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SHARON'S SON SENTENCED — Omri Sharon, center, son of ailing Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, arrives at Tel Aviv District court on Tuesday. The Israeli court sentenced the prime minister's son to nine months in prison after he pleaded guilty to illicitly funding his father's 1999 campaign to head the Likud Party.

# Film shows struggle to form gay alliance

Photo by Julia McCann

Shulamit Izen is now a third-year student at Brown University. She transferred from Smith College to be in a stronger Jewish community, which she has found at Brown and in Providence.

**By Mary Korr**
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PROVIDENCE – The documentary film "Hineini," Hebrew for "Here I am," relates Shulamit Izen's struggle to form a gay-straight alliance at The New Jewish High School of Greater Boston (now Gann Academy) in Waltham, Mass., several years ago.

"In the Bible, God asks Moses, 'Where are you?'" explains Izen, now a third-year student at Brown concentrating in religious studies—she plans to become a rabbi. "And Moses answers, 'Here I am.'"

The film about her struggle for acceptance — who she is — and tolerance in a multi-denominational, pluralistic high school has gained critical acclaim at Jewish film festivals nationwide. It was filmed by Irena Fayngold, now an associate producer at WGBH in Boston for educational programming; it opened in November at the Boston Jewish Film Festival and sold out. Last week, Izen was the guest speaker at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

Now 21, grew up in Lexington, Mass., in the Reform tradition; today she identifies with all streams of Judaism

> **At the school, which the students call "New Jew," "I heard homophobic jokes. I saw most people didn't understand what being a lesbian, or gay, was."**

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PROFILE

# Dani Steiner, head of JCDS

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PROVIDENCE – Israeli Dani Steiner, officially named head of the new Jewish Community Day School of R.I. (JCDS) on Jan. 1 for the school year 2006-2007, was born to immigrant parents who made aliyah in the mid 1960s. They were from Switzerland and active in the youth Zionist movement; he grew up speaking "Swiss-German" at home.

"My father speaks Hebrew with a thick German accent," Steiner says. "And he corrects my Hebrew all the time." His father is a professor of law in Israel; his mother passed on several years ago.

"To grow up in an immigrant family in Israel is unique. You are so different from your parents; you feel torn between your home culture and the world outside," Steiner says. "I was probably the first in my family, maybe the first Swiss Jew, to serve in an Army."

He was a combat soldier,

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## *Brief bio*

Dani Steiner

**Who:** Dani Steiner, Head of School, Jewish Community Day School of R.I.

**Born:** Tiberias, Israel, 1966

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology, Jewish philosophy and Hebrew literature, University of Haifa. Master's degree, anthropology and sociology, Hebrew University.

**Experience:** Head of multi-denominational school in Israel, Yachad Modiin, which he described as "half Orthodox and half secular;" public school principal, directed American-Israeli youth programs. Lecturer for 10 years, Hebrew University.

Photo: Avi Ohayon/GPO

ISRAELI POLICE clash with protesters during the Feb. 1 evacuation of the illegal West Bank settlement outpost of Amona. Several days later, Jewish settlers and their supporters protested what they deemed as excessive force by police during the evacuation.

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### Agudas Achim special Shabbat

9 - 9:40 a.m. "Tot Shabbat" for children under six and parents. Stories, songs, Torah-time and snack. To be held on the 3rd Sat. of each month.

7 p.m. "Havdalah Happening." Christine Crowder will describe her search for Romanian Jewish music. Bring a dessert to share. Third Sat. of each month with different programs. Both programs at the synagogue, 901 No. Main St., Attleboro. For more information, call (508) 222-2243 or rabbi@agudasma.org or www.agudasma.org.

## MON., FEB. 20
### Holocaust program on Jewish resistance

9:30 a.m. — noon. Program/workshop on Jewish resistance, to be presented by museum director Frieda Soble at the R.I. Holocaust Museum, Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. $5 donation suggested. Packet of materials and snacks provided. To register, call 453-7860.

### Kollel presents: 'Tools for Living'

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. Character development with Rabbi Dovid Schwartz. "Climb the Ladder of Positive Personality Traits." To register call 383-2786 or www.providencekollel.org.

## TUES., FEB. 21
### 'Kings of Swing'

3 p.m. Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick, community room. "Jewish-tinged" jazz, the Ziggy Ellman story, presented by Dr. Steven Kane. Ongoing music history class.

Photo by Constance Brown

**THE PROVIDENCE SINGERS will perform a special program on Psalms, some will be sung in Hebrew, on March 4; see listing and article on page 12.**

### URI Hillel: Israeli Elections, 'A To Z'

7 p.m. Hillel, 12 Fraternity Circle on the Kingston Campus. Ofer Gutman of the World Zionist Organization will speak about the upcoming Israeli elections. Refreshments. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Hillel at 401-874-2740 or merd324@mail.uri.edu.

## WED., FEB. 22
### 'Sherlock Holmes'

6:30 p.m. Tamarisk community room. 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Presented by Albert Silverstein, professor, University of R.I. What makes Sherlock Holmes such a longstanding, universal phenomenon? Open to the community.

### Kollel presents: 'Tools for Living'

8 - 8:45 p.m. Kollel, at JCC. Business ethics with Rabbi Jonathan Beck. "Contemporary legal issues in Jewish Law." See Feb. 20 listing.

## THURS., FEB. 23
### Darfur conference

8 to 10 p.m. Brown University main campus, Solomon 001. R.I. Town Hall Darfur conference. Speakers: Jerry Fowler, of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; Omer Bartov, Brown professor of European history and genocide studies; and Richard Lobban, Sudan studies association, professor at RIC. JFRI, Hillel, two of many sponsors. For more information, contact darfurbrown@gmail.com or 401-743-2136. Open to all.

## FRI., FEB. 24
### Yiddish shmooz group

10 - 11:30 a.m. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Regular Yiddish program with members reminiscing. All are invited as guests. For more information, call Sue Robbio at 861-8800.

### Bishop Wolf at Agudas Achim

7:30 p.m. Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro. Service led by Susan Bradie; Donna Cohen-Avery, lay cantor. Guest speaker: Bishop Gerylyn Wolf. For more information, call 508-222-2243 office@agudasma.org, www.agudasma.org.

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## Correction

**In the Feb. 3 Bridal issue, an article about the marriage of Lori Green was accidentally credited to her mother, Marlene. The photo in the article also listed Marlene in the caption rather than Lori. We regret the error.**

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# STEINER

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then a commander, in the Israeli Army. And there was a lot he couldn't tell his parents.

Steiner's wife Ayelet, an English teacher, was born in Jerusalem, but spent many years living in Australia, where her father was Israel's economics ambassador. The couple have three sons, Shahar, Ziv, Ofir, ages 8, 7, 3. Their favorite family activity is hiking. "Last summer we all trekked through the Alps," he says.

The Steiners wanted their sons to experience cultural diversity, and this — and the opportunity to lead the new JCDS — is what brought them here. They live on the East Side, and the older boys go to JCDS.

On March 1, Steiner will give a "state-of-the-community school" presentation to parents from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

He says the most frequent questions he hears from parents at the school during the informal sessions underway are: "Who is going to be my child's teacher? What is going to happen to the faculty here? What will the Judaic component look like?"

At the March meeting, he will report on financial assistance and tuition (It will go up somewhat, but will be less than independent private schools); on faculty (there will be veteran and new faculty members) and a new curriculum, which is being finalized. Steiner expects the school will be in a new facility in two to three years, with 300 students in five years.

The JCDS vision is that of an embracing, inclusive elementary school from pre-K through 8th grade, open to students who have at least one parent who is Jewish. "We will strive to accept any Jewish student who wants to come," he says.

This includes Jewish students with special needs, be it "a CP (cerebral palsy) student in a wheelchair, or child with PDD (pervasive development disorder/autism). We have to find creative solutions acceptable to parents and staff. We need to give all students a great education and empower them," he says. "It is a matter of Jewish values."

He says the school will provide academic and Judaic excellence. "We are not going to water down the Jewish component of the program," he says.

Steiner likens his new job to that of an orchestra conductor. "I'm nothing without the orchestra, the soloists, the audience. Let the concert begin. We are all ready."

And what does he think of Americans so far?

"Americans have a deep sense of respect for people different than you. The American individual is willing to share his own story much easier and is much more open than Israelis."

