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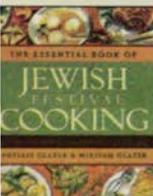


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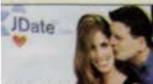


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Appealing to today's donors

By Jonathan Rubin
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PROVIDENCE — A change in the way the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) allocates funds may increase the amount the annual campaign brings in.

That's the premise of some at the state's largest Jewish fundraiser and distributor of nearly \$3 million a year.

At the April 27 meeting of the Federation's board of directors, some members called the current allocations process "a rubber stamp" that gives the same funding priorities to the same agencies year in and year out.

Indeed, the results this year do not vary significantly from last year — approximately 50 percent of the funds (plus dollars earmarked for specific agencies) are given to 10 major and 22 smaller organizations in Rhode Island, and 50 percent is sent to sustain Jewish communities in Israel, The Former Soviet Union, Argentina and around the world (see list, page 16).

Today's fundraisers are looking for dynamic, innovative programs and institutions to promote. The lack of significant change in the way money is distributed may be affecting not only the services the community has at its fingertips, but also their attractiveness to potential donors.

Federation committees are re-examining the current allocation model in several ways.

Among them are:

1. Community priorities reevaluated

Some in the community support the current allocation system, which gives guaranteed funding to a number of "core agencies," including the Jewish Community Center (\$348,000 this year), Jewish Seniors Agency (\$69,000), the Jewish Day Schools (a total of \$175,000), and others. In recent

Israel Darfur refugees in Israeli prisons



Photos: Brian Handwerker/ITA

SUDANESE MUSLIMS, above, perform their midday prayers in their prison cell as they wait for the United Nations to decide on their refugee status while incarcerated at Ma'asiyahu prison, May 4, in the central Israeli town of Ramle. Roughly 160 Sudanese who fled the fighting in the Darfur region have made their way from Sudan, through Egypt and the Sinai Desert before seeking refugee status in Israel. Some have been waiting for a decision for more than a year. Below, a guard passes a board game into a cell. See story on page 13.



JDate in Israel



ITA photo

A GROUP VISITING ISRAEL on a JDate trip walk through the Old City of Jerusalem, Tuesday, May 9. The Jewish online dating site brought 130 singles on a 10-day trip to Israel to see the country and perhaps meet a partner.

FOCUS ON ISSUES

When life's a gamble

As gambling sites grow, addiction problems rise
(First in a two-part series)

By Nancy Kirsch

There's no chicken soup for the gambler's soul, Jewish or otherwise. It's a pastime that appeals to members of all socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic and religious groups, and for a small percentage of the population, it can become an addiction.

In Rhode Island, there are plenty of options to choose from — two casinos in Connecticut, Video Lottery Terminals ("VLTs") in Lincoln and Newport, statewide lotteries, online games, and casino and bingo nights put on by organizations.

Fierce debate rages within Rhode Island over the pros and cons of expanding existing gambling in the state. The Narragansett Indian Tribe hopes to build, with Harrah's, a casino complex in West Warwick, and Donald Trump has recently visited Johnston town officials about siting a complex there.

Prevalence in Jewish community

Rabbi Kerry Orlitzky, author of four books about addictions within the Jewish community, and formerly on the faculty of Hebrew Union College in New York City, said in a telephone interview, "Gambling is the fastest growing addiction in the Jewish community, and it affects all age groups. One of the fastest growing games is Texas Hold 'Em — I find it in dormitories, sponsored by Hillels, on college campuses and at camps.

The Jewish community is, according to him, "over-represented in Gamblers' Anonymous." The Jewish community is not an island unto itself, he said.

Community Calendar

SAT., MAY 13

Film at Agudas Achim

7 p.m. Showing of the acclaimed documentary film, "Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School." Shulamit Izen, the subject of the film, will be speaking and answering questions at the conclusion of the movie. For more information, contact Helen Urban at (508) 222-2243.

MON., MAY 15

School site committee meeting

7 p.m. at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. Open forum to discuss the future site of the Jewish Community Day School of R.I. Architect's presentation and other information. Open to all interested per-

sons to ask questions and express opinions. (Also on Mon., May 22 at the JCC/RI at 7 p.m. Third forum will be a panel discussion of experts — see Tues., June 13; for more information contact Meredith Einshorn at 863-1510 or meinsohn@jcdsri.org.

New Yorker writer to speak

7:30 p.m. Adam Gopnik, author and journalist, will be guest speaker at the annual Yoken lecture at Brown University, in Salomon Hall on the Brown campus. Gopnik writes for the New Yorker Magazine and is the author of the best-seller "Paris to the Moon." Open to the community.

TUES., MAY 16

East Greenwich Lunch & Learn

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Learn about contemporary issues in the light of Jewish sources while enjoying lunch with Temple Torat Yisrael's Rabbi Amy Levin at The Grille on Main, 50 Main St., East Greenwich. Study session on "What Parents Owe Children and What Children Owe Parents" is free of charge; lunch will be ordered individually. RSVP by May 15 to Temple Torat Yisrael, (401) 785-1800.

Lag B'Omer festival

6 p.m. Community picnic & festival at the home of Rabbi Mitchell and Alison Levine, 12 Woodbury St., Providence, corner of Morris. "Smile the clown," balloons, music, food

available. Sponsored by Chabad, R.I. For information or reservations call 273-7238.

Hadassah annual donor event

6 p.m. at the Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick. Members and guests are invited. For information call 463-3636.

Jewish Women's Lag B'Omer BBQ

7:30-9 p.m. At Chabad, 3871 Post Rd, Warwick. Israeli and Middle Eastern foods. Discussion on "Omer," \$5, Music & Desserts. To RSVP, call Shoshana Laufer (401) 884-4071.

WED., MAY 17

Touro Fraternal installation

6:30 p.m. 45 Rolfe Square, Cranston. Touro Fraternal will hold its 88th annual installation of officers. Dinner meeting is open to Touro members only. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Touro at 785-0066. See Community.

THURS., MAY 18

JFRI Annual meeting

7 p.m. JCC Social Hall, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Presentation of leadership and service awards, special remembrance of Norman Tilles, installation of JFRI and Women's Alliance officers and board members. Dessert reception to follow.

FRI., MAY 19

Torat Yisrael

prospective members' dinner 6 p.m. Prospective members

are invited to be guests of the temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston for a Friday evening service and dinner to follow. Meet current members, and Rabbi Amy Levin, Cantor Colman Reboan and Education Director Ethan Adler.

For reservations and information contact Sheryl Ponder at the TY Office, 785-1800, or Sheryl@toratysrael.org.

SUN., MAY 21

Congregation Agudas Achim Mitzvah morning

8 a.m. breakfast, 9 a.m., begin projects, at Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, Mass. A congregation-wide community service day. Volunteers will undertake 10 public service projects. For volunteer information, contact Lisa Waldman at 523-3553 or lee67@cox.net. For general information, call the synagogue office at (508) 222-2243 or visit their website at www.agudasma.org. See Community.

Agudas Achim religious school open house

10 a.m. — 11:30 at the temple, 901 No. Main St., Attleboro. During regular religious school hours to demonstrate programming. Prospective students and their parents are especially invited. See Community.

Day of Play at the J

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. A day of free activities for young and old to celebrate the opening

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Correction:

In our March 31 issue, we accidentally listed Dunkin Donuts as a location where kosher bagels can be purchased. None of the Dunkin Donuts shops in Rhode Island are kosher (although some in Massachusetts are).

In our April 14 issue, it was mistakenly reported that Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro is receiving funding from the Jewish Federation to fix their roof. This request was proposed by Agudas Achim, and then retracted. We regret the error.

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Pro-choice clergy take to the airwaves

By Mary Korr
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PROVIDENCE — Jewish
religious leaders, led by Rabbi
Peter Stein of Temple Sinai in
Cranston, have formed an inter-
faith clergy coalition to support
reproductive choice for women in
Rhode Island.

Last week, they began a series
on public television in the state
called "Sacred choices and abor-
tion — 10 new things to think
about." It is one of five broad-
casts (see schedule). Stein will be
part of the panel discussion to be
aired on Thursday, May 18, on
the topic: "Religion can promote
good or healing."

The clergy group has begun
to monitor legislative activity as
well; in fact, it was formed as a
response to a bill passed over-
whelmingly last year by the R.I.
Senate threatening to eliminate a
woman's right to choose.

Called the R.I. Religious
Coalition for Reproductive
Choice, the group also includes
Rabbi Alan Flam, president of
the R.I. Board of Rabbis; and
Rabbi Jim Rosenberg, Elyse
Wechterman, Sarah Mack and
Andrea Gouze.

Members from other faiths
include United Church of Christ,
Episcopal, Methodist, Unitarian
Universalist, and Baptist denomina-
tions, as well as the R.I. State
Council of Churches.



Rabbi Peter Stein

Last week, the coalition for-
mally joined the national group
of the same name — the Reli-
gious Coalition for Reproductive
Choice (www.rccr.org) based in
Washington D.C.

At a press conference held
at Brown Hille last Thursday
to announce the affiliation, Stein
said, "As a liberal religious leader
I am concerned that in the public
discourse religious fundamental-
ists and conservatives are domi-
nating. They threaten freedom of
choice and don't speak for all of
us. We want to bring the moral
power of religious communities
to reproductive choice," he
continued, "to let public officials
know there are other viewpoints

Broadcast Schedule

'Sacred choices and abortion — 10 new things to think
about.'

On Rhode Island Soapbox

Cox Communication Public Access TV, Channel 18

- May 18, 5 p.m. "Religion can promote guilt or healing"
- June 1, 5 p.m. "Religious freedom"
- June 15, 5 p.m. "Rape and incest — a time for healing"
- June 29, 5 p.m. "A choice for abortion is a sacred choice"

(In addition to the above times, R.I. Soapbox replays Fridays
at 6 p.m. in Pawtucket; airs Wed. at 8 p.m. in Providence,
North Providence and Kent County, and Wed. at 8 a.m.
on Statewide Interconnect. It will re-air on cable channels
throughout the summer.)

that need to be respected. As a
Jew I have a different perspec-
tive."

Stein said the Hebrew bible
and rabbinic writings support
individual choice according to
one's own conscience and reli-
gious beliefs.

Many Jewish organizations
support the national coalition,
from the Conservative, Reform,
Reconstructionist and Humanist
Jewish movements, as well as
the Anti-Defamation League,
Hadassah, and the National
Council of Jewish Women.

At the press conference,
Barbara Dickinson, vice chair at
Planned Parenthood of R.I., said
without pro-choice there is "no
choice. Women have the right to
make decisions based on personal
and family circumstances. It's
easy to talk about pregnancy in
the abstract," she said.

Barbara Kavadias, of the
national group, said, "We (Jews)
are pro-choice because of our
faith. Pro-choice is an individual
choice and it is not necessarily
pro-abortion. We believe that no
one; not pharmacists, not doc-
tors, not hospitals, not the gov-
ernment should be able to impose
their religious beliefs on us."

She added that Roe v. Wade,
the landmark abortion legisla-
tion of 1973, is being eroded by
changes in states' laws — a case in
point, last month, South Dakota
became the first state to enact a
ban on almost all abortions.

The state coalition will also
be involved in issues surround-
ing choice, including education,
family planning, and affordable
child and health care.

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Opinion

A MAJORITY OF ONE

Boycott backs Israel into a corner

Many decades ago, when school desks still provided inkwells, unpopular students were put "in Coventry." We Jews do the same in like circumstances only we call it being placed "in kherem." In the world of international relations the same is accomplished by declaring a "boycott" of the offending nation or political movement.



Yehuda Lev

Ugly names, all of them, and politically at least, not very effective. I can think of only one instance in which a boycott resulted in a major shift in political direction, that of South Africa, and to make it possible required a Nelson Mandela. There are not too many like him directing Middle East political movements these days.

Israel and its allies have decided that the response to the election of a Hamas government in the Palestinian territories should be an economic boycott coupled with a refusal to meet with Palestinian leaders until Hamas:

- (1) grants recognition to Israel, (2)

suppresses Islamic Jihad and other terrorist organizations, and (3) renounces its dream of all of the lands west of the Jordan River forming a single Islamic state.

Assuming that Israel's eventual goal is to exist peacefully alongside a Palestinian state, these demands are unrealistic. Worse, they are self-defeating. Regarding (1): Israel is not dependent on recognition by Hamas for its security or its existence. On the contrary, Hamas needs Israel's recognition before it will be accepted by the nations of the West. That's a carrot to be used for bargaining purposes, not to be tossed aside and trashed.

Regarding (2): If we insist that Hamas first close down Islamic Jihad before we will negotiate with it, that gives Islamic Jihad control over the future of negotiations. Israel's aim should be to lessen its veto power, not strengthen it. If the Hamas leadership can be convinced that Islamic Jihad is a threat to its survival because terrorism has become counter-productive, Islamic Jihad will be suppressed but that will happen only after an agreement with Israel has been reached and it serves Hamas's best interests to do so.

- As for (3): The Palestinians will

renounce their claim to all of Palestine only when it becomes apparent that it cannot be achieved other than at the cost of their own independent existence. This conclusion can only result from negotiations, it cannot precede them. Israel is asking Hamas to surrender one of its bargaining chips before negotiations even begin.

