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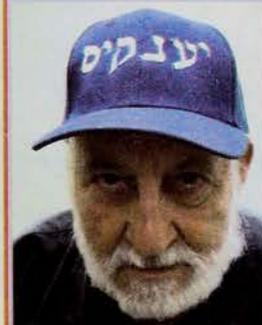
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Israel withdraws from Rafah

By Dan Baron

TEL AVIV (JTA)— Israel ended its operation in a Gaza Strip refugee camp this week amid heated criticism — even from within the Israeli government.

During the weeklong Operation Rainbow, the army killed 41 Palestinian terrorists and 11 civilians and destroyed three tunnels used to smuggle weapons, Brig. Gen. Shmuel Zakai said. Zakai also said 56 homes were demolished.

But in Jerusalem over the weekend, Israel's actions suffered their worst critique from inside Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's own government. "On television I saw an old woman rummaging through the ruins of her home in Rafah, searching for her medication,

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Jewish Vets plan observance

WARWICK — The Rhode Island Jewish War Veterans (JWV) will hold a Memorial Day observance on Sunday, May 30, at 11 a.m. in front of the group's Memorial Wall of Honor at the entrance to Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Sunday will be the formal unveiling of new names inscribed on the wall to honor the Jewish veterans who have died this past year.

Guest speakers will include R.I. Chief Justice Frank Williams; Reginald A. Centracchio, adj. general of the R.I. National Guard;



THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS brick memorial walkway.

Mayor Scott Avedisian of Warwick, Rabbi Emeritus George Astrachan and Cantor Rennie J. Brown, of Temple Sinai in

Cranston, Sen. Jack Reed and Congressman Jim Langevin.

There are approximately

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Bonding with Israel a R.I. Jewish tradition

By Rona Trachtenberg

PROVIDENCE — On June 8, the R.I. Committee for State of Israel Bonds will hold its annual dinner at Temple Emanu-El. At the event, Mark R. Feinstein, president of the Jewish Federation of R.I., will receive the Freedom Award for his support of Israel and leadership in the Jewish and secular communities.

For more than half a century, the group has been working to raise funds for Israel. In 1950, the fledgling State of Israel was struggling to develop. Its barren land was home to Holocaust survivors, displaced persons and Sephardic Jews fleeing from Arab-dominated Iraq and North Africa. These immigrants lived in primitive tent cities with rationed food and scarce resources. Something had to be done.

In the fall of 1950, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion formed the State of Israel Bonds. The venture was designed to sell securities to fund infrastructure projects in Israel — harbors, highways,



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT accepts an orchid corsage at a R.I. Israel Bonds sponsor's dinner in 1954 from Henry Hassenfeld, who served as chairman of the General Jewish Committee Drive in Providence. To his right is Alex Lowenthal.

Photo courtesy of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association

pipelines, power plants, etc.

As their first public relations task, Ben-Gurion's team

invited 50 American-Jewish businessmen to tour Israel and

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Feinstein to receive Bonds award

PROVIDENCE — Mark R. Feinstein, who has played a prominent leadership role in both the Jewish and secular communities, will be honored with the Israel Bonds Freedom Award at a reception on Tuesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Providence. The tribute is being held under the auspices of the Rhode Island Israel Bonds campaign.

Rhode Island Israel Bonds Chairperson Susan Leach DeBlasio said, "We very much look forward to honoring Mark Feinstein at our Rhode Island Israel Bonds community event. Mark has been an extremely proactive member of the Providence community, and

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Mon., May 31:

Mystical Alphabet

8 p.m. Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The Mystical Hebrew Alphabet with Rabbi Yaakov Marcus of Jerusalem. No experience in Hebrew or Jewish mysticism needed. Free. Call Rabbi Aaron Lapin at 935-5238.

Tues., June 1

Women's Alliance

Annual Meeting
7:30 p.m. Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Call Lisa Burtan, 421-4111, ext. 163.

Cub Scouts Pack 104

7 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Annual meeting. See Community.

Wed., June 2

Cranston Senior Guild

Noon. Venus de Milo restaurant, Rte. 6, Swansea. Annual installation luncheon. \$17.50 per paid-up member. Entertainment by Sandra Evans. For reservations, call Mal Ross, 723-8580.

ASDS 25th annual meeting

7 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Alperin Meeting House. Lila Winograd to be honored. Refreshments served.

Thurs., June 3

'Annie Jr.'

7:30 p.m. Jewish Theatre Ensemble performance. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Tickets \$10, \$5 for children. Reserve by calling 861-8800, ext. 189.

Adoption Options

6 to 7 p.m. Informational meeting. United Way building, 229 Waterman St., Providence,

second floor.

For more information, contact Peg Boyle 331-5437 or visit www.AdoptionOptions.org. See Community.

NCJW Scholarship awards

7 p.m. Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. National Council of Jewish Women scholarship awards night.

Sun., June 6

Youth & 5k/10k runs

8 a.m. registration. River Run. The Gatehouse, Richmond Square, Providence. Youth races at 9:15 a.m., 5k/10k runs at 10 a.m. Registration fee: \$20 on race day, \$7 for kids. For information and registration, contact: www.teachingeveryway.org/riverrun.html or Brenda Abramovich at Brenda1115@cox.net. See Community.

Shalom blintz brunch

11 a.m. or noon, two seatings, Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Road, Middletown. Tickets \$8, \$5 for children under 6. Blintzes, coffee cake, fruit, beverages. Reservations required. Open to the public. Call for tickets, 846-9002.

Annie Jr.

1 & 4 p.m. See June 3 listing for details.

Fall River Yiddish Club

1 p.m. Adas Israel Synagogue. Kosher deli lunch and dessert. Bob Fradkin will perform Yiddish songs. For info, call (508) 678-4273.

Beth-El concert

2 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Performance with Daniela Gongora, violinist, accompanied by Dawn Chung. Dessert served. Free, open to all. For further informa-

tion, call 331-6070. See Community.

Mon., June 7

JCC golf tournament

11:30 a.m. Lunch, play begins at 1 p.m. Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk. Silent auction to follow play. For info, contact Alex Turek at 861-8800, ext. 149.

Hadassah annual meeting

7:30 p.m. Meeting and installation of officers. Temple Emanu-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Call 463-3636 or rhodeislandchapter@hadassah.org. See Community.

Tues., June 8

Israel Bonds reception

6 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Cocktail reception in honor of JFRI President Mark Feinstein. Guest speaker, Prof. Raymond Tanter, authority on terrorism. Call (800) 752-5651.

Israeli folk dancing

8 p.m. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The Hora Afula Dance Troupe will perform. Prices: \$8, \$5 for seniors and children. Call 861-8800, ext. 108 for more information. See Community.

Wed., June 9

Holocaust Museum annual meeting

7 p.m. The Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. R.I. Holocaust Museum annual meeting and installation of officers. See Community.

Corrections & Clarifications

The obituary for Albert Brown, in the April 30th issue of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*, inadvertently omitted Mr. Brown's companion, Mim Freedman, and his surviving brother, Martin Brown.

The names of the bride and groom in the photograph in last week's essay section should have read Zlotta Goldstein and Hyman Shindler.

The names of Sam and Nancy Vilker, grandparents of newborn Justin Evan Samreny, were misspelled in our last issue.

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Jewish Vets plan Memorial observance Sunday

3,300 names on the wall, which was erected three years ago to take the place of its temporary predecessor, at a cost of \$250,000. Family members will be given sketch paper to trace the names on the walls for their children and grandchildren. This year, 22

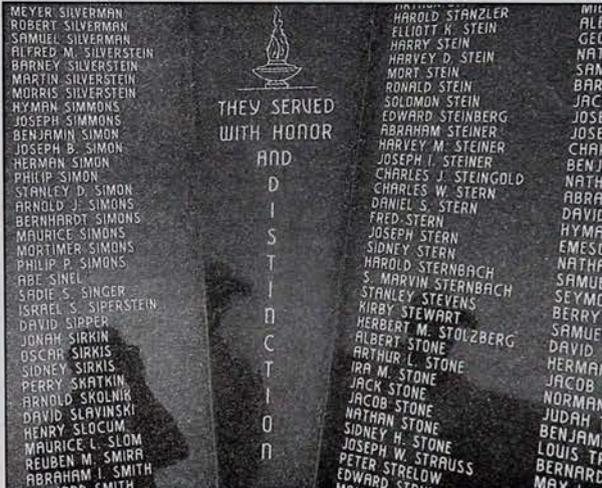
names have been added of the approximately 60 veterans who died between Aprils 2003-04. It costs \$100 to have a name engraved on the wall.

Irving H. Levin, who is the state commander of the JWV, said the group is "the patriotic voice of American Jewry." He said the organization is the oldest active Jewish veterans group in the country. The group formed in the post-Civil War era, after an article in a newspaper falsely stated that the Jewish community did not serve in the Civil War. "The founders wanted to get the message out that those of the Jewish faith served their country," Levin said. "It's a message that we still want to get out and pass on to our grandchildren."

Several hundred people are expected to attend the ceremonies. Lincoln Park Cemetery is located at 1469 Post Road, Warwick.



MEMORIAL DAY — Irving H. Levin, commander of the Jewish War Veterans, will unveil the names of veterans inscribed on the Memorial Wall of Honor this year. Photos by Josh Korr



Almost 3,300 names are inscribed on the Jewish War Veteran's Memorial Wall of Honor at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

Jewish community has bonded with Israel for over 50 years

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see the country's needs first-hand. On their return home, they went to work and sold over \$52 million during the first Israel Independence Issue. For the buyers, the bonds proved to be a sound investment which secured an emotional return as well.

"The Israel Bonds organization has had a consistently strong presence in Rhode Island for the past half century," said Jonathan Lang, Israel Bonds' current New England executive director, "thanks to charismatic leaders and enthusiastic volunteers."

Rhode Island gets involved

In Rhode Island, Israel Bonds began in March 1951, when **Milton Sapinsley** was chosen as chairperson of the state effort. "A bond for Israel is a bond with Israel," he said at the time. The Rhode Island Council of Jewish Organizations immediately organized a meeting that brought together all the leading Jewish groups at that time: B'nai Brith, ZOA, Hadassah, The Labor Zionist Council, Mizrahi, Poale Zion, Council of Jewish Women, Hebrew Free Loan Society, Jewish Mothers' Alliance, Jewish War Veterans, Ladies Association, Ladies Auxiliary, Hebrew Sheltering Society, Farband Labor Zionist Order Branch 41, and Pioneer Women.

Less than one month later, R.I. Gov. Dennis J. Roberts purchased the first Israel bond from **Benjamin R. Albert, Morris Espo** and **Max Levin**, who set an ambitious goal of selling half a million dollars in bonds. They reached their goal, with \$566,000 raised.

Whenever Israel was perceived to be in acute danger, a trend emerged for Rhode Island Jews to respond with increased bond sales. For example, in 1967, in response to Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's blockade of Israel's shipping lanes, Rhode

Island Jews bought \$734,000 in bonds in a one-month period.

Lang estimates that over the past half century, "Rhode Islanders have purchased over \$50 million in Israel bonds for Israel's survival."

Marketing: 'The BIG Day'

The Israel Bonds movement of the '50s created what was called "The BIG Day" bond sale. BIG was an acronym for Bonds of the Israel Government. The entire community attended this June extravaganza that featured international entertainment, guest speakers, and lavish refreshments. A newsletter was mailed to every home and literally hundreds of volunteers made phone calls and walked door-to-door explaining the benefits of purchasing bonds to their fellow Rhode Islanders. International telephone conferences were broadcast as Israel Bonds leaders spoke with Israeli dignitaries, who explained Israel's current problems and concluded with the need to increase bond sales. In 1952, Gov. Roberts even proclaimed June Israel Bond Month.

Private home receptions and parlor meetings were organized to give personalized attention to prominent individuals in the Jewish community. **Bruce Ruttenberg**, the 1984 chairman, clearly remembers, "If we could get them to come to the house, we had a fairly good chance of getting them to make a nice-sized investment." Israel Bonds' volunteer **Tom Pearlman** added, "They took the time to listen to what we had to say, and they usually invested based on their ability to pay."

Another technique was to bring "big name" personalities, such as Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, to Rhode Island to help stimulate bond sales. Formal, black-tie affairs were often attended by 500 to 600 Rhode Islanders and were held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.

Savvy salesmen



JERUSALEM CALLING — Rhode Island Israel Bonds campaign workers heard Prime Minister Golda Meir speak from Jerusalem on a nationwide telephone hook-up at a "Jerusalem Calling" meeting held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Resnick of Providence in March, 1971. From left, are Mrs. Max Greenberg, co-chairwoman of the meeting and "Woman of Valor;" Mrs. Arthur Einstein, Women's Division co-chairwoman and "Woman of Valor," Mrs. Resnick, hostess, and Mrs. Sheldon Sollosy, chairwoman of the Women's Division. Photo courtesy of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association

In 1961, **Robert Reisman** was sitting in his backyard, "minding my own business when then Judge Frank Licht came over and drafted me to be that year's Rhode Island Israel Bonds chairman." That was pretty much the same tale that many of the former chairmen told. "We were sort of a fraternity that worked really hard selling bonds, had an awful lot of fun doing it, and felt we accomplished something important for Israel," said Reisman.

As these early leaders tried to reach new sales peaks, they quickly realized that it would be very productive to tap into big business. Reisman recalls, "Max Alperin

and I went to the office of Clarence Gifford, a prominent banker in Rhode Island (in charge of Hospital Trust) and got a six-figure commitment from him. Then, we found a new source, labor unions with resources to invest, who were very Israel-oriented thanks in part to their Jewish executives."

"It's not what you know, but who you know," said **Stanley Blacher**, chairman from 1972 to 1974. "We placed Israel Bonds with the Ledgemont Country Club with temples, and with banks, as I was friendly with many of their professionals."

A MAJORITY OF ONE

Tolerance Museum — a golden fleece?

Two hundred million dollars can buy quite a bit of tolerance, even in so intolerant a city as Jerusalem. (It can also buy child and health care, social services and garbage collection in a city as lacking in these amenities as is Jerusalem, but a donor's name is less visible when attached to such obscure civic needs.)



Yehuda Lev

Two hundred million dollars is what the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles is spending to build its Center for Human Dignity-Museum of Tolerance in Israel's capital city. Eight donors have already contributed 40 percent of the funds, and walls, suitable for plaques, are currently under construction.

