

Where are we going; how will we get there?

SPECIAL REPORT

FOCUS ON FEDERATION

The last two months of 2005 saw the resignation of executives from three of the biggest Jewish organizations in Rhode Island — The Jewish Community Center (JCC), The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) and Jewish Family Services (JFS). The year before, the Jewish Seniors Agency lost its executive director as well, as a result of this "execu-

tive Exodus," the four largest Jewish agencies in the state are now led by interim execs.

Today, some say that Rhode Island's Jewish community has a "leadership vacuum." An interview with a dozen community leaders led to this in-depth report on why they're wrong, and why they're right.

By Jonathan Rubin
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PROVIDENCE — You may not have noticed it, but the

organized Jewish community is shifting its course. After years of arguing over whether change is needed and to what degree,

and who should lead the charge, much of the dust has settled, and a plan has emerged.

To be sure, a plan by itself

isn't enough to make you jump out of your seat, this community has generated many

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Clinton opens forum

By Mary Korr
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PROVIDENCE — "Inauguration" was the key word that brought Sen. Hillary Clinton here, joked Michael Granoff about the purported Democratic front-runner in the next Presidential election. She spoke at Brown Saturday night at his invitation.

He and his wife, Ellen Doherty-Granoff, a Brown alum, have funded what will become an annual women's leadership forum at Brown. "Brown is an ideal incubator for talent," said Doherty-Granoff,

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Hillary



SEN. HILLARY CLINTON shakes hands with Michael Granoff Saturday night before she spoke on women and leadership at a forum at Brown. President Ruth Simmons introduced her.

Sounds of Afula



Photos by Jonathan Rubin

At left and above, the Zeirey Afula Singing Company from Afula performed at a Federation thank-you concert last week. See story on page 28.

Community Calendar



Yom Hashoah

Eva Feig, at far right, and shown at left as a child, will speak at the April 24 Yom Hashoah service at Temple Emanuel. She is shown with Martha Joukowsky, daughter of Martha Sharp, who is the first American woman honored by Yad Vashem. See listing for details.



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MON., APRIL 17

Women's Seder at Beth-El
5:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El,
70 Orchard Ave., Providence.

Includes a catered dinner; kosher-style for Passover or vegetarian option. \$22.

TUES., APRIL 18 Passover service at Torat Yisrael

6 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. A Passover Ma'ariv service.

WED., APRIL 19 Passover services at Torat Yisrael

9:15 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Passover Shaharit/Musaf service will be held; and a Passover Ma'ariv service will be held at 8:30 p.m.

THURS., APRIL 20 Passover services at Torat Yisrael

9 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Passover Shaharit/Musaf/Yizkor service will be held.

Yizkor service, Moshiach meal

6:30 p.m. Chabad CHAI Center, 3871 Post Road, Warwick. Yizkor service; 7:30 p.m. Moshiach meal.

FRI., APRIL 21 Men's Club honors new members at Torat Yisrael

6 p.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Temple Torat Yisrael's Men's Club will honor its newest members at a Shabbat service followed by dinner.

SUN., APRIL 23 Torat Yisrael Men's Club

10 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Rabbi Levin will speak on "Organ donation according to Jewish law." Speakers will be TTY's own David Smoller and Ron Richter, donor recipients. The program includes breakfast. RSVP by April 18 to the temple office, 785-1800.

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By Mary Korr
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PROVIDENCE — For three weeks in March, doctors and nurses from Emek Medical Center in Afula, Israel, visited area hospitals in a new international medical exchange program at Miriam Hospital. The hospital also has a program in Kenya.

In the fall, a team from Miriam will go to Emek, said Dr. Renee Rulin of Providence, who visited Emek last spring to assess the fledgling program.

On their final day in this country, Dr. David Almog, deputy director of Emek; Carolyn Moalem, nursing supervisor of quality management; and Mary Azriel, director of nursing, sat down to talk with the Jewish Voice & Herald.

Q. Emek treats the military and victims of what you call "mass casualty events." Is it stressful to work there day in and day out?

A. Dr. Almog: "No, we are able to help and that is what I concentrate on. We work hard to be prepared, and have a highly skilled emergency room staff."

A. Moalem: "I think it is more stressful for the ER and ICU staffs. Once we had one of our own doctors come in, a victim of a suicide bombing in the mill. We didn't recognize him."

Q. What has surprised you the most about the medical care you've observed here?

A. Dr. Almog: "First, the system physicians work in. Most



Photo courtesy of Miriam Hospital

EXCHANGE PROGRAM—The Miriam Hospital welcomed a medical team from Emek Medical Center in Afula, Israel, for three weeks recently in a new international exchange program. Participants from Israel were, from left (seated), Mary Azriel and Carolyn Moalem, at right. Seated in the center is Dr. Renee Rulin of Providence, a coordinator of the program. Standing from left are Jeffrey Brier, chairman of the board of trustees of the Miriam, Dr. Kathleen Hittner, the hospital's president and CEO and Dr. David Almog of Emek.

of the doctors are not fulltime staff members of the hospital. In Israel, we have dedicated staff in each department. (Emek is a member of a large HMO, Clalit.) Here, you could have two patients in the same room, and doctors, medical students, residents might see one patient and not the other.

I noticed American medicine is very organized. I was impressed by the logistics, the quality controls and risk measurements — and the friendliness."

A. Moalem: "Before we came, we went to a meeting on international accreditation. This is just starting in Israel. Here, I am learning from an expert. I hope to continue this relationship. I was also very impressed by the Genesis program at Miriam, a specialized approach to dealing with older patients to decrease the negative aspects of aging."

Q. Is there a nursing shortage in Israel like there is in this country?

A. Azriel: "No. We have nurses who start working at 22 years old and stay until they retire at 65. We have many Arab nurses who live in the surrounding villages."

A. Moalem: "We would like to hire more nurses but we have budgetary restraints."

A. Dr. Almog: "The same is true for physicians. We are limited to a certain number on the staff. The physicians belong

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Jewish Federation of RI seeks Women's Alliance Director

JFRI is seeking candidates for an exciting and meaningful opportunity in the Jewish communal field. The full-time position of Women's Alliance (WA) Director has overall responsibility for all sources of women's philanthropy that come into the Federation system.

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Opinion

New thoughts, old memories from a reporter who met him

Adolf Eichmann. To those of us of a certain age, that name brings back memories, none of them pleasant. To those of us who reported on Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem in 1961, those memories are permanently embedded in our minds. And for Jews everywhere, the four-month long trial, with its graphic descriptions of the horrors of the Holocaust, led to the placement of the Holocaust firmly on the world's agenda.



Yehuda Lev

Of his guilt as the zealous technician who saw to it that the roundup and transportation of millions of Jews to the death camps was carried out with great efficiency, there was no question. Yet over the courtroom and to this very day, there looms a large, unanswered question. Who was this man who so calmly and so earnestly carried out his dreadful task even to the point of obsession?

A MAJORITY OF ONE Deconstructing Eichmann

The political philosopher Hannah Arendt thought she found the answer when she wrote her book, *Eichmann in Jerusalem: The Banality of Evil* and compared him to a typical petty bureaucrat in his physical demeanor and his passion for exactness. The comparisons may have been apt but they didn't explain what made him do what he did. Your average petty bureaucrat does not spend his days abetting the slaughter of innocent people. Yet most of us, reporting from the Jerusalem courtroom, never did provide a more

with Jewish employers in his youth. Cesarani holds that Eichmann was simply a "careerist" who joined the Nazi Party because he saw it ascending to power, and the SS because it offered him a good job with possibilities of promotion. The anti-Semitism of the Nazis and the violence of the SS were not important considerations to Eichmann; those factors played a role only after he was indoctrinated by membership in the Nazi movement.

returned home that evening my neighbor was overjoyed. He was an Austrian Jew and very familiar with Eichmann, and his history. His wife, a young woman from Yemen, was pleased that her husband was happy but had no idea of the reason behind it. For she and I and almost all Israelis who were not directly affected by the Holocaust, a long process of education was about to begin.

The trial itself was a trial. The visitor's gallery was always crowded with survivors and their families, the witnesses spoke of events that in other circumstances would have been difficult to believe, and emotional outbursts were a commonplace. Reading Cesarani brings it all back; he uses the trial evidence to portray Eichmann's background and career. For those readers who recall watching the trial nightly on television, it will serve as a reminder of what existence for Jews in Hitler's Europe was like. For those who are making their first acquaintance with Adolf Eichmann and all that he represented it is an experience that will serve you well. In the comfortable life that the United States makes available to Jews it is easy to forget, even as we commemorate the Holocaust and celebrate our deliverance from slavery in Egypt, how different, how tragic our fate might otherwise have been. Thank you, America.

Yehuda Lev of Providence, a retired journalist, writes a regular opinion column for *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.

My most lasting memory of Eichmann's trial and execution came on the very first day that we learned of his capture in Argentina.

vable explanation. And there was no one in that courtroom who thought that Adolf Eichmann was insane.

Now, half a century later and on the verge of Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 24, British historian David Cesarani, has published *Becoming Eichmann: Rethinking the Life, Crimes and Trial of a "Desk Murderer"*, the first biography of Eichmann to appear in 40 years. He disagrees strongly both with Arendt and also with those who saw Eichmann as a fanatical anti-Semite whose career as a murderer of Jews was made possible by negative experiences

My most lasting memory of Eichmann's trial and execution came on the very first day that we learned of his capture in Argentina and secret flight to Israel. David Ben-Gurion, Israel's Prime Minister, made the announcement to a stunned Knesset at 4 p.m. I was then a news editor and broadcaster on the Israel State Radio and my first question was "Who is Eichmann?" In post-war Germany I had reported on the second Nuremberg Trial (of concentration camp commandants and SS generals) and had worked with Holocaust survivors but his name meant nothing to me. When I

VIEWPOINT

Hope in an Israeli hospital

By Alanna Schwartz

We walked into the foyer — it was gleaming in pearl and pink marble; a staircase spiraled to a soaring dome. It was the most charming children's hospital I have ever seen. Paintings hung all over the walls, not done by professionals, but obviously ones made by sick children who would hopefully come back healthy one day in the not-too-distant future and admire their artwork. Walking in there I didn't know I would come out a changed person.

It was the spring break of 2005, and we were in Tel Aviv. A sandstorm was blowing in from the desert, painting the sky orange and red. The air was dry; of course that was exactly the weather that I wanted coming from the winter cold of Rhode Island! It was our first day there, and the jet lag of seven hours was catching up to me — but I agreed to go on this little outing with my family. We were there to witness our family tradition of contributing to the community. In action, donating the monetary gifts my siblings and I received from our Bar and Bat Mitzvahs was something that I started as the eldest child, to help us realize how fortunate we are. On this day we were going to see what kind of impact my sister Eva's donations had made on the children's hospital in Israel.

We were greeted by the assistant manager of contributions, who took us to a back room where she told us about what departments of the hospital the money went to; urology and cardiology. After a quick question-and-answer session, we toured the hospital.

I had been to hospitals before, mainly adult hospitals though. We went through the emergency room, the admissions section, and then the cardiac intensive care unit. I started to walk through the ICU at the end of the group, and I glanced inside. I saw a little baby lying there with tubes running out of him. It was almost surreal. Thoughts rushed through my head; what was wrong with the child and what would happen to him? I started to breathe a little faster and my head began to spin.

After we finished going through that unit I had to stop. We were in the foyer near the elevator and there was a huge window looking out to the parking lot. We must have been at least 10 stories up. I had to sit. When my parents asked what was wrong, I couldn't explain it to them. The feeling was overwhelmingly powerful; I could not tell them in words what I was feeling.

At first I was scared of the hospital and what it represented, sickness and chilling images, like the baby I had just

seen. Although this was my initial reaction, after thinking about it, I realized I had seen an image of hope; with medical science today, the baby could survive, and thrive. Surely his parents sitting by his side felt that. What would happen if there was no hope? After realizing this, the desire to someday provide this essential promise of hope overwhelmed me. This profound feeling showed me what was important to me. Not only to help

people, but also to give them hope for the future.

As we left the hospital, I took a last look at the paintings in the foyer, and I realized that they represented the children's images of hope, full of color and abstract design and joy.

Alanna Schwartz of Providence will graduate from Classical High School in June.

Letter to the editor

Hochman was 'giant of a man'

I just received my copy of the *Voice & Herald* and read your article on the late David Hochman. I must say you were sadly mistaken on a number of statements you wrote. Yes, he was a regular guy. Your statement about him not being of political influence could not be further from the facts. There were mayors both in the city of Providence and Cranston that lobbied for his support along with

councilmen and state representatives. If you consider the Big Brothers Of Rhode Island as not being an influential body, I beg to differ. David worked very hard to make a living seven days a week in a number of different jobs. No, he was not a wealthy person, but he was a great provider for his family. He was a giant of a man and will be sorely missed by all.

