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AgeWell RI debuts

Call Beth for help with senior issues

By Mary Korr
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PROVIDENCE — Even before advertising the telephone number, Beth (Licht) Laramée, information specialist at AgeWell RI, has logged in over 50 calls from people who need help in finding appropriate senior services.

Laramée, a seasoned human services professional with a certificate in geriatrics, can count on being busy — Rhode Island has the sixth fastest growing elderly population in the country; 23 percent of the Jewish population in R.I. is over 65. Currently, 2,000 seniors are helped through Jewish service agencies in the state; the hope

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Jerusalem: 40-year Anniversary



Photo: Brian Hendler/JTA

A STRAND OF BLUE LIGHTS outlines the top of the Old City walls at the Tower of David, right, on May 13, 2007, to mark the 40th anniversary since the reunification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War in 1967.

JFRI board passes on Lincoln site

By Mary Korr
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PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Endowment Committee and Board of Directors voted last Thursday against a resolution to borrow up to \$1.2 million from unrestricted Endowment funds to purchase a 36-acre parcel of land in Lincoln, adjacent to Route 146 off the Breakneck Hill Road exit.

The asking price is \$1.1 million, plus \$44,000 in commission fees.

The JFRI Facilities Committee recommended the proposal to the Federation leadership, suggesting that the site offered attractive options for building new community facilities, or to "land bank" for future usage. The Facilities Committee has been searching for a site with the potential to house the Jewish Community Day School, and/or Jewish agencies and Federation offices, for four years.

The meeting was quickly assembled — the seller of the Lincoln site needed an immediate buyer to close on the property before June 15, hence the special meeting of JFRI's board.

JFRI President Herbert B. Stern said the large parcel of undeveloped land accessible to major roadways offered a rare opportunity for the community. "It is an expanse of land we have not been able to find. It would give us options and opportunities as we develop plans to meet our present and future needs."

The proposed purchase was
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Rallying 'round tax credits

By Mary Korr
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PROVIDENCE — Hundreds of students in private and parochial schools, including Jewish day school students and educational leaders in the Jewish community, rallied at the R.I. Statehouse last week in support of a corporate tax credit program used for scholarships.

Both the Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) and the Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) have benefited from the program to the tune of over \$200,000 in needs-based scholarships awarded this year.

The statehouse stint was a lesson in economics and civics for students. Gov. Donald Carcieri stopped by to shake the hand of Naomi Stein, JCDS admissions associate, and parent Nicole Katzman of Lincoln, with her son, Jacob, a second-grader. The

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Providence Hebrew Day School students attended a R.I. Scholarship Alliance rally at the statehouse last Wednesday. From left are Eliyahu, Yehudis (at rear) and Esther Raskin, Esty Saklad, Terrence Allen, senior vice president of Bank of America, and Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, dean of school.

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SUN., MAY 27

Jewish War Veterans Memorial Day service

11 a.m. Rain or shine, tent, at The Memorial Wall of Honor, Jewish War Veterans, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick. Deceased veterans' roll call, ceremony, public officials will speak, Sen. Jack Reed, Adj. Gen. Bray. Religious event with military details. For information, contact Sanford H. Gorodetsky at 942-5656.

WED., MAY 30

Touro Fraternal installation

6:30 p.m. Touro Fraternal Association meeting, installation of officers, board at its headquarters (45 Rolfe Square, Cranston). Catered kosher dinner, open to Touro members only. Reservations are required. Call Touro at 785-0066.

FRI., JUNE 1

JCC Lunch & Learn

Noon to 1:15 p.m. JFRI Board Room. Professor Alison R. Levine's topic: Innovative Women in Jewish History. Reservations are required; call 861-8800.

Temple Sinai dinner & service

5:45 to 8 p.m. at the temple. Recognition of Rabbi George Astrachan. For more information or to attend call 942-8350.

SUN., JUNE 3

Grand opening/dedication Victor & Gussie Baxt Building

2 to 4 p.m. at The Miriam Hospital.

Temple Emanu-El gala honoring Rabbi Franklin

6:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the temple, for more information, call 331-1616.

Temple Sinai board installation

7:30 to 9 p.m. at the temple. For more information call 942-8350.

MON., JUNE 4

Historical view, discussion of the Arab-Israeli conflict

7 p.m. Channing Memorial Church, 135 Pelham St., Newport, facing Touro Park. "A Brief History of the State of Israel

We Are Read Everywhere



THIS WAY TO JORDAN — Norton Salk brought in this "We Are Read Everywhere" photo taken in April on a trip to Israel. The newspaper invites readers to take along a copy of the Jewish Voice & Herald on their next trip and send us a photo, which we will publish in this new interactive feature. Photos can be emailed to voiceherald@jfri.org, with "We Are Read Everywhere" in the subject line. Or, send to JVV&H at 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI, 02906.

and Prospects for Arab-Israeli Peace." Speaker is Dr. David E. Matz, founder and director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution at UMass Boston. Dr. Matz's experience includes assisting the Israeli Ministry of Justice. Open discussion of current prospects for peace. Free and open to the public. For information, call

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Beth-El to host Cantors in Concert



Cantors Fredda and Jacob Rakusin Mendelson

PROVIDENCE — On Sunday, June 10, at 4 p.m., Temple Beth-El will host the Freda and Louis Kaufman Memorial Concert, *Cantors in Concert*, a sampling of liturgical, Yiddish theater, opera, Israeli, and Broadway music sung by four leading area cantors.

Temple Beth-El's own Cantor Judy Seplowin will be joined by Cantors Jacob Mendelson, Fredda Rakusin Mendelson and Daniel Singer, and will be accompanied by Joyce Rosenzweig.