You don't raise that kind of money by thinking small. Earlier this month the Terminator himself, Arnold Schwarzenegger, flew from California to Jerusalem to participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for the complex of buildings, designed by Frank Gehry, America's architect *du jour*. If past experience is any guide, the Center will be interesting, provocative and totally out of character with the city it is intended to enhance.

Some background. The Center was

founded in Los Angeles in 1977 by an Orthodox rabbi who came from Vancouver with the backing of a wealthy Canadian family, to raise funds to build a yeshiva. Given the highly secular nature of Jewish life in the Big Orange, it didn't take him long to realize that California money for Orthodox schools was difficult to come by, so he elected to build a Holocaust memorial in addition to the

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yeshiva.

The rabbi is an excellent fundraiser and skilled at public relations. When pushing the Holocaust button failed to raise the necessary funds, he shifted gears once again and turned his project into a Museum of Tolerance. This opened up a new possibility, state funding, which could not be given to a religious institution but might be forthcoming for a non-partisan project.

He went to the state legislature and asked for five million.

The then governor of California, an Armenian, was won over by promises of prominence being given to the Armenian massacres of 1915. The five million was approved. (To date the Center has received \$50 million in public money.)

What happened next is a subject of controversy. It was widely believed and widely denied, that the Israeli government, on excellent terms with Turkey, requested that the Armenian situation not be stressed. Whatever the reason, the only reference to those massacres is in a brief segment of a film on recent genocides (Cambodia and Rwanda among others). The Armenian governor has

labs, a cafeteria and a library. When last I looked, many of the classrooms were still housed in trailers.

The move to Jerusalem aroused resistance from Yad v'Shem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial and research center. The Center has agreed not to emphasize the Holocaust and this has bought an uneasy truce.

The whole distasteful business smacks of a traditional Jewish problem, best described by a pagan reference to our "edifice complex." It is hardly the fault of the Center that many donors do not respond to meeting communal needs unless they receive proper recognition and that the larger the donation the more public the recognition demanded. Nor is this an exclusively Jewish trait and certainly we should be pleased that so many of our wealthier brethren are ready to contribute to Jewish causes.

But anyone who has lived in Jerusalem and shared the problems of a society in which public services are falling apart, can, without any difficulty, find better ways of spending \$200,000,000. To be truly tolerant it helps to have food, housing, health, schools and social services. Nowhere on that list is ego.

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

long since retired.

To divest the Center of any taint of religious affiliation, the officials who serve them both collect separate salaries and the Center and the yeshiva maintain separate boards. But the ties are very close and it is fair to say that the Center, nonpartisan in name, is to some degree a fundraising arm of the yeshiva.

Not that the yeshiva has prospered as a result. Recently, a staff member went public with complaints that virtually all of the money being raised is going to the Center and to Jerusalem. Its officials responded that they are putting millions into both the boy's and girl's schools. Be that as it may, they still do not have some of the amenities that high schools are supposed to have — a gym, computer

Letters to the editor

Support for families with gay members

I'm the happy mother of a lesbian, and I'm writing to echo the sentiments of Marc Paige and Louise and Bob Zuckerman in their letters published April 30.

Their letters refuted Rabbi Moshe Antelman's view that gays and lesbians are to be condemned. Does Rabbi Antelman also think that adulterers should be executed? Would he kill any of his neighbors who desecrated the Sabbath? Does he think women and deaf people should be barred from testifying in a court of law? Look at your Torah, Rabbi Antelman: all those teachings are right there.

Of course, like the fundamentalists of many religions, Rabbi Antelman cherry-picks scriptures to find the ones he wants to support his narrow-minded opinions. Isn't it curious that he takes *literally* only those verses that condemn homosexuality, but is perfectly willing to accept the reinterpretations of other precepts.

The Greater Providence Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a grass-roots volunteer organization of which I am president. We support parents on their journey to acceptance of their gay children. Many families come to us burdened by guilt and fear caused in great measure by the censure and narrow-mindedness of rigid clergy.

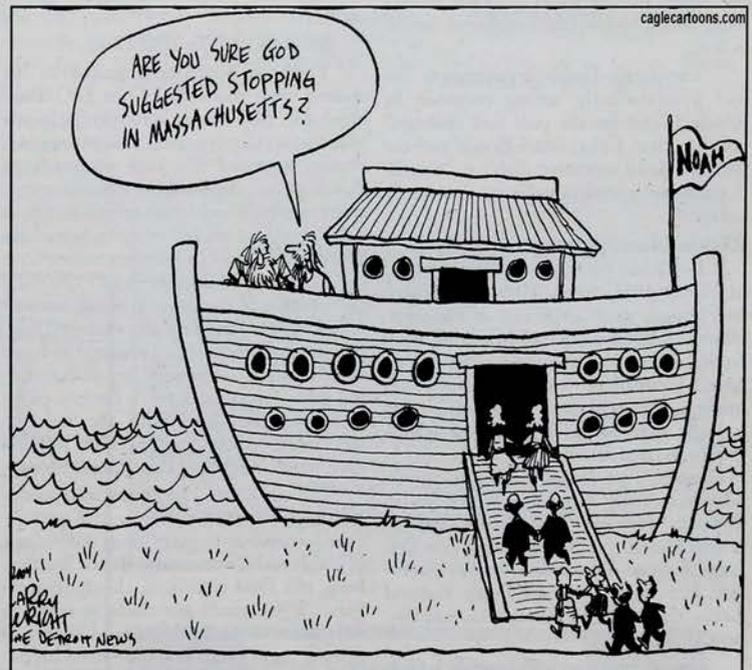
All are welcome at our meetings. I urge anyone interested to call me at 751-7571.

Myra B. Shays
Providence

Refreshing opinions

Thanks to the *Jewish Voice and Herald* for printing "opinion" by Yehuda Lev. These articles are refreshing. You are not in a Majority of ONE, Mr. Lev.

Barbara Fox
East Greenwich



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ALISON ON ALIYAH

Mint chocolate chip ice cream, a sign of culture shock

Starbucks. Drizzly, 40-degree weather in May — with no endless, blisteringly hot days in sight. What seems like thousands of magazines with Brad Pitt on the cover. Mint ice cream! Soft toilet paper. Being able to speak English without people looking at me twice. African Americans.

As I stepped off the plane at Newark airport last week, I was assaulted by America. I walked to my connecting flight to Seattle in a daze, not knowing what to buy first — but wanting to buy something more than I could stand. Muffins, doughnuts, Doritos, Skittles — I had forgotten about these things in Israel. Or rather, I had forgotten how good they are in America. I finally settled on a big hunk of Breyer's mint chocolate chip ice cream — at 5:35 a.m. It was the best ice cream cone I think I've ever had! It just isn't the same in Israel — most of the time the green ice cream here is pistachio, anyway.

I began to recognize my symptoms — full-blown culture shock. I would never have believed that I could have

become so accustomed to Israel in just seven months, but apparently I have. Even though I am just barely fluent in Hebrew, it would continually fly out of my mouth instead of the customary English, before I was even aware of it. Some of the little phrases and expressions are so automatic now — I frequently had split-second trouble remembering "Thank you," "Come on!" and "Let's go" in my mother-tongue.

On the other hand, I was very conscious of hearing English everywhere. It sounded strange to me to be surrounded by it so fully, rather than hearing only a smattering of it amongst the Hebrew. Billboards, commercials, and television news were all continually fascinating to me. As I sat in the airport waiting for my next flight, I heard the newscaster say, "And all of us Americans felt..." It took me a few seconds to remember that I was one of them again, for at least a short time.

And the shock continued throughout the week. Every time I saw a bus I couldn't help but shudder with the familiar split-second of wariness I always feel. Every time I heard an ambulance siren I felt that same dread I always do in Jerusalem, wondering if there will be more sirens, and if I will have to check the news. But then I remembered that I

was in America, and that there are other problems to deal with there.

I kept hearing about this new movie, "Super Size Me," and about the lawsuits against McDonald's. I hadn't heard a thing about any of it, and I realized how far removed Jerusalem is from popular culture, American popular culture. Israel shows American movies, but only months later than their release in America. Israeli media focuses on Israel, America's response to Israel's actions, and political happenings all over the world that are significant to Israel. We don't hear much about (what is perceived as constant) American lawsuits, celebrity divorces, or even a great deal about America's daily dealings in Iraq.

I had also forgotten a number of things about American society. I forgot that you have to pay for a suitcase cart at the airport (\$5 in Newark; \$3 in Seattle, \$0 in Israel). I forgot that you don't have to pay for a grocery cart at the supermarket (5 shekels to use one in Israel, but you get it back when you return the cart to its dock). I forgot that it only takes about 45 minutes to wash a load of laundry in the States, as opposed to the grueling 2 hours (at least!) here in Israel. I forgot that I am considered an American at all; in Israel, we are "Anglo-Saxons," or the more popular "Anglos." Indeed,

I will never forget the first time I was referred to as an "Anglo," and was told, "It doesn't matter," when I protested that I'm not English!

We all grow used to our atmosphere and the types of people that fit into our natural schemas. Not until I touched down in Newark did I realize that my daily schemas have changed so dramatically. It would be no less shocking to see an African American in Jerusalem than to see the Dalai Lama walking down the streets of Providence. It could happen — but it's pretty rare. Don't get me wrong; there are tens of thousands of black people in Israel. But they're Ethiopians — Ethiopian Jews at that — and they fit into an entirely different schema unto themselves.

Schemas, culture shock, different worlds. I suppose it takes being confronted with the old to realize how much one has changed. It was only after I saw my old life that it hit home that my new life is so different. And the shock comes when they collide.

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Alison Golub

VIEWPOINT

My March of the Living

By Marissa Weinschel

(Editor's Note: From April 14-28, dozens of Jewish teens from Rhode Island and Massachusetts flew to Poland for the March of the Living, an international program that explores Jewish identity by learning about the past, present and future. This is one of their stories.)

I walked off the airplane at the Ben Gurion airport in Tel-Aviv. I immediately got down on my hands and knees to kiss the ground. It was my third time traveling to Israel, and I had never kissed the ground before. The ELAL security guard taking my picture laughed. "Ma zeh?" he asked, as if I was crazy to allow my lips to touch the cement. I ignored him. If only he understood what we had seen, where we had all been.

I was never one to cry, but everything is different with the March of the Living. Seeing pictures from the Holocaust moved me to silence, but not tears, though they were tear-worthy. It wasn't until I saw Treblinka, Tikochyn, Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Majdanek that the tears came. I kept tissues in my jacket pocket to dry them. Until I heard the stories of the five survivors traveling with us, I couldn't begin to know what these places mean on an individual and collective basis. Our five Holocaust survivors were: Pincus Kolender and Joe Engle of Charleston, S.C.; Renée Glass-

ner of Hamden, Conn.; Philip Ravski of Valley Stream, N.Y., and Judith Meisel of Santa Barbara, Calif.

At one point in the trip, someone asked Meisel what she would say to Hitler if she could speak to him. She responded with something like, "I wouldn't say much to him. I'd show him us (our group) dancing at the Haskalah Temple in Krakow, walking the March with Israeli flags draped over our backs, showing him that we are strong and that our ancestors' spirit still lives.

At Auschwitz, all 107 marchers from the New England/Carolina group were sitting beside the gas chambers for a Tekes memorial service. Six marchers stood in front of everyone to read pieces of literature. After reading a selection from the book, *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, Zach Lichaa of Barrington paused. He said, "growing up in Rhode Island, I have always been a big fan of the New England Patriots. Tom Brady is the man. Until today he has been my hero. Now I realize what a real hero is. The five survivors with our group: Uncle Phil, Judy, Joe, Pincus, and Renee. You are my heroes."

In addition to the gas chamber, while in Auschwitz I saw rooms filled with suitcases, human hair, glasses, pots and pans, hairbrushes, and most disturbingly, shoes. The robbery of the Holocaust affected me greatly, but what was more disturbing was what they took; not



ETCHED IN FLESH — The left arm of Pincus Kolender shows the tattoo forced upon him by the Nazis in the Birkenau concentration camp. Photo by Marissa Weinschel

just the suitcases or the glasses, but the shoes. Every shoe belonged to someone: a son, a daughter, a mother, a father, a grandmother, a grandfather, an aunt, and an uncle. For every shoe there was a person, a human being, a life.

We went to each of the sites in Poland with the survivors. They were remarkably strong individually. Together, the 107 of us were maybe even stronger. When visiting Pincus Kolender's barracks in Birkenau, someone asked him if he ever thought of committing suicide while in the camp. He said, "Of course, I thought about it. It was an easy way out, but I never had the guts to do it."

Somehow, he survived several brushes with death. Pincus showed us his tattoo on his left arm. While everyone was taking pictures, Janet, his wife, said, "if you count the numbers, they add up to eighteen, Chai (life)." It's amazing how life works.

The March of the Living is coordinated locally by the Bureau of Jewish Education of RI and is supported by a Community Mission grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Marissa Weinschel, a senior at Wheeler School and the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, lives in Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Federation

JFRI allocates \$1.6 M locally

By Sara Masri

PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) allocated just over \$1.6 million for the 2004-'05 fiscal year to local agencies.

Recently, its Board of Directors voted to give an additional \$58,000 to local agencies. The Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) received \$17,500; the Jewish Community Center (JCC) \$13,100, and Jewish Family Service (JFS) \$12,000.

"I am happy that our community was able to provide more financial resources for our agencies, thanks to the generosity of our donors," said Alan Litwin, chairman of planning and allocations.

In recent years, agencies have felt the impact of the post-911 economic downturn.

The BJE relies heavily on outside grants and has seen fewer dollars available from all sources. The increased funding will enable them to continue their outreach efforts, and support their successful Israel education, special needs programs and teacher support services.

The JCC has been impacted by the economic downturn as well; in addition, the agency is at risk of losing over \$100,000 in United Way funds during the 2005 calendar year, due to a change in United Way's allocation formula.

"The increase in our Federation allocation will help reduce the overall impact of next year's projected United Way cuts," said Rick Nelson, executive director of the JCC.

JFS may see a reduction in funding from the United Way, as well as see increased costs in running some of their core programs. John Shalett, JFS executive director, said, "The impact of the additional \$12,000 will allow JFS to provide more direct counseling services and develop meaningful outreach programs."

The University of Rhode Island (URI) Hillel Foundation received an additional \$13,000. In the past year, URI Hillel has brought in a new executive director, Victor Nussbaum, with the goal of increasing their programming and presence on campus.