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

**DANI STEINER, in background, listens to, from left, Pam Lavanos, John Landry and Laura Mernoff discuss the new Jewish Community Day School at an informational forum held in December.**

# *Forming gay/straight alliance in Jewish school*

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and attends services at Brown Hillel. Drawn to Judaism after a Bat Mitzvah trip to Israel, she decided to go to a Jewish high school.

"I was "out" when I started high school," she says. "I told my mother first...I don't think I ever told my father."

Her mother, she says, has always been a source of love and strength.

At her high school, which the students call "New Jew," "I heard homophobic jokes. I saw most people didn't understand what being a lesbian, or gay, was. I needed a safe place – I needed a community to see all of me," the soft-spoken young woman says one afternoon at Brown Hillel. She curls up and talks about her path to activism.

During her senior year at high school, she was interning at Keshet, a Boston GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer) support and advocacy organization. While there, she came to understand the process of how to advocate for change in a community.

"As far as I knew, there were no gay-straight alliances in any Jewish day school," she says.

At first, she was afraid to approach the Orthodox Head of School, Rabbi Daniel Lehmann. "There is a prohibition against homosexuality in biblical text," she says.

"I am sometimes asked, 'how do you reconcile this?' and I answer, "In all cases in the Talmud, ethics wins over Jewish law. How we treat people in our own community makes all the difference," she says.

But Izen persevered at "New Jew" and put the issue of tolerance, a tenet that is central to the high school's mission, squarely on the agenda.

In the film, Rabbi Lehmann, on sabbatical in Israel this year, admits that Izen tested the school's moral foundation. In it, he states, "The school's commitment to pluralism requires us to meet the challenges of a diverse Jewish community and she was pushing us to create an opportunity where diversity would have an opportunity to be explored."

The film ends with Izen receiving a "Women Who Dare" award from the Jewish Women's Archive in Boston.

Today, Izen says the organization she spearheaded, called Open House, does not go far enough, but it was a compromise reached by the school's religious policies committee. "I wanted an advocacy group and the mission of Open House is one of support and education group."

The documentary, and the attention it is garnering, has placed the spotlight on gender and sexual orientation issues for students, and as a result, the Keshet organization is developing a teacher's guide and DVD for use in the classroom.

In her continuing search for self, Izen says she identified herself as a lesbian in her younger years (since age 14); today, she prefers the term "queer," because it is more inclusive of the non-straight community.

## *Film to be shown at URI Hillel*

The film, "Hineini," will be shown at the URI Hillel on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom, 50 Lower College Rd. on the URI Kingston campus. For more information, contact Hillel at 401-874-2740. Open to the public.

To view the movie trailer, go to the Keshet website at www.boston-keshet.org.

## Opinion

### A Majority of One

# Return to the Promised Land

By the time these words are in your mailbox, your reporter will be aboard a jet plane flying to the Holy Land. Together with my younger daughter, Ariela, whose responsibilities will include driving a rented car and pushing her father's rented wheelchair when needed, we will spend one week in Jerusalem and a second week traveling through the provinces.

Yehuda Lev

A decade has passed since I last visited the country, the longest time I have been away since my first arrival there in 1948. It was 1965 before I returned home to study, a move that was intended to be temporary but like so many good intentions, failed in its execution. Later as a journalist I traveled to Israel often, usually on other people's money, but as a "journalist emeritus" such opportunities no longer exist. My older son has arranged for the journey as an 80th birthday present, a farewell visit to places and people who have played seminal roles in my life.

Whether Jew or gentile, visitors to Israel generally share a common goal. If they are in any way involved with Israel, for whatever reasons, they come to reinforce the opinions they already have, rather than to examine and possibly change them. In this I am no different, but I intend to meet with Palestinians, West Bank settlers, hard-line Israelis, Orthodox Jews, Peace Now types and, of course, the fount of all political wisdom in a democracy, taxi drivers. That's what good journalists do on vacation. Like teachers, they are always preparing for the next assignment and I see my visit as an opportunity to obtain on-site information in order to write intelligently about Israel and its issues to a knowledgeable readership.

**For anyone concerned with Israel's future, this is an ideal time to visit.**

From years of experience spent as a foreign correspondent, I have developed an informal way of meeting local residents. I board a bus at random and go to the last stop. There will usually be a small park, some benches, a kiosk selling sandwiches and yogurt, and a few people waiting for the return bus. I find someone who speaks a passable English, not as rare as you might expect, and strike up a conversation. People tend to speak freely under those circumstances.

Israel is not a foreign country to me, of course, but so much has changed in the past 10 years that, in many ways, it may seem so. Russian is now its third language after Hebrew and Arabic, its political upheavals are unprecedented in Israeli history, its economic, social and cultural divisions, long present, have finally succeeded in dismembering much of the social contract between the government and its citizens and no one seems certain of what the next day will bring.

For anyone concerned with Israel's future, this is an ideal time to visit. Everything is in flux, the voters are going to make critical decisions in the March 28th elections, its enemies across the lines are in equal disarray and only a fool would venture a prediction as to what changes will occur during the coming months. Of fools there is no shortage in the Middle East; prudent observers will avoid crystal balls as Jews prove once again what a number of statesmen have already noted; they can run everyone's country but their own.

Which is not to say that the Palestinians are any better at it. Half a dozen different Israeli politicians claim credit for pointing out that the Palestinians have never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity. The Palestinian response to every proposal for compromise, going back to the earliest days of the British Mandate, has been an unadulterated and thunderous NO! One of the questions I want to raise with those with some insight into the problem is, "Even with Hamas in power, is there a possibility that this will change?"

There are other, less overtly political questions. Are the Ethiopian Jews being successfully absorbed? Do Israeli Jews seem satisfied with their lives or are there long lines at the foreign consulates? Is there serious interest in Western forms of Jewish worship or are they seen as exotic and foreign versions of Judaism? To what extent does Israeli youth take its responsibility to the nation seriously?

And always, following every question, the most important one of all: Why? — or — Why not? It promises to be an interesting visit. I'll report to you in two weeks.

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

## Opinion

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

# Cartoon outrage: two faces of fury

Josh Stein

Five months ago a Danish newspaper published a series of political cartoons which are said by some Muslims (not all) to defame Islam and Muhammad, its Prophet. One of them shows a purported Muhammad wearing a turban in the shape of a bomb with a lit fuse. American news outlets have been reluctant to print the cartoons for fear of offending Muslims. By now these have been posted on various websites and are readily available. I was not appalled, but, of course, I'm not a Muslim.

On the other hand, response from the usual quarters has been intense. Riots in Gaza and Iraq — the people in these places have nothing else to worry about? Muslim countries have called home their ambassadors and have called in Danish ambassadors to dress them down. Saudi Arabia's top cleric, Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdulaziz al-Sheikh, called for the Danish government to punish Jyllands-Posten, the center-right newspaper that first published the cartoons: "It should impose a penalty as a deterrent on those who took part in provoking this subject. That's the least Muslims demand," he said.

The Jordanian parliament also called upon the Danish and Norwegian governments "to express their condemnation and disapproval of this hateful crime and to punish the perpetrators and instigators."

In Pakistan, protesters marched chanting, "Death to Denmark" and "Death to France" (presumably because a French newspaper reprinted the offending cartoons). Organized boycotts of Danish products are underway. "The cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad are an attack on our spiritual values. There should be a limit to press freedom," Turkish foreign minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan fulminated when berating French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy during talks in Ankara.

There's more, but you get the point.

What are we to make of all this? What crime, exactly, is it, to which the Jordanian parliament alludes? Portrayals of the Prophet by Muslim artists are not unheard of. Sunni Muslims object to them, Shi'a generally do not. There is nothing in the Koran that forbids them. Denmark is an enlightened Western country which honors freedom of speech and the press to a point I think absurd (it is, or was, the hard core pornography capital of the universe) but we in the West take our lumps with our liberties. If some Muslims are offended by the way their Prophet is portrayed, maybe they shouldn't dance in the streets when a suicide murderer blows up a shopping mall in the name of Islam. And who exactly are the Turks to declare that there should be a limit to Western press freedom?

Maybe Muslim countries should shut down those presses that spew forth Arabic language versions of the anti-Semitic "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," that czarist forgery which asserts that Jews are plotting to take over the world. Maybe Muslim governments should close down the newspapers that print cartoons that show Israeli (and American) political leaders with swastikas emblazoned on their chests or heads. Earlier this month an Iranian daily called for cartoon submissions that question the Holocaust. "The Western papers printed these sacrilegious cartoons on the pretext of freedom of expression, so let's see if they mean what they say and also print these Holocaust cartoons," graphics editor Farid Mortazavi said. My guess is that if these cartoons do appear in the West, the Iranian embassy will not be attacked by torch bearing irate Jews screaming "Death to Islam!"