What does Israel do if Hamas refuses to give up its goals? For openers, remember that Israel controls the electric power, the fuel supplies and the water sources for the territories. Cut them off and the Hamas government disintegrates. Chaos results. And Israel loses the support of the United States, the European Union, Egypt and Jordan, all of which fear the effects of a total economic and political collapse of the Palestinian territories and will blame Israel for provoking it.

A second possibility is that Israel reoccupy all of the territories, leading to an ongoing guerrilla war with no conclusion in sight and again, a loss of outside support. The cost to Israel in lives and resources will be incalculable. Tourism and foreign investment will disappear and Israel will become a pariah state.

Then too, Israel can simply withdraw from part of the territories and decide unilaterally what its borders will be.

That is what its new government is proposing. Ehud Olmert insists that there is no one on the other side with whom to negotiate. Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority, has been virtually begging Israel to negotiate with him. Unfortunately Israel's domestic political issues interfere with such a rational approach and almost guarantee a prolonged and bloody low-level insurrection. No one believes that the Palestinians will accept peacefully being excluded from any measure of control over Arab Jerusalem, of the division of the West Bank into separate cantons, the annexation by Israel of additional territory and of any expectation of resolving the problems of the Arab refugees.

Over all of this there hangs the deleterious effect of religious fanaticism. According to which sacred tome you read, God promised a specific territory to both Jews and Muslims. If there is ever to be peace in that territory, it will have to come about at the bargaining table, not in wars fought over legendary holy sites or manufactured historical events.

Yehuda Lev is a retired journalist in Providence who has worked in Europe, Israel and this country. He writes a regular opinion piece for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

A Journey Home

Join march for the homeless May 21-25

By Rabbi Alan Flam

Often the most powerful and transformational moments in our lives occur when we leave the regular patterns and comforts of our daily situations and venture into new terrain. The Bible teaches this in the story of Abraham, who is called to leave his homeland and his father's home, to *lech* - to walk to a new land and a new understanding of the Divine.

Moses ventures off his usual path while tending sheep to encounter his true calling. The text tells us that he purposefully turned aside to gaze more closely at the burning bush and there encountered the Holy One and his destiny.

The Jewish Community Relations Council and the R.I. Board of Rabbis join with religious communities and leaders from across the state to ask that our friends, congregants and fellow citizens veer from their usual paths and patterns between May 21-25 and join the march called The Journey Home: Housing-Hope. You can walk all the way from Westerly to Providence, you can walk from Crossroads to the State House or you can walk from your cat

or bus to the State House on Thursday afternoon, May 25. What you should not do is sit at home.

We are endorsing this dramatic trek because the regular and steady calls for safe, affordable housing have just not produced the results that our state needs and thousand of people deserve. There are many social problems that are so complex that easy solutions are impossible to consider. But when it comes to housing, we know the solution. Produce more affordable housing stock and create permanent supportive

What you should not do is sit at home.

housing options for chronically homeless individuals, and we can put an end to homelessness.

And that is a role for government. It is time for our elected and appointed officials, from Washington to the State House, from the Barrington Town Council to the Woonsocket Planning and Zoning Board to cut the rhetoric and produce concrete action. We don't need any more study commissions to recommend another 10-year plan to end homelessness. What we do need is:

- Concrete action by Congress to

implement the Federal Housing Trust Fund.

• A \$75 million Bond issue to go before Rhode Island voters in November.

• A permanently funded State Housing Trust Fund to guarantee sustained attention to this vital issue.

• And, we need to continue state spending for more supportive housing.

I am a child of the 1960s and 70s and in my mind's eye I can see clearly a photograph of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel marching next to Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Ala. Describing that moment, Rabbi Heschel said: "For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was both protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying."

The Journey Home is also both protest and prayer - we must do more to solve the crisis of housing that exists in our state, and we can solve this crisis, if we muster our hearts, our prayers, our legs and our political will to do so. Let your legs do some praying on The Journey Home.

Rabbi Alan Flam is president of the R.I. Board of Rabbis.

Letters to the Editor

On Lev's 'Full-page foolhardiness'

It appears that Yehuda Lev in his last column of April 28th sees more danger in Pat Robertson and Ann Coulter than "any posed (to Israel) by its neighbors." Does that sound right?

As a logical follow up, we should then disavow any support from the 30 million-odd "Christian Right" that visit Israel in droves, send money to it for a thousand different projects, cornerhole Congress to pass pro-Israel legislation, and of course support that horrible man in the White House that Sharon once remarked is the best friend that Israel ever had.

Perhaps it was a good thing that Yehuda returned to the U.S. He would have made an interesting diplomat or TV personality or even a writer there. Our gain is Israel's terrible loss.

Sy Dill
Providence

Security lacking

As a member of the community attending the commemoration of the Holocaust this year, I was concerned at the apparent lack of security. No police or private security was visible. The ceremony could easily have been disrupted, or worse. This apparent oversight should be corrected in future years, now that we live in the post 9/11 world.

Chaim Brown
North Kingstown

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FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

Honor thy namesake

Grave mistakes on two university campuses

When, 50 years ago, the institution that has become Roger Williams University decided to break with the YMCA and chart its own independent course, a new name was needed. In a stroke of marketing genius someone suggested "Roger Williams Junior College." Brilliant! In a single stroke the fledgling institution acquired an aura of antiquity and a philosophy to live by. Williams in 1643 obtained a charter for his colony of "the Providence Plantations in Narragansett Bay" open to all religions. The Indians were to be treated fairly, their lands put to use, not stolen. A better name could not have been appropriated.



Josh
Stein

Recently, however, some students calling themselves the College Republicans began printing a scurrilous broadside they called *The Hawk's Right Eye*. It spewed forth attacks on gays, Muslims, and women in what I only hoped was failed sophomoric humor. (Funding for this rag came from outside sources, not University funds.) Then the students went further. They offered a cash prize to the author of the best essay on the subject "Why I am proud to be white." (The Republican Party, both nationally and locally had enough. Each condemned the students and refused to allow them to use the name Republican or any symbols of the Republican Party.)

Recently Brandeis has done two things that outrage the sentiments of many Jews.

The university, hearing the rumble of the ground as Roger Williams rolled over in his grave, condemned the contest as an outrage against the principles upon which the university rested. Mass meetings were held where people expressed their views. The president ordered the creation of an online journal called "Journal of Civil Discourse" and initiated a distinguished lecturer series with the theme of "reason and respect." In time the crisis passed.

Now it's Brandeis University's turn to be placed under the microscope. By 1948 it was already old news that the best American universities had quotas that discriminated against even the best American Jewish students. Just as physicians in the same situation founded their own hospitals, and just as Jews who were excluded from country clubs and hotels created their own, so American Jews created a non-sectarian university where Jewish students could receive an education on a par with the Ivies. What to name this new institution? Well in a stroke of marketing genius it was decided to name the school after Louis D. Brandeis described by the university's website as: "the distinguished associate justice of the United States Supreme Court [who] reflects the ideals of academic excellence and social justice." What this too brief biography fails to mention is that Brandeis was the president of the Zionist Organization of America. Surely, though, this was one of the important considerations in selecting the name. Just as the name Roger Williams evokes fairness, openness and non-discrimination, evoking Brandeis represents American Jewish ideals including the idea that there should be a Jewish State of Israel supported by American Jewry.

But of late, this ideal has withered. The current president of the university, Jehuda Reinharz, chose in his inaugural remarks (1995) to define the mission of the university as resting "on four solid pillars: dedication to academic excellence, non-sectarianism, a commitment to social action, and continuous sponsorship of the Jewish community." What? That's it? That's our duty, to fork out dough and shut up? I think not.

Recently Brandeis has done two things that outrage the sentiments of many Jews. This is their right, of course. As an academic institution of the highest caliber it is obligated to present views both popular and fringe. At its upcoming graduation the university will grant an honorary degree to playwright Tony Kushner and its commencement speaker will be His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal heir apparent of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan. That Kushner deserves recognition for his distinguished literary career is beyond question. But the Zionist Organization (justice Brandeis' old group, you will recall) protests. They quote Kushner as having said that, "The biggest supporters of Israel are the most repulsive members of the Jewish community and Israel itself has got this disgraceful record. Israel is a creation of the U.S., bought and paid for." I will spare you the rest. But note, the sound you hear is of Louis Brandeis rolling over in his grave. President Reinharz comments that Kushner is getting the award for his literary merits, that there is no political test for the honor. What else would you expect him to say?

And then there's the Palestinian art exhibit on campus. But that's a story for another time.

That rumble you hear...

Josh Stein is a professor of history at Roger Williams University.

VIEWPOINT

The Torah on war

By Rabbi Elyse Wechterman

"Judaism is all about peace; we would never have holy wars." This sentiment, or something like it, is a frequent theme of many in reaction to the increased militarism and radicalism of some in both the Christian and Muslim worlds.

In reality, the statement isn't true. Judaism does have its own history of warfare and aggression. Our foundational Scripture is filled with examples of war — defensive, offensive, territorial, and other. The ancient Israelites are no less (nor more) warlike than the other peoples around them.

What is unique to our tradition, however, is that from the time of the Bar Kochba rebellion (135 BCE) to the creation of the modern state of Israel, there had not been a Jewish army fighting any Jewish war. Unlike the issues of marriage and family, business and economics, which have been constant sources of practical debate, warfare has remained a mostly theoretical area of study for the Jewish people. It's hard to know what a Jewish ethic of conflict would be had we had access to power and arms all these years.

However, though sparse, the tradition does have something to say about the subject.

First of all, almost everything the Torah has to say on the subject of war is contained in Chapter 20 of Deuteronomy. Toward the end of the book, this passage is part of one of Moses' speeches to the Israelite people. He is preparing them for entering Eretz Yisrael (the land of Israel) where they will immediately have to fight against and displace the Canaanite people residing there.

Reading this chapter we learn a few important things about the Torah's view of war. First, Moses tells the people not to be afraid, for God goes with them into battle. In other words, war is an expected part of the journey and is condoned (at least in some cases) by God.

Secondly, we learn that young men who are engaged but not married, who have bought a house but not yet dedicated it, or have planted a vineyard but not yet harvested it are exempt from war. This teaching indicates that a war cannot come at the expense of the future of the Jewish people. Activities that will bring about a next generation or will ensure the future of the people cannot be interrupted for warfare.

Thirdly, the text tells us that before fighting, an offer of peace must be made. Only after a peace offering (or negotiations) are not successful can a war be fought.

And finally, fruit trees are never to be cut down in battle.

Instructions from another part of Torah adds to this by saying that when an army besieges a city, it can only be besieged on three (of four) sides. One side must be open to allow escape of the citizens.

Taken together, these rules of war-



fare are both idiosyncratic and indicative of a general approach to war and warfare. Peace must be offered first and should be the goal at all times ("Seek peace and pursue it," Proverbs says.) If war must be fought, it cannot be fought at the expense of society nor at the expense of the land or natural resources. Whenever possible — as demonstrated by the rules on sieges — care should be taken to ensure the safety of a civilian population.

Judaism is most assuredly not a pacifistic tradition. Our Torah values peace, but recognizes the inevitability of human conflict and warfare. In later discussions of war, the rabbis distinguish between two types of war: *Milchemet Mitzvah* (commanded war) and *Milchemet Reshut* (permitted war). A commanded war is a war that must be fought — it is considered a *mitzvah* to do so. Only wars against *Amalek* (the arch enemy of the Israelites and a figure intent on genocide), the Canaanite people and wars fought in self-defense are considered commandments. A *Milchemet Reshut* (permitted war) is one undertaken for the sake of territorial expansion or economic gain.

In their discussions, the rabbis go to extraordinary efforts to limit the possibility of war. First, they rule that *Amalek* and the Canaanites are extinct — the only commanded war that can be fought is one of self-defense. Next they say that a "Permitted War" — as a discretionary act — can only be undertaken by an army that has fulfilled every other commandment and is completely free from sin. This ruling effectively destroys any notion of a discretionary war for territorial or economic gain.

In theory then, the only *halachically* permissible Jewish war is one of self-defense. Of course, this raises a whole host of other issues — what is self-defense? How immediate and credible must a threat be? Are pre-emptive attacks permissible? But again, it shows the general trend toward peace, while acknowledging the need, sometimes and when all else has failed, to fight.

So is Judaism a religion of peace? Certainly, it wants to be.

Rabbi Elyse Wechterman is rabbi at Congregation Afulad: Ashim in Attleboro.

Opinion

ALISON ON ALIYAH

Varied hues of support

I have lived on my own, and away from my family, for nearly ten years now. Although it hasn't been particularly easy, one skill that I have developed with great success throughout the years is my ability to build a support system for myself.



Alison Golub

Many new immigrants here can attest to the importance of building a new, non-blood-related family around ourselves in order to accompany us through the rough (and the good!) times. I have spent a great deal of time and effort in my life building such groups both in Providence and here in Israel, and I count this among my greatest accomplishments.