Mendelson serves on the executive board of the Cantorial Alumni Association of Hebrew Union College in New York City. She is married to Jacob Mendelson who has served for 20 years as cantor of Temple Israel Center in White Plains.

Daniel Singer is the cantor at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City. Accompanist Joyce Rosenzweig has been the musical director of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in New York City since 1994.

Cantors in Concert will be followed by a reception.

Temple Beth-El is located at 70 Orchard Ave. on the East Side of Providence.

Contact the temple office for more information at (401) 331-6070.

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in

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Elaine Rembrandt is a member of the American Federation of Radio & Television Artists and for the last twelve years, has been touring the country with her one-woman show "Courage and Commitment". While changing costumes as she continues to speak, Rembrandt takes viewers through the lives of four incredible Jewish women: Deborah, the biblical Judge; Dona Gracia Mendes; Emma Lazarus; and Golda Meir.



Please join us for this unique and special event!

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Time to close the reporter's notebook

Community

'One amazing thing has become very clear to me over the years—people really read this paper.'



YEHUDA LEV, senior columnist at the JV&H, offers Jon some practical advice as he leaves the newspaper to attend graduate school for journalism in Chicago, at Northwestern.

By Jonathan Rubin

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF RHODE ISLAND
is seeking a full time Community Relations Director.**

The CRC Director is responsible for:

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- The Jewish community's relationship with the Afula/Gilboa region of Israel
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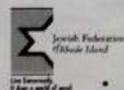
The Director will also be responsible for engaging volunteers to participate and support activities as described above.

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As I write this, my final column as managing editor of this newspaper, I feel a complex mix of sadness, loss and relief. Nothing I have experienced in my life yet has been as challenging and rewarding as my job serving the Jewish community. I work here because I believe in what I do - I believe in the importance of strengthening the continuity of Jewish life. This job, and this community, have contributed to making me who I am today. My love for Judaism, which has been known to wax and wane, is now a permanent part of me.

This paper, nestled between the many offices of the Federation, has given me experiences that I never would have known had I worked at any other newspaper. I have not been reporting on a community, but on my community. I have been extremely invested in this job, and I hope it has showed.

A dear friend once advised me to keep a file of the more interesting letters and emails that I receive. What I have found while leafing through them was a collection so vast and varied that it seems impossible that they were all addressed to the same person!

I have revisited letters that were sealed in wax using a family seal, and anonymous ones signed only with the name "O.R. Thodox." There are warm, thoughtful thank you cards from children as well as adults, and, of course, I cannot forget some of the scathing letters that I found - one condemning my editing as "butchery." My favorite bit of correspondence arrived in an envelope covered with three-cent stamps from the 1940s celebrating nothing less than the 50th anniversary of the state of Idaho!

It is strange to look at my career here at the Jewish Voice & Herald as having an "end date" - this newspaper has been much more than a job to me; it has been a central part of my life. It has felt to me over the past five years that I was always "on duty" - people pitched me story ideas at synagogue, embraced (or avoided) me in the supermarket, or inviting me and my friends to Shabbat dinners, something I never grew tired of, even if I wasn't able to take everyone up on their offers.

As the managing editor, I have found myself over the years struggling to balance the paper's reporting between meaningful, positive news and "controversial" news that had the potential to ruffle a few feathers. I have felt that running a Jewish paper has an added difficulty - one I have strived to always avoid - "lashon hora," which is a Hebrew term meaning "evil tongue" and refers to not only gossip but also speaking negatively about another person or institution. I would like to think that I only ever allowed reporting in this paper that contributed, in some meaningful way, to educating, informing and enhancing the well-being of our community.

Much of my time here has been spent learning and experimenting. Of the many things I tried, I am perhaps most proud of our

Opinion

A MAORITY OF ONE

Six-Day War, a turning point for Israel

Is there a single reader of these words who does not recall exactly where he or she was and how we came to know about the destruction of the twin towers? Or, for those of a certain age, how and under what circumstances we learned about Pearl Harbor, or the Kennedy assassination? The young'uns among us may not be aware of it but next week marks the 40th anniversary of an event that stunned the world and brought enormous change to the Middle East, the Six-Day War of 1967.



Yehuda Lev

Israel was one kind of a country at the outset of the war, and a very different country at its end. In six days it changed from a small, regional, minor power to a giant among pygmies, its aircraft destroying the air forces of Syria, Egypt and Jordan in the space of a few hours and its ground forces occupying areas four times the size of Israel in just those six days. This at a time when Gamal Nasser of Egypt was massing his army on Israel's southern border to rid the world of the "Zionist plague" and Jews in the Diaspora were making plans to evacuate Jewish refu-

gee children from what might remain of Israel when the blow struck.

For its first 19 years, Israel was almost a closed society, its currency backed by the word of a government dependent on foreign aid (including that from Diaspora Jewry) to carry out its principal goals, the absorption of huge numbers of immigrants from a score of cultures and the defense of the nation from the neighboring states and angry Palestinians. Israelis were not permitted to travel abroad unless someone else paid

lem I rarely met a Palestinian and never had an Arab friend.

Israel's victory also led to unexpected and unwanted results the first of which, complacency, became evident just six years later when Egypt and Syria mounted a joint surprise attack, the Yom Kippur War of 1973, that threatened for a while to bring an end to the Jewish State. They failed in this although no one in Israel believed it possible for Arab armies to mount an effective campaign but when they did, the impact in Israel

Something was lost in 1967 that Israel has never regained. Call it innocence, call it naiveté, call it adolescence, call it inevitable.

their bills, rationing of food and other essentials was the order of the day (never again will I eat eggplant, then a staple of our diet,) and everyone knew what most other people earned because salaries were linked to government grades and there was a deliberate attempt to level the economic playing field under a government dominated by the socialist party Mapai, later the Labor Party.

