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JSA helps seniors from Hillside

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Seniors Agency (JSA) stepped in to help when Hillside Health Center announced its closing July 1, due to insolvency and recurrent nursing home violations.

"This is a very traumatic event in people's lives," said Susette Rabinowitz, JSA's executive director. The agency worked with Roberta Hawkins, the state's nursing home ombudsman, who directs the Alliance for Better Long Term Care, to help the few Jewish residents at Hillside and their

families in finding a new placement.

A spokesman for the Alliance said none of the Jewish families requested a facility that serves kosher food. However, if that were the case, families can get help through Jewish Eldercare of R.I. (JERI), a JSA program, which offers an information line and network of volunteers who visit Jewish residents in nursing homes and assisted living sites. They assist with observance of Jewish holidays and traditions and visit one-on-one with residents.

JSA also accepted 13 adults

from Crystal Pavilion, the adult day center at Hillside, into the agency's Comprehensive Adult Day Center (CADC) at 229 Waterman St. "Within two days we had them all assessed," Rabinowitz said.

This involved reviewing all the medical and social records, coordinating with the R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs, which licenses the facility, and meeting with social workers and families. The center also held two half-day visits for those transferring into the center.

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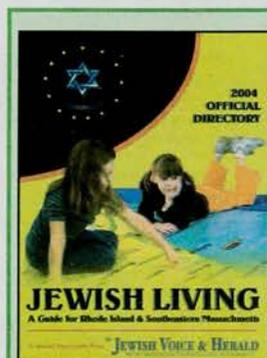


PROVIDENCE HEBREW DAY SCHOOL student Eli Lipson gives Jacob Felder a hand with his tie minutes before their graduation June 17, while Yehuda Leib Weiner looks on.

The 8th grade graduating class of the Providence Hebrew Day School, shown below, are:

Front row: (from left) Yehuda Leib Weiner, Aryeh Gibber, Eli Lipson, Binyamin Monat, Atara Kaufman, Miriam Diamond. In the back row are: (from left) Moshe Raskin, Nathan Japhet, Yerachmiel Taube, Asher Rechester, Jacob Felder, Sophie Felder, Elisheva Stark, Jennifer Landau, Shifra Albert-Andelman, Brahma Kessler, and Toby Haldorson.

Photos by Jonathan Rubin



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Annan: Fight anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the United Nations should fight anti-Semitism.

"We owe it to ourselves, as well as to our Jewish brothers and sisters, to stand firmly against the particular tide of hatred that anti-Semitism represents," Annan told more than 400 people attending an unprecedented U.N. conference on anti-Semitism in New York on Monday.

Referring to the now-repealed 1975 U.N. resolution that denigrated Zionism as racism, Annan acknowledged that "the U.N. record on anti-Semitism has at times fallen short of our ideals."

He called for U.N. advisers on religious freedom and racism to "actively explore ways of combating anti-Semitism more effectively."

Annan also called on the United Nations to adopt a recent declaration by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe condemning anti-Semitism.

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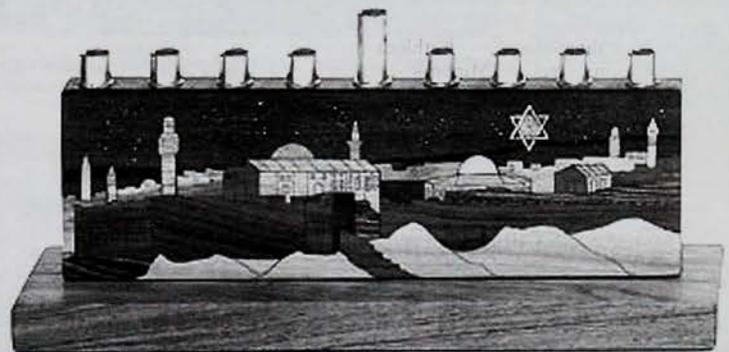
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Mon., June 28

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10 a.m. to noon. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Seena Dittelman presents "Beverly Sills: A Musical Biography" and Florence Markoff presents dramatic vignettes. Brown bag lunch. See Community.

Wisdom of the Rebbe

12 p.m. Honoring the 10th yartzeit of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson. Author Tzvi Freeman will speak. Bleiwas residence, 49 Belair Street. Call 273-7238.

Thurs., July 8

Book signings

7 p.m. Author Hannah Goodman at Barnes and Noble, 1315 West Main Road, Middletown. 846-3313.

7 p.m. at Books on the Square, Wayland Sq., children's book author Sarah Lamstein, reading and discussion.

Sun., July 11

PHDS carnival

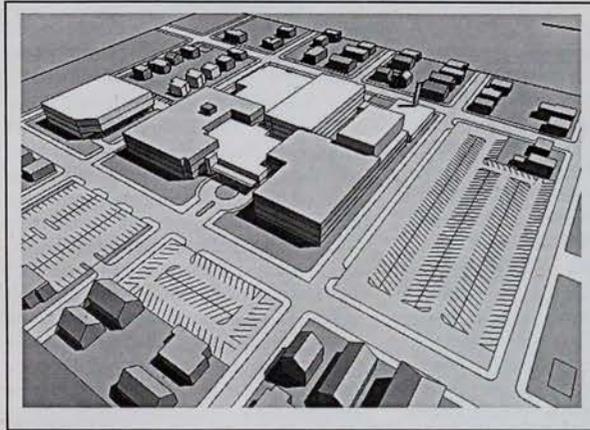
1-4 p.m. Carnival 2004 at Providence PHDS. For info, call Yechezkel Yudkowsky, 421-5074.

Slater Park picnic

3 p.m. The R.I. Chapter of Americans for a Safe Israel will have a picnic at Slater Park in Pawtucket. Call 725-4445.

Miriam wins decisive victory for \$116-million expansion

Hospital/community group talks continue



Miriam Hospital's expansion would include two, three-story buildings, shown at center of plan. Image courtesy Miriam Hospital

By Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — After a lively, and lengthy, meeting of the City Plan Commission June 16, the Miriam Hospital managed to gain approval for its new \$116-million dollar expansion.

The plan to add space for more beds, more private rooms, replacement operating rooms, a new emergency room and a radiology suite has undergone vast changes since its presentation to the community in February of 2003. These changes, Miriam officials said, were made in part to address concerns about the hospital's commercial growth in the Summit Avenue residential neighborhood on Providence's East Side.

But the hospital's opponents, many of whom are members of the active and vocal Summit Neighborhood Association, were not swayed by the new plan, which calls for two three-story buildings at Miriam's central location at 164 Summit Ave., in place of the originally proposed four-story building that was to be built on top of the Sol Koffler Research Center.

The approval meeting took place at the Public Safety Complex in Providence, and oscillated between Miriam supporters and opponents. At one point, City Plan Commission chairman Stephen Durkee remarked, "You're all in a big sandbox... how can we get you to play together?"

The plan calls for the demolition of both the Koffler research building and the old ICU/CCU building (formerly the orphanage) to the left of the Summit entrance. This will result in two "symmetrical" buildings that will create a sense of "balance," according to architect Chris

Korsh from Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum (HOK).

Neighborhood critics were concerned that as the hospital expands its bed capacity from 208 to its approved limit of 247, the hospital will continue to "gobble up" nearby residences and convert them to office space and/or physicians' quarters. "Where is the cap? Where will this end?" asked Matthew Oliverio, the Summit group's attorney.

They also expressed resentment from what they felt was "lip service" from the hospital regarding community concerns over noise, garbage and soot from the hospital. This feeling of "not being listened to" came even in the face of numerous outreach initiatives by the hospital, including community meetings, a neighborhood newsletter and face-to-face conversations with nearby residents.