Steve Levitt
Cranston

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FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

Animal house: A tale of tails

On Friday last I ran some errands. Upon my return I heard the cleaning lady yelling at Morgan the Wonder Dog. "You get down from there, naughty dog!" and then the reply, "Ha, ha, ho, ho, you're not Josh, I don't have to do what you say."

Now, this came as a surprise, because I thought Morgan the Wonder Dog spoke only to me. In any case, up on the kitchen counter, staring intently at a squirrel hanging upside down on the bird feeder, was Morgan the Wonder Dog.

"What are you doing there?" I asked menacingly.

"She made me do it, she always makes me get up here."

"She was up there all morning," snatched the cleaning lady. "I didn't put her up there," she added nervously.

"I know, I know," I reassured; "she has quite an imagination."

Twice again the dog was up on the counter, either staring at the squirrel at the bird feeder or just staring at the bird feeder in anticipation. I determined to put a stop to these shenanigans. Thinking that the squirrel was aided and abetted by the table we have under the window, I went out onto the deck to take it away, carefully placing it along the side of the deck near the enclosed porch's roof. It being a beautiful day, I left Morgan outside on patrol.

A cry from the cleaning lady alerted that something was wrong. Again, I went to the kitchen window but there was no squirrel.

I looked out the window and saw that there was also no dog. She, in her infinite wisdom, had used the table I had so conveniently placed at her disposal to abscond from the deck onto the adjacent porch roof. So, there she was, running to the edge of the roof, stopping, looking down, wondering if she could survive the eight foot drop to the ground, backing off, running up again, considering again, backing off again. I could see, however, that her courage was mounting.

Then I saw the cat. "Oh, gods," I implored, "don't let her see the cat." I opened the window and called to her. "Morgan, come here, I have cheese for you." "No you don't," she said as she edged closer to the edge. "I'll get it, you wait there." I implored. So I ran the length of the living room, turned right through the foyer, right again through the dining room, through the breakfast room, into the kitchen where I threw open the refrigerator and tried to remember which kind of cheese she liked best—mozzarella, cheddar, Swiss? I grabbed a block of cheddar and retraced my steps, sticking my head out the window and ... no dog. She had jumped back over the rail onto the deck. To the deck I sauntered, gave her some cheese, brought her back in the house and sat down to work, again.

Another shriek from the cleaning lady. Now what? *Graviti!* I left the window open and out through it Morgan had leaped onto the roof of the enclosed porch. Again. "Damn!" "Stay," I commanded, rushed through the house to the refrigerator to get some cheese, back to the window where the dog had remained. I offered her the food, she came in, I closed the window. Our problems were not yet over.

I had noticed that the squirrel walked along the deck railing and leaped from it onto the sill of the kitchen window, from which it then jumped onto the birdfeeder. OK, what can I do about this? "Crisco" was the obvious answer. If I coated the sill with a thin veneer of Crisco, the squirrel would leap, skid and fall to the deck floor, hopefully without doing itself any injury. So that's what I prepared to do. What I hadn't noticed was that as I opened the window, the squirrel was already in mid-flight towards it. It hit my outstretched arm and ricocheted up my arm into the kitchen. The other thing I did not notice was that the cat I'd spotted before had by now managed to get onto the deck and seeing its prey jump through our kitchen window, it decided on the spur of the moment to follow suit. So now I had a panicked squirrel being chased by a cat who only too late realized that there was a dog in the house who hated cats.

My right hand was also coated in Crisco. The next thing I knew, the trio was running first around, then through the breakfast room, into the dining room where the cleaning lady was standing on the radiator holding her skirt above her knees shouting (actually it more like screaming) something in Andalusian. The squirrel dove under the living room couch where the cat thought for a moment it would stalk it until suddenly remembering the dog hot on its tail, so it leaped five feet up onto the mantle, skidding along the surface, sending *tchabkes* scattering in all directions. Then, as the cat was skidding, the dog chasing it barking, the squirrel cowering, my wife came home.

As the door opened, the dog, always anxious to be outside, gave up pursuit of the cat, and headed out the door; the cat, seeing its chance to escape, jumped down from the mantle and fled after her. The squirrel who was watching all this from its vantage point below the couch took its opportunity to run through Penney's legs to safety. The cleaning lady was still on top of the radiator screaming in Andalusian, skirt hiked. Penney took a quick look at the scene as it was unfolding and asked, "How come the cat is chasing the dog and the squirrel is chasing the cat?" This was too difficult to explain, so rather than try, we helped the cleaning lady down from the radiator and the three of us cleaned up the mess.

And what does all of this have to do with anything Jewish? What? You have to ask! How do you prepare your house for Passover?

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Letters to the editor

Paper Contributed to Barney's demise

In his column, "O Bagel, where art thou?" *Jewish Voice & Herald* managing editor Jonathan Rubin has yet to understand that, to paraphrase Pogo, "he has met the enemy and it is himself." Rubin laments the demise of Barney's as a source of "koshier-style" bagels, now that the store is closing.

But, when it was open, in the last three years since Kaplan's closed, did his paper ever run a feature story about Barney's? No.

Rhode Island's Jewish newspaper could have run a news feature about Danny and Lois Kaplan, and how they learned the business from his parents, who owned the Rainbow Bakery.

Rubin could have assigned a news feature story about the group of businessmen who have met on a regular basis for 19 years at Barney's — a fascinating cultural gathering.

Rubin could have run a food feature

Tel Aviv One was inspiring

Through the generosity of a few visionary leaders the dreamt up Tel Aviv One, we were privileged to join more than 1200 young leaders from North America and Israel for four days in Tel Aviv for the first conference of its kind, to connect with each other and with Israel. The conference left us inspired and invigorated about our connection to Israel, Jews throughout the Diaspora and our responsibility for the future Jewish communities in Israel and at home.

The conference included top notch Israeli political analysts, entertainers and artists including Yossi, an Ethiopian Jew who performed a one man show about his personal experience making aliyah.

We also had the opportunity to spend the day at an absorption center for young adults who have recently made aliyah. We spent time with these Ethiopians who immigrated only one month ago to Israel through Operation Promise (UJC's current campaign to bring over 14,000 Ethi-

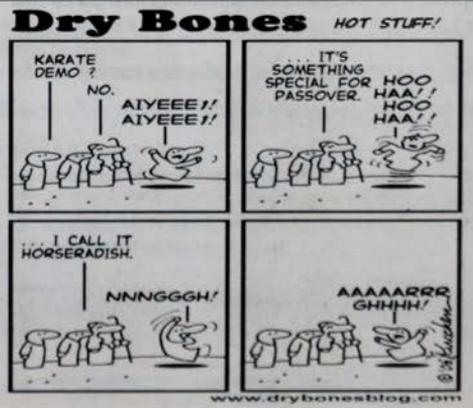
opians to Israel in the coming years). We were both moved by the commitment to Israel that these young men and women had, reminding us that Israel is the Jewish homeland for those who need it.

In addition to the amazing programming and the outstanding individuals we met, we were truly moved by the passion and energy that our generation is bringing to communities throughout North America. Although we were disappointed that more young adults from Rhode Island missed this amazing opportunity to share in this once and lifetime opportunity, we were inspired to bring this energy back home as we build our lives in Rhode Island. The question now remains is how will a strong young leadership become a priority here in our own community so that at the next Tel Aviv conference we too will have a large delegation to be inspired and invigorated and become the next generation of philanthropists.

Richard Asinof
Barrington

Editor's note: The *Jewish Voice & Herald* last ran a feature story on Barney's Bagels in our Jan. 20 issue.

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Opinion



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HUNDREDS OF YOUNG NORTH AMERICAN JEWS gathered for the UJC's Tel Aviv One conference in Tel Aviv in March.

VIEWPOINT

Mission to Israel, first but not last

By Jonathan Silverstein

It was something of a spur-of-the-moment decision. I had been speaking with my sister, who works for the Federation, about the fact that (at 35) I still had never been to Israel. This was a topic that has been arising between the two of us with increasing frequency over the past several years. Usually the conversation ended with my sister telling me there were many opportunities for American Jews to travel to Israel with organized "missions" and my reply that I would definitely consider it — as soon as I could make some time at work. This time, however, she was more persistent. She told me about a UJC mission designed for young professionals, who may not have the time to take two weeks off for a trip. I would be gone only five days (and would miss just three days of work) for a program-packed mission to Tel Aviv. The opportunity sounded too good to pass up, and a little over a month later, I was on an El Al jet bound for Tel Aviv.

I had always heard about the emotional reaction a Jewish person feels when arriving in Israel, but the reality was far more powerful than I could have imagined. From the moment the plane touched down at Ben Gurion Airport, to the moment my return flight lifted off, I felt energized and connected to my heritage in a way I never had before. But as powerful as this feeling alone would have been, the programming of the mission itself exponentially increased the effect.

The mission was attended by approximately 1200 young Jewish professionals (primarily from across the U.S. and Canada, though I met people from other countries as well,) in addition to a number of Israelis. The purpose (often repeated) of the mission was to create "connections," and the organizers' inclusion of Tel Aviv residents and other Israelis in all phases of the programming was a great way to facilitate those connections. The programming itself was so diverse it is difficult to summarize here, but it included cultural events, social events, sporting events, and educational forums.

One highlight was the "My Tel Aviv Dinner," where participants were sent to various restaurants across the city and seated at large tables with Israeli participants. A question and answer forum with a group of IDF officers was enlightening and helped put a human face on the most impressive military in the world. Visits to art museums and galleries, sculpture gardens and architectural landmarks provided insight into the depth of the cultural riches of even the most modern of Israel's major cities.

There was a spectacular outdoor party, set in a series of courtyards, where all 1200 participants enjoyed cocktails, dinner and live Israeli folk music. The send-off party in a hangar at Lod Air Force Base was even more incredible; after dinner with IDF officers (and, of course, a few short speeches), a two-hour set by the popular Israeli rock band, Fools of Prophecy, had everyone in the place out of their seats. Of course, Tel Aviv is a late-night city, and hundreds of us made it a mission to visit several of its bars and nightclubs to connect to the city in a way not necessarily planned by the organizers.

However, for me, by far the most powerful and meaningful event of the trip was a site visit to an "absorption center" in K'far Sava, where recent immigrants (primarily from Ethiopia and Eastern Europe) are helped to make the difficult transition into Israeli society. During the visit, we shared a meal and then performed art projects with a group of young Ethiopian men (ages 16 through 25), who had been in Israel anywhere from a few weeks to a year. Despite the language barrier (many of the recent immigrants spoke little or no Hebrew, let alone English), we were able to communicate with each other surprisingly well. The most striking observation I made was the pure joy these young men felt that they were in Israel—the Jewish Homeland—despite the hardships of learning a new language and a new way of life.

Throughout this experience, I couldn't help but reflect on the opportunities I have had throughout my life, but never taken, to visit Israel—surely a concept that would be difficult for the residents of the K'far Sava absorption center to comprehend. Rather than looking back with regret at these missed opportunities, though, I am looking forward to many (and frequent) return trips. I have no doubt that some of these trips will be with future UJC missions.

Jonathan Silverstein is an attorney practicing in Boston. He lives in Dedham.

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FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

This Week At Federation

Thank you from Afula

The Big Buzz last week was that the Afula Orchestra and Choir came to town. It was Federation's way of saying thank you to all volunteers in the campaign. But what you may not know is that this was Afula's way of thanking us for the support we give them both with money and people.

The city of Afula and the Gilboa district are our sister communities in Israel.

We paid the group nothing, which makes sense since it was their thank you to us. During dinner with the Mayor of Afula, I learned that this entire trip was financed by each of approximately 75 students paying \$1,000 (big money for each family) and a \$100,000 grant from the municipality. It's been in the planning stage for over three years, and they flew straight to Orlando and Disney World (of course) and then toured — mostly in New England — for a week.

The concert itself was simply spectacular! The Mayor had said, "They bring smiles," but they brought more — much more. The basically wind ensemble — 55 strong — started with the *Star-Spangled Banner*, and I had a problem holding back tears. And when they played *Hatikvah*, I lost the battle. There was an exciting mix of stirring marches, a waltz, a polka and classical and popular music. The charming conductor even gave the crowd a lesson in not only how to conduct an orchestra but how to lead the audience in clapping.

Another highlight was a classical piece by a Russian composer (read: difficult) played on a piano by a 12-year old girl (yes, twelve).

After intermission, it was time for what was billed as a "choir" — no staid group in white shirts and black slacks. The stage had been cleared and 18-20 young people — dressed entirely in black t-shirts and jeans and white face masks — sang "Bring In The Clowns" in Hebrew. It was just so well done. During other parts of their program, these young people were dancing, moving and literally jumping all over the stage. I was exhausted from just watching. What energy. Almost at the end, they sang a medley of "Fiddler" (they're no dopes — they know what sells), and when they got to "Sunrise Sunset" sung in Hebrew (although several songs or parts were in English), I lost it again as I felt such a bond for people I now call family.