I didn't realize until the past few months, however, just how much support I really have here, and just how large is the gaping cultural chasm between the Israeli and American versions of "sup-

port." I suppose the old cliché is true across the board—that when a crisis rears its head, one finds out who one's true friends really are. But what I also found out is that, depending on where one's true friends are from, their manner of being a friend can look very different. For instance, throughout my boyfriend's medical ordeal, we received literally hundreds of phone calls and visits from family and friends on all sides. I noticed such a dramatic disparity in their forms of support, however, that I could have determined whether the person was from America,

and family just basically held back, waiting patiently for me to call them with news. Mikhael's Moroccan family members, on the other hand, were in our faces pretty much every minute of the day, wanting hourly updates on Mikhael's precise temperature, facial expression, and regular food intake reports. The Israelis were somewhere in the middle, calling both of us at multiple times throughout the day but very willing to accept the possibility that we might be too involved with something else to spend time on the phone. Nearly everyone who

information on to the rest of the group, it wasn't enough; each one had to call to request specifically that Mikhael be informed of his particular well wishes. When the unit was on active duty, the commander would arrange a half-day off so the entire unit could come to the hospital or to Mikhael's apartment. When the boys were out of the army for the weekend, they would come from hours away just to stop by for a hug.

There was one guy who called about 20 minutes after Mikhael's surgery, about to step on the bus for a two-hour ride down to the

lies in the utter genuineness of Israelis. When Israelis offer their assistance, either financial or emotional, they are dead serious. And if they find out after the fact that you really did need something and didn't call them, we betide you the next time you run into them on the street.

Most of the time, I find myself wondering whether I am really more American or more Israeli. Perhaps my biggest complaint about America has always been that, in my experience, this type of support, these values, and these priorities are so utterly lacking there. And I never feel more at home here in Israel than when I realize that the people who surround me are willing to support me as wholeheartedly as I am willing to support them. This society is founded upon the values of family and togetherness, and was literally built by the mutual making of sacrifices.

I do not believe that Israel could exist without its people's readiness to stick their necks out for each other, and one can almost feel the centrality of these priorities in the air. Medical crises notwithstanding, this is the kind of support I want to have around me.

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Israel, or Morocco just from the opening three sentences of each conversation.

The Americans tended to be very laid-back and non-intrusive with their support, saying things like, "Let me know if you need anything," or "I don't want to bother you..." Most of my friends

visited brought food, but while the Israelis were content with a couple of cakes and some juice, the Moroccans heaved themselves into rooms with what seemed to be the full inventory of every deli and grocery store they had passed between Jerusalem and Be'er Sheva.

Above all else, it was Mikhael's army unit that truly amazed me. This group of fifteen young men was absolutely devoted and utterly tireless in their efforts to support Mikhael. The calls simply never stopped. Although whoever called the first time would pass the

hospital. I told him that Mikhael was still under anesthesia and probably wouldn't be doing anything but sleeping until the early evening. His friend said simply, "No problem, I just want to give him a kiss and tell him we're all thinking about him." Sure enough, he arrived three hours later, kissed Mikhael on the forehead, received a heavy-lidded, doped-up half-smile in return, and was on his way back to the bus within 10 minutes. My jaw hung open in disbelief the whole time.

I have come to believe that the reason for this type of support

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Federation

FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

New computers in use; meetings on facilities, governance continue

The first pieces of modern technology arrived at Federation last week and new computers were installed for the administrative staff. It was an amazing beginning — with a minimum of problems — thanks to the good work of our project manager, James Haggerty, senior system engineer with the Federation's accounting firm. The next stage will be for everyone else to receive the new equipment. Don't expect such ease when we change over the software at the end of June, and if we can hold it to a "2" on the Richter scale, I'll be happy. The entire staff, except me, will be in training during the week of June 26th so there will be no committee meetings that week. Don't worry: I'll figure out something to do with my time.

Harris N. Rosen

Emergency fund

Our president, Herb Stern, has exemplified leadership at its best when he had the foresight to suggest to the Board that we squirrel away \$175,000 for unknown-at-the-time emergency needs. (My definition of "emergency" is when there are red or blue lights flashing outside your door.) It unfortunately almost got to that when a mold problem was discovered in the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) offices. As previously reported, the staff moved out, thanks to the Providence Hebrew Day School, which has given them space, and the Bureau did a masterful job of putting together a step-by-step plan for remediation. For each step, the Bureau had obtained two prices and then suggested a vendor. Total cost is about \$85,000, which was reviewed by a special Emergency Funds oversight committee of five persons other than Herb and myself. The Bureau hopes to move back by July.

Emergency fund

Facilities planning

The Facilities Planning Committee gathered agency presidents and executives to present another idea. Please remember that this process is just that: a process — and a work in progress, and that the final plan may very well look totally different from what was suggested. This idea is to locate all agencies (and I use the word "agencies" in a wide sense) in a built-out JCC structure that would extend over the parking lot on Sessions Street. The new Community Day School could be located at Tamarisk and a new

Mikveh would have to be built. Obviously there are many groups whose input is needed before any kind of decision is made.

Governance structure

And last but certainly not least, the Governance Committee will be meeting. Up to now we have been discussing the structure of our governance: how many layers? What officers shall we have? And, of course, what committees?

(Would we be Jewish without loads of committees? And then, of course, we have oversight committees who further approve what the first committee did. Like: the Emergency Fund Oversight Committee had to OK the \$85,000 for the BJE, from the \$175,000 emergency monies approved by the Board, and then the Board had to approve the action of the Emergency Over-

sight Committee. What scenario for Gilbert and Sullivan! You like Seinfeld better? We're agreeable. But seriously, we are spending public funds so when the original approval is broad, further review is necessary. Besides, what would we do all day?)

Back to governance — the next major area will be to determine membership. What should be the size of each body? Should there be ex-officio slots? We will also be discussing rotation policies and length of service. Still to be decided is the process: what are the roles and responsibilities for each officer, committee and body? And does the committee think the whole thing will work? And can they convince the Board, who must approve that it's a better way? We have to be careful not to end up with a camel when we want a horse. Let's get

the job of Federation done in an inclusive but efficient way. Starting with a clean slate is a major job as everything is up for discussion, and the committee is to be commended for its willingness to grapple it out.

And that is "Last Week at Federation." We are moving, I do believe, in the right direction

— and on many fronts. Some weeks more action, some weeks less. But always toward the goal of helping others.

Your comments are, as always, welcome. Shabbat Shalom!

Harris N. Rosen, interim executive vice president, can be reached at 421-4111 or email HRosen@jfri.org.

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Community — Providence**Walkers sought for march to end homelessness — 'Journey Home'**

PROVIDENCE — The Community Relations Council (CRC) of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis invites the Jewish Community of Rhode Island to walk together on Tues., May 23 and Thurs., May 25.

On these days, the community will join "The Journey Home," a five-day march across R.I. Participants can choose to march all day or for part of a day. In addition to walking, anyone can participate in special events to be held on both days. There is no fee.

Tues., May 23 — Wakefield to North Kingstown

Depart Peace Dale Congregational Church (261 Columbia St., Wakefield) at 9:30 a.m. and walk to St. Bernard's Church in North Kingstown, (415 Tower Hill Road). An Interfaith service will be held there in the evening.

Thurs., May 25 — Warwick to Providence

Depart Warwick City Hall (3275 Post Road) at 8:30 a.m.

Short program at Crossroads (160 Broad St.) in Providence at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Depart Crossroads for the Statehouse at 2:45 p.m.

Rally at the statehouse at 3:30 p.m.

Free bus transportation to the State House will depart the Jewish Federation building (130 Sessions St.) at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Sign up in advance by May 18. See below for instructions.

How to register

Contact Kevin Olson at the CRC office via e-mail at

kolson@jfri.org or at 421-4111 ext. 172 for information on how to register to walk and/or to reserve seat on the bus; or visit "The Journey Home" on the web at www.thejourneyhome.org for complete information. Volunteers are also needed.

"The Journey Home" is being organized by the RI Coalition for the Homeless, Statewide Housing Action Coalition and People to End Homelessness.

Holocaust Museum displays art, writing awards at mall

PROVIDENCE — The theme for this year's R.I. Holocaust Museum's annual art and writing contest was "Trapped in your own country," an allusion to the feelings of German Jews in the 1930s who, while not yet being carted off to ghettos or concentration camps, found it impossibly difficult to get out of the country they called home.

The public is invited to view samples of the award winning entries at Warwick Mall, where they will be on display from May 15 to 21.

An awards ceremony and ice cream party will be held at Warwick Mall on Sunday evening May 21 at 7 p.m. Members of the Holocaust Museum's board of directors will present the prizes.

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Community — Providence

Emanu-El to bid farewell to 'Mr. Adler'

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Adler, known to most people simpler as "Mr. Adler," is known for his strong handshake, his total love of Judaism and his strong commitment to the community.

Before he came to R.I.'s Jewish community, he had a harrowing former life in Europe. Born in Hungary in 1925, he had to learn the bitter game of survival when Budapest was overtaken by the Nazis. From 1943 to 1945, his mother and brother constantly hid from the Nazis in a desperate attempt to escape deportation.

Conscripted into the Hungarian Army, Adler served for three months in a work camp. His job was to dismantle unexploded bombs.

On a wintry Friday night, he escaped from the work camp and, with forged papers, lived as a Christian in Budapest, keeping a watchful eye on his mother and brother who were in the ghetto. Finally on Jan. 18, 1945, Budapest was liberated by the Russian forces, and normally returned to the area. He joined a kib-

butz movement — *Hachsharah* — which was a preparatory site for future kibbutz dwellers.

In 1947, Adler married his childhood sweetheart whom he had met in Budapest when she was 13. Trudy and Edward Adler made *aliyah* in 1948, and for two years, Adler served in the Israeli army. For the next 10 years, he worked in Tel Aviv as a practical engineer. While in Israel, his two sons, Ethan and Elan, were born.

In 1960, the Adler family came to America, settling first in Pittsfield, Mass., with relatives. It was in Pittsfield that their daughter Susan was born. A principal for the Pittsfield Jewish Community Hebrew School was on sabbatical, so he filled the post for one year.

Adler made his mark on two of Providence's major institutions. Besides joining Temple Emanu-El in 1970, he also was hired by Dr. Harry Elkin as a teacher for the Providence Hebrew Day School, where he taught for over 23 years. In 1986, Adler was presented with the esteemed Amudim Award at the Day School.

All of Adler's children have followed him in the field of Jewish education. Adler's son Ethan, who will soon be married, is the principal of the South County Hebrew School and the Religious School of Temple Torat Yisrael. He is also the spiritual leader of Temple Beth David in Narragansett, R.I.



Edward O. Adler

His son Elan is the rabbi of Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Hebrew Congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, where he lives with his wife Rivkah.

His daughter Susan is a teacher at the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, formerly known as Alperin Schechter Day School. He is the grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of two.

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Nation

Stillman leaves New Orleans post

NEW ORLEANS (JTA) — Eric Stillman is trading one hurricane-battered region for another. As executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, Stillman helped guide the city's Jewish community through Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster in modern U.S. history.

Now he's preparing to move to Broward County, Fla., which is still cleaning up from last year's Hurricane Wilma. Effective May 1, Stillman, 40, took over as president and chief executive officer of the United Jewish Community of Broward County, filling a position that has been vacant for two years. In the meantime, a search committee has been appointed to find a replacement for Stillman in New Orleans, where he headed the federation since 2000.

Stillman says Katrina taught him "two profound lessons" that he hopes to take to his new job.

"The first is the importance of disaster preparation and planning, which certainly applies for hurricanes as well as potential terrorist attacks," he told JTA in an interview in New Orleans last week. "The second lesson is being able to communicate with members of the Jewish community, both in times of crisis as well as every day."

Born in Pontiac, Mich., and raised in Milwaukee, Stillman is no stranger to South Florida. He worked in the campaign department at the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County from 1989 to 1992, and has held executive positions with federations in

Washington and Providence.

Stillman earned a bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester, Mass., where he majored in economics and government. He also has two master's degrees — one in community planning and organization from the University of Maryland, the other in modern Jewish history from Baltimore Hebrew University.

Yet nothing in Stillman's resume could have prepared him for Katrina's onslaught last Aug. 29.

"My family and I evacuated on Saturday night prior to the hurricane," he said. The Stillman's house in Metairie, a New Orleans suburb where many Jews live, suffered wind and water damage.

Like thousands of other Jewish families, Stillman, his wife Jayne and their two sons — Zachary, 11, and Jacob, 10 — rode out the storm in Houston. He says around 62 percent of the city's 9,500 Jews have returned, though Jewish communal life in New Orleans may never return to its pre-Katrina vibrancy.

Stillman had been in discussions with the Broward federation "prior to Katrina, but withdrew his name from consideration after the hurricane because he felt he needed to focus his energies on restoring the local Jewish community," he said. "It was only in the past three months that he came to see that his children wouldn't be able to get a Jewish education in New Orleans."



Eric Stillman

Stillman's sons were attending the city's communal Jewish day school, which has not reopened more than seven months after Katrina. When it does reopen, he said, it will no longer offer middle school, and "my wife and I are not prepared to live under such conditions."