Kathleen Hittner, MD, Miriam's president and chief executive officer, acknowledged that the hospital had not done all it could to respond to the community. "We've lost the community's trust," she said. "We are on the road to regain it."

Many community members also showed their support for the hospital.

"I feel that Miriam is acting on good faith... they listened to us," said Mary Frappier, of Highland Avenue. Others said they enjoyed the added security the hospital provides, as well as the high caliber of professionals it brings to the area.

The commission eventually ruled to approve Miriam's three phases, with a few amendments, including a revised parking plan, updated illustrations that include landscaping changes,

and an obstruction analysis for each phase, focusing on traffic, noise, dust and other factors. "Obviously, we're disappointed," said John Bazik, president of the Summit Association. "I thought the CPC was very fair — we got to say what we needed to say but it wasn't what we were looking for."

Bazik said that Miriam's growth coincides with a city reevaluation of land usage in the neighborhood, and wondered if Miriam's plan would still be valid at the end of this process. "It's putting the cart before the horse," he said.

Miriam said that construction will begin immediately, and will continue for up to five years. An updated statement must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2005 for approval by the CPC.

The hospital said it would continue to increase its efforts to address community concerns, including the addition of a full-time community liaison.



Alperin Schechter Day School graduates 24

On June 13, the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence held its graduation for the class of 2004. Graduation speaker was Amiel Hersch, class of '96. Pictured above are: Front row — Jean Alper, Zoe-Brumberg-Kraus, Eva Jablow, Mary Rothemich, Rachel Bergman; Second row — Olga Gelina, Sarah Goliger, Alisa Zayas, Garry Fine, Laura Landau; Third Row — Alex Gladkov, Barry Cohen, Eliza Mellion, Emily Felder, Jessica Spindell; Fourth row — Jason Riffkin, Leonard Kozyrev, Alina Kapustin; Back row — Meyer Brown, Rebecca Volynsky, Michaela Miller, Yan Krichevskiy, Lyubov Boguk, Jacob Katz.

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Opinion

A Majority of One

Arf, arf, arf...the dog days are coming!

"Sumer is icumen" in wrote the anonymous 13th-century poet. His spelling has since been updated but the note of warning is still evident in his words, especially if you are a producer or a consumer of media.



Yehuda Lev

As we move from June into July, it is best to remember that July and August comprise the "silly season" in journalism, not because of anything that we journalists do but because of what others do that we report on.

In July, for example, an editor can count on an annual progress report from the British Flat Earth Society and in August there is certain to be a sighting of the Loch Ness Monster — two if the tourist season is slow. My favorite example from years spent on a news desk in Jerusalem concerns a scoop reported by *Yedioth Acharanot*, Israel's largest-circulation daily newspaper. There atop the front page, in huge type, the public was informed that Elvis Presley's grandmother was born in Tiberias. This was news to me, to Tiberias and probably to Elvis as well. So I called their news desk.

"Have you checked the calendar?" I

was asked.

Of course. August. There being no Middle East wars on at the time, circulation was probably dropping.

It may be the effect of wars begun for no good reason or perhaps people are just satiated with 24/7 TV news and long for some comic relief, but in the Jewish world, at least, this summer has been "icumen in" for a few months already.

Item: In Jerusalem, a rabbi has decreed that among his followers, men will walk on one side of the street, women on the other.

Item: In Brooklyn, another rabbi has decided that New York City water is *treif* because it contains copepods, shellfish so tiny that they are invisible to the human eye.

Fortunately another rabbi has ruled that shellfish too small to be seen do not count.

Item: In Rome, Pope John Paul II is going to beatify Sister Anna Catherine Emmerich, an 18th-century nun who was the author of anti-Semitic writings utilized by Mel Gibson in *The Passion of the Christ*. And you thought (hoped?) Gibson was history.

Item: In B'nai Brak, a rabbi has learned that hair used in the making of wigs for married Jewish women,

may have been shorn from the heads of Hindu women in India who worshipped in pantheistic temples. No can use. Fortunately the hair from Christian European women, who may have attended monotheistic church services, passed muster.

The big news in this genre comes from Los Angeles, whose citizens have dealt with some heavy stuff in recent years. They traded in their governor for the Terminator, they were taken in — but good — by the power companies, they endure forest fires, mud slides and earthquakes with commendable stoicism and they sit for hours on interminable freeway parking lots.

Most Angelinos were unaware that the seal of their county includes, among other images, a cow named Pearlette, an outline of the Hollywood Bowl, a picture of Pomona, the pagan goddess of fruits and flowers; a Spanish galleon, oil derricks, a tuna and, very tiny and almost lost among the others, a gold cross. They are ignorant no longer.

This spring apparently, someone finally spotted the cross, tiny yes, but filled, for some, with "deep significance." Someone reported the discovery to the American Civil Liberties Union and a California summer was well under

way.

The ACLU asked the County Board of Supervisors to remove this violation of the sacred principle of the separation of church and state from the county seal and the supervisors complied. Their agreement touched off a revolt of the masses led by a right-wing Jewish radio talk-show host named Dennis Prager.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Prager told the supervisors: "I don't think you understand the significance of what you have done. Totalitarianism is not possible unless you erase the past." Having equated the hapless supervisors with both Stalin and Hitler, who reshaped the past to suit their ends but never actually obliterated it, Prager threatens to accomplish what even the Loch Ness Monster failed to do, entertain us with a full summer of decisions and appeals as the case wends its way through the courts.

With wars and conventions promising to dominate the news, a good laugh may be just what we need. Here's to a long, hot, argumentative, idiot's delight of a summer.

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

ALISON ON ALIYAH

What really bugs me



Alison Golub

I'm finding it hard to type right now because I have a few bug bites — my arms and feet are so covered that there is not enough room between bites to scratch, and my fingers look like pincushions. Needless to say, I'm not in a great mood these days.

The longer I am in Israel, the more I realize that there are little things about this country that no one put in the brochure. Don't get me wrong, I love this place and we all tolerate the small annoyances. But there have been a few days lately that have put my coping strategies to the ultimate test.

When I first woke up with 10 bites on my arms, I figured simply that there must have been a small family of mosquitoes in my apartment that night. The next morning I had no less than 200 bites concentrated solely on my left arm and hand. That was around the time I realized there was a problem, but I decided to wait and see. After the fourth morning of waking up to at least 30 new bites, and noting that the infernal animals had chewed up my fingers and toes in an attempt to branch out to uncharted territory, I realized this had to stop.

While the fumigator was saturating my apartment and belongings with who-knows-what-kind of poison, I went to a

dermatologist who proved to be of no help. I spent the rest of the week fuming and scratching, not being able to leave the house because putting on a shirt and shoes proved far too painful to bear.

Finally, a full week after it had all started, I lost my temper. I marched to the nearest clinic and demanded an appointment, adding haughtily that it was urgent. I waited in the receiving area for two and a half hours. When I

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finally managed to see a doctor, I was defeated, teary, and at my wits' end. He was either so alarmed by my body's reaction to the bites, or so convinced of his own inability to treat me, that he gave me an immediate referral to a dermatologic specialist.

Of course, it didn't end there. It turned out that by seeing the first dermatologist, I had inadvertently committed myself to consulting her for all of my dermatologic needs for three months. When I protested that she was clearly incompetent, I was told that "these are the rules." (And I thought I had left HMOs behind me in America!) Armed

with a special permission slip — reminiscent of middle school — I went to the main administrative office to beg for the opportunity to see a qualified specialist. After much arguing and — I'm not ashamed to say it — not a small amount of crying, I received the blessed permission. Off to the supposedly qualified specialist I went, where I was promptly pumped full of antihistamines, given a bagful of steroid creams, and told that he

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had no clue what was biting me either.