The number of students

attending programs has gone up in the last year, but the agency's program budget is under \$10,000 and they are still not able to adequately serve the 1,200 to 1,500 students on campus. Nussbaum stated that, "We, at URI Hillel, will effectively leverage the JFRI funding, resulting in increased donor support, and almost double the student programming budget for the upcoming academic year." The Federation is also forming a campus study subcommittee to look at the most effective way to serve all Jewish students around the state.

In addition, the Jewish Seniors Agency's Jewish Eldercare (JERI) program, the RI Holocaust Museum, Camp JORI, the Alperin Schechter Day School, and the Providence Hebrew Day School all received increased funding.

The Federation board also voted \$1.5 million to overseas partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

Sara Masri is JFRI's planning and allocation director.



Lions of Judah leave legacy

On Monday, four Lions of Judah, (from left) Barbara Levine, Grace Alpert, Elaine Odessa and Roberta Holland, signed a *ketubah* commemorating the 10th anniversary of the National Lions of Judah Endowment Program. Other "LOJES" who were unable to attend the reception held at the home of Hope Hirsch of Providence included Carolyn Cohen, Gloria Feibish, Joyce Hurwitz and one anonymous donor.

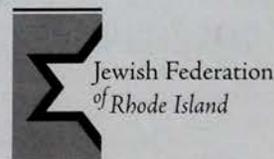
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Israel

Israel pulls out of Rafah

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and she reminded me of my grandmother who was expelled from her home during the Holocaust," Justice Minister Yosef "Tommy" Lapid, who as a boy fled the Nazi invasion of Hungary, was quoted as telling Cabinet colleagues Sunday.

International criticism has mounted of Israel's demolition of dozens of homes in Rafah to widen a security zone between Rafah and Egypt.

Lapid's words were not welcomed by Sharon, who has increased Israel's military presence in southern Gaza while pushing for an Israeli withdrawal plan from the crowded strip.

After a rebuke from Sharon, Lapid clarified his remarks. "To remove any doubt, I do not mean to liken us to the Germans or the Holocaust," he told Israel Radio. "But we must remember that we are a humane people, we are Jews and we have commitment beyond just our security needs."

Israeli army operations intensified after Palestinians killed 13 Israeli soldiers in Rafah two weeks ago.

Last week, the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution condemning Israel for the demolition of Palestinian homes in Rafah, which Israel said was done for security reasons.

The United States abstained from the vote, signaling its dissatisfaction with Israeli actions by departing from its usual policy of vetoing any U.N. Security Council resolution on the Middle East that does not also condemn Arab



RAFAH TUNNEL — Israeli soldiers explore an arms-smuggling tunnel found under a Rafah home near the Egyptian border in the Gaza Strip last week. *BP Images/JTA*

terrorism.

For his part, Sharon reportedly has revised his withdrawal plan from Gaza and parts of the West Bank in an effort to accommodate Likud voters who rejected his original pullout plan in a party referendum May 2.

Sharon was expected to present the revised plan Thursday.

Opponents of the plan maintain that withdrawing from Gaza under Palestinian fire amounts to a concession that will encourage terrorism.

Sharon now is said to be crafting a plan that will call

for an incremental rather than a sweeping withdrawal.

But with many Israelis still upset over the killing of 13 soldiers two weeks ago, any compromise is a hard sell.

Israeli officials said the 24-foot-deep tunnel leading into Egypt, discovered Saturday in Rafah's Brazil neighborhood, is sure to hurt the Rafah arms trade. But Israel's Channel Two television reported Sunday that the Palestinian Authority is supplying Rafah terrorists with arms to supplement munitions they have lost to Israeli forces.

Feinstein to get Bonds award

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we are delighted to have this opportunity to highlight his achievements."

He currently serves on the boards of the Miriam Foundation, Bank of Rhode Island, Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. He is president of the Federation, a position he has held since 2002, and served as JFRI Campaign Chair from 1999-2001. In the past, he has sat on the boards of the Alperin Schechter Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the

Bureau of Jewish Education. He was the first president of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The president of Northeast Management, Inc., Feinstein owns and operates 28 Blockbuster video franchises and is active in a wide range of communal endeavors.

The speaker at the June 8th event will be Prof. Raymond Tanter, from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, an expert on international terrorism.

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At Washington museum, diaries shed light on early U.S.-Israel ties

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Truman threatened to break with Israel unless it allowed the return of some Palestinian refugees displaced in Israel's 1948 War of Independence, documents newly unearthed by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum show.

The diaries of James McDonald, a top League of Nations refugee official from 1933 to 1935 and the first U.S. ambassador to Israel, have provided a trove of insights into that period, which echo to day in the ongoing controversy over the status of Palestinian refugees.

McDonald's records of his

interaction with Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli — the Vatican secretary of state who later became Pope Pius XII — also bear on current Vatican-Jewish relations, which have been strained by accusations that Pacelli didn't do enough to save European Jews threatened with extermination.

McDonald, who expresses unvarnished affection for many of the Jewish and Zionist leaders of the day in his 12,000 pages of diaries, learned of Truman's threat on June 9, 1949, from Abe Feinberg, a U.S. Jewish leader who acted as an interlocutor between the U.S. and Israeli governments.

McDonald described the threat as "startling. Israel would have to choose between a break with him and making a constructive contribution to the refugee solution," he writes.

In response, he says, Israel's leaders considered allowing 100,000 refugees to return.

It was known that David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, had tentatively made such an offer toward a non-aggression pact with Arab states that had attacked Israel, but the degree of Truman's personal involvement in pressuring Israel is news, according to Severin Hochberg, a senior historian at the museum.

"It's known to some extent that Truman had problems with



MCDONALD-BEN-GURION — The first U.S. ambassador to Israel, James Grover McDonald, left, meets with Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, circa 1949.

Photos courtesy of the James Grover McDonald collection/United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

the Israelis from 1948 to 1950," Hochberg said. "But it was much more tense than is the common view."

The same refugee issues that Truman and Ben-Gurion dealt with were in the news again last week, when President Bush became the first U.S. president to formally reject the Palestinians' claimed right of return to Israel.

The 100,000 number was resurrected during the Camp David talks of 2000 and was cited by negotiators in last year's non-binding "Geneva Accord" between freelance Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

McDonald chronicles other Truman — Ben-Gurion tensions in his diaries, adding nuance to Truman's reputation as sentimentally pro-Israel.

Responding to an Israeli thrust in the Negev toward Egyptian forces in late December 1948, McDonald describes Truman using language like "grave consequences" and "review of our attitudes towards Israel." Truman was concerned that Israeli incursions into Egyptian territory would draw Britain into the fight.

Another revelation is the degree to which McDonald had to reassure his bosses that Israel would not drift into the Communist camp. After a November 1948 meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall — who was never sympathetic to the Jewish State — McDonald speaks of having to persuade Marshall "of my conviction that the Communist bogie was without substance."

"The people as well as their leaders knew that the USSR embrace was that of death, that the tiny Communist party could not hope to grow unless the West left the USSR as Israel's friend," he writes.

In latter passages, it's clear

McDonald had a hand in Ben-Gurion's decision to come down firmly on the side of the United States on the Korea issue, a diplomatic stand that placed Israel once and for all in the Western camp.

In page after page of his diaries, McDonald evinces real sympathy for the Jewish and Zionist leaders he encounters. As a member of the 1946 Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, he describes Ben-Gurion's testimony as "leaving no doubt that there would be, if necessary, resistance to any move to liquidate or seriously weaken the Jewish position in the country."

"It was unquestionably a militant if not a fighting presentation," McDonald says.

An Ohio-born, Harvard-educated history professor, McDonald was an admirer of Chaim Weizmann, the Zionist leader and first Israeli president. But he admits to being shocked in 1949 when Weizmann expressed concern that Jews arriving from Arab lands would "swamp the country" and "destroy its unity."

McDonald's relations with Jewish leaders date back to the early 1930s, when he was an advocate for refugees, an outgrowth of his role in founding the anti-isolationist Foreign Policy Association in 1919.

By 1933, he was so sensitive to the threat to the Jews that he was among the few opinion leaders — Jewish or non-Jewish — to immediately understand that anti-Semitism was the motor driving the Nazis.

Meeting associates of Hitler in 1933, McDonald writes, "The casual expressions used by both men in speaking of the Jews were such as to make one cringe, because one would not speak so of even a most degenerate people."

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Mourners pay last respects to Nick Berg

By Bryan Schwartzman
Jewish Exponent Staff

PHILADELPHIA, May 18 — The family of Nicholas Evan Berg, known to most as Nick, chose to have their 26-year-old son eulogized in a guarded memorial service at Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester on May 14.

A total of some 500 or so people gathered inside the auditorium at Keshet Israel to celebrate the life of a young man whose beheading at the hands of Islamic extremists in Iraq shocked and outraged the nation.

"This was not a time to reflect on the war in Iraq or global terrorism. This was the time to mourn the loss of an extraordinary young man," said Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, the synagogue's religious leader, who presided over Berg's burial in the Montefiore Cemetery in Jenkintown and the memorial service that followed it.

Nick Berg's body was found in Baghdad on May 8; his family was notified of his death the following day. He had been missing since April 10, after telling family members that he was headed home. A video of Berg's execution surfaced on May 11 on a Web site with links to the terrorist group Al Qaeda.

Still, moments of laughter broke up tears at the Keshet Israel auditorium during the memorial service, according to Glanzberg-Krainin. Among those sharing humorous and poignant stories about Berg's life were his father, Michael, and his brother and sister, David and Sara.

Michael Berg even managed to draw a few chuckles, according to the rabbi, when he removed his suit jacket to show a kelly-green T-shirt, the same type that his son wore to scale telecommunications towers. Glanzberg-Krainin also read remarks that Berg's mother, Suzanne, had prepared for the service.

A floral arrangement in the shape of a Star of David rested on the Berg's front lawn. Nearby, the ubiquitous photograph of Berg in a signature, sleeveless T-shirt is taped to the next-door neighbor's mailbox. "We are stunned," said John Trama, who lives down the road. "He was a very courteous, respectful kid." Berg received his early education in the West Chester Area School District, where his father taught for more than 20 years.

He attended Henderson High School, where former teachers described the 1996 graduate as a "Renaissance man," whose interests included science, art, music, fitness and, above all, people.

While at Henderson, Berg continued his involvement with science competitions. "He was not the kind of science student that a lot of people think of," said Harry Best, who teaches science and technology at Henderson. "He was a global type of thinker." Best said Berg dreamed of the day when wires would not be needed to carry electrical currents, an innovation that Berg believed one day would improve life in remote areas that are not easily accessible to power lines.

The teacher admitted that he was sometimes in awe of his star pupil, wondering at times who was actually teaching whom. But Berg didn't only spend time in the lab. He was also a member of the school's marching band, where he played saxophone and, later, the tuba. In 1996, he earned the John Philip Sousa Award, given to a top band student for musicianship, leadership and dedication.

By all accounts, Berg was a compassionate person who possessed a bit of wanderlust. He attended several institutions of higher education, including Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University and the University of Oklahoma. Berg left Cornell before graduating to do telecommunications work in Texas.

In recent years, Berg ran Prometheus Methods Tower Services Inc., a small telecommunications business, and was apparently searching for business opportunities in Iraq before he was captured.

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Many Jews flock to Bay State as gay marriage law takes effect

By Penny Schwartz

BOSTON (JTA) — Arthur Lipkin arrived outside Boston City Hall early on the afternoon of May 16, he and his partner were among the first applicants for a same-sex marriage license under a controversial Massachusetts law that went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 17.

Lipkin and his partner of nearly 20 years will be married in a civil ceremony by state Rep. Alice Wolf today, May 28, — “before sundown,” Lipkin quipped, in a nod to his Jewish faith.

On Sunday night, Laura Moskowitz and Robin Shore were also lined up outside Cambridge City Hall, waiting for the doors to open. The two Jewish women are the parents of a daughter who will have her Bat Mitzvah in November.

Ele Alpern of Massachusetts, who was seventh in line, will be married in June by a Reconstructionist rabbi, she said. “I feel very connected to Judaism as a culture,” said Alpern, whose partner, Brenda Morris, is not Jewish.

She felt strongly about having a religious ceremony, Alpern said, and is having a *chupah* made for the occasion. She said she hopes to raise a Jewish family.

Dawn Beckman and Susan Sommer, who together are raising two Jewish children, were No. 120.

“We left City Hall a little before 3 a.m.,” Beckman said later that morning in a phone interview. “The lines were well organized and there was a guitarist in the City Council chambers all night, so it continued to be fun.”

Beckman and Sommer plan

to marry in a civil ceremony June 6. But the important ceremony for them is planned for October, Beckman said, when they will be married by Phil Weiss, religious leader of Temple B'nai Brith of Somerville, Mass., where their families have been members for years.

“I wish I could have done it earlier,” Weiss said of his ability to officiate at same-sex weddings. “Marriage is a serious business. The status and intensity and the moral weight that marriage carries helps a couple trying to live committed lives. I’m looking forward to our being able to provide that moral help.”

Jewish leaders in Massachusetts have been divided on the issue of same-sex marriage, with outspoken support from the Reform and Reconstructionist movements and vocal opposition from the Orthodox community.

The Conservative movement is reconsidering its 1992 general statement that rabbis should not perform same-sex marriages, said Rabbi Myron Geller of Temple Ahavat Achim in Gloucester. Geller is a member of the Conservative movement’s committee on Jewish law and standards.

Within the Conservative movement, Geller said, “We need to stress, no matter where we stand on the *halachic* aspects of this, the fact that we don’t support prejudice against gays and their rights in society,” he said, referring to Jewish law. “To a very large extent, this is a generational issue and time is probably going to resolve it.”

Wolf, a veteran of Cambridge and Massachusetts politics who was on hand at City Hall, is

among the Jewish state legislators who have been staunch supporters of same-sex marriage, according to Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

“The Jewish legislators showed a real understanding of discrimination in a way a lot of other legislators didn’t,” she said at City Hall.

Isaacson said the hate mail she gets because of her outspoken support for gay rights has changed in recent years to include harshly anti-Jewish messages.

Last-minute efforts to block implementation of the law, including an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, failed.