Relations with the Arab states did not exist and on a personal level; in 15 years as a working journalist in Jerusa-

led to major changes in the government and shifts in the way Israelis viewed themselves and their country. For many religious Jews, 1967 encouraged a belief that God had performed a miracle, reinforcing those who demanded that Israel annex all of pre-war Palestine and spurring the development of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. For secular Jews the overwhelming victory was less a miracle than evidence of an innate Israeli superiority over backward and corrupt Arab governments.

After 1967 an increase in foreign investments in Israel and a lessening of the pressure of new immigrants put the state's finances on a firmer footing and the government permitted Israelis to have foreign bank accounts thus enabling them to travel. This ended a prevailing sense of isolation and opened up the possibility of Jewish emigration from Israel for those who found better opportunities elsewhere. The Labor government, which had ruled Israel from the outset, lost the national election in 1977 and Menachem Begin's right-wing Herut (now Likud) party came to power, putting an end to the idea of leveling economic playing fields. On a more positive note, the United States became Israel's economic, military and political supporter, roles previously taken by the Soviet Union (militarily) in 1948 and France, also militarily, in 1956.

Something was lost in 1967 that Israel has never regained. Call it innocence, call it naiveté, call it adolescence, call it inevitable. But from personal observation I see 1967 as marking the difference between a society that was exciting to be a part of which valued cooperation and compassion, and post-1967 Israel as one that is better equipped to deal with today's social and economic realities but much less fun to live in.

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Letters to the Editor

In favor of Lincoln land purchase

The Jewish Community now faces the need to act to secure its future vibrant health and success. For more than five years we have had a planning process looking to support that future. This led to a major commitment to finance the development of a new Jewish Community Day School and a continuing search for appropriate space for it and other community services.

The Jewish Federation's facilities committee has unanimously recommended the purchase of a parcel in Lincoln which happens to be available just now. The Jewish Community Day School Board considered that site the best, and unanimously supported it as the location for a new school. But at a special meeting on May 17 the Jewish Federation Board refused to support a proposal brought by its president to borrow funds to purchase the site, with members arguing that the price was too high. (It may be and it may not be: a price is what two parties agree to).

Unfortunately, the board was not asked to approve the proposed plan for a new site in Lincoln and potential other sites elsewhere in Rhode Island, to serve a geographically dispersed Jewish community. Had this been the question, the answer may have been different.

I need not detail earlier examples of reluctance to "grab the bull by the horns" and move forward. In some cases, individual philanthropists have done it for the agencies, whose board and committees are sometimes inhibited by their myopia.

An endowment for a non-profit community agency is meant to provide for the future of the community. The Rhode Island community has set education of its young children in a Jewish environment as a priority and is already committed to considerable financial support to develop the Community Day School as an excellent private school, designed to attract more Jewish students and provide them with an outstanding experience. Unfortunately, the present location cannot provide the proper land environment to move the school to that excellent status.

I certainly hope there is enough vision and commitment to a brighter future in our community, that the proposal to obtain the Lincoln parcel for the community's use will be reconsidered and be supported. I urge the leadership and the community as a whole to seize this opportunity to move us to a better future.

Maurice Glicksman
Barrington

Read in Kentucky

For a long time I've wanted to commend *The Jewish Voice and Herald*. I think it is an excellent paper. I'm a reader in Louisville, Ky., and a journalist. I read many community Jewish newspapers and I feel the *JV&H* is outstanding. I like the high-quality columnists — particularly Yehuda Lev's "A Majority of One" and Alison Golub's "Alison on Aliyah" — I look forward to reading their honesty and insights each issue. Most impressive to me is managing editor's Jonathan Rubin's willingness to cover difficult subjects — I was impressed by the fairly investigative piece, "Hebrew Day School hit hard." It blew me away because our own Louisville community is having similar issues and I not only learned some valuable information from it, but I was impressed at the chutzpah to touch deeply on a divisive issue. Congratulations and keep up the excellent work!

Michael Jackman
Louisville, KY.

Mathematically speaking...

Yehuda Lev states in his May 11th article that "(Iran) has almost three times Iraq's population and four times its land area." Let's see. A simple googling shows that Iraq has 437,000 square miles and 27 million people. Iran has 636,000 square miles and 65 million people. I told him a million times never to exaggerate!

Sy Dill
Providence

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THE OLD OLIVETTI Dark Age prophets

Those of you who know me know the depths of my piety. So rigorous is my observance of the laws of Judaism that I constantly search for a six-hundred-fourteenth commandment to obey. Until recently, no luck. So it might come as a surprise that four times a year, around my oval table, I entertain two old friends, Paulie ("Poopidingus") Pearlman, and Artie ("the Dodger") Alston. Poopidingus is a practicing pagan; Artie, a devout atheist. This, despite the fact that both were born to Jewish mothers; I attended their bar mitzvahs.



Josh Stein

Over the years we've worked out a pattern. I say *kiddish* over the wine, Paulie the *motzi*, and Artie leads *birkat*. In unison, looking at our respective wives, we stutter along through the interminable list of their virtues cited alphabetically in the *Eishet Chayil*. The women seem to enjoy the praise (and our teeth chipping efforts). Why a pagan and an atheist would engage in these Jewish rituals I'm not sure. I, for instance, don't sacrifice goats in Poopidingus's backyard. Old friends. That's explanation enough. We meet, we sing, we reminisce, we talk politics and religion in a congenial atmosphere.

