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Russian consul awards 60th-anniversary medals



Irina Khaykin gave her grandfather, Yefim Khaykin, a bouquet of flowers at ceremony which honored World War II Soviet Army veterans now living in Rhode Island on Friday.

Photos by Mary Korr

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — Vice Consul Vladimir Khlebnikov, of the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in New York City, arrived at East Side Apartments last Friday afternoon with red-ribboned war medals in his attaché. The recipients were Russian war heroes who now call Rhode Island home. The majority came here in the early 1990s, in a wave of Russian Jewish immigration.

Most are in their late 70s and 80s. This is an anniversary year — the 60th — of the liberation of Europe and it was a happy occasion for the men and women who served in the Soviet Army, and their family and friends.

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Dr. Raisa Kerdman, 87, served as a combat surgeon during World War II in the Ukraine. She lost a leg as she was tending the wounded during a battle in the Ukraine.



GARY KRUPP, president of Pave the Way Foundation, gives a yarmulke to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger on Feb. 2 at the Vatican. Cardinal Ratzinger took the name of Pope Benedict XVI, after he was chosen to be the new pope April 19.

Photo: Pave The Way Foundation

Jewish response to new pope is generally favorable

By Yehuda Lev

Jews, like many Roman Catholics, viewed the ascension of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger to the Papacy as both a positive and a negative development, albeit for starkly different reasons.

Catholics, at least publicly, judged the new pope on many issues: church doctrine, the role of women in the clergy, the possibility of priests marrying, the prohibitions on birth control and abortion, the suppression of the Catholic Liberation Theology movement in Latin America, his willingness to reach out to non-Catholic

Christians and the world of Islam, and the tendency of his predecessor, John Paul II, to favor conservative positions as he aged.

Jewish responses to his election have been almost entirely on the basis of his role in guiding Pope John Paul II towards a more accepting attitude regarding Jews and Jewish concerns, as well as his German background — membership in the compulsory Hitler Youth and war-time service in the German Army. While his

positions relating to women and social issues are of concern to the generally more liberal Jewish community, there was practically no reference to these from Jewish leaders.

Typical were these comments, reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency:

Rabbi Israel Singer, chairman, World Jewish Congress: "He is the architect of the policy that John Paul II fulfilled with regard to relations with the

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Putin confers with Sharon, Abbas

MOSCOW (JTA) — Russian President Vladimir Putin made a historic visit to Israel this week.

Putin held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on issues affecting the Middle East peace process, including cooperation between Moscow and Jerusalem on anti-terror and security issues, Russian participation in Iran's nuclear program and Russia's recently announced arms sales to Syria.

Israel fears that the sale of Russian missiles to Syria can

shake the balance of power in the region, especially if some of the weapons transferred to Damascus end up in the hands of such Syrian-sponsored terrorist groups such as Hezbollah or Palestinian groups in the West Bank.

Putin's trip comes at the invitation of Israeli President Moshe Katsav, who is said to have invited the Russian president while the two leaders were in Poland in January to mark the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Katsav is expected to visit Moscow on May 9, along with many other world leaders who will honor Russia's role in the victory over Nazism in World War II.

Official sources in Russia have indicated that the visit is an attempt to demonstrate that relations between Moscow and Jerusalem remain stable despite the arms sales and recent high-profile cases of Russian anti-Semitism that seemed to strain

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Emanu-El to hold Yom HaShoah observance

PROVIDENCE — On Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m., there will be a solemn interfaith observance of Yom HaShoah in the main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El.

Judge Milton Silva of Fall River, who served as a medic in the United States Army at the liberation of Buchenwald, will be the guest speaker. This year's remembrance will mark the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi camps.

During this program the "Never Again Award" will be presented to Alice Goldstein, a survivor. Mrs. Goldstein serves as a board member and community outreach speaker for the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum.

The attendees, who are expected to number in the hundreds, will then proceed to the garden of the Holocaust Museum, where the service will conclude.

Temple Emanu-El is located at 99 Taft Ave. For more information, call 331-1616.

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Calendar

TUES., MAY 3

Holocaust thesis with Rabbi Goldstein

6 p.m. at South Providence branch public library. Met student will present Holocaust project with rabbi speaking as a survivor. Free, no reservations needed; refreshments. See Community.

Torat Yisrael interfaith workshop

7 p.m. First of three workshops titled "Interfaith Couples: Making an Informed, Thoughtful

Decision about Faith." Rabbi Amy Levin and Dan Kane of Jewish Family Service. To register, mail \$18 check to the temple at 330 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02905. For more info, contact rabbi@toratysrael.org.

Marvin Hamlish at Beth-El
 8 p.m. Temple Beth-El sanctuary, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In celebration of the temple's 150th anniversary. To request tickets, call 331-6070.

Storytime at Emanu-El
 10:30 a.m. 99 Taft Ave.,

Providence. Parents with kids up to age 4 are invited to come to a story-telling about Israel's birthday. Crafts, music, and a snack. Sisterhood lounge.

"Never Forget: The Liberators - Witnesses to History"

Will air on WJAR (Channel 10) on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday May 8 at 11 a.m. See Community.

WED., MAY 4

Yom HaShoah service

7 to 9 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Holocaust commemoration. Speaker, Judge Milton Silva, U. S. Army at liberation of Buchenwald. "Never Again Award" to Alice Goldstein. Public invited. See page 7.

THURS., MAY 5

YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Memorial Day
 AIPAC tribute to Robert

Riesman
 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Laurelmead, 355 Blackstone Blvd. For more info, call Jillian Levovotz at jlevovotz@aipac.org or (617) 457-8714

FRI., MAY 6

Holocaust remembrance at United Brothers

8 to 10 p.m. Service, 205 High St., Bristol.

SUN., MAY 8 — MOTHERS' DAY

Torat Yisrael school to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut

5:30 p.m., 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Israel Independence Day. Religious school celebration with Israeli music, games and food for adults and families.

Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day) at Torat Yisrael.

7:30 p.m. R.I. Israeli community will gather for a ceremony, a Ma'ariv service and screening of an Israeli film. All are welcome. Program to be conducted in Hebrew.

WED., MAY 11

NCJW annual meeting, installation

Noon at the Marriott Hotel, Orms St, Providence. National Council of Jewish Women, R.I. Section, Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers & Board. Speaker: Geraldine Foster, past-president of the R.I. Jewish Historical Assoc. Luncheon. Send check for \$18. to Marilyn Shealey, 13 Charlesfield St., Providence, RI 02906 before May 5. For more info, call Renee Vogel, 331-5087. See Community.

JCC/RI 80th annual meeting

7 p.m. at the JCC, 130 Sessions St., Providence. Jan & Harris Weiner, chairing. Review of the past year, preview of current year. Installation of officers and board, and recognition of staff and volunteers. For more information, call 861-8800, ext. 108.

THURS., MAY 12

Torat Yisrael

Independence Day breakfast

6:45 a.m.; For Yom Ha'atzmaut, a festive service and Israeli breakfast. Open to the community.

FRI., MAY 13

Emanu-El educational fest

7 p.m. Southern-style Shabbat dinner at the temple. Open to the community but reservations required, members' priority. Stuart Rockoff from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life will be scholar-in-residence. See Community.

SAT., MAY 14

9:30 a.m. Emanu-El Shabbat service with visiting lecturer, including "Southern touches," followed by a Kiddush luncheon at 12:30 p.m. with visiting lecturer on growing up Jewish in the South. See above and Community.

SUN., MAY 15

Am David plant & craft sale

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Flower and vegetable plants for sale, plus crafts. Free landscaping advice with purchase. To donate plants or have a craft table, call Barbara or Shule at 463-7944.

TUES., MAY 17

Hadassah dinner, tribute

6:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave, Providence. Keynote speaker Mayor David Cicilline. Tribute to Jewish women in religious positions. For more information, call Hadassah at 463-3636. See Community.

Torat Yisrael Interfaith workshop part II.

7 p.m. See May 3 listing.

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Community

Most Jews find new Pope favorable

From page 1

Jews (and) to have full relations with Israel. He was the ideologist behind the last pope the theologian and the ideologist."

Silvan Shalom, Israeli Foreign Minister: "Israel is hopeful that under this new papacy we will continue to move forward in Vatican-Israeli relations and we are sure that considering the background of this new pope he, like his predecessor, will be a strong voice against anti-Semitism in all its forms."

Rabbi Arthur Schneier of Manhattan's Park East Synagogue: "I don't think Jewish-Catholic relations is going to be that much of a priority for him because there are other burning issues that he has to confront. He has to put the house in order."

Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of *Tikkun* magazine:

"Cardinal Ratzinger has led the church away from its natural alliance with Jews in fighting for peace and social justice and toward a stance which, in effect, allies the church with the most reactionary politicians."

Lerner's was definitely a minority opinion. The Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* had this comment from Tel Aviv's chief rabbi, Israel Lau, a Holocaust survivor. "He is known as a friend to the Jewish people. I hope, pray and wish him to follow the footsteps of John Paul II. in his good approach and friendship to the Jewish people in the world and to the State of Israel, especially."

Reaching out to Jews

The new pope appeared eager to reciprocate the good feelings. From the Vatican, the

JTA reported: "Pope Benedict XVI extolled Jews for sharing a 'spiritual heritage' with Christianity. In a Vatican sermon marking his installation as new pontiff, Benedict offered greetings to 'my brothers and sisters of the Jewish people to whom we are joined by a great shared spiritual heritage, one rooted in God's irrevocable promises.' Rome's chief rabbi, Riccardo di Segni, received a personal invitation to the Mass but could not attend due to Passover."

Headlines

It was the press that called attention to Ratzinger's past. *The New York Times* pointed out: "White Smoke, Black Past," was the headline in Israel's *Yedioth Aharonot*.

"From Hitler Youth to the Vatican" was the way *The Guardian* in London put it.

The London Sunday Times carried an article with the headline "Papal Hopeful is a Former Hitler Youth." *The Times* added: "It is true that by an accident of history, Benedict XVI is a pope who once wore a Wehrmacht uniform. But as chief advisor to Pope John Paul II in matters of doctrine, he was, far more importantly, a central figure in one of the late pope's most highly publicized gestures apologizing for the role that Catholics played in the Holocaust."

Yehuda Lev is a retired journalist and writes a regular column for the Jewish Voice & Herald.



A group of Russian war heroes, was honored by the Russian Federation last Friday. Photo by Mary Korr

Jewish Russian war heros honored

From page 1

Dr. Raisa Kerdman, 87, was a 24-year-old Jewish physician when she volunteered for the battlefield. She served in the Ukraine for two years. In the Battle of Kharkov, as she was tending to wounded soldiers on the battlefield, an explosion severed her right leg. It was her duty to serve, she said. "I would be ashamed if I did not go." She has so many medals that she wears a multi-colored "library" bars pin - each bar and color represents a medal earned.