**'...maybe they shouldn't dance in the streets when a suicide murderer blows up a shopping mall.'**

We in the West ask, "Should the Danish newspaper have slurred the Prophet?" and frequently answer "no," but I think it's the wrong question. I don't think the Prophet was the target at all; I think the real target is those who use the name of Muhammad and the teachings of the Koran to perform unspeakable acts of murder. It is they who defame Islam, not the cartoons; it is they who create a negative image of Islam, not an obscure Danish newspaper.

The response to the cartoons is obviously a politically inspired one. Yes, Muslims were offended by the cartoons, but they would not have seen them had not a Palestinian-born Danish imam named Ahmed Abu Laban, frustrated by the fact that nobody was paying attention to them, sent representatives of his group carrying them like time bombs to Middle Eastern countries. He now claims that violence wasn't his intention, dialogue was. What a hypocrite. And can we really believe that Middle Eastern tyrants aren't yet again redirecting the wrath of their people on an outside source, diverting it from themselves?

Political cartoons show in exaggerated graphic imagery the view of the cartoonist. Sometimes I applaud the image presented, sometimes I turn my head in revulsion. But I'm willing to pay the price for freedom of the press.

*Josh Stein is a professor of history at Roger Williams University and a member and past chair of the JV&H board.*

# *Letters to the Editor*

## From an Olivetti fan (with ribbons to spare)

As I read Josh Stein's new column, I glanced over to my desk where my old Olivetti was sitting. Once a year I have to drag it out to type a form for the R.I. Secretary of State and having just finished, old faithful was ready to be packed away in its carrying case to be stored for next year.

I want to wish Josh Stein good luck with his new venture. There are not too many people whose eye would have caught the headline so I hope he has a great deal of other interesting topics. Also, I have lots of red and black ribbons, a full box of lift-off tapes, and two different font wheels so he need not worry about supplies.

The Olivetti electric typewriter must be about 40 years old. I'm also the proud owner of a Royal typewriter that is twice as old. Seems I can't get rid of anything, my first computer a T199 that Ann & Hope sold for $25 twenty-five years ago is still in my basement with all its great software. Of course that has to be connected to a television for a screen and sound. I did have to dispose of my first printer because the platen could no longer turn without the aid of pliers. Someday I'm going to have a great yard sale.

**Rose Epstein**
Wakefield

## Women need a political voice

Since 1920, when the 19th amendment was passed and established a women's right to vote in the United States, the percentage of women who register and vote has steadily risen. Furthermore, the percentage of women who vote today is higher than the percentage of men who vote. This holds true in Rhode Island as well; unfortunately the higher voting rates have not translated into electing women to political office. And though 52 percent of Rhode Islanders are women, only 16.8 percent of elected state officials are female, down from 26 percent in 1998. According to the Center for Women and Politics, Rhode Island ranks last in New England in female state legislators and 37th nationally.

Women's organizations, political parties and leaders of both genders can all play a role in recruiting women to run for office, supporting women's candidacies, and encouraging both women and men to vote for women. For more information on running for office, visit the Secretary of State's website at http://www.sec.state.ri.us/elections.

**Shanna Wells, M.Ed.**
Director, R.I. Commission on Women

## Clarifying Shaare Tzedek article

With reference to a recent article in the paper which dealt with the upcoming closing of Shaare Tzedek, a synagogue on Broad St. in South Providence, let me state, first of all that David Hassenfeld, my late husband, while he was the son of one of the three Hasbro founders, Herman Hassenfeld, he was not in any financial way connected with Hasbro (your article briefly referred to him as "David Hassenfeld of Hasbro").

He was an independent practicing attorney, who distinguished himself — among other ways — by bringing and winning the very first class action suit ever adjudicated in Rhode Island. He was the education chairman at the Providence Hebrew Day School and one of the presidents of three synagogues, located in and around the area that was torn down and rehabilitated in 1954, that combined (miracle of miracles!) to buy the building that Beth-El inhabited before moving to Orchard St.

David was the first chairman of the board of Congregation Shaare Tzedek (I served as president of the Sisterhood then) and he did — pro-bono — all the legal work needed by the congregation...

Just to clarify one more point mentioned in your article, Congregation Shaare Tzedek was the creation of three Orthodox synagogues and continued to be strictly Orthodox. Alan Hassenfeld's father, as a well-known and respected member of Temple Emanu-El, was, of course, Conservative and could have had no part (at least to my knowledge) in founding Congregation Shaare Tzedek.

**Tess Hassenfeld**
Providence

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From the Interim Executive Vice President

# Federation's global reach

Life as Interim Executive Vice President was a bit less frenetic last week. Maybe I'm getting used to the job, maybe I've tried to spread out appointments (not being all things to all people NOW) and maybe, just maybe, I'm starting to understand the scope of the responsibilities. (At any rate, don't tell our president, who was on vacation last week.)

Harris N. Rosen

Two weeks ago, the Governance Committee received a report it had requested on committees. Wow! Do we have committees — how else could we have so many meetings? Right now, we have over 29 committees, which go from a Board of Directors to a committee that decides whether or not a gift is acceptable or appropriate for the Endowment Fund. The Governance Committee will be considering all this as it recommends to the Board changes in our structure. But, for the moment, 63 percent of our Board members serve on at least one committee. There are 606 different "places" on the 29 committees, but 50 percent of the "places" are filled with non-board members — all of which indicates to me that we have good representation in the community, and good accountability for the money that is spent. Need to stay out of trouble? And want to help? Call me — and whoosh! You'll be doing something worthwhile.

**Action on Darfur**

Darfur is getting into the news these days.

(This reminds me of the time when Myrna, my wife, and I went to Uzbekistan in 1995 to see first hand why Jews were leaving so rapidly for Israel. We didn't have the foggiest notion of where Uzbekistan was, but with the help of a map and an actual flight, we found it was seven hours east of Frankfurt, Germany — on a PanAm jet.)

So don't feel badly if you don't know where Darfur is, an area the size of Texas in the Sudan, which was featured in the Jan. 22nd program, "The West Wing." According to the World Food program, the United Nations and the Coalition for International Justice, 3.5 million people are hungry, 2.5 million have been displaced due to violence and 400,000 have died so far; it's been going on for three years. It's been called the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today and the U.S. Congress has declared that genocide is occurring. You should know that the Community Relations Council (CRC) of Federation is supporting programs with the Darfur Action Network, and there's a Town Hall meeting at Brown University on Thursday, Feb. 23rd from 8 to 10 p.m. The staff director of the Holocaust Museum in Washington is one of the speakers.

**Afula/Gilboa singers coming**

Partnership 2000 is a people-to-people program that links us directly with a community in Israel, and our partners are the cities of Afula and Gilboa, in the northern part of Israel, near Tiberias. Over the years, a wide range of programs and services have been developed involving hospitals, schools and businesses. On April 5th, at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, you can hear their 70-person orchestra and choir perform classical and popular pieces. It's free — open to anyone who has contributed to the 2006 campaign and is co-sponsored by the many Jewish agencies in Rhode Island. It's the Israelis' way of saying thanks for all we do. It will remind us that we help people with our annual campaign contribution. And that will make you feel good. So come and enjoy!

This week, I am in Florida for the annual Endowment reception and talking to people about Federation. I well realize it's a sacrifice, but there are many many advantages of helping to guide Federation, and this is just one of them. I'll just be doing what has to be done. As always, your comments are most welcome.

*Hershey Rosen can be reached at hrosen@jfri.org.*

FEDERATION CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR Elisa Heath visited with a Jewish camper while on a mission in the Former Soviet Union.

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# 'Tel Aviv One' brings young leaders to Israel

BRAD AND ALISON WALTER will attend the Tel Aviv One leadership program in Israel.

Tel Aviv One offers young Jews from across North America the chance to experience Israel as never before. It represents a bold and experimental approach to leadership development; a chance to step outside the conference room and to actively engage with a country, a people and each other.

The program, which targets young Jews, ages 25-35, will take place Sunday through Wednesday, March 5-8. The conference promises four days of remarkable Israel programming, including off-site travel and site-visits. Participants will visit wineries, small businesses, concert halls, Jewish agencies and outdoor venues.

Daytime programming will feature outstanding speakers, entertainers, interactive learning and international relationship-building. Evenings will highlight the flavor of chic and young Tel Aviv, including a closing concert.