But this time Paulie arrived madder than Zeus with a toothache. "Did you read Klinghoffer in the April 20th *Forward*?" As we hadn't, he pulled out his, and gave each of us a copy. "It's titled 'Defend your Faith when it's Blasphemed.' My goddess! Remember the Danish cartoon riots? Its headlines like Klinghoffer's that are the feces that launched a thousand Shiites."

His agitation mounting, he demanded: "What is his problem? I don't get upset when people deny the existence of Zeus or Hera; Artie is an atheist, so what? Klinghoffer wrote a book called 'Why the Jews rejected Jesus' so he's an atheist to Christians who believe in the divinity of Jesus, isn't he? Look, he's angry because Richard Dawkins says that the God of the Hebrew bible is, let me see, he quotes him here, ah, here it is, he's arguably the most unpleasant character in fiction:

jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully." But Dawkins saying it doesn't make it true, so why get upset? And Klinghoffer's outrage doesn't make it false, either." He was just getting warmed up. "I was at several bat mitzvahs recently and read of the death of Aaron's sons and of the death of the poor chap who was trying to prevent your holy arc from falling to the ground and smashing to smithereens. You do seem to have an arbitrary god there, Josh. Homer, at least, gives us the reasons for the displeasure of the gods. Your god just kills somebody and then, apparently, demands silence as a response. And those first-born Egyptian infants had to die also? Some God!"

Artie chimed in. "Have you guys seen reviews of Hitchens's 'God is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything'? I can't wait to read Klinghoffer on that." Skimming the article, he continued: "I see here that he also objects to universities teaching that Tanach is just a collection of stories stitched together, and that the Zohar is not a second-century book

of mysticism but a 13th century hoax! Can you imagine? Religious folk perpetrating a hoax? Nah, couldn't be. I see that he also slams Gershom Scholem, the great scholar of Jewish mysticism. Scholem once defended his academic endeavors by saying that 'Nonsense is nonsense, but the study of nonsense is scholarship!' I've always loved that line. That the sun revolves around the earth, that'll be Klinghoffer's next claim."

Sadly, we lamented the decline of the Age of Enlightenment. It had a good run while it lasted, but the fundamentalists are back in force — Muslims in their madrasa schools, Christians at Liberty University, and Klinghoffer at the *Forward*. "Religion's all made up by man," said Poopidingus; "still, it's an occasionally amusing story, if you don't take it seriously," chimed in Artie. Sighing, Paulie in his "Zeus Lives!" tee-shirt, Artie sporting his "Vote Atheist" button, peered deeply into the depths of their Manischewitz Concord Grape wine and wondered where humanity had gone wrong. I, on the other hand, had discovered my six-hundred-fourteenth mitzvah! To comfort rationalists as the darkness descends.

Josh Stein can be reached at jstein@rau.edu.

Exodus redux; you can't go home again

By Scott Turner

Former slaves need to time to mature—to grow emotionally and spiritually—to make the right choices as a free people. So, the sages tell us, God gave the Jewish people 50 days to rise to the occasion of receiving the Torah.

At age 13, my rabbi told me that I was responsible for my actions. I developed an escape plan, and left home at age 16.

For 20 years I wandered before making an equally high-level decision—to spend my life with someone fair, inclusive and trustworthy. My wife Karen is a team player. We take our gains and losses together, and move forward.

While retelling the exodus story last month, I thought of an earlier Seder when Karen tasted the bitterness of my former repression.

As newlyweds in 1994, we chose to share Passover with my family. One warm afternoon, we drove the 240 miles from State College, Pa. to Suffern, N.Y. My mother, short, stolid and "shvitzing," met us at the door.

Your father and brother have locked themselves in a bedroom, she said. "We're conducting family business," my dad barked from inside. "We'll eat when we're ready." A lower-class man with middle-class dreams, my father schemed. Who knew what he was up to?

To the table Karen and I carried steaming vegetable cutlets, fragrant chopped liver, and charoset that smelled of spring. Yarmulkes and Haggadahs were laid on top of the best dishes and settings in the house. In the middle, we placed the covered matzah.

The sun set. Thirty minutes passed. My sister and husband phoned; they were running late. Another brother called. He had decided to attend the Yankee game. My mother pressed her tongue from cheek to cheek. She looked like Dizzy Gillespie. We stared into our laps.

An hour after sundown, my father and brother marched in. Dad wore soiled long underwear pants and a T-shirt too short for his belly. "Make the Seder brief," he snapped.

"Once we were slaves. Now we are free. Let us never forget," I said. My brother turned on the TV. As my father drank his fourth cup of wine—he preferred fruit of the vine first—I realized that my sister and spouse were not going to show.

Afterwards I asked my father to act nicely, at least for guests. "I can't," he said.

Free people make decisions for themselves. You may choose to be ethical, moral, or foul. You may choose to enslave others, or to set them free. You may capacitate or incapacitate.

When I suggested that he give "niceness" a try, dad told me to go forth alone and multiply.

Karen and I moved to Providence in 1996, and formed our own traditions. We embrace the religious, spiritual and practical satisfactions that come from being with others, of filling bellies and minds together. We want a family that comes back.

Scott Turner is a Providence resident and occasional contributor to the *Jewish Voice & Herald*.

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<p>OF COURSE THEY HAVEN'T PULLED OUT OF THE WEST BANK!</p>	<p>YET!</p>

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Community

Religious leaders offer perspectives

By Nancy Kirsch

NEWPORT - As part of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities' Leap of Faith - Spring Series, three speakers discussing faith were remarkably united, despite diverse religious backgrounds. On April 26, Salve Regina University, Episcopal priest Russell Ruffino, Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, spiritual leader at Attleboro's Reconstructionist Congregation Agudas Achim, and Donald Zeyl, chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Rhode Island, spoke on questions of faith posed by panel moderator Jonathan Rubin, managing editor of the Jewish Voice & Herald, and audience members. Abdul Hameed, a Muslim cleric, was scheduled to appear, but was absent due to an unexpected illness.