ARTHUR LIPKIN, at right, and his partner Robert Elseworth, were fourth in line on May 16 to get their marriage license application at City Hall in Cambridge, Mass. Photo by Sean Levisman/The Jewish Advocate of Boston



Laura Moskowitz, top, her partner Robin Shore, bottom right, and their daughter Mariah, bottom left, from Cambridge, Mass., wait outside Cambridge City Hall on May 16 to apply for their marriage license. Photo by Sean Levisman/The Jewish Advocate



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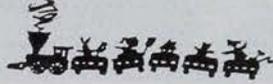
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Beth-El holding annual concert

PROVIDENCE — Temple Beth-El will present its annual Graubart-Irving concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 6. The performance will feature Daniela Gongora, violinist, accompanied by Dawn Chung. Gongora, a native of Belize, is a music studio instructor and a graduate student at the University of Rhode Island, where she majors in music performance. Chung, a native of Taiwan, is an instructor at the Music School of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and St. George's School, Middletown. She is also a pianist/accompanist and serves as the music director at the First Baptist Church of North Kingstown. The program will include Beethoven's Sonata in G Major Opus 30, No. 3, as well as works by Massenet, Khachaturian and Fiocco. The concert is free and open to the community. Dessert will be served following the performance. Temple Beth-El is located at 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. For further information, call 331-6070.

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Rabbi Franklin honored for interfaith work

PROVIDENCE — The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) celebrated the lives and accomplishments of five community leaders at the 52nd Annual Community and Justice Awards event on Thursday, May 13 at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

The NCCJ Interfaith Leadership Award was given to honor Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El and The Very Rev. Maria DeCarvalho of the Cathedral of St. John, to recognize their work to promote interfaith understanding. Through their efforts, members of the synagogue and church have grown to know each other, attend services together, and engage in dialogue and joint study.

Recently, they led the effort to create a public forum for interfaith understanding of Jewish/Christian relations and the "Passion" movie. Rabbi Franklin has also been a founding member and leader for a number of important efforts to promote interfaith dialogue in Rhode Island, including the R.I. Rabbis and Priests Dialogue and the Abrahamic Accord.

The mission of NCCJ is to fight bias, bigotry and racism and to promote understanding and



RABBI WAYNE FRANKLIN, of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, accepted a leadership award May 13 from the National Conference for Community and Justice for his work in interfaith dialogue. He was accompanied at the awards dinner by his wife, Anne, and daughter, Batya.

respect. According to Dr. Toby Ayers, NCCJ executive director, "Our honorees personify that mission in the work they do, shar-

ing their gifts of diversity and leadership with the community."

For further information, contact Dr. Ayers at 467-1717, ext. 102.

Temple Emanu-El plans benefit bike ride

PROVIDENCE — The Social Action Committee of Temple Emanu-El will hold a bike ride to benefit RISE at 9 a.m., Sunday, June 20 (rain date June 27).

The ride will be a scenic loop of 45 miles beginning and ending at the temple, going through rural parts of Seekonk and Rehoboth.

Riders should be experienced

bikers. Pledge forms are available in the temple office. There will be a training ride at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, June 13 (20+ miles), beginning at the temple. Proceeds will assist programs that provide educational opportunities and mentoring for children of incarcerated women.

For more information, call the temple at 331-1616.

Providence Hebrew Day Teacher receives excellence award

PROVIDENCE — Rabbi Yechezkel Yudkowsky of the Providence Hebrew Day School has been awarded the Bureau

of Jewish Education (BJE) Leah Eliash Award for excellence in teaching. He was selected on his dedication to his students.

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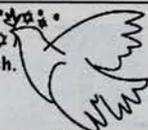
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R.I. Holocaust Museum to hold annual meeting

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum will hold its annual meeting and installation on Wednesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Alice Goldstein, research associate emeritus of the Population Studies and Training Center of Brown University, will be the featured speaker. The meeting is open to the community.

Born in Germany just before the Hitler era, Goldstein spent her early years under the Nazi regime, fleeing Germany with her parents in August 1939. Her topic, "Going Back But Not Going Home: A Survivor's Trip to Germany 60 years After the Holocaust," will discuss her May 2002 journey there.

The nominating committee, chaired by Stanley Abrams, has named the following slate for 2004-2005: Co-presidents: Ellie Frank and Selma Stanzler; Vice Presidents: Stanley Abrams, Toby London and Paul Silver; Secretary: Rita Singer; Treasurer: Peter Mezei; Lifetime Board Member: Arthur Fixler.

ASDS gets Feinstein award

PROVIDENCE — The Alperin Schechter Day School has been awarded \$1,000 by the Feinstein Foundation, for performing good deeds and community service as part of the "I Can Make A Difference" program. The award will be presented to the school June 8 at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick.

Among the projects undertaken this year were Purim gifts for the needy, food donations to a women's shelter, and donations of toiletry items to Amos House. In addition, the ASDS Parents Association has held a monthly "Sandwich Sunday," at which they made sandwiches, and bags

of trail mix for Travelers Aid.

Other mitzvah projects included: Pennies for Patients to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; 2nd grade "Smiles Across the Miles," sending letters to those who are ill or shut in; holiday visits to Tam-arisk; donating school supplies to benefit Africa Aid; Tzippi the Tzedakah Bird, and funds to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island and the Fideco Guide Dog Foundation.

Finally, the Parents Association is preparing for its 2nd Annual Mitzvah Day, with a variety of projects available to volunteers.

Races to benefit Teaching Every Way Center

PROVIDENCE — The third annual 5k/10k and youth runs to benefit the Teaching Every Way Center, will be held on Sunday, June 6.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. in front of The Gatehouse at Richmond Square. The youth run is at 9:15 a.m., followed by the 5k/10k at 10 a.m.

Registration fee is \$15 if post-marked by May 29th, \$20 on race day and \$7 for kids. T-shirts will be given to the first 250 entrants and gift bags for all. Prizes will go to the top three winners in each of the age categories.

For more information and registration, contact: 272-6862.



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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF RHODE ISLAND NEWSLETTER

Farewell Message from the JCCRI Past President

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to become deeply involved in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and through this process, gain a greater awareness and appreciation of Jewish Communal work and the inter-relationship among the various Jewish agencies.

As President, I have learned that the JCC is not a health club, a swimming pool club, a school, a theater, nor an art gallery. While these are many of its components, this agency is all of these and much more. The JCC is a place that provides for the social, cultural, educational, recreational, and health related needs of the Jewish community on a daily basis. In fact, it is the only place in Rhode Island that provides a common meeting ground for all segments of the Jewish population. Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform can and do come together for various activities.

While we charge a membership fee, it is clear that this cannot cover the cost of maintaining the facility and the quality services that we offer. We provide for the needy with programs like Meals on Wheels and scholarships for children of single/working parent(s). I feel that our youth are much better off here after school than out on the street.

From my perspective, one of the major challenges we face is to remain an integral part of the Jewish Community and yet retain autonomy and independence. I believe that the JCC should act as a "hub" to the community as it partners with other agencies. We presently work with many organizations in the state including, the Jewish Seniors Agency, Jewish Family Services, Bureau of Jewish Education, etc.

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Creating a Culture of Philanthropy

Margo McAdams is a diligent person. When she moved from her RI hometown to San Francisco in 1995, she quickly got on the ball. While working full time at the University of San Francisco, she was also earning her Bachelor's degree in Applied Economics. It was during her term at the University's Development department that she realized that she was quite good at inspiring and educating people about non-profits.

Upon her return to RI last year, she desired to work in an organization whose values she could support. While Margo is not herself Jewish, she sees the JCC as a vital institution and believes in its merit. The JCC mission is quite similar to that of her former employer, promoting community building, education, and social justice for all. Being a Director of Development in these financially crunched times is not an easy task. For one thing, many people are unaware of all that the JCC provides. From the senior and young adult programs, to the infants and toddlers, the JCC has unique programming designed for all ages.

Margo views educating the community on the extraordinary qualities of the JCC as one of her first challenges. She also plans on developing a

database, managing a volunteer committee, and creating relationships with the community. With the current cuts in funding that many non-profits are experiencing, germinating resources in the local area is more important than ever.

"We need to find new ways to increase revenue, so we can continue to provide our current level of programming, as well as expand into the future."

Margo is working on establishing the Annual Fund to acquire much needed dollars for building renovations, upgrades to the fitness center, and increased programming.

The JCC Board of Directors is eager to work with her on upcoming projects and has been enthusiastic and helpful. "Being a one person development office, this job would be impossible to do without committed volunteers."

Plans are already underway for a major Casino Night fundraiser to take place on December 4th of this year. Margo has quite a few innovative ideas, and is also realistic about the limitations. "I'm trying to prioritize, to see what best makes sense and what we're prepared to do."



Our Newest Member



Last month we said goodbye to Lyn Schaffer, our Membership Director of the past 4 years. Lyn was a dedicated employee who was well liked throughout the Center. She was always available to members & had many innovative ideas, including developing the New Member brunches & the Annual Membership Picnic.

We wish Lyn all the best as we welcome Amy Stein, our new Membership Director, who joins the JCC staff with a wide variety of experiences in the Jewish world. Amy holds a Master's Degree in Jewish Education from Boston's Hebrew College and has studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Before her move to Rhode Island last year, she

worked at Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh as the educational director. She has also served as a Program Director at the Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh. Her passion for Jewish education is driven by a commitment to families and a love of Jewish culture and tradition.

Amy, a native of Framingham Massachusetts, and her husband, Rabbi Peter Stein, live in Warwick with their two children, Eliana (5) and Ari (3). She is thrilled to be a part of the JCC family, and looks forward to meeting all of our members.

Our mission

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



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Possibilities Abound at Camp JCC



Camp at the JCCRI is anything if not varied.

Whether you choose traditional, sports, or specialty camp, you can easily design a summer experience to meet your child's specific interests.

Traditional Camp, which begins with pre-camp week from June 21 to 25 and officially starts on June 28th, offers the greatest variety of activities. It provides all the programs one would expect, such as arts and crafts, recreational indoor and outdoor games, cooking, woodworking, sports and instructional swimming.

Sports camp focuses on the athletic arena, offering programs in sports conditioning, soccer, and aquatic adventure. The Harlem Globetrotters return for Basketball camp, for grades 1-11, starting the 1st week of camp on June 28th.

Specialty camps highlight specific interests, such as photography, dance, multimedia/radio, chess and science. Dance camp offers many different styles, including ballet, jazz, contemporary, tap, ethnic, and gymnastics.

New this year is Travel Camp. During the week of August 23rd-27th, participants go on five field trips, and have one overnight sleepover. Trips consist of excursions to beaches, zoos, museums, as well as an outing to Six Flags Amusement park.

What makes JCC Camp different than others? Camp JCC has very expansive amenities, both indoor and outdoor facilities, which can accommodate a wide range of camp activities. The air-conditioned center has a 75-foot indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, arts and crafts room, aerobic/dance studio and computer lab. Outside, the JCC offers a large playing field behind the center, a playground and picnic areas.

Cindy Feinstein, whose daughter Hannah started attending Camp JCC two years ago, couldn't be more thrilled. "We've tried every camp in the state," Cindy says, "and the JCC is the absolute best." Hannah enjoys camp so much that her parents have joked about her moving in to the center. "We come to pick her up and she doesn't want to leave."

Whether you're looking for indoor activities, outdoor activities, specialty camps that will meet all interests, or simply a place for your child to enjoy an unforgettable summer, the obvious choice is Camp JCC. Registration has already begun, contact Claudia Fiks at x147 today!

The Sun Will Come Out at the JCC

Thirty-two children from all over RI have gathered together to perform in the next Jewish Theatre Ensemble production of *Annie Jr.* The all student cast, ages 9-18, have been involved with every aspect of the production, including helping Lisa Bergman, Director and Choreographer to come up with dance moves, and assisting Shelley Katsh, Musical Director. The students represent all different faiths and schools, including Maddie Hirsch of Wheeler School as Annie, Jamie Kay Phillips of Classical High as Daddy Warbucks, and Hannah Bergman of Providence Country Day as Grace Farrell.

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble consistently searches for Jewish themes in their scripts. What shines through in the production of *Annie Jr.*, is the mitzvah (good deed) of taking care of children, even those that are not your own, as well as assisting the poor.

Partial proceeds of the show will be donated to the Orphans Fund, a branch of the One Family Fund, an organization to assist terror victims in Israel.

The show, which is being produced by Don Kiefer, opens on Thursday June 3rd at 7:30pm, and runs on Sunday the 6th at 1 and 4pm. You can also catch these talented youth the following week, with a Thursday show on the 10th at 7:30pm, and Sunday matinees on the 13th at 2 and 5pm. Tickets may be bought at the door, or reserve yours by calling the JTE Box Office at x189. Come support the efforts of our children!



(left to right) Melanie Chitwood and Batya Franklin rehearse their floorscrubbing skills.

Teens Go for the Gold at Maccabi Games

The Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston, with support from Combined Jewish Philanthropies, will be hosting this year's JCC Maccabi 2004 Games, the Annual international Olympic-style athletic competition for Jewish teens. This is especially thrilling for RI residents as Boston is the nearest the Maccabi games have been in quite awhile.

"It's great to be this close to the center of the excitement," says Alex Turek, Director of Health and Physical Education. This year, Turek and his coaches are taking seventeen athletes, ages 13-16, to participate in the weeklong educational, cultural and multi-sport athletic event. These numbers are much higher than the six participants that went to Houston last year. Once again, proximity plays an important role. "Parents and anyone else who wants to will be able to come support us." Says Turek. "Now, we'll have some fans."

The boys' basketball team will be coached by Alan Litwin, JCC board member and past president who is also the father of one of the players. The tennis team will be coached by Steve Balram, Chapter President of Johnson and Wales University Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity.

The Maccabi Games run from August 15th - 20th, 2004 and will bring over 1,500 Jewish adolescents together from around the world to compete athletically, make life long friendships with peers as well as their host families, and participate in social justice activities. The Games will instill in our teens a heightened sense of Jewish pride and will leave our community with an enduring legacy of commitment and strength.

Contact Alex Turek @ x149 for more info and to find out how you can be one of the 10,000 spectators at Opening Ceremonies on August 15th at the Boston Fleet Center. SEE YOU AT THE GAMES!

Nature Explored at Preschool Summer Camp

If you are looking for a superior environment for your small child this summer, check out the wonderful new camp programs being held by the Early Childhood department at the "J". Summer programs are designed similarly to those of the school year and give your child the stability of the routine they are used to. The Camp employs summer counselors and certified teachers, who are readily available to meet your child's needs.

Summer programs this year have 3 week themes; the wonders of the world, plant life and the environment, and experiencing the joy of the ocean with water play. Children will learn Jewish values and concepts as they participate in fun, stimulating experiences.

For those entering Kindergarten in the fall, JCC Camp offers a special program that includes field trips, creative arts, and other exciting activities that translate the traditional pre-school program into an experience for those



ready to explore new adventures.