Alison and Brad Walter are one R.I. couple who have signed up. "Brad and I are excited to travel to Israel together and participate in Tel Aviv One. Although we have both traveled to Israel, we are thrilled to share this experience as first time UJC mission participants. We look forward to bringing what we learn back home as we build Jewish community not only for ourselves, but for the future growth of young leadership throughout Rhode Island."

For more information, visit www.ujc.org.

BRIDGING GENERATION GAP

# Midrasha program links teens and elders

ALLIE SMITH, left, participated in the multi-generational program.

By Kayla Cusner

PROVIDENCE — The Torah tells us to honor and respect our elders. Do we? Are there stereotypes about aging that we may be blindly considering as truths? What can we learn from spending time with another generation? What can they learn about us?

Students in the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School at the Bureau of Jewish Education explored these and other questions in a semester long intergenerational course, entitled Generations. Developed by BJE/RI staff member Shira Garber, and taught by Midrasha faculty member Miriam Abrams-Stark, the course introduced students to the concepts of ageism in Jewish and secular societies as well as in actuality to residents at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence in Warwick.

The semester began with classes for students prepping for

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# Community

## MIDRASHA

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their joint sessions with the Tamarisk residents. During this time students studied Jewish texts from Torah and Talmud – all of which focus on how our society should treat the young and young at heart. By analyzing birthday cards for adults, students also explored society's obsession with staying young forever, what these cards teach us about getting older, and the effect it has on our behavior and attitude towards older adults.

When choosing her fall semester courses, Susan Landau, a 12th grader both at Classical High School and at Midrasha, recognized the lack of meaningful relationships between these generations and was curious to learn more about mending this generation gap. The feeling was mutual.

Following the preparatory classes for the students, the Generations class location moved from Temple Sinai in Cranston to Tamarisk, where their class grew from a group of 12 students in grades 8-12, to 24 people, ages 13-90. Pairing high school students with Tamarisk residents allowed for even more in-depth and personal conversations about ageism in society and Judaism's honorable approach to respecting people of all ages.

Students and residents studied texts together, played games, discussed political issues, and quickly got to know one another not only as classmates, but as friends.

Photos by BJERI

**SOPHIE KIEFFER, an 11th grader at the Harry Elkin Midrasha with her Generations partner Harris Ullian.**

Many of the students have grandparents that live far away in warm climates; others never had the chance to get to know their grandparents. Similarly, many of the residents have grandchildren living in other places. Both the students and residents sought to kindle new relationships.

At its conclusion, students and residents exchanged contact information with hopes of getting together outside of Midrasha. Days after their formal good-bye one of the Tamarisk Generations' participants passed away. Upon learning of her death, students contacted Miriam to help them arrange a visit to a *shivah* house, or house of mourning. For some of these students it was their first time ever making a *shiva* call. Miriam helped the students to understand the customs of mourning for Jewish families. This mitzvah of comforting the mourners of their new friend demonstrated the impact that this course has already has on its participants.

Generations was the first course of its kind at Midrasha's Community High School. Leadership at both Midrasha and Tamarisk are working to evaluate and review the curriculum with plans to improve the experience for students and residents in order to offer the course again in the coming year.

*Kayla Cusner is a senior at the New England Academy of Torah and is an intern at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. For more information about Generations or about taking classes at the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School, contact Shira Garber at sgarber@bjeri.org; 401-331-0956, ext. 181.*


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# World Briefs

## Hughes on ice

U.S. figure skater Emily Hughes will be competing at the Winter Olympics, after Michelle Kwan withdrew due to injury. Hughes, who is Jewish, was originally named as an alternate to the team competing in the Turin Games. Her sister Sarah won a gold in figure skating at the 2002 Games. JTA

AMERICA'S HOPES rest with Sasha Cohen, 2006 U.S. Olympic figure skater, this week in Torino.

## OU Valentine

NEW YORK: Halloween trick or treating? No. Easter egg hunts? Definitely no. St. Valentine's Day celebrations? Yes? The Orthodox Union, adamantly opposed to Jewish youth participating in events rooted in Christian holidays, made an exception this year for love and marriage, although most certainly not intermarriage. A press release issued by the OU's National Conference of Synagogue Youth, began: "As Valentine's Day approaches, the thoughts of young men and women turn naturally to dating." It said that NCSY initiated a campaign on Valentine's Day "about the importance of dating and marrying Jewish". A web site to promote the campaign was opened on Valentine's Day. NEW YORK JEWISH WEEK

## Skinheads

NEW YORK: Racist skinhead activity has increased in the United States, according to a new ADL report. It is being fueled in part by the internet and the growing hate music industry and includes an increase in violent skinhead attacks. Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director, said that racist skinheads are part of a "fluid movement in which skinheads do not necessarily belong to a particular group." The ADL has launched a project to track racist skinhead activity by state and region. JTA

## Divestment

LONDON: Once again it's divestment time in Britain. The Anglican Church has decided to break with companies whose products Israel uses in the West Bank. The move could affect sales of, among others, Caterpillar, whose bulldozers and other heavy equipment are sold to Israel and used to build the security fence. The vote, by the General Synod of Britain's top spiritual body, was supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose predecessor opposed it, saying that the vote "made me ashamed to be an Anglican." THE JERUSALEM POST AND JTA

## Gay OK

TEL AVIV: An Israeli lesbian couple has won state recognition as joint parents of three children, born to them by artificial insemination. Israel's Family Affairs Court last week allowed Tal and Avital Yaros-Hakak to legally adopt the three boys, ending a 17-year legal battle. Gay rights activists hailed the decision but said it would be a while before Israel fully recognizes single-sex unions. JTA

## Hamas' sheckels

JERUSALEM: There is widespread talk about cutting off international aid from a Hamas-led Palestine Authority, but some members of the terrorist organization are on the Israeli payroll. A number of Hamas supporters, including one who was recently elected to the PA's parliament, live in eastern Jerusalem and receive mandatory health care subsidies and unemployment benefits, as does the rest of the Muslim population. The new Knesset, to be elected next month, is expected to end payments to those with direct Hamas connections. JTA

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## Nation

# Friedan inspired Jewish feminism

By Blu Greenberg

NEW YORK (JTA) — She was, like most ordinary mortals, a mass of contradictions. Betty Friedan, who died at the age of 85 on Feb. 4, was loud and sometimes imperious, yet she could be charming, funny, gentle, kind and winsome. A public persona, at times her ego needed massaging, but she remained surprisingly unassuming and unpretentious.

She was a universal woman and particular Jew. The word Jewish does not appear at all in "The Feminine Mystique," her seminal work, yet every heartbeat was a Jewish one. Once, in her 50s, after fame, fortune and independence had filled her life, she asked one favor of friends — to find her a nice Jewish husband.

She wrote about drudgery and mindlessness of family work, yet her family was the sustained love of her life. She was totally invested in her children and longed for grandchildren well before they came.

Yet this complicated, complex woman changed all of our lives, even those who never read "The Feminine Mystique" or never heard of NOW, the National Organization for Women.

She spawned the most profound social revolution of the last few centuries without a drop of blood being shed. She will go down in history as one of the great change agents of modern history; and for us, she will be a continuing source of Jewish pride.

How and why was her impact so great? Her book seemed to be anti-family, anti-men. Though her chapter "Housewifery Expands to Fill the Time Available" carried some truths, mostly she managed to put down so many full-time homemakers and mothers. Moreover, as the women's movement got off the ground in the 60s, building on her book's steam, it quickly became more radicalized.

Yet along with the excesses of early feminism was the underlying idea Betty Friedan offered the world: gender equality. This meant much more than the women's vote. It meant equal access, equal talent and brains, equal dignity of women — and all of it a matter of justice.

She opened the door to broader application of the idea of equal access and dignity to other spheres of life. Not content to rest with the mighty power of her pen, she understood the covenantal nature of organizational life: for a job to be done and the work to continue, one needed more than an idea, more than cohorts. One needed organizational structures that would allow others to find an address and to take up the work. Betty went on to found or co-found NOW, the National Women's Political Caucus and the First Women's Bank and Trust Company. She co-organized the first protest march, the Women's Strike for Equality in 1970. In 1969, though already beleaguered by opposition to feminism, she was unafraid to publicly take on the abortion issue, founding NARAL, the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

Photo: Joan Roth

**BETTY FRIEDAN, center, marches for the Equal Rights Amendment in 1978 in Washington.**

These organizational models and her writings spawned hundreds of others. A spate of books and periodicals followed hers, and many hundreds of independent feminist organizations were created on these shores and far distant ones.