Rubin contrasted situations where faith polarizes people, such as the Sunni - Shiite conflict in Iraq and the crisis in Sudan, with examples of faith's absence, such as the passivity of many mainstream congregations and the growing number of Americans who self-identify as atheists. That introduction led to the first question for the panelists, "Is moderate faith a thing of the past?"

Is moderate faith a thing of the past?

"In the Jewish tradition, there is no word for 'faith,'" said Wechterman, "and the closest word would be 'emunah' or 'trust'.



Photo by Nancy Kirsch

From left, Russell Ruffino, Rabbi Elyse Wechterman and Donald Zeyl participated in an interfaith dialogue recently, sponsored by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

For those I serve (within the Reconstructionist community), we're trusting in something, it's not necessarily about believing in something. I trust in the potential for the future, for the possibility that life, and the world, will have a profound meaning."

The rituals, statements and rules and regulations are all window dressing and commentary about the way Jewish people express profound trust, said Wechterman. The level of trust can unite, the methods can divide, she said. "I don't want to be a person of moderate faith; I want to be a person of deeply profound and passionate faith."

Ruffino and Wechterman agreed that the rituals and statements are potentially divisive, but that trust itself can be unifying. "Faith is not about doctrines, dogmas or rules to follow," said Ruffino. "Those are the human wrappings of faith that divide

us. Faith unwrapped opens us up and empowers us with a new way of looking, living and caring." We can have faith in ourselves, others, the world, the future and God; these raise us up to believe, he said. "We are all our sisters' and brothers' keepers and we're partners with one another and with God."

The essence of faith is trust and a sense of loyalty, explained Zeyl. Responding directly to Rubin's question about moderate faith, Zeyl said, "I'm not sure how I identify myself on that spectrum. How do we connect with the hearts of people within our communities?"

Are crises of faith acceptable?

"I believe that future redemption will come and I have a profound need and desire to contribute to that, especially when I have moments of doubt, pain, discomfort," said Wechter-

man. If you don't even ask what it (faith) means, it's probably not so worthwhile, she said.

"God invites me into a relationship and doubt is part of faith," Zeyl concurred. "The doubts I had when I started out are different than those I have now." Zeyl urged attendees to be totally honest when they face crises of faith, as were the people whose stories populate the Scriptures.

"I believe in God, but I don't see God as 'the big daddy in the sky,'" explained Ruffino. "God is infinite and external; we can't say what the final word is on God. The Trinity is not the complete understanding of God, though God is very real to me."

Have interfaith dialogues happened in the past and can they succeed now?

Participants were in complete accord about the value of

meaningful and knowledgeable interfaith dialogues, though Ruffino noted that some people lack the deep understanding and knowledge needed for meaningful dialogues.

"Christians have to read Christian scriptures with Jewish eyes and listen to Christian prayers with Jewish ears, as Jewish roots are essential to understanding Christianity," said Ruffino.

The question is whether the diversity we've always had in Western societies is hostile and destructive or polite and positive, Wechterman said. "There's always been contact among religious groups and sometimes it has led to oppression, and sometimes not." All traditions benefit from others, she said, acknowledging that ancient Muslim thinkers greatly influenced Rambam, one of Judaism's greatest thinkers.

"This kind of dialogue is imperative," said Zeyl. "We grow up in isolated faith communities and we're not without our biases. People put (one another) in boxes, and that insularity impoverishes our experiences for many reasons." With openness and dialogue, bridges can emerge, said Zeyl, and each of us can learn from the other. "We must discover and build on commonalities."

If God is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving, then why is there evil in the world?

God is in charge of everything, except he gives us free will, said Wechterman. "People make bad choices, we have free will to do with our lives what we will, and our job is to outweigh the bad with the good. I'm not sure about evil. I believe all is from God, God is infinite. If God created us in God's image, then darkness also comes from God." What we do with what we are given is up to us. I don't think that evil and goodness exist in and of themselves, she added.

"Evil in no way can be the will of God, God doesn't will that seven year olds die of leukemia, or the Holocaust or wars," said Ruffino. "God didn't make those things happen, people do. When you experience pain and suffering, God is with you. We're supposed to be using our resources to make this the kind of world where seven year olds don't die of leukemia."

Although the evening's topic focused on faith, sports snuck into the debate with the light-hearted comment, "Only Red Sox fans know the true religion." In response, Wechterman laughingly reminded the audience of her roots as a native New Yorker!

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

A new vision for a new reality

Note: This is an adaptation of Silberfarb's address at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island on May 14.

By just about any measurable statistic, there has never been a better time to be a Jew in Rhode Island and across the country. We are living in a period of historic Jewish cultural, spiritual and political richness and awareness. A quick scan of the community calendar in any given week tells the story of a vibrant and active community.

At the same time, this is also a period of historic, rapid and at times unsettling change.

I am one who believes that by asking hard questions we formulate an accurate understanding of our strengths and weaknesses. I have asked a lot of questions and spent time with many people since I arrived in Rhode Island. The picture that emerges is decidedly mixed.

We must update our idea of the Federation's role and purpose. It is not just about money. The notion that our Federation is effective only to the degree that we raise more money than last year is wrong and *misguided*.

To paraphrase Barry Shrage, head of the Boston federation, we cannot raise more money by seeking to raise more money. Resources follow meaningful and relevant vision.