Contact Sue Connor @ x 130 to register today! And be on the lookout for major renovations taking place at the playground. Over twenty-five parents came for a clean up in April and plans are in the works for the planting of apple trees and a butterfly garden.



JCC's Preschools Connect

On May 7th, participants of the Early Childhood Department took an exciting excursion to Barrington to meet with their preschoolers. The children played games, listened to music and planted for Lag B'Omer. This field trip is only one of the many exchanges that have been going on between the preschools. In recent months, members of the Habonim program have attended the Tu B'Shvat and Passover seders at the JCC. It is nice to see that even our three and four year olds can be so involved in building community!

In The Gallery



Member Art Show opens June 6th, with a reception on Tuesday, June 8th from 4-7pm. Featuring works by Art Gallery Committee members Laura Mernoff, Lev Poplow, Harold Isserlis and Toba Weintraub as well as art from other JCC members. Come check out all the talent we have right here in the Center!

Used Book Sale: July 12th-23rd
Donations of gently used books will be accepted from July 5th-9th. Peruse the book selection set up in the gallery. One person's trash is another's treasure!

In August, Lenny Rumpler of Barrington will return with his photographic retrospective. Lenny has been involved with the Jewish community all his life, and his late father Alex Rumpler was Co-Chairman of the committee that was responsible for the building that currently houses Gallery 401. Due to the success of Lenny's showing last June, we look forward to viewing his latest endeavors.

September brings in a breath of pop mythology, featuring work by NYC artist Ed Adler from the 1st-28th. Ed's prolific career has spanned over 4 decades, and his interest in folk and tribal art has taken him all over the globe. He is considered to be an authority on the Beat Generation and has conducted many seminars on the subject.

Gallery 401 is always open to new and returning artists. The gallery is currently booking for its 2005 season. To find out more about Gallery 401, contact Sue Suls @ x108.

Summer with the Sues

If you are a JCC member, then there's no doubt that you know of the Sues (Robbio and Suls). Well, they're at it again, organizing all kinds of entertaining activities for our 55+ members.

At the beginning of May, an entire busload of folks traveled to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and in June, they go the distance to NYC, where they'll be viewing the "Modigliani" exhibit at the Jewish Museum. Stay tuned for more exciting trips this summer, including an excursion to the lovely Camp Cronin in Narragansett, where participants will enjoy an afternoon of music, bingo, and lunch in Galilee. And all for a \$2 donation!

Continuing through the summer will be the popular Dancersize class every Wednesday at 10am in the Social Hall with Theresa Pearson, and the growing Mahjong group, also on Wednesdays starting at 12:15 in the Art Gallery.

Yiddish Shmooz wraps up another successful season this month and will commence again in September. Whether you're already a Yiddish speaker, or yearning to become one, this fun loving group is fabulous to check out. And if you're interested in honing your technical abilities, don't miss the 12 week computer classes, that will also return when the heat of the summer is over.

To find out about these and other programs brought to you by the Sues, contact Sue Robbio @ x 107 or Sue Suls @ x 108.

Two Thumbs Up for Jewish Film Festival

The results are in, and it's unanimous! The 1st Annual Jewish Film Festival, a collaboration of the JCCRI and the Bureau of Jewish Education of RI, has received glowing reviews from all its organizers. Now that's a wonderful thing.

"It feels great to work hard on a program that really pays off," says Linda Singer-Berk, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC, and one of the main staff organizers of the event.

The festival ran from April 8th-17th and corresponded with parts of the Passover holiday vacation. It was not only a joint effort between the JCC and the BJE, but also involved the Hillel department at Brown. The Jewish Film Festival coincided with Brown's Ivy League Film series, which invited participants to attend a live presentation by comic book writer Harvey Pekar, the protagonist in the film *American Splendor* that was shown at the Avon Cinema.

The festival was diverse, with films for all ages, including a day of family fun with the *Fiddler on the Roof Sing-A-Long* at the

Greenwich Odeum. Other highlights included the film *Secret Lives: Hidden Children, and Their Rescuers During WWII*. This film showed on closing night at the RISD Auditorium and was followed by a discussion with Asya Eliash Berger, who had been hidden during the war.

"Everyone I've talked to had a great time and are very excited about continuing it," said Linda Fain, one of the co-chairs of the organizing committee.

Plans are already under way for next year's festival, which will proceed in the same vein of showing innovative Jewish themed films. Organizers of this year's festival are excited to have more people involved.

"Now that we have more time to plan," says Linda Fain, "we can include more people. The thing we really want is more opinions."

For info on the Annual Jewish Film Festival, please contact Linda Singer-Berk @ x110 or Ruth Page @x181.

Perspectives Expands and Matures

Historically, Perspectives has been a group geared towards people in their 20's and 30's. The question was always raised however, what happens to those over 40 that are still interested in meeting other Jews? Where is the place for them? Over the years, different ways of dealing with this dilemma have been sought, but a concrete answer was never established.

In the wake of the success of the recent Perspectives events for members 35+, it is apparent that the need for activities for people in this age range is imperative.

Perspectives is hoping to fill this void. Since the current Perspectives committee is already hard at work on events for people in their 20's and 30's, the group will be looking for older singles to step forward and help make this a reality.

The next event for 35+ members will be a brunch on Sunday, June 13th at 11:30am. Jacki Rose, a professional speaker and training consultant, and author of the book *Take your Life and Love It* will enlighten us on how to use professional speaking tips in the dating field. The event will be held at the JCCRI and will cost \$15. Participants must RSVP by Friday, June 11th @ 2pm.

And if you are not 35+, don't despair. Perspectives will continue to program just as many fun, exciting events for our 20's and 30's contingency, including a BBQ Shabbat dinner on June 4th, as well as a weekend white water rafting trip at the end of the month.

To find out more about our ongoing programs for young adults, and now older singles, please contact Tavlin @ x205 or tavlin@jccri.org.

Tee Off with the JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will be hosting its 19th Annual Golf Tournament Monday, June 7th at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, MA. This year, the tournament will host a dinner followed by sales of sports memorabilia.

Funds raised from the Annual Golf Tournament go to support the

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Please contact
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Tina and David Odessa, Harley and Donna Frank, Jeff and Pamela Vogel, & Jill and Larry Goldstein, enjoy a dinner party they purchased at last year's Golf Tournament Auction.

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(President's Message continued from cover)

Currently, the JCC is servicing the community better than ever. For example: the high morale among the staff and the actively engaged community outreach (JCC Pre-school at Temple Habonim in Barrington, future plans for the West Bay, etc.).

The Board, Executive Committee and Officers, mindful of their roles, are preparing a road map for the future. Our ability to balance the budget and avoid deficits is directly related to the facility improvements. Every study on refurbished buildings has shown this to be accurate.

I am thankful to all who support the JCCRI, and give my very best wishes to Rose Malkin as she goes forward as our first female President. With her background and deep commitment, this agency is in good hands.

Very truly yours,
Richard S. Mittleman



Center Leadership Attend JCCA Biennial

Rose Malkin, JCC President; Doug Emanuel, JCC Vice-President; and Rick Nelson, JCC Executive Director recently returned from the JCC's of North America Biennial Conference, hosted by the YM/YWHA of Montreal. Over 1000 leaders from 200 Jewish Community Centers, including those from Argentina, the former Soviet Union, and Great Britain, attended the conference.

The Biennial included tributes to forerunners of the JCC movement, who were recognized for their financial support and their vision for the future. The report, *Hagshama - Inspiring Jewish Journeys*, was unveiled, which is the strategic plan for the JCC movement.

Rose, Doug, and Rick attended various sessions including: Changes in Board Governance, Leadership Development, Fundraising, and Strategic Planning. Doug presented at a session entitled, "Outside the JCC: Programming Where the People Are", which described our JCC's relationship with the new preschool program at Temple Habonim in Barrington.

Rose, Doug, and Rick will report to the Board of Directors about the trends, changes, and practices they heard about. Doug Emanuel's trip was made possible by the Harlan J. Espo Fund for Board Leadership Development.

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Midrasha graduates 33, honors Eleanor Lewis

CRANSTON — Thirty-three students received diplomas from the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJERI) on Sunday, May 23, at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Ari Newman, a film producer and a 1991 graduate of the school, delivered the commencement address in which he urged students not to be apathetic about issues concerning them as Jews, specifically Israel. He also stated that the Jewish community needs to be more accepting and welcoming to the younger generation of Jews in synagogue and community life.

Michelle Smoller addressed her fellow graduates and encouraged them to continue to participate in Jewish life both academically and by engaging in meaningful Jewish experiences as they move on to college. Michelle was this year's recipient of the Nathan Resnik Scholarship, an award that recognizes an outstanding graduate.

Other award recipients were: Rebecca Westerman who received the Eliezer Ben Yehuda Award for excellence in the study of the Hebrew language; Benjamin Savitzky and Adam Cable, who

received the AI and Tina Simons Award for excellence in Rabbinics; David Miller, who received the Harry Elkin Memorial Award for commitment to Israel, and Emily Ammerman and Jeremy Louise, who received the Rabbi and Mrs. Israel S. Rubinstein Memorial Award for excellence in contemporary Jewish studies.

In addition to the graduates, the school bestowed its first honorary degree on Eleanor Lewis for her contributions to Jewish education and to the Midrasha.

Lewis has been involved in BJE for many years, serving as a board member, vice president, and chair of the Midrasha school committee. She was instrumental in transforming the school's curriculum, bringing in Temple Sinai as a participating synagogue, and stimulating the growth of the student body.

The graduates for 2004 are: Samuel Bromberg, Adam Cable, Joshua Gillman, David Goldgaber, Shayna Hersh, David Levinson, David Miller, Ben Odessa, Lisa Pelcovits, Benjamin Savitsky, Jill Teverow, Denille Wachtenheim, Marlene Wacks and Michael Wolpert, all of Providence; Emily Ammerman and Jeremy Louise, both of Fox-

boro; Stephanie Cerep and Emily Weintraub, both of Cranston; Seth Clark of Seekonk; Meredith Karetny, Benjamin Salk, Jonathan Steingold, and Rebecca Westerman, all of East Green-

wich; James Goldman, Hope Sholes and Michelle Smoller, all of Warwick; Kendra Kobrin and Zachary Lichaa, both of Barrington; Joshua Rogol and Sarah

Summer, both of Pawtucket; Marissa Weinschel of South Dartmouth; Joshua Sykes of North Providence, and Suesan Zeigler of North Kingstown.

Worker at JSA chosen 'caregiver of year'

PROVIDENCE - Anna Goncalves, a certified nursing assistant at the Jewish Seniors Agency's Comprehensive Adult Day Center (CADC), has been selected by the Department of Elderly Affairs and the Department of Human Services as the Home & Community Caregiver of the Year.

She received the award in ceremonies held May 20 at the Rhode Island State House. This is the second time that an employee from the center has won the award.

Goncalves was selected because of her exceptional skills, caring, motivation, and respect for her clients.

According to Roberta Sinapi, director of the center, "Anna is bilingual, which proves to be very helpful in communicating with the CADC's multi-cultural population and their families.

In nominating Goncalves for



ANNA GONCALVES, at right, of Pawtucket is a nursing assistant at the Jewish Seniors Agency's day care center.

the award, Sinapi cited Goncalves' "particular gift in working with individuals with dementia." She also brought her talents in cooking and sewing to the CADC's activity program. She initiated a cooking program and classes in

quilting, knitting and crocheting.

The center offers a wide range of recreational and social activities as well as medical monitoring. For further information, call Sinapi at 351-2440.



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Food

Try these recipes for cheesecake, kugel

By Marylyn Graff

Here are two recipes for a special dairy dinner.

Traditional Cheesecake

Shavuot is a great excuse for enjoying this richest of dairy treats. If you missed it, make one for a delicious dessert anytime.

Ingredients

For Crust: 2 cups graham cracker crumbs mixed with 1/2 stick butter, melted. Press onto bottom and part way up sides of a 10-inch spring form pan. Set aside. Heat oven to 325 degrees.

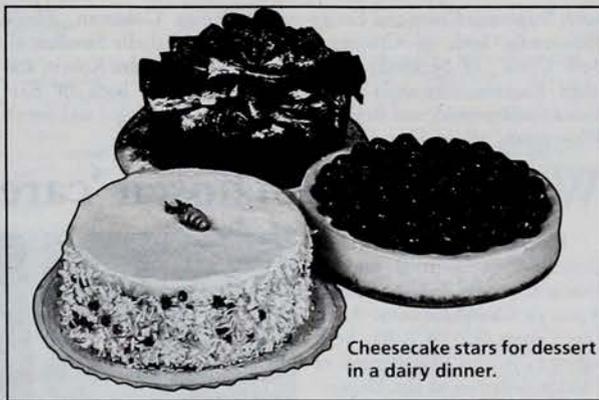
4 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, room temp.

- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tsp. natural vanilla

Directions

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in sugar, then eggs, one at a time. Beat in sour cream and vanilla. (Beat on fairly low speed of mixer or blender so not too much air is beaten in.) Pour into prepared pan and bake about 1 hour 15 minutes or until edges are firm and center is still quite soft. Set pan on a rack to cool.

Tip: to prevent cracking of top and to bake more evenly, carefully envelop the bottom and sides pan in heavy foil and bake in a large pan of simmering water,



Cheesecake stars for dessert in a dairy dinner.

(bain marie). Or, the easy way and almost as effective is to put a pan of simmering water on a lower oven rack and bake the cake on a rack above.

Cool cake completely in the pan and chill before removing from the pan and serving. If you wish, decorate the top with fruit or berries.

Ronda's Bubbe's Kugel

(From Ronda French via Roberta Segal)

This is the easiest kugel you'll ever love!