Irina Khaykin presented her grandfather, Yefim Khaykin, also a Russian Jewish immigrant, with a bouquet of flowers. He served as a captain in the Russian Army and said he is the most proud of his medal from the Battle of Berlin, similar to the

American Purple Heart. He was shot in the head two weeks prior to the end of the war. He also lost the use of an arm in another battlefield injury. "Every medal he wears is like a little piece of

"We are a proud people. I enjoy sitting down and talking to them afterwards. Sometimes it is difficult. They start singing the songs... It has brought me to tears." — *Vice Consul Vladimir Khlebnikov*

him," Irina said.

This year, Khlebnikov has distributed 5,000 medals so far,

in eight states. His visit to Providence was the smallest gathering. "We want to reward everyone who fought for the Soviet Army in World War II," he said. "We are a proud people. I enjoy sitting down and talking to them afterwards. Sometimes it is difficult. They start singing the songs — it is very touching. It has brought me to tears."

At the event, Hagop Anmahian, a Bulgarian violinist and friend to many at the ceremony, played "Somewhere My Love" from the film "Dr. Zhivago," which brought silence to the room.

Boris Gorbachevsky, a writer, and former editor of the Russian publication *Vestnik*, published a commemorative magazine for the event. He said he is currently writing a book on his World War II experiences. In his homeland, he published 20 books, which have sold over a million copies.

The group will continue to celebrate what they term "Victory Day" at two events. The first will be held at 11:30 a.m., May 9, at the Jewish Community Center (JCC), Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. The second event will be at a presentation at 5:30 p.m., May 17, at Providence City Hall.

ASDS also announced that Rick Deutsch will be expanding his role at Schechter, and will become the assistant head of the school effective July 1.

Schechter names head of school

PROVIDENCE — The Alperin Schechter Day School announced the appointment of William R. McCarthy as the new head of school effective July 1. He has been an educator for 23 years, both as a classroom teacher for grades 1 to 8 and as a school administrator. For the past seven years, he has served as business manager at the Cambridge Friends School in Cambridge, Mass., where he has built and manages a \$5.7 million budget and oversees a \$5 million endowment.

While business manager, he oversaw the school's growth from 200 to 300 students, and the planning and construction of a new facility which enabled this growth to occur. McCarthy is an active member and former treasurer of Temple Beth David of the South Shore in Canton, Mass. He lives in Milton, Mass., with his wife, Arnaa Alcon and sons, Lev and Rami.

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Opinion

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New reality show — The 'Prime Minister'

Stretch your mind for a moment and imagine yourself as the Prime Minister of Israel. (It's not that difficult; only 61 votes in the Knesset and you've got the job.) You're sitting in your office in Jerusalem and your aide de camp announces the first visitors of the day.

They are a delegation from the Reform and Conservative movements.



Yehuda Lev

They have been granted an audience because you need support in Washington and their organizations have some clout in Congress. They want to know why their rabbis are not recognized as legitimate rabbis in Israel. You explain that Israel's Orthodox parties are, after all, Jewish and thus will never act on their challenges to the legitimacy of non-Orthodox Jews. After an hour of exchanging pleasantries and nibbling on cakes they leave, pleased that when they next speak to their followers they can say "When I met with the Prime Minister in Jerusalem..."

Next on the visitor's list is Condi Rice. With her comes an entourage of middle rank State Department officials,

of congressmen who are hoping for reelection in Jewish districts, of media people and assorted hangers-on. After the obligatory photo-ops the doors are closed. This meeting is serious stuff.

Condi is polite but her boss in Washington has been complaining, via the media, that you are conspiring with China on arms sales, dragging your heels on the road map, and in general being too independent of your main supplier of money, arms and the other

he is an influential man in your political party and he has important friends in the Knesset. So you put on your best welcoming smile, open up a bottle of Scotch, order in a couple of sandwiches and kiss goodbye to a restful lunch.

The mayor has problems. An Orthodox yeshiva wants to move to his mostly secular town. You know, from past experience, what that means; attempts to close roads and complaints about noise on Shabbat and the Jewish

It was in the Koran that Jews were first labeled the "People of the Book", a title also bestowed upon Christians, the book, of course, being the Bible.

necessities required by a small country at war. You are patient and calm, and talk about the difference between appearance and reality, the deviousness of the new Palestinian leadership and the difficulty of ruling a country of six million prime ministers. More cakes, an agreed upon joint statement of mutuality, and Condi leaves while you drop into your chair, exhausted and ready for lunch.

Your aide reappears. It seems you have one more morning appointment. The mayor of a small Negev town, population 1500, is waiting in the anteroom. Despite his lowly political status,

holidays, competition between the existing school system and the new yeshiva for already insufficient resources, and a lot of anger on both sides. Two lifestyles so different from one another cannot co-exist peacefully in such close proximity.

Nor can they co-exist peacefully on your list of political priorities. If you decide to support the local population, the Orthodox parties in your coalition may walk out. If you act in favor of the yeshiva, the secular parties might do likewise. But you have a suggestion. "If I agree to have the yeshiva located elsewhere, will you support a bill to block

non-Orthodox conversions to Judaism?" The mayor knows that this is a big issue for the Orthodox parties and that the government is being pressured by the Reform and Conservative movements to permit such conversions. He is not a Knesset member but he has influential friends who are and can be talked to. "Certainly." He turns to leave and stops. Now it is time for the real purpose for which he came. "Oh, and by the way, our local factory is likely to close down. That's 400 jobs gone if we don't do something quickly. They make parts for those planes we are refitting for the Chinese. If we lose the contract it will destroy us."

"I'll take care of it" you assure him. He leaves. You finish your sandwich and Scotch and sit back in your chair. It has been a profitable morning. Two problems solved at little political cost. There may be more difficulties in the offing with American Jews and the White House but they are far away and your government coalition remains intact.

In the words of the late and noted political philosopher from Boston, Tip O'Neal, "All politics is local."

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

ALISON ON ALIYAH:

Holocaust education from a bartender

A few weeks ago a friend of mine told me a rather startling story. I started to wonder whether it was a "it could only happen in Israel" kind of story (of which I have heard and experienced many), or whether it reflected some kind of new movement of which I am unaware. I haven't been able to get it out of my mind since, and so I thought you all might want to hear it too.



Alison Golub

So this friend of mine was hanging out at a pub in downtown Be'er Sheva with some other friends. As he approached the counter to order his drink, he noticed that the young bartender, a student dressed in jeans and a t-shirt, had a short row of numbers tattooed on his arm.

Given that the guy was a good fifty years too young to be a Holocaust survivor, my friend's curiosity got the better of him and he asked what the tattoo was. The young man answered, "Exactly what you think it is."

My friend couldn't stop there, and pressed him further. The man replied that his grandmother survived Hitler's camps and was now nearing her end. She had given her grandson her blessing to tattoo onto his arm a likeness of the very same numbers she had on her own. My friend, in recounting this story to me, remarked that he was quite moved

by the gesture.

I must admit that at first I was quite taken aback. Quickly, however, my shock turned into appreciation and not a small amount of admiration. I have spent most of my academic life studying the Holocaust from political, psychological, and personal perspectives, and this is the first time I can remember that I have come across a truly original idea in the domain of Holocaust memorialization.

With what amounts to probably twenty minutes in a tattoo artist's chair and the marking of a 1-inch by 3-inch area of skin, this young man has managed to both honor his grandmother and her experience, as well as send a rather striking societal message.

Indeed, whether the people around him are respectful of or appalled by his choice, there is no doubt that he causes at least a hundred people a day to think about the Holocaust, if only for a moment.

My friend was most impressed by how the young man's action represents a kind of "taking back" of the image of the tattoo and the victim experience. In much the same way as African Ameri-

cans have reclaimed and empowered the term "nigger" by using it amongst themselves, there is something powerful and honorable about taking a tattoo that was forced upon his grandmother without her consent and purposefully choosing to place it upon himself with her blessing.

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The fact that Jews still exist in the world is proof that Hitler didn't succeed, and many say that simply living an honorable life can be our own revenge. This young bartender has taken this a step further. His existence would not have been possible without his grandmother's survival, but in thirty years when her life is a distant memory, his simply being alive won't be enough to memorialize her. Perhaps these numbers on his arm will be.

Indeed, one of my biggest fears regards the landscape of our global society in thirty or forty years — what will Holocaust education and memory be like when the last survivor has left us? I fear this period deeply, and I will feel impossibly low the moment our world becomes deprived of the brilliance, strength of spirit and beauty that Holocaust survivors bring to us.

When the Holocaust exists only in history textbooks and museums, this young man will have and show a personal connection that won't be attainable in any other way. In the summer, when he will roll up his sleeves and have no choice but to show his tattoo, he will make people think and feel and react in a way that no one else will be able to do.

So I have informally polled a great deal of people already, and received greatly mixed reviews. People over the age of 60 have tended to be enthusiastically in favor of the young man's choice, while those between the ages of 35-55 have generally been vehemently against it. Responses from individuals in my own generation have been fairly equally split.

I'm still not totally sure how I feel about it, but I'm inclined to believe that anything that can evoke such strong emotion, on both sides of the spectrum, is worthy of deeper investigation. In any case, that young bartender in Be'er Sheva has certainly made a lot of us think.

(Note: Please write me with your thoughts — If I hear from enough people, I'd like to do a follow-up article.)

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VIEWPOINT

More on being single and Jewish

By Phyl Aronson

Bob Schoenberg's opinion piece, "Being single and Jewish in Rhode Island" brings up important points. The Jewish community in Rhode Island does seem to offer many programs for families and children and very few for single adults. Sometimes it seems as though we are marginalized.

There is at least one organization that tries to cater to the needs of single Jewish people age 35 and up in R.I. and environs — the Mitzvahs and Mingles group. More than 50 people have signed on thus far, and the list keeps growing. Mitzvahs and Mingles was conceived to address some of the issues Bob discusses, including a dearth of opportunities for us to meet and interact with each other. Mitzvahs and Mingles emphasizes volunteer work. We work monthly at the Jewish community's soup kitchen, Judy's Kindness Diner; we regularly visit the elderly at Tamarisk; we were happy to answer the call to help out at Providence Hebrew Day School's winter auction. We look forward to a house-building day with Habitat for Humanity scheduled in May. In addition to the natural and unpressured "mingling" among people that occurs while engaged in useful and productive volunteer work, we also schedule social activities without a volunteer component — a casual coffee shop get together and a meeting at a bookstore, for instance. I am happy to have observed at least two people making arrangements to meet each other separately from the group.

All of this in a few short months, with no budget, and with the help of public service announcements from the likes of the Jewish Voice and Herald and Boston's Jewish Advocate, whom we thank very much. Because new people join every week and ideas for new activities come forward, this is a hopeful and exciting time for Jewish single people or, as I like to say, not-yet-married people. (After all, being single is a temporary state, not an identity.)