She never denied her Jewishness. She spoke of how Jewish values of justice had influenced her feminism, indeed her entire outlook on life. Later, we would learn that being a smart, Jewish girl growing up in Peoria, Ill., shaped her sensitivities as an outsider.


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## World

# White House denies plot to oust Hamas

There is no U.S.-Israeli plan to oust Hamas from power, the White House said.

"There is no plot, there is no plan," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday, denying a New York Times report that Israel and the United States hope to oust the terrorist group by starving the Palestinian Authority of cash. Hamas won a landslide victory in legislative elections last month.

McClellan said the Bush administration still expects Hamas to recognize Israel, end terrorism and renounce calls for Israel's destruction. Those U.S. views are shared not just with Israel, he said.

"The conversations that we have with Israel are the same kind of conversations we have with European governments, Arab governments and others," he said.

# Americans favor Israelis

Americans favor Israelis to Palestinians by more than 40 percentage points in the wake of Hamas' election victory, according to a new poll.

"Americans are much more likely to sympathize with the Israelis (59 percent) than with the Palestinians (15 percent), one of the highest margins in favor of the Israelis ever recorded by Gallup," the organization said.

ITA photos

**FLYING FALASH — Top, young Falash Mura gather in the Israeli embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, last week for pre-departure orientation. Below, a group of 150 of the arrivals is welcomed to Israel after landing at Ben Gurion Airport on Feb. 8.**


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**Book review at Torat Yisrael**

10 to 11 a.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. The Sisterhood will hold a book review of 'My Sister's Keeper' by Jodi Picoult.

### WED., MARCH 1

**Cranston Senior Guild music and Mohegan trip**

1 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Guest entertainer is Hagop Anmahian, violinist, concert master, professor of music, a member of the Warwick and RIC Symphony orchestras, and Ocean State Pops. Raffle, refreshments to follow. On March 15, a trip to the Mohegan Sun casino is planned. Cost: $19 per paid-up member; with $10 coupon for lunch. Contact Judy Goodman at 738-5092 for details by March 1.

**Touro Fraternal nomination meeting**

7 p.m. Touro Hall, 45 Rolfe Square, Cranston. The annual Touro nomination for candidates on the Association's board of directors. Refreshments, make-your-own sundaes to follow. Reservations suggested. For Touro members only. Contact Touro at 785-0066. Further details at www.tourofraternal.org.

**Beth-El course**

7 - 8:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Providence. "Leviticus, blood & purity,"a three-part course taught by Rabbi Sarah Mack $36. Also, March 8, 15.

### THURS., MARCH 2

**Adoption Options**

6 to 7 p.m. Jewish Family Service in the United Way building, 229 Waterman St., Providence (second floor). Adoption Options will hold free informational meeting on the first Thursday of the month. In Massachusetts, call 1-800-337-6513 for the next scheduled meeting. The Adoption Options Massachusetts office is located in the Community Counseling Building at 366 Winthrop St. in Rehoboth.

### SAT., MARCH 4

**Touro Fraternal's spring "two-fer"**

At the Imperial Room at Rhodes Place, Cranston. Full course family-style dinner at 6:30 p.m. Touro member couples: $32; guest couples: $64. Entertainment by comedians Al Ducharme and Charlie Hall. Reservations are required. Contact Touro at 785-0066. Further details on the web at www.tourofraternal.org.

**Providence Singers, Jrs., R.I. Children's Chorus**

8 p.m. Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. The Providence Singers will perform "American Psalms" with Artistic Director Julian Wachner conducting. Accompanied by brass, percussion, harp and organ; will be joined by the Junior Providence Singers, and the R.I. Children's Chorus. Tickets: $18-$50 adults, $5 students; discounts for advance purchases, seniors, WGBH members, and groups of 6 or more. Available through Tickets.com: 1-800-919-6272. Visit www.ProvidenceSingers.org for direct links to online sales.

### SUN., MARCH 5

**Judaism for parents at Torat Yisrael**

10 a.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Judaism for Parents is a workshop led by Temple Torat Yisrael's cantor, Colman Reaboi. Participants will review melodies, Hebrew pronunciation and the meaning of the prayers sung.

## *Providence Singers to perform Glory! American Psalms concert*

**By Eleanor Lewis**

PROVIDENCE — What do Leonard Bernstein, Lucas Foss, Charles Ives, and Julian Wachner have in common? They are all American composers of the 20th and 21st centuries who have found inspiration in the texts of the psalms to write choral music.

The Providence Singers will perform these "American Psalms" on Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, with Artistic Director Julian Wachner conducting.

The Singers will be accompanied by brass, percussion, harp and organ, and will be joined by the Junior Providence Singers, an auditioned group of talented high school students and the RI Children's Chorus.

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*Eleanor Lewis is a Providence resident and member of the Providence Singers.*


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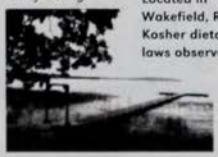

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# Zimriyah

Photos by Julia McCann

On Feb. 8, the Jewish Community Day School's auditorium was packed for its annual Zimriyah (song festival). The empty stage and risers were filled with children singing and running up through the audience in colorful tee shirts designed this year by Sasha Brenman with assistance from Linda Francis. The festival began with The Star Spangled Banner, and included Hebrew songs of freedom, joy, praise for God, and peace, and ended with Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem. It was a celebration for all ages, from pre-schoolers and 8th graders, to alumni, faculty and parents who joined the children in song. Both parents and children look forward to Zimriyah each year and it has become a vibrant part of the Jewish Community Day School's tradition.

SAXOPHONIST Sam Skurkovich leads his school in song.

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STANDING 'O' — From left to right, grandparents Arnold and Sheila Kaufman and parents Lisa and Alex Kaufman clap for their children. (Samantha in grade 4 and twins Adam and Dayna in kindergarten.)

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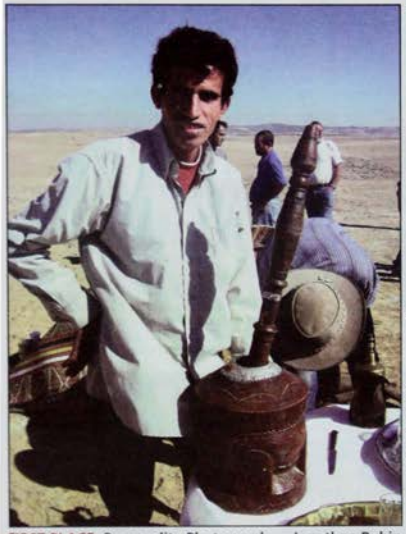

FIRST PLACE, Personality Photograph — Jonathan Rubin

FIRST PLACE, Feature Photograph — Jonathan Rubin

**BOSTON** — At the 2006 New England Press Association annual conference, held last week at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, the Jewish Voice & Herald was the winner of three awards in the category of advertising design and photography. This year had particularly tough competition, with over 6,000 entries. This year's contest was judged, for the first time, by the American Press Institute (API), a leading national journalism center based in Virginia.

The awards won this year in the biweekly competition were:

**First Place, Feature Photograph** — Jonathan Rubin

**Photo**: THE AYES HAVE IT — Federation approves $425,000 for new Jewish Community Day School.

**API Comments:** "A routine vote on funds for a building proposal turned into a strong image... A discerning eye took this assignment beyond the routine."

**First Place**, Personality Photograph — Jonathan Rubin

**Photo**: A Bedouin stands in Israel's Negev desert with an ancient coffee grinder greeting passers-by.

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## My Voice

# Exploring my Turkish roots

By Vicky Esquenazi Bharier

Sitting in the women's section of the Beit Israel Synagogue in Shishli, a suburb of Istanbul, Turkey, I watched as my father was called up for an *aliyah*. My mother and I stood up for his entire time on the *Bimah*, as is the Sephardic custom. Afterwards, my father shook hands and embraced his friend, the Haham Bashi or Chief Rabbi of Turkey, Isak Haleva. The service was much like our Sephardic synagogue in Los Angeles. I was able to greet people afterwards at the kiddush. The entire experience was a combination of nostalgic memories of growing up Sephardic, and the joy of finally exploring my ancestral home with my family. I was closing an emotional loop that opened in the 1920s, when my maternal grandparents left Turkey, and when my father left Istanbul 50 years ago.

Our family, visiting in Israel, took the opportunity to travel together for a four-day stopover in Istanbul where my father, who will soon turn 75, was born and grew up speaking Turkish and Hebrew.