A week later, I am still slathering myself with ointments and taking so many antihistamine pills that I can barely stay awake in class. I am forced to wear long-sleeved shirts in 95-degree heat because showing my arms in public would surely place me immediately in a smallpox and/or leprosy treatment facility. And I spend my nights lying awake, wondering when this will stop.

There is little on earth that makes me feel more homesick — or rather, less at home — than the knowledge that I am not safe in my own house. That feeling of being preyed upon, and knowing that

one cannot stop the inevitable results, and feeling trapped in the one place that normally is one's sanctuary — I find that infinitely hard to take. In Jerusalem, this feeling is much more common than we would like to admit, bug bites or not.

And so, late at night, I lay there and I think that this must be one of the things people mean when they say that life here is hard. I have no air conditioner to casually flip on when I come in from walking home drenched in sweat. I have no protection from the fleas, bed bugs, mosquitoes, ants, cockroaches, snakes, and rats that outnumber the human inhabitants of Jerusalem by at least a million to one. I am in constant battle with Israeli bureaucracy, and I frequently feel like I have to beg for even the most simple human courtesies.

But then I remember everything else that makes living here worthwhile, and really, the only livable option for me. Then I think of all my friends who helped me with this problem, who let me stay at their houses and offered to drive me to the emergency clinic at any time, day or night. Then I realize that these little difficulties are what makes life extraordinary here, for better or for worse. And then, and only then, I realize I can overcome anything here.

Alison Stern Golub is a graduate of Brown University. She welcomes correspondence (and advice!) in response to her articles and can be emailed at Alison_Golub@hotmail.com

Viewpoint

Providence library and a 'jihad' lecture for teens

By Sandra Gandsman

On June 8 I attended a lecture for teens at the Providence Public Library entitled: "Elsa Marston Will Talk to Teens about Jihad." Ms. Marston was to lead a discussion of her short story, "The Olive Grove," about a boy who takes part in a Palestinian uprising. I had not read the story, but I was curious about the content, and how this delicate subject matter would be presented to teens, so I decided to attend.

Marston, a "children's writer," has decided she wants to clear up the bias and misunderstandings about the Arabs, and she is on a mission to do just that. (If I understood correctly, she called the Providence Library and offered to come to talk to teens.)

Briefly, her presentation was filled with incredible inaccuracies about Israel. Her historic "facts" included a shocking and egregious misreading of history: Israel, according to Ms. Marston, started the 1967 war by invading Palestine, occupied for thousands of years by the Palestinians, and seizing Palestinian lands. Since this was the opening salvo, I knew the rest of the presentation was not going to be even-handed. I tried to correct her misrepresentations about Israel, but her response was: "I was there" and "I am right." Not wanting to engage in a political discussion in front of 12 middle school students, I bit my lip and proceeded to listen.

The story, "The Olive Grove," is a one-sided "children's story" about Israeli occupation. It is included in a book of short stories called *Soul Searching, Thirteen Stories about Faith and Belief*. The story is ugly; one could really "hate" the Israelis after reading about their brutality.

It begins with the "hero," Mujahhid, a young Palestinian, hurling rocks at "you dogs" (Israeli soldiers) and yelling "Get out of Bethlehem-it's our town." Mujahhid's brother has been killed by the Israelis: "Killed on his way to prayer-as if he had been denied his right to pray, denied his religion." (Could this be more inflammatory?) It is at his brother's funeral in Bethlehem, where Muslims and Christians gather together: "They were all in the struggle, Muslims and Christians, all one people," that Mujahhid decides that he will join in the fight for his homeland (the writer uses the word "jihad" which she later describes in positive terms not as a "holy war," but rather an inner struggle, a "patriotic call to battle...")

"Now for the sake of his brother, his people, his religion, he fought every chance he could. Surely that is what God wanted him to do-help resist the army that had oppressed them for thirty-three years, so that Israel could gradually take over more and more of the Palestinian's land. Surely God wanted the Palestinian people to be free in their own country."

Mujahhid's parents, who have lost one son, want to ensure the other's safety and send him to live with an aunt. "You listen, Ibni, my son, we support the resistance-you know that. But we've given enough of our family. It's bad enough to suffer what we have under them, without losing both sons in the fight."

When Mujahhid goes to stay with his aunt, he is told the story of the olive grove, the one his relatives had been forced to leave in 1948: "Drove the people out, tore down the houses, but left the trees and garden." Mujahhid, who goes out to see the olive groves, sees something else in the distance: "On a nearby hilltop, overlooking the village homes, stood a tight cluster of new box-like buildings - a community of Jewish settlers. It looked as though it had been planted there by mistake, like a military fort in a garden."

Then one day the Israeli bulldozers come to destroy what remains of the olive grove in order to build a road to the settlement. "The settlement needs a good road to Jerusalem. The olive trees are in the way and they have to be taken down."

Mujahhid, in a burst of passion, addresses the Israeli soldier: "You can't cut down those trees....this is our village." The soldier responds by telling Mujahhid that he is only following orders and that he does not like to

cut down trees. Another soldier gives Mujahhid a "swift cuff" on the side of the head and shouts, "Get out, Arab filth."

As the story ends, the "good Israeli soldier" tries to save Mujahhid and the olive groves, but he cannot. And the olive grove is destroyed. For Ms. Marston, however, the only good Israeli (and she did say there were a few) are the soldiers who defy their government and refuse to destroy Palestinian land or kill them.

She concluded her presentation by asking the students to imagine what it would be like under "occupation" and whether they would take part in an uprising to protect their family and possessions (a pretty loaded question). She also asked these middle school students when it would be right to ignore an order by the Army and do what you think is right and moral.

I believe in an open and fair discussion of issues. Ms. Marston certainly has her right to speak and to sell her books. However, the Middle East poses difficult questions and issues. If the Providence Public Library wants to be a forum for education, particularly for students, about the many facets of this complex problem, it should make certain that they are not guilty of presenting just one side.

Sandra Gandsman is a Pawtucket resident.

Letters to the editor

Bob was one of many greats

Mary Korr's article on the passing of Bob Riesman (June 11 *Voice & Herald*) was a glowing tribute to a remarkable man. As a friend and former associate, I appreciate her effort to remind us all of the broad scope of his activities and his impact on the community.

In reading the portion of the article in which I was quoted, I feel that a clarification needs to be made. In the last paragraph, my reference to "Bob's generation" was strictly from a personal perspective as those who influenced me as an officer of the Federation.

I did not in any way mean to leave out prior Federation leaders such as Dr. Ellie Berger, Alter Boyman, Archibald

Silverman, Henry Hassenfeld or our outstanding longtime professional, Joe Galkin, who were among Federation's first leaders but were not active at the time I served. Nor would I omit the many early community leaders who led other Jewish organizations and spanned the Jewish and general communities, such as Milton Sapinsley, Max Grant and others.

We must be grateful for the example that each of our early leaders set and the great strides they made in the formative stages of our community. I know that I am!

Mel Alperin
Providence

Mel Alperin is a former president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Robert Riesman, an officer and a gentleman

I have just learned of the passing of Robert Riesman and, belatedly, I join those who mourn the loss of a true gentleman who exemplified the rare qualities that typify nobility and generosity.

In the four-plus years that I was editor and the one-man staff of the *Federation Voice*, busy man that he was, he — along with Richard Shein — was ever present; guiding, counseling, sug-

gesting — helping turn a nascent periodical into the gold category that we proudly won.

His interests were varied and multiple and when we weren't talking about how to truly make the *Voice* the "voice" of the Jewish community, we'd take time out to share experiences we endured in the years we spent overseas as officers in World War II.

Zel Levin
Wellfleet, Mass.