Mitzvahs and Mingles is open to all ages 35 and up. There has been no cost to participate in any activity, and all Jewish denominations are welcome. However, Jewish tradition is respected; care is taken that no events exclude anyone, so that there are no non-kosher events or ones that require travel on the Sabbath.

But Mitzvahs and Mingles is—or should be—just one of many options. A community full of diverse unmarried people with varying tastes, approaches and interests needs many types of activities and means of connecting. Bob mentioned Temple Am David's Shabbat dinner. Other synagogues could follow suit. Individual families could host smaller versions. And what about the old idea of blind dates? Some people don't like them and that's fine for them. But many, many couples have met that way, including my very long-and-happily-married parents. What could be more appropriate, more of a kindness, than one caring person who knows both parties, enabling them to meet and discover if they are right for each other? I would like to challenge everyone reading this now—married or not-yet—to scan their minds for all the unattached people they know, acquaintances, co-workers, friends, distant relatives, people they do business with, even people they may have dated in the past. Might you be the connection between the two of them?

The possibilities are endless. We are an imaginative, caring and resourceful Jewish community in Rhode Island. Jewish people are in our midst who would like to marry a Jewish person and create another Jewish family. Jewish continuity is at stake; as are the happiness and well-being of many fine people. If we really want to facilitate this important mitzvah, we can.

For more information on Mitzvahs and Mingles, email mitzvahs-and-mingles@cox.net.

Phyl Aronson is the founder of Mitzvahs and Mingles.

Confessions of a synagogue-goer

By Mara Sokolsky

When I was about eight, my parents were invited to a bar-mitzvah and my mother said offhandedly to my father, "Let's skip most of the service and just go to the lunch." I didn't know what a service was then, but I gathered from my mother's remark that it was something to be avoided when possible. My parents had a natural aversion to anything conventional or institutional. They were both involved in the arts, and their thinking and behavior were free-spirited and modern. Yet ethnically and culturally they were very proud of being Jews. Our household talk was peppered with Yiddish; we were proud of any actor or writer who turned out to be "of the faith." It was faith itself that didn't seem so important in my family.

Even in my neighborhood in the Bronx, which was totally Jewish with heavy East European overtones, no one I knew was religious. No one lit Shabbat candles, kept kosher, or went to synagogue except maybe on Yom Kippur. So years later, when I told my delighted parents that I was marrying Don — a man they'd met and loved — the only hitch in my mother's wedding preparations was I told her the food had to be kosher to accommodate Don's family. My mother's eyes opened wide. She had felt Jewish all her life and never thought twice about what to serve or what to eat. Don and I settled into a condo in Brookline, Mass.

Soon, I was lighting candles on Friday night and making a Shabbat dinner with the only chicken recipe

I knew. I carted home challah and Manishevitz wine each Friday afternoon. I felt like one of the daughters from "Fiddler on the Roof". I liked putting a lace scarf on my head and doing the woman's job of ushering in the Sabbath peace as I intoned the prayer over the candles. My grandmother believed that politics would redeem the world, not spirituality. But I am sure that her mother — for whom I am named — chanted this same blessing

One day Don announced that he felt ready to join a synagogue. He had moved around a lot as a child, but joining a synagogue had always been one of his father's priorities and a source of stability in an otherwise rootless childhood.

"Synagogue?" I said, "I'm afraid my family doesn't do institutional Judaism." "Mine does," said Don. "I like Friday nights because they're quiet and magical," I said. "I don't feel the need to dress up and walk to a big, stone building to feel my Jewishness." "I do," said Don.

We argued, and eventually I agreed to give it a try. By this time we had moved to Providence and we targeted Temple Emanu-El, based on several recommendations from people in the community. One Saturday we dressed up our two little girls and walked in. I wobbled a bit in high heels but Don held my hand tightly. I was afraid they'd hand me a prayer book, test my non-existent Hebrew and promptly show me the door. Well, they were delighted to see a

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It was true that a belief in God and adherence to Torah law had kept the Jews a singular nation for some 5700 years. Maybe there was even something in it for me.

Letters to the Editor

Regarding Kravis Center

It was good seeing the picture of "RI Snowbirds Gather in Florida." (Issue of March 4.) It is always nice seeing long-time friends.

However, the Cultural Arts Center where they gathered is correctly called

"Kravis Center" for Raymond Kravis — not spelled "Kraivits," though many people pronounce it that way.

My good wishes to all.

Adele G. Espo
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Finding the home inside me

Those who know me well know that I am a huge fan of Providence. I have lived in this area for most of my life. I chose not to go away to college because I like Providence. Some may call this a "fear of change," and I don't necessarily claim that they would be wrong. For as long as I can remember, I have known Providence is where I belong. It just fits.

On Feb. 20th at 4 a.m., my parents, sister and I arrived at Temple Emanu-El to join the rest of our group on a bus to Logan airport. Twenty-five hours later, we left Ben Gurion airport en-route to a nature conservatory for a biblical breakfast.

After breakfast as we were guided around the conservatory I wasn't thinking too hard about the things our guide

was telling us. My insides were smiling, and all I was thinking about was that I was in Israel.

Throughout the trip we visited sights in Israel with both Judaic and political historic significance. I did not only feel that I was learning about the history of the land I was visiting and the people who lived there, but that I was learning about the history of my land, and myself.

As the trip progressed, my connection grew stronger. Everywhere I went, everything I saw, it all added up to the realization I was coming to. I may fit Providence, but Israel fits me.

Jacob Brier
Pawtucket

Federation

From the JFRI Executive Vice-President Welcomes and farewells

Any of us who has chosen our life's work within the Jewish community will tell you that we can't do our best without a solid



Janet Engelhart

partnership with our volunteer counterpart. That's why May 16 will be a bitter-sweet evening for me. At our 60th Annual Meeting we will herald the accomplishments of JFRI President Mark R. Feinstein and usher in our eighteenth President, Herbert B. Stern.

I look forward to working with Herb. No one has more energy or passion or ability to rally others around our shared agenda - feeding the hungry, supporting our neighbors during vulnerable times in their lives, educating youngsters and young adults, and building a strong

community for the future, one with excellent services, maximum inclusion and security within the society in which we live.

But here's the bitter piece of a bittersweet event. Mark Feinstein and I have been working together for three of the four-and-a-half years that I've served as your Executive Vice-President and it's hard to say good-bye.

At our first leadership meeting three years ago, it was clear that Mark had an uncommon sense of responsibility to help the community. He began his communal leadership in a Temple youth group and as President of his college Hillel. He cares deeply about the Jewish education we offer to our children and the philanthropic training that's necessary for the next generation. He advocated tirelessly until we set up a *B'nai Tzedek* program, one that encourages youngsters approaching their Bar or Bat Mitzvah to set up a fund with part of their gift money, augmented by our Endowment, so that they can learn about community needs and contribute to those needs on an annual basis.

Mark asked the Bureau of Jewish Education to pilot a curriculum with fifth- and sixth-graders in religious schools and day schools to teach the students how we operate as a community so that they would feel part of a greater whole. He brought his children to many congregations to worship with others around the state. He and his wife Cindy made each of their two sons' Bar

Mitzvahs a family participatory event.

We've been working hard as a Federation to realize an aggressive agenda that Mark put into place when he formed The Partnership. Mark believed early on that unless we set aside significant dollars for our Partnership efforts, we could dream big but would not be in a position to realize those dreams.

As a result of his efforts to set aside Unrestricted Endowment income, agencies have been able to deliver services and programs in different neighborhoods around the state, from the Bureau of Jewish Education's *sukkah* building at Home Depots in North Providence and Warwick, to new JCC pre-schools at Temple Habonim and Temple Sinai, to a membership outreach initiative for the congregations in the Attleboros and Woonsocket. And when a new Community Day School Board requested start-up dollars for this significant initiative, the money was available.

It was easy to work with Mark because of his big heart, strategic sense, and willingness to dedicate endless hours to seemingly endless challenges. He is a real *mensch*, and someone I now genuinely call "friend." So instead of saying good-bye in two-and-a-half weeks, I'll say on behalf of the community, "Thanks for a job very well done, Mark!"

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Recovered archive depicts life and death in Warsaw Ghetto

By Anna Goldstein

BERKELEY, Calif. (JTA) - As the revered Jewish historian Simon Dubnov went to his death at the hands of the Nazis in 1941 -- crying out in Yiddish, "Jews, write it down!" -- his disciple and colleague, the historian Emanuel Ringelblum, was organizing the largest underground archive in Europe to record the Jewish experience in the Shoah.

The Ringelblum Archive swelled into a "massive pillar of Jewish civil resistance," Ringelblum's biographer, Samuel Kassow, said at the San Francisco opening of an exhibition, "Scream the Truth at the World: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Hidden Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto."

The exhibit, which opened at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco this week, commemorates the 62nd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which was among the most significant acts of armed resistance against Nazi Germany during World War II.

In November 1940, even before the Warsaw Ghetto was sealed, Ringelblum enlisted several dozen men and women to document the life of Polish Jews during World War II. Calling their secret group Oneg Shabbat, or Sabbath Joy, because they met on Saturdays, they collected records, diaries, posters, photos, letters and artwork.

The members of Oneg Shabbat risked their lives to preserve a record of their community. Of

the dozens of Oneg Shabbat members -- the exact number is not known -- only two survived the war.

Soon after Germany invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941, Oneg Shabbat understood, as few others did, that the Nazis were engaged in the systematic murder of all Jews. In the weeks before Jews were transported to the Treblinka death camp, determined that the information must survive even if they could not, the ghetto archivists buried their vast collection in boxes and milk canisters.

Ringelblum did not survive, but his colleague Hirsch Vasser did. Vasser knew the three places where the collection had been buried, so soon after the war ended he went to search for it among the debris of the ruined city.

On Sept. 18, 1946, after many months of searching, the first cache was pulled from the rubble where the ghetto once stood. "Thousands of documents were packed into 10 tin boxes," said Kassow, a professor of European history at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. A second cache was discovered in 1950.

Workers at Jewish Historical Institute, together with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Yad Vashem, are cataloging and archiving the voluminous collection -- 28,646 recovered pages of journals, posters, photographs and more, -- for scholarly use. They will be accessible to the public over the Internet.



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Israel

Israel prepares to ask U.S. for aid for upcoming Gaza pullout

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA)

— The extended bloody conflict in Iraq, just a few hundred miles from Jerusalem, makes this both the best and the worst of times for Israel to ask for hundreds of millions of dollars in U.S. assistance to get Jews out of the Gaza Strip.

The director general of Israel's treasury, Yossi Bachar, was in Washington this week to launch talks aimed at shaping Israel's request for cash to soften the landing of thousands of settlers due to be evacuated this summer

from Gaza and part of the West Bank.

