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## Elections 2006



Photos by Jonathan Rubin

At left, Jim Levanos and his son, Micah, 3, look over ballot at the foot of a voting station at Temple Beth-El in Providence on Tuesday. At right, William A. Spicer III places his ballot into an electronic vote counter there.

## Pro-Israel vote helped Lieberman

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman retained his seat after a bruising battle that followed his loss in the Democratic primary and his run as an Independent. The pro-Israel community played a key role in his victory.

Lieberman defeated his Democratic opponent, Ned Lamont.

Lamont is a cable TV magnate who used anti-Iraq war sentiment to best Lieberman in the Democratic primary. Lieberman backed the Iraq war, but it was his solid pro-Israel record and iconic status as the first Jew to feature on a viable presidential ticket in 2000 that drew strong support from segments of the pro-Israel community.

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## A peace exchange Muslim, Jewish dialogue at JCDS

By Mary Korr  
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PROVIDENCE — Fifth-graders at the Jewish Community Day School painted canvases of peace last week, when Brown University students from the Muslim-Jewish Dialogue at Hillel visited an art class at the school.

The older and younger students exchanged ideas and then considered how to depict the concept of peace. Their work will be on display Sunday at a Brown University conference on the archaeology of Jerusalem. Visitors will see peace envisioned from a multicultural

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Photos by Mary Korr

BROWN STUDENT ATENA ASIAI, a member of the Muslim-Jewish Dialogue at Brown Hillel, works with Daniel Brandes and David Labine on their peace painting at the Jewish Community Day School.

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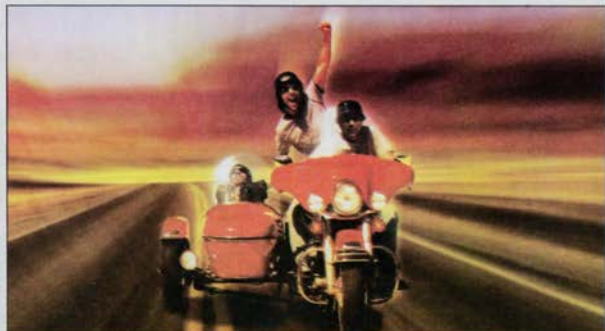


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**39 POUNDS OF LOVE** is an emotional roller coaster, a fascinating, humorous and truly inspirational ride through life with someone who embodies the very term, *carpe diem* (Seize the day). See film listing below.

## CONTINUING

## R.I. Jewish Film Festival

**Sat., Nov. 11: Live and Become.** 7:30 p.m., Live and Become will be screened at the Columbus Theatre (270 Broad-

way, Providence). This touching drama follows a Christian Ethiopian refugee to Israel, where he must pose as a Jew or risk being deported. Guest speaker: RISD professor Mike Fink on his work with Ethiopian Jews.

**Sun., Nov. 12: A Cantor's Tale.** Columbus Theatre, 3 p.m. Documentary featuring Cantor Jacob Mendelson, on a musical treasure hunt to find the American roots of Jewish liturgical music; followed by a program with local cantors, including Cantor Mayer, Cantor Richard Pearlman, and Cantor Ivan Pearlman.

**Mon., Nov. 13: Belzec,** 7 p.m. Barrington Public Library. A chilling account of the death camp, in operation for less than a year, but in which 600,000 Jews were exterminated. Once the Soviet counterattacks began, the S.S. eliminated all traces of the camp. Guest speakers: Shira Garber, Claire Roche, and Rich Walter, who traveled to Belzec as part of the 2006 March of the Living.

**Wed., Nov. 15: 39 Pounds of Love,** 7 p.m. Temple Am David (40 Gardiner St., Warwick). Doctors predicted Ami Ankilewitz would not live past the age of 6, due to a rare disease called spinal muscular atrophy, which limited his movement to a single finger on his left hand. Ankilewitz not only made it to age 34, he also made a career as a 3-D animator in Israel. Discussion to follow.

**Sat., Nov. 18: When Do We Eat?** 7:30 p.m. Columbus Theatre (270 Broadway, Providence). With a big ensemble cast of familiar faces (including Michael Lerner and Lesley Ann Warren), this is the story of a well-intentioned Passover seder gone wrong. Guest speaker: Suzanne Jacobs, a social worker at Jewish Family Service, will discuss issues raised in the film.

**Sun., Nov. 19: Looking for the Lost Voice,** 3 p.m. Brown Hillel (80 Brown St., Providence). Israeli documentary about a

young rock singer killed by a suicide bomber, and the father who mourns him.

Program to follow with Brown Hillel Foundation.

Tickets for all the films can be purchased by mail, in person at the JCC reception desk, and at the door of the screenings if they are not sold out (cash only). The cost is \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors.

For more information, contact the JCC at 861-8800, the Bureau of Jewish Education at 331-0956, or visit the BJE/RI website, [www.bjei.org](http://www.bjei.org).

## SUN., NOV. 12

## Temple Sinai blood drive

9 a.m. — 1 p.m. Brotherhood, R.I. Blood Center drive. At the temple, 330 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Social hall.

## Torat Yisrael book fair

9 a.m. — 1 p.m. At the temple, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Holiday shopping: Cookbooks, new publications, history, holidays, spirituality.

## Jewish Historical Association

2 p.m. Temple Beth-El, Providence. Dr. Seymour I. Schwartz, chair of the surgery department at the University of Rochester Medical Center, will speak at the fall meeting of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. Free, all welcome.

## Emann-El Leisure Club

2 p.m. at the Temple, 99 Taft Ave., Providence "Higher Keys - A musical performance." Brown University's A Capella Group.

## MON., NOV. 13

## JCDS Art Exhibit

5 — 6 p.m. Opening of K through eighth grade student art exhibit.

## TUES., NOV. 14

## Storytime at Emann-El

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## 'Wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles'

### First cousins who survived Holocaust reunited in Israel

By Mary Korr  
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PROVIDENCE — For a Holocaust survivor, the birth of a great-grandchild in Israel is a miracle of miracles, to meet members of your family after almost 60 years in the same week is a wonder of wonders.

Esther Mudrick has been blessed with both.

In her Providence apartment, she is surrounded by photos of those she loves, and those she has lost. She prefers to speak of the former. "That's what is important, the most important."

First, the baby. "It's a girl," she says, with a radiant smile. She shows a photo of the baby's mother, her granddaughter, who lives in Israel.

"My daughter moved to Israel in 1971 after graduating from college in New York. She married an Israeli and has three children."

Her daughter is Chaya, named after Esther's mother.

As for the wonder of wonders, that is Hela, Natik, and Este (Esther), her first cousins. Their mothers were sisters. She looks at a photo from 1937, taken in the country outside of Wolomin, Poland, where Esther was born.

"Hela was the most beautiful young woman," she exclaims.

She shows a picture of Hela, today, who lives a half hour's drive from her daughter's home in Israel.

### Yad Vashem database

Esther's daughter and a family member through marriage, Patricia Wilson, a genealogist, were



ESTHER MUDRICK looks over family pictures; the one she is holding is the cousin she was recently reunited with.

Esther's daughter and a family member, Patricia Wilson, a genealogist, were able to connect the two families through "Pages of Testimony" on Yad Vashem's database.

able to connect the two families through "Pages of Testimony" on Yad Vashem's database. Esther had filled out her family history in 1971; Hela had done the same in 1956.

"She (Wilson) told me she found my family, my cousins. I started to cry," Esther says.

Chaya called the lost cousins and made arrangements for her mother to meet them. She drove her mother to Hela's house; Natik lived on the same block.

"She (Hela, now 91) looked at me like she recognized me. She smiled and hugged me and she starts to kiss me. Then Natik (now 86) walked in...it was something

for me, something unbelievable, to find each other after so many years. I didn't know what to say."

The third cousin lives in Germany.

During the war Esther was in the ghetto in Wolomin, outside of Warsaw, for two years; she escaped with her older sister

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## "OUR DUAL-FAITH FAMILY"

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## Opinion

## A MAJORITY OF ONE

## Father of the bride

**M**arriage — Ariela Lev, 26, formerly of Los Angeles and Providence, married Clayton Gragg, 30, of Boston, under the chuppah at Brandeis University on Nov. 5, 2006. Local papers

please copy.

We attempt to raise our children to be what we would like ourselves to be. We try to transmit our values to them, to steer them towards friends of whom we approve, and to learn how to select wisely among the alternatives available in education, careers and the other areas in which making the right choice can mean the difference between a happy and productive life and a series of wasted opportunities.

But even as we watch them grow towards adulthood we know that down the road there is going to be a bump and it is called marriage. We may try to influence their selection of a mate but in the end the decision is up to our child and if we have problems with that, we have little choice but to go along with their wishes. When Rosie and I met Clayton the bump disappeared, although if you had asked us beforehand if we would choose as a son-in-law the nominally Christian son of two Marine officers, there would have been some serious qualms.