Irish Jewish Museum in Dublin

The colorful history of Ireland's Jewish community has not received much attention in recent decades. A friend told me about The Irish Jewish Museum in Dublin, when he made a donation recently to memorialize a friend; the museum then sent an acknowledgment to the family.

The period of 1881 to 1910 represented the high period of Jewish immigration to Ireland, with the majority of these immigrants hailing from Lithuania. The role of Irish Jews in the struggle for Irish independence from Britain was quite extensive. In the 1940s, Ireland's Jewish community numbered over 6,000. In the 20th century, Ireland's three largest cities — Dublin, Belfast and Cork — each elected a Lord Mayor

of the Jewish faith, the most prominent of which was Dublin's Robert Briscoe.

The most famous Irish Jew to immigrate to Israel was Chaim Herzog, who was elected president of Israel in 1983. Herzog was born in Belfast in 1918 and raised in Dublin, speaking fluent English, Gaelic, Hebrew and Yiddish. His father was the Chief Rabbi of Ireland and years later would become the Chief Rabbi of Israel.

The museum is housed in a former synagogue and run by members of Dublin's Jewish community. The address of the museum is: The Irish Jewish Museum, ¾ Walworth Road, South Circular Road, Dublin 8, Ireland.

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10 Frequently Asked Questions About the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Community Campaign

1. In 2004, how much did the campaign raise?
Together, you, along with 3,532 other people including 481 new donors, raised \$4.1 million. We funded programs in Rhode Island such as our Community High School program for 180 students, early childhood and afterschool programs at the JCC and senior meals programs for over 150 people. We also supported overseas initiatives to provide hunger relief in the former Soviet Union, where we (American Jews) feed over 250,000 elderly Jews, programs to keep children in Israel safe, and other relief efforts in 87 countries.

2. When does this campaign end and the next one begin?
The 2004 campaign began on July 1, 2003 and will close on June 30, 2004. On July 1, 2004 we will start the 2005 Campaign.

3. Why is it called the 2005 Campaign if it begins in 2004?
There are two reasons for this:
• Funds raised in the 2005 Campaign are allocated to the agencies for 2005/2006
• Pledges made to the 2005 campaign do not have to be paid until December 31, 2005

4. Who are this year's campaign leaders?
Alan Litwin, Campaign Chair, with Susan Froehlich and DeeDee Witman as his vice chairs, is heading up an outstanding leadership team. They have already started planning the 2005 Campaign. For more information about these individuals and the rest of the campaign team, check out the Voice & Herald on August 20.

5. When will actual fundraising begin?
Main campaign activity begins in September and runs through the beginning of November. In January-June, we are finishing up the campaign, but the goal is to have the majority of campaign pledges in before the end of December.

6. Why is it so important to finish so much of the campaign by December 2004?
Our agency partners (That's the 40+ agencies such as the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service who are there to serve YOU) rely on a Federation allocation to make their budget. For example, Jewish Family Service needs to know how many home care clients they can serve this year. The earlier we know how much we have, the sooner they can plan.

7. Are there any special events I should know about?
YES! There is a Campaign Event with Alan Dershowitz on Sunday, November 7 and a Women's Alliance event on Thursday, November 4, featuring Lori Palatnik speaking about "Gossip, Lies, and Lessons." Super Sunday, our community phone-a-thon, is scheduled for December 12.

8. How can I stay updated on the campaign's progress?
There are lots of ways to stay up-to-date. Look for ads and articles in the Voice & Herald. Check out the Federation web site: www.jfri.org. Look in the mail for information. Or, call Alla in our development department at 421-4111, ext. 169.

9. How can I get involved?
This is the best part. Anyone can get involved. Whether you make a large contribution or even if you don't make one at all, we need your support. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information, contact our development team.

10. Why should I care about the campaign?
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World

Anne Frank would have been 75

By Toby Axelrod

BERLIN (JTA) — An exhibit of 40 family photos by Otto Frank, Anne's father, opened in Berlin June 10th; it would have been Anne's 75th birthday. On display until Sept. 12 at the Anne Frank Center, which is tucked inside a courtyard in the former East Berlin, the photos shed new light on the Franks' daily life before World War II.

In New York City, a new exhibit of 70 black and white photographs of Anne and Margot Frank, taken by Otto Frank, is on display at the Kraushaar Gallery, 724 Fifth Ave., now through July 31.

Otto Frank, who died in 1980, was an avid photographer who took both candid and posed shots of his family. All indicate that Otto and Edith Frank tried to preserve a sense of normalcy until they went into hiding in Amsterdam in 1942. Ultimately the hiding place was betrayed, and the family was arrested in 1944.

Anne and Margot Frank died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945, shortly before it was liberated. Their mother also died, but Otto Frank survived the war.

Hannah Pick, then Hannah Goslar, came to the opening from Jerusalem to see photos of the girl whose voice she last heard over a barbed wire fence in Bergen-Belsen.

"We went to the same kin-



Three-year-old Anne in this 1932 photo

dergarten" in 1934, said Pick, 75, whose family also fled Germany for Holland.

Pick, who survived Bergen-Belsen with her sister Rachel, remembers her last contacts with Anne. Anne and Margot had been sent to the camp from Auschwitz, while Pick and her sister had come via the Westerbork transit camp in Holland. In Bergen-Belsen, the two groups were separated by a barbed wire fence filled with straw, Pick recalled. "I heard by chance that she was there behind the fence," she said. A woman who had hidden with the Franks in Amsterdam brought Anne to the other side of the fence. Once Anne "asked if I could throw over something to eat," she said. Pick threw Anne a Red Cross package with bread and dried plums.



ANNE FRANK writes in Merwedeplein, Amsterdam, in April 1941. Photos: © AFF Basell/AFS Amsterdam; courtesy of The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam

"And she cried. Because another person caught it and ran away and gave her nothing," Pick said. Pick threw some more food over, and "she got it," she said.

Report spotlights domestic abuse

By Paula Amann

Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON — With a few brush strokes, Jewish Women International is trying to paint a picture of a problem that kills. Last week the group released "JWI's Needs Assessment: A Portrait of Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community."

"It's us, it's the woman sitting next to you, it's the professional man, it's not the picture we expect," said JWI national community outreach manager Amy Rubin, who coordinated the study. "If you're Orthodox, you say it's Reform; if you're Reform, you say it's Orthodox; if you're upper class, you say it's lower class."

The new report stresses that domestic abuse touches every part of the Jewish spectrum and ranges from outright physical violence to more subtle controlling behavior affecting money, children, even religious obser-

vance.

"As a community, we cannot afford to continue the stereotypical view that domestic abuse is not a significant issue in Jewish homes," the study's introduction reads. "We must quash that myth and boldly chart a course to end the cycle of domestic abuse for all women and children."

JWI made domestic abuse a program focus in 1988 after one of its members was murdered by her husband. The group held an international conference last July in Baltimore on domestic abuse in the Jewish community.

Assembled over 18 months, the new assessment draws on an intensive study of 300 people in Chicago and data from last summer's conference.

As part of the event, organizers also provided a 10-page survey given to a "sampling of experts, advocates, rabbis and survivors from around the country," and held five focus groups

with a similar mix of people, said Rubin.

Loribeth Weinstein, JWI's executive director, hopes the study will be a catalyst for more research money. Additionally, she noted, as an outgrowth of the research, JWI is establishing a national clergy task force to include both rabbis and cantors, as well as a national training institute to provide both general and professional training about domestic abuse in the Jewish community.

Dr. Paul Ephross, a member of the national needs-assessment advisory committee, said he has seen nothing in the JWI report to contradict his findings that 19.9 percent of Jewish women had been abused at least once.