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Jewish groups stick with Darfur

By Rachel Silverman

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two days after the Save Darfur rally in Washington, one participant, 29-year-old Margie Klein, said it would be a "colossal mistake" to walk away from the fight right now.

"Imagine telling people in Auschwitz facing the gas chambers, 'Don't feel bad because 25,000 people got together and are rooting for you,'" the rabbinical student said.

"We need to get these people out of their hell, not rest on our laurels. We need to keep working until this tragedy has ended," said Klein, who is studying at Hebrew College, a non-denominational rabbinical school in Boston.

All across the country, Jewish community organizers are heeding her advice: Instead of seeing the rally as an end point, they are working to harness its momentum and keep the Darfur cause alive. Jewish leaders are responding to the ongoing genocide of black Africans in Darfur, Sudan. Since 2003, Arab militias, known as Janjaweed, have been raping, torturing, killing and displacing Darfuri citizens. The situation in Darfur, which some estimate has claimed more than 400,000 lives and displaced millions, constitutes the first time the U.S. government has recognized genocide while it is still occurring.



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE gather at the Save Darfur rally on April 30 in Washington to urge intervention in the crisis in Sudan.

Jewish groups have been particularly appalled by the atrocities in Darfur. Determined to make "never again" not just a meaningless cliché, they have taken a leading role in anti-genocide advocacy and education.

It was two Jewish groups—the American Jewish World Service and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum—that founded the Save Darfur coalition, which organized the Sunday, April 30th rally. Now Jewish activists are turning their attention to other forms of mobilization.

Klein, who heads a group of socially minded seminarians students across the religious spectrum, called Jewish Seminars for Justice, leads by example. After the rally, 60 of the 250 seminarians her group bused to Washington participated in a training session with Rabbi David Saperstein, president of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service.

On Monday afternoon, they met with Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick, who was named this week as a special envoy to the region. The group focused on grass-roots mobilization, with more projects in the works.

Addressing an energetic crowd Sunday, Saperstein announced a new campaign — "30 Days for Darfur" — meant to urge a beefed-up international response.

Saperstein said the initiative will send representatives to U.N. offices, embassies and consulates of NATO and African Union countries, as well as to those of



JOSEPH MILGROM, 92, a Holocaust survivor who lives in suburban Maryland, takes part in the rally.

Russia and China. Saperstein said that President Bush, with whom he met last Friday, was highly receptive to this effort.

Reconstructionists divesting

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College has chosen a different approach. The institution, which serves as the rabbinical training arm of the Reconstructionist movement, will divest from companies that do business in Sudan.

Though Rabbi Dan Ehrenkrantz, president of the college, predicted that while the economic impact on Sudan would be "very small," it would send a powerful message about the government-sponsored genocide occurring there. But if other Jewish institutions jump on board, as Ehrenkrantz hopes, damage could result.

"If no Jewish communal funds were invested in Sudan, it would be such a wonderful and important statement from the Jewish community," he said.

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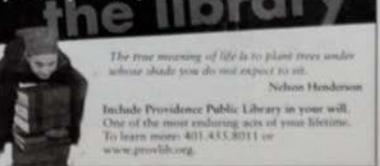
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CALENDAR

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Holocaust Museum's award night

7 p.m. Warwick Mall. An awards ceremony and ice cream party for the winners of the R.I. Holocaust Museum's annual art and writing contest will be held. All are welcome to attend the ceremony at no charge. Call the museum at 453-7860 to RSVP. See Community.

"Cantors Perlman Five" concert

6:45 p.m. Farewell concert of Dr. Cantor Ivan Perlman performing with his sons, at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Tickets are \$100, \$50, & \$25. Call the temple office at 463-7944 for reservations.

TUES., MAY 23

Walk to end homelessness
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Columbia St., Wakefield to St. Bernard's Church, No. Kingstown (415 Tower Hill Rd.) Evening event (time to be announced) at St. Bernard's Church. For more information contact Kevin Olson at kolson@jfri.org or 421-4111, ext. 172. See Community.

WED., MAY 24

"Joys of the Yiddish Theater"
1:30 p.m. Presented by Cantor Judy Sepulwin of Temple Beth-El at Tamarisk Assisted Living, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. A journey through the great era of Yiddish theater. Refreshment served. RSVP to Gina at 732-0037.

THURS., MAY 25

Walk to end homelessness
Warwick to Providence

8:30 a.m. Depart Warwick City Hall, 3275 Post Rd. Short program at Crossroads (160 Broad St.) at approx. 2:15 p.m. Depart Crossroads at 2:45 p.m. Rally at the State House at 3:30 p.m. Free bus transportation from the JFRI Bldg. To register or for more information email kolson@jfri.org or call Kevin Olson at 421-4111 ext. 172. See Community.

MON., MAY 29

Midrasa graduation
7 p.m. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Student graduation from the Harry Elkin Midrasa Community High School. Ari Alexander will deliver the commencement address. For information contact

Shira Garber at 331-0956, ext. 181 or sgarber@bjeri.org. See Community.

WED., MAY 31

"The Lunatic, the Lover, the Poet"

6:30 p.m. At Tamarisk Assisted Living, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. Shakespeare's Greatest Hits! Richard Clark in a one-man show. Refreshments. RSVP to Gina at 732-0037.

WED., JUNE 7

Cranston Senior Guild annual luncheon
Noon. Venus DiMilo Restaurant, Swansea, MA. Cranston Senior Guild annual installation luncheon. Installation officer will be Atty. Gen. Patrick Lynch.

Norm Conrad's Mini Minstrels, starring "Mr. Tambo" and "Mr. Bones," will provide entertainment. \$18 per paid member. For reservations, call Mal Ross at 723-8580.

THURS., JUNE 8

NCJW Centennial Celebration

5:30 p.m. Providence Marriott. National Council of Jewish Women 100th anniversary year celebratory evening. Cocktails followed by dinner. Guest speaker N'ari President Phyllis Snyder. Distribution of A Goodly Heritage: A History of the R.I. Section of the NCJW. Contact Nan Levine, 351-8791 or Naley197@aol.com for information & reservations. \$100 minimum.

FRI., JUNE 9

Agudas Achim "Relay for life"

6 p.m. Fri. to noon Sat., June 10. Social Action committee is organizing a team for the American Cancer Society relay of greater Attleboro. Fundraising and one hour's walking time during the relay. \$10 registration fee includes a T-shirt with the "Team Achim" logo. Fri. night will include a Shabbat service and a picnic. For more information or to register, contact Susan Bradie, (508)541-8552 or email sbradie@mindspring.com.

TUES., JUNE 13

Community Day School presentation

7 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Panel discussion with local and national experts on Jewish community day schools, demographics and trends. Open to all interested persons. For more information contact Meredith Einsohn at, 863-1510 or meinsohn@jcdri.org.

MON., JUNE 19

JCC golf tournament

Ledgecroft Country Club, 131 Brown Ave., Seekonk, MA. 21st annual charity golf tournament to support JCC scholarship fund. For more information, contact Lisa Mongeau 861-8800, or www.jccri.org/golf.



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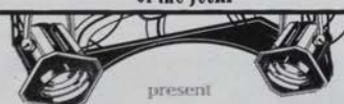
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'Keeping up with the Steins' looks at lavish Bar Mitzvahs

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — "Keeping Up With The Steins" proves that you don't have to be Jewish to make a funny Jewish film.

Case in point is the father-son team of Garry and Scott Marshall, with the younger one directing the movie and the older one just about stealing the show as a hippie Jewish grandfather, who teaches his yuppie descendants that there's more to a bar mitzvah than throwing the most lavish party in upscale Los Angeles.

The film opens with an aerial shot of a Queen Mary-sized cruise ship, whose bow displays a giant banner "Mazal Tov, Zachary." The theme of the celebration is the last voyage of the Titanic, complete with a huge iceberg mockup, from which emerge a bevy of scantily clad mermaids — and that's just for the appetizer.

Hosting the simcha is Arnie Stein (Larry Miller), "agent for the stars," and his trophy wife, whom he met at a Texas wet T-shirt contest.

Among the guests, and gnashing his teeth, is Adam Fiedler (Jeremy Piven, also slick agent Ari Gold in the HBO series "Entourage"). Stein's business competitor, accompanied by his wife Joanne (Jami Gertz) and nerdy-looking son Benjamin (Daryl Sabara), whose own bar mitzvah is coming up in a few months.

Driving home from the Titanic bash, Adam Fiedler starts obsessing about his rival's bar mitzvah party. It's not enough to keep up with the Steins, he has to put on a bash that will crush and humiliate his rival.

Safaris are so 1990 but renting baseball's Dodger Stadium is a possibility. At night, Adam dreams about a line of kippah-wearing Los Angeles Laker Girls as a bar mitzvah highlight. As Adam's fevered mind nears the breaking point, up pops his father Irwin (Garry Marshall), pony-tailed and hippie-clad, along with his spaced-out blonde girlfriend Sandy (Daryl Hannah), whom he met on an Indian reservation where her name is Sacred Flower.

Irwin deserted his wife Rose (Doris Roberts) and young family 26 years ago and Adam, who hasn't seen or talked to his father since, has never forgiven him.

Father-son relations go from bad to worse when Irwin and Sandy go skinny-dipping in the family pool (in public view but backside only), though the old hippie has better luck bonding with his grandson Benjamin.



GARRY MARSHALL, left, director Scott Marshall, center, and Jeremy Piven on the set of "Keeping Up With The Steins."

Garry Marshall, born 72 years ago under the good Italian family name of Marsciarelli, said that his son, the director, picked him for the grandfather role as "his 10th choice."

In truth, agreed Scott Marshall, 37, he had first tried to cast Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks, but both balked at the skinny-dipping part. When he approached his father, the latter asked who would be his pool partner. Told it would be Hannah, Garry quickly

agreed.

During a joint interview at the Marshall family-built and -run Falcon Theatre in Burbank, father and son noted their qualifications as honorary Jews.

Garry, whose credits as comedy writer, producer, actor and director stretch from "The Dick Van Dyke Show" of the 1960s, through TV's "Mork and Mindy," to such films as "Pretty Woman" and the recent "The Princess Diaries 2," pointed to

his Bronx boyhood and accent.

However, his real education came as a decades-long comedy writer, when he was thoroughly indoctrinated with Jewish and Yiddish humor by his fellow scribes.

"Keeping Up With The Steins" opens May 12 in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Miami, followed by other cities in subsequent weeks.

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ALLOCATIONS

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years, many of these had been severely impacted by a total elimination of funds from the United Way, by weak annual campaigns and by rising healthcare costs.

But others feel that the agencies, created in the 1950s and '60s, do not adequately serve the needs of the Jewish community in the 21st century, particularly in terms of young adults, interfaith and/or unaffiliated families.

"We're more wedded to the institutions than we are to the ideology of a vibrant Jewish life," said Dec Dec Witman, chair of the Partnership, the long-range planning committee of the Federation that has been pushing this sort of change for years.

In light of this, a committee convened by the Partnership has met twice already. Its charge is to use the vast amounts of data generated by numerous stalled strategic plans and create priorities to inform funding decisions. Some insiders say that any recommended change would be incremental — first steps might involve agencies receiving nearly all of what they had received last year, minus a certain percentage which would fund "top" priorities.

2. Missions revisited

Just about every year, a few synagogues or a major organization like the Federation will plan a trip or "mission" to Israel, either for the community or for their

constituents. Most agree that these trips are valuable — they connect people to the Jewish homeland, allow them to visit the greater Jewish community and often inspire people to increase volunteer or philanthropic efforts.

But which trips best serve the community and are most worthy of community funding? "The ones that we currently support are sort of all over the place," said Amy

as the next generation of Jewish stakeholders."

3. Review the 50 / 50 split

Some local organizations have grumbled for years about the distribution of locally raised funds to countries in Europe, South America and to Israel when there are so many great needs locally. But the "50 / 50 split" between local and international giving, in addition to the core agency dis-

"Worker training missions are like 'insurance policies' for our Jewish community."

— Doris Feinberg

Seigle, allocations director at the Federation.

This month, a committee will reevaluate the missions' funding by JFRI.

In the same vein, this year the Federation allocated some \$86,000 towards restarting leadership-building missions to Israel and elsewhere. These missions take volunteers from the United States through focused, intensive leadership-building exercises, and have generated a host of "trained, educated solicitors" and more than a half dozen Federation presidents so far. These leadership missions had been put on hold for the past decade.

"Worker training missions are like 'insurance policies' for our Jewish community," said Doris Feinberg, next year's campaign chair. "Those who are participating have been carefully selected

tribution model, are both deeply rooted policies here and at Federations nationwide.

Every 10 years or so, the split is revisited. The last time was in 1996, so it's on the table this year. Rhode Island has a superior record for funding overseas needs — hunger relief efforts in the Former Soviet Union and assisting our sister community in Northern Israel are always supported in one way or another. Percentage wise, Rhode Island is the second highest Jewish community in the nation in terms of overseas giving.

This model will be reexamined, and some new methods will also be considered; for example, a possible "supplemental giving" plan for some donors would allow them to personally tailor how their monies are directed for any amount beyond their regular campaign contribution.