Bachar didn't bring a specific figure to Tuesday's meeting, attended by senior State Department and National Security Council officials, but a senior Israeli official told JTA that the amount to be requested from the United States was likely to reach \$1.6 billion.

The request comes as Congress already is considering President Bush's request for \$82 billion in fast-track funds, mostly to be spent in Iraq, and at a time when the administration is cut-

ting back on a wide variety of domestic programs.

Yet Bush's need to persuade other nations to help foot the growing Iraq bill is driving his push for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to make good on his pledge to leave Gaza. Significantly, E. Anthony Wayne, the assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs, who chaired the meeting with Bachar, is Bush's point man on financial reconstruction in Iraq.

"It's not a time when Congress is looking to spend more money overseas," said a congress-

sional staffer familiar with Israel's aid requests. "On the other hand, the overwhelming feeling is that Gaza disengagement is crucial for U.S. interests in the Middle East."

Already there are signs that the Bush administration and

Congress will use the funds as leverage to extract concessions from Israel.

The request jibes with the estimates Israeli officials have cited for the transfer — some \$1 billion for new housing for the evacuated settlers and \$600 mil-

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young family, and steered us toward "junior congregation" which was not held in the main sanctuary but in a small chapel downstairs. There, several knowledgeable teenagers led the younger kids in a shortened, interactive service. Shortened was fine with me.

The kids there clamored for their turn to lead prayers, open the ark or read from the Torah. Most of the parents sat with their children, nodding and smiling. Junior congregation became our home for the next few years. My girls loved taking part, and I loved sitting there with them, watching them grow knowledgeable and confident.

This was still, however, an alien Judaism to me. It was in Hebrew, not Yiddish. You said one prayer following another, and sat and stood, and opened the ark and closed the ark, all in praise of the God of Israel and this holy scroll, the Torah.

I was raised with a reverence for culture, not God. People figured things out and wrote them, drew them or danced them in a way that gave you solace and support. But as I got older, I was finding that culture didn't always have enough hooks on which to hang the heavy cloaks that

clothed some of the struggles I was finding rampant in adulthood. It was true that a belief in God and adherence to Torah law had kept the Jews a singular nation for some 5700 years. Maybe there was even something in it for me.

The girls got older and we edged our way slowly up to the main sanctuary. This required a longer attention span because now we had the rabbi's talk and an explanation of the weekly Torah portion given by that week's bar or bat mitzvah.

I felt extremely official sitting in a middle pew next to Don and my daughters. I held the prayer book open even though I still didn't read a word of Hebrew. I listened to the Torah portion week after week and began to understand why people could be so entranced with this book even after years of study.

In that way, it reminded me of therapy or an art form; you advanced, you went deeper, but there was always more to go. You never "graduated."

By now, we knew many of the congregants. After the service, there was usually a lunch in the social hall, and we'd sit and shmooze with other families while the kids ran

freely through the building. It was comforting to rely on this like-minded community for conversation and an exchange of life dramas week after week.

Don joined the temple's education committee. I enlarged my repertoire of chicken dishes and we began having some of the families we knew from temple over for Friday night Shabbat dinners. I watched my children grow to rely on the rhythm of those dinners and mornings spent at shul. Rhythm was something I think even my parents could understand.

Though I still can't quite believe that I'm a synagogue-goer, I have to admit that I'm happy there. It's the closest thing I have, after the Bronx, to a sense of tribe. The Hebrew prayers wash over me like waves and I close my eyes and listen to the cadence of that ancient tongue.

Mara Sokolsky, a member of Temple Emanu-El, lives in Providence.



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be armed. There will be only one authority, one law and one legitimate arsenal," the Palestinian Authority president told reporters Monday.

Leaders of the Islamic terrorist group vowed to keep their weapons as long as "Israeli occupation" lasts but were expected to negotiate with Abbas on his demand.



PALESTINIANS WAITING to go through security at a checkpoint near Gilo sit under Israeli signs against the proposed disengagement of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. On top of the sign in Hebrew is written "The disengagement won't save you." Brian Henderl/JTA

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Putin

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the overall positive nature of Israeli-Russian relations in recent years.

Those relations have improved greatly in the 15 years since the fall of the Soviet Union. Though Putin is paying his first official visit to Israel as president, Sharon has visited Moscow three times since taking office in 2001.

Putin also visited Palestinian territory and Egypt during his visit to the region. Russia is a member of the diplomatic "Quartet" of mediators that sponsored the "road map" peace plan, along with the United States, the United Nations and the European Union.

But days before his visit, Putin irritated Israeli officials when he said in Moscow this week that after the sale of Russian Iglu missiles to Damascus,

"Israeli aircraft will no longer be flying" over the palace of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Israeli planes once buzzed Assad's palace as a warning after a terrorist attack carried out by Palestinian groups with Syrian backing.

Russia insists that its missile sale to Syria — the first such deal between Russia and an Arab nation in several years — won't harm Israeli interests or shake the strategic balance in the Middle East. Russia says the missiles, which are favored by terrorists because they are portable and can be fired from the shoulder at passenger aircraft and other soft targets, will be mounted on trucks and thus are less of a threat.

A leading Russian military analyst, describing the arms sale as primarily an economic venture, said its significance should not be overestimated.

"Russia has lost its ability

and to a large extent its interest to influence developments in the region," said Pavel Felgenhauer, an independent analyst in Moscow.

"Yes, we do sell weapons to Syria and the Arabs, but not because we have some big game in the region to play," he said. "We could sell Russian weapons to Israel as well — only Israel doesn't seem to be interested in Russian weapons."

Felgenhauer said Putin personally harbors no anti-Semitic feelings and always has had a certain curiosity about the Jewish state.

Putin visited Israel in 1996 and 1997, before he was elected president of Russia.

Another leading analyst noted that the visit is taking place on the eve of the Russian Orthodox Easter, which falls this year on May 1.

Putin is believed to be a devout Orthodox Christian, and he has made several pilgrimages to sites in Russia regarded as holy by Russian Christians.

The real purpose of Putin's visit is to make a pilgrimage to holy sites on the eve of Easter, an old and important tradition for Eastern Orthodox, Yevgeny Satanovsky, president of the Institute for Israel and Near Eastern Studies, a Moscow think tank, told JTA.

"Putin is going to pray at some of the holiest sites for Russian Christians, such as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem," Satanovsky said.

"He has a team that goes with him who will be dealing with the issues of Syria and Iran" during the visit, "but his personal interest is different," Satanovsky said.

He added that the visit bodes well for Russian-Israeli cooperation.

"The fact that the visit is taking place against the backdrop of developments that many see as straining bilateral ties is good news by itself," Satanovsky said.

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News in brief

NEW YORK: New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is seeking the Liberal Party's endorsement in his campaign for re-election, a more difficult task than one might think. The Mayor, a Republican, has the support of the Independence Party, the fastest growing party in the state while Liberal Party is virtually moribund. But the Independence Party is headed by Lenora Fulani, who has never apologized for anti-Semitic remarks made in 1989 and, in fact, recently refused to do so. The *Jewish Week* reports that secret talks are taking place to revive the Liberal Party for this election. In the last election his name on the Independence Party line gave Bloomberg his margin of victory.

JERUSALEM: The mayor of Jerusalem is an ultra-Orthodox Jew, as is 30 percent of its Jewish population. So when it was announced that Israel's gay and lesbian community would hold a World Pride parade through the city's streets in August, there was quite an uproar. Israel's chief rabbis and Muslim religious leaders denounced the plan. Now, according to *The Jewish Week*, comes the reaction from the non-Orthodox community. The Reconstructionist leader in Israel, Rabbi Amy Klein, said: "Jerusalem is not the province of one faith tradition or of one wing of a faith tradition."

The Reform Movement in Israel agrees with her while the Conservatives are divided. The Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel backs the right of the homosexual community to hold the parade but will not participate. The Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of Conservative rabbis in the United States, opposes it.

NEW YORK: Among the participants in the World Pride parade will be a mission from the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization of the Jewish Federations in the United States. For the first time ever, the UJC is sponsoring a mission to Israel comprised of young gay and lesbian contributors. Like most missions, they will travel the country, looking at its archaeology, sampling its wine, touring Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, celebrating Shabbat and being briefed on the political and military situation. According to the JTA, they will also learn about an aspect of Israel of particular importance to them, the condition of homosexuals as members of Israel society.

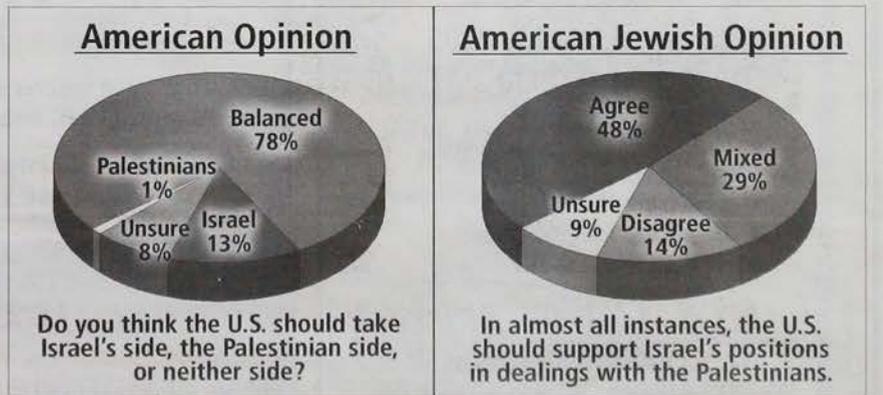
LOS ANGELES: Why could Jews in Los Angeles pay supermarkets \$4.99 for five boxes of American-made Passover matzah and \$1.99 for the equivalent in Israeli-made matzah, while here in Rhode Island we were paying \$9.99 and \$5.99 for the same five boxes? *The Los Angeles Jewish Journal* has come up with the answer; loss leaders. The supers were willing to take a loss in order to lure customers away from the smaller Jewish-owned shops competing with them for sales of kosher products. The Journal reports that the same goes for cake mix, macaroons, Passover candles and even kosher Coca-Cola made with sugar instead of corn syrup. One of the beleaguered kosher store owners predicts that in ten years they will have been forced out of business if the trend continues. One of his customers added: "Even if it means paying more, I prefer to shop here." At least he has the option.

MOSCOW: A new poll conducted in Moscow has found that four out of ten Muscovites weren't sure what the Holocaust was. Fifty seven percent did know, 15 percent were not sure

and 28 percent had never heard of it. The JTA reports that of those with a college degree, two thirds were familiar with the Holocaust but only 35 percent of those with a high school diploma could identify the term. The study was conducted in February and no margin of error was reported.

JERUSALEM: Like pollen, polls are in the air this season although the effect is somewhat different. A new poll in Israel, released last week by the newspaper *Ha'aretz* states that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's popularity among Israelis has dropped. On a scale of one to 10 they rate him 5.95. It was the first decline in Sharon's popularity in nearly a year. Last November his popularity rating was 6.05. The JTA points out that analysts are unsure of the reasons for the change.