You weren't there? Well, you too can hear this group — just go to Israel. Or, since they were selling a CD of their songs for \$10, we can try to order it for you, but the cost may be higher. If you're interested, let me know.

Yes, there was other news this week:

An Executive Meeting was held last week during which we adapted a policy on Kashrut — at least for the next six months. (Should I tell the next Executive what's in store for her/him?)

The Federation budget for the year starting July 1, 2006 was also approved. It is within dollars of last year's after adjusting for higher occupancy costs due to power and fuel. Hopefully, the campaign will raise more next year, allowing us to add staff, which can help raise more money, etc., etc. You've read my column before so you know the drill.

The editors of the *Voice and Herald* and I brainstormed to bring the paper closer to Federation and vice versa. We've got some ideas.

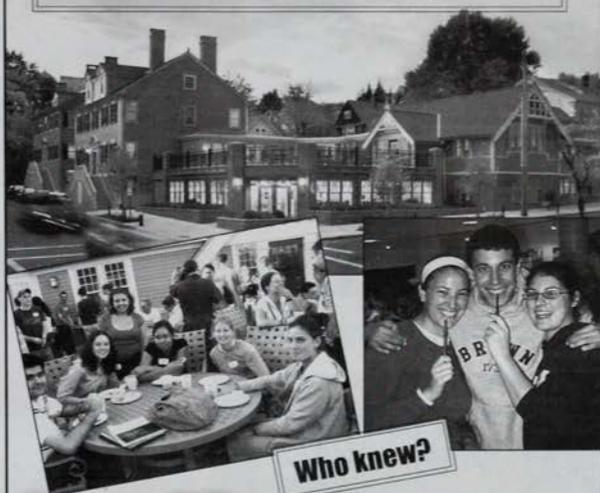
The Planning and Allocations Committee determined their recommendations to the Board as to how to allocate Campaign dollars.

We are still searching for a person for the Women's Alliance position, and just to keep me off the streets, we are working with two agencies with their financial planning and their budgets, as, with some of our expertise, we can help folks organize their thinking so they can accomplish their mission.

Don't think I've forgotten you (or I've given up) if there aren't weekly updates for the next two weeks. This week is Passover, of course, and JFRI is closed both on April 13 and 14. Next week, JFRI is also closed on April 19 and 20, and I'm taking a day of vacation on Friday, April 20. But I'll be thinking of you.

As always, your comments are most welcome. They keep me going. *Shabbat Shalom. Hag Sameach*, and may you have a sweet Passover.

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Community NCJW to celebrate centennial

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PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Section of the National Council of Jewish Women is celebrating its 100th anniversary year with a celebratory evening on June 8. National President Phyllis Snyder will be the guest speaker. A highlight of the event will be the distribution of the publication, "A Goodly Heritage: A History of the Rhode Island Section of NCJW."

The National Council of Jewish Women was founded in 1893 by 18-year-old Chicago socialite Hannah Solomon when she realized that women would not be allowed to participate equally at the Jewish Congress' presentations at the World's Parliament of Religions at the Columbia Exposition. Not a single Jewish Congress presentation was planned by or about women; women were only to act as hostesses. The goals of the Council were the same in 1893 as they are today: to unite women interested in the work of religion, philanthropy, and education and to consider practical means of solving problems in these fields.

Local sections of NCJW were quickly organized throughout the country. Often existing literary societies, study circles, charitable organizations, or sewing circles

were reorganized as NCJW Sections. By 1905, when the Providence section was organized, there were 10,000 section members throughout the country. NCJW members supplied a Jewish voice in the world of women's clubs and enabled Jewish women to feel more American while enhancing their own ethnic and religious identities. The Providence section, under the dynamic leadership of Marion Misch, grew out of a small bible-study group.

Misch served as the section president for two years and then served as the third president of National NCJW from 1908 to 1913. This was a period of internal philosophic tension. Was NCJW's primary purpose to support social welfare or was it to provide for the enrichment of its members' Jewish knowledge and identity? Misch felt that the two were inseparable. "Judaism bequeaths to every Jew a rich legacy of ethical and religious values, a cultural heritage, and a strong sense of individual, family and community responsibility.

Transmitting this legacy through education and implementing its principles strengthen Jewish identity, the Jewish community and our commitment to Jews throughout the world."

The first decades

Always on the alert to identify and meet community needs, in 1908 NCJW Rhode Island Section members acted on the suggestion of Dr. J. Edmond Brown to provide proper medical facilities for the poor. Funds were solicited to establish a free, non-sectarian dispensary in the "congested Jewish quarter in the North End." Rooms were rented from the North End Working Girls' Home (at \$25 per month) and a registrar was hired. Each Council member volunteered at the North End Dispensary four to five days a month; there was at least one Council member present every day. Dispensary patients often left with clothing and medicine in addition to excellent medical care. Through the years its services expanded to include minor surgery and free vaccinations. A nursery school was added to care for the children of young mothers while they attended classes to learn English.

The above is an excerpt edited by Toby Reissner. (To be continued.)

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A message from Ronald S. Lauder - # 2 in a Series



Negev residents enjoy their surroundings in Israel's next frontier.

have traveled all over the world, seen great cities and mesmerizing landscapes, but there is no sight more breathtaking than the Negev desert.

Jewish National Fund has embarked on Blueprint Negev, a long-term vision to develop the Negev into a hospitable environment that will become home to 250,000 new people over the next five years. We move forward in this international \$500 million campaign with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Duxoma, the Israeli government and the Or Movement. JNF plans include building reservoirs, creating infrastructure for new homes, identifying job opportunities, and attracting industry, while preserving the desert environment. JNF is creating a philanthropic bank to assist in financing loans for people moving to the Negev.

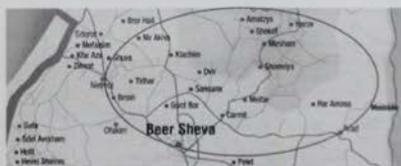
Our plan is to build 25 new communities and strengthen existing communities across the Negev. Here's an update on our work in the northeastern region.

At Haruv, 22 families have founded a community with the goal of growing to 210. Their vision is one of religious and secular Jews living side by side, sharing community resources and activities. JNF is providing temporary homes, the infrastructure for permanent ones and a playground for Haruv's children.

At Kibbutz Shomriya, established in the 1930's, only 13 families remain. The Israeli government approved a plan to turn over the kibbutz to 60 families evacuated from Gaza. Another 90 families will follow. JNF has cleared the land and is preparing the infrastructure for the permanent homes. The current kibbutz members will move to nearby Kibbutz Dvir where they will welcome additional families when the infrastructure is completed.

Once a military outpost, Sarsana has been refashioned with the help of JNF as a new Negev town. It currently has 220 people and looks to expand to 2,200. Living in temporary JNF-sponsored caravans, residents have already found work in the area or study at nearby Ben-Gurion University in Beer Sheva.

Giv'ot Bar, which literally means 'hills of grain,' has plans to grow to 500 families with JNF's continuing partnership. At Carmit, JNF is working with Nefesh B'Nefesh to establish an English-speaking community where Diaspora Jews can change the quality of life and image of the Negev.



There's a lot more to this story. To learn more about the communities of Blueprint Negev, visit www.jnf.org/negev.

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ABOUT 20 JEWS from around the state participated in a Passover retreat recently in Narragansett.

Passover retreat in S. County

By Chaim Brown

NARRAGANSETT—About 20 people attended a unique Passover retreat held on Sunday, April 2, at the Collaborative Center in Narragansett. The leader of the retreat, Julie Leavitt-Kutzen, who teaches at the Eilat-Chayyim retreat in New York, presented an unconventional array of approaches and exercises intended to open the members of the group to their individual struggles for emotional and personal freedom, as a prelude to celebrating the liberation of the Jewish people from Egypt.

Leavitt-Kutzen conducted a bibliodrama, where participants chose roles from the story of the crossing of the Red Sea which they felt personally compelling — from the wall of water, to Moses, to Miriam, to the Pillar of Cloud and others.

People were encouraged to speak openly about their personal journey through life, and shared *niggunim* (songs) and practiced silent meditation, in order to reflect deeply on these questions.

In perfect spring-like weather, the group was able to experience the beauty of a walking meditation at waterside and in the woods, and to sit in the sun as they shared their personal prayers with partners.

On leaving, people were enthusiastic about the possibility of a Rosh Hashanah retreat and other innovative, spiritual activities which might be organized by the R.I. Center for Jewish Healing, which sponsored the event.

The center, whose mission is to bring accessible spiritual experiences to the Jewish community, has conducted workshops, study groups and retreats since 2001

and was incorporated in 2005 as R.I. non-profit.

Currently, there are openings for its monthly study group on Anger Management from a Jewish Spiritual Perspective. Volunteers are also needed. The center can be reached at ricenter@jamestownrj.com or (401)267-0029.

Chaim Brown is a member of the board of the R.I. Center for Jewish Healing.



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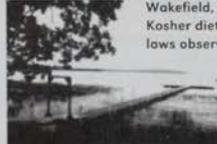
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OPEN WIDE — Dr. Lida Gavrilov, above, a local dentist and a parent at Providence Hebrew Day School, presents a special lesson on dental hygiene to the pre-K and kindergarten classes recently.



COMMUNAL EFFORT— Left, members of Temples Emanuel, Beth-El, Am David, Sinai, and Hahonim participated in a work session at the Habitat For Humanity project on Steere Street in Providence last weekend.

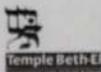
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Afula team arrives at Miriam

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to a union, and we are trying to increase the number on staff."

Q. What do Israelis think of Americans?

A. Dr. Almog: "That's a hard question to answer. Israeli physicians see American medicine at the top, especially in terms of research. The New England Journal of Medicine is No. 1 with us." (A visit to the Mass. General in Boston was a highlight of his trip.)

A. Moalem: "We know American Jews have a commitment to Israel. We are bonded to American visitors like family. We need you to come." (She was born in Baltimore, and went to Israel after college. The Yom Kippur War broke out three days later. She decided to stay, "even though my mother wanted me to return home immediately. I was young and looking for an adventure. Along the way I became an Israeli.")

A. Azriel: "Here in Providence, the Jewish people give and give. Ellie Elbaum, (a Providence resident who has visited Emek and helped establish connections there) she wants nothing, except to give of herself. And others here — it is overwhelming; the welcome. It is something I will never forget."

Q. Finally, could you share



DR. DAVID ALMOG, at left, at Emek Medical Center in Afula with Larry Rich, director of development, and a young visitor.

some thoughts you have on Ariel Sharon?

A. Dr. Almog: "A charismatic leader with ideas and visions; any idea was not too bizarre for him to consider; he worked to overcome all obstacles on the way to peace. I want to thank him for this."

A. Moalem: "He will continue to accompany us on the road to peace, like a father figure. We are in a very complex situation. But the elections show that Israelis are interested in going forward in the direction he led and 2. in solving social issues."

A. Azriel: "In Afula, we are

bored by Jenin, in the West Bank; and Jordan. We call Emek the hospital for peace. This is what we do every day — what Sharon wanted for all Israel. The head of our ER is Muslim. We treat 50 percent Jews, 50 percent Arabs. And Dr. Almog will not tell you this, but I will: Last month he and three other doctors from our hospital went across the border in Jordan to help set up a hospital's intensive care unit."

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CONCERT REVIEW

Why Jews (and non-Jews) love Matisyahu

By Jonathan Rubin
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KINGSTON — I asked my Indian friend Ankur what he likes about Hasidic reggae star Matisyahu. He says, "He raps

so good, and yet he's white." No comments about Matisyahu's practice of Orthodox Judaism, his payes (sidelocks), well-known refusal to play on Shabbat or anything else. Amazingly (to me, anyway), his Judaism didn't seem

to factor in.

So I went to a sold-out show at URI's Ryan Center on Tuesday to find out why Ankur and millions of other non-Jews across America are fans.

The crowd is mostly young and white. People are enthusiastic and loved talking about why they came.

"He's real good for diversity," says Kate Ferrara, a 21-year-old, who couldn't elaborate what that means exactly.

"He's got awesome vibes. He's good for the whole religion," says a hyped-up Kirk Sampson (who isn't Jewish, by the way).

Others talked about his message of peace, or his universal positivity. I ask some of the older folks, a tiny minority, why they're there. "Rasta music, man," says David Merides, a tie-dyed Newport hippie.

There wasn't much of a visible Jewish presence in the crowd. A few Chabad rabbis asked students if they have Seders to go to. Besides them, I didn't see any yarmulkes on anyone. A group of Orthodox teens yelled out, "We want Moshiaich (the Messiah), one of Matisyahu's lyrical longings for redemption.