We were met in Istanbul by a friend, Rahel Behar, who would facilitate sightseeing. Security is tight, especially after the bombings of the Beit Israel and Neve Shalom synagogues. There were police cars outside the synagogue. Our passports were taken as we entered, and we were searched. In order to attend services, Rahel had to get permission days before we arrived and fax them our names. My impression from speaking to Jews and touring the city is that being Jewish in Istanbul is not what it once was.

Over the years, Jews settled in the Ottoman Empire to escape persecution in their native lands. Many came from Spain after 1492, following the Inquisition's forced conversions and expulsion. By the 1520s, there were about 8,100 Jewish homes listed in Istanbul. By 1900 there were 300,000 Jews in the city.

Today, the population of Turkey is about 62 million, of which 26,000 are Jews: 97 percent are Sephardic. Most live in Istanbul, where there are 18 synagogues still in use. In the last century, Jews have emigrated to North America, South America and Israel. Many of those remaining have assimilated. The young generation does not speak Judeo-Spanish (Ladino) or Hebrew. There are Magen Davids and Hebrew letters on buildings in many areas.

However, when you see mosques on every corner, when Muslim prayers are announced several times a day from loudspeakers, and when Jewish sites are hidden behind other buildings with police protection, one can't help but feel a bit out of place.

One of our first stops was the Zulfaris Synagogue, which, in 2001, became the Jewish Museum of Turkey. There is evidence that the synagogue existed in 1671, but the current building was restored in the early 19th century. The museum has three levels, and includes exhibits on the history of the Jews in Turkey, pictures of Jewish families dating from the last century, outfits worn by Jewish brides, Torah scrolls, and other ritual objects. As we perused a display about how the first printing press in Ottoman Turkey was established by two Sephardic Jews in 1493, the section on journalism caught my eye. There was a picture that resembled a relative of mine. Looking closer, I was amazed to realize it was my great uncle, Roberto Balli. He had started a Jewish newspaper in the early 1900s, before he emigrated to Argentina.

From there, we walked along steep streets to the Ashkenazi synagogue. It had been turned into an artist's gallery. We then proceeded to the neighborhood where my father had lived. The area is dominated by the Galata Tower, a Genoese cylindrical stone structure built in the 1300s. We went to the top to see the panoramic view of the city at dusk. We could hear the Muslim prayers even from the other side of the Golden Horn. In the distance we could see the Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque. We could also see the traffic on the bridges connecting our European side to the Asian side of Istanbul. It was a spectacular site.

As we walked the streets familiar to my father, he pointed out an old fountain at the corner of a narrow street. His apartment while growing up was at that intersection.

ON PRINCES ISLAND HEYBELIADA; the author, Vicky Bharier, her father, Nathan Esquenazi, and her brother, Luis Esquenazi.

NEVE SHALOM SYNAGOGUE, site of a bombing. The author's father, Nathan Esquenazi, went to Hebrew school there in 1941, when the synagogue opened.

THE ZULFARIS SYNAGOGUE, now the Jewish Museum of Turkey.

Photos by or courtesy of Vicky Bharier

My father said something in Turkish to someone in the building. Soon the owner came out. She showed us the synagogue nearby, and then took us to where the matzah factory is located.

We managed to fit in visits to the Topkapi Palace and other tourist sites, but I was mainly fascinated with the Jewish places. The Haskoy Cemetery, where my paternal grandfather and other relatives were buried, was a priority. To our dismay, we learned that a large area of the cemetery had been turned into a major highway. The stones that were salvaged were thrown in a heap in the center of the cemetery. They were so old we could barely make out any Hebrew letters at all. I found some familiar names and wrote them down to research later. We didn't find my grandfather's grave, but thought maybe someday we would return to do more research.

HORSE-DRAWN BUGGY on Heybeliada, one of the Princes Islands; no cars allowed.

*Vicky Bharier is a Providence resident and visited Turkey in November, 2005.*

Food

# Apres-ski warmers

By Marylyn Graff

Part of the fun of skiing is warming up afterwards with something hot and tasty.

Think soup, chowders, and hot chocolate.

**Pumpkin (or squash) soup**

6 cups chicken broth, or more if needed

1 1/2 lbs. or 3 cups cooked pumpkin or winter squash — butternut, acorn, Hubbard, or other squash

1 large or 2 medium onions, chopped

3 or 4 cloves of garlic, crushed

1-2 tblsps. curry powder (hot or mild to your taste)

2 tsps. ground cumin

2 tblsps. parve margarine.

Salt and pepper to taste

If using fresh pumpkin, cut in half, seed, put upside down in a pan with a little water and bake until tender, then scoop out the flesh. You can also do this with squash or use cut-up or peeled from the super market, or even frozen chunks or mashed if you're in a hurry. You can try canned pumpkin, but I would think that it wouldn't taste as good.

Melt the margarine in a soup pot and add the onions until they clarify, putting in the garlic when almost done. Add the broth and pumpkin or squash and stir in seasonings. Simmer on low heat at least an hour, stirring often. Puree in blender or processor. You may need to add more broth and adjust seasonings.

You may prefer to season this soup with basil and thyme, if you don't care for curry and cumin.

Serve in mugs with a stick of celery as a stirrer, or in bowls garnished with a sprig of parsley or thyme.

**Broccoli chowder**

2 large heads broccoli, about 2 lbs.

1 large or two medium onions, chopped

3 medium potatoes, peeled and diced

1 stalk celery, finely sliced

2-3 cloves garlic, crushed

6 cups chicken broth or stock

2 tblsps. parve margarine

1 bay leaf

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 tsp. hot pepper flakes, opt.

Cut tough parts of broccoli stems away and dice the tender parts. Cut broccoli tops into small pieces.

Melt margarine in a soup pot over medium-low heat and cook onions and celery until soft, add garlic and cook for another minute. Pour in broth and add bay leaf, pepper flakes if using, potatoes and cut-up broccoli stems. Cook until all are tender. Remove bay leaf and put about 2 cups of the soup in a blender or processor and puree. Pour back into pot and add the broccoli tops.

You can also puree all of the soup, saving a few broccoli tips for garnish.

These soups can also be made with vegetable broth instead of chicken.

## Warm-up drinks

**Hot chocolate**

(Go ahead, you've been on the slopes all day burning calories)

1 qt. whole milk

4 Oz. unsweetened or semi-sweet chocolate, chopped, or 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa

4 tblsps. sugar, more or less, to taste

1 tsp. natural vanilla extract

Heat milk and vanilla to a simmer, stirring in chocolate or cocoa until melted and combined.

A cinnamon stick makes a nice stirrer and a dollop of whipped cream finishes off a great mug of cocoa.

For those over 21 you can add a jigger of Kahlua or other liqueur to each mug.

**Mulled wine**

A botttle of dry red wine

1 orange, sliced

3 or 4 cinnamon sticks, broken

6 whole cloves

nutmeg

Heat wine with half the orange slices, cinnamon and cloves. Simmer for 3 or 4 minutes just under the boiling point. Cover and steep for about an hour. Reheat just to a simmer. Strain into mugs, garnishing each with an orange slice and a sprinkle of nutmeg.

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


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"We're all very excited about the opportunity to share the stage with these great high school musicians from Israel," said Barbara Hughes, director of instrumental music.

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In Massachusetts, call 800-337-6513 for the next scheduled meeting. The Adoption Options Massachusetts office is located in the Community Counseling Building at 366 Winthrop Street in Rehoboth.

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# BJE seeks nominations for teacher awards for creativity, excellence

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## Community

# JCC preschoolers get head start on ethics

PROVIDENCE — Last month, about 25 parents and children attended an "Ethical Start Family Program" at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

The program is a values curriculum based on Pirkei Avot, or "Ethics of our Fathers," from the Talmud. It focused on the transmitting of values from parent to child. A pizza dinner followed.

Each family was given a dilemma and asked the children what they would do in such a situation. The parents wrote the children's answers on a colored footprint and helped their children place the footprints on the "Road of Good Choices" which is currently covering the preschool walls. The dilemmas and footprints were sent home to the rest of the preschool families.

AN ETHICAL START program was held at the JCC recently.

Several teachers from the center helped facilitate the activities, including teachers from the JCC satellite site in Barrington. Sue Connor, director of the Early Childhood Center, ran the event together with Naomi Schorsch Stein, Judaic curriculum specialist.