Ingredients

- 12 or 16 oz. pkg. wide noodles
- 1 stick melted butter or margarine
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 lb. cottage cheese

- 1/2 pt. (8oz.) sour cream
- 3/4 cup sugar (or 16 pkgs. sweetener)

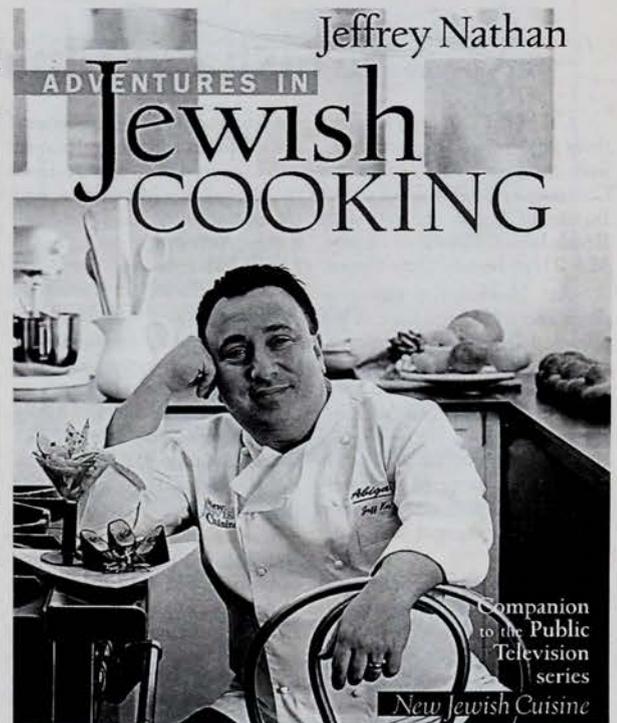
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 cups milk

Directions

Grease a 9 x 12 inch or (or equivalent) baking pan and spread uncooked noodles evenly. Mix rest of ingredients, except for milk, in a bowl and pour evenly over the noodles. Then pour the milk carefully and evenly over all. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon mixture over the top.

Bake at 350 about 1 hour or until set.

Marylyn Graff is a copy editor at the Jewish Voice & Herald.



Jeffrey Nathan's 'Adventures in Jewish Cooking.' Credit: Random House

Salmon cheesecake a delicious mistake

NEW YORK (JTA) — "It started with a mistake," says chef Jeffrey Nathan, explaining how he created his Smoked Salmon Cheesecake recipe. "I added salt instead of sugar to a cheesecake batter." Instead of dumping it into the trash, he turned the traditional Shavuot dessert into a savory appetizer.

Since 1998, Nathan has been the host chef of public television's New Jewish Cuisine, the only national kosher gourmet cooking series.

Smoked Salmon Cheesecake

- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
- 3 Tbsp. freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 Tbsp. seasoned dried bread-crumbs
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/3 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 11/2 lbs. cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 8 oz. sliced smoked salmon, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill
- 1/2 cup shredded havarti cheese
- 1/3 cup heavy cream

1. Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350. Generously brush an 8-inch springform pan with melted butter. Wrap the bottom of the pan in a double thickness of aluminum foil.

2. In a small bowl, mix the Par-

mesan cheese and breadcrumbs. Pour into the pan, and tilt to coat the pan halfway up the sides. Pat the crumbs in the bottom of the pan into an even, thin layer.

3. Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and the red and green bell peppers. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 6 minutes. Stir in the salt and pepper. Cool completely.

4. Beat the cream cheese in a heavy-duty electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment on medium-low speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Add the vegetables. With the mixer running, add the eggs, one at a time, just until blended, scraping the bowl as needed. Add the smoked salmon, dill, havarti, and heavy cream, and mix just until blended. Spread evenly in the springform pan. Place the pan in a large roasting pan. Slide the rack halfway out of the oven. Pour enough water in the roasting pan to come halfway up the side of the springform pan. Slide the rack back into the oven carefully.

5. Bake until the edges are puffed and golden but the center still seems slightly unset, about 1 1/2 hours. Run a knife around the edge of the cheesecake to release it from the sides of the pan. Cool completely on a wire rack.

6. Remove the sides of the pan. Wrap the cheesecake tightly with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 4 hours or overnight.

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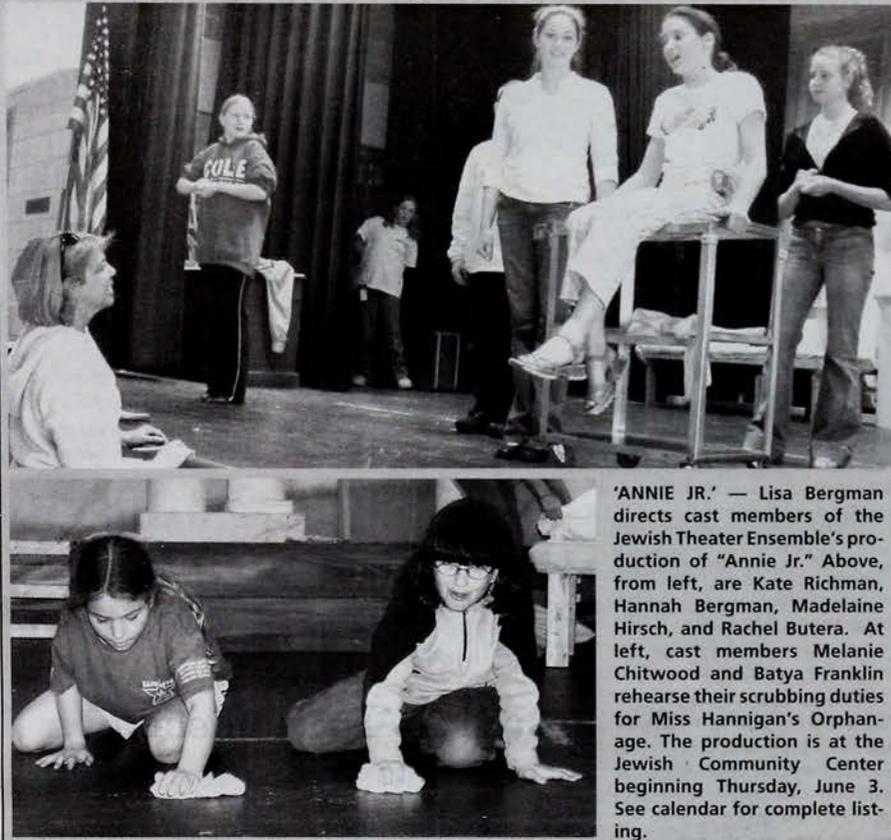
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Arts

'Annie Jr.' at JCC



'ANNIE JR.' — Lisa Bergman directs cast members of the Jewish Theater Ensemble's production of "Annie Jr." Above, from left, are Kate Richman, Hannah Bergman, Madelaine Hirsch, and Rachel Butera. At left, cast members Melanie Chitwood and Batya Franklin rehearse their scrubbing duties for Miss Hannigan's Orphanage. The production is at the Jewish Community Center beginning Thursday, June 3. See calendar for complete listing.

Seniors display art

PROVIDENCE — Watercolor paintings created by participants in the Jewish Seniors Agency's Comprehensive Adult Day Program (CADC) are currently on display in the third floor Art Gallery at Providence City Hall as part of activities commemorating Older Americans Month. Mayor David Cicilino hosted a reception May 18.

The artists and their family and friends were there to show and sell their artwork with proceeds going to benefit the CADC art therapy program. The show, according to Director Roberta Sinapi, is helping to heighten awareness of the CADC's services to frail elderly and people with dementia. The CADC offers a

wide range of recreational and social activities as well as medical monitoring to adults who are unable to be left alone during the day or who would benefit from the socialization and therapeutic activities offered at the Center.

The purpose of the art therapy, according to art therapist, Maurice Turcotte, is not to turn out beautiful pieces of art, it is to provide a vehicle for socialization, to build self esteem, and to release feelings that may be locked inside.

Most of the artists in the show had never picked up a brush before joining the CADC art therapy program.

For further information, call 351-2440.

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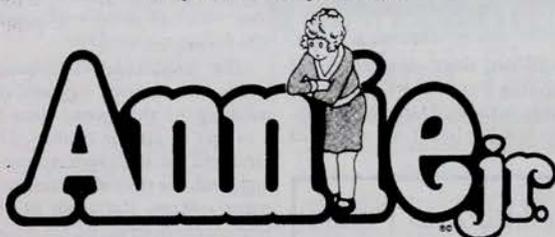
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Books

BOOK NOTES

Middletown teacher publishes young adult novel



Hannah R. Goodman of Bristol is working on the sequel to her recently published book.

Photo by Mary Korr

Her next reading will be on June 3 at Island Books in Middletown, where she grew up and attended Temple Shalom.

Over the summer, she has several book dates planned. She will have a signing on July 8, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Middletown. She will also be running a teen writing group July 29th there.

A member of Temple Beth-El in Providence, she is hoping to help start a young author's program there in the near future with the temple librarian.

Goodman is the mother of a four-month-old and "writes furiously" whenever the baby is napping. She plans to take a sabbatical next year to finish the series.

For more information, go to www.hannahgoodman.com.

The Jewish Voice & Herald will review the book in an upcoming publication.

— Mary Korr

BRISTOL — Hannah Goodman will be reading from her recently published novel for young adults, *My Sister's Wedding*, at several area bookstores in the coming months.

The 28-year-old teacher at Middletown High School, who lives in Bristol, began her novel when she was 15, at Buck's Rock Camp in Connecticut. "It was right after the break-up with my first big love that I began the book," she said. "I wrote page 1 on the computer, and the rest in a notebook I schlepped around through college," she said. She attended Clark University in Massachusetts, where she majored in English and education.

It is the first of four books in a series, and is "the true-to-life tale of growing up and letting go. Fifteen-year-old Maggie, who is Jewish, must come to terms

with how alcohol is affecting her family and friendships."

Hannah describes her protagonist Maddie Hickman as a "self-help book junkie."

Poetry at Alperin Schechter — thoughts from the young

*Eli, Eli... Oh God, my God,
I pray that these things never end:*

*The sand and the sea,
The rush of the waters,
The crash of the heaven,
The prayer of the heart.*

— Hannah Senesh

With these beautiful and inspiring words as well as by her heroic actions, Hannah Senesh, who lost her life at the age of 23

volunteering for a rescue mission in Europe during World War II, has left an enduring legacy.

Pre-Kindergarten students at the Alperin Schechter Day School learned about Hannah Senesh as part of their discussion about observance of Israel's Memorial and Independence Days.

In handmade cloth-bound books, the students explored the meaning of this poem through a variety of artistic media: The sand and the sea, watered paper and sand, the rush of waters, torn paper collage, the crash of the heaven, chalk on paper, the prayer of the heart.

Each child added a personal prayer: I wish that...

- Kindness will never end
- Water and fish will never end
- Torah and Hashem will never end
- My family will never end
- The earth and the help that we get from God will never end
- My love will never end
- My Imah's hugs and my Abba's kisses will never end
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Community Briefs

Adoption meeting

PROVIDENCE — Adoption Options will hold an informational meeting for those considering adoption from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thurs., June 3. Adoption workers will give an overview and answer questions.

Adoption Options is a non-sectarian, non-profit comprehensive adoption program of Jewish Family Service.

The meeting will be held on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St. in Providence.

For more information, contact Peg Boyle at 331-5437 or visit www.AdoptionOptions.org.

Cubs meeting

PROVIDENCE — The Cub Scouts of Pack 104 will hold their annual end-of-the-year meeting at 7 p.m. Tues., June 1, at Congregation Beth Shalom. Awards will be presented and Scouts will advance to the next level.

Highlights of the year included a safety fair, delivering goods to a local nursing home, collecting cell phones to recycle, and sending handmade arts and crafts to cheer up patients at Hasbro and Boston Children's Hospitals.

This year, Pack 104's topics included internet safety, the history of Rhode Island, aviation, and conservation.

Cub Scout leaders are making plans for the summer and the next school year. Cub Scouts is for boys in grades 1-5, and Pack 104 meets weekly at Providence Hebrew Day School.

The meeting is at Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St. on the East Side.

Hadassah installation

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual meeting and installation of officers on Mon., June 7, at Temple Emanu-El in Providence at 7:30 p.m. Betty Shapiro, a Hadassah national board member, will speak on "Zionism Revisited."

The president for 2004-5 is Dr. Meredith Drench, who will be installed by her father, Daniel Drench.

Lorraine Rappoport, president of Western New England Region of Hadassah, will install: Vice president for community service, Shirley Schreiber; vice presidents for education, Ruth Siperstein and Shirley Zier; vice presidents for programming, Barbara Portney and Betty Ann Israelit; vice presidents for membership, Gloria Kolodoff and Susan Smoller; vice president for fund raising, Carol Schneider, and treasurer, Judy Silverman.

For more information, call 463-3636 or email rhodeislandchapter@hadassah.org.

Camp Gan

WARWICK — Camp Gan Israel of West Bay will hold three weekly programs from Aug. 2-20, for Jewish children ages three to 13. There will be sports, hands-on activities, stories, games, songs, *challah* baking and Shabbat parties.

The schedule is:

- Mini Gan Izzi, ages 3-4, half day, 9 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.; full day, 9 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- Camp Gan Israel, ages 5-10, 9 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- Girls Pioneers Week, for Jewish girls ages 11-13, Aug. 16-20

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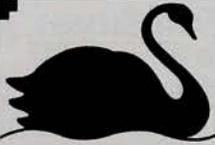


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Photo courtesy of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association.

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A decade later, **Melvin Frank**, chairman from 1982 to '84, continued this successful tactic by getting Miriam Hospital and Fleet Bank to make major investments. "We got so much satisfaction knowing that we were doing something right," said Frank.

Dedicated women

Prominent Rhode Island Jewish women formed their own division and hosted many successful fundraisers. In 1954, Eleanor Roosevelt was brought in to induct charter members into a group called "Guardians of Israel" that recognized women who bought \$1,000 in bonds.

They thanked their benefactors with bracelets, pins and "Woman of the Year" awards.

Dedicated mother/daughter teams included **Muriel Leach** and her daughter **Susan Leach DeBlasio**, who is the first woman chair of Rhode Island Israel Bonds. She has held this position for the past three years.

Creative innovations

As the Israel Bonds organization grew, many of the founding fathers logically started to bring the next generation into the fold. For example, former R.I. Gov. Frank Licht got his nephew, then Lt. Gov. Richard Licht, involved. Other intergenerational father/son teams included: **Albert and Jeffrey Gordon**, **Israel and Kenneth Resnick**, **Abbot and Gary Dressler**, **Sidney and Michael Dressler**, **Ben and Bruce Ruttenberg**, and **Max and Melvin Alperin**.

Other organizational ideas included the creation of husband/wife chairperson teams, a New (Young) Leadership Division and Greater R.I. Professional Committee to target niche markets. Prominent R.I. Jewish leaders set an example by attending Paces-

etter dinners, where they made impressive bond purchases and hoped the rest of the community would follow suit.

In order to give every Jewish person a chance to connect to the State of Israel, a "Chai Bond" for \$136 was created, followed by a "Bar Mitzvah Bond" costing \$180 and a "Chanukah gift" option for \$250. The newest, the "Mazel Tov Bond," sells for \$100 and matures to \$120 in five years.