There were a few who felt a Jewish pride; I saw a few Stars of



Hasidic reggae star Matisyahu

David on people's necks, and a few T-shirts, include one that said, without explanation, "Shalom Bitch." Another was covered in blue Hebrew letters, fashionably crafted by popular retailer Urban Outfitters.

From my nosebleed seat high in the rafters, Matisyahu was a Lego-sized black-clad figure rapping into a microphone. Energy started off low, but began to build as he did his bits, including "King without his Crown" and "Exaltation."

At one point, he came back on stage without his Yeshiva-ish black hat on, and began to twirl about on stage like an awkward, but jubilant kid who had never had a dance class in his life. He was happily lost in the moment.

And the crowd went wild.

And then it hit me what his appeal was, why everyone from the sorority girl in the midriff to the big hulky hockey fan with the baseball hat was so into him. He was comfortable being himself. He did what he wanted — he wore his clothes the way he wanted, and sang about Shabbat and the joy of God in a way that sounded good.

And then, when the album I enjoyed it, and I'm happy to see that "I liked him before he was cool." Which was, amazingly, about 11 months ago.

Jon Rubin is the managing editor of the Jewish Voice & Herald.

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News Briefs

Sharon's career over

Israel formally brought the comatose Ariel Sharon's political career to a close. Top government ministers convened Tuesday to implement a constitutional law in which Sharon, who suffered a crippling stroke last January and is not expected to recover, would be designated "permanently incapacitated." Sharon, 78, is in intensive care at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem neighborhood but doctors may eventually move him to a long-term coma treatment center. JTA

Iran: We've enriched uranium

Iran has enriched uranium, its president said. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad confirmed a comment earlier Tuesday by the country's former president, Hashemi Rafsanjani. Iran resumed research at an enrichment facility in February, The Associated Press reported. Uranium that has been enriched to a low level can be used as fuel for nuclear reactors; at a higher level it can provide material for a nuclear bomb. Israel is worried that Iran, which has threatened to annihilate the Jewish state, is developing nuclear weapons to use against Israel. JTA

Conservatives pick Eisen

NEW YORK: The Jewish Theological Seminary, the leading educational institution of Conservative Jewry, will have a new chancellor. Arnold Eisen will succeed Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, who stepped down recently. Eisen, who is not a rabbi,

was chair of the religious studies department at Stanford University. His appointment may settle the long-standing controversy in the movement over whether to ordain gay and lesbian rabbis. Schorsch was opposed to this; Eisen is in favor of the move. A decision is expected in December. JTA

Likud won't join coalition

JERUSALEM: Israel's Likud Party, trying to recover from its severe defeat in the March elections, has decided it will not join a coalition government headed by Kadima's Ehud Olmert. Ostensibly the reason is that Likud opposes any further withdrawals by Israel from the West Bank but the decision had been expected because of a fierce rivalry that exists between Olmert and Benjamin Netanyahu, head of Likud. JTA

Israeli Jews on religion

TEL AVIV: More than half of Israeli Jews practice some form of religious observance, according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics. A survey conducted recently found that 27 percent of Israeli Jews over 20 years of age define themselves as caring about Jewish tradition, 12 percent say they observe Jewish ritual, and 17 percent consider themselves Orthodox. By contrast, 44 percent of Israeli Jews identify as secular. Secularism in Israel is significantly higher among Ashkenazim than among Sephardim. Of Israel's total population of seven million, 81 percent are Jewish and most of the remainder, Arab. JTA

Kosher ham?

LOS ANGELES: A glatt kosher restaurant in Los Angeles, advertising its special entrees for home seders or those being held in the restaurant, listed one of them as "Cornish ham in a wine sauce." Somewhere in the San Fernando Valley there is a kosher game hen who must be absolutely furious. THE LOS ANGELES JEWISH JOURNAL

Withdrawal by 2007

Ehud Olmert said he intends to finalize plans for a further Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank by late 2007. Israel's prime minister-elect said in a Wall Street Journal interview published Wednesday that he wanted to have his "convergence plan" in place within 18 months, and that he would travel to Washington next month to seek President Bush's approval. "The State of Israel will change the face of the region," Olmert said. "I will not miss this opportunity." According to the report, the withdrawal would mean evacuating 70,000 Israelis from isolated West Bank settlements and could cost around \$10 billion. Olmert, who has vowed to keep major West Bank settlement blocs within Israel's future border, ruled out ceding east Jerusalem to Palestinian control. "Dividing Jerusalem will not bring peace, only more fighting," he said.



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a systems software analyst and director of the philanthropic Granoff Foundation.

The junior senator from New York first spent some time meeting with supporters at a \$1,000 a head fundraiser given by Mark and Susan Weiner in East Greenwich.

But the purpose of her trip was to speak on women and leadership. (Tickets went fast when the talk was announced—the audience was over 3,000.)

Sen. Clinton opened by saying that Brown students didn't have to look far for a role model. "You have Ruth Simmons."

She said leadership roles will be different for this generation of students. "You live in a global world. You will reach across national, tribal, ethnic and religious lines. Leadership today is team oriented and less hierarchical. A single leader can no longer order someone to do something."

Sen. Clinton advised students to embrace their uniqueness, whether they are the CEO of a Fortune 500 company or a family. "You don't have to run for political office," she said.

She spoke about women leaders she admired and has met with on a global basis — civil rights leaders, guerrilla fighters in El Salvador, human rights workers in Africa, "who put their lives on the line for what they believe in. I



RABBI SERENA EISENBERG, executive director at Brown Hillel, and Israeli student Ariel Shtul were among the thousands who turned out to hear the former First Lady.

would walk away from meetings with them humbled and asked myself: 'Would I have taken those risks? Would I have walked that walk?'"

A few anti-war activists heckled Sen. Clinton, who just spoke louder. Eventually one was escorted out by campus police.

Sophomore Carly Edelstein, who chairs the Tzedek committee at Brown Hillel, and is concentrating in public policy, was not kidding when she said, "I'm

here tonight because one day I'm going to be the first Jewish woman president. We need more women leaders."

Biophysics student James Kramer, vice president for community wide planning at Hillel, added; "We are all responsible for each other — not only as Jews, but as citizens of this country and the world."

Marilyn Rueschmeyer, adjunct faculty at the Watson

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Am David open house
9 a.m. to noon. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Open house.

MON., APRIL 24

YOM HASHOAH Interfaith service at Emanu-El

7 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. R.I. interfaith commemoration of Yom Hashoah. Program on the late Rev. Wainstill Sharp and his wife, Martha Sharp, who will be honored this summer by Yad Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations." Also, presentation of Never Again Award by Jewish Federation. After service, walk to R.I. Holocaust Museum garden for ceremony. For more information, call 331-1616. See Community.

TUES., APRIL 25

Holocaust

Remembrance Day

J. Post editor to speak

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Brown Hillel, 80 Brown St., Providence. R.I. AIPAC-sponsored talk by David Horowitz, editor of the Jerusalem Post.

Yom Hashoah Observances

Temple Torat Yisrael

7:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. A Holocaust memorial service will be held.

Temple Shalom

7:30 p.m. Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Rd., Middletown. 31st annual interfaith service in honor of the late Simon Wiesenthal and the six million who perished.

Brown Hillel vigil

10 p.m. Brown Hillel, 80 Brown St. Candlelight vigil & service; short reading of the names of those who perished.

WED., APRIL 26

Beth-El 'conversations'

7 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Discussion with Brown Medical School Dean Eli Y. Adashi, M.D., and Dean Emeritus Stanley Aronson, M.D.

THURS., APRIL 27

'Pampered chef' at Sinai

7 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Benefit for temple kitchen, breast cancer fund. Cooking demonstration by member Amy Terceiro; kitchen items for sale. For more information, call Amy at 943-9439 or email amyt4999@cox.net.

FRI., APRIL 28

Yiddish Shmooz

10 a.m. JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Florence Markoff will tell the story of "Velvet" (William Shakespeare, in Yiddish. All are welcome. For information, call Sue Robbio, 861-8800, ext. 107.

B'nai Israel service

7:30 p.m. 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Congregation B'nai Israel reintroduces Friday evening services. Conducted by Cantor Jeffrey Cornblatt.

SUN., APRIL 30

Jewelry & bead making at Torat Yisrael

10 a.m. - noon. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Temple Torat Yisrael's Sisterhood will sponsor

or a jewelry/head making class. \$12. RSVP to the temple office, 785-1800.

Shalom blintz brunch

9:30 & 11:30 a.m., two seatings. Temple Shalom, Middletown. \$8, \$5 kids 6 and under. Potato, cheese blintzes, pastry, fruit, drinks. For tickets, call 683-1217.

Historical Association's annual meeting

2 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. 52nd annual meeting of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. David M. Gitlitz and Linda Kay Davidson will speak about their newest book, "Pilgrimage and the Jews." All are welcome; free. See Community.

'Shtetl to Broadway' at Habonim

2 p.m. Temple Habonim, New Meadow Rd., Barrington. Traditional Jewish melodies, favorite Yiddish folk tales, musical theater selections with Barbara and Dick Shore. Free, open to all.

Kollel, singles' group talk

7:45 p.m. Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm Grove Ave. "Ordeals and Miracles: The Jewish Approach," a discussion led by Rabbi Raphie Schochet of Kollel. A look at today's problems, conflicts and challenges from an ages-old perspective. Co-sponsored by The New England Jewish Singles Group (for over age 40 singles) and Providence Kollel. Light refreshments will be served.

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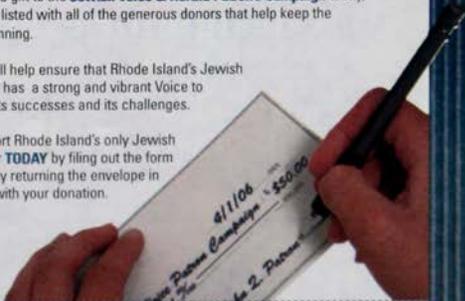
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Where are we going; I

impressive and bold plans, but few of these plans made the leap from dream to reality.

Sharon Gaines, chair of the Community Relations Council and a longtime Federation volunteer, put it this way: "We are a great community at making plans — we just haven't found a way to implement them."

"The problem is that there are so many constituencies," said Alan Hassenfeld, chairman of the board of Hasbro and a major donor to the Federation.

"When you're trying to create a vision for the future, you can't be all things to all people. We kept on listening, and not doing. At some point, you need to be decisive and say, 'Let's get moving.'"

From extensive interviews with leading volunteers and professionals, primary concerns were raised about:

1. the declining Federation campaign
2. a lack of cooperation among agencies and
3. a lack of strong, central leadership in the organized Jewish community.

Federation President Herbert Stern, however, has made it the goal of his presidency to fix these three, and the panaceas aimed at these age-old problems already have achieved some surprising results. While there are serious challenges — he mentions the lack of connection to both young Jews and to existing donors, and the loss of some givers who have moved to Florida — he also puts it in a larger context.

"We don't exist in a vacuum — American Jewry nationwide is facing these

issues," he said.

Stern said there are many points of strength in our community to be found if people just look: "Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living is 100 percent full, Camp JORI is thriving, and Jewish Family Service is connecting with volunteers in a way it never has before." And, despite all of the difficulties and personnel turnover in the past year, Stern said, "the campaign still has managed to stay the same and not decrease."

And, he said, while the new hires will be able to move their agencies into the future, no one is just killing time and waiting for the new executives to arrive.

"Planning is going forward as if Hershey [Rosen, interim executive at Federation], were the permanent executive," Stern said. "We understand what our issues are, and some of the best minds in our community are focused on them."

What you should see by July

In this time of transition, there are stabilizing forces at work. Before she left, Janet Englehart, the previous JFRI executive, and Stern issued the following seven Federation initiatives, which should show results by the end of July. They are:

1. Finding a site for a campus — Identify a site for a community campus and construct a financial strategy for it.

In terms of facility locations, we're at a transition point. JFS and JSA will be effectively homeless within two years as they vacate the United Way building. And the Jewish Community Center, which itself houses four major agencies, is in need of serious and costly repairs.

Federation initiatives

The following seven initiatives by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island are designed to tackle long and short-term challenges:

1. Finding a site for a community campus
2. Establishing community service priorities
3. Coordinating services (educational, social, etc.)
4. Expanding services to non-Providence areas
5. Reversing the flat annual campaign
6. Developing new leaders
7. Communicating more effectively with the community

Various committees have been trying for years to create a unified center of Jewish activity, which would contain everything from childcare to senior services to a Jewish day school to a gym, all under one roof (estimated cost — more than \$50 million).

Architects are in the process of reviewing two sites — the JCC site in Providence and an area in Warwick, each with its own benefits and drawbacks.

The 40 percent of Rhode Island's Jewish population that lives in the Greater Providence area would love to have the new "big center" in their backyard. The problem is that the space is very limited, parking is an issue and construction and additions would be very expensive.