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# *At Tamarisk Jewish jazz, Mr. Holmes*

WARWICK — The Tamarisk Assisted Living center in presents "Kings of Swing" and a lecture on Sherlock Holmes at their building, 3 Shalom Drive.

On Feb. 21, Dr. Steven Kane presents "Jewish-Tinged Jazz — The Ziggy Ellman Story" in the Tamarisk community room at 3 p.m. Kane will profile the jazz giant Ziggy Ellman in his ongoing music history class. The community is invited.

Also, on Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Albert Silverstein, professor at the University of Rhode Island, will discuss the long-standing appeal of fictional detective Sherlock Holmes.

Refreshments are served at all events. RSVP to Gina at 401-732-0037.

# Touro to begin religious freedom lectures

NEWPORT — Touro Synagogue Foundation presents "A Lively Experiment: The Meaning of Religious Freedom in Rhode Island" on Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the state dining room located in Ochre Court at Salve Regina University.

This program, the first in a series of three programs scheduled for Touro's spring public lecture series, Journey To Freedom, will feature a round table discussion.

Participants will explore Rhode Island's historical role in creating a rich culture, beginning with the diverse groups that settled in New England during the colonial era. Speakers will include Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz, Touro Synagogue; Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., president, Providence College; Rev. J. Daniel Burke, former Rector, St. Martin's Church, Providence; and Rev. Vincent Thompson, Community Baptist Church, Newport. Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, will moderate the discussion.

The lecture series continues on Wednesday, April 5.

The Journey To Freedom Public Lecture series is made possible through funding support from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities and is sponsored in partnership with the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island section; Newport County Chamber of Commerce, Newport Historical Society and Salve Regina University.

All programs in the series are open to the public and are free of charge. For additional information, contact Robin Kauffman at 847-4794, ext. 14 or robin@tourosynagogue.org.

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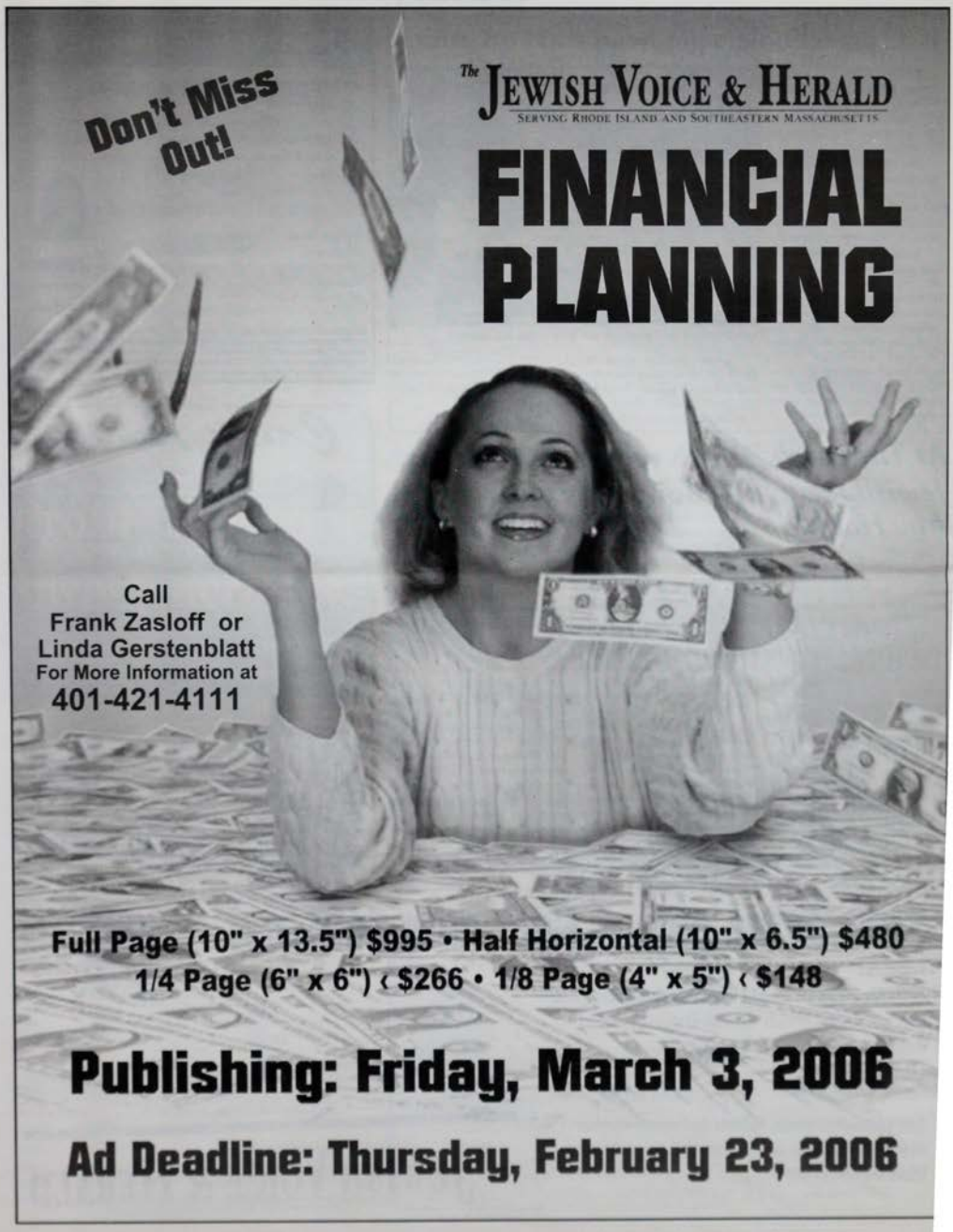
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D'VAR TORAH

# The 10 utterances of creation and the Ten Commandments

by Mark A. Kaplowitz

In Pirkei Avot 5:1 we learn hat the opening statement of he creation narrative — "In the eginning God created the heav- ns and the earth" — could not ossibly tell the whole story.

It must be followed by nine itterances of "Let there be . . ." Creation needs all ten of these itterances, or sayings — *Asarah Ma'amarot* — and not just the irst one, in order to teach us of he moral gravity of environmen- al degradation and to instruct us about the good reward for the righteous who sustain the earth.

According to Rabbi Yehudah Leib Alter of Ger (1847-1905), also known by the name of his commentary on the Torah as the *Sefat Emet*, there is an intimate connection between the *Asarah Ma'amarot* of creation and the *Aseret Hadibbrot* — the Ten Commandments, or literally, the Ten Speakings – found in this week's Torah reading from Parashat Yitro.

The most basic connection drawn by the *Sefat Emet* is terminological: even though the Hebrew words for to say and to speak are close synonyms, they express different notions. "To say" means to express an abstract idea; in contrast, "to speak" is to guide the listener toward a deeper understanding of a profound idea. For example, I can easily "say" $e=mc^2$, but not being a physicist, I cannot truly "speak" about it. Similarly, the Torah "says" to us that God created the world in seven days but does not "speak" to us about it.

In contrast, because they were "spoken" to us and not merely "said," we are called upon to find the ways in which the Ten Commandments still speak to us today.

This linguistic difference is a sign of our different relationship to creation and to revelation. God's idea alone effected the creation of the universe, and no one among us is privy to God's eternal, unchanging idea. God unleashes the universe and nature follows its course. All we have is the empirical report of nature's data and the all too succinct report revealed to us in the Torah. In contrast, all Jews experience the revelation of the Ten Commandments. At Sinai, God communicates with each of us and we have no choice but to respond by delving ever deeper into the profound notion of a unique, commanding God. Divine revelation requires our constant participation; it is dynamic and ever-developing.

For the *Sefat Emet*, the Ten Commandments show us our role in advancing God's creative relationship with the world. The good reward of the righteous who sustain the world must be the Torah, for nothing could be better or more rewarding than the study of Torah. And our engagement with the Torah sustains the world, for we know from our daily prayers that God uses his goodness— our life of Torah — to continuously renew creation. But most radically, the *Sefat Emet* also tells us that the Torah depends upon our constant attention to *tikkun olam* — making right that which is wrong in our world — in order to continually give new meaning and relevance to the commanding Divine voice first heard at Sinai.

*Mark A. Kaplowitz lives on the East Side of Providence.*

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# Obituaries

### Henry Arbeitman, 88

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Henry Arbeitman, 88, formerly of Wrentham, Pawtucket and Warwick, died Feb. 6. He was the husband of the late Doris (Strashnick) Arbeitman. He was the son of the late Max and Celia Arbeitman and the brother of the late Abraham Arbeitman and Rose Goldman.