The qualms vanished quickly enough. Ariela always maintained that she would marry a Jewish man and raise her children to be Jews. Clayton underwent a Conservative conversion and that issue was settled. But a successful marriage requires more than praying before the same altar. Clayton has a strong sense of responsibility, a dry wit, and he certainly loves our daughter, which is the most essential characteristic of all. We agreed that

she has chosen well and, of course, so has he. It should be a loving and fulfilling marriage.

Fourteen years ago many of the same friends and relatives who joined us last weekend also met for a *simcha* in another institution named for Judge Louis Brandeis, the Brandeis-Bardin Institute of Southern California. They were there for a double *bat mitzva*, that of Ariela and her older sister, Dafna.

Together with them came many friends of ours, joining us in a bittersweet farewell because we were about to move to Rhode Island. Ariela, all of 12, stood before this audience and without a pause, without a script, greeted and welcomed each group in turn. I sat by the side and thought to myself that here is a young woman who will attain the goals she sets in life whatever the odds.

Now they are honeymooning on a Mediterranean cruise and I begin to understand the difference between having a child and having a married daughter. I tried to talk them out of it. I made the point that global warming has caused the Arctic ice pack to melt and that at this very moment there might be icebergs floating around the Mediterranean, a threat to safety with which those ship's captains are not familiar. "What is that, sailor?" "I think that's an iceberg, sir." "Strange looking thing. Let's get closer for a better view." Ariela wasn't buying it. "What other suggestions do you have, Abbas?" I did have one. "Cranston?" I said. "Do you realize that during all of its glorious history no honeymooners have ever gotten seasick in Cranston?" She didn't think much of that one, either.

When she was three, she never would have argued with me on so important a matter, but she is no longer three, she is her own woman, and while it may take some getting used to, there are compensations. In a few years there will be grandchildren close at hand to baby



Ariela Lev married Clayton Gragg

sit, to burp, to diaper change, to read to and sing along with. We can hardly wait.

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## ALISON ON ALIYAH

## Get married already!

**T**his past weekend, my good friend, Dafna, decided not to go to her cousin's *far mitzva* because she didn't want to see her extended family. Knowing that she is half-Moroccan, and with my all-too-close familiarity with the workings of the average Moroccan family, I was initially shocked at Dafna's lack of desire for togetherness, but quickly understood. "I can't stand the pressure," she lamented. "All I ever hear is, 'So? When is the big day?'"

Dafna is only 28 years old, and I have only four short months to climb the hill. I have been dreading my 30th birthday for quite some time, but it was only after talking to Dafna that I realized that my dread comes only from the pressure I put on myself about my life plans and ambitions.

My family has never engaged in any forms of teasing or pressure, and never have I received any kind of needling about my personal life or status on the traditional ladder of life events. It was only after I came to Israel that I started feeling external pressure, particularly as I looked around me and realized that the number of near-30-year-olds who aren't

already married with at least a couple of children in tow is virtually nil.

Indeed, the more I realize how unusual I seem to be here, the more panic I have begun to feel as time goes on. Sometimes I actually try to seek refuge in my mother's lack of judgment and soothing reminders that being 30 and unmarried is normal, common, and even perhaps preferable, when one is still involved in educational and other such endeavors. These comments are very true in America — but in Israel, they hold no water. So as foreign as Dafna's family's pressure about these issues is to me, the lack of pressure I receive is just as mind-boggling to her.

As I began to delve into this fascinating conundrum, I came to realize that the pressure to marry and have children in a "timely manner" is an integral part of the fabric of Israeli society. Indeed, one can see signs of this ubiquitous pressure in even the most basic of social relations and perceptions. Commitment in personal relationships and to fundamental family values is of utmost importance here, and there is simply no other option. There isn't a lot of "dating around" or "playing the field" or sampling "all the fish in the sea" here in Israel.

It was thus a significant shock to me to find myself being taken so seriously here as soon as I began referring

to Mikhael as my boyfriend. Immediately, I began receiving questions about our progression, when would we move in together, when might the wedding be(?). I also saw the vastly different treatment I received when Mikhael got sick. Although we had dated for only six months before he was diagnosed with cancer, when I told my professors and employers that I would be out of commission for a few months to support him through the surgery and subsequent treatment, I got nothing but concerned support and extended deadlines.

It is certainly a different world over here in Israel. You can certainly find plenty of people bemoaning the state of affairs and lack of values all over the world, but I can attest firsthand to the primacy of family values here. Perhaps this is why relationships are taken so seriously, and young people are urged and pressured so relentlessly to become a part of this cycle, and fast! Indeed, individuals who

**Say  
Do**

are married and have children seem to occupy a totally different part of the social hierarchy here in Israel, perhaps because new families are thought to not only ensure the continuation of the (endangered) Jewish race, but also contribute to the core values system as well. No wonder Dafna is fielding so much pressure. I suppose the weight of the Jewish world is on our shoulders.

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FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

## Doggone it!

The Jewish Voice & Herald is planning a pet showcase section in the near future. Included on the pages will be Morgan the Wonder Dog, canine of my heart, bane of my existence, part Border collie, part Springer spaniel, part pound from Hell. That she is smarter than most people I know, including especially myself, is obvious. That she knows and exploits this is, unfortunately, equally true.



Josh Stein

For example... Last winter we had a heavy snowfall which, in a few days, was reduced on sidewalks to occasional patches of ice. To make a bad situation worse, my wife packed her bags and left me. No, she hadn't finally come to her senses; she had a conference in Cambridge. This meant I, of all people, had to take the dog on her early morning walk, a joy I generally am more than willing to avoid.

So, we are walking, Morgan and I, and she pooped and I scooped and then I hit the inevitable patch of unseem ice. Flop-flop I flipped, somehow managing to hold onto the bag of poop but releasing the leash. Morgan immediately

realized she was free, but stayed around long enough to make sure I wasn't dead (after all, no Josh equalled no breakfast). I wasn't too sure myself. I'd managed to fall on my left hip, or what passes for my left hip since all that's there now is steel and cement connecting femur to pelvis. I was sure I'd smashed it and wondered if the lack of excruciating pain meant that I was in shock or dead. Morgan, tantalizingly close, looked on with an expression of some concern (breakfast, now being in doubt). "Morgan, come!" I commanded menacingly. To no avail.

"Ha! He lives," the light in her eyes announced, and she frolicked away, leash dragging behind her. But then, to mock me she came back, circled me once (I was still aground, trying vainly to get up). I lunged for the leash, and missed. "Morgan, come here!" I said in my most authoritative voice. (Just how commanding I could be under the circumstances—prone, feet slipping on the ice as I tried to rise up, a bag of dog poop in my hands, you can only imagine.) Finally, as from the lagoon from which our most ancient amphibious ancestors arose I unsteadily achieved verticality. But Morgan had fled.

My limbs were sore; my chest was sore; my hip was sore; my wife was in another state and my dog had run away. In all the world, all I had was a bag of

poop. But then, salvation. Morgan, who loves to ride in cars, saw that people were getting into their. She jumped in and commanded, "Drive! Quickly! Let the wind rustle through my ears as the air is sucked into my nostrils, drive, drive, drive." The mother screamed in terror, the children, who had helped me gather in Morgan on previous escapes, screamed in delight, and grabbed the leash. I hobbled over to them, collected my disloyal dog and limped slowly home.

"Breakfast, Josh?" She asked, hopefully. "What happened to loyalty?" I asked. What happened to "if you're hurt, I'm there for you?" "Instead of kibbles, how about some of that canned food?" she replied. "Why did you leave me when I called you?" "Because of the story I read last week." "You're hitting our books again?" "Only when you sleep." "Which story?" "The Last Match." "That's what you model your behavior on? The man is dying of hunger and cold, he calls his dog, and the dog abandons him?" "The dog left the man because the man was going to kill and eat it." "Oh, yeah, but I wouldn't do that." "You never know, you just never know. Open the door; let's eat."

Well, I fed her, of course, but I also punished her. When I went out onto the deck to fill the bird feeders, I didn't let



MORGAN and the Sunday paper

her come out with me—the loves to chase squirrels out there and to see the birds flap away—so she sulked. By now it was late. I grabbed my lunch bag and hopped into the car. As I drove off I looked out the window and saw that she was looking out at me with a smile on her face. I didn't know quite why until I got to my office and noticed the poop bag still in my coat pocket. My lunch bag was safely at home. For those keeping score, it's Dog 106, Human 0.