A Jewish population nearly as large, although more diffuse, lives in the Cranston and Warwick area. In addition, there has been steady growth in the southern

part of the state. The second area under consideration is on the large plots of land around Tamarisk Assisted Living in Warwick, owned by JSA.

2. Establishing Community Service Priorities and a system to deliver them

In the years after World War II and the creation of the State of Israel, there was a surge in Jewish pride, volunteerism and philanthropy throughout the United States. Most of the major institutions were either created or reborn in the 1950s and '60s. Many of these provided social services to the community, which welcomed those displaced by the Nazis and later waves of Russian immigrants.

Today, half a century later, are the missions of these organizations still serving the needs of the Jewish community?

Currently, the Federation funds a series of "core agencies," from the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) to the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum (RIHM), in similar proportions every year. Some have said that continuing to use the same distribution model will, for better or for worse, result in the same product.

The Federation and its long-range planning committee, the Partnership, have created a "Community Priorities Committee" to accomplish three things: prioritize the needs of our community, create a structure to efficiently deliver them and find a way to fund this venture. This could result in the creation of 21st century services, new agency collaborations, over-hauls, or mergers. Its success would also increase community confidence in Federation's long-range planning efforts.

3. Coordinating existing services (educational, social, etc.) throughout Rhode Island.

When money gets tight, protecting one's turf becomes the norm. In this community, like many others, donors and funders are at such a premium that agencies tend to focus on their own needs and avoid cooperation.

Some agencies felt too pressured by needs on the ground to be able to wait for a future plan to

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materialize—despite a “freeze” on capital campaigns, the JSA felt it was crucial to build Tamark, and the JCC to renovate its fitness center, a rehab approved by the Federation.

However, the lack of cooperation among agencies is already showing major signs of reversal. JFS, JSA and the JCC, have been meeting steadily to strategize about how to tackle community problems as a team.

“We realize we serve a similar clientele,” said Sara Masri, development and marketing coordinator at JFS. “It makes sense for us to work together to give people an easier system to enter into and find their way around,” and to work towards possibly creating a “social service community network,” an integrated way of assessing needs and delivering results.

Rose Malkin, president of the JCC, agreed. “There’s definitely more camaraderie than there used to be,” she said.

And the Federation has moved from the periphery to become a partner in these discussions. “The spirit and cooperation among the four of us is so good to experience,” said Rosen. “It’s real.”

The Community Priorities Committee (see #2) includes a wide spectrum of representatives from major Jewish organizations, ensuring cooperation and compromise. Robert Mann, former JFRI president and former head of the Partnership, put it this way: “You can have the money but you need to be a team player.”

4. Expanding services to non-Providence areas

This is a long-time irritant for Jews living outside Providence. Some say that since the major Jewish organizations are located in the East Side, only residents who live in close proximity benefit.

“People who are not in Providence tend to withdraw because they feel they aren’t included, and that people don’t go out of their way to include them,” said Alice Goldstein, of Warwick. She said the major challenge will be to bridge these two communities, and create some “two-way traffic.”

There are, in fact, many things happening in Barrington or Warwick. Agencies do provide services statewide—Holocaust education in public classrooms, elderly services in people’s homes, Bureau assistance to teachers in Hebrew schools—but many of these are less visible, or have less impact, than having a Jewish community center as a meeting point just down the block.

To improve statewide participation, the Federation has given active roles to its area vice-presidents, one for each of the six geographic “neighborhoods” in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, as well as seeking volunteers and committee members from all areas of the state.

Statewide connections will also improve as the Federation revisits its relationship to synagogues. In the past many Federations across the country chose to be “non-sectarian” and not to work with or fund organizations in the religious communities. However, because synagogues are often the epicenter of Jewish activity, especially in suburban areas, there is a nationwide change of thinking, and Federation has changed with it.

Last year, the Federation rotated its board meetings in synagogues throughout the state in order to introduce constituencies to one another. Recent connections to synagogues have included helping the JCC create

an extension of its preschool at Temple Habonim in Barrington, plans for an extension at Temple Sinai in Cranston, and providing “emergency funding” for the fixing of the roof at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro.

5. Revitalizing the Annual Campaign

The value of improving community campaigns is obvious—more money means stronger programs, more staff and a more dynamic, educated and inclusive community. But why has the Federation’s community campaign been flat, or down, for the past five years?

The major Jewish campaigns of the past were based on crisis—fundraising for a Jewish homeland in the earlier part of the 20th century, the fear of another Holocaust in the 1950s and ‘60s, or helping Russian or Ethiopian Jews escaping persecution in the ‘80s and ‘90s.

Today, however, using the negative as an imperative to fundraise may not be the way to go.

“We can’t continue to campaign the same way we’ve been campaigning,” said Hassensfeld. “If you’re coming up with a whole new vision of the community—that’s something you can run a solid campaign with. Otherwise, people want to move on.”

Philanthropy has also changed. In the Jewish community, for example, branding once mattered—people gave to Jewish organizations due to personal connection and obligation to the community.

Basically, if it had “Jewish” in the name, whether it was the Jewish National Fund or the Bureau for Jewish Federation, people wrote checks.

Jewish donors today still give at impressive levels—but more and more of their money ends up going to “the greater community.” One concern is that Jewish community needs are not particularly attractive to the average donor, they are being trumped by the zoo, the symphony, the hospital and the university.

In addition, young donors also have less trust in institutions than did their forebears—they prefer to give to dynamic programs and “hands-on” services that let them see the results of their dollars. They see umbrella fundraising as a “black hole”—money goes in, and, because it funds so many institutions, they don’t see exactly where their money ends up.

Some feel that donor education is crucial here, especially since there may be a disconnect between those who fund programs and those who use them.

“They don’t connect to what they’re giving to...they don’t visualize it,” said Stern.

The Federation is reinstating two programs—a “President’s mission” and a leaders’ mission, both to Israel. Missions to Israel are energizing and have great track records—they’ve yielded the past six Federation presidents and numerous other community leaders.

“We’re taking seriously the need to

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Jewish outreach goes to the market

By Sue Fishkoff

LOS ALTOS, Calif. (JTA) — Anyone who walked into Albertsons here last Sunday would have run right into Margie Pomerantz's Passover table.

There she sat, next to the kosher food display right inside the supermarket's front entrance. A big handwritten sign reading "Passover in the Aisles" hung down from her table, on which lay piles of Passover recipe books, Haggadahs and other holiday resources.

Pomerantz and her fellow volunteers from Congregation Beth David, a nearby

Conservative synagogue, were out looking for Jews. In a supermarket. Unaffiliated Jews, if possible, but they weren't being picky.

They handed out information and collected names. Someone from the synagogue will call later with an invitation to a Shabbat service or other Jewish program.

It's all part of Passover in the Aisles, a pre-holiday initiative conceived of by the Jewish Outreach Institute. It is based on the idea of "public space Judaism" — taking programs out to where people are instead

of waiting for them to walk into a synagogue or JCC.

"If we wait for people to come to programs within the four walls of our communal institutions, we'll be waiting a long time," says Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, executive director of the Jewish Outreach Institute.

Passover is a particularly good time for this kind of outreach, Olitzky says, both because it is one of the most widely celebrated holidays among all Jews, even the unaffiliated, and because it requires people to go to the grocery store to buy matzah and other Passover products.

Olitzky's group urges synagogues, federations and other Jewish groups to set up temporary shop in grocery stores, offering food samples, holiday information and friendly advice to Jewish shoppers. Volunteers are urged to be welcoming, but to avoid asking questions that might be seen as too private.

One young woman who did fill out a card was Galit Azulay, newly arrived from Israel with her husband, who is studying for his doctorate in the area.

"We're here to buy food for the seder," she says, adding that the couple aren't affiliated and don't plan to be. She didn't pick up any of the information, but entered the raffle for a seder plate. Store manager Aide Garcia says she couldn't be happier to host the event. "It increases our business a lot," she confides. "It's a way to promote our kosher food."

The JCC in Columbus, Ohio

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OUTREACH

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RABBI AARON SCHONBRUN, from Congregation Beth David, takes part in a Passover in the Aisles outreach program in an Albertsons grocery store last week in Los Altos, Calif.

did its first Passover outreach in a Wild Oats supermarket in 2003. They chose a new neighborhood in the northwest part of the city, an area where young professional Jews have been moving, to improve their chances of reaching the unaffiliated. "In the core community, we have an affiliation rate of 90 percent, versus 20 percent in the northwest,

where most of the growth is happening," says Lindsay Folkert, outreach director for the JCC's J-Link project. J-Link is a community outreach program created two years ago by the local federation following a demographic study of the Columbus Jewish community by JOI.

The program, based on the JOI model, is called "A Taste of Judaism," and in addition to the raffle and informational booklets, volunteers offer samplings of haroset and

chocolate macarons.

Seattle Rabbi Dov Gartenberg says his congregants "thought it was a little strange" when he set up a Passover outreach table in a local supermarket more than 10 years ago. That was before he heard about the Jewish Outreach Institute program.

He now runs food booths at a Whole Foods store before Passover and Rosh Hashanah, and has teamed up with a popular local chef to offer tastings of Jewish holiday foods.



Photo: Brian Hemdler/JTA

Passover in Jerusalem

ISRAELIS do last minute shopping for the Passover holiday at Jerusalem's Machane Yehuda market on Sunday.

Woof! seder for dogs held in Chicago



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Arts

Israeli's film focuses on Jordan's free zone

By Avigail Schwartz

NEW YORK (JTA) — An American, an Israeli and an Arab walk into a car. They should have looked where they were going, mainly because once the three women meet in Amos Gita's "Free Zone," an argument begins and lasts, with some warmth and some rancor, for most of the movie.

The concept for the film began with Gita's own trip to Jordan's free zone. A driver that worked on his shoots told Gita

he had a partner in Jordan with whom he fixed used cars and crossed the border to sell them to security companies that work with Iraq.

"The idea sounded to me like science fiction," Gita said during a recent interview with JTA. "So I asked, 'Do you mind if I come with you to follow this trip? And we left Tel Aviv, we crossed the border and we came close to the border of Iraq, to this area without taxes, where all these different people do transactions of cars

got mixed — Israelis, Palestinians, Syrians, Saudis and Iraqis."

The politics-free commercial zone intrigued Gita. A man of medium height, with thick, graying hair, he was dressed casually during the interview, even sporting a plastic green watch.

"It's an opposition to what we see on the evening news — on the evening news, we just see violence and hatred and these guys throw stones and the others throw bombs and so on, and here I saw a completely different attitude," he said. "When I saw these people in the free zone, I thought, 'Didn't they see the evening news? Aren't they aware there is a war going on?'"

"And when I came back, I called my co-writer," he said.

In the film, he turned the three men into women as "a proposition, an allegory — so what happens if women take over?"

The driver became Hanna (Israel's Cannes-winning Hanna Laszlo); the partner, Leila (Hiam Abbas of "Paradise Now"); and Gita, the observer, "became someone much more beautiful, Natalie Portman."

Serious topics — the refugee issue, Israeli economy, terrorism — lace the narrative. During one exchange, Leila asks Hanna, a former Sinai settler living in the Negev, about her real origins. Hanna retorts that she is "from



Photo: Brian Communications

NATALIE PORTMAN, right, on the set of Israeli director Amos Gita's "Free Zone" in February 2005, with Israeli costar Hanna Laszlo.

Auschwitz," and returns the question, to which Leila replies: "Palestine."

Yet, these issues don't really weigh down the film due to its random, episodic nature and its focus on the women and their business exchanges and personal concerns. There is more of a feeling that one is witness to a very odd, hectic day or two in these women's lives.

Compared to his other movies — "Kadosh," about sexuality in Israel's fervently Orthodox community, and "Kippur," which focused on the 1973 Yom Kippur War, are among them — Gita calls this one "comic

relief."

The comic relief begins with seven minutes of Portman's character, Rebecca, crying near the Western Wall, in a somewhat claustrophobic closeup. The young, naive American has just broken up with her fiancé.

Having nowhere to go and desperate for distraction, she convinces Hanna, an Israeli cabbie, to take her to Jordan, where the Orthodox matron is determined to settle some business for her husband. There they meet Leila — a modern, middle-aged Palestinian refugee whose proud, elegant bearing cannot hold up — and an unwilling road trip begins. Laszlo's character is anything but an observer. Many Israelis identified with her: "There is the sense of humor, the obsessiveness," and pushiness, Gita said. Yet, she is "a very warm person, very caring, very effective, she has ways of dealing with this situation in which she finds herself — sincere."

The director, also a documentary filmmaker, uses the style in this work because it "makes fiction more realistic."