LONDON: The campaign to encourage European institutions and businesses from investing in Israel gained some ground this month with a decision by the Association of University Teachers in the United Kingdom to boycott two of Israel's leading academic institutions, Haifa University and Bar Ilan University. A third, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, successfully defended itself against charges that it had illegally appropriated Palestinian owned land. *The Jerusalem Post* said that Bar Ilan was boycotted because it has a branch in the West Bank town of Ariel and Haifa because it allegedly restricted the academic freedom of staff members. The Israeli Foreign Ministry released the following statement. "The fact that AUT chose to target Israel, the only country in the Middle East that has complete academic freedom for all segments of the population and all political streams is scandalous."



THERE'S A DIVERGENCE between overall American opinion and American Jewish opinion on the Middle East, as these 2005 surveys, by the Anti-Defamation League and Ameinu respectively, reveal.

Hadassah plans 'Evening of Tribute'



Photo courtesy of Hadassah

CHAIRWOMEN — Barbara Forman and Rosalind Bolusky are co-chairs of the R.I. Hadassah's donor dinner tribute to be held May 17th at Temple Beth-El. The event will recognize women religious leaders in the community. Keynote speaker is Mayor David B. Cicilline.

PROVIDENCE — Entitled "An Evening of Tribute," the Rhode Island Hadassah's donor dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El.

Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline will be the keynote speaker. Special recognition will be paid to women who hold religious positions in the community. Those who will be noted for their singular contributions are: Rabbi Andrea A. Gouze, Temple Shaare Tesilas Lah, chaplain, N.E. Sinai Hospital; Rabbi Amy Levin, Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston; Rabbi Sarah Mack, Temple Beth-El, Providence; Rabbi Jacqueline Satlow, Bureau of Jewish Education, Providence;

Cantor Judith A. Seplowin, Temple Beth-El, Providence; and Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, Congregation Agudas Achim, Attleboro, Mass.

Rosalind Bolusky and Barbara Forman are co-chairwomen of the event, assisted by their committee: Claire Bell, Karen Dannin, Linda Flescher, Roslyn Guarnieri, Audrey Hirsch, Michele Keir, Carol Schneider, Judy Silverman and Lorraine Webber. Proceeds from the event will benefit Hadassah's Medical Organization in Israel.

The event is open to members, guests and the public. For information, call the Hadassah office at 463-3636.

Midrasha plans graduation

PROVIDENCE — Twenty-six students will receive degrees from the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island on Sunday, May 22, at 7 p.m., at Temple Sinai in Cranston.

Alice Goldstein, research associate emeritus of the Population Studies and Training Center of Brown University, who has been active in many Jewish organizations and is a past president of the BJE/RI, will deliver the commencement address. A survivor of Nazi Germany, Alice has been a speaker for the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum for the past decade.

The class of 5765 is: Aaron Abrams of Providence; Shira Adler of Providence; Gregory

Belogolovsky of Cranston; Benjamin Beraha of Providence; Andrea Cohen of Warwick;

Jason Dodier of Cranston; Benjamin Freedman of Pawtucket; Ruth Furman of Providence; Benjamin Gaines of Cranston; Tanya Goman of Providence; Joshua Greenberg of Cranston; David Gromet of Providence; Miriam Klein of Providence; Bari Krauss of East Greenwich; Maia Masuda of Providence; Arielle Miles of Seekonk, MA.; Narkiss Pressburger of Providence; Cassie Rogg of East Greenwich; Hope Rosenfeld of East Greenwich; Jimmy Rotenberg of Providence; Jessica Spellun of Warwick; Lauren Steingold of East Greenwich; Brian Weinstein of Barrington; Stacey Weissman

of Warwick; Naomi Winkler of Pawtucket; and Jeremy Wolff of East Greenwich.

In addition to the graduates, the school will bestow an honorary degree upon Bruce Lenore for his contributions to Jewish education in general and specifically to the Harry Elkin Midrasha, where he has shared his creative and artistic talents for over 10 years.

Community members who wish to be a part of this celebration or deliver a message to the graduates or Lenore can do so by purchasing an ad that will be in a program book to be distributed that evening.

For information on the ad book or on the graduation, contact Richard Walter at (401) 331-0956 or rwalter@bjeri.org.

Student to present thesis on Holocaust

Survivor Rabbi Baruch Goldstein will speak

PROVIDENCE, — On Tuesday, May 3, at 6 p.m., MET School student Wandalyz Maldonado will present her senior thesis project, "Holocaust," at the Providence Public Library's South Providence Branch, 441 Prairie Ave. She will be joined by Holocaust survivor and Providence resident Rabbi Baruch

Goldstein. For her project, Maldonado extensively researched this topic and interviewed Rabbi Goldstein. During this program, he will share his experiences with attendees and speak about the importance of tolerance.

An Auschwitz prisoner for two and a half years, Rabbi Goldstein was the only member of his family of five and one of three of his extended family of 48

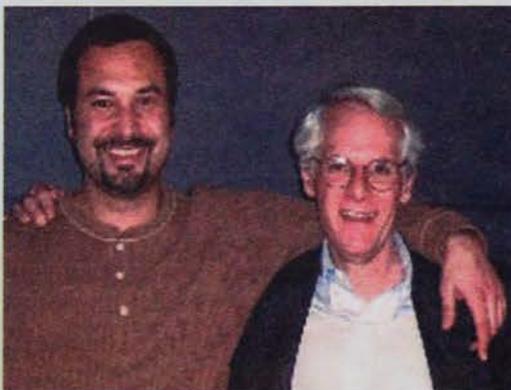
to survive.

Maldonado also prepared a bibliography of books for both children and adults on this subject, which will be on display at the library and will available for checkout.

This event is free and open to the public; no registration required. For more information, call Linda D'Ambra: 455-8107.

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- Howard Goodman, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

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- Los Angeles Times

Food

Home-cooked meal says 'Happy Mother's Day'

By Marylyn Graff

I think Mother's Day is one of the worst days to take Mom to a restaurant. They are usually overcrowded and underserved. Go out on Saturday night or another weekend.

This is the day for Dad and the kids to cook and CLEAN UP.

Buy some good chopped liver, put into a nice dish and sieve a hard-boiled egg over it. Arrange crackers on a plate. Also baby carrots and grape tomatoes with a non-dairy dip. You can substitute herring, chopped or in chunks, for the liver.

Into another dish, put some of Mom's favorite nuts.

Easy Menu, (easy clean-up)

A London broil (shoulder) steak, at least 1 1/2 inches thick. Figure about 1/2 lb. per person. Rub with olive oil on both sides, and your favorite spices.

Small red potatoes, 3 or 4 per person, depending on size.

Fresh asparagus, enough for 6-8 stalks per person. Wash well and snap off tough bottoms.

A whole head of garlic, broken into cloves and peeled.

Extra virgin olive oil

Salt, pepper, paprika etc.

Scrub potatoes (cut up if large) and put into a plastic bag with several cloves of garlic, cut up, a good amount of rosemary and enough olive oil to coat. Move around in the bag until potatoes are coated and garlic and rosemary are mixed in. Do the same with the asparagus, leaving out the rosemary.

When nearly ready to cook, light the grill and let it get hot. Dump the potatoes out of the plastic bag into a disposable foil pan with the garlic. Ditto with the asparagus. (The potatoes will take about 20 minutes and the asparagus about 15. Put onto the grill. When almost tender and browning around the edges, move them to a cooler spot on the grill.)



Blueberries — put them in a bowl and add fresh whipped cream.

Alternate main dish

Filet of salmon, skin on one side. (so it doesn't break on the grill) about 1/2 lb. per person, either in individual portions or one large piece.

Put the London broil on the hottest part of the grill, sear on one side and turn. Turn down the heat and cook about 12 minutes on each side or to your liking.

For salmon, rub with olive oil on both sides, and cook over medium heat, skin side down, until it flakes. Garnish with fresh dill fronds or other fresh herbs.

Make a salad from a bag of mixed greens adding grape toma-

atoes, cut up red pepper and rings of sweet onion. Toss with a favorite dressing or oil and vinegar.

Dessert:

Blueberry crumble pie — I really like blueberry pie for two reasons: it's delicious, and you don't have to peel or cut up anything. Just rinse four to five cups of berries in a colander and check for little stems, which are easy to remove. Put berries into a bowl, mix in 3/4 cup of sugar, a good squeeze of 1/2 a lemon, and 3 tbsps. plain tapioca or cornstarch.

Make a crumb topping from 1 cup flour, 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed, and 1/2 of a stick of parve margarine, melted. Mix well. Put berry mixture into a purchased pie shell (thawed if frozen (or make your own)). Cover with topping. Bake at 400 degrees for about 40 minutes until blueberries are bubbling up. Hints: If you brush your pie shell with melted margarine or beaten egg, it will help prevent sogginess. Put a cookie sheet covered with foil under the pie in case it bubbles over.

Mom will be very impressed with your (mostly) home-made pie.

Marylyn Graff is food editor of the Jewish Voice & Herald.



The result — blueberry crumble (bottom left) makes a sweet and easy dessert.

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Arts

Jewish Theatre Ensemble presents new musical

PROVIDENCE — A musical parody called "Samson and Delilah's Wedding" is being presented at the Jewish Community Center from Thursday, May 12, through Sunday, May 22.

Jules Gelade, who wrote both script and songs is known for witty, outrageous interpretations of biblical stories. Musical director is Heidi Burchett, who toured with the Continental Singers; and Melody Gamba, the choreographer, has taught at the Alvin Ailey Dance Center in New York and is currently with the Fusionworks Dance Co.

Tickets are \$15 for table seat, \$12 general admission, \$10 for seniors and children under 13. Call 861-8800, voicemail 189, or 272-8631 for ticket reservations and show times.

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble is a program of the R.I. Jewish Community Center.

RISD to preview Degas exhibition at Rochambeau library

PROVIDENCE — At Providence Public Library's Rochambeau Branch, 708 Hope St., (455-8110), on Wednesday, May 18, from 7-8:30 p.m., Maureen O'Brien, curator of painting and sculpture at The RISD Museum, will present a preview of the upcoming fall exhibition, "Edgar Degas: Six Friends at Dieppe."

This exhibition will feature over 70 works of art by Degas and his contemporaries, and will include books, letters, and photographs which illustrate the close friendships Degas shared with a small group of men in late 19th-century France.

Following the presentation, hear the latest progress on the Chace Center, a new building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect José Rafael Moneo that will dramatically expand and reorient The RISD Museum. For more information, call 401-454-6342.