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## Letters to the Editor

## Letter distorts facts on Israel

Recently the *Providence Journal* published an op-ed piece by a Dr. Rashid Khalidi, the Edward Said chair in Arab Studies at Columbia University. In his article, Dr. Khalidi stated that Israel's revise history by claiming that the new state was invaded by many Arab armies in 1948 when, in fact, it was only Egypt. The truth is that on May 15, 1948, the day the British Mandate ended, it was actually five Arab states that invaded the new State of Israel. Yes, it was Egypt that initiated the attack, but it was followed by the armies of Lebanon, Trans Jordan, (as the Kingdom of Jordan was then known,) Iraq and Syria.

Is there a reason that the Journal does not check the facts before publishing outright distortions?

Clifford Lander  
Warwick

## Tetragrammaton in newspaper

The photograph accompanying Rabbi Leeman's article on page 38 of your Oct. 13 issue showed a Hebrew excerpt from Chapter 6 of the First Book of Kings. Unfortunately that excerpt contained the tetragrammaton, the four letter name of G-d.

Therefore every copy of that picture

should be put in a Geniza. We think that unfortunately many of your readers will not realize this and dispose of the picture improperly. We are disappointed that you printed such a picture and did not at least print a warning to your readers.

Alice and Daniel Nussbaum  
New Bedford

(Editor's note: The Jewish Voice & Herald apologizes to its readers for the inadvertent presence of the tetragrammaton as noted in the letter above and will be more diligent to make sure this does not happen in the future.)

## Vive la France!

This letter is in reference to Joshua Stein's column of Oct. 13, 2006, reporting about alleged attacks on Jews in France.

During World War II, I was a B-17 pilot shot down over Belgium on a mission returning from Solingen, Germany. Parachuting, I was rescued and moved by the Maquis from Snelleghem to Bruges to Brussels to Monscon; and Lille in France. From there the Resistance moved me by train to Paris, but there the underground was infiltrated and I was on my own. I made my way to Foix by stolen bicycles by day, hidden each night by French crooks who were found for me by Catholic priests. The priests and those crooks helped me

because I was an American. They knew I was Jewish because the first thing I did was show them my dog-tags with the large H (for Hebrew). I headed for Spain but the snow was too deep in the Pyrenees and I reversed track and joined the Maquis near Belfort, fought with them for a month, then escaped into Switzerland. I worked for Allen Dulles in the American Embassy until I was sent back into France to assist the landing in the south of France in August, 1944. There I united with American forces and was flown back to England.

The French helped me because I was an American and we had helped them in World War I and again in World War II. The fact that I was Jewish made no difference.

General Rochambeau and 5500 French troops landed at Newport in 1780, and that army was the determinate of our victory at Yorktown the following year. The British wanted to surrender to General Rochambeau, but he declined, saying his government had sent his army to help the Americans, and he reported to General Washington.

When General Pershing arrived at Cherbourg in World War I, he saluted the French flag and, according to report, declared "Lafayette, we are here."

I agree with you, Vive la France.  
Former Gov. Bruce Sundlun  
Jamestown

## Spotlight on African-American Jewry resonates

I wish to thank you for the story, African-American Congregants Practice 'Biblical Judaism' in the Oct. 13 issue. The story written by Nancy Kirsch so adequately presented a glimpse of our congregation and its uniqueness. It introduced to your reading audience another element of the varied fabric of modern day Jewry. It shows that we have a bond that goes beyond our differences, and that there is plenty of room for those who recognize the absolute Oneness of our God.

Since the publication of the story, we have received a number of calls from individuals seeking to learn more about, what the students at Brown call it, "Jewish Gospel." Some have asked how elements of Judaism can be extracted from the Greek scriptures. Others are interested in the acappella compositions of our music as derived from the biblical text.

There is much more to tell of our story, but thanks to the newspaper, the writer, and the loyal readers of the Jewish Voice and Herald, a significant milestone has been reached.

Elder William Z. Scott  
First Tabernacle

## VIEWPOINT

## Become a 'light' among the nations

By Daniel Orenstein

Jewish tradition has it that if four Jews gather, they will have five opinions among them. That may be true for any number of issues, but it is no longer valid with regard to our moral responsibility towards our environment. Over the past decade a consensus has developed among all four major streams of Judaism: The leadership of the Reconstructionist, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jewish communities have all made public calls for their constituents to improve their environmental behavior. All have recognized the environmental crisis humankind

has brought upon us and all reach into their theological beliefs and ethical teachings and emerge with a compelling case for action.

The Reform Movement calls on its constituents "to modify their behavior in order to preserve the planet." The Reconstructionists urge "to undertake social action projects involving, among other things: energy and resource conservation...car-pooling...composting."

The Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America "encourages its members to seriously consider products, practices and programming that will promote ecological

awareness and help to protect our environment." And the Conservative movement reiterates that "all bodies of the Conservative movement, in consonance with the Jewish concern in safeguarding environmental health, have long been on record in warning of the danger of air pollution and urging public and private energy conservation."

Two questions naturally arise

from this. First, which problem(s) warrant our collective response and, second, what should we do about it? The most daunting global environmental problem today is climate change. There is a solid scientific consensus that the earth is warming and that human pollutants — particularly carbon dioxide and methane — are the culprits. Shrinking ice caps and glaciers, increasing number of

extreme weather events, sea level rise and prolonged drought are only a small sample of the frightening symptoms already being observed.

If the earth is truly ours "to till and tend," (Genesis 2:15) and we are to leave it to our children in as good condition or better than when we found it, we have an obligation to cut our carbon emissions in an effort to curb climate change.

The Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL), a Jewish environmental organization comprised of 29 major Jewish organizations and which partners with Christian environmental organizations through the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, recommends we start with the basic task of changing a light bulb. As part of a national campaign entitled, "A Light Among the Nations" aka "How Many Jews Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?" Jewish communities and individuals are changing their bulbs. The new local organization, R.I. Jewish Environmental Alliance (RIJEA) is taking up the call here.

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Daniel Orenstein is Science and Policy Fellow at the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life and Visiting Fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies.

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## MIRACLES

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Gucia (Gitta) and her little baby, two months old, in 1942.

They ran and hid in the Bialistok woods in a bunker made by partisans. Esther hid out in farmhouses and forest bunkers for the next two years. "At the end of 1944 this American and Russian came and opened this bunker and I went free."

Her sister and nephew perished, as did her younger brother and father; an older brother who had escaped to Russia did survive.

After the war, Esther went to Lodz, Poland, to find her cousins; she lived with Hela for two years. "They took care of me," she says. In fact, it was Hela who introduced Esther to her husband, Ezra. The couple was married in 1945 and went to Germany to a Displaced Persons' camp; letters were lost or returned undeliverable and the cousins lost track of each other. Esther feared the worst.

Hela and her two children immigrated to Israel in 1949; Esther and her husband came to Rhode Island in 1951. But now that the cousins are reunited, they have decided to search for more family members through Yad Vashem. And Esther hopes to spend more time in Israel.



ESTHER MUDRICK, at right, was reunited with two of her three cousins in Israel recently. This photo was taken in 1937 in Poland. They had not seen each other since the end of World War II.

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## Nation

### LIEBERMAN

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Lieberman garnered about \$2 million from Jewish and pro-Israel supporters.

David Greenfield, the executive director of the Sephardic Community Federation in Brooklyn, was one of many Jews from the Northeast who came out to support Lieberman on Election Day.

"The moral, emotional and financial support" Lieberman had from the Jewish community helped him come through this election," Greenfield said at the Lieberman victory party in Connecticut Tuesday night.

Still, he was not universally supported among Connecticut Jews. According to one exit poll, Lieberman garnered 60 percent of the Jewish vote to Lamont's 40 percent.

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Pro-Israel money was also a factor in Rhode Island, where Sen. Lincoln Chafee, the Repub-

lican chairman of the Senate's Middle East subcommittee, lost to Sheldon Whitehouse.

Chafee was a tough critic of Israel's settlement policy, and blocked the nomination of John Bolton — who is very friendly to Israel — as ambassador to the United Nations to protest a planned settlement expansion. Pro-Israel contributors boosted Whitehouse's bid.

They also helped Brad Ellsworth, a Democrat, defeat U.S. Rep. John Hostettler (R-Ind.) Hostettler was a social conservative who was cool on Israel.

However, Jewish donors who made Israel their primary consideration failed in Pennsylvania, where Republican Sen. Rick Santorum lost to Bob Casey, the state treasurer.

Santorum's solid pro-Israel record earned him \$2 million in contributions, but his rock-hard conservatism on social issues like abortion and gay marriage drove Jews to Casey, who drew more Jewish money overall. One exit poll suggested Casey also drew more than 80 percent of the Jewish vote.

Jewish Democrats increased their numbers in the U.S. Congress, joining their party in winning the House of Representatives on a wave of public dissatisfaction with the Iraq war and the economy.