With this in mind, I suggest a formidable and interlocking To-Do list: a Can-Do list

First and foremost is to realign Federation so it performs as the community catalyst, strategist and funder at the highest standards of reliability, customer service, innovation and execution.

To that end, JFRI is preparing to launch a Center for Jewish Philanthropy. The Center for Jewish Philanthropy will be strategically situated where community needs and donor interests intersect. We will help Jewish philanthropists accomplish their philanthropic dreams and convene thinkers and doers to identify solutions to current and future issues. This means we do more for the community.

Second, is to bring new thinking to questions of Jewish engagement, learning and social responsibility. Newcomers to Rhode Island's Jewish community and new generations of Jews offer new, different and exciting perspectives of the shared Jewish destiny. They are not as reflexively motivated by the same events and needs as those of prior generations. But the truth of the situation is that we have *not* attracted young adults or, in recent years, developed new leaders. The self-evident *right* decision is to *build capacity*, to understand, attract, engage, educate and inspire young adults and invest in leadership development.

Third, we have to set a new course for our community. We must recognize that the community's needs, now and in the future, are not and will not be the same as they used to be.

We will determine community priorities, allocate our dollars consistent with these priorities, monitor progress and evaluate performance to ensure we are accomplishing what we originally set out to do.

Fourth, we will work with all the agencies to re-think how the community is organized and where we can collaborate to be more effective. Where we need to grow we will grow. Where we need to shrink we will shrink. There are no sacred cows. Every program has to earn its support and demonstrate its value every day—because at the end of the day, we are judged by how effective we are in producing outcomes that

meet the needs of our community and the expectations of our donors.

But we won't meet our responsibilities merely by compiling a To Do list. We can only achieve if we execute. We will make the best decisions we can, based on the best available information. Yes, we'll plan, strategize, discuss and debate. But the bottom line is this: *We will never know if our plans are good or bad if we don't execute.*

While we will change what we do and how we do it, our core purpose does not change. It is, as it has been for thousands of years: to create more caring, inspired and connected communities through Torah, *Tzedek* and *Chesed*.

We can only create more caring, inspired and connected communities by caring for, inspiring and connecting with past, present and future donors. We will attract donors and ignite their impulse to give if we offer a clearly articulated vision of illuminated and meaningful Jewish ideas that are grounded in, and relevant to, modern American Jewish life. Now is our moment and opportunity to transform our community.



Stephen Silberfarb

FROM THE PUBLISHER

A farewell, and thank you to Jon Rubin

With this issue, we bid a fond farewell to Jon Rubin, managing editor of the Jewish Voice and Herald, who is headed to graduate school in journalism at Northwestern University. We cannot allow him to leave without acknowledging his contribution to the paper's growth. He helped merge two newspapers into one solid and respected voice and forum for our community. When he made mistakes, he acknowledged and learned from them. He served as a trusted, cheerful colleague with a terrific sense of humor. He demonstrated too many kindnesses to recall and served with professionalism, high competence and integrity.

Thank you, Jon. We wish you well.

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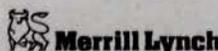
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JFRI board votes against purchase of Lincoln site

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contingent on several factors, including a clean environmental study and an acceptable appraisal of the property. The site has 14 buildable contiguous acres, with the remainder wetlands.

Board members did indicate by a show of hands that had the proposal been to borrow \$550,000, the appraised value for the property as "raw land," it would have been given stronger consideration. (However, the site carries an appraised value of approximately \$900,000 as

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— Stephen Silberfarb

an approved sub division of 13 homes.)

Alan Harlam, JCDS president, said he expected parents would see the benefits of the pristine location, right off an exit ramp on 146, and within 7 miles of Providence, and would give

it serious consideration. Seventy percent of current JCDS families live in Providence and Pawtucket, and while they prefer to see the school located here, "they all understand such a site doesn't exist."

Alan Hassenfeld said, "The

most important thing is a home for the day school."

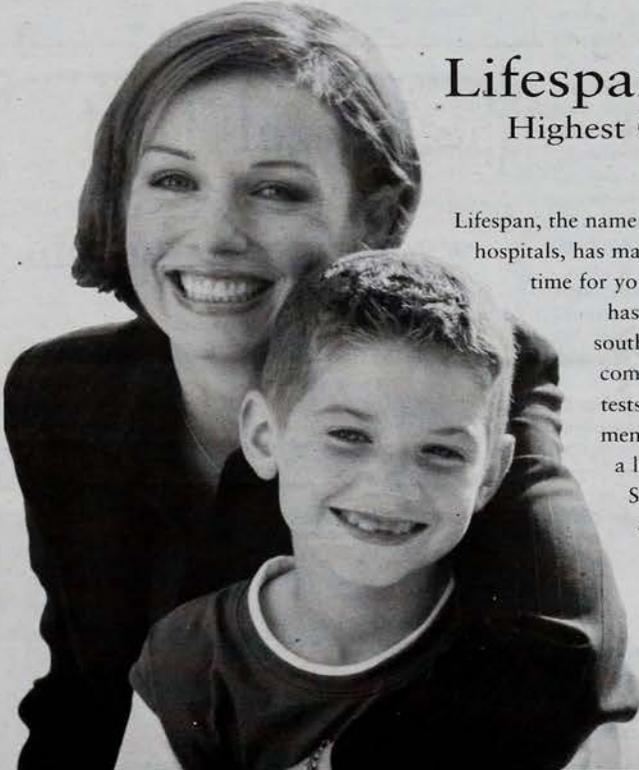
But several Board members expressed concern that a Lincoln site would come at the expense of building the Jewish presence in West Bay and South County, where a plurality of Rhode Island Jews reside. "How does this square with the shift of the Jewish population to the South?" asked Charles Elbaum.

