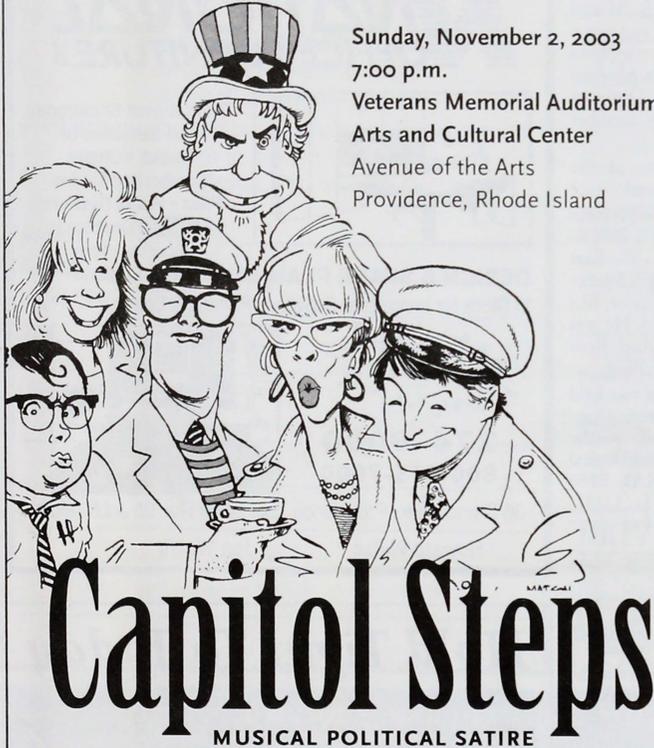
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# The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island invites you to attend the following 2004 Annual Community Campaign Events.

## THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN EVENT



Sunday, November 2, 2003  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
 Arts and Cultural Center  
 Avenue of the Arts  
 Providence, Rhode Island

A troupe of congressional staffers, turned comedians, who travel the United States satirizing the very people and places who once employed them. The Capitol Steps perform over 500 shows a year all over the country.

■ This event is open to all individuals and households that pledge a gift in any amount to the 2004 Annual Community Campaign

This event is sponsored in part by the VMA Arts and Cultural Center.

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN EVENT



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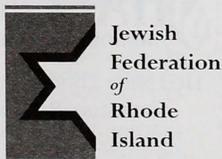
# MAMADRAMA: The Jewish Mother in Cinema

Thursday, November 6  
 7:30 p.m.  
 (doors open at 7:00)  
 Avon Cinema  
 260 Thayer Street  
 Providence, Rhode Island

With guest speaker Sharon Pucker Rivo, Executive Director of the National Center for Jewish Film

■ This event is open to all women who make a pledge to the 2004 Annual Community Campaign

For information about the the BJE/RI Dr. James and Judge Marjorie Yashar Evening of Jewish Renaissance on November 8, please see inside for full-page program and registration details.



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For more information, contact Robin at 401 331-0956 x180 or Alla at 401 421-4111 x169 or visit [www.jfri.org](http://www.jfri.org)

### The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island 2004 Community Campaign Events

I am interested in attending:

- Capitol Steps**  
Musical Political Satire  
Sunday, November 2
- Mamadrama:**  
**The Jewish Mother in Film**  
Thursday, November 6
- I cannot attend

RSVP by October 27, 2003

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I have already made my pledge to the 2004 Annual Community Campaign.

Payment on pledge is due December 31, 2004.

I pledge the following amount to the 2004 Annual Community Campaign:

- \$1800       \$100
- \$500         \$36
- \$365         other
- \$200        \_\_\_\_\_

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