At least six Jews were among

the new Democrats sweeping into the House. In the Senate, which was still up for grabs at midnight Tuesday, Jewish senators increased their numbers from 11 to 13 — a record high.

U.S. Rep. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, an Independent who votes with Democrats, and U.S. Rep. Ben Cardin, a Democrat running in Maryland, added to the incumbent minyan plus one.

All but one of the Jews elected or re-elected to the House and to the Senate on Tuesday were Democrats or pledged to vote with the Democrats.

U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor, the Republican from Virginia, remains the only Republican in the House.

In addition to the 24 Jewish incumbents in the House, there were five Jewish pickups — all Democrats. Three Jewish Democrats in state legislatures ascended to Congress: Gabrielle Giffords, in Arizona, handily won a Tucson-area seat vacated by a Republican; Ron Klein in Florida ousted longtime Republican incumbent Clay Shaw; and Steve Cohen in Tennessee won the Memphis seat vacated by Harold Ford.

Another three Jewish Democrats were projected winners late Tuesday night: Paul Hodes of New Hampshire, John Yarmuth of Kentucky and Steve Kagen in Wisconsin.

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SEN. JOSEPH LIEBERMAN (I-Conn.) celebrates his victory in Hartford, Conn. Tuesday night.

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## News Briefs

### War looming?

**JERUSALEM:** Will the next year bring war or peace for Israel? Take your choice, depending on which country you rely on for information. The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reports that the IDF is preparing for another war, this time against Hezbollah and Syria and that Israel can expect to be attacked in the summer of 2007, with Iran providing its enemies with backup but with no direct involvement. Hezbollah is believed to have 5,000 ground-to-ground missiles and is gathering more. IDF officials declined to comment on the report. JTA

### Syrian response

**DAMASCUS:** The Syrian foreign minister, Walid Moualeen, has brushed off Israeli assessments in Jerusalem that there could be another Israeli war with Syria, perhaps as part of an escalating conflict with Hezbollah. He predicted that efforts to achieve a comprehensive Israeli-Arab peace will resume next year. Moualeen said that his country "appreciates" debates in Israel on whether to return the Golan Heights to

Damascus' control under a future accord. JTA

### Rabbi, Imam spar

**NEW YORK:** Peace was supposed to be the theme of a rare dialogue between an Orthodox rabbi and a Muslim Imam in New York several weeks ago. Rabbi Marc Schneier of the New York Synagogue and Imam Omer Abu Namous of the 95th Street Mosque began by urging Jews and Muslims to put aside their differences and reach out to each other. But the dialogue got heated when Rabbi Schneier asked why Muslim leaders in this country did not condemn Islamic violence. Imam Namous responded by stating "The Arabs never rejected independence or sovereignty for Israel in 1948. The Jews from Europe drove out the Palestinians." That ended the friendly part of the evening. Rabbi Schneier did accept the Imam's invitation to speak at his mosque for, presumably, round two in the dialogue. **NEW YORK JEWISH WEEK**

### Lieberman: Arab Galilee

**JERUSALEM:** Ehud Olmert's new vice premier, Avigdor Lieberman, head of the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu Party, has wasted no time in stating his agenda for the government he once opposed. The party has long advocated a total separation of Israeli Jews and Arabs and Lieberman suggested earlier this week that a Palestinian Arab state be created in the Galilee, where the majority of residents are Arab citizens of Israel. Israeli Arabs living in the south of Israel and

in the West Bank would move to the north, thereby clearing the southern areas for more Jewish settlement. He suggested that Cyprus be a model. In Cyprus, where Turks and Greeks divided the land, a wall separates the two nations and it runs through the capital, Nicosia. The proposal has not been received by anyone very enthusiastically. **HAARETZ**


### Knesset Arab slams Ahmadinejad

**JERUSALEM:** Ahmed Tibi, a member of the Knesset whose party, United Arab List, is openly anti-Zionist, has come out strongly against the words of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, calling for the elimination of Israel. "I am opposed to his statement and even more opposed to his Holocaust denial. I don't understand his need and obsession in repeating these things. There is no reason to deny the Holocaust which was the worst crime in human history." Tibi has courted controversy in Israel because he came to the support of Yasser Arafat and opposed the latest war in Lebanon in addition to meeting with Arab leaders at times when it was against Israeli law to do so. JTA

### Eruv: for the birds?

**LOS ANGELES:** An Orthodox congregation in Venice has run into serious opposition to its attempts to build an eruv along several miles of California beachfront. The eruv is a symbolic fence that permits Jews to move freely on the Sabbath by extending an area

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Thank you to those who already have sent in photos.

## NEWS BRIEFS

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considered private into the public domain. The rest of the eruv is an eight-mile network patchwork of chain link fences or walls along the freeways and major roads. The opposition to stringing 200 pound test fishing line between telephone poles and 20 foot steel poles comes mainly from conservationists concerned about the threat to a spe-

cies of birds, the California Least Terns, the last of which live in a colony near where the eruv will run. There are also church-state issues involved and both the Sierra Club and the California Coastal Commission are raising questions about the proposed eruv. ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Remote psychic

TEL AVIV: The Israeli psychic, Uri Geller, has disclosed

how U.S. forces captured Saddam Hussein who this week was sentenced to death for crimes committed when he was dictator of Iraq. According to Geller, when the American soldier walked over to a large rock, lifted it up and disclosed Saddam's hiding place, he was guided by a clairvoyant in the United States, a so-called "remote viewer". Geller said he got the information from an unnamed, high-level, American source.

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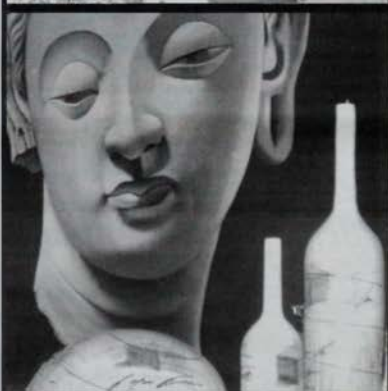


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#### How to fight fair

Noon -1:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael's Lunch & Learn at The Grille on Main, 50 Main St., East Greenwich. All welcome.

### Tamarisk support group

6:30 p.m. With Rhoda Rappon, Renaissance memory support program director. RSVP Gina at 732-0037.

### Introduction to Judaism

7 p.m. Temple Beth-El, Providence. For information, call 331-6070.

### Interfaith roundtable

7:30 p.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston "Our Dual-Faith Family": A Facilitated Roundtable Discussion by Dr. Judith Lubiner, a licensed psychologist and by Rabbi Amy Levin. Also Nov 29. Registration: \$18 for TY members, \$36 for non-members. For details: 785-1800, rabbi@toratysrael.org.

### THURS., NOV. 16

#### Emanu-El Leisure Club

10 a.m. Marriage equality in R.I. with Frank Ferri and Jennifer Stevens.

11:10 a.m. - noon. 6-week program on Jewish values with Rich Walter, Bureau of Jewish Education.

### JWV posts meeting

Noon. The Reback-Winsten Post 406 and the Sackin-Shocket Post 533 of the Jewish War Veterans free luncheon for its members at the Shrine Club, 1 Rhodos Place, Cranston.

### Tamarisk - Financial planning

6:30 p.m. Seminar: "College Planning IS Retirement Planning." RSVP Gina at 732-0037.

### Lecture: Prague

7:30 p.m. At Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Mini course on Prague with Profs. Rachel Greenblatt, Raphael Shargel, and Cantor Brian Mayer. Cont. on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14. For info, call 331-1616.

### FRI., NOV. 17

#### BKK Shabbat feeling!

10:30 a.m. Babies, Kids and Kibbitzing with Rabbi Peter Stein about celebrating Shabbat with young children. At Federation, 130 Sessions Street. Challah provided.

#### "Beyond a Bagel"

6 p.m. Shabbat services, dinner. Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Recipes from the Sisterhood's new cookbook, "Beyond a Bagel." Chicken or fish entrée. Adults \$18, children \$8. RSVP by Mon., Nov. 13. 785-1800.

### SAT., NOV. 18

#### Sinai annual auction

6 p.m. Annual goods and service auction. At the temple, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Tickets: \$20 advance or \$25 at the door. For information contact egb@cox.net.

#### Film at Agudas Achim

7 p.m. "First Lesson in Peace" A little girl's view of the

Arab-Israeli conflict. \$8. 901 No. Main St., Attleboro.

### SUN., NOV. 19

#### Hanukkah shopping

9 a.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Hanukkah shopping and bake sale by the temple sisterhood. Open to all. For more information, 331-6070. Also on Sun., Dec. 3.

#### Blood drive at Torat Yisrael

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Blood drive.

### MON., NOV. 20

#### Emanu-El Leisure Club

10 a.m. Book review with Judy Greenblatt, BJE library director. "The Rabbi's Wife" by Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz.