He is survived by his niece, Norma Kroll; his nephew, Harvey Goldman, and his sisters-in-law, Tillie Selenger and Irma Friedlander, and their children and grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

### Edith F. Carcieri, 76

WARWICK — Edith F. Carcieri, 76, died Feb. 4. She was the wife of William V. Carcieri and the late Bernard H. Klemer. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Hime and Rose (Pepper) Buckler, she had lived in Warwick for 50 years.

She was a co-owner with her husband, William, of The Shoe Store in North Kingstown for eight years, retiring in 1989. She previously worked as a bookkeeper for the Sterling Shoe Store in Warwick.

She was a founding member of Temple Am David and was a member of its Sisterhood. She is survived by a son, Harvey A. Klemer and his wife, Lynda; and a daughter, Lorie A. Griffin and her husband, Richard, all of Warwick. She was the stepmother of William V. Carcieri, Jr. and his wife, Marie, of Cranston. She was the sister of Samuel Buckler and Leonard Buckler, both of Cranston and the late Charlotte Wine. She was the grandmother of eight, and great-grandmother of two.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Hasbro Children's Hospital.

### Robert J. Frank, 82

BEACHWOOD, Ohio — Robert J. Frank, 82, died Jan. 24. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Frank. He was the son of the late Milton and Sadie Frank of Providence.

He graduated from Hope High School and Providence College.

He leaves his children, Karen Coville, and her husband, Skip; Nancy Frank; Andrew Frank, and his wife, Mai; Dawn Carter and her husband, Allen; and Judd Frank and his wife, Mary. He is survived by his grandchildren, Erica, Jordan, Tess, Zeila and Reese.

He is also survived by his sister, Enid Antine and her husband, Bill, of Taunton, Mass. He was also the brother of the late Morton Frank, and his wife, Alice.

### Ralph E. Harary

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Ralph E. Harary died Feb. 4. He was the husband of Beatrice (Kobrin) Harary.

He is survived by his son, Ely R. Harary, and his wife, Randy, of Cotuit, Mass.; and a daughter, Celia Harary, of Forest Hills, N.Y., as well as two grandchildren, Cheryl and Ralph.

He was also the brother of Jack Harary of Brooklyn, Morris Harary of New Jersey, and the late Rachel Bibi.

Contributions may be made to Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740.

### Roberta N. Hirsch, 53

ROCHESTER, Mass. — Roberta N. Hirsch, 53, died Feb. 4. She was the wife of Tony Hirsch. They were married for 18 years. Born in New York, N.Y., the daughter of Paula (Bell) Neumann of East Greenwich and the late Norman Neumann, she had lived in Rochester for 18 years.

She was the sister of Marcia Neumann of Warwick.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Greater New Bedford Women's Center, 405 County St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

### Simon M. Koenig, 92

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Simon M. Koenig, 92, of Manhattan and Providence, a prominent matrimonial attorney, died Jan. 31. He was the husband of Dorothy Oskern Koenig.

Besides his wife of 37 years, he leaves a son, Arthur Koenig and his wife, Jane, of Neshanic, N.J.; a daughter, Tina Falcoff and her husband, Richard, of Lincolnshire, IL; and a grandson, Lee Falcoff.

Born in New York City, the son of the late Samuel and Pearl (Schifter) Koenig, he held degrees from Fordham and St. John's Law School. He was admitted to the New York Bar after spending three years in the government service in an investigative capacity.

He was a Founding Fellow and lecturer of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. His other credentials include: Past Lecturer, New York County Lawyers, section of Family Law. He was also an arbitrator; and a lecturer at New York University Medical School, New York Medical College, and Lenox Hill Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, RI. Contributions may be made to: Hospice of Palm Beach, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

### Leonid B. Kulik, 81

PAWTUCKET — Leonid B. Kulik, 81, died Feb. 3. He was the husband of Liliya (Koldun) Kulik. They were married for 53 years. Born in the Ukraine, a son of the late Boris and Tatyana Kulik, he had lived there most of his life before moving to Pawtucket 12 years ago.

He was the father of Svetlana Harris of Warwick and Mila Nosenko of Cranston, and leaves three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael.

### J. Joseph Levine, 87

BOCA RATON, Fla. — J. Joseph Levine, 87, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died Feb. 3. He was the husband of the late Seena Baker Levine.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Louis and Rebecca (Leibowitz) Levine, he had been a resident of Providence and Cranston for 45 years before moving to Florida.

Mr. Levine was a graduate of Boston University. During World War II he was a Lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theatre. He was a former member of Temple Beth-El.

He is survived by two daughters, Ann Broomfield of Pawtucket and Liz Levine of Providence and four grandchildren, Ted, Katie, Melissa and Jason. He was the brother of the late Daniel Levine.

Contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860.

### Cynthia Rumpler, 74

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Cynthia (Rose) Rumpler, 74, of East Falmouth, Mass., and Boynton Beach, died Jan. 29. She was the wife of Marvin Rumpler. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Solomon and Clara (Goldstein) Rose, she had lived in Needham, Mass., for 42 years, before moving to East Falmouth and Boynton Beach.

She was the mother of Gary Rumpler and his wife, Sharon, of Long Beach, Calif.; Lewis Rumpler and his wife, Laura, of Spokane, Wash.; Steven Rumpler of Dorchester, Mass.; Michael Rumpler of Albion, Calif., and Mark Rumpler and his partner, Matthew, of San Francisco, Calif. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Alexandria and Hanna. She was the sister of the late Arnold Rose.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Temple Beth Shalom Youth Committee, 670 Highland Ave., Needham, Mass., 02494.

### Helen Tacker

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Helen Tacker died Feb. 8. Born in Boston, the daughter of the late Harry and Minnie (Levinson) Kanovitz, she was a retired secretary.

She is survived by two daughters, Toby Kellerman and Judy Morra, both of East Providence; a brother, Dr. Aaron Kaye of Lexington, Mass., and four grandchildren. She was also the sister of the late Irving Kanovitz.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.


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# Simchas

## Mazal Tov

### Engagements

Jennifer Lynn Berk and Brad Ashton Shone

**Sandy** and **Alan Berk** of Coventry announce the engagement of their daughter, **Jennifer Lynn Berk,** to **Brad Ashton Shone**, son of Karen and Ronald Shone of Scituate, Mass.

The bride-to-be graduated from Keene State College in New Hampshire and is employed by Comcast Spotlight in Wellesley, Mass.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and is employed by State Street Bank in Quincy, Mass.

The couple plan a Sept. 16 wedding.

**Sherri Ann Katz** and **Martin Jay Ross** will be married on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at Temple Emanuel in Worcester. Rabbis Jordan Millstein and Alvan Kaunfer will officiate.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and Boston College, where she earned a master's degree in social work. She is employed as a clinician at the Dept. of Youth Services in Taunton, Mass.

The groom-to-be is a sales consultant at Tasca Volvo in Seekonk.

She is the daughter of Richard and Linda Katz of Worcester, Mass.

He is the son of Allen and Sandra Ross of Greenville, R.I.

Martin Jay Ross and Sherri Ann Katz

### Births

#### Twins!

Bill and Kerry Nulman of Ewing, N.J., announce the birth of twins, Aaron Thomas and Margaret Ann on Dec. 28, 2005. Paternal grandparents are **Ben and Sandie Nulman** of Cranston. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Sharon Dorian of Baltimore, Md.

Aaron Thomas and Margaret Ann Nulman

Charlotte Ann Hollaway

**Ian** and **Pamela Hollaway** of Warwick announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Ann, on Dec. 7, 2005.

Maternal grandparents are Howard I. and Patricia Cohen of North Kingstown. Paternal grandmother is Maryann Hollaway of Hawaii. Great-grandparents are Maurice B. and Frances H. Cohen of Cranston.

Mira Sophie Walter

**Rich** and **Risa Walter** of Pawtucket announce the birth of their daughter, Mira Sophie, on Jan. 28. Mira is the little sister of Rene Walter and the granddaughter of Harriet and Joseph Walter of Lake Worth, Florida and Janet and Pincus Kolender of Charleston, South Carolina. She is the great-granddaughter of Robert Shanker of Boynton Beach, Florida.

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**Derek Shapiro** and **Stephanie Rawls Shapiro** of Providence announce the birth of their son, Rivyr Brok Shapiro, on Jan. 19. He weighed 7 lbs. and was welcomed home by his sister, Londyn. Kathleen Perry is his maternal grandmother; paternal grandparents are Janice and Howard Shapiro of Cranston.

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