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island 2006-07 Allocations

LOCAL CORE AGENCIES

Brown Hill Foundation	\$45,900
Bureau of Jewish Education	\$455,290
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Jewish Eldercare of RI (JEA)	\$69,523
Jewish Family Service	\$318,688
RI Holocaust Museum	\$19,997
URI Hill Foundation	\$66,141
TOTAL	\$1,499,416

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Jewish Programming at Bryant University	\$950
Jewish Programming at Johnson & Wales University	\$950
Jewish Programming at Roger Williams University	\$950
Jewish Committee on Scouting	\$2,850
JFS Meakute at Temple Torat Yisrael/Cranston	\$7,600
NCLR Local Chapter	\$500
New England Rabbinical College	\$475
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Rhode Island Board of Rabbinics	\$618
Samuel Z. Bazansky Rel. School	\$6,300
Scholarships/Camperships for New Americans	\$28,572
Torah Day Camp	\$2,800
Tours Synagogue Rel. School	\$1,346
Wlad Halakshin	\$2,800
TOTAL	\$2,328
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Torat Yisrael considers move to E. Greenwich

By Jonathan Rubin
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CRANSTON — There are times to look backward and times to look forward. Temple Torat Yisrael decided to do both when the congregation voted to seek out a plot of land in East Greenwich for a synagogue move. A plot has been identified, leaders say, but the details of the sale are still in the works.

Organizers point to an often-quoted portion of the 2002 Jewish population survey that showed a small but steady population of younger Jews was moving to areas near East Greenwich; from 1994 to 2002, the Jewish population in southern Rhode Island grew 61 percent, to nearly 1,000 families.

If Torat Yisrael were to move, it would become the first synagogue in East Greenwich.

Members have called the proposal "thrilling" and "invigorating."

"The decision to build where we are now was certainly the correct decision 50 years ago, but now it behooves us to move where the Jewish population has moved to," said Alan Olinsky, temple president.

Rachel Silverman lives in East Greenwich and is thrilled that a synagogue is moving to town.

"I know a ton of Jewish families down here. To have a synagogue here, a school to give our kids the feeling that there are other Jewish kids around — that would be fantastic."

The community in East Greenwich also seems ready for a new institution to move in — residents there have been meeting in one another's living rooms for dinners and Jewish meet-and-greets for a few years now.

Ronnie Guttin has been a "die hard" member at Torat Yisrael for 26 years. While she's enjoyed "having it in her backyard," she acknowledges that there's no longer a community ringing the synagogue.

The synagogue had considered for years a possible merger with Temple Am David, another Conservative synagogue that competed for members, more by its close proximity than by design. Talks were reinstated numerous times, but never succeeded.

Torat's building once served as the Cranston Jewish Community Club in the 1940s. As membership grew in the late '40s, a congregation grew, and a thriving Hebrew school followed. The building at 330 Park Ave. officially opened as a Conservative synagogue, Beth Torah, in 1952. It merged with Temple Beth Israel in 1981.

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GAMBLING

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Some event planners have even been asked to plan a Bar/Bat Mitzvah around a casino theme.

More study needed

However, more research is needed to say definitively if there is a larger number of Jews addicted to gambling, said Dr. Sheila Blume, a clinical professor in psychiatry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and an expert on addictions, especially in the Jewish community. In a telephone interview, she said, "From a review of the literature, we don't really know how many Jewish people become compulsive gamblers as compared to how many Jewish people become drug addicts or alcoholics. Nor do we know how many Jewish people become compulsive gamblers as compared to compulsive gamblers of other ethnic backgrounds."

Erin Minior, interim executive director at Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island (JFS/RI), said that the agency is not equipped to address addiction problems, of which gambling is one.

However, Susan Adler said that she had not seen or heard of any gambling problems in her six years as the agency's director.

Susan Norman, an area social worker, said, "It's an interesting question. I have not seen anyone in my practice from the Jewish community regarding gambling addiction...it's got to exist, though more likely in the stock market. Of course, gambling is a very serious problem and so it is probably reflected in the Jewish community, more than we might want to think."

Orlitzky said that gambling has never had the same social stigma that typically accompanies other addictions. "Look at the number of synagogues in North America that have sponsored gambling events such as casino nights for fundraising, 50/50 raffles, etc."

In R.I., the Jewish Community Center (JCC) has held two casino-themed fundraisers; it held the second one last year because the first was so well-received and successful. It was more fun than high-stakes — winners received prizes, and there was an auction as well, which added to the financial success of the fundraiser. The JCC also runs several popular casino trips a year.

Lev Poplow, activities director at Tamarisk, said, "We have a really fun poker game each week — it is purely for fun and not for money."

With ESPN gambling, television shows such as *Celebrity Poker* and *The World Championship of Poker*, Internet gambling games, it's no surprise that Texas Hold 'Em games are also being played at summer camps, during lunch or recess breaks at school, and at kids' homes?

Bar/Bat Mitzvah — casino night?

Some event planners have even been asked to plan a Bar/Bat Mitzvah around a casino theme.

Bonnie Gold, of Gold Events in Pawtucket, said, "When one client told me



'If there's one (gambling) cohort that is increasing more rapidly than others, it's the adolescents — those who are 18 years and younger.'

— Dr. Bob Breen, director of R.I. Hospital's gambling treatment program

that she was considering gambling tables for her child's Bar Mitzvah, I strongly discouraged her and asked, 'Do you really want to do that with kids? Why would you want to take the kids and the adults away from the music?'

Terry DeMonaco, president of Future Affairs in East Providence, agreed. "I've been planning B'nai Mitzvah parties since 1983 and it's only been in the past few years that I've had requests for casino-themed parties. I just don't think it's appropriate for 13-year-olds to be playing blackjack, magic wheels or, the hottest new game, Texas Hold 'Em. These parties are happening, but I've not done them. We guide families to choose what is right and comfortable for them, though first and foremost, the event is about an important religious rite of passage," she said.

Young gamblers

"If there's one (gambling) cohort that is increasing more rapidly than others, it's the adolescents — those who are 18 years and younger," said Dr. Bob Breen, a psychologist at Rhode Island Hospital's Department of Psychiatry, and director of its gambling treatment program.

Dr. Tom Broffman, past president of the Rhode Island Council on Gambling (and still involved with the organization), said, "Middle school and high school students want to emulate what they see the adults do, and they engage in online gambling. College students who are too young to enter casinos also gamble online."

Broffman added, "There are three factors to remember: gambling is legal, socially acceptable and readily available. March Madness (college basketball), Super Bowl Sunday and the World Series are all huge gambling events. In fact, people can gamble without going to casinos — the gambling comes to them. Online gambling is becoming very popular, and all you need is access to a credit card and a computer."

Dr. Abraham Twerski, an ordained

Hasidic rabbi and psychiatrist, is recognized as an international authority in the chemical dependency field. Author of several books already on addictions in the Jewish community, his upcoming book is on gambling in the Jewish community, tentatively titled, "It's More Than Dreidel."

In a *New Jersey Jewish News* interview this year, Twerski said, "Kids are risk-takers. In the 21st century, we celebrate life, liberty, and the pursuit of pleasure...In this culture, how can we expect kids not to search for a high? Some will go for alcohol and drugs. Some will go for sex. And some will go for the high of gambling."

He also warned against the tremendous denial that exists about the problem of gambling in the Jewish community. While playing dreidel does not lead to compulsive gambling any more than Kiddush leads to compulsive alcoholism, a compulsive gambler should not play dreidel, he explained.

Twerski's website, 12steps2elfsteem.com, addresses all sorts of addiction and self-esteem issues, and provides links to his books.

More than habit

Blume said, "We've done a great deal of work in this country to educate people that alcoholism and drug addictions are diseases, rather than bad habits or such. Betty Ford's messages to the public about her addictions, especially when her husband was president, helped get the message out. Pathological gamblers, though, aren't seen the same way. People often think that they are annoying, stupid, irresponsible or terrible gamblers. And, because gamblers often don't want people to know how much they are gambling, they try to hide it."

Asked whether compulsive gambling is a disease, as are alcohol and drug addictions, Blume said, "Gambling hasn't been studied as much as other issues. There are

national institutes in Washington, D.C. that study and research alcohol and drug addictions, there is no national institute on gambling research. While people can get research dollars to study the issue, it's simply not addressed to the same degree. The evidence we do have, however, shows that pathological gamblers register an excess stimuli in their brains when they are gambling, like the excess stimuli in the brains of those with other addictions. It's not perfect research. For a combination of genetic and psychological reasons, when gambling, compulsive gamblers feel high and 'on top of the world' in a way they never otherwise feel."

Rhode Island Hospital's Breen said, "Our experience shows that gambling, like alcohol, is an addiction that can be arrested, but not cured. There is really no return to a controlled state of gambling. The prevalence rate of gambling addiction doubles within a 50-mile radius of a casino. Data show that approximately two percent of the adult population — everyone over 18 years of age — has a gambling problem. So, within a 50-mile radius of a casino, that two percent will double to four percent. Some studies show that up to 50 percent of those playing the VLTs at any time could be problem gamblers. In fact, 40 to 50 percent of casinos' profits come from problem gamblers. Our clinical practice bears this out. The typical patient that we admit to our program has lost, conservatively, \$75,000 to \$80,000 in savings, insurance policies, borrowed monies or loans, during his or her gambling addiction."

(Part 2 of the series will examine gender and age patterns in gamblers, and a guide to the professional help that is available for compulsive gambling.)

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Food

Using nature's bounty for Shavuot

By Linda Morel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Phyllis Glazer recalls a morning in the 1970s when she, her mother and three sisters packed a picnic lunch and drove to a kibbutz in an old Citroen.

"It was one of those beautiful sunlit spring days in the hills of Menashe, in the Galilee," says

Glazer, author of "The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking" (HarperCollins Publisher, 2004).

"The wagons rolled in, heaped to the brim with freshly harvested wheat. Baskets overflowing with homegrown fruits and grains were laid out on the table, and the entire community

was singing. Even the dairy cows were decorated with wreaths. It was the festival of *Shavuot*, and the whole kibbutz was celebrating."

In her mid-20s, Glazer had just moved to Israel. Standing there among the kibbutzniks, she was amazed by the joy of this bucolic custom.

"This was a world apart from any Shavuot we had ever celebrated in America," she says, recalling her childhood in Belle Harbor, a seaside village in New York's Rockaways, where no one mentioned the holiday's relationship to nature.

"Harvest festival!" Glazer muses. "Shavuot had always been the time when God presented the Torah to the ancient Israelites. For that reason, on the kibbutz she and her family saw another side of the holiday: 'We realized we were witnessing the Bible brought to life.'"

Barley harvest

Shavuot falls right after the barley harvest, celebrating the late spring wheat harvest. Initially, it entailed a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Glazer explains. "Our ancestors brought wheat and barley, and the very first fruits unique to different areas of the country, but primarily revolving around the Seven Species."

Because modern life is hectic and nature is a distant concern, Glazer feels that Diaspora Jews



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have lost touch with the taste of foods from the land of our birth. Now in Israel, wheat abounds, causing cows and goats to gush with milk. Offering more than recipes, her cookbook revolves around the connection between the origin of Jewish festivals and the foods harvested in Israel at specific times of year.

For *Shavuot*, she created dairy recipes, such as yogurt cheese, cream cheese and butter — all prepared as they were in Biblical times.

Phyllis Glazer wrote "Jewish Festival Cooking" with her sister Miriyam Glazer, a Conservative rabbi and literature professor at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

While both sisters contributed historical information, Miriyam researched the biblical, talmudic and modern religious texts to understand how and why Jewish holidays evolved.

Recipes from "Jewish Festival Cooking" by Phyllis Glazer:

Biblical Cream Cheese

2 pints dairy sour cream (Use a full-fat product that doesn't contain stabilizers, available in Middle Eastern stores)

1/2 tsp. salt (optional)

Cheesecloth

Line a colander with a double layer of cheesecloth and place colander over a bowl. Pour the sour cream and salt into the strainer and allow to drain for 1 hour. Gather up the edges of the cheesecloth and tie them, lightly squeezing out as much moisture as possible. Hang bag over the kitchen sink, and leave for several

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hours or overnight. For a softer-spreading cheese, check after 3 to 4 hours.

Refrigerate until the desired consistency is reached.

Yield: 3 1/4 cups

Spring green salad with tangerine, fennel seed vinaigrette salad

8 ounces mesclun (or a combination of greens like arugula, radicchio, mache)

- 1 pound romaine lettuce
- 8 ounces fresh asparagus
- 4 ounces snow peas, tips trimmed and strings removed

Vinaigrette:

- 1 cup freshly squeezed tangerine juice
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 tsp. fennel seeds

Rinse mesclun and dry thoroughly. Wrap in paper towels, place in a plastic bag and chill until serving. Remove and discard coarse outer leaves from the romaine. Rinse, dry, wrap and chill.

Remove the stems from the asparagus tips and save for another use. Blanch the tips in just enough boiling, lightly salted water for 1 minute. Remove and drain. Blanch the snow peas for 2 minutes. Rinse briefly under cold water to stop the cooking process. Slice snow peas crosswise in half.