11:10 a.m. - noon. Book reviews with Mara Sokolsky: "Pitching my Tent" by Anita Diamant, and "The World to Come" by Dara Horn.

### TUES., NOV. 21

#### Globalization lecture

7:30 p.m. Lecture by Prof. Douglas Blum at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. For more information, call the temple at 331-1616. Cont. on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12.

### Tamarisk events

3 p.m. "Kings of Swing" by Dr. Steven Kane, Sinatra, the Early Years. 6:30 p.m. Tamarisk Cabaret, "The Aristocats"

### WED., NOV. 22

#### Torat Yisrael Thanksgiving

7 p.m. Ecumenical service. Coffee and cake. 330 Park Ave., Cranston

### FRI., NOV. 24

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By Jonathan Rubin  
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Nature abhors a vacuum. So last weekend, air rushed to fill the spaces once occupied by millions of teens and 20-30-somethings, as they raced to theaters to see the "Borat" movie (full title is "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan").

This cinematic phenomenon grew out of the cult smash "Da Ali G Show," created by British Jewish comedian Sacha Baron Cohen. The documentary of sorts stars Cohen as his alter ego, Borat Sagdiyev, the socially ignorant journalist from backwards Kazakhstan, who has been sent to interview real Americans in the 'greatest country in the world.' Along the way he realizes his real goal — to marry and / or kidnap Pamela Anderson.

The movie, then, is really just an extended version of the 30-minute TV show — Borat acts as a well-intentioned but crude buffoon interviewing Americans of all stripes — prostitutes and clergyman, government officials, frat boys and housewives — while simultaneously hating out some of the darker elements in human society with his playful naiveté.

And this is where the Jewish element becomes an issue. Cohen's Borat is a laughable and incorrigible anti-Semite.

In one scene, he stays in a bed and breakfast owned by two kindly seniors; when he finds out they are Jewish, he



BORAT is based on the comedy of Sacha Baron Cohen.

thinks his dinner has been poisoned, stays up all night holding his money in one hand and an axe in the other, and then flees from the 'shape shifters' under cover of darkness.

But here he is obviously self-parodying the xenophobia of crazies. The real stuff that may make you squirm in your seat is when he takes his questions about "the Jews" to the masses — drunk young-

sters, rodeo cowboys and others — and the masses happily join in. He asks a gun store owner which gun is best to shoot a Jew with, and the owner quickly responds, "A .38 special." Or when a southern man declares with a grin that he's waiting for the day that blacks and Jews are "taken care of."

To this end, the Anti-Defamation League opined on their website:

And this is the main issue that will divide those who see Borat — we realize that many Americans, and not just the ones in the movie, "get" the joke.

"We hope that everyone who chooses to see the film understands Mr. Cohen's comedic technique, which is to use humor to unmask the absurd and irrational side of anti-Semitism and other phobias born of ignorance and fear."

And this is the main issue that will divide those who see Borat — we realize that many Americans, and not just the ones in the movie, "get" the joke.

Yes, the comedy is usually very funny, even at the expense of others. And, hypocritical or not, most people usually think it is OK for a person to lampoon his culture. But when the comedic art becomes invisible, and the mocking becomes cruel and contagious and takes on a life of its own, is it still comedy?

I vote yes, but this is coming from a liberal "freedom of the press" New England mentality. How the movie will be received in areas where Jews are scarce and prejudice is rife is another matter.

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## Community

# Sukkah contest shows talent, originality

The Jewish Voice and Herald's first annual Sukkah contest received some interesting and original entries. After much deliberation, the Sukkah committee decided to award first prize for the most beautiful sukkah to the Jewish Community Day School's colorfully painted mural of the Old City in Jerusalem.

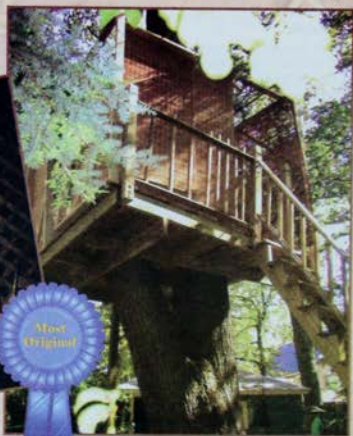
The prize for the most original goes to the Laura Mernoff family for their Sukkah tree house.

The children of Temple Am David merit a special award for the "most dedicated to others" for decorating their Sukkah for the residents of Tamarisk.

The Rabinowitz family set up a unique teepee Sukkah in New Hampshire.



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Students from Temple Am David decorated their Sukkah at Tamarisk on Tuesday, Oct. 3. This was the third year that the Am David children brought smiles to the residents of our neighbor in Warwick.



This Native American style Sukkah in Nashua, N.H. is clearly being enjoyed by the Rabinowitz tribe. Stars can be seen through the pine branch roof.



## Stolen 'Holocaust' scroll finds a new home

By Mary Korr  
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PROVIDENCE — On Sunday, a rescued Czech Torah scroll, looted by the Nazis during the war, was rededicated at the Holocaust Museum, its new home.

A procession of survivors and their families escorted the scroll under a chuppah into the Jewish Community Center social hall, where over a hundred people were gathered. Jack Feibleman was the Torah bearer.

First, Sen. Jack Reed spoke of the power of memory. "We recall those dark days today. It is our duty to remember and to struggle and it is that struggle that I truly believe we will prevail."

Mayor David Cicilline noted the rededication of a sacred document is a "cause for celebration. It says so much; it links us to our past and history and to our future here as a Jewish community."

The Torah was entrusted to the museum by Dr. Richard Glick, and his wife, Lynn. The family sponsored the Torah scroll, which is numbered 744, in memory of his wife's grandfather, Max Huterer, whom everyone called Moxie. He survived Kristallnacht, "the night of broken glass," the Dachau concentration camp, and immigrated to New York City, where he worked as a dentist during his long life.

The handwritten scroll, one of 1,564, and looted by the Nazis for what was to be a museum exhibit of "relics of the extinct Jewish race," was found in a warehouse in Prague after the war, along with other sacred objects. Handwritten, it is from the Bohemian town of Tabor.

The Torah scrolls now belong to the Memorial Scrolls Trust at Westminster Synagogue in London, where they are catalogued, repaired and distributed to synagogues throughout the world.

"Because of the feelings I had for Moxie, we, as a family, wanted to dedicate more than a plaque," Dr. Glick said. He decided on a Holocaust Torah as a fitting memorial.

It was in Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston for many years; now the Glicks hope it will illuminate the enduring spirit of the Jewish people for visitors, especially schoolchildren, who visit the museum on class trips. It is in a case on permanent display at the lower level of the JCC outside the Holocaust Museum.

"Many of the children who come to the museum have never seen a Torah before," said May-Ronny Zeidman, the museum's administrator. On Sunday, 10 women from a residential treatment center and an activities director also attended the event; the first time they had ever seen a Torah scroll, or heard about Kristallnacht.

Sam Coale, a professor from Wheaton College, spoke on the recently published book by Martin Gilbert, called "Kristallnacht, Prelude to Destruction."

In it, the author interviews survivors of Kristallnacht, on Nov. 10, 1938, when the Nazis and Hitler Youth stormed across Jewish neighborhoods in Germany. They sacked and burned a thousand synagogues



JACK FEIBLEMAN holds the rescued Czech Torah scroll in a procession Sunday for its rededication at its new home at the Holocaust Museum.

and destroyed thousands of Jewish shops. Thirty thousand Jews were rounded up and sent to concentration camps. Moxie was one of them, but had the foresight to see trouble looming, and had applied for visas to America. His wife and daughter hid, and when the visas later arrived, went to the police.

"It was 1938; they were happy to get rid of Jews," his granddaughter, Lynn, said. He was released from Dachau and left the country with his wife and daughter, Ilse, Lynn's mother.

The Brown Hillel acapella chorus, singing in Hebrew, and the Brown Klezmer band Yarmulkazi performed at the event.



DR. RICHARD GLICK, left, and his family sponsored the rescued Holocaust Torah in honor of his wife's grandfather, a survivor.

## Muslim, Jewish students ponder, paint peace

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palette.

JCDS students Daniel Brandes and David Labine painted a black hand and a white hand on two small canvases and pushed them together.

"People shake hands to solve problems," said Daniel.

"Kids don't do that. Adults do that," clarified David. "Kids just say we're sorry."

The 10-year-olds said the black hand grasping the white hand represented the abolition of slavery.

"How was the problem of slavery solved?" asked Roxanne Horech, one of the Brown students. She has worked in cross-cultural dialogue through art projects in Israel when she attended the American International High School there.

"Good people thought it was immoral

and worked against it," answered Daniel.

The two boys spoke about the wars in Iraq and Israel.