To request a copy of "JWI's Needs Assessment: A Portrait of Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community," call 800-343-2823 or e-mail rkeller@jwi.org.

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Anniversary of rebbe's death marked

Thousands gathered in New York City to mark the 10th anniversary of the Lubavitcher rebbe's death. Some waited for hours Monday and Tuesday to enter the Queens cemetery where Menachem Mendel Schneerson is buried. Schneerson is credited with turning Chabad-Lubavitch into one of the most prominent public faces of Judaism worldwide.

Charitable giving up Americans' charitable

giving to public-society benefit groups, including Jewish federations, increased by 2.3 percent in 2003, an annual survey found. Overall, donations from Americans increased by 0.6 percent in 2003, according to the Giving USA survey.

Giving to religious organizations increased by 2 percent last year. These groups, which received \$87 billion, took in the largest share of donations. Donations to international affairs organizations increased by 12.1 percent, but foundation giving decreased by 4.7 percent.

Mideast Briefs

Hamas raps Arafat

Hamas criticized Yasser Arafat for saying he recognized Israel's right to be a Jewish state. The Palestinian Authority president told *Ha'aretz* last week that he wanted a state alongside Israel, based on the offer he rejected at the 2000 Camp David summit. Asked if Israel should remain a Jewish state, Arafat said "definitely," adding that the Palestinians had "accepted that openly and officially in 1988 at our Palestine National Council." A Hamas website on Tuesday accused Arafat of betrayal.

Saudi blames Zionists for execution

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah blamed Israel for the execution in Saudi Arabia of an American defense contractor. "Zionism is behind it," Abdullah told Saudi television. "It is not 100 percent, but 95 percent that the Zionist hands are behind what happened." Paul Johnson, who had worked in Saudi Arabia for a decade, was beheaded last week by Islamic terrorists.

Report: Mossad active in Kurdistan

Israel reportedly has angered Turkey by training Kurdish separatists in northern Iraq. This week's *New Yorker*

magazine said hundreds of Mossad agents have been operating since last year among Kurds in northern Iraq, using them to spy on nearby Iran and Syria. According to reporter Seymour Hersh, Israel also has helped form Kurdish commando units, to the alarm of the Turkish government, which sees them as a separatist threat. "A declaration of Kurdish independence would trigger a Turkish response — and possibly a war — and also derail what has been an important alliance for Israel," Hersh wrote. Israeli officials declined comment.

'Quartet' to meet in Egypt

Representatives from the diplomatic "Quartet" seeking Israeli-Palestinian peace will meet in Egypt this week. William Burns, the top U.S. State Department envoy to the region, and his counterparts from the United Nations, the European Union and Russia will convene in Taba to discuss economic, political and security issues, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday. Palestinian reform will be on the agenda. Burns also will meet this week with Egyptian officials in Cairo to discuss the Egyptian role in helping secure the Gaza Strip after Israel withdraws.

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Israeli dancers perform at JCC



Afula, Rhode Island's sister city in Israel, was looking for an extra-curricular activity for some of its teenagers. And thus Hora Afula was born, a group of 16 young dancers who recently traveled throughout their New England partnership region.

More than 100 people attended the performance held at the Jewish Community Center recently to watch the energetic Israeli/Jewish folk dancing. Countless costume changes transformed the dancers from Eastern European peasants to attendees at a Sephardic wedding to an oddly entertaining Barbie and Ken slapstick duet.

Israelis to teach Hebrew classes

PROVIDENCE — Israelis Simcha Pe'er and Tzipora Baras will conduct Hebrew classes at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island July 12-15 and July 19-22. Four levels of instruction will be offered.

Pe'er, who lives in Gilboa, is an English teacher. Baras, a resident of Afula, has taught adults for 24 years. Both will bring the culture of their Israeli communities with them to the classes.

Beginner's Conversational Hebrew and Advanced Conversational Hebrew will be held from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Monday through Thursday, July 12-15 and July 19-22.

Two intermediate level classes will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on the same dates. The charge is \$50 (\$10 for teachers in Bureau-affiliated schools). Classes will be held in the offices

of the Bureau, 130 Sessions St., Providence.

For more information, contact 331-0956; fax: 401-274-7982, e-mail: bjeri@bjeri.org.

Leisure Club summer sessions

PROVIDENCE — Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club begins its summer session on Monday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Seena Dittelman will present "Beverly Sills: A Musical Biography" and Florence Markoff will present a potpourri of dramatic vignettes. Brown bag lunch is optional for those who wish to stay for a "Schmooze Session."

The club will also meet on the following Mondays: July 12, 19, 26; Aug. 2, 16, 23, 30.



Helen Scheff of North Kingston, and her granddaughter, Gabrielle Scheff, 15, of East Greenwich, help out in the kitchen preparing cheese and potato blintzes at a pre-Shavuot event at the Chabad CHAI Center in Warwick. Photo by Jill Connor

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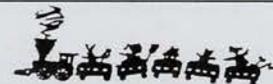


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JSA helps seniors relocate

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Last Tuesday, Roberta L. Sinapi, the center's director, sent flowers to her staff to thank them for their hard work in making the transition as smooth as possible.

Joanne Full of Riverside was relieved when she came to visit. She is the primary caregiver for her cousin, Nancy, 76, who suffers from memory loss and needs dressings changed on her partially amputated leg.

"It was amazing that they found another center that would meet my cousin's needs and be close to her home," she said. "The staff at both centers saved all the families a lot of time visiting other programs."

The center provides the medical and social attention many of the participants need. The staff includes an exercise physiologist, registered nurse, speech/language pathologist, recreational therapist, case manager/social worker, and certified nursing assistants.

Some of those who attend are in hospice care. A hospice worker will come to the site to assist the patient during the day. "This has been tremendous for some families, who can then keep their loved one at home," Sinapi said.

Faye Sherman, who has a



SPIRITUALITY SESSION — Rabbi Andrea Gouze, center, visits the Jewish Senior Agency's adult day center in Providence several times a month for spirituality discussions. Last week she kept Faye Sherman, at left, and Anna Simon, laughing about *The Fools of Chelm*. In the back is nursing assistant Ana Goncalves. Photo by Mary Korr

medical disability, comes to the CADC center three days a week with her aunt, Anna Simon. Both women thought the newcomers were doing well and that it helped that they all came together. Simon, who grew up in the North End, recalled that the now-closed Jewish Home for the Aged was on the Hillside site, and before that it was on Orms St.

"It can be quite frightening to leave where you are and meet a whole new set of individuals, especially when you need personal care. It's not easy to receive assistance in the bathroom with someone new," Sinapi said. "About 60 percent of the program's participants have a diagnosis of dementia. Many are quite frail and quite needy."

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Jewish blood drives significant to state program

Synagogues and other Jewish organizations are hosting blood drives throughout Rhode Island, becoming a significant part of the state's blood collection program.

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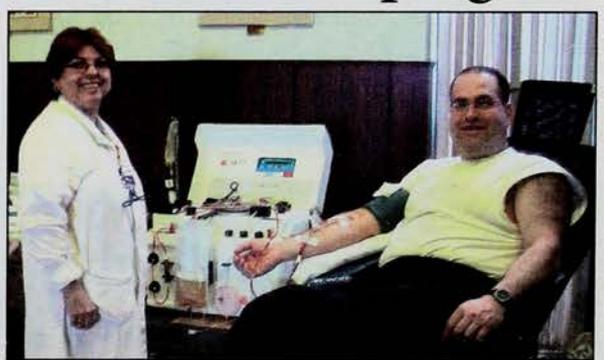


that collected nearly 200 pints of blood. Since each pint of blood has the potential to save three lives, these donors potentially helped as many as 600 individuals.