Stephen Silberfarb, executive vice president at Federation, said the Federation was interested in enhancing Jewish facilities in South County, West Bay

and elsewhere around the state and saw the Lincoln proposal as a complementary one. He acknowledged that the Jewish communities in the West Bay and South County are growing and their needs have to be addressed.

There were other issues. Federation treasurer Sam Suls felt that construction on the site might face prohibitive costs. "That part of the state has rocky ledge, putting in sewers could be very costly. You don't know what you are going to hit underground."

Federation leadership says they are resolved to continuing the search for property for Jewish community expansion and renewal. "This Lincoln parcel offered promise, but it didn't work out this time," Silberfarb said. "Our search continues."



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Funds aid women, children

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The \$103,000 Women's Alliance Endowment Fund yielded \$4,194 this year, which was split among seven projects:

- \$1,000 for prevention and education programs at the Haifa Rape Crisis Center in Israel, whose service area includes Rhode Island's sister community, Afula

- \$1,000 for the Bureau of Jewish Education to teach early childhood educators how to weave Jewish curriculum into all their teaching

- \$850 to ELI: The Israel Association for Child Protection, to treat 25-30 teenage girls who are victims of abuse in the Afula area

- \$500 to engage community women in a class about female Jewish heroes for teens at the Bureau of Jewish Education's Midrasa community high school

- \$244 for the annual Holocaust arts contest at the Warwick Mall, courtesy of the Rhode Island Holocaust Education and Resource Center

- \$100 to Crossroads of Rhode Island for homeless families.

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News Briefs

Air strike kills 4 terrorists

An Israeli air strike killed four Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip. Monday's attack destroyed a car carrying four members of Islamic Jihad in Gaza City. Islamic Jihad described the dead as a rocket crew on its way to fire into Israel. Israel has stepped up its air strikes as part of a Cabinet decision Sunday on combating cross-border rocket salvos from Gaza. Late Sunday, an air strike killed four Palestinians at the home of a Hamas lawmaker. The Palestinians said two of the dead were gunmen, and the others were civilians.

Another Palestinian was killed in a separate Israeli bombing of a metal foundry in Gaza. Military officials said the premises were used to manufacture rockets.

Israel to counter Arabs' peace plan

Vice Premier Shimon Peres said Israel would offer a counterproposal to the Arab peace initiative. "The Arab League has proposed, fine. We will make a counterproposal," Peres said Sunday during heated discussions at the World Economic Forum in Jordan. The Associated Press reported. Arab League chief Amr Moussa, who also participated in the discussions, said the Israeli offer would not be considered seriously unless it was reasonable. Peres urged Arab leaders to meet with Israel to hash out the issue. Israel has welcomed the Arab proposal, first floated in 2002, as a good starting point for negotiations but objects to several key provisions,

particularly the return of millions of Palestinian refugees. Many consider the refugees' return tantamount to the destruction of the Jewish state.

Israel threatens Meshaal

Israel threatened Hamas's top leader. Internal Security Minister Avi Dichter said that, as part of Israel's fight against Hamas rocket salvos from Gaza, the group's exiled politburo chief Khaled Meshaal could be assassinated. "Khaled Meshaal is not immune, not in Damascus nor anywhere else," Dichter told Army Radio, adding that he is convinced that Israel's security services will "dispatch him at the first opportunity, despite the complexity, the sensitivity, and the fact that he is not located here across the fence, which will make things much harder." Meshaal survived an Israeli assassination attempt in Jordan in 1997, and is now based in Syria.

Israel's air force bombed the Gaza home of a Hamas lawmaker Sunday, indicating that it was no longer limiting such strikes to the group's gunmen and field commanders. One of Dichter's Cabinet colleagues, Infrastructure Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, called for all of Hamas's leadership to be targeted unless the rocket attacks from Gaza cease.

Report: Jordan weighs ruling West Bank

Jordan has proposed taking the West Bank under its jurisdiction, an Israeli newspaper reported. Citing diplomatic sources, Ma'ariv reported over the weekend that emissaries for King Abdullah suggested

recently during visits to Jerusalem that Jordan and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank be turned into a confederation under the Hashemite monarchy. In effect this would revive a deal struck in the 1980s between Abdullah's late father, King Hussein, and Israel's Shimon Peres. According to Ma'ariv, the idea stirred mixed reactions in Israel, given fears that the step could worsen relations with Jordan. It also was unclear whether Palestinians would welcome what effectively would be a return to Jordanian rule, as was the case in the West Bank from 1948 to 1967. The Hashemites are the minority elite in Jordan, which was part of Ottoman and British Mandatory Palestine until 1922.

Israelis like U.S.

Nearly two-thirds of Israel-

is have a positive perception of the United States, according to a poll on the strength of U.S.-Israel ties. In the survey of Israelis released Thursday, conducted by the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies and the Antion Defamation League, 64 percent of Israelis had a positive attitude toward the United States, with only 8 percent displaying negative views. Sixty-five percent saw the United States as a loyal ally of Israel, while 11 percent did not. Fully 80 percent believed the United States would come to Israel's assistance if its existence were threatened.

"Israelis view the U.S. as their closest and most important ally," said Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director. "The two countries share a truly remarkable, unique alliance."

Fifty-nine percent of Israelis said the United States was correct in going to war in Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein; 36 percent disagreed. The poll, which surveyed 505 Israelis, was carried out as part of a BESA-ADL international conference on "U.S.-Israel Relations in a New Era" to take place May 20-21 at the BESA Center. It had a margin of error of 4.7 percent.