"It doesn't matter how much land you give over for peace, or how much money it will cost," Daniel said. "You have to get the leaders and the people to be friends first and work together. Without trust, nothing will happen and wars will go on."

"Wars complicate things," David said. "My brother is a soldier in Iraq. He works for the U.S. government. He is away too much. I would like to tell President Bush my brother should come home more. It could be working for half the year, then coming home for the other half. It's hard to talk to him; I'm awake when he's asleep; he's asleep when I'm awake."

Dani Satlow also showed two figures shaking hands. "The one in the green shirt is an Irish guy. He is shaking hands with

a British guy. They are making arrangements for peace after fighting each other for hundreds of years," he said.

Max Rothenich painted a gun "Xed" out with a white peace sign over it.

Sarah Silverstein painted a flower surrounded by buds. "Flowers make me feel peaceful," she said.

Rachel Mernoff and Emma Meberg painted a path to peace bordered in black.

The black symbolized the difficulty of the task.

"What will it take to go down the path?" asked Roxanne.

"Strength," the girls answered.

The program was organized by Marilyn Rueschmeyer, who oversees Jewish/Muslim/Arab relations for the Community Relations Council (CRC) at Federation, and Andrea Katzman, director of community programs at JCDS.



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## Food

## The changing notion of kosher

**Dietary changes are afoot, but are they kosher? That depends what it means.**

By Sue Fishkoff

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 (JTA) - Reform rabbis are talking about their own board of kashrut. Synagogues are contracting with organic farms in the name of Jewish values.

Something is going on in the world of Jewish dietary practice. But is it kosher?

That depends on what you mean by the word. In addition to following more kosher laws, many Jews are expanding their notion of what constitutes food that is "fit to eat."

Even as the kosher food industry continues its explosive growth - it's now a \$10 billion market, showing 15 percent growth over last year, according to Lubicom Marketing, which runs Manhattan's annual Kosherfest - some individuals and groups are exploring creative approaches to kashrut in the name of pluralism, holiness and social justice.

Eco-kashrut, which includes notions of sustainable agriculture, fair labor practices and ethical treatment of animals in its definition of what is kosher, or fit

to eat, has been a staple of Jewish Renewal since Rabbi Zalman

Schachter-Shalomi began promoting the term decades ago.

As environmentalism itself entered the American mainstream, eco-kashrut gained currency in more Jewish circles.

Tu B'Shevat, which marks the new growing season, is commonly observed by such activities as tree plantings, beach or park clean-ups and recycling projects. Jewish schools and camps promote recycling in the dining hall as a Jewish value.

The "green synagogue" movement encourages congregations to build and maintain their synagogues according to sound ecological practices.

Now a handful of Jewish groups is poised to take eco-kashrut to the next step, creating a symbiotic food-production chain whereby synagogues and other Jewish institutions buy their food from local organic farms.

Hazon, a New York-based nonprofit, pioneered the idea two summers ago with its *Tu B'Shevat* program.

This past growing season, five synagogues and Jewish community centers in New York, New Jersey, Washington and Texas contracted with local farmers for all or a significant part of their harvest, giving the farmers



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financial support while encouraging their own members to eat locally grown, organic produce. Five more cities will be added to the program next year.

"We want to reframe the question of kashrut, not to abandon it, but to ask what it means to keep kosher in the 21st century," project coordinator Leah

Koenig says. "Is it kosher to eat food sprayed with chemicals? Is it kosher to eat eggs from chickens kept in tiny, cramped cages?"

The project is perhaps the first Jewish entree into the world of CSA, or community-sustained agriculture.

Synagogue or JCC members pay in advance for produce boxes, which they pick up at the institution on a weekly basis.

Not everyone is buying in,

however.

"The Orthodox Union has had this discussion, in terms of animal welfare and healthful foods," but ultimately decided that its mandate is simply to provide certification of what's kosher according to *halakha*, not decide what's "healthy" or "ethical" food, says Rabbi Menachem Genack, head of the organization's kashrut division.

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## Food

## NOTION OF KOSHER

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**AN INCREASING NUMBER** of Reform functions are becoming kosher.

Jack Wertheimer, provost of the Conservative Movement's Jewish Theological Seminary, agrees.

"As a Jew who believes kashrut is part of the discipline of Judaism, kashrut is kashrut. Eco-kashrut is something different," Wertheimer says. "Not that Jewish events have been offering a fish or vegetarian meal option for years. But as increasing numbers of young, politically active Jews, in particular, subscribe to one or more of these eating restrictions, some Jewish groups are going further: It's not enough, they say,

to offer only kosher food or only vegetarian food, because that disenfranchises people who don't follow those dietary practices. Some Jews, for example, consider anything vegetarian to be kosher, or "kosher enough."

"Kashrut has kept our community together" through the years of dispersal, Margie Klein, director of Moishe House in Boston: Kavod Jewish Social Justice House, points out. "How ironic it would be if it becomes a divisive force that makes people feel unwelcome or unworthy."

## Italian-Jewish dinner on Federal Hill

By Marylyn Graff

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PROVIDENCE — Chef Walter Potenza, Federal Hill restaurateur and entrepreneur is planning a pre-Hanukkah dinner at his newest establishment, upstairs at Spezia at Atwells Avenue.

Potenza, who is something of an authority on culinary history, has long been interested in the cuisine of the Italian Jews.

Jews gravitated to Italy in large numbers after the expulsion from Spain in 1492. Many of the Italian cities welcomed them, as they were good for business. The word "ghetto" comes from the Italian for "foundry," the neighborhood in Venice which saw the first Jewish quarter. From the Venetian vantage point at the head of the Adriatic, the Jewish merchants quickly became instrumental in the spice trade.

The Potenza family came from the town of Potenza Picena in central Italy, where there was a considerable population of Jews. Potenza says that his father had many Jewish friends.

The elder Signor Potenza was a captain in the Italian army during World War II. In 1944 as the German army was retreating from northern Italy they were rounding up all the Jews they could find. Potenza's father and




**THE NEIGHBORHOOD** of Venice saw the first Jewish quarter after the expulsion from Spain.

a friend hid 219 Jewish men, women and children in the basement of a church, with food and water, and built a fake cement wall to conceal them. After 11 days, when the Germans had left, they freed them. Potenza's father was nicknamed "Rabino," rabbi in Italian, by his friends, but it took many years of searching through old family and army records to find out how the name came to be.

The cooking of the Italian Jews, which had largely originated in the Iberian Peninsula,

took advantage of its inheritance of vegetables and fruits, olive oil, chicken, lamb and fish, imaginatively flavored with the spices brought in by their trading ships. Almonds, figs and dates add variety to pastries and desserts. As the Jewish cuisine enriched the Italian, the Italian kitchen gave much to the Jewish cuisine.

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## Food

# Thanksgiving thoughts

By Marylyn Graff

### Sophisticated Yams

This is an easy and festive recipe from my daughter, Ellen, via her friend Maureen.

3 lbs. yams parboiled until still firm, (about 10 minutes) cooled and peeled

4 Tblsps. parve margarine, including 1 to grease baking dish.

1/8 tsp. pepper  
light sprinkling of salt, optional

2 Tblsps. sugar

1/4 cup bourbon

Slice yams 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Overlap in greased shallow baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar and dot with margarine.

Bake at 400 for about 40 minutes.

When bringing to the table, carefully flame the bourbon in a ladle and drizzle over yams.

Alternative: drizzle bourbon over yams before baking.

I've learned over the years if you want your guest to eat the Thanksgiving dinner you worked so hard to prepare, not to have a lot of hors d'oeuvres. Some crudité's with a dip of light sour cream and chopped spinach, cooked and drained, with herbs and garlic to season, would be plenty. Have a bowl of nuts if you must.

Along the same lines, I serve a salad as a first course, rather than soup.

### Pear & greens salad

Peel and core two or three firm Anjou pears. Cut in half and place in a pan of apple cider, bring to a simmer and cook until barely tender. Drain and cool.

Meanwhile in a heavy frying pan, melt a Tblsp. or so of margarine, add about a half cup of coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans. Toast over low heat until browned. Drain on paper towels.

When ready to serve, place greens in a salad bowl or on a

platter, slice pears and arrange over greens. Sprinkle on nuts.

### Dressing

3/4 cup salad or walnut oil, 1/4 cup lemon juice, 1 Tblsp. honey. Shake well and pour lightly over salad. (This makes more than needed.)

Adjust recipe for number of guests.

### Easy as apple pie

I'm just giving some ideas of my own for apple pie. I use unflavored tapioca as a thickener. Its

texture is just right, not too thick or thin. Use in the same amounts as you would cornstarch. Cornstarch is okay, as it thickens clear, but flour is cloudy.

I sweeten my apple pie with honey instead of sugar, as honey has a great affinity with apples. About 3/4 cup for a nine-inch pie with the apples piled up (depending on the tartness of your apples.) Since honey is liquid you might put in an extra tblsp. of thickener.