Two blood drives are being held in the Jewish community in July, at a time when blood donations are usually slower, but need increases.

On Thursday, July 1, Congregation Ohave Shalom, 671 East Ave., Pawtucket, will hold a blood drive from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, will hold a drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 18. This will be the first drive for Congregation Ohave Shalom. Temple Torat Yisrael is holding three blood drives this year.



BLOOD DRIVE — Bob Miller donates blood during a Temple Torat Yisrael blood drive. The phlebotomist is Filomena Maisonet of the Rhode Island Blood Center.

Both July drives are open to the entire community, and are critical in the Rhode Island Blood Center's effort to collect the 240 to 280 pints of blood

needed every day to take care of the needs of patients in hospitals throughout Rhode Island.

Besides Congregation Ohave Shalom and Temple Torat Yisrael, other Jewish organizations that host drives regularly are the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (held at the Jewish Community Center), and Temples Emanuel and Beth-El in Providence, Temple Sinai in Cranston, Temple Habonim in Barrington, Temple Shalom in Middletown, Jewish Family Service in Providence, and the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living in Warwick.

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JSA honors Women's Association leaders



IN 1933, the first board meeting of the Ladies Association, the former Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association, which founded the Jewish Home for the Aged in 1911, was held.

By Rona Trachtenberg

WARWICK — During the fifth annual meeting of the Jewish Seniors Agency (JSA) held May 20 at The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, six past presidents of the Women's Association, which traces its roots back more than 100 years, were among those who received special recognition.

They included Dottie Lippman, Esther Alter, Zelda Feldman, Phyllis Berry, Estelle Klemer, and Claire Ernstof, a current Tamarisk resident. She recalls when her mother was on the original board of directors and dues were 10 cents a month. "Our whole family was involved with the [Jewish] Home because volunteering was our Jewish way of life."

"Family is what JSA is all about," said Amy Blustein, who chaired the meeting and is the fifth generation to be connected to the Jewish Home and now to the JSA.

It all began in 1890, when a small group of women from the North End of Providence created the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association (LHUAA) to "assist all needy Jewish families with food, coal, rent, medicine, loans and Passover supplies."

During the meeting, Andrea Reiser presented an audiovisual retrospective of the Women's Association.

The following is a brief, historical timeline:

- 1911: The LHUAA rented a cottage at 161 Orms St. to create The Jewish Home for the Aged. This new venture was so well received that the

LHUAA ranks soared to 287 members.

- 1914: The Ladies purchased a house at 191 Orms St. to accommodate the growing number of Jewish elderly that needed residence in the Home.

- 1932: A new facility was built on Hillside Avenue and the LHUAA was renamed the Ladies Association (LA). The first annual meeting was held in 1933, when Torah scrolls were placed in the ark of the Home's synagogue.

- 1947: LA membership soared beyond 1,700 women. It continued to be the backbone of the Home by knitting children's garments, blankets and sweaters for sale to the Jewish community.

- 1980: The Home opened Shalom Apartments in Warwick, 100 units of affordable housing for low-income Jewish elderly. Also that year, the Ladies Association was renamed Women's Association (WA).

- 1993: The Jewish Home was closed, requiring that its residents be relocated to many different secular nursing homes throughout Rhode Island. The Women's Association's visiting committee launched into action making sure a volunteer stayed connected with each and every senior, especially during Jewish holidays.

Estelle Klemer, one of the 28 WA past presidents, remembers befriending one of the Jewish women living in the nursing home. "This elderly lady never married, had no children and was so lonely," Klemer said. "She would sit at the door waiting to

hear my footsteps coming down the hall. She loved chatting about her favorite team, the Red Sox."

- 1999: The non-profit Jewish Seniors Agency (JSA) was formed as a successor organization to the Home.

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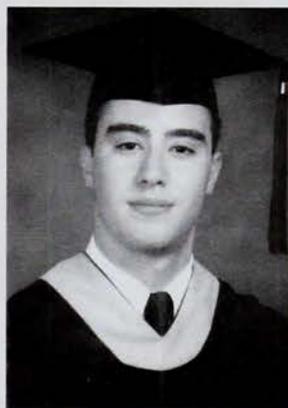
Mazal Tov!

Graduations

WARWICK — Robin Danielle Halpern, daughter of David and Cindy Halpern of Warwick, granddaughter of Tina Chernick-Jordan and step-granddaughter of Frank Jordan of Cranston, graduated from Toll Gate High School on June 9. Robin made the school's honor roll for the entire year.

For her senior exit project, she wrote and performed a one-woman play on domestic violence. She had previously performed in other skits about domestic violence during her senior year.

In the fall, Robin will attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga.



Shawn J. Newman

WARWICK — Shawn J. Newman, son of Barry and Maro Newman of Warwick, has graduated cum laude from Syracuse University of Syracuse, N.Y., and London, England, in the Colleges of Information Science, and Information Technology and Management.

He was peer advisor to the freshman class, College of Information Sciences, and vice president of Lawrenson Hall.

He is employed at American Power Conversion, West Kingston.

Accolades

• Selma Stanzler received the *Never Again Award* in recognition of her meritorious service for the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum and her work in promoting tolerance and understanding among the people of Rhode Island.

• Ruby Shalansky received a medal from Gov. Donald Carcieri in recognition of "her tireless commitment and dedication of time and effort to assisting those in need." She was recognized as one of Rhode Island's unsung heroes.

• Dr. Ellen S. Cohn, daughter of Newton and Rosalea Cohn, professor of psychology and coordinator of the Justice Studies program at the University of New Hampshire, has been awarded the Lamberton Endowed Chair in Criminology at U.N.H.

• Rachel Zurier, daughter of Lauren and Samuel Zurier, won a trip to Washington D.C. for her first place essay, sponsored by National History Day.

• Lila Sapinsley was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

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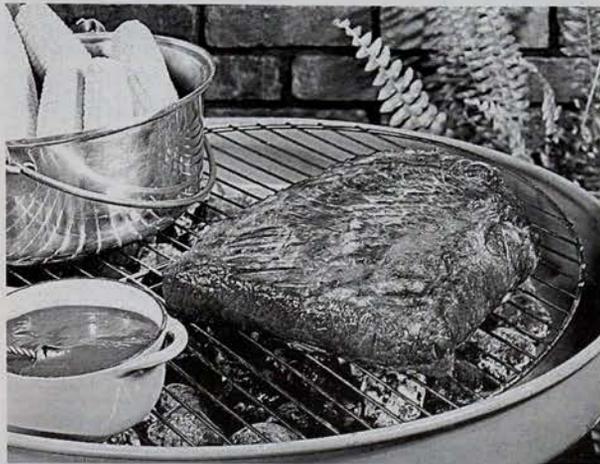
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Food

'Brisket on the barbie' for summer cookout



ground black pepper, 1 tsp. each dried basil, oregano and thyme or 1 tsp. Italian or Provencal herbs, 1 tsp. garlic powder, (fresh garlic will burn and get bitter on the grill) and 1 tsp. onion powder.

Mix well and rub into both sides of brisket. Wrap or cover well and let sit at least 4 hours or overnight.

When ready to cook, rub grid with oil, and preheat.

Brown brisket on both sides, turning once.

Slice an onion or two. When well browned, remove brisket onto a large sheet of heavy duty foil or into a baking pan that fits snugly, with onion slices on top and bottom. Sprinkle meat with about 1/4 cup red wine (red vermouth is also good) and a couple of tbsps. wine or balsamic vinegar.

Wrap or cover very tightly. Leave one burner lit and turned down very low. Put brisket on unlit side and keep temperature at 250-275° for at least three to four hours. Remove from grill and let sit for 1/2 hour or longer before slicing. Open carefully to preserve juices. Serve with pan juices or your favorite barbecue sauce.