In a small bowl, whisk together all vinaigrette ingredients, except for fennel seeds. Toast fennel seeds in a dry skillet over a medium flame until fragrant. Add to vinaigrette. Taste and adjust seasonings.

In a salad bowl, mix chilled greens and lettuce with the asparagus tips and pea pods. Pour in half the dressing and toss gently to moisten the leaves. Serve immediately, passing the remaining dressing.

Yield: 6-8 servings

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Granola Crust:

- Parchment paper
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- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

Filling: (Remove ingredients from fridge 1 hour before preparation)

- 2 lbs. cream cheese at room temperature. (Philadelphia brand, or use part commercial brand with Biblical Cream Cheese.)
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup heavy cream

Topping:

- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger

Position a rack in the upper third of the oven. Preheat oven to 350 F.

Cut a circle of parchment paper to line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Affix to the bottom with a little butter. Cut a 3-inch wide strip of parchment paper and affix to the side of the pan with butter.

Crust:

In a food processor, finely grind the granola and transfer to a bowl.

Add sugar, cinnamon, ground ginger and melted butter.

Mix well and press evenly into the bottom and halfway up the side of prepared pan. Use the

bottom of a wide drinking glass to press evenly and firmly into the bottom and corners of the pan. Chill in refrigerator.

Filling:

In the bowl of a standing electric mixer, on low speed, gently beat the cream cheese, vanilla and sugar, until smooth, scraping the bottom and side of the bowl often to make sure cheese is blended.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating lightly after each addition. Pour in the heavy cream and mix briefly.

Pour batter into chilled crust and level out the top with an offset spatula.

Bake for 60 to 70 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, but slightly moist. Don't overbake. (The center will sink and the cake will shrink slightly from the sides of the pan.)

Turn off heat and let cake sit undisturbed in the oven for 20 minutes. Remove and cool to room temperature on a wire rack. (During cooling, avoid drafts, which cause cracking.)

Topping:

Lower oven temperature to 300 F.

In a small bowl, beat sour cream and sugar and pour over the top of the cake.

Level with a small offset spatula and bake for 5 minutes.

Remove from the oven and let cool completely.

Sprinkle with crystallized ginger and chill cake until firm.

Cover with plastic wrap after top has firmed up, and chill at least 4 hours.

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Whodunit tracks Israeli spy ring

By Lisa Alcalay Klug
ZICHRON YA'ACOV, Israel (JTA) — When American-born Hillel Halkin and his wife Marcia moved to the northern Israeli town of Zichron Ya'acov in 1970, they discovered an unsolved mystery.

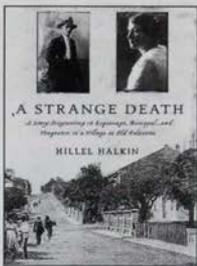
The town is named for Baron James de Rothschild, and its Jewish community dates to 1882. It ranks among the earliest farming communities that Zionists established in the Holy Land in the late 19th century.

Halkin stumbled in shortly after he immigrated to Israel. A New Yorker raised on Zionist ideals, Halkin and his wife were driving from their home in Jerusalem to Haifa to visit friends when a spontaneous decision to turn off the main road and ascend the hills to Zichron Ya'acov changed their lives forever. Halkin recalls that moment vividly in his latest work, "A Strange Death" (PublicAffairs, 2005).

An acclaimed author, critic and translator for more than 35 years, Halkin writes regularly for Commentary, the New York Sun and the Jerusalem Post. His first book, "Letters to an American Jewish Friend: A Zionist's Polemic," received a National Jewish Book Award. His second, "Across the Sabbath River: In Search of a Lost Tribe of Israel," received the 2002 Lucy Dawidowicz Prize for a historical work.

"A Strange Death" is both a whodunit and an account of an espionage saga intertwined with the history of the young Jewish state.

Told in an engaging first-person narrative, Halkin details



'A Strange Death,' by Hillel Halkin.

how Zichron Ya'acov became the focal point of the Nili spy episode. During World War I, a small band of residents gathered intelligence to help the British defeat the Ottoman Turks who ruled the Holy Land.

The spy ring dissolved when Turkish authorities captured a member of one of the village's prominent founding families, the beautiful Sarah Aaronsohn. After four days of torture, Aaronsohn shot herself in order to avoid further torture and the risk of revealing the names of her comrades, including her brother.

Two other spies were hung. Their legacy and that of the Nili spy ring live on in Israeli history and in Zichron, where a museum in a former Aaronsohn home has preserved personal documents, books and family artifacts.

The informants who brought down the spy ring were part of the mystery that grabbed Halkin's attention. But what initially drew him to town was something far

simpler: a cold drink.

Stopping on their drive north, Halkin and his wife met a friendly South African couple whose dog wouldn't stop barking at them. Rhoda and Izzy Traub invited the Halkins in for cocktails.

"We were very smitten by them," Halkin told JTA. By the light of a full moon, having drunk plenty of wine, the Halkins considered buying an adjacent plot of land. They never made it to Haifa that night.

"It was the most romantic, impulsive decision," Halkin said.

The Halkins dropped plans to purchase a home near Jerusalem and built in Zichron instead. The old settlement, with its ruins and farms, intrigued Halkin. While studying the local history, he discovered a tale of four women laughing hysterically as the captured Sarah Aaronsohn was led down Founders Street.

More than 30 years later, Halkin has produced a thorough recounting of the spy ring and its tragic end. He sleuthed his way through Zichron, gathering old relics to solve the mystery of the four women.

The story gracefully weaves together information collected from townfolk with Halkin's own impressions of the town, and with the story of simply getting the story. It's a complex tale of fact versus fiction, memory versus imagination. With unexpected twists and turns and forays into old homes, fields and lives, Halkin delivers a satisfying, intimate journey through Zichron's past and his fascination with it.

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Community — Warwick

Eldercare plans group for caregivers

WARWICK — Jewish Eldercare of R.I., a program of the Jewish Seniors Agency, plans a healing support group for people with illness and their caregivers. The first 8-week session is scheduled for this spring, on Mondays, from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Dates will be announced.

All meetings will be held at Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. There will be no fee and persons of all faiths are invited to join.

For more information, or to register for the spring session, contact Susan Adler, JERI Director (sadler-jeri@jsari.org), or Ethan Adler (eadler-jeri@jsari.org), support group coordinator, both at 621-5374, or Patty Harwood (patty@jsari.org) at 331-1244.



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Spaghetti smiles

(From left) Jim Kent, Simon Weisser, Justin Smith, Daniel Kent and Ben Rudman clown around at the second annual dinner fundraiser for Meir Panim, an Israeli hunger relief agency. The event was held by the Daled and Hay classes April 1 at Temple Am David in Warwick.

Hadassah national president to speak at donor event

WARWICK — The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual donor event on Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel.

Keynote speaker will be June Walker, national president of Hadassah. She will share her many first-hand insights into Hadassah Medical Centers and Israel. She has served on the national board as treasurer and budget chair, as national vice president of the Hadassah College of Technology, chair of the American Affairs division, in which she campaigned for the Violence Against Women Act, launched educational programs

R.I. voted '4 Israel'

PROVIDENCE — In preparation for Israel's national elections last month, Rhode Islanders surfed the web to Rlyotes4Israel.com.

Student groups at the Harry Elkin Michrasa Community High School of the BJE/RI wrote speeches for their assigned parties platforms.

Fifty teenagers from across Southern New England, who gathered to prepare for their journey to Poland and Israel on the March of the Living, produced mock TV commercials which reflected the views of the major political parties.

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on healthcare; and helped organize two marches on Washington for women's rights. She assisted in bringing the issue of stem cell research to the country.

She holds academic degrees in science and health. She was director of in-service educa-

tion for pulmonary medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital and is a member of the Citizens Committee for Bio-Medical Ethics.

For more information call Lorraine Webber, 463-7605

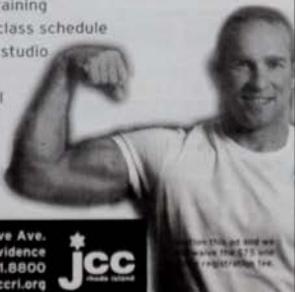
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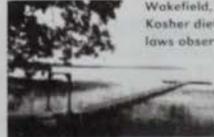
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Seniors have an obligation to stay politically active

In the past month, four of my contemporaries, in different settings, have voiced concern about where the world, and the USA in particular, is going. Each spoke of being glad that they were old and would not be around to witness the inevitable disasters. And they

were not talking about hurricanes or floods. Partially I share their sentiments. But I cannot make peace with these ominous omens because the horrors could affect the lives of my children and my grandchildren. So warnings cannot be dismissed that easily.

The political future, nationally and internationally, appears to be gloomy. Whether we are discussing world harmony, the environment, and terrorism or health issues, there seems to be no optimistic governmental planning. Priorities seem to be selfish, distorted, and downright unexplainable. None of these issues are correctable by individual efforts. Change can be made only by elected officials.

But legislators are not always the ones we voted for and those we voted for do not always legislate in our best interests.

Strangely there is no real consensus amongst our peers about the resolution of important matters. I have always regarded many of my friends and relatives as apolitical, rarely expressing opinions on national or world affairs. But those same people have become more politically aware and now religiously read the details of local and world events and spend many hours each day with eyes glued to CNN. They seek some assurance that problems will correct themselves, only to experience more

apprehension.

My premise is that whether you are liberal or conservative, rich or poor, or somewhere in the middle on any or all matters, aging does not relieve you of the responsibility of being politically active. You do not have to join picket lines. You do not have to heavily finance campaigns. But you must stay knowledgeable about the state of the state, the union, and the world, and find some way to influence the power brokers to act in our best interests.

Being politically active extends beyond going to the polls on election days. Limiting involvement to casting a ballot

every two years means that you are not fulfilling your civic obligations. Diminishing health and advancing years need not limit your involvement. Not letting the movers and shakers know how you stand is a "cop-out."

Running for public office or intensive campaigning may have to be ruled out, but there are other ways of supporting what and who is good for the community. Know the candidates and their principles and vote accordingly.

In 1947 we campaigned for U.S. recognition of a Jewish state. My stepmother addressed hundreds of postcards to senators and congressmen, urging their support. She distributed them to everyone urging they write brief notes during lunch hours, bus rides, etc. She was told they would not be read. She insisted that, more importantly, the "pros" and "cons" would be weighed. She was right.

It is much easier today to express our political sentiments. Toll-free telephone numbers and e-mail messages convey our sentiments instantaneously. E-mail also can be used to urge friends to become politically supportive of worthwhile issues and candidates.

These are exciting and terrifying times. If we abdicate our obligations to support or oppose various themes, we are forcing the responsibilities for political matters on the younger generation. And, face it; they do not have the benefit of our more mature judgment and experience.

If poverty, homelessness, and hunger continue and we have been silent about these problems, then our silence makes us as guilty as the legislators who neglect them. If we witness our tax dollars being used for selfish interests and silently tolerate this we bear the same shame as those who have the power to change things.

If we do not voice our objection to the exploitation of natural resources we are equally responsible for the lesser world we pass on to our progeny. If any percentage of the population cannot get proper medical care because it is too costly and we have not spoken up, we are as guilty as the Establishment are.

Share opinions with people of all ages. If possible, send some dollars to an impressive candidate. (Profiteering corporations know how to buy support—why shouldn't you?) All right. Now I'll get off my soap-box. (And I didn't even mention Iraq!)

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Community — Attleboro

Religious school wins grant

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It will receive a one-year grant of \$30,000 toward develop-

ment and expansion of its Shabbat School program.

Hebrew school teachers Kim Bodemer and Annette Lawson have been selected to receive a Legacy Heritage Innovator Award.

The school currently provides religious education to

approximately 70 children, pre-K through grade 7.

In light of this award, Agudas Achim will host a Hebrew School Open House on Sunday, May 21 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. during regular Hebrew school hours to showcase its programming. Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend.

Agudas Achim plans Mitzvah morning

ATTLEBORO — Congregation Agudas Achim will be conducting its second annual Mitzvah morning on Sunday, May 21. This is a congregation-wide community service day when volunteers will undertake various projects. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. after which families and individuals, young and old, will fan out to combat hunger, knit, paint, clean, organize, stock

shelves, donate food and clothing, make gifts for shut-ins, garden, and build. Synagogue project leaders will take their teams to several community agencies for this work. Nearly 100 members are expected to participate.

They will also be involved in building a house for Habitat for Humanity.

After their tasks are com-

pleted, volunteers will enjoy a celebration luncheon.

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Agudas Achim plans fall fair

ATTLEBORO — Congregation Agudas Achim has announced plans for its first ever

fall fair on Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will include a rummage sale, craft items for the

holidays and all year, items from the synagogue gift shop, food and more. Crafters are invited and welcomed to rent spaces for \$35 each.

Call Ken Perlow at 508-285-5047 for a registration form. Registration forms and information can also be found at the synagogue's website: www.agudasma.org.

Film to be shown on gay rights

ATTLEBORO — Congregation Agudas Achim will present its "Havdalah Happening" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, with a showing of the documentary film, "Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School." It chronicles the story of student Shulamit Izen's courageous fight to establish a gay-straight alliance at a Jewish high school in the Boston area. Izen will be speaking at the event.