I like a crumb topping on apple pie with ice cream too.

## My family's favorite cookie-bar

By Marylyn Graff

This is a good Thanksgiving dessert for the youngsters who don't like pies.

I've been making these since I can't remember when, and they are what my family always asks for — they're simple to make and mix up in a jiffy.

Preheat oven to 350.

1 stick butter or non-dairy margarine

2 cups brown sugar, light or dark

2 tsp. real vanilla

2 eggs

1 cup all-purpose flour

2 tsp. baking powder



1 tsp. salt

1 cup uncooked oatmeal, quick is fine.

Chocolate chips.

Melt butter or marg. in a good-sized saucepan over low heat, remove from heat and stir in brown sugar until well-mixed. Stir in eggs, one at a time, and mix in vanilla. Sift flour with baking powder and salt and mix in, and lastly, oats. Grease a 9 by

13 pan (or an 8 by 12 if you like them thicker, or that's what you have). Dump batter in and spread evenly. Sprinkle generously with chocolate chips.

Bake about 30 minutes, depending on the pan and your oven. Remove from oven when golden brown around the edges and still a little soft in the center. They will finish baking out of the oven. Cool and cut into squares.



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## Medical Arts

# A corner drugstore in Brooklyn

Sometime after the decline of the medieval alchemist's emporium but before the emergence of modern convenience establishments like CVS, there existed a necessary community resource called the neighborhood drugstore.

In the inner Brooklyn of the 1920s, this independent establishment served its neighborhood as a place of trust, the site of the only public telephone booth for blocks around as well as a visible clock for a generation without



**Stanley Aronson M.D.**

wristwatches. It was also a source of sensible medical advice and a place to fill prescriptions.

These drugstores existed in the days before strip malls and mega stores and before chains of health-related establishments.

In upscale areas they were called pharmacies and sometimes even chemists. The drugstore was frequently the anchor establishment of the area, often situated at the corner and clustered with other retail outlets including the candy store for the purchase of sweets, tobacco products, newspapers, magazines and (illegal) lottery tickets; the produce store selling fruits and vegetables; the grocer, the barber shop; the butcher; the beauty parlor, and the Chinese laundry.



The drugstore, though, was typically the oldest of the neighborhood stores, owned and operated by a white-coated pharmacist. The store window usually held a few pharmaceutical symbols such as large ceramic mortars and pestles, a scattering of empty beakers, perhaps an ancient microscope and huge bulbous glass containers, three or more feet high, each filled with a green or amber-colored solution. Prominently displayed were the hours in which the store was open and the pharmacist's name and degree. One entered the poorly illuminated drugstore with the Bell telephone booth in somber mahogany, to one side.

The public telephone was indispensable for the many local

families without a home phone. It was used to summon the family physician or to notify relatives of the birth, death or illness of a loved one. And so, when a call came, the pharmacist would send one of his children to beckon Mrs. Goldensohn around the corner. There were few events more frightening than to be called to the drugstore telephone by the pharmacist's boy.

It would be another decade before proprietors realized the economic merit of selling fluid

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refreshments by means of a contrivance called the soda fountain.

There were no easily accessible open counters for the display of home health products. Rather, there was a sturdy counter behind which stood the pharmacist's wife with her notebook,

her pencil, her ancient typewriter and her cash register. In the back room was the pharmacist with his workable holding mortars and pestles. An array of empty bottles, a delicate scale to weigh powders, a microscope, a small hand press to make pills and an assortment of elixirs, decoctions, solutions, essences, dried herbs, placebos and active chemicals to

fill the complex formulations of the physicians' prescriptions.

The nearly illegible prescription was delivered with trembling hand to the pharmacist's wife who then told you its cost and how long it would take before the medication would be ready. There were cane back chairs where one might wait. Through much experience, one learned that the clicking of the old Remington typewriter

signified that the prescription was nearly ready. On occasion the medication labels were handwritten.

There were some prepackaged products available in the drugstores of the 1920s. These included dentifrices, mouthwashes, Bayer aspirin, pills for ill-defined kidney problems, complex tonics for "women's problems" and, of course, laxa-

tives, the most famous being a Brooklyn product called Ex-Lax.

Prescriptions however, were an awesome assemblage of Latin phrases and abbreviations understood solely by the pharmacist and the physician. The prescription frequently required a formulation, (a concoction of multiple powdery substances, thoroughly mixed, then packaged in folded slips of waxed paper,) which were to be taken a specified number of times per day with hot tea or other warm fluid. Rarely, during those Prohibition years when the sale of alcoholic products for non-therapeutic purposes was forbidden, the prescription ordered spiritus frumenti (whiskey) or even spiritus vini virus (brandy) these fluids said to be useful in reviving flagging appetites or depressed spirits.

The neighborhood drugstore remains a receding memory for those who lived before the Great Depression of 1929. It rendered sage advice on a variety of health problems.

The neighborhood pharmacy, along with the local synagogue, elementary school and public library served to stabilize the inner Jewish community, providing it with basic resources, an enduring identity and a fragile sense of security.

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WARWICK — Teens from B'nai Tzedek: Teen Philanthropy Rhode Island, decorated pumpkins and painted faces as they chatted with residents of the Phyllis Siperstein Assisted Living Renaissance Unit at a fall family fun fair held Oct. 29.

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## Forum on human trafficking

PROVIDENCE — A public forum on human trafficking in Rhode Island will be presented by the National Council of Jewish Women and the Office of the Mayor of the City of Providence on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Providence Marriott, One Orms St.

Mayor David Cicilline will introduce the lecture.

Panel members are: Stephanie Federico, Esq., moderator; Sister Helene Hayes, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, authority on the impact of human trafficking; Professor Donna Hughes Carlson, endowed chair in women's studies, University of Rhode Island, scholar on trafficking of women and children; Maj. Stephen Campbell, Investigative Bureau, City of Providence; Robert Clark Corrente, U.S. Attorney for Rhode Island; and Peg Langhammer, executive director, Day One, The Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center.

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## Community

### Talmudical dean to visit

PROVIDENCE — Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky, dean of the Talmudical Academy of Philadelphia and member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah (Council of Torah Sages) of Agudath Israel of America, will be visiting Providence on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Rabbi Kamenetsky will speak to students from the Providence Hebrew Day School and New England Academy of Torah (NEAT), as well as to the community Kollel and the New England Rabbinical College. In addition, a community-wide address will take

place at 6:15 p.m. at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh is coordinating Rabbi Kamenetsky's visit. For further information, contact Rabbi Yechel Zudkowsky at 421-5074.

### JFS holds annual meeting

PROVIDENCE — Jewish Family Service (JFS) held its 77th annual meeting at Laurelmead on Thursday, Oct. 12; over 75 people attended. Rabbi Marc Jagoliner of Temple Shalom gave the opening and closing prayers. Jewish Federation of R.I.'s Executive Vice President, Stephen Silberfarb, spoke of his vision for the community and relationships with the agencies.

JFS President Peri Ann Aptaker, and Treasurer Scott

Libman, spoke about JFS's successes over the past year, including the AgeWell collaboration with Jewish Seniors Agency and the Jewish Community Center. JFS was re-accredited by the Council on Accreditation. A staff recognition award, voted by the JFS staff, was given to financial assistant, Ana Cordeiro. Deborah Greenspan, who stepped down as secretary, received recognition for her many years of dedication to the agency.

The JFS officers for 2006-2007 are: Peri Ann Aptaker, in her third term as president; Scott Libman as vice president; Michele Lederberg as secretary and Matthew Brennan as treasurer.

The board of JFS reflects the geographic diversity of the region with new members from Attleboro, Newport, Narragansett, Barrington and greater Providence.

### Film on Arab-Jewish school to be shown

ATTLEBORO — Congregation Agudas Achim will show the film "First Lesson in Peace," a documentary about a six-year-old girl attending Neveh Shalom-Whahat al-Salam, a mixed Arab-Jewish primary school in Israel, on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

It explores the Jewish-Arab conflict through the eyes of a six-year-old girl, the director's daughter, when she starts school at the mixed Arab-Jewish primary school — Neveh Shalom, The Oasis of Peace.

The director, the son of Zionist immigrants to Israel

from Australia, and his wife Ofra, whose father was killed by Arabs in one of the Arab-Israeli wars, accompany Michal on her first days at school. They are full of fears and apprehension, concern and many politically incorrect second thoughts, especially when both Yoram's Zionist father and Ofra's extreme right wing brother express opposition to the parent's decision on their young daughter's future education at this Arab-Jewish experimental school.

A short discussion and light snacks will follow. The charge is \$8 per person. The temple is located at 901 North Main St.