He protests the search for a message in his film, then breaks down. "We, people of this region, we don't need to be in agreement. We don't need to be identical. We are not obliged to be like the Palestinians, or the Jordanians, we can be different, and they don't need to be like us. But we don't need to kill each other each time that we don't agree."

"I think it's true about nations, it's true about couples, in families," he said. "People don't have to apply violence each time they disagree. And I think that the reason I say it's comic relief is because these ladies, these wonderful these actresses, they dispute, but nobody's taking a gun," he said. "There is a kind of sisterhood that is being built with the gaps which divide them."

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FEDERATION

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reenergize our workers and reeducate them," said Eliza Heath, campaign director at the Federation.

A "donor development" program has been evolving over the past years — matching up younger donors and solicitors and actively engaging the newest generation in philanthropic families.

Federation leadership is also reviewing results from the first nationwide comparison study of similarly sized Federations. Results will be released in the upcoming months.

6. Developing Next-Generation Leaders

Most American Jews disappear from community life after their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, only to return to synagogue membership and the organized Jewish community when they have children. Some never return.

Rhode Island's Jewish community is known to cater to "the very old and the very young," leaving a sizable gap in between. For years boards were stocked with veteran, bright, and graying volunteers; seeing someone on a committee in their 30s, or even 40s, hasn't always been the norm.

Boards are changing, however, and younger blood is creeping back into some. The Federation plans to expand this group by reinstating professional and volunteer development plans that will be based here. In a program lasting 12 to 18 months, "leadership development" participants will tour our community top to bottom, visiting all the major Jewish organizations. They will then be in an excellent position to serve as leaders in most any Jewish organization.

7. Communicating effectively with the community and internally

Since a good deal of important community business happens at Federation meetings, and many are concerned about the future direction of the good Federation communications is obvious. However, when changes happened or new programs were created, people didn't always know about them.

Another gap is with Jews who are "unaffiliated" — those who have no connection to the greater Jewish community. The 2002 demographic report found that 48 percent of state's Jews weren't members of any Jewish organization, and that intermarried couples were not adequately welcomed by communal organizations.

With numerous changes on the horizon, the importance of

marketing has risen again.

Last year, the Federation engaged a communications consultant to unify its marketing strategies and improve the way information is delivered. A plan, delivered last July, aims to increase awareness of Federation activities, improve internal communications and create "meaningful information gathering and response systems to community concerns."

Results included a retreat with Federation staff and officers, to bring the two groups closer together. Staff meetings now plan for and evaluate Federation board and executive committee meetings. Agency heads continue to meet at Federation on a regular basis, and funds have been

approved to update its obsolete campaign software.

Conclusion

What does all this mean? Despite vacancies in staffing, Federation is moving forward and traditional paradigms are being reexamined. People are frustrated, but they also have faith. When incoming executives occupy the helms of the big agencies, they may be bringing clean slates. It has taken too long, agreed. But the results of all that soul-searching may finally, finally, be coming to the surface.

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- Jewish population of Rhode Island is 18,500, a slight decline since 1994
- Pawtucket / Providence (8,400 individuals, or 38 percent of the whole) and the Greater Cranston / Warwick area (7,600 individuals, or 37 percent of the whole) are the most populated
- These two regions are showing a decrease in Jewish population; South County, Newport County and the Barrington-Bristol area are seeing an increase.
- Are 65 years old or older — 23 percent (highly above average)

CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY

- Feel very or somewhat connected to the Jewish community — 55 percent
- Feel not at all connected — 19 percent
- Are not members of any Jewish organization — 48 percent

INTERMARRIAGE

- 34 percent are married to someone who is not Jewish
- 20 percent of children are raised in an intermarried household

RELIGIOUS INVOLVEMENT

- Orthodox — 6 percent
- Conservative — 30 percent
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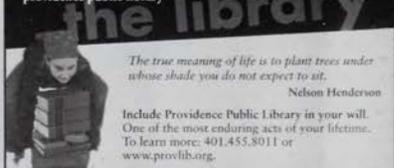
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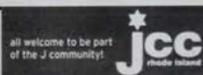
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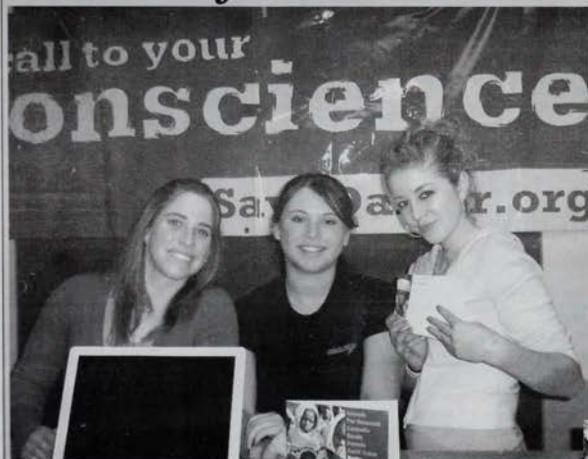
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URI HILLEL STUDENTS Leah Schechtman, left, Jessica Wolchok and Alina Zolotnitskaya set up a booth at URI's Memorial Union to get students to write postcards to President Bush as part of the "Million Voices for Darfur" campaign.

Yom Hasheah at URI Hillel

Flags will fly for Darfur

KINGSTON — Hillel at the University of Rhode Island will hold a campus-wide commemoration in honor of Yom Hasheah, Holocaust Memorial Day, on Tuesday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Multicultural Center, 64 Lower College Road in Kingston. (In case of rain the ceremony will take place in Room 101 of the Multicultural Center.) The student-led service will feature poetry, readings and songs and will include remarks by the child of a Holocaust survivor. Everyone is invited to attend.

In conjunction, Hillel will display a commemorative "Field of Flags" on the Hammerschlag Mall on the URI Kingston Campus (the walkway between the Multicultural Center and the Library). Nearly 2,400 small colored flags will be planted in the ground, each representing 5000 victims of the Holocaust. Eighty additional flags will represent the 400,000 victims of the genocide in Darfur, Sudan that is currently taking place.

In calling attention to the situation in Darfur as part of the Holocaust Remembrance activities this year, Hillel student

organizers were inspired by the words of Holocaust survivor and author, Elie Wiesel: "As a Jew who does not compare any event to the Holocaust, I feel concerned and challenged by the Sudanese tragedy. We must be involved.

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Interfaith service for Yom Hashoah set at Emanu-El

PROVIDENCE — This year's R.I. interfaith commemoration of Yom Hashoah will be held on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave.

A special focus of this year's service will be on the life-saving work of the late Rev. Waitstill Sharp and his late wife, Martha Sharp (a Rhode Islander and Pembroke graduate); the couple will be honored this summer

by Yad Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations," the second and third Americans to be so honored. One of the children they saved, Rosemarie Feigl, of New York City, will speak at the service. One of the Sharps' grandsons, Artemis Joukousky, will also speak.

During the memorial service, the Jewish Federation of R.I. will present the "Never Again Award" posthumously

to Ray Eichenbaum, a founder of the R.I. Holocaust Museum. His sons, Howard and Cary, will accept the award on behalf of the family.

Following the service, there will be a walk to the R.I. Holocaust Museum's garden, where the names of loved ones who perished in the Holocaust will be read.

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

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ZOE MARTIN, 4, and Ariel Shirza, 4, both of Providence, take a break from playing with flour to listen to Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer discuss the making of matzah at the Chabad House Matzah Factory, held at the JCC for the holidays.



RABBI YEHOShUA LAUFER, of the Chabad House in Providence, shows children how wheat becomes matzah.

Beth-El plans Mitzvah day

PROVIDENCE — For the 13th year, May 7 will be marked by Temple Beth-El's Mitzvah Day. Congregants, young and old, will fan out through the community to do good works. They tend to cemeteries, clean parks, repair volunteer centers, prepare community gardens, make sandwiches for the homeless, donate blood, lead activities for children with learning differences, and sort clothing and books for those in need.

This year, the temple is partnering St. Martin's Church. The partnership has yielded new volunteer sites and new excitement to Mitzvah Day. An important component to the tradition is the involvement of the students in the religious school who volunteer as part of their regular Sunday School involvement and gain hands-on learning about performing mitzvot.

Beneficiaries of this year's Mitzvah Day will be: Amos House, Crossroads, CVS High-

lander School, Youth in Action, South Side Community Land Trust in Cranston and Providence, St. Martin's Church, Temple Beth El Cemetery, Varieur School, the Old Jewish Cemetery, the Rhode Island Blood Center, Camp JORI, Groundworks, the Institute for the Practice and Study of Non-Violence, Blackstone Park, and Recycling for Rhode Island Education. Co-chairs for the event are Ellen Berlinsky and Gary Schine from Temple Beth-El, and Kate Chute from St. Martin's Church.

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A Torah 'for daddy' in Iraq

CRANSTON — Second-grade students at Temple Sinai joined together with their parents for an annual Torah making workshop on a recent Sunday. The students used wood for the frame, paper for the scroll and felt for the cover.

"It's fun because you get to saw and drill. You get to make your own Torah, and you can write anything in it," said Jacob Horowitz of Cranston.

When asked what he plans to do with his Torah, Jacob said, "I'll probably send it to daddy." Jacob's father, Jeff Horowitz, is serving with the National Guard in Iraq.

The workshop was led by teacher Susan Oclessen of East Greenwich. The workshop has been part of the second-grade

curriculum for five years, inspired by a former student.

"In second grade, our students have been learning about the Torah all year long - about the holidays, the symbols, and the value that a Torah has to the community. There's no better way to reinforce what we learn than through a hands-on project like this one," she said.

The response from the students was terrific, as evidenced by the determined faces and creativity that abounded that morning. Brooke Fennell of Warwick commented, "We're cutting the paper to put inside the Torah. We're going to put symbols and letters on it. This is fun because I get to do a lot of things. My favorite part is decorating the cover!"



JACOB HOROVITZ and his mother, Lisa Horowitz, at Temple Sinai's Torah workshop.

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Passover: Mixing memory and desire

April is the cruelest month,
breeding

Lilacs out of the dead land,
mixing

Memory and desire,

stirring

Dull roots with spring rain.



Rabbi James
Rosenberg

I first read these opening lines of T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land* more than 40 years ago as an undergraduate at Columbia College. At that time it was the desire, the longing that was crueler than the memories. My life lay largely ahead of me; most of the questions that were pressing me remained unanswered: Would I ever marry? Would I become a father? What would be my life's work? While I celebrated my freedom to dream dreams unstained by the reality of their fulfillment, like so many college students of every generation, I was beleaguered by uncertainty; and in my darker moods, the future loomed before me like a devouring black hole.

On the other hand, in those days, I was not burdened by the regret of roads not taken. Raised in a stable family, I was protected from the early traumas that afflict the less fortunate; and in my journey through adolescence I managed to avoid those irreversible disasters that ruin the lives of those less wise or less lucky.

Today, more than four decades later, it is now memory which troubles me more than desire, more than the longing to unlock the mystery of my future. Questions unanswered in my college days are now answered: I



am in a solid marriage of 38 years' duration; my daughter and my son are by now launched into young adulthood, and I am enjoying the supreme blessing of being a grandfather. I am currently in my 32nd year as rabbi of Temple Hahonim. At age sixty-one, I obviously have lived far more years than I will yet be given.

Many of my dreams have come true; but in shaping my dreams into reality, I have had to come to terms with my own limitations and imperfections; and I have had to learn to accept the limitations and imperfections of the people I love. I have to live with painful memories of the poor choices I have made, the opportunities I have squandered, the love that I have disfigured with selfish preoccupations. In brief, I have to learn to live with both the baggage and the opportunity that comes with being a mature (?) adult.

Passover, *Pesach*, is the Jewish festival which more than any other mixes memory and desire, which stirs the dull roots of our souls with the spring rain of renewal. The *Seder* ritual is based upon our dark collective memory of slavery in Egypt and our collective wonder at our liberation from this oppression.

And the *Seder* also calls upon

our personal memories of liberation from the narrowness of our own spirits, from the confining parameters of our own experience; as some of you undoubtedly know, *Mitzra'im*, the Hebrew word for Egypt, is related — at least in sound — to *mitsrah*, the Hebrew word for a narrow pass, a strait, a "tight spot." As we sit with family and friends around the seder table, we reflect upon who we were, who we are, and who we could have been, and who we might still become.

I would suspect that Easter — with its roots so deep in the Passover ritual of the Last Supper — is the Christian festival which more than any other mixes memory and desire, despair and hope, darkness and light. For the hope and light of Easter morning emerges out of the dark despair of Good Friday. If we Jews and Christians truly want to understand one another, then let us forget about the superficial and overblown connection between Christmas and Chanukah and turn our attention to the 2000-year dialogue between Passover and Easter.

As the hard April earth yields to the softening spring rains, so may our hardened and overblown hearts yield to the promise of a new openness, a new hopefulness, the promise of rebirth, the promise of Passover.