URI PRODUCTION — The Frank Family is played by (l-r) Jaci Marfuggi of Trenton, N.J., Shelly Cohen of Canton, Mass., Nick Foehr of Coventry, and Jill Blevins of Newport in URI/Theatre's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." URI photo by Randy Osqa

**'Diary of Anne Frank,' production at URI
Photo exhibit on display**

KINGSTON — URI Theatre's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" this spring commemorates the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII and the liberation of survivors from the Nazi concentration death camps where six million Jews, and six million gypsies, homosexuals and political prisoners were exterminated.

The play will be performed in URI's Robert E. Will Theatre on April 28 through April 30, May 4 through May 7, at 8 p.m., and May 1 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students, senior citizens

and children.

The May 1 performance is dedicated to the memory of Thomas R. Pezzullo. All proceeds from that performance will go directly into a memorial scholarship fund, which benefits theatre students.

Following the May 1 matinee, there will be a panel discussion. Panelists include Dr. Bernard Lafayette, scholar-in-residence, non-violence and peace studies; Albert Silverstein, Professor Emeritus, URI psychology and Holocaust survivor; Professor Robert Weisbord, URI history and Holocaust scholar; and Anna Prager, Holocaust survivor. Bryna Wortman, assistant professor of theatre and director of the production will moderate the panel.

Photo exhibit

From Wednesday, May 4th through Saturday May 7th "The Anne Frank Story," featuring photos and text of Anne and her family juxtaposed to world events will be on exhibit in the URI Fine Arts Center lobby before, during intermission, and after the performances. This exhibit comes from the Anne Frank Center, USA and has traveled around the country including the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C.



Courtesy of The RISD Museum of Art
Edgar Degas, "Six Friends at Dieppe, 1885."

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Arts / Books

Easing daughter-mother tension: 10 ways to open your heart to mom

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Those feelings of guilt bleed into other relationships and aspects of life, perhaps making you feel over sensitive or over responsible to the point where you will do anything to make those around you happy. How can you escape the grasp of guilt

and start savoring every moment to the max?

"Guilt is a hefty emotion to deal with," says Lisa R. Delman, author of *Dear Mom, I've Always Wanted You to Know: Daughters Share Letters from the Heart* (Perigee, \$16.95, www.LisaDelman.com). "The more you heal that relationship, the more you heal yourself. By never letting go of the blunders of yesterday, we remain stuck in pain and can't feel justified moving on."

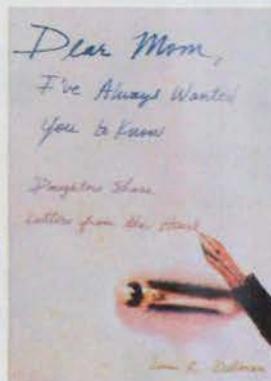
Delman, who is Jewish, is the founder of the international

Letters from the Heart Project. Inspired by her cathartic letter-writing experience after her mother suffered a near-fatal heart

attack, Delman invited other women to write a letter to their mother (alive or deceased)



Author Lisa Delman



and received over a thousand emotion-packed letters from women around the globe.

Today Delman continues to encourage women to put pen to page and articulate emotions about their mother.

AT LEFT — Book jacket of "Dear Mom, I've Always Wanted You to Know: Daughters Share Letters from the Heart."

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Calendar

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FRI., MAY 20
Temple Beth-El
150th anniversary
 7:45 p.m. Shabbat service, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, will speak.

SAT., MAY 21
Beth-El dinner dance

SUN., MAY 22
Beth-El annual meeting
 7 p.m. 150th annual meeting of the congregation.

Am David open house
 10 a.m. to noon. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Tour the building, meet the school teachers and Cantor Rick Perlman. For more info, call 463-7944.

Emanu-El annual Benton Odessa Concert
 3 p.m. American music to celebrate 350th anniversary, followed by:

5:30 Texas-style barbecue to end educational festival. Call 331-1616 for more info and reservations. See Community.

WED., JUNE 1
Cranston Senior Guild installation
 Noon at the Venus di Milo Restaurant on Rt. 6 in Swansea. Annual installation luncheon, \$18 per paid-up member. Choice

of chicken or fish. Entertainment by comedian Joey Russell. R.I. Secretary of State Matt Brown will officiate. Raffle to follow. For reservations, call Mal Ross at 723-8580.

CONTINUING SCHEDULE Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

2005 Mini Session
 Open to all adults. \$18. per year. Mondays, May 9, 16, 23

10 — 10:50 a.m.: Prof. Wm. Miles, Political Science, Northeastern Univ.

11:10 a.m. — noon:

- May 9: "Schiavo: Life & Death issues/Long Term Care Planning," Ken Rampino, Esq.
- May 16: "Our Recent Experiences in Israel," Grace Beiser, Peter Wegner & Judith Romney Wegner.
- May 23: Reminiscences of World War II, Tess Hassenfeld, Russian immigrants and Leisure Club members.

Thursdays, May 12, 19, 26

10 — 10:50 a.m.:

- May 12: A New England Neurologist in King Sihanouk's Court: Lessons Learned at a Cambodian Children's Hospital." David

E. Mandelbaum, MD, Ph.D.

- May 19: "Depression in Older Adults," Dr. Andrew Rosenzweig.
- May 26: "Downtown Providence Update," David Brussat, Providence Journal.

11:10 a.m. — noon
 URI Speakers Bureau

- May 12: "Endangered Species in Rhode Island," Todd McLeish, Public Info Officer in the URI News Bureau.
- May 19: "Forensic Science: Crime Evidence Analysis," Dennis Hilliard, director of the RI State Crime Lab.
- May 26: "Speaking Rhode Island-ese!" Roberta Humble, Prof. of Communications at CCRI.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

- May 15: "Mild Cognitive Impairment," Dr. Stephen Salloway, Director of Neurology and the Memory & Aging program at Butler Hospital and Professor at Brown Medical School.
- June 5: "Music with Michael Miller," jazz pianist and leader of the Michael Miller Swingtette.

TV documentary on local liberators airs this week

CRANSTON – The most poignant of personal stories by American soldiers who bore witness to the atrocities of the Nazi concentration camps as liberators at the end of World War II are told by local residents when NBC10 broadcasts **Never Forget: The Liberators – Witnesses to History** on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. and again Sunday, May 8 at 11 a.m.

This special documentary marks the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and gives viewers first person accounts from soldiers – now in their 70s and 80s – who are determined that the world should never forget the tragedy of the Holocaust.

Viewers will hear eyewitness testimony confirming the Third Reich murdered and tormented millions of people marked as dissidents and destroyed families and futures along the way.

New Englanders who spoke to NBC10 producers include Ed Wasser of Warwick, member of the 82nd Airborne, Leon Walker of Rehoboth, member of the 3rd Army Division, as well as Fall River resident Milton Silva and New Hampshire resident Warren Priest, both members of the 120th Evacuation Hospital.

The NBC10 half-hour special also includes the testimony of others that were gathered by Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation – the non-profit foundation of movie mogul Spielberg who produced and directed *Schindler's List* in 1993.



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Community

Bureau of Jewish Education annual meeting is May 10

PROVIDENCE — On Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m., the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJERI) will hold its 54th annual meeting at the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elmgrove Ave. The meeting, which will be chaired by Gloria Feibish, a past president of the Bureau, will include the installation of new officers and board, and recognition of Israel

travelers.

The proposed slate for the coming year is: President: Linn Freedman; Vice Presidents: Steven Goliger, James Pious, and Miriam Esther Weiner; Treasurer: Harry Feld; Associate Treasurer: Cheryl Teverow; Secretary: Arlene Rogol; Associate Secretary: Sergey Goldgaber.

Board members serving for

2005-2008 are: Craig Gordon, Katherine Haspel, Rabbi Amy Levin, Jane Levinson, Susan Reidy, Rochelle Rosen, Lisa Sack, Paul Silver, Rabbi Peter Stein and Steven Subotnick.

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Board members serving for

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Nominating Committee

Chair of the Nominating Committee was Steve Goliger. Committee members included Cantor Rick Perlman, James Pious, Susan Reidy, Rachel Silverman, Susan Smoller, Edward

Spindell, Ezra Steiglitz, Risa Walter, Scott Wang, and Miriam Esther Weiner.

Current president of the Bureau, who will continue her second year of leadership, is Linn Freedman. The Bureau Executive Director is Minna Ellison.

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Marvin Hamlich

Hamlich at Beth-El

PROVIDENCE — The Benefactors Fund of Temple Beth-El, in celebration of the Temple's 150th Anniversary, is presenting "An Evening of Music" with Marvin Hamlich, Tuesday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in the Temple Beth-El Sanctuary, 70 Orchard Ave. To request tickets, call 331-6070

NCJW to hold annual meeting on May 11

PROVIDENCE — The annual meeting of the Rhode Island Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will take place on Wednesday, May 11, at noon at the Providence Marriott Hotel. Luncheon (\$18) will precede the program, which will include the installation of 2005-2006 officers and board by Irma Gross, past-president, and a talk on NCJW's founder Hannah G. Solomon by Geraldine Foster, author, teacher, historian, and past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

To register, send a check to Marilyn Shealey, 13 Charlesfield Street, Providence, RI 02906 by May 5. The annual meeting is the kickoff event of NCJW's centennial year.



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Hannah G. Solomon, founder of NCJW

Gaza pullout

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lion to build new bases.

Yet Americans and Israelis emphasize that the money Bachar is seeking would not go directly to assisting settlers. That's because the United States historically has opposed settlement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and congressional appropriators would be unlikely to pay to undo a policy the United States has warned for years was a mistake.

Instead, the money is to be spent developing the Galilee and Negev, the Israeli regions likeliest to absorb settlers.

Bush lent his weight to the plan last week when he met with Sharon at his Texas ranch.

"The prime minister believes that developing the Negev and the Galilee regions is vital to ensuring a vibrant economic future for Israel," Bush said. "I support that goal, and we will work together to make his plans a reality."

Israel has worked hard to

make the request palatable by attaching it to projects favored by Americans: the development of transportation infrastructure and business parks that would promote private enterprise and employment; and assistance to Bedouin communities in the Negev, to show that the assistance isn't intended only for Jews.

Congressional staffers wondered why Israel didn't come up with the proposal in time to be included in Bush's \$82 billion fast-track request, which includes \$200 million in assistance for the Palestinians.

Congress has at least until October to consider routine budget requests. Fast track, or "supplemental" requests, are considered quickly, and as they come.

"As it is, \$1.6 billion is more than half of the aid Israel gets annually," a staffer said. "It would look a lot smaller as part of an \$82 billion package."

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Community

Listen up y'all — Judaism, southern-style, at Emanu-El Food, music, square dance, scholar in May

PROVIDENCE — Every year, Temple Emanu-el holds an educational weekend for both congregants and the general community. In the spirit of the 350th year of Jewish life in America, the temple has decided to expand the weekend to 10 days, and focus on the lesser-known stories of the Jewish-American experience of frontier Jews in the southern and southwestern part of our country.