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## Community

# Alan Axelrod, community builder, dies at 52

By Jonathan Rubin  
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WARWICK — The quiet benevolence of Alan Axelrod was remembered across Rhode Island this week. Many organizations large and small remembered his passionate dedication with fondness, and friends and colleagues recalled him as being equal parts "gentleman" and "scholar." He died Nov. 2 after a battle with cancer.

At Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman eulogized Axelrod as a man of "faith, family and friends," who "wore the crown of a good name."

Friends praised him for his boundless energy and dedication, even during his final days. He moved through countless non-profit and fundraising circles, both as a professional and a volunteer, trying to secure the funds, the labor and the "buy-in" to advance a plethora of social and humanitarian causes.

"There was something about his character and basic goodness that people recognized and respected," said Paul Witham, associate vice president for development at the University of Rhode Island, where Axelrod had worked for seven years.

Colleagues at the United Way, where he once worked, were in tears when the news hit.

"He really believed that people are here to help other

people," said Mary Jane Silva, vice president of resource development.

Axelrod loved the idea of community service, of making groups of people safer, more connected and more enfranchised. He worked in the interfaith community, trying to find common ground on social issues, and with the Latino-Jewish Alliance to create new partnerships.

He took pleasure in working on both the "big picture" and the "hands on" levels. For example, he helped generate support from the Jewish community for a Habitat for Humanity homebuilding project in Olneyville. He'd also champion the affordable housing initiative through his work at the Community Relations Council (CRC) at the Jewish Federation, and then he'd work to feed the homeless through the Social Action Committee at Beth-El.

A skilled writer with great stores of knowledge, he wrote many erudite pieces to the Providence Journal and the Jewish Voice & Herald in support of Israel. As a member of the Voice's editorial board, in his final weeks he penned a book review and asked for more work. "It's the only way I now have to connect to the Jewish community," he said to the editor.

He was very serious-minded, but his compassion and graciousness always put people at ease. He had a dry sense of humor, and his smile and kind features could inject levity into a tense meeting.



Alan Axelrod

"He liked everybody no matter who you were and where you came from," a friend said.

He enjoyed nature and loved to sail and garden.

Peri Ann Aptaker worked with Axelrod on the Planned Giving Council of Rhode Island, where he served as president last year. She said he was positive and an unpretentious sort of man, very down to earth.

"Alan was an all-around nice guy — there aren't a lot of them around," she said.

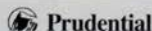
"By doing all that good work, he was leaving his own legacy."

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## OBITUARIES

### Alan Axelrod, 52

WARWICK — Alan John Axelrod, 52, died Nov. 2. He was the husband of Adelina (Azevedo) Axelrod. They were married for 16 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Walter and Bernice (Ganzer) Axelrod, he had lived in Providence for most of his life before moving to Warwick five years ago.

He had been the assistant director of planned giving at the University of Rhode Island since 1999. He previously served as the vice president of gift planning for the United Way of Southeastern New England and was the former CEO of Axelrod Music, Inc. in Providence.

Mr. Axelrod was a graduate of Moses Brown School, received his bachelor's degree from Brown University, class of 1976 and his master's degree in English from Rhode Island College, class of 1997. He was also a graduate of Leadership R.I., class of 1986. While at Brown, he was a member of the crew team.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, its executive board, school board and Brotherhood. He was also the Temple's social action committee chairman. He was a member of the editorial board of the *R.I. Jewish Voice & Herald*. He was chairman of the Federation's Community Relations Council and received the Norman D. and Flo Tilles Community Relations Council Award in 1999. He was a board member at Camp Fuller.

He was a member of Tour Fraternal Association, the Narragansett Boat Club and was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the R.I. Coalition of Library

Advocates where he was a past president. He was an associate of the John Brown Library at Brown University.

Mr. Axelrod was an avid writer, sailor and hiker.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Caroline, at home; a sister, Sandy Cabral and her husband Michael of Cranston; and an aunt and uncle, Shirley and Dick Palestine. He was a dear family friend of Dodo Hirsch.

Contributions may be made to the Walter and Bernice Axelrod Fund, c/o Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906 or Habitat for Humanity, 807 Broad St., Box 37, Providence, RI 02907.

### Susan (Burdette) Fain, 58

OCOEE, Fla. — Susan (Burdette) Fain, 58, died Oct. 28. She was the daughter of the late Calvin C. and Bertha (Morin) Baker.

She worked as an insurance claims adjuster for 30 years.

She loved dancing, reading and weekend trips to the beach and was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She leaves her husband of 10 years, Larry G. Fain; three sons, Jimmie Burdette, Mike Burdette and Matt Burdette; two brothers, James Baker and Frank Baker; a sister, Mary Baker; seven grandchildren, Kasie, Brooke, Brittany, Demi, Brandon, Shannon and Cameron; and a step-son, Mark Fain of Rhode Island.

### Ruth Pritzker, 95

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Ruth Silverman Pritzker, 95, formerly of Providence, died Oct. 26 in Florida.

She was the wife of the late

Dr. Samuel Pritzker. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Charles and Lena (Rosenblatt) Silverman, she was a 1933 graduate of Smith College.

Mrs. Silverman was a member of Temple Beth-El.

She leaves two sons, Nathan Pritzker and his wife Caroline of Florida; and Stephen Pritzker and his wife Maureen of Massachusetts; a daughter, Eleanor Sheldon and her husband Lee of Florida; eight grandchildren, Daniel, Stephanie, Matthew, Joshua, Nicole, Michael, Caiti and Lindsay. She was also the sister of the late William, Milton, Sidney and Harold Silverman and Selma Bennett and Miriam Soforenko.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

### Gerald L. Reuter, 72

STOUGHTON, Mass.

— Gerald Louis Reuter, 72, died on Oct. 21. He was the husband of Beverly (Sklut) Reuter. They were married for 49 years. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Herbert and Tillie (Brody) Reuter.

He graduated from Hope High School and the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy.

Mr. Reuter flourished in his career as a scientist in both veterinary and human pharmaceutical research and development, creating a multiplicity of patents.

He lived in Plattsburgh, N.Y., for 36 years before moving to Highland Beach, Fla., and Stoughton, Mass.

Mr. Reuter served on the Plattsburgh City Planning Board, the Clinton County Planning Board, the board of Planned Parenthood, and as a volunteer for STOP Domestic Violence.

He was a president of B'nai

Brith Lodge #118 and of Temple Beth Israel. He was also a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at Plattsburgh State University and the Scripps Institute, Florida Atlantic University.

Besides his wife, he leaves son, Merrill Reuter and his wife Pamela; a daughter, Rhond Reuter Pais and her husband Robert; a brother, Richard and his wife, Rhonda Reuter; two sisters, Selma (Reuter) and her husband Daniel Weiss; and Sharon and her husband, Ira Rizer; seven grandchildren: Seth, Hillary, Evan and Jordan Reuter, and Sarah, Ethan and Erica Pais; his mother-in-law, Mollie Sklut and many nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late David Paul Reuter. Contributions may be made to the David P. Reuter Free Helmet Fund, c/o The Foundation of CVPH, 73 Beekman St., Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

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## Simechas

### Birth

Jonah Goldstein and Jessica Larko of Woonsocket announce the birth of their son, Ronan Michael, on Sept. 27. Paternal grandparents are Meyer and Sue-Rita Goldstein of Providence. Maternal grandparents are Anne and Ken Poirier of North Smithfield and Michael Larko, of North Smithfield. Great-grandparents are Baruch Goldstein of Delray Beach, Fla., and Richard and Diana Beauchemin of North Smithfield.

### Wedding

Jack Brown and Tanya Hernandez were married Sept. 2 in Juarez, Mexico.

The bridegroom is the son of Ann and Phil Brown of Whitinsville, Mass., and Naples, Fla.

The bride is the daughter of Sylvia Hernandez and the late Fernando Hernandez of El Paso, Texas.

They are both account executives at Telemundo, a subsidiary of NBC.

The couple currently resides in New York City.



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Jack Brown and Tanya Hernandez

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## Hanukkah Art Contest

### This year's theme: Hanukkah in New England



The Jewish Voice & Herald is continuing its annual Hanukkah art contest. Get your art materials out and send us your most creative Hanukkah illustration.



Entries must be two-dimensional and created on a piece of paper no larger than 10" x 16". NO GLITTER and NO FOIL! The name, age, grade, address and phone number of the artist **MUST** appear on the back of every entry. If this information is not provided, the entry will be disqualified. Only one entry per child.

The **DEADLINE** for submission is **Dec. 8**. Entries must be delivered to the front desk at the Jewish Community Center, c/o Voice & Herald Hanukkah Art Contest, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

The winners will be announced in the Dec. 22 issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald. Artwork and prizes may be picked up at an award party at the Jewish Community Center (date TBA).

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