In the words of our *Haggadah*, let us direct our gratitude to the One who continues to lead us "from slavery to freedom, from grief to gladness, from mourning to festivity, from darkness to a great light, from subjugation to liberation!"

Rabbi James Rosenberg is rabbi at Temple Hahonim in Barrington.

Afula concert: thank you, Rhode Island!

PROVIDENCE — Money raised in the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Jewish community really goes the distance — sometimes to a tiny farming town in northern Israel called Afula. As a way of saying thank you, dozens of performers from the Afula Municipal Orchestra and Choir come to Temple Beth-El in Providence to thank the donors of the Federation's campaign for their generosity.

The first half of the evening included a performance by the Symphonic band, which played Israeli, Latin, and even some



SEVENTY-ONE TEENAGE MEMBERS of the Afula Municipal Orchestra, led by Gal Alterovich.

pop hits (Mama Mia by ABBA, for instance). The second half brought the energetic a capella singers to the stage, who performed snippets of Jerusalem of Gold, Fiddler on the Roof, and

even Send in the Clowns. Providence resident Ruth Adler was dancing in the aisle to the music. "It's just beautiful," she said.

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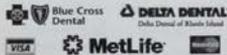
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What is your favorite activity or hobby outside the office?

My wife and I love spending time with the kids, and are involved in their activities and sports. On Sundays in the fall, rooting for the Patriots and enjoying Susan's football feasts are a family tradition.

Can you tell me about your educational background?

I am a graduate of Providence Country Day and of Tufts University in Medford, MA. After graduating from Tufts with a B.A. in 1981, I joined The Egis Group to carry on the tradition and learn from my father, mother and grandfather.

What else would you like Jewish Voice & Herald readers to know about you?

Susan and I are happy to support Temple Beth-El, the Federation and many other Jewish organizations. The Egis Group recently took over Temple Beth-El's insurance needs, and we were able to save them a significant amount of money while improving their insurance coverages.

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What's the worst thing about your job?

I just need more than 24 hours in a day. Life is exciting. No complaints!

Any connections to the Jewish community?

Being half Greek, I truly appreciate the richness of tradition, family, food and faith. When I was in college, the majority of my friends were Jewish and I was privileged to take part in many of their holiday and family events and often attended services. Somehow, my best college-era friend also became my first son's godfather! Today, many are among my social and work fabric. We are all family.

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Obituaries

Jeffrey S. Abrams, 57

CRANSTON — Jeffrey S. Abrams, 57, of Brookline, Mass., died unexpectedly on April 1. Born in Providence, he was the son of Jordan and Rachael (Allen) Abrams of Cranston.

He was a graduate of Cranston High School East and Hofstra University and worked as a Director of ITT Educational Institute for 30 years in various cities, until his retirement in 2005.

He was extremely passionate about piano, basketball and going to Narragansett Beach and was devoted to his dog, Maxx. He was notorious for leading jam sessions in the basement of his parents' home with other family members.

He was the brother of Cheryl Levy and her husband Rob, of Seattle, Wash., and was the uncle of Jennifer and Eric Levy. He also leaves several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Joslin Clinic, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215 or your favorite charity.

M. Nancy Berman, 73

CRANSTON — M. Nancy Berman, 73, died April 6. She was the wife of Samuel "Buddy" Berman. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late David and Fannie (Gan) Berman, she had lived in Cranston for 45 years.

She was the chief supervisor of the Bureau of Family Support for the Rhode Island for 30 years, retiring several years ago. She was a past president of the Cranston Senior Guild, a member of B'nai

B'rith and a former member of Temple Beth-El.

She was the mother of Ralph J. Berman of Warwick and Lisa Berman of River Edge, N.J.; and the sister of Helen Samuels of Cranston and Lillian Darman of West Roxbury, Mass.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Rudi Flatow, 93

CRANSTON — Rudi Flatow, 93, died March 29. He was the husband of Lilly (Brandt) Flatow. They were married for 59 years. Born in Berlin, Germany, a son of the late Artur and Frieda (Luebeck) Flatow, he had lived in Cranston for 39 years.

He was the owner of a gas station in Cranston for 22 years, retiring in 1972. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

He leaves a daughter, Frances Scheick and her husband, Edward of Columbia, Md. He was the brother of Heinz Flatow and his wife, Regina of Zurich, Switzerland; and was the grandfather of Erin and Melanie. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to Home and Hospice Care of RI or the RI Holocaust Museum.

Dorothy Gold, 80

NEWTON, Mass. — Dorothy (Gordon) Gold, 80, died March 31. She was the wife of the late Victor Gold. Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Morris and Ida (Stein) Gordon, she had been a resident of Cranston for 34 years before moving to Florida and return-

ing to Massachusetts in 2003. Mrs. Gold was a graduate of Western College in Ohio. She was a former member of Temple Beth-El and a past president of its Sisterhood, and a life member of Hadassah.

She is survived by two sons; Monty Gold of Brookline and Gerald Gold of Newton; one daughter; Laurie Gold of Wilmington, Mass.; and five grandchildren; Shira, Joshua, Ezra, Vera and Mark. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Hadassah of RI, 1150 New London Ave., Cranston, RI 02920.

Seymour H. Golden, 79

CRANSTON — Seymour H. Golden, 79, died March 30. Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Ida (Dworkis) Golden, he is survived by his companion, Betty Duncan of Cranston; his son, Keith of Columbus, Ohio; his brothers, Irving and Harvey, both of Los Angeles, Shelton of Narragansett and Paul of Cranston and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Russell.

He was a certified audiologist for Belton Hearing Aids for over 30 years. He was a WW II Navy veteran. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, Harmony Lodge of the Masons, Post 23 of the JWW, National Hearing Aid Society, Massachusetts Hearing Aid Society, Kiwanis of New Bedford and the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite of Providence.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the RI Food Bank.

Louis Lazaroff, 86

WARWICK — Louis Laz-

zaroff, 86, died April 3. He was the husband of Martha (Hoffman) Lazaroff. They were married for 56 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Rose (Yankelovitz) Lazaroff, he had lived in Cranston for over 40 years before moving to Warwick several years ago.

He was an assistant warehouse manager for Benny's Stores, retiring many years ago. He was an Army veteran of WW II serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was the father of Allen Lazaroff of Oakland, Calif.; Beverly Conrad and her husband, David of Woodville, Wash.; and Ravna Lazaroff of Corte Madera, Calif. He was the brother of Carl Lazaroff of Warwick and Mollie Feldman of Phoenix, Az. He was also the grandfather of Rachel and Michael Conrad.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Barbara Makowski, 59

FALL RIVER — Barbara E. Makowski, 59, died April 5. She was the wife of Dr. Michael Makowski. A lifelong Fall River resident, she was a daughter of the late Richard J. and Mollie M. (Freedman) Hirsch.

She was a member of Adas Israel Synagogue and was an assistant director of the Fall River Branch of Samaritans.

She was the mother of Dean Makowski of Newport and Meredith Makowski Miller of Brookline, Mass; and the sister of Jacqueline A. Gedacht of Fall River.

Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River. Contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity.

Ida Moss, 93

NEW BEDFORD — Ida (Geller) Moss, 93, of Dartmouth, died March 23. She was the widow of Martin Moss. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Elias and Meryl (Muck) Geller, she lived in Warwick before she moved to Dartmouth in 1994.

She was a former member of Shaare Zedek synagogue and Pioneer Women.

She is survived by a son, Howard Moss of Somers, N.Y.; a daughter, Sandra Zeitz of Dartmouth; a sister, Sally Engle Geller of Cranston; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Helene Miller.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Simon Rosen, 77

PROVIDENCE — Simon Rosen, 77, a retired clothing store owner, died March 24.

Born in Providence, son of the late Harry and Sadie (Rubinowitz) Rosen, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was a graduate of URI and a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Mr. Rosen was the owner of the former B&B Clothing of Providence.

He leaves a sister, Arlene Kaplan of Providence and three nieces.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Dr. Sanford Udis, 86

SO. DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Dr. Sanford Udis, 86, a retired radiologist, died March 28. He was the husband of Gloria (Soloff)

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Medical Arts

A feverish need to measure

The simple clinical thermometer remains one of medicine's most enduring instruments. It is likely that this fragile cylinder of glass yields more utilitarian information than any other portable piece of diagnostic medical equipment. Certainly no Jewish home is regarded as completely furnished without at least one thermometer in a drawer.



Stanley Aronson, M.D.

Fever, said Galen, is the scream of deep illness seeking attention. And, to the ancients, fever had always been the herald of systemic illness. Older medical texts created an elaborate menu of fever profiles. There were fevers called eruptive (coincident with the appearance of rashes), remitting, cerebral (associated with stupor or coma), relapsing, Quotidian (daily) and hectic (associated with delirium), to name but a few.

When fever rages and the pulse accelerates, a measuring instrument like a thermometer is not really required. Many a Jewish mother from an older generation will tell you that her hand upon a fevered brow is more sensitive than any objective instrument. But might there be trifling increments of fever, low grade, perhaps, that not even a grandmother's hand could detect?

One of the earliest questions demanding an answer was whether there was such a thing as a normal human temperature. To determine this, the thermometer would have to be scaled. The ancient Greek scientists talked freely of heat and cold but assigned no numeric value to either. To them it was sufficient to note that one object was warmer or colder than another. Galen, more quantitatively oriented, suggested four levels of temperature, with a midpoint being a fresh mixture of boiling water and ice.

By the 17th century, physics had evolved to a degree where heat had to be calibrated; and scientists interested in both the weather and human illness sought ways of quantifying it.

Dr. Sanford Udis

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Udis and the late Beverly (Tarle) Udis. Born in Fall River, a son of the late Levy and Molly (Goldstein) Udis, he had been a resident of South Dartmouth and Providence.

Dr. Udis was a graduate of Duffee High School, Brown University, and Boston University School of Medicine. He served his internship at Boston City Hospital and his residency at Beth Israel Hospital. He was the chief of radiology at Truesdale Hospital and late Charlton Memorial Hospital, chief of radiology at Truesdale Clinic, which he helped guide through its multiple expansions, and was the senior partner in Udis-Miller Radiology.

Dr. Udis was a founding member of the Brown University Medical School Alumni Association, and a member of

What characteristics should a heat-measuring instrument possess? It must respond quickly and consistently to temperature changes in its surrounding environment. It must also possess some sort of scale, thus providing the observer with a numeric value which is consistent and meaningful. A reading on one thermometer must be the same as the reading on another, tested at the same time, on the same patient.

The first thermometers were based on two well-known physical phenomena: First, that the volume of liquid or gas expands with increasing heat, and second, that warm objects transfer some of their heat to neighboring cold objects until they reach the same (equilibrating) temperature.

The invention of a reliable thermometer began with an obscure Venetian physician, Santorio Santorio, professor of medicine at the medical school in Padua. In 1611 he devised a simple instrument consisting of an air-filled glass globe which was inserted vertically into an open container of dye-stained water. This ponderous apparatus was wheeled to the bedside and the globe placed within the armpit of the patient. When the globe was warmed by the human body, its contained air absorbed some of the heat and then expanded, thus displacing some of the water at the other end of the globe. This instrument was crude and certainly not mobile; nor could it provide a precise, quantitative temperature reading, but it was a beginning.

Later in the 17th century, the Royal Society of London accepted the challenge of trying to assemble a gadget to measure temperature. Many of its members, including Wren, Halley and Boyle, devoted time to this task. Their instruments were based on Santorio's principle that heat causes gases or fluids to expand — the more the heat, the more the expansion. They recognized, too, that the fluid to be used should not freeze easily nor should it be colorless. Hence they replaced the fluid in their experimental instruments with wine (which is why the earlier instruments were called spirit thermometers).

the Board of Visitors at Boston University School of Medicine. He was a trustee emeritus of Brown University and a past president of the Brown University Alumni Association.

Dr. Udis served in the U.S. Army during WW II. He completed nine marathons, including New York City and Boston, pursuing his love of running well into his 80s. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Jonathan Udis of Middlesex, Vt., and Andrew Udis of New York City; daughter-in-law Joann Udis; five grandchildren, Mollie, Merrill, Ethan, Hunter, and Cole, and a great-grandchild, Sarah. Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.



DANIEL FAHRENHEIT invented the thermometer.

Then came Daniel Fahrenheit, who was born in Danzig but lived much of his life in Holland as an instrument-maker. It was he who devised the instrument consisting of a glass rod with a very thin inner bore and a small reservoir below filled with liquid mercury. As the mercury-filled bulb was warmed, the contained mercury expanded and the mercury column rose within the tube. His instrument was calibrated so that the freezing point of water was placed at 32 degrees and the boiling point was 212 degrees. Andre Celsius, a Swedish astronomer, suggested that the freezing point should be at 100 degrees and

the boiling point at zero. His close friend, the Swedish botanist-physician Carl Linnaeus, felt that this was counter-intuitive and suggested rather that the warmer the object being tested, the higher should be the scale number. Celsius accepted this and the modern Celsius scale, with zero denoting the freezing point of water and 100 signifying the boiling point is now the standard system of thermometric notation.