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

By Marylyn Graff

It's summer and time to turn the traditional brisket into a slow-grilled delight. Add cool gazpacho for an eclectic and colorful mix.

'Brisket on the barbie'

Buy a flat cut brisket, 3-4 lbs, well trimmed.

Make a spice rub of: two tbsp. paprika, 1 tbsp. brown sugar, 1 tbsp. chili powder, 1 tbsp. freshly

Gazpacho can be chilling while you're grilling



This soup is a great starter for a barbecued meal.

Gazpacho

- 1 46 oz. can tomato juice
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, crushed and chopped fine
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 1 cucumber, diced
- 1 medium green pepper, diced
- 1 cup celery, thinly sliced
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/4 cup scallions, finely sliced (about 1/4 - 1/2 inch)

Pour most of the tomato juice into a large bowl or tureen.

Put about 2 cups of the juice into a blender with rest of ingredients, except for the vegetables.

Emulsify or whisk together thoroughly.

Pour into bowl with rest of juice and mix.

Add cut-up vegetables and stir gently. Chill for at least a couple of hours and serve cold. (Take the few minutes to cut the vegetables with knife and shredder — a food processor results in an unpleasant grainy texture.)

For some reason, this doesn't get mushy so you can even have it for lunch the next day if any is left.

— Marylyn Graff

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Seniors

AS WE GROW OLDER

Showing Mom seven decades of change

A fantasy that has come to me repeatedly is that my mother, who died in 1933, would somehow come back to today's world, and I wonder what she would think of what has occurred in the last 70 years. Not only would she recognize very little of her surroundings, but I think that she would find most things un-

believable. She was quite a modern woman for her generation but the television, most women driving and working at jobs previously available only to men, flying between continents routinely, and multiple other advances would astonish her.

I was the youngest of her

three children and, rightly or wrongly, she regarded me as quite fragile. Hah! But now I shall be her guide to 2004 and imagine that she could comprehend the changes.



Tema Gouse

Let's begin with housing. Families who lived in big cities (as we did) lived in apartment houses. Single family homes were mostly located in the suburbs and that was regarded as far too distant for the breadwinner to commute. Siblings shared bedrooms and closets and did not feel deprived.

My mother, like everyone of her generation, had a huge pantry. It held dishes, pots and pans and all non-perishable food. Ours even held the "icebox." She cooked and baked much more than I ever did but she could never have understood what I kept in the two refrigerators and the freezer I had in my home.

Wall-to-wall carpeting was regarded as a luxury and has now been replaced with "natural" wood floors. Mom would wonder why anyone would cover floors with anything that required so much more maintenance.

Changes in food and food

preparation would probably shock her the most. If someone told her that 99 percent of all gefilte fish consumed today comes out of jars, she would shake her head in disbelief. Matzo balls made from a mix would be rejected as not kosher. She was a smart lady but would have difficulty understanding what "Take-Out" was and why it was sometimes better than homemade. I think she would regard the microwave oven as a weapon of mass destruction.

If she could witness the proficiency with which my 13-year-

and they rarely misbehaved. Violation of parental rule resulted in a *potch on the taches* (AKA a hard swat on the seat). It was effective. Today such action could result in a parent being charged with child abuse.

We could both remember when doctors were revered. Today there is resentment of our dependency on them. But I could happily report to her that doctors know so much more today, and what could better prove that than the fact that both of her daughters have already lived more than

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old granddaughter applies eye makeup, she would accuse the parents, Mom's grandchildren, of contributing to her delinquency. Mom thought it was all right for a girl to wear lipstick when she turned 16.

Learning that they earned \$8-10 an hour baby-sitting would upset her since she would believe that 13-year-old girls should be at home with someone babysitting them. In her day, babysitting was done by unpaid relatives and only for special occasions.

In 1933, it cost a dime to go to the movies, not \$10. A movie kiss was done with sealed lips and lasted under two seconds. Any inference in a movie that babies were not produced by God or a stork meant that movie would be banned by the Hays Office (Remember it?).

In the 1930s, children never told their parents they hated them

twice as long as she did. Mom would be shocked to learn that children own cars before they earn the money to buy them. The work ethic used to be respected. Divorce was seen as scandalous, whispered about and not accepted as the majority result of marriage.

Pink was pretty, not nerdy. Music was melodic, not hearing-destructive. Self-indulgence was seen as selfish, not the norm. And the elderly were revered, not just tolerated.

So I say to Mom — nothing is the same. I must admit that our generation is responsible for much of the negative evolution. But the advances have also enriched us and I just wish you had been around a little longer to enjoy them and to enjoy my kids and my grandkids.

Tema Gouse is a regular columnist and lives in Cranston.

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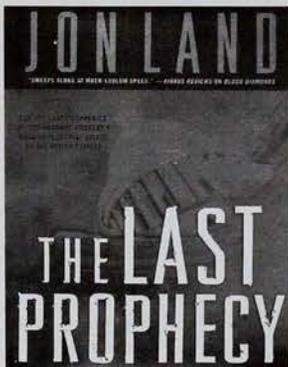
The Last Prophecy, by Jon Land, Forge, 2004.

The Last Prophecy marks Providence author Jon Land's final adventure with Ben Kamal, a former Palestinian detective, and his girlfriend Danielle Barnea, the onetime commander of the Israeli National Police. The duo's exploits in previous novels herald the possibilities of an Israeli and Palestinian working together for the common good.

Their partnership evolves into a romance that crosses political boundaries. Together, they move to London and join the UN Security Service, where they embark on unraveling the mysterious Last Prophecy of Nostradamus.

Kamal and Barnea are sent to the Palestinian village of Bureij to investigate the massacre of hundreds of residents, including UN personnel who had been teaching elementary school there. The attack is perpetrated by several men wearing Israeli military uniforms, using Israeli-issue weapons and Israeli Army jeeps. However, the Israeli government denies having any knowledge of the attack.

The investigation confirms it was not an Israeli-orchestrated attack. While the massacre fuels the enmity between the Palestinians and Israelis, its primary purpose is to eliminate a UN teacher who had decoded the Last Prophecy. The trail leads the two detectives to several



other murders linked with the Prophecy and uncovers a massive terrorist plot, Prometheus, that would make 9/11 look like child's play.

Land delivers yet another action-packed thriller, integrating the continuing conflicts between Arabs and Jews, with the terrorist backlash of the U.S. occupation of Iraq. This novel delves deep into the fears and realities of the volatile Middle East and in doing so blurs the line between fiction and headline news.

Reading *The Last Prophecy* is like navigating the twists and turns of a cliffside road at 90 miles an hour, leaving the reader furiously turning the pages to find out if Inspectors Barnea and Kamal can unravel the Last Prophecy of Nostradamus and stop the insidious terrorist plot, Prometheus, against the United States.

Josh Korr is a student at Hampshire College in Amherst with a con-

Book explores the secretive world of diamond trade

By Mary Korr

Diamond Stories, Enduring Change on 47th St., by Renee Rose Shield, Cornell University Press.

In *Diamond Stories*, cultural anthropologist Renee Rose Shield of Seekonk penetrates the veiled world of diamond traders on 47th St. in New York City through family contacts, her uncles Shmiel and Moishe. Through them, she gains access to the Diamond Dealers Club (DDC), the marketplace where diamonds are traded.

To the outsider, this diamond district in midtown Manhattan is a secretive world. It is also the work place of a culture of Jews who comprise most of the diamond world that is 95 percent Jewish, according to the author; many are Hasidim.

She explores the social and business exchanges of their life in the trade, and their remarkable longevity in it.