Events are planned for May 13, 14 and 22. The festival will include a mix of services, lectures, food and fun. And although all events are open to the entire community, reservations are required for the food events, with temple members having priority.

Stuart Rockoff, from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, will be the scholar-in-residence and will explain the complexities of mixing traditional Jewish droll with a Southern drawl. How did Jewish families end up in places like Texas and Mississippi? What kind of Judaism did they practice? How much discrimination did they encounter and how did they deal with it?

The festival will begin with a "southern-style" Shabbat dinner at the temple on

Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Featured will be recipes from below the Mason-Dixon line, like chicken jambalaya from Louisiana, sweet and sour bean salad from Mississippi, pecan mandelbrot from Georgia, plus something called "parev vegan oxymoron chili" from Texas.

On Saturday at 9:30 a.m., Rockoff will share his insights on the realities of growing up Jewish in the early days of the South. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service at 12:30 p.m. A special traveling exhibit from the South will be displayed. In addition, several Emanu-El congregants will share their families' experiences in the South and West. And at 9 p.m. there will be a square dance with a professional caller.

The educational festival concludes the next weekend with the annual Benton Odessa Memorial Concert on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. that includes everything from jazz to Broadway to popular.

The festival ends with a Texas-style barbeque that will take place right after the concert, at 5:30 p.m.

While the public is invited, the temple advises people to reserve, since space is limited.

Call 331-1616 for reservations or for more information.

Surviving grief: what to expect

By Erin Gisherman Minior

No one has time to prepare for the loss of a loved one; we rarely see it coming. We are left feeling shocked and live every day in disbelief. But there are things that we can do to endure these difficult times:

- Keep busy by engaging in routine activities. Participate in focused work that occupies your mind, not frantic activity. Take care of yourself. Do something that feels good like sitting in the sun, taking a walk or a warm bath, or petting your cat or dog. Practice relaxation techniques to support maintaining optimal emotional health. There is a vital relationship between emotional and physical health.

- Do something positive. Volunteer, donate money, or give blood. Plant a tree or shrub in the memory of those who were lost. Light a candle and dedicate it to the deceased. Rituals will help you gain comfort and assist in the healing process.

- Accept your understanding of the death. There is probably no reasonable answer to the "why" question. Prepare yourself for setbacks. The grieving process has its ups and downs. Don't let others dictate how you should feel. Express your feelings. Cry, scream, and vent anger. Write in a journal.

- An important aspect of surviving grief is accepting the current way you feel. Do not try to be brave and or avoid

thoughts of what has happened. Talking about the loss is helpful, especially if it is with people who have had similar experiences. Talk often with a friend who will listen without passing judgment.

- Always remember that grief reactions to losses vary from person to person. Many people feel angry or irritable. Some have difficulty concentrating or remembering things, while others experience changes in their sleeping and eating habits. While time does not heal all wounds, it generally does allow us to restore our energy and come to terms with our losses.

Erin Gisherman Minior is a licensed social worker at Jewish Family Service.

Israel

Weizman, former president of Israel, dies

One of Israel's most prominent early military leaders, later president of the state, died Sunday, almost forgotten by Jews in the Diaspora and, to an extent, by Israelis themselves. Ezer Weizman founded and trained the Israeli Air Force that won an astonishing victory in the first hours of the Six-Day War of 1967, was instrumental in negotiating the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt and resigned from the presidency after it was learned that he had received an

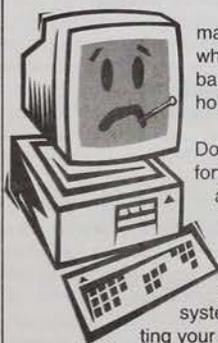
annual, unreported payment from a friend abroad. He was 80 at his death.

While his name was long out of the newspapers and he lived in virtual seclusion, his funeral brought together most of the surviving leaders of Israel's early wars. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, in his eulogy, said that Weizman's legacy will continue to serve as an inspiration for the state. "Ezer, we will always remember you." The newspaper *Ha'aretz* reported that thousands of people paid their

respects while his body lay in state and a formation of F-16 fighter-bombers from Squadron 101, which Weizman commanded for six years, flew overhead with one plane missing, a traditional means of honoring a fallen comrade. Tributes to Weizman were received from former American President Jimmy Carter, Jordan's King Abdullah, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarrak and Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, among many others.

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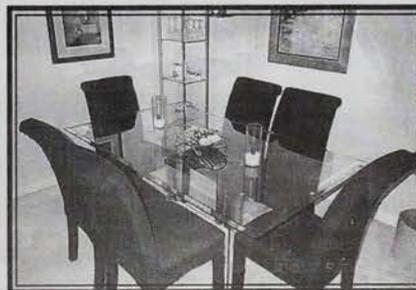
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On being Jewish in Rhode Island



Tema Gouse

I do not know who invented the term "Jewish geography in Rhode Island" but I have been using it for years. One has to be Jewish and reside in Rhode

Island in order to understand. Do not underestimate it. It helps unify the Jewish community.

I got involved in this unique tradition when, as a nice young Jewish girl, I married and moved to Rhode Island 57 years ago. I moved here from Chicago and was Jewish, so it was therefore assumed that I must know every Jew in Chicago. I disappointingly

did not. I did not know even one percent of them. Chicago had a Jewish population of 500,000. I did not know 5,000 Chicagoans, Jew or non-Jew.

I found it astonishing to learn that most Jewish Rhode Islanders know most Jewish Rhode Islanders. And if they are not personally acquainted, they at least know a great deal about each other. For instance, let me imagine some fictional situations. If Joe Cohen does not know Sarah Schwartz, he at least knows that she is Al Schwartz's cousin. Al went to school with Joe's brother-in-law who is the vice-president of the near-by temple, etc., etc.

Does that sound complicated? It gets worse. As was the custom for new brides and newcomers to the state, shortly after arrival I joined every Jewish-sounding organization. But I had no problem with people knowing who I was. I was Norma G.'s sister-in-law. That went on so long that I started introducing myself as Norma G.'s sister-in-law.

I was fortunate to suffer a minimum of those labels because none of my blood relatives live in Rhode Island and most of my husband's extended family lives in Massachusetts.

However, as I became more entrenched as a Jewish Rhode Islander, I found that I was

increasingly using the same identifying techniques. I also discovered that it could get considerably more complicated. There are endless Cohens, Rosens and Browns in Rhode Island (to further confuse the issue, many Browns are not Jewish) and they are not all related despite having identical last names. So, in order to identify the family of Cohens that Joe belongs to, we must learn more about him, his father, and how they earn a living. I am quoting; "Are they the Cohens who used to operate the kosher deli on North Main Street, or the ones who own the wire mill in Pawtucket?"

Success is in the details.

When mentioning Dotty Cohen I may have naively assumed she was Joe's cousin. It could not be clarified until I determined whether Dotty went to Classical or Hope High School. If Joe had married a girl named Dotty, we might never have straightened it out.

To be truly integrated into the Jewish community, you have to do your homework. And if you are fortunate enough to have a supportive friend who has always lived here, the task is easier.

After two decades, I realized that I had learned enough to survive and be accepted. On occasion, my mentor-teacher, (she knows who she is,) would call me to clarify a family structure. I

did not allow Jewish geography to intimidate me. I learned who belonged to each temple — and for how long. I learned about the status of being a Jew on the "right" or "wrong" side of Hope St. I learned who the real Jewish leaders were.

My own status has varied. I stopped being Norma G.'s sister-in-law. For a while I was known as Neil Gouse's mother. And when Allen Gouse got a little older, I became Allen Gouse's mother.

Then to confuse the community, my sons both moved out-of-state. Now my only identification is as Nat Gouse's wife. You know Nat, of course. He was URI class of '40, along with many other Jewish engineers and two great orthodontists. I know the names of their children and even their machatonim, (the children's in-laws).

You become adept. Failure to trace someone's family connections can be frustrating. This may, at times, seem intrusive, but it is a small price for warmth and familiarity.

I do not intend to move back to Chicago because I know very few Jews there and I doubt that they know my children's names or even care how they earn a living.

Tema Gouse of Cranston writes a regular column for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

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Miriam appoints surgeon-in-chief

PROVIDENCE—Dr. Harry C. Sax has been named the new surgeon-in-chief at The Miriam Hospital. He is scheduled to start on June 1. He will also join the Brown Medical School faculty as

professor of surgery.

Dr. Sax is currently professor of surgery at the University of Rochester and medical director of the Adult Nutrition Support Service at Strong Memorial Hospital

in Rochester, N.Y. "We are very pleased to have been successful in bringing someone of Dr. Sax's stature to The Miriam Hospital," said Kathleen C. Hittner, MD, president and CEO. "He will continue to build upon our existing team of talented surgeons, foster growth with the residents and embrace opportunities to bolster the department's contribution to clinical research. Under his strong leadership, Surgery will enjoy an increasingly important role here at The Miriam Hospital."

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Northwestern University, Sax attended medical school at Johns Hopkins University. He served his residency and fellowship at the University of Cincinnati where he developed his interests in gastrointestinal metabolism and surgery.

Sax has published over 100 articles, book chapters and reviews.

Sax and his wife Leslie, have three children. In addition to flying, he enjoys running and travel.

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Simchas — The Mazal Tov section

Births



great-granddaughter of Mollie Liner of Norwell, Mass.

College abroad

PROVIDENCE — Adam B. Slutsky, son of Dennis M. and Fran Z. Slutsky of Providence, a Dartmouth College student in the class of 2006, studied geography in Prague during the spring 2005 term, as part of the college's foreign study program.

Madelyn Hannah Kaplan
CRANSTON — Rachael and Ben Kaplan announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Hannah. She arrived on Feb. 8, weighing 6 lbs., 8oz.

Her grandparents are Debbie and Stan Roberts of Warwick, and Gladys and Jerry Kaplan of Cranston, and her two great-grandmothers are Frimette Roberts and Leona Spilka.

Madelyn is named for her two late great-grandfathers, Harold Roberts and Norman Kahn, as well as her late great-uncle, Michael Roberts.

Engagement



Shoshana D. Miller and Joshua H. Jacob

PROVIDENCE — Pamela L. Kaitin-Miller and Samuel A. Miller of Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Shoshana D. Miller, to Joshua H. Jacob, the son of Laurie and Howard Jacob of Northbrook, Ill.

Shoshana, a Judaic studies major, is a 2002 graduate of Classical High School.

Joshua, a politics and government major, is a 2002 graduate of Glenbrook North High School. Both are presently in their junior year at the University of Hartford, and will graduate in 2006.

A May, 2007 wedding is planned.

Elected to Jewish Funders Network

BALTIMORE, Md. — Michael Hill of Providence was elected to the board of directors of the Jewish Funders Network at the organization's annual meeting and conference held on April 3-5.