The old-fashioned glass thermometer needed no batteries to be replaced, no engineering degrees to assemble and no expensive outlays to purchase. It was simple, reliable and its only failing was its fragility and the constant anxiety that a child, thinking it might be a candy stick, might bite it. But whether it is the classical thermometer or the more sophisticated temperature-quantifying machine, most American families still use it as the sole criterion of health and sickness in their children. Many an American child, in the early stage of an upper respiratory infection, has prayed that the thermometer will read above the normal value so that he may stay home from school.

Dr. Stanley Aronson is dean emeritus of Brown Medical School.

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MY VOICE

Russian songs recall days as 'secret agent man'

By Joshua B. Stein

Maybe it was the sound of the language; maybe it was the music; maybe it was both combined with the time of year—mid-March, just before Passover. In any case, a couple of weeks ago, as I sat in the audience and listened to the magnificent sound of the Moscow Male Choir as it performed at Temple Emanu-El, I was mentally and emotionally transported to another time and place in my life, and that of the world. Back then, in 1989, the enemy was the Soviet Union, and though we knew it was in decline, it was still dangerous.

Here in Rhode Island, the Community Relations Council (CRC) of the Jewish Federation of R.I. (JFRI) had a Soviet Jewry task force. I was chairman. We wrote to refuseniks offering support; we wrote to Congress to express our approval of the Jackson-Vanik amendment; we adopted a sister city (Rostov on Don); we marched in Washington when Gorbachev was there. And we decided to pay him a return visit. In Russia, many said they were interested in coming, but in the end, it was only four of us—Paul and Sheila Alexander, Wayne Franklin, and myself. Paul is a physician, Sheila is a community leader, Wayne is a rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, and

...would we be caught and if so, would we be prosecuted, and if so, would we be found guilty, and if so, would we spend time in the gulag?

I'm a professor of history.

For months before hand we studied rudimentary Russian—"Yes," "no," "please," "thank you," "are you sure this is what Marx had in mind?" (All right, we didn't use that one, but we did learn the Cyrillic alphabet in order to navigate the subway system when we absented ourselves from the official tour to visit refuseniks and Hebrew teachers and "the pharmacist").

We received instructions from national Soviet-Jewry organizations (naturally there were two competing such groups—they are Jews after all). We had names of people to call, books and religious objects to bring and pharmaceuticals ranging in potency from aspirin to antibiotics, none of which were available, all of which had to be brought into the country clandestinely, so, I guess, this is my confession. I was part of a ring of international drug smugglers. There, I've said it.

We flew to Kennedy airport after sleepless nights—would we be caught and if so, would we be prosecuted, and if so, would we

be found guilty, and if so, would we spend time in the gulag? Foolish fears I now realize, but they seemed very real at the time.

At Kennedy we met the other members of our tour group and, being suspicious, wondered if these perfectly normal looking Americans were really Soviet agents provocateurs—yes we (I at least) were paranoid. Our American tour director was a nice young man who discovered a love for the Russian language and its literature in college. He now shuffled back and forth between Russia and the United States acting as translator and facilitator for visiting Americans. As soon as he saw us lifting our suitcases, which weighed a ton while we pretended that they were as light as feathers, he knew something was up. "Those are pretty heavy *tallemis*," he commented.

"*Tallemis!*" we feigned ignorance. "No, just the stuff we'll need for a 10-day trip." "Right."

This was not encouraging. We'd not even left New York and already we'd been spotted as smugglers. Could we trust this smiling young man?

We flew to Helsinki and from there to Moscow. The first ordeal awaited us. Our passports were checked very carefully by a uniformed young man in a booth. He looked at the pas-



Russian refuseniks

port, he looked at us, he looked at the passport, he typed something into a computer, he looked at us and again at the passport.

"Purpose of visit?" (It was really less of a question than it was an accusation.) "Tourism," I said, so did the others in their turn.

"Occupation?" (Same tone of voice, all the while my right arm was separating at the joints—wrist from forearm, elbow expanding, shoulder rising as I tried to hold on to the 10-ton suitcase without showing signs of strain.) "Teacher," I said as I grit my teeth in pain, pretending it was a smile. (This question was a tricky one for Wayne. If he said "rabbi" we were told they'd really give him the third degree or prevent him from entering—certainly his suitcase would be examined, which is why we kept

the incriminating materials in our bags, not his. His answer was the technically correct, though disingenuous, "teacher.")

Once this gauntlet had been passed we had customs to get through. Not all bags were checked, but there was no green sign saying "nothing to declare." All bags and their owners had to be OK'd by a human in uniform (a ubiquitous species in Russia, it seems). Amazingly, all of us, each pretending not to know the others though obviously Sheila and Paul were traveling together, were waved through. Some chalk on the bags, a "Welcome to the Soviet Union" from the customs agent.

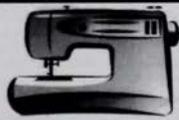
"Is that it?" I asked our guide.

"Yes."

"That's what I lost sleep over

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SONGS

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for two weeks?"

"Wasn't worth it, was it?" he answered cryptically.

Only later, on the plane coming back from Helsinki did we learn his role in getting us through customs unscathed.

We're in

As tourists, we saw the sights of Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad; we rode the magnificent subway system, we met refuseniks and Hebrew teachers and—the pharmacist. He wasn't really a pharmacist, of course, but a link in the chain of getting scarce drugs to sick people. Paul had a long talk with him—as he described the medicines they needed to be brought by the next contingent of Americans coming in. Paul gave him the medicines we'd brought. We received names of refuseniks we'd not known about and hoped that the list would not be the cause of our arrest and incarceration as we passed through the customs agents at our departure.

When it was time to go, we had our lists of medicines and refuseniks and our gifts for friends and relatives back home and we endured the wait to pass through external customs. Sheila had most of the incriminating papers in her suitcase. We had been told that Russian men were uncomfortable rummaging through ladies' lingerie, so that is where we tucked the papers. As the unsmiling customs agent



PHOTOS BY JOSH STEIN
VISITING WITH A RUSSIAN JEWISH FAMILY on the trip were Paul and Shiela Alexander, at left, and Rabbi Wayne Franklin at right.

opened Sheila's suitcase, it tipped and her clothing and the papers we had so carefully secreted went flying onto the floor. Flustered at the sight of these garments, he helped her to scoop everything up, including the incriminating documents, all of which he hastily shoved back into her case and (we think) apologized profusely for the inconvenience.

Once on the Finnair plane, we felt safer, but even more so

once we had taken off. In Helsinki Wayne told Peter, our American guide, what we had done. He laughed at our naivete. As we'd thought, he'd spotted us immediately for what we were. In the Moscow airport he found a pretty customs agent and encouraged her to flirt with the agent examining our bags. The agent, apparently thinking that the girl was really interested in him, paid no interest to us, and

so into the belly of the beast we were allowed to enter with all our contraband. Thanks Peter.

We came back to America filled with stories of our adventures, just in time to celebrate Passover with the matzah we'd bought in Leningrad at the only Jewish bakery in town. It was the best tasting matzah I'd ever eaten, made with the hands of people as much prisoners in their country as the ancient Hebrews had been in

Egypt. As I sat around our Seder table and recounted our experiences to friends and relatives, the idea of freedom suddenly meant a lot more than it ever had before.

There was no Moses to lead the Jews out of the Soviet Union, certainly Paul, Sheila, Wayne, and I were no Moses, but we had done our bit to bring cheer and supplies to a people cut off from the rest of their people. We had let them know that we knew of them, that we were working for their liberation and eventual re-settlement in Israel or in the United States. I don't know how much good we actually did for them, but we each felt that we had made a contribution in our small way to the betterment of mankind. I think (though cannot prove) that the international effort to free the Jews of the Soviet Union played a huge part in the disintegration of that great empire. Once the Jews started agitating for their liberty, others followed; once the Jews broke the silence and said, this is not working, let us leave, others joined the chorus.

And a couple of weeks ago, the Moscow Male Choir, singing in Temple Emanu-El, brought it all back to life in my mind. Paul, Sheila, Wayne, I think we did good.

Josh Stein, a professor of history at Roger Williams University, writes a regular column for *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.

Visit to Babi Yar

In Kiev, we were not scheduled to visit Babi Yar, but we insisted and our Intourist guide relented. There's not much to see there now, but we knew what had happened. Between 1941 and 1943 over 100,000 Jews had been killed there.

The monument, with tablets in Russian, Ukrainian and Yiddish, states only that over 100,000 "citizens of Kiev and prisoners of war" were executed there. The Jews, apparently, deserve no special recognition. Except from us. Wayne, Paul, Sheila and I, along with a few others from our group, said kaddish in memory of those who had been massacred in the ravine the Germans, and later the Soviets, tried to hide by filling it in and making it a meadow.

— Josh Stein



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Above, Soviet investigators view one of the opened mass graves at Babi Yar near Kiev, Ukraine, in 1944.

Left, Germans from unidentified units look through the possessions of Jews gunned down by Nazis in a mass slaughter at Babi Yar near Kiev, Ukraine, in the autumn of 1941.

Mazal Tov

People

Urban League to honor Engelhart

PROVIDENCE — Janet Engelhart, former executive director of the Jewish Federation of R.I. from 2000-05, will be one of the women honored by the Urban League of R.I. as a "Woman of Substance," at their annual corporate luncheon on April 18 at the Westin. Ruth Simmons is the keynote speaker.

She has a degree in education from Hofstra University and a master's degree in community counseling and consultation from Duquesne University.

A resident of Rhode Island for the past five-and-a-half years, she is married to Leslie Y. Guterman, senior rabbi at Temple Beth-El, Providence. They have three daughters, Allison, Elizabeth and Rebecca.



Janet Engelhart

Redwood Lodge honors Miller



Samuel A. Miller

Redwood Lodge No. 35 as selected Samuel A. Miller as "Man of the Year" for 2005-06. He served as master of the lodge in 2000-01 and 2003-04, and is presently junior warden.

He has served on the bylaws and scholarship committees, of Redwood and the former Roosevelt Lodge No. 42, which merged with the current organization.

Miller is the son of Max and the late Miriam Miller. He and his wife, Pam, have three children, Shoshana, David and Michaela.

The Millers are members of Temple Emanu-El and he has served on committees at the former Alperin Schechter Day School.

He graduated from Clark University and the Western New England College of Law. He has a practice in West Warwick.

ADL award to Krasnow, Orenstein

NEW YORK CITY — Recently, the New York board of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) awarded its first annual "The Future is Now" award to Lauren Krasnow, daughter of Maureen and Howard Kras-

now of Warwick, and her husband, Ken Orenstein.

They are attorneys and founding members of the ADL's Young Professionals Division, and served as its co-chairs from

2003-05. Its mission is to educate the 21-to-40 age group in issues ranging from separation of church and state, civil rights, Israel advocacy, Holocaust awareness and anti-Semitism.

Simchas

Wedding

Alexandra "Sasha" Meltzer, daughter of Marcia Miller and Dr. James Meltzer of New York City, and Kevin Andrew Goldman, son of Stephan and Laurie Goldman of Warwick were married on Aug. 21, 2005 at the New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx. Cantor Josee Wolff officiated.

The bride graduated from the Spence School and Columbia University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

She is the granddaughter of Theda Meltzer of New York City and the late Manfred Meltzer, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Miller.

The bridegroom graduated from the Wheeler School and Dartmouth College. He is a third-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania and after graduation will clerk for Judge William Bryson of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schindler of Delray Beach, Fla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldman, of Pawtucket and West Palm Beach, Fla.

The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and is making their home in Philadelphia, Pa.



Alexandra Meltzer and Kevin Goldman

Births

Cranston residents Shasta and Lawrence Charap announce the birth of a son, Henry William Charap, on March 11 at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 ounces. Henry is the grandson of Stanley and Marilyn Charap of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and John and Isabel Rutherford of Riverhead, New York. Henry was welcomed home by his big sister, Joanna.



Henry William Charap



Nevin Maurice Green

David and Traci Green of Los Angeles announce the birth of a son, Nevin Maurice Green, on Feb. 14. He is the great-grandson of Rosalie Gilestin of Providence and the late William Gilestin.

He is the grandson of Gayle and Jerry Nevins of Arizona and Geoffrey and Mary Green of Montreal.



Joshua Brian Horenstein

Joshua Brian Horenstein, son of Lauren Krasnow and Kenneth Horenstein of New York City, was born on Nov. 10, 2005. He is the grandson of Maureen and Howard Krasnow of Warwick and Doris and Jay Horenstein of Scarsdale, N.Y.

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