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Rona Trachtenberg is a freelance writer from Fairhaven, Mass.

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Books to nosh over: Atkins, South Beach Diet

This nation has had many crazes. The Hula Hoop. Barbie dolls. Mini-skirts. Etc., etc., etc. But nothing quite matches today's *meshugaas* — getting thin with one of the diet plans lauded



Tema Gouse

in the bestseller books. Let me start out by saying that I am an authority on this subject. I have been a successful dieter. I have been a failure as a dieter — on many occasions. I have gained and lost hundreds of pounds. And I have reached old age and have decided that dieting is a diversion for the more disciplined—not me. If I do not achieve a glamorous appearance, so be it.

The bookstores have found a bonanza in selling books on the current rage of diets, none of which, of course, make the slightest bit of sense. Overweight women pay outrageous sums for these volumes in order to learn the easy path to slim thighs, erect breasts, and hollow cheeks. Overweight men are delighted with diets that not only allow but also encourage voluminous portions of steak and other normally fattening protein. They all enter the diet programs with more determination (and anticipation) than they ever brought to child rearing.

They are as righteous as clerics and convinced that they have the solution to a lifetime of gluttony. They are usually boring in their verbal determination. Seniors on diet plans are sure that losing weight will assure longev-

ity—completely ignoring cholesterol levels and their nourishment of plaque in the bloodstream.

These dieters accept dinner invitations but when accepting remind you what they cannot eat on these diets; usually everything the hostess had planned to serve.

They brag more about how much they have lost “so far” than they do about their grandchildren. And for sure, many of them lose 20, 30, 40, or even more pounds. And they do look better. The weight loss justifies the purchase of new wardrobes to enhance the “new, younger (?) look.” Having lost weight, seniors are sometimes rewarded with lower blood pressure levels (if they have also reduced salt intake) and increased energy (if they also follow exercise instructions). I have a vague recollection, two or three diets back, of accomplishing the same temporary improvements by just lowering caloric intake.

If I am listening carefully, the old saints at Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig and Slim-fast seem to have lost their popularity. Today's diets are entitled the Atkins Diet, the South Beach Diet (questionable results if you live on North Beach) and something called The Zone. The Zone? What kind of a name is that for a diet?

Their claim to fame is that while on the program the dieter should never experience hunger. Dieting —to lose pounds—one should never feel hungry?! Steak, eggs, butter, hot dogs (to name but a few) are encouraged, in volume.

But they do have an enemy in common—carbohydrates. My dieting friends have told me that

there are carbs (I think they are referring to sugars) in almost everything that is not meat or fat, including a goodly number of vitamin packed green vegetables. Pasta, forget it. Plain baked potatoes—forget them. And almost every fruit grown in Chile. (Or even the USA). The usual desserts are a no-no, including tasteless sponge cake. In other words, carb-free means pleasure-free. But, remember, you will never feel hungry. No steak will ever satisfy me as much as our family's newfound favorite, called Forbidden Chocolate Explosion Ice Cream—so I guess I'm not a real candidate for the Zone.

Those disciplined dieters, however, do take off the pounds. The 40-year-old dieters look super and 70-year-old dieters look haggard and discover wrinkles they did not know they had. We all know that seniors pay more dearly for every benefit.

And then that size-10 older lady goes on a cruise. Or she

visits her daughter for Thanksgiving and both occasions mandate cheating. (As does an occasionally depressing day). And having cheated once, the second cheat creates less guilt. (More depression but less guilt). And the ten pounds that took a month to lose returns in a week.

I am told that these bibles on weight loss usually have chapters on how to handle “slips” but I have never met a dieter who has read the whole volume.

So what is the answer for older fatties? I actually prefer to refer to them (us) as pleasingly plump. A much more acceptable term. To stay active I do not want to become grossly obese, but as our years advance and our pleasures decrease, I do not see why we cannot occasionally indulge in cashews, or Brownies, or Forbidden Chocolate Ice Cream. Or a Whopper? Or a pizza? To me, nosing is not a dirty word.

Tema Gouse is a regular columnist for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

Cranston temple holding singles Shabbat dinner

CRANSTON — Temple Torat Yisrael of Cranston is hosting a Shabbat dinner for Jewish singles of all ages on June 18. Services begin at 6 p.m. and will be immediately followed by a Shabbat dinner. The cost is \$15. RSVP to the Temple at 785-1800.

“Several letters in the news-

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Jameson is named for his maternal great-grandfather, Sidney Meyer.

WACO, Tex. — **Michael and Jeanette Idlis** of Waco, announce the birth of their second child, **Sophie Rose**, on April 30. Sophie had a big brother, Aaron, 22 months. The grandparents are Carol and the late George Idlis of Cranston and Sandy and Shel Olken of Minnetonka, Minn.

The baby is named after her paternal and maternal grandmothers. Her Hebrew name is Josepha after her grandfather George

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Dr. & Mrs. Edward Martin

Anniversary & 90th birthdays

Dr. Edward and Muriel Martin will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 18. This day will also mark the celebration of their 90th birthdays. The Martins, who are members of Temple

Shalom in Middletown, will welcome the family in from San Francisco and Boston, as well as Longmeadow, Mass. and Portsmouth, (R.I.) for the celebration.

Teaching fellowship

Margery Maidman, a middle school language arts and social studies teacher at The Alperin Schechter Day School, has been selected to study at the Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Center for American Jewish History at Temple University this summer.

The study topic will be "Challenge and Change: History of the Jews in America, Early Settlement Through the First Migration." She will incorporate fellowship materials into the school's curriculum and will lead professional development seminars on Jewish history for ASDS educators.

Schechter alumni receive awards

Adam Cable received the Esther Cohen Award for Teaching and Living Jewishly from the New England Region, United Synagogue Youth (USY).

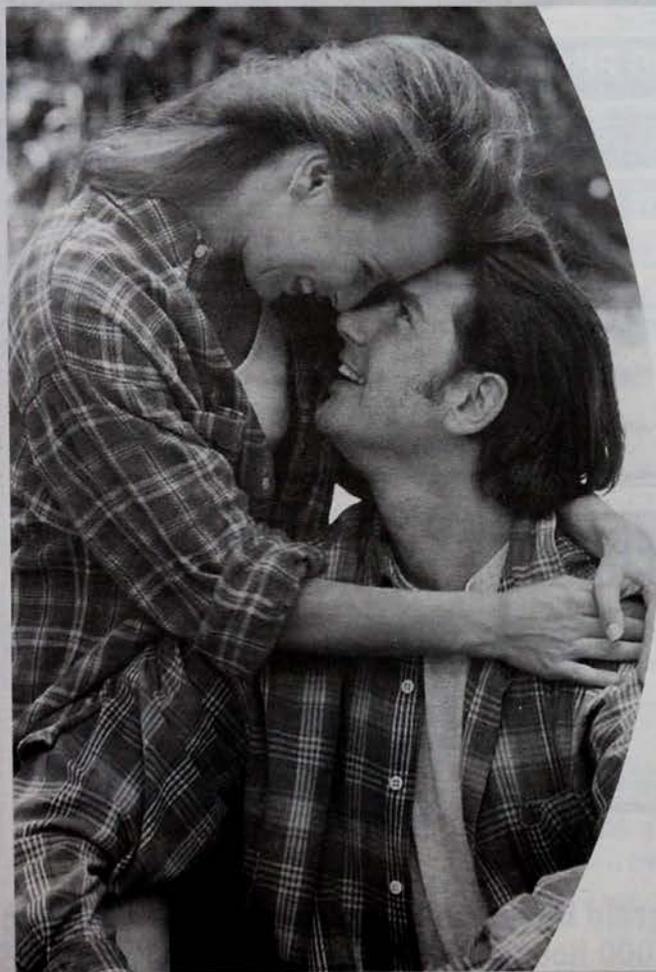
Shayna Hersh received the Mel Goldman Award for Personal Excellence from the New England Region USY.

Excellence award

PROVIDENCE — **Rabbi Yechezkel Yudkowsky** of the Providence Hebrew Day School has been awarded the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) Leah Eliash Award for excellence in teaching. He was selected based on his dedication to his students.

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By Yehuda Lev

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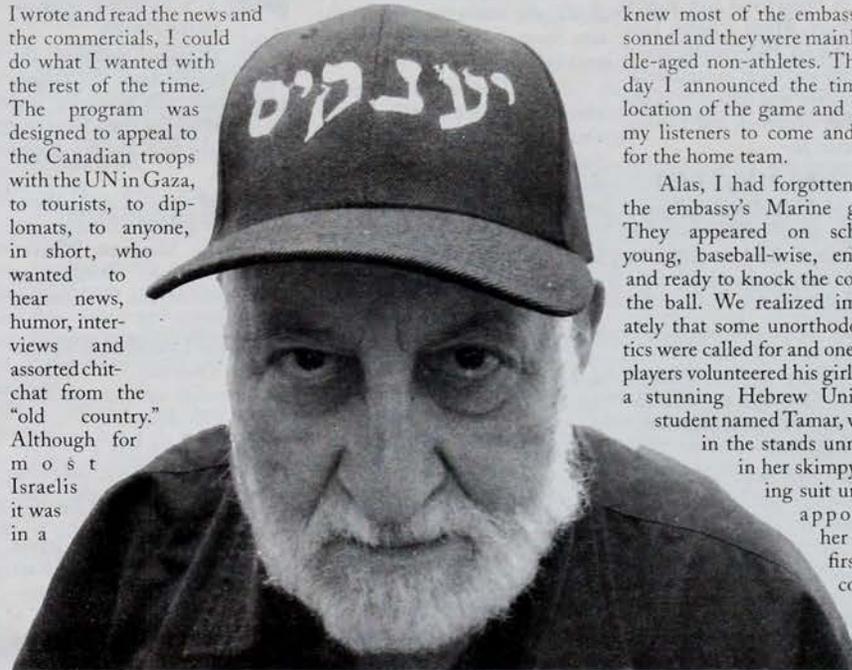
Don't laugh. Do you think it is easy being a Yankee fan in Red Sox Nation? If you can divert your gaze for a moment to the accompanying photograph, you will observe a new and innovative stratagem for announcing support for the True Faith without being obtrusive. If you follow my lead you will receive a lot of odd looks but few people you meet in New England will know what it is they are staring at, which is probably just as well.

Your reporter has been a devoted follower of the Evil Empire ever since I was first taken to Yankee Stadium at the age of five and not even George Steinbrenner can destroy my sense of loyalty. (Although heaven knows, he tries hard enough. Whatever possessed him to get rid of Andy Pettitte?)

This passion, not only for the pinstripes but for the game itself, has survived even years of living in Jerusalem where baseball is somewhat lower than ice hockey on the sports popularity scale. It's not that I didn't try to introduce the Israeli public to the game. In fact, your observer was directly responsible for the first baseball game in the history of Jerusalem, including Biblical times, to be broadcast on the Israeli state radio — in a manner of speaking, that is.

In the 1950s and '60s I had the best job in Israel. Every afternoon at 4 p.m. I opened the studio microphone at *Kol Israel*, the Israel State Radio, and invited the audience to share an hour of English-language broadcasting. As long as

I wrote and read the news and the commercials, I could do what I wanted with the rest of the time. The program was designed to appeal to the Canadian troops with the UN in Gaza, to tourists, to diplomats, to anyone, in short, who wanted to hear news, humor, interviews and assorted chit-chat from the "old country." Although for most Israelis it was in a



foreign language, it became one of the most popular programs in Israel and this, keep in mind, was before television was introduced into the land of prophets and political parties. Radio was still king of the airwaves. (Not everyone was so delighted, of course. The Association of English Language Teachers in Israel fired off a protest to the government, charging that their students were being subjected to that most terrible of all destructive cultural influences, English with an American accent.)

Among the news items most in demand were the scores of overseas sports events. One day I decided to have some fun and I gave the Yankee score and a detailed account of the game using every cliché I could think of. (Sports reporting, as you know, is usually written in clichés and to these I added a few invented on the spot.) At the end of the report I issued a challenge, in the name

of the Jerusalem Giants, to the American Embassy in Tel Aviv for a baseball game to be played on the soccer field of the Jerusalem YMCA.

By the time the broadcast was over, the embassy had called the radio station and accepted the challenge.

Now I had a problem — there was no Jerusalem Giants baseball team. A few of us played an occasional pickup game at the "Y," though hardly as a team. But the challenge had been broadcast, the embassy team had accepted it and came with the necessary baseball equipment, including coolers full of Coca-Cola, unobtainable elsewhere in Israel at the time.

I put together a haphazard collection of

American expatriates, Israelis who had studied in the United States and a few Foreign Ministry types who had been stationed in Washington. I was pretty confident about our chances since I

knew most of the embassy personnel and they were mainly middle-aged non-athletes. The next day I announced the time and location of the game and invited my listeners to come and cheer for the home team.

Alas, I had forgotten about the embassy's Marine guards. They appeared on schedule; young, baseball-wise, energetic and ready to knock the cover off the ball. We realized immediately that some unorthodox tactics were called for and one of our players volunteered his girlfriend, a stunning Hebrew University student named Tamar, who sat in the stands unnoticed in her skimpy bathing suit until we appointed her our first base coach.

Still, it was evident that we were going to take a shellacking, especially after we saw their pitcher, a man who could toss a baseball faster than any of us could see it coming. Even Tamar's presence near first base, intended to distract our opponents, seemed a hopeless attempt to postpone the inevitable disaster.

The Marines, being the visiting team, batted first. Maybe they had pity on us, or maybe Tamar was more effective than we expected, but they scored only three runs in the first inning. Now it was our turn. If people tell you that God does not smile upon the People of Israel, don't believe them. Our second batter swung weakly at a fastball and sent it rolling toward the pitcher who, in some way, managed to break a finger in fielding the ball. It became evident very quickly that his replacement was of much lesser quality and by the end

of seven innings we were still within striking distance of our opponents.

Unfortunately, baseball games last for nine innings. By the end of the seventh we were exhausted. Tamar, tired of standing in the hot sun, had long since found a shady tree at some remove from the field of battle. Our skills departed, our expectations withered and by game's end no scoreboard could have held the numbers they racked up.

The next day, duly chastened, I reported to my listeners on the outcome of the game and vowed to refrain from making such challenges in the future.