Hill is executive vice president of the Dorot Foundation. Prior to joining Dorot as a program officer in 1999, he spent seven years with the Miriam and Peter Haas Fund in San Francisco.

Bat Mitzvah

COVENTRY — Jamie Leigh Liner was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Torat Yisrael, on April 16.

Jamie, an honor student at Knotty Oak Middle School, is the daughter of Karen (Fryefield) and Richard Liner. She is the granddaughter of Helene (Blasbalg) and Jordan Liner of Coventry, Robert Fryefield of Warwick, and the late Cecile (Roth) Fryefield. Jamie is also the



Temple Emanu-El's Rabbis Wayne Franklin, Alvan Kaunfer and Cantor Brian Mayer will lead a benefit bike ride June 19th along the back roads of Seekonk and Rehoboth.

Emanu-El clergy bike for Tzedakah

PROVIDENCE — All are invited to join Rabbis Wayne Franklin and Alvan Kaunfer along with Cantor Brian Mayer on Sunday, June 19th (raindate June 26th), for a beautiful bicycle ride along the back roads of Seekonk and Rehoboth, Mass. Riders may choose either the 20- or 40-mile route and enjoy a complimentary snack stop along the way. Departure from Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., is at 9 a.m. Funds raised by participants will benefit temple programs.

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

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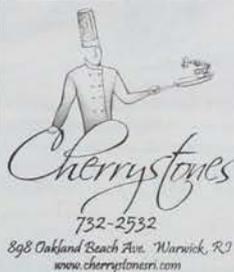
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Obituaries

Sheldon S. Blustein, 80

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Sheldon S. Blustein, 80, a retired locksmith, died April 18. He was the husband of Ruth (Gilden) Blustein. They were married for 57 years.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., a son of the late Nathan and Eva (Pinck) Blustein, he had lived in Warwick for three years, previously residing in Providence and Woonsocket.

He was the owner of the Darling Cycle and Lock Shop in Woonsocket for 40 years, retiring 15 years ago.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II serving stateside in the Seabees.

He was a past president and board member of the Chased Schel Amess Association

at Lincoln Park Cemetery, a member of Touro Fraternal Association, the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen's Association, Harrisville Lodge of the Masons and the Shrine. He was "Poppa the Clown" for the Shriners.

He was a former member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket and Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Neal Blustein of Weymouth, Mass., and Howard Blustein of Cranston; two daughters, Diane "Dee" Boehmer of Lincolville, Me., and Judi Hochman of Cranston; a brother, Toby Sinclair of Los Angeles, Cal.; eight grandchildren, Robin, Adam, Nathaniel, Eric, Craig, Drew, Mitchell and Rachel; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob, Hanna and Andrew.

He was the brother of the late Harriet Berman.

Contributions may be made to Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Helene S. Chazan, 68

PROVIDENCE — Helene S. (Nasoff) Chazan, 68, an interior designer, died April 18. She was the wife of Dr. Joseph A. Chazan.

Born in New York, a daughter of Hannah (Grabel) Nasoff and the late Hyman Nasoff, she had lived in Providence for over 35 years.

Mrs. Chazan was a graduate of Buffalo State Teacher's College. She was a member of Temple Beth-El

Besides her husband and mother, she leaves a son, Michael J. Chazan of Providence; two daughters, Kimberly

Chazan Zwetchkenbaum of Providence and Kathy Chazan Starr of Newton, Mass.; nine grandchildren; and a brother, Lewis (Levi) Nasoff of Israel. Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to the Patients' Assistance Fund, c/o Dialysis Centers of R.I., 324 Waterman Ave, East Providence, RI 02914.

Claire Cooper, 81

SEARINGTOWN, NEW YORK — Claire Cooper, 81, of Searingtown, Long Island., died April 13. She was the wife of Dr. William Cooper. They were married for 62 years. They met in a friend's garden when she was 14 years old.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Max and Rose (Hoffman) Reichbach, she was a lifelong New York resident.

She graduated from Hunter College with a math and statistics degree, class of 1943.

She was a member of Hadassah, United Jewish Appeal, Jewish Federation of N.Y. and Women's American ORT.

She was an avid golfer, bridge player and reader and she loved music and theater.

She leaves two daughters, Pamela Jane Hanzel of East Greenwich and Dale Susan Wallace of Allentown, Pa.; and four grandchildren, Melinda, Bradley, Andrei and Mihai.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Florence Fish, 93

CRANSTON — Florence Fish, 93, died April 14. She was the wife of the late Jerome Fish. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Sarah (Silverman) Lang, she had been a Cranston resident for 63 years.

She leaves two sons, Robert A. Fish and Dr. Richard Fish; a sister Evelyn Wolff; two grandsons, David and Michael and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Maalik. She was the sister of the late Frances Feldman.

Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

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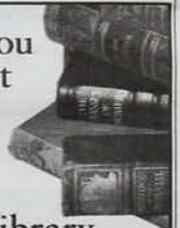
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My Voice

"I Took Myself As I Was..."

The following talk was delivered by Saul Bellow to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) upon receiving the America's Democratic Legacy Award in November 1976 from the organization. It is reprinted with their permission.

The Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning author died April 5 at the age of 89 at his home in Brookline, Mass. Bellow brought the American Jewish experience to a wider audience in North America. His best-known works include such novels as "Herzog," "Humboldt's Gift," "Mr. Sammler's Planet" and "The Adventures of Augie March." When he received the Nobel in 1976, he was cited for the "human understanding and subtle analysis of contemporary culture that are combined in his work." He also wrote a nonfiction work, "To Jerusalem and Back," an account of a trip to Israel that he took in 1975.

By Saul Bellow

How enviable it sometimes seems to have a brief and simple history. Ours is neither simple nor brief. You have honored me with an award, and my part in acknowledging this distinction with gratitude, is to make a short speech about America and its Jews, the Jews and their America. The difficulty of this obligation is considerable, for the history we share is full of intricate, cunning and gloomy passages; it is also illuminating and it is noble - it is a large piece of the history of mankind. Many have tried to rid themselves in one way or another of this dreadful historic load by assimilation or other means. I have, myself, never been tempted by the hope of waking from the nightmare of history in a higher state of consciousness and freedom. As much as the next man, I enjoy meditating on such things, but my instincts have attached me to what is actually here, and among the choices that were actually open to me, I have always preferred the liberal and democratic ones - not always in the popular sense of these terms.

When I read last summer in the *American Scholar* an article by Professor Sidney Hook on the great teacher and philosopher Morris R. Cohen, I was stirred by Cohen's belief that "the future of liberal civilization" was "bound up with America's survival" and its ability to make use of the heritage of human rights formulated by Jefferson and Lincoln." Professor Cohen was no sentimentalist. He was a tough-minded man, not a patriotic rhetorician.

He arrived on the Lower East Side at the age of 12. He knew the slums and the

sweatshops. His knowledge of the evils of American life was extensive and unsparing - the history of the Indians and of the Negroes, cruelty, prejudice, mob violence, hysteria, injustice. Acidulous is Hook's word for Cohen's criticism of the U.S.A. Cohen, says Hook, was not a nationalist. He knew that no one chooses the land of his birth. He placed his hopes in the rule of enlightened world law. But Cohen was in some ways piously American. Now piety has become one of our very worst words. It used to be one of the best - think of Wordsworth's desire for "natural piety." Maybe

we can do something to rehabilitate the term. Cohen accepted Santayana's definition of piety as "reverence for the sources of one's being." This emotion, says Hook, was naturally acquired by Cohen without ideological indoctrination or blinding.

I understand this without effort. Most of us do. There are people for whom it is entirely natural to despise the life that they were born in to. There are others, like myself, who suspect that if we dismiss the life that is waiting for us at birth, we will find ourselves in a void.

I was born in Eastern Canada and grew up in Chicago. My parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia. They sent me to a *heder*. They didn't want me out in the sandlots or playing pool in the poolroom. All these matters were discussed or disputed by us in Yiddish.

But when I went to the public library, the books I borrowed were by Poe and Melville, Dreiser and Sherwood Anderson. I did not bring home volumes of the Babylonian Talmud to read. I took myself as I was - a kid from the Chicago streets and the child of Jewish parents.

I was powerfully stirred by the books brought home from the library, I was moved myself

to write something. - These are some of the sources of my being. One could have better sources, undoubtedly. I could make a list

or examiners were not satisfied. They were trying to make me justify myself. It was their conviction that the life of a Jew in what they call the Diaspora must inevitably be "inauthentic."

Only as a Jew in Israel, some of them told me, could I enter history again and prove the necessity and authenticity of my existence. I refused to agree with them that my life had been illusion and dust.

I do not accept any interpretation of history that declares the deepest experience of any person to be superfluous. To me that smells of totalitarianism.

Nor could I accept the suggestion that I repudiate some six decades of life, to dismiss my feelings for some of the sources of my being because I am a Jew or nothing. That would wipe out me totally. It would be not only impiety and irreverence, but also self-destruction.

But one need not hold long arguments with views that are so obviously wrong. What underlies the position that I have just rejected is the assumption that America is bound to go the way of other Christian countries and

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expel or destroy its Jewish population.

But is it a Christian country like the others? The question almost answers itself as soon as it is asked - this nation is not, in the European sense, a recognizably Christian country. One could write many volumes on what America is not.

However, there is no need, in a brief talk on an occasion such as this to make grandiose statements about liberal democracy. It is sufficient to say in the most matter of fact way what is or should be obvious to everyone. In spite of the vastness and oppressiveness of corporate and governmental powers the principle of the moral equality of all human beings has not been rejected in the United States. Not yet, at any rate.

Sigmund Freud, I remember reading, once observed that America was an interesting experiment, but that he did not believe that it would succeed. Well, maybe not. But it would be base to abandon it. To do so would destroy our reverence for the sources of our being. We would inflict on ourselves a mutilation from which we might never recover.

And if Cohen is right, and the future of liberal civilization is bound up with America's survival, the damage would be universal and irreparable.



Saul Bellow

of those more desirable sources, but they are not mine, and I can not revere them. The only life I can love, or hate, is the life that I - that we - have found here, this American life of the Twentieth Century, the life of Americans who are also Jews.

Which of these sources, the American or the Jewish, should elicit the greater piety? Are the two exclusive? Must a choice be made? The essence of freedom is that one makes the choice, if choices must be made, for the most profound of personal reasons. It is at this very point that one begins to feel how intensely enviable it is to have a brief and simple history. (But is there any such thing?)

In Israel, I was often and sometimes impatiently asked what sort of Jew I was and how I defined myself and explained my existence. I said that I was an American, a Jew, a writer by trade. I was not insensitive to the Jewish question, I was painfully conscious of the Holocaust, I longed for peace and security in the Jewish State. I added, however, that I had lived in America all my life, that American English was my language, and that (in an oddly universalist way) I was attached to my country and the civilization of which it was a part. But my Israeli questioners

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