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By Sharon Duke Estroff

"I know what I want for my birthday," my first-grader announced upon returning from school today. "A PSP (Playstation Portable)."

"Jake" I replied, intent on giving my son perspective on how much his request would cost. "Do you realize that you could go to the dollar store and buy 300 toys for the price of one PSP?"

"Really?" Jake asked, clearly pondering this revelation. "I guess I'll just do that instead!"

It's not that my son is inherently greedy. To the contrary, he's compassionate and generous. It's just that he is in a developmental place where it's difficult for him to grasp the concept and value of money. In fact, the vast majority of grade-schoolers (up to age 11) are what cognitive psychologists call concrete thinkers. That means they have a tough time conceptualizing anything they can't physically see or touch. Money — thanks to credit cards, checks, internet and the like — is a hugely abstract concept.

Through the eyes of my son to be seven year old, the difference between \$300, \$30 and \$3 is largely inconsequential. I know it seems hard to believe that this could be so, but that's only because we adults have the ability to think abstractly. Trust me, after a decade and a half as an elementary teacher, I can tell you that, with rare exception, the only way

an early elementary-aged child is going to truly understand the quantitative distinction between these amounts is if he actually sees 300 one dollar bills piled next to 30 one dollar bills piled next to 3 one dollar bills.

So how do we enlighten our concrete-thinking kiddies to the fact that — despite popular playground belief — money doesn't grow in ATM machines? With the Spend/Save/Tzedakah plan, of course! A super-concrete, positively-priceless program that helps children grasp the value of money, empowers them with financial smarts and encourages them to give back to their community, all in one fell swoop. Here's what you need to know to get it working for your little spenders.

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The basic premise of the spend/save/tzedakah plan is to have our kids regularly divide their allowance into three distinct sections — one for personal spending, one for saving and one for giving. Deciding how to allocate the money is a personal family choice, but it's important to make sure kids stick to their designated amounts every week.

Spending

For the Spend/Save/Tzedakah plan to work its magic, children should be required to use their personal spending money for all non-essential purchases other than birthday and Hanukkah gifts. That means our kids pay for

their own popcorn at the movies, Power Ranger poppers from the ice cream man and fruitless attempts on the "try-to-pick-up-a-stuffed-animal-with-a-metal-claw" machine.

On Saving

Just to clarify. The kind of savings we're talking about here is the kind you put away for a long-term goal — like going to college or spending a high-school semester in Israel — not an exorbitantly priced toy or an overpriced outfit.

Finally, it's important for children to have a concrete representation of their savings progress. Have them place a sticker on a chart each time they surpass a ten dollar increment, or enroll them in a kiddie savings program that requires no minimum balance and provides monthly statements.

Tzedakah

Our kids' lives largely exist within a vacuum. They have their families, their friends, their schools, their neighborhoods and their material possessions. They often don't think or consider the needs of those less fortunate, not because they don't care but because they are not used to thinking outside their familiar worlds.

By putting a small portion of their allowance toward tzedakah each week, our children will begin to appreciate their responsibility as Jews and human beings to share their resources with the community. They'll come to recognize that many of life's most precious gifts come without a barcode. And that — in the scheme of things — a Playstation Portable isn't really that important after all.

"For a piggy bank perfectly designed to fit the Spend/Save/Tzedakah plan, check out the Learning Cents bank at www.learningcents.com.

Sharon Duke Estroff is an internationally-syndicated Jewish parenting columnist. Her first book, "Can I Have a Cell Phone for Hanukkah? The Essential 411 on Raising Modern Jewish Kids" will be published by Rosenburg Books, a division of Random House in 2007.

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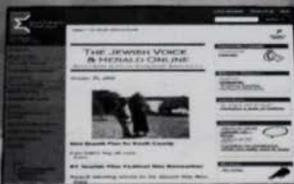
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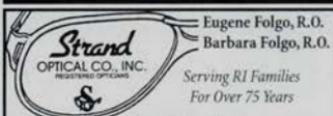
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D'var Torah

AHAREI MOT KEDOSHIM, LEVITICUS 16:1-20:27

Mensh-ness is next to Godliness

By Rabbi Felipe Goodman
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One of the most beautiful yet most difficult to understand statements made by God in the entire Torah is contained in the opening verses of *Parashat Kedoshim*: *Kedoshim tiheyu ki kadosh Ani Adonai Eloheichem* "You shall be holy, for I, The Lord your God, am holy." In a sense, this is one of the things that we as humans expect God to demand from us. To read the opening words of *Parashat Kedoshim* produces no great shock or crisis in faith; on the contrary, it immediately makes us proud to know that God expects more from us than what we usually expect from ourselves.

What does it really mean to attain holiness? Beyond the clichés, beyond the obvious, what is it that God really expects from us? In trying to understand this verse, Nahmanides reacts to the detailed lists of forbidden actions that come right after the opening words of *Parashat Kedoshim*, but comes to the conclusion that you can keep all the laws of *kashrut* and still be a glutton. You can drink only kosher wine and still be a drunkard. The term he uses to describe such a person is a *naval bi-reibut ba-Torah*, meaning, one who is self-indulgent but who justifies his or her conduct by claiming, perhaps sincerely, that he or she observes Jewish law as required with strict adherence.

Just like Nahmanides, Maimonides (*Hilchot De'ot*, chapter 1) also believes that one can adhere to the letter of the law and still entirely miss what Judaism is all about. Maimonides reacted to the idea that one can be an observant Jew and at the same time be arrogant, insensitive, tactless, or

dishonest. Such a person clearly would have a profound lack of understanding of what God is asking of us in becoming holy. Holiness cannot be found in blind adherence to *halakha* without compassion, justice, or a deep understanding of God's creation.

One of the most beautiful *midrashim* ever enunciated by the Rabbis is found in the Talmud, where the question is asked: "What does it mean to follow The Lord your God?" The conclusion is that one can never possibly be able to follow God in the physical sense, but every single one of us must always strive to follow God's attributes: "Ela la'olach achar midotav shel HaKadosh Baruch Hu." "Just like God clothes the naked so should you clothe the naked. Just like God visits the sick, so should you visit the sick. Just like God comforted those who mourned, so should you comfort the mourners. Just like God buried the dead so should you bury the dead" (Sotah 14a).

This *midrash* exemplifies what holiness means — and it is the same that Maimonides used to explain his view of "Kedoshim tiheyu ki kadosh Ani Adonai Eloheichem." To us today, this *midrash* means that one should always strive to imitate God. It also means that we should never lose sight of what the past has been so that we know how to behave in the present and the future.

During the past months our country has been involved in a very interesting debate about immigration. We saw hundreds of thousands of immigrants take to the streets pleading that the importance of their contribution to the workforce, the economy, and prosperity of our country not be trivialized. While the debate

moves forward I have watched, with both attention and pain, the silence of the Jewish community. Have we forgotten that we were once immigrants? Have we forgotten that God was the one who liberated us from slavery and oppression? For many of the immigrants in our country, oppression in their lands of birth comes in a variety of forms. For some it is hunger and social chaos, for others it is persecution for their political beliefs. Whatever shape or form oppression takes, we as Jews cannot turn a deaf ear to their plight.

God commands us not once but multiple times in the Torah to treat the stranger with dignity and compassion because we ourselves were strangers in a strange land. Remember the powerful words of this week's sedra: "Kedoshim tiheyu ki kadosh Ani Adonai Eloheichem." Becoming holy is not only about keeping kosher, observing Shabbat, or giving *tzedakah*. Becoming holy is about never ignoring the context in which God expects us to act. Holiness is not just what we do, but also the kind of people we are.

Maimonides and Nahmanides each in their own way believed that there are matters of great religious significance that lie beyond the bounds of precise legislation. They cannot be enumerated in terms of exact, exhaustive rules, because life does not obey exact, exhaustive rules. Holiness is not about fixed rules; it is about action, it is about trying to act in a Godly way. While watching this great debate on immigration from the sidelines, we need to ask ourselves what would others do if it were us who were in need of refuge? We unfortunately already know the answer.

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Gladys M. Filler, 94

CRANSTON — Gladys M. Filler, 94, of Columbia, S.C., previously of Cranston, died April 24. She was the wife of the late Morris Filler. Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Bessie (Bloom) Gentile.

Mrs. Filler was a life member of Temple Torat Yisrael.

She leaves three sons, Matthew Filler of Damariscotta, Me., Bruce Filler of Columbia, S.C., and Stephen Filler of Durango, Co.; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Dr. Herman Gentile and Doris Bryant.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Leo Gershman, 84

EAST PROVIDENCE — Leo Gershman, 84, died April 28. He was the husband of Sherlee (Orenstein) Gershman. They were married for 58 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Margaret (Shannon) Gershman, he had lived in Barrington for 20 years before moving to East Providence last November.

Mr. Gershman was the owner of Triangle Distributors in Providence for 40 years, retiring

30 years ago. He was a World War II Army veteran serving in Iceland.

He leaves two sons, Geoffrey Gershman and his wife Judy of Cranston and Richard Gershman of Sunrise, Fla.; a sister, Monica Nouman of Cranston, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the brother of the late Barbara Goldstein and Anna Jagolnizer.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Helene R. Gorman, 67

GLASTONBURY, Conn. — Helene (Reich) Gorman, 67, died April 15. She was the wife of Charles Gorman. They had been married for 45 years.

The daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Reich, she lived in Manchester, Conn., for 38 years before moving to Glastonbury.

Mrs. Gorman was a member of Temple Beth Shalom and its Chevra Kadisha, a board member of Temple B'nai Israel in Fleischmans, N.Y., and a member of Congregation Kol Havrim in Glastonbury.

A frequent visitor to Israel, she was a volunteer on Israeli Army bases.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Jeffrey and David; a daughter, Linda; daughters-in-law, Erica and Tami; son-in-law, Charlie; two grandsons, Daniel and Max; a brother, Dr. Harvey Reich and his wife, Judy of El Cajon, Calif.; and three nephews.

Burial was in Congregation Kol Havrim Cemetery in Wethersfield.

Contributions may be made to the Shirley Reback Early Childhood Center, made payable to the GHJCC at Congregation Kol Havrim, 1079 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, CT 06033.

Freda C. Iba, 94

WATERFORD, Conn. — Freda C. Iba, 94, died March 19. She was the widow of the late Bernard Iba. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Fanny (Leibo) Tregar, she had

lived in the New London and Waterford area for over 35 years.

Mrs. Iba and her husband were the owners of the former Bernard's Baby Shop in Woonsocket and a gift and toy store in Narragansett. She worked as a bookkeeper for various accounting firms until her retirement at age 79.

She leaves a daughter, Reva Coleman and her husband, Mel of Waterford; two granddaughters, Sherri Dennis and her husband, Donald, and Linda Gordon and her husband, Clifford; four great-grandchildren, Cameron, Halle and Jenna Dennis and Nathaniel Gordon; many nieces and nephews; she was the sister of the late Jack and Harold Tregar and Sarah Goldstein, and aunt of the late Sally Hornestein.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of So. East Conn., Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382; or Congregation Beth El, 660 Ocean Ave., New London, CT 06320.

Irving Kalika, 92

PROVIDENCE — Irving "Inky" Kalika, 92, died April 24. Married for 65 years, he was the husband of Marian Kalinka and the son of the late Philip and Rebecca Kalika. He formerly lived in Woodmere, N.Y. for 53 years.

Mr. Kalika was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He retired from a career in the dress business at age 75.

Besides his wife, he leaves two children, Philip Kalika and Leslie Gordon; two grandchildren, Angelikah and Susie Levine; a great-grandchild, Benjamin Gordon Levine and many nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Susan Margorie and brother of the late Lou, Etta,

Rose and Mabel.

Burial was in Mt. Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, N.Y.

Samuel Kerzner, 92

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Samuel Kerzner, of New York City, died April 29.

He was the husband of the late Lillian Kerzner. They were married for 62 years. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Henry and Rose (Weiner) Kerzman.

A World War II Navy veteran, he served in the South Pacific.

Mr. Kerzner was a member of Congregation Sons of Abraham in Providence, and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was also a 32nd Degree and Scottish Rite Mason.

Contributions may be made to the Touro Synagogue Foundation, 85 Touro St., Newport, RI 02840.

Harry Krakowsky, 94

PAWTUCKET — Harry Krakowsky, 94, died April 30. He was the husband of the late Anne (Linder) Krakowsky.

He was a partner in the former Standard Truck Sales until 1975.

Mr. Krakowsky was a member of Temple Emamu-El.

He leaves a daughter, Susan Engelson and her husband Stanley, of New Jersey and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Bernard Labitt

BOSTON — Bernard Labitt, a pioneering electrical engineer in the defense and space programs, died April 20. He was the husband of Charlotte (Myers) Labitt.

He was born in Boston in 1931 and grew up in Dorchester. He received his bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Northeastern University in 1953.

Among his contributions was the development of both airborne and shipboard radar. In the South Pacific he worked on radar for tracking intercontinental ballistic missiles. While at Raytheon, he contributed to the development of the Patriot radar system.