I did anticipate at least one positive result from this misadventure, a rise in popularity of baseball among the hitherto deprived Israeli public. No such luck. A few of the *kibbutzim* with American members did form a baseball league but apparently the Socialist ethos was too strong for such typically capitalist entertainment and it collapsed after several fitful years. Israelis are hopelessly addicted to soccer, a sport in which scoring a goal gives rise to hysteria on the field, probably because it occurs so rarely.

There is, however, one ray of hope. On my most recent visit to the Holy Land, I saw, in Afula, a shop licensed by the National Basketball Association to sell uniforms, so-called collectibles and other paraphernalia bearing the logos of the NBA teams. Basketball, which requires little space and even less equipment, has caught on big-time in Israel.

Now, if Major League Baseball follows suit, maybe the sport will finally gain its deserved popularity in Israel. And then, hopefully, they will call me back to Jerusalem to do the play-by-play.



Obituaries

Ingeborg Adelsberger

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Ingeborg (Hirsch) Adelsberger, 83, of West Hartford, formerly of Cranston, R.I., died May 4. She was the wife of the late Walter Adelsberger. They had been married for 50 years.

Born in Bergen-Frankfurt, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Fritz Nathan and Rose (Grueenbaum) Hirsch.

She graduated from the Philanthropine School in Frankfurt and then left Germany in 1938. She lived in England for 10 years, before coming to the United States in 1948.

Mrs. Adelsberger was a longtime resident of Cranston, moving to West Hartford nine years ago.

She leaves a son, Peter Adelsberger of Suffield; a granddaughter, Rachel Laura Adelsberger; and a cousin, Margot Lax of Florida. She was the sister of the late Ari Hirsch.

Burial was in Tikvoh Chadoshoh Cemetery, Windsor, Conn.

Contributions may be made to the International Rescue Committee, P.O. Box 5058, Hagerstown, MD 21741-9874.

Mildred Ernstof

BARRINGTON — Mildred H. Ernstof, 87, of Stuart, Fla., formerly of Barrington, died April 24. She was the wife of J.M. "George" Ernstof. They had been married for 67 years.

Born in East Providence, a daughter of the late Frederick and Jennie (Ainslie) Horton, she lived in Barrington before moving to Stuart 17 years ago.

Mrs. Ernstof was a 1934 graduate of East Providence High School. She was a former member of the Barrington Yacht Club.

Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Judith Rovniak of Mentor, Ohio, Laura Seixas of Stuart and Lee Ripley of Duxbury, Mass.; a sister, Jane Wylie of East Providence; seven grandsons and eight great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Effie, Murdock and Frederick Horton Jr..

Jonathan Friedman

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Jonathan L. Friedman, 48, of Falls Church, died on April 24. He was the husband of Pilar (Arnillas) Friedman.

Born in Fall River, Mass., Jonathan was the son of Irma (Reitzas Friedman) Kaufman of Sarasota, Fla., and the late Dr. Louis Friedman of Newport and Fall River.

He attended Providence Country Day School and graduated from the University of Arizona.

Previously a subcontractor for NASA, he was a project manager for RS Information Systems, Inc. of McLean, Va. for the past ten years.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by his daughter Raquel, 6, and son Isaiah, 3, of Falls Church; a sister, Jodi Kaufman of Largo, Fla.; and his brothers, Myles Friedman of Clearwater, Fla., Fredric Friedman of Providence, Andrew Friedman of Fairfield Center, Maine, and Marc Kaufman of Sarasota, Fla.

A memorial service was held in Falls Church on April 26.

Ellen B. Green

PROVIDENCE — Ellen B. (Feldman) Green, 57, a child-care administrator, died May 11. She was the companion of Laura Koopman of Providence.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Shirley (Halpern) Feldman.

Ms. Green had been an administrator at Child Care Connection of Rhode Island and Southeastern Mass. for several years and had previously worked at Nickerson House.

She graduated from Hope High School in 1964 and from St. Joseph's College in 1968.

Besides her companion, she leaves a brother, Jeffrey Feldman of Anchorage, Alaska, and two nephews, Peter Feldman of Los Angeles and James Feldman of Anchorage.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 222 Richmond St., Providence, RI 02903.

Julius Krasner

CRANSTON — Julius Krasner, 79, a retired construction executive, died May 11. He was the husband of Lorraine (Fowler) Krasner. They had been married for 54 years.

Born in Providence, the son of the late Aaron and M. Isabelle (Ricci) Krasner, he had lived in Cranston for 52 years.

He was a 1943 graduate of Classical High School where he was a member of its Athletic Hall of Fame and a 1949 graduate of the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island. The recipient of the Ram Award for Alumni; he

also served as president of the Alumni Association, treasurer of the 5th Quarter Club, and was the National Fund chairman, and a trustee of the URI Foundation.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served as a technical sergeant in the Pacific.

Mr. Krasner received the Touhy Award from the Cranston Chamber of Commerce, and had served on the city's Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Review.

He had coached in the Western Cranston Little League, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and was named Outstanding Senior on Cranston Recognition Day in 1996.

He was a member of Temple Sinai in Cranston and a former vice president of Temple Beth Israel in Providence.

Mr. Krasner was a member of Overseas Lodge 40 F & AM, and a past president of the Netopian Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Steven Krasner of East Greenwich and Michael F. Krasner of Westborough, Mass.; a daughter, Marie K. Holloway of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister, Judith Peisach of Shrewsbury, Mass.; and eight grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Helen Levine

FALL RIVER — Helen Levine, a businesswoman, died May 9. She was the wife of the late Joseph Levine.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Jacob and Liba (Dashoff) Mossoff, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

She was a graduate of BMC Durfee High School and attended

Katherine Gibbs School.

Mrs. Levine was the owner of the Candy and Nut Center in Fall River for 20 years. She previously worked for 10 years as a buyer for the former Cherry and Webb Department Store and was the co-owner with her husband of the former Allen's Cut Rate for 10 years.

She was a member of Temple Beth El in Fall River and its sisterhood, a member of Hadasah and a life member of the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Jay Levine of Somerset, and a granddaughter. She was the mother of the late William "Billy" Allen Levine and a sister of the late Samuel and Julius Mossoff, Ida Kotlan and Doris Berg.

Burial was in Beth El Cemetery, Fall River.

Frank Lipis

SOMERSET — Frank M. Lipis, 87, a retired real estate broker and developer, and a noted Fall River civic and business activist, died May 15. He was the husband of Bessie (Burstein) Lipis. They had been married for 63 years.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Samuel and Gertrude (Schweber) Lipis, he was a lifelong resident of the Fall River area, living in Somerset since 1976.

Mr. Lipis was a real estate broker for more than 50 years, and worked 10 years as a building developer. He was the broker of American Terrace, the largest home development in Somerset.

In 1994 he received the Roger Valcourt Memorial Award as Fall River's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

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He was a member of the fundraising committee for the United Way, and the Fall River Chamber of Commerce, of which he was membership chairman. He had also been vice president of the Chamber business organization, and president of the Chamber. He raised funds for the new Chamber of Commerce building and served as president and treasurer of the Chamber Foundation. He started the Waldron Scholarship for college students.

Mr. Lipis started both the Outstanding Citizen Committee and the Recognition Banquet Committee, and served on the nominating committee for the Outstanding Citizen Award. He also served as a vice chairman for the Redevelopment Authority of Fall River, and was on the committee for the rebirth of downtown Fall River. He supported development of the waterfront, a downtown parking garage, the Marine Museum, and new water lines which enabled Globe manufacturing to remain in Fall River.

He was the owner of the Telephone Answering Exchange, using its proceeds to establish the Frank, Bessie and Charlyne Lipis Teacher of the Year Award.

He was a member of the Fall River Now Coalition for Excellence task force and served as a member of the American Dream Challenge for the Citizens Scholarship Foundation. He was a benefactor of Charlton Memorial and St. Anne's Hospitals.

Mr. Lipis was a member of the Adas Israel Synagogue and B'nai B'rith.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Ann Rae Moeser of Somerset and Arlyne Laurence of Fall River; and four grandchildren. He was the father of the late Charlyne Lipis, and brother of the late Saul and Elias Louis Lipis.

Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River.

Sandra Nunziata

PAWTUCKET — Sandra Nunziata, 54, of 10 Goff Ave., a homemaker, died May 7. Born in Providence, a daughter of Herman Morrison of Providence and the late Rhoda (Fishman) Morrison, she was a lifelong resident of Providence until moving to Pawtucket five years ago.

She was an avid reader and writer and was a charitable person.

Besides her father, she leaves a son, Michael J. Nunziata of Cranston; a brother, Steven E. Morrison of Pawtucket; and a grandson.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick

Evelyn Macie Silver

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Evelyn Macie Silver, 93, of Hollywood, died May 20. She was the wife of Dr. Carroll Silver and the late Irving J. Fain. She and Dr. Silver had been married for 29 years.

Born in Laurel, Miss., a daughter of the late Nathan and Anna Fine, she had been a resident of Hollywood since 1985, and was a summer resident of Middletown.

Mrs. Silver was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She was a past president of the Rhode Island Cerebral Palsy Association and a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Hadassah and American O.R.T.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Lyle S. Fain of Providence; a daughter, Elizabeth Fain of Mill Valley, Calif.; and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Milton Fine and Reba Leand.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

Tess W. Steingold

PROVIDENCE — Tess W. Steingold, 92, a finance company executive, died May 23. She was the wife of the late David Steingold.

Born in Providence, the daughter of the late Max and Anna (Resnick) Woodman, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

She attended Hope High School.

Mrs. Steingold was a co-founder with her husband, of the Franklin Finance Co., Pawtucket.

She was a member of the Corporation of Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket, a life member of Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the former Jewish Home for the Aged, a member of Temple Beth-El, a former member of Hadassah, Pioneer Women, the Women's Association of Congregation Ohawe Sholam and B'nai B'rith.

She was a world traveler and an amateur painter in oils.

She leaves a daughter, Reva Lewis of Providence; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Lorna Schiffman, and sister of the late Philip and Samuel woodman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Shirley Winicour

PAWTUCKET — Shirley Winicour, 95, a retired salesperson, died May 14. She was the wife of the late Benjamin Winicour, former chief counsel for the Rhode Island State Liquor Control Administration.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska,

a daughter of the late Joseph Liss and the late Annie (Fittler) Albert, she had lived in Providence most of her life until moving to Pawtucket three years ago.

She was a graduate of the former Commercial High School in Providence.

She was a salesperson for the former Peerless Store and the former Boston Store for over 50 years combined, retiring 25 years

ago.

Mrs. Winicour was a founding member of Congregation Beth Sholom Synagogue and a member of its sisterhood. She was a member of the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a volunteer and a participant at the East Side Jewish Community Center.

She leaves two sons, Jeffrey Winicour of Pittsburgh, Penna.,

and Sheldon Winicour of New York City; a daughter, Selena Winicour Barron of Hartsdale, N.Y.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick

Contributions may be made to Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, 229 Waterman St., Providence, RI 02903.

Jewish Hospital pioneers new hip replacement procedure

By JANICE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter
Canadian Jewish News

TORONTO — The Jewish General Hospital (JGH) has become the first medical facility in North America to perform hip surgery that allows patients to be up walking the next day and offers a better chance of returning to their previous activities, including sports. Orthopedic surgeon Dr. John Antoniou announced at a press conference that he had successfully performed a 1 1/2-hour procedure on four patients at the JGH, all of them in their late 40s to early 50s. They went home four or five days after surgery and did not require any stay in a rehabilitation institution.

Antoniou said the metal-on-metal hip "resurfacing" technique he used is preferable to total hip replacement for younger persons, or even those as old as 65, who are very active physically. One of his next patients is 61.

One of the first four, 48-year-old engineer Phuoc Van Hoang, who had the surgery on his left hip 24 days earlier, was at the press conference. He demonstrated how he is walking at this stage, somewhat stiffly with a cane, but it's a vast improvement, he said. He also said he has no pain. Before the surgery, the pain was so bad he had to take sleeping pills to get any rest.

Replacement surgery is generally used for people with an advanced loss of cartilage in the hip joint, usually caused by osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis.

The major advantage of the new type of surgery is that it preserves most of the hip bone and the natural shape of the hip, meaning the patient will have more normal balance and

natural range of motion, Antoniou said.

The surgery uses the latest generation of technology, known as Articular Surface Replacement (ASR), a trademark name of DePuy Orthopedics, a division of Johnson & Johnson Inc. About 200 surgeries in the world have been done using ASR to date, Antoniou said.

Resurfacing involves removing the diseased portion of the head of the femur, or thigh bone, and reshaping it. It is then covered with a metal cap with a short pin on it that fits onto the bone.

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The cap fits precisely into a metal cup that is implanted into the hip socket.

By contrast, a total hip replacement requires amputation of the head and neck of the femur, and replacing it with a ball on a stem. The stem, which is about six inches long and an inch wide, is inserted into the canal of the femur.

The ball is mated with a cup that is implanted into the hip socket, forming an artificial ball-and-socket joint. The cup is often plastic or separated from the ball by a plastic lining.

Hip resurfacing, a procedure that has been available since 1991, is much more common in Europe, where more than 20,000 such operations are performed each year. Antoniou said it is especially accepted in England, where about 10 per cent of hip surgeries are done with resurfacing, as well as Australia where the figure is close to 30 per cent. This is partly explained by the fact the technique and technology were largely developed in Britain.

Antoniou expects resurfacing will soon become much more popular in North America. Resurfacing has not been as accepted on this continent because older generations of implants did not always work that well, he said.

ASR is an improvement over other metal-on-metal devices because the clearance between the two components is just right for the formation of a thin layer of a lubricating joint fluid that reduces friction, he said. ASR also represents superior metallurgy to earlier hardware, featuring ultra-smooth surfaces and thinner metal.

In addition to potentially better function for patients, Antoniou said ASR should also wear better. Testing indicates it could last 25 or 30 years, which is an important factor for younger, more active patients, who tend to outlive traditional total hip replacement that lasts on average 15 to 20 years and has a higher risk of breakage.

Younger patients have often been counseled to delay surgery and be less active because of the limited lifespan of total hip replacement, Antoniou said.

If the patient must someday have further surgery, the resurfacing implants are easily converted into a traditional hip replacement, he said. ASR is not licensed in Canada at the present time, but DePuy is hopeful the product will become fully licensed in the near future. ASR is not available in the United States, but is currently being sold in Europe where it is being made available on a patient-by-patient basis.

JGH orthopedics chief Dr. David Zucker said the wait for ASR surgery will be about four to six months.