The author traces the history of the diamond trade through the centuries. "The first major place that diamonds were mined was in the riverbeds of India in the 17th century. The scarcity of diamonds that reached Europe fed the idea that diamonds were for royalty only."

Shield writes that "Portuguese Sephardic Jews who traveled from Surat in India to the Portuguese Goa to Venice, the East, and Belgium dominated this early and tiny diamond trade." Antwerp and Amsterdam became the diamond-cutting centers in Europe, while London

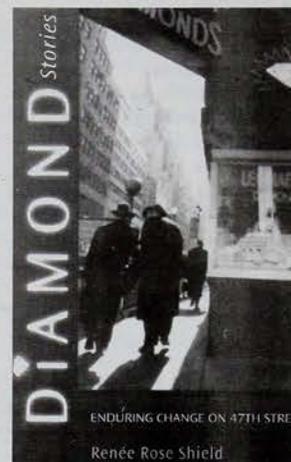
reigned as the marketplace for rough diamonds from India.

The author explores the folklore, science and sociology of diamonds and diamond traders through intriguing tales. There are the famous gem diamonds: the Hope, the Koh-i-Noor, Great Mogul, the Nizam, all from India.

The reader also learns about the origination and reach of the De Beer's diamond cartel: "The diamond manufacturing and distributing cartel, De Beers Consolidated Mines and its Diamond Trading Company (DTC), with offices in Johannesburg, Lucerne, London and elsewhere, employ thousands of people including financial analysts, gemologists and detectives.

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Obituaries

Mollie Fisch

EAST PROVIDENCE — Mollie Stanzler Richter Fisch, 91, died June 10. She was the wife of the late Sidney Fisch, and of the late Leonard Richter.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., a daughter of the late Abraham and Dora (Finkel) Stanzler, she lived in Providence for many years before moving to East Providence 10 years ago.

Mrs. Richter Fisch was a member of Hadassah, the Order of the Eastern Star and Temple Beth-El, and a former member of Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood and Leisure Club.

She leaves a son, Arthur H. Richter of Barrington; a daughter, Barbara Richter Bolan of Florence, Italy and New York City; a brother, Milton Stanzler of East Providence; two grandsons and

three great-grandsons. She was a sister of the late Helen Waldman and Max, Joseph, Meyer and Harold Stanzler.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Judy C. Smith Memorial Fund at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Stanley T. Kaplan

CRANSTON — Stanley T. Kaplan, 78, a retired bakery owner, died June 19. He was the husband of Sylvia (Gregerman) Kaplan. They were married for 58 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Barney and Jenny Kaplan, he had lived in Cranston for 50 years.

He was the owner of the former Kaplan's Bakery in Providence for 28 years, retiring

last year. He previously owned the former Buttonwoods Bakery in Warwick and Cranston.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Barry Kaplan of Cranston; two brothers, Harold Kaplan of Delray Beach, Fla., and Robert Kaplan of Long Island, N.Y.; and two granddaughters.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Jewish War Veterans Post # 23.

Constance Loudon-Isserlis

SOMERSET — Constance Loudon-Isserlis, 67, treasurer of the former Cox Paper Co. of Fall River, died June 13. She was the wife of the late Marvin Isserlis.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Hugh and Edith (Singleton) Loudon, she had lived in Somerset since 1979, previously residing in Tiverton.

Mrs. Loudon-Isserlis was a member of Temple Beth El in Fall River, and of its board of directors and Sisterhood. She was a member of the Somerset Hadassah and a past president of the Hebrew Ladies Helping Hand of Fall River.

She leaves two sisters, Carole David of Portsmouth and Cynthia Isherwood of Tiverton and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Fall River. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 275 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903.

Reta Mills Roseman

YONKERS, N.Y. — Reta Mills Roseman, 85, a businesswoman, died April 24. She was the wife of Lou Roseman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Ida Mills, she lived in Yonkers, Narragansett and Ft. Lauderdale.

She was the owner of the "Mills Sisters Dress Shop" with her sister, Celia Fleisig. She later moved to New York. She and her daughter owned a jewelry company for 14 years.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Dr. Bruce Roseman; a daughter, Gael Roseman Sutter; a brother, Irving Mills of Warwick; and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late William, Morris, Sanford, and Albert Mills, Lilly Chernov

and Celia Fleisig.

Burial was in Sanford Gardens, Valhalla, N.Y. Contributions may be made to the American Leukemia Foundation and Chai Lifeline Society.

Harold Soloveitzik

WESTERLY — Harold B. Soloveitzik, 90, philanthropist, lawyer, and former president of the Rhode Island Bar Association, died June 4.

Born in Westerly on Sept. 29, 1913, he was a son of the late Solomon and Buni (Leibovitz) Soloveitzik.

Mr. Soloveitzik graduated from the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, and the Boston University School of Law in 1938.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving in North Africa as a radio operator.

He was the town solicitor in Richmond and Block Island, and president of the Rhode Island and Washington County Bar Associations before retiring in 1996.

He has been honored by the Narragansett Council of Boy Scouts, the R.I. Foundation, the National Conference for Community Justice, URI, the Jewish Federation of R.I. and the United Jewish Appeal.

He leaves a nephew, Charles Soloveitzik of Westerly; a niece, Bonnie Light of Springfield, Mass.; a great-niece and a great-nephew. He was the brother of the late Abraham, Samuel, Florence and Ella Soloveitzik.

Burial was in Hebrew Benevolent Association Cemetery, Preston, Conn.



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Community

Honors, awards given at Holocaust museum meeting

PROVIDENCE — At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum held June 9, outgoing president Arthur Fixler explained his deep commitment to the museum. Several years ago he visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, and came upon some photographs of Hungarian Jews. Being of Hungarian descent, he looked more closely at a photograph of a father, mother, and two children. Its caption read "Fixler Family." Next to it was a report of their fate: death in a concentration camp. "The meaning of the Holocaust stared me right in the face," he told the audience.

Gloria Feibish, who chaired the meeting, thanked him for his inspired term of service, and noted that he had taken on the presidency in a difficult period for the museum.

Frieda Soble, the museum's executive director, announced the formation of the New England Holocaust Organizations, a group within the Association of the Holocaust Organizations. "Together we will be able to make possible programming that none of us would be able to offer alone," she said.

At the awards presenta-

tion, two high school students received awards established by two local Holocaust survivors. Morris Gastfreund awarded \$100 for the best essay to Jennie Eckilson of Mt. St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket. Rita Singer presented a check for \$100 to Amanda Toppazini, also of Mt. St. Charles, in the art category.

Paula Hogue received the museum's annual Jenny Klein Teacher of the Year award for her many years of inspiring her students to research the Holocaust and then produce visual pieces to represent it.

The Ray Eichenbaum Grant for Holocaust Education was presented by his son, Cary Eichenbaum, to Bob Lisi, principal of La Salle Academy.

The Volunteer Center of Rhode Island also used this occasion to present their Outstanding Volunteer Awards to museum volunteers Ellie Frank and Alice Goldstein.

Goldstein was chosen for her work with the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, where she has served on the board and has been a volunteer for more than 10 years.

She left Germany as a child in August 1939 on the last ship out before the onset of World

War II. She returned in 2002, at the invitation of young scholars researching Jewish life in the area.

She speaks to students throughout the state at public, private and parochial schools and colleges, as well as with senior citizens and members

of group homes, and visitors to the museum, on her experiences during the Holocaust. She also speaks on education and civil rights issues.

Stan Abrams, chair of this year's nominating committee, presented the slate of officers and board members for 2004-05.

The new co-presidents are Ellie Frank and Selma Stanzler.

The evening ended with a slide show given by Goldstein. She showed slides of her former home and synagogue, along with cemeteries where her relatives had been buried.

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