Mr. Labitt developed the very important beacon tracking system used by NASA space programs from Mercury to Apollo.

He was an avid sailor and a tennis player.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Howard of Warwick, Steven of Lexington, Mass.; Adam of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren and a brother, Melvin, of Lexington, Mass.

Mary Lubin

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Mary Lubin, formerly of Providence, died on April 2. She was the widow of the late Harry Lubin of Miami. Born in Portland, Me., she was the daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah Lass.

Mrs. Lubin opened the first boutique in Providence devoted to designer women's wear.

She leaves a son, Robert Lubin, and his wife, Diane, of Marietta, Ga.; and a daughter, Audrey Max and her husband, Henry, of Plantation, Fla.; five grandchildren, Dr. Steven I. Max and his wife, Sheryl of New Hampshire, Cheryl Tesone and her husband, Rafael, of Miami, Barbara Weise and her husband, Reinhold of Jacksonville, Fla., Michael Lubin and his wife, Shannon, of Orlando, Fla., Jeffrey Lubin of Marietta, Ga.; and seven great-

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Buffett buys second Israeli firm

Investor Warren Buffett purchased his second company in Israel. CTB, a subsidiary of Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, bought a 60 percent interest in Israel's Agrolig, which designs and manufactures systems for agricultural use. Buffett made big news over the weekend when Berkshire Hathaway invested \$4 billion in Iscar, an international metalworks consortium based in Israel. JTA

Olmert to visit Bush

JERUSALEM: For Ehud Olmert, this has been a busy week with more to come. First, Israel's new Prime Minister was sworn into office, together with his 25 cabinet ministers. At the ceremony, Olmert said he hopes to lead his countrymen out of large areas of the West Bank and to set Israel's permanent borders. Then he took a lot of heat from those who did not receive cabinet assignments they had expected. Later this month he is expected to visit Washington to meet with the president and leaders of both political parties. He may also address a joint session of Congress. JTA

Brandeis under fire

WALTHAM, MA: Brandeis University, the only Jewish-sponsored secular university in the country, is under fire from several

News Briefs



Last week, an Israeli settler was forcibly removed by Israeli policemen from a home claimed by Palestinians which two Israeli settler families occupied in the West Bank town of Hebron. The settlers, who moved in last month, say they bought the property from its Palestinian owners.

Israel celebrates 58th

TEL AVIV: Israel's 58th birthday passed without incident as hundreds of thousands of Israelis took to the parks and forests for feasting and fireworks. The coming 12 months have been designated as "The Year of the Development of the Negev and Galilee" and will focus on the government's \$3.8 billion, 10-year strategic plan for development and investment of the Negev. A similar plan is being drawn up for the Galilee. JTA

OBITUARIES

Mary Lubin, cont.

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grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Morris Lass, Ester Lurie, Gertrude Lass and Julia Lass.

Burial was in Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami, Fla.

Contributions may be made to the American Society or a charity of one's choice.

Sarah Price

WARWICK — Sarah "Sally" Price died April 29. She was the wife of the late Nathan Price. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late George and Bessie (Selinsky) Goodman, she had lived in Warwick for 27 years.

Mrs. Price was a member of the Shalom Tenant's Association and the Warwick Senior Guild.

She leaves a daughter, Carol Schwartz of South Windsoor, Conn.; two grandchildren, Rachael Wisner and her husband, Seth and Brian Schwartz and his wife, Iris; two great-grandchildren, Natalie and Marissa; and a brother, Sidney Goodman of Warwick. She was

the sister of the late Karlman, Samuel, Joseph, Harry and Louis Goodman, Gladys Zimmerman, Evelyn Cedar, Ida Brodsky and Bella Brokman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Perry A. Rosenthal, 42

PROVIDENCE — Perry A. Rosenthal, 42, principal cellist of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, died April 26. He was the son of Sylvia Rosenthal of Providence and the late Sidney L. Rosenthal.

Besides his mother, he leaves his children, Sydney, Rebecca, Joshua and Ethan; and a brother, Robert G. Rosenthal of New York City.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Leon Sherman, 91

WARWICK — Leon Sherman 91, formerly of Brighton,

Mass., died April 28.

He was the husband of the late Eva (Miller) Sherman, who died in 1980.

He was the father of Roselle and Howard Levy of Sudbury, Mass., and Myrna and Daniel Levine of East Greenwich; and seven grandchildren, Rebecca, Alex and Nora Levy and Sam, Erhan, Matthew and Zachary Levine.

Burial was in the Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Cemetery, in Everett, Mass.

Contributions may be made to the Simon Wiesenthal Center or the American Heart Association.

Meyer Spitzman, 89

PROVIDENCE — Meyer Spitzman, 89, died on April 26. He was born in Sosnowica, Poland on June 19, 1916, the last of eight siblings; Esther, Manya, Rifka, Hella, Chava, Izak and Leib. Meyer became a master furniture maker under the apprenticeship of his father and grandfather.

He served in the Polish army

achieving the rank of corporal.

When the Germans invaded Poland, he was on the front lines fighting German panzer tanks. He was wounded twice, and was taken as a prisoner of war before escaping and being re-captured by the Germans. He worked as a slave laborer as a prisoner and ultimately ended up in numerous concentration camps. He survived the camps and was liberated in Bergen-Belsen, where he worked in the displaced persons camp and met his wife, Rachel Turgel. They married there and their first child, Francine Fink was born there. In 1949 they immigrated to the United States and one year later, their second child, David, was born.

Mt. Spitzman also leaves six grandchildren; Amy, Lisa, Andrew, and Meredith Fink and Shana and Emily Spitzman; and two great-grandchildren, Arianna Angilly and James Golden.

He was a member of the Mishkon Tiloh Synagogue for 42 years. He was also an honorary member of the Jewish War

Veterans and both the Rhode Island and the national Holocaust museums.

Devoted to family and friends, Mr. Spitzman helped many new Russian immigrants. He always continued to enjoy the making of fine furniture.

Contributions may be made to Mishkon Tiloh Synagogue, 203 Summit Ave., Providence 02906, Attn. Frank Halpren.

Richard T. White, 59

WARWICK — Richard T. White, 59, died April 26. Born in Springfield, Mass., he was a son of the late Sol M. and Claire S. (Sampel) White.

He leaves a brother-in-law, David A. Cohen, two nieces and a nephew. He was the brother of the late Patricia R. Cohen.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7295.

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Engagement

Joseph and Eunice Greenfield of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, **Leslie (Greenfield) Barrow** of Franklin, Mass. to Robert Young of Johnston.

Ms. Barrow graduated from Bryant College and is employed as office manager at J.K. Kearney Co. in Framingham, Mass.

Mr. Young is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and is a copy editor at the Providence Journal.

Birth

Rabbi Gail Diamond (previous spiritual leader of Congregation Agudas Achim) and her partner, **Alen Kacel**, have welcomed a new baby boy into their family. Gabi's little brother weighed 8.6 pounds. For those who would like to contact Gail and Alen their email address is: rgail@juno.com. The mailing address is 6 Tehernikovskiy, Apt 7, Jerusalem 92581 ISRAEL.

Kertzer named provost at Brown

PROVIDENCE — David I. Kertzer, professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology at Brown University, has been named the university's 10th provost. Kertzer will assume his new duties July 1, 2006. He succeeds Robert J. Zimmer, who has been named president of the University of Chicago.

The provost is the University's chief academic officer, second in rank to the president, and serves as deputy to the president in a range of University matters. When the president is away from campus, the provost is the officer in charge.

Kertzer joined the Brown faculty in 1992 as the Paul Dupey Jr. University Professor of Social Science. He is professor of anthropology and Italian studies and currently serves as chair of the Department of Anthropology.

A Brown alumnus (A.B., 1969) and a Brown parent, Kertzer received a Ph.D. in anthropology from Brandeis University in 1974.

Kertzer's many honors include a Guggenheim fellowship, a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, two Fulbright fellowships, various National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health research awards, a fellowship year at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavior Sciences, Stanford, and a residency at the American Academy of Rome. In 2005 he was elected to be a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Choquette receives humanitarian award

PROVIDENCE — Paul J. Choquette, Jr., chairman of Gilbane, Inc., was honored May 4 at the 2006 National Jewish Medical and Research Center Humanitarian Award Luncheon. Michael Salem, M.D., president and CEO of National Jewish, presented the award.

Choquette is a governor of Lifespan, Inc., a board member of Carlisle Companies, Inc., trustee emeritus of Brown University, and past president of the New England Council. He has taken leadership roles for the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Rhode Island Economic Policy Council, Minority Business Enterprise Commission, and Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council. He is also a Distinguished Eagle Scout and past president of the Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America.

Miriam women to honor McGarry

PROVIDENCE — Doris S. McGarry has been chosen to receive The Miriam Hospital Women's Association's 23rd Recognition Award at its annual meeting May 17. Known for her commitment and eloquence, McGarry's first concern is for mental health. She has been a lobbyist at the state house, working to influence legislation on mental

health issues for more than 30 years. She is a charter member of Gateway and has been honored by the Rhode Island Mental Health group with the "Doris S. McGarry Award."

McGarry has served the MHWA for more than 25 years.

Bergel inducted into Brandeis Athletic Hall of Fame

WALTHAM, Mass. — The Brandeis University Department of Athletics and the Friends of Brandeis Athletics (FOBA) have announced that Providence native Dick Bergel, class of 1957, was selected as a member of the 2006 Brandeis University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Bergel, who was a stand-out athlete at Mount Pleasant High School in Providence, lettered for four years as a football running back and was on the university's first track teams.

He graduated with a degree in sociology and attended New York University Graduate School of Business Administration.

Bergel served as FOBA's vice president in the 1970s and received the athletic department's Charlie Napoli Distinguished Achievement Award in 1990. He was a member of the university's board of trustees from 1997 to 2001 and has been named a lifetime fellow of the university.



Larry B. Sadwin
Sadwin honored

PROVIDENCE — The American Heart Association presented its annual Gold Heart Award on April 9 to Larry B. Sadwin, president and CEO of Landmark HealthCare Foundation, in Woonsocket. The award is the highest honor the association gives to volunteers who have provided continuing, distinguished service.

Sadwin has served the association on the R.I., New England and national levels.

Sadwin has a family history of heart disease. He began volunteering for the American Heart Association after he underwent triple bypass surgery at the age of 39. Since then, he has shown what colleagues have characterized as a "legendary" commitment to the organization.

A graduate of URI, Sadwin received the association's Distinguished Leadership Award in 2002. He has also received the former R.I. affiliate's Heart of the Year Award, in 1998, and Distinguished Service Award, in 1996.

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My Voice

From JDate to Times Square



VALERIE FRIEDMAN and her husband, Jeffery Gaffin, won a JDate competition on their "success" story and now the couple are featured on a billboard on Times Square in New York City. He is a native of the East Side of Providence.

By Valerie Friedman

Our first date was on March 15, 2002, we got engaged on Sept. 18, 2004 and were married on Sept. 5, 2005. And it all began because my mother thought he looked nice in a blue button-down shirt.

My JDate adventure began when my best friend Lori, who had been on several successful dates through JDate, and my mother, ganged up on me. After living in New York City for years and not having met the "nice Jewish boy" I should have, I caved in and agreed to give it a try. I had an old laptop, whose graphics had a mind of its own, and often I couldn't see the pictures of the men who had emailed me based on my profile. Jeff had emailed

me, caught my attention, and after playing phone tag, we agreed to meet for a drink.

But I had no idea what he looked like — and I had my mom look him up on JDate. I gave her my screen name, she logged on, and she said, "he's good looking, and looks clean-cut with a blue button-down shirt on." Based on that, on a Friday night I went off to meet my future husband for a date. He was the first man I met in person for a date from JDate.

The drink lasted for hours — we

laughed and talked and laughed some more. We even learned that at one point we had lived on the same street! He walked me home and asked if we could go out the following night with his friends — it was his birthday celebration. I was apprehensive — did he really mean it or was the euphoria of the evening talking? I suggested that if he truly wanted me to meet his friends and join in the celebration, he should call me the following day and extend the invitation. He called the

It all began because my mother thought he looked nice in a blue button-down shirt.

next afternoon while I was visiting my grandmother — and he's been the only one for me since then.

My adventure continued through meeting his family, he meeting mine, vacations, friends' weddings and the births of those friends' children. As life went by — we realized that we wanted those same things, and we wanted them together. The long-term happily-ever-after was our goal and nothing was going to stop us.

And when I entered a hotel room full of thousands of rose petals and candles and Jeff got on his knee and asked if we could begin the next phase of our life together as man and wife — the tears came and I couldn't wait to begin.

When we first began dating, we only told our close friends and family of how we met. Four years ago the stigma still existed about meeting over the internet — but as time went by we realized why not tell everyone about JDate — maybe they can live out their happily-ever-after too!

And nothing made that more evident then when we were discussing our wedding ceremony with the rabbi, the same man who performed Jeff's Bar Mitzvah. He was neither surprised nor startled to hear how we had met.

Looking back, it's amazing to think it is all because my mother thought he looked nice in a blue button-down shirt.

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