Rocket kills woman

A Palestinian rocket salvo killed a woman in the southern Israeli town Sderot. A rocket fired from the nearby Gaza Strip that struck a car in the town center caused Monday's fatality. Another passenger was wounded. In six years of rocket barrages on Sderot and outlying towns, eight people have been killed and scores wounded.

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"Alison and Aliyah" column, which I helped create with Alison Golub prior to her leaving Rhode Island a few years ago. I also am pleased that our layout and editorial features have evolved nicely, our ad sales continue to grow, and our new website will serve as a launching point for a whole new type of Jewish journalism in this community.

One amazing thing has become very clear to me over the years — people really read this paper. And the calls I received — even the nasty ones — have always from our readers. Hundreds of people even send us checks as a way of saying thank you for the free subscription!! It was with great difficulty when I determined we needed to charge people for out-of-state subscriptions; thankfully, more than 100 people have decided to keep receiving our paper as paid subscribers.

When things have been particularly difficult, I have been fortunate to be surrounded by many people who have brightened my spirits over the years. Among these are the incredible



Jon holds commemorative plaque given to him by the newspaper.

people at the Federation, whom I will dearly miss, and the fun and extremely dedicated staff at the Jewish Community Center and Bureau of Jewish Education — it was a pleasure sharing this building with you. And there are many others whom I have forged close bonds and tight friendships over

the years. You know who you are, and thank you.

I need to thank a few people in particular — my mentor Mat Shuster, who is always leaving me either in awe or in stitches; the wonderful Daniel Strauss and Daveeda Goldberg and their brilliant son Meir; my personal

troublemakers Geo and Ankur, and my incredible and loving family — Hilarie, Joshua, Dad and Mom — for all their help.

I have taken this paper as far as I could take it in the 130 issues or so I have put out, and I hope you've enjoyed our pages over the years. I feel very comfortable

that our incredible staff, couple with our superb and dedicated editorial and business committees, will continue to bring the paper continued success and receive even more industry awards and honors.

In three weeks I will begin classes at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in Chicago, and I will embark upon the next phase of my career.

Be well, Rhode Island, and thank you for giving me the chance to tell your story.

CALENDAR

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846-0643 between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or email the event co-chairs David Pedrick (David@PedrickYacht.com) or Jim Asbel (jasbel@cox.net).

TUES., JUNE 5

Holocaust Center annual meeting

7 p.m. JCC Social Hall, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Holocaust Education & Resource Center of R.I. annual meeting and installation of officers. Walter Schroder will speak on his autobiography, "Stars & Swastikas: The Boy Who Wore Two Uniforms." For information or to RSVP, call 453-7860.

WED., JUNE 6

Cranston Senior Guild installation

Noon at the Venus de Milo restaurant in Swansea, Mass. \$20 per paid-up member, choice of chicken or fish. Installing officer will be Cranston Mayor Michael Napolitano. Entertainment by Lloyd Kaplan and his "Aristocrats," big band era. Raffle to follow. For reservations or more information call 723-8580.

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second annual meeting

7 to 9 p.m. at the Brown Hillel House, 80 Brown St., Providence. Election of officers, preview of next school year, president's address, student performances. Guest speaker Stephen Silberfarb, JFRI exec. vice president.

THURS., JUNE 7

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Yiddish Shmooz trip to Touro Synagogue

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Okay, your cholesterol is a little out of sync, blood pressure is not what it should be, or just that your pants don't button quite like they used to; it's time to start exercising and eating "healthy" as they say. I can't help with the exercise. That's between you and your conscience. Goodness knows I have enough trouble with my exercise conscience.

But I can help with the food part.

First of all, get yourself a good heart or diabetic cookbook. The American Heart Association publishes a very useful one. Make sure your book will define those confusing terms, "Saturated fats, polyunsaturated fats and monounsaturated." Try to keep the first out of your diet, use some of the second and fill in with the third. Saturated means the steaks and burgers that you love. The polys are the liquid vegetable oils such as safflower, soy, corn and sesame and monos are olive and peanut oils.

Salt-less

The nutritionists in today's America have mandated the demise of salt in the diet, (a difficult thing to do as most prepared foods are loaded with it.) You will have to start reading the labels of ingredients on every package. At first it will be hard to give it up but eventually your taste buds will adjust to the fresher, cleaner taste of salt-free foods. Try new herbs and spices. Lemon juice and zest are wonderful for waking up taste. Use wine, especially in marinades. Taste curry and cumin.

Learn to cook fish and boneless, skinless chicken breast. Marinating helps a lot. And for Heaven's sake don't overcook it. We have been so frightened by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's warnings about undercooked poultry that we cook it into tasteless dryness. Depending on thickness, a few minutes on each side is enough. Make a little cut in the thickest part to make sure it's not pink inside.

You can buy chicken and turkey patties, add seasonings or your own good tomato sauce, herbs and soy cheese and bake.

Portabella mushrooms and eggplant are also delicious made this way. Marinate the portabellas in a good Italian dressing and broil or grill. Slice the eggplant, brush with a little olive oil and broil on both sides to brown. Believe it or not, this tastes better than fried. It's also excellent served cold as a salad with a drizzle of low fat dressing and some sliced tomatoes and anything else you want to put on it. Which brings us to veggies. Spinach washed, stemmed and sautéed in a little olive oil with garlic; green beans, asparagus or Brussels sprouts drizzled with olive oil and oven roasted; zucchini, yellow squash, eggplant, carrots, and onions treated the same way. Broccoli or cauliflower steamed. Be creative and adapt your own favorite recipes to this new way of eating. You can even make stuffed cabbage with ground turkey instead of beef

Beans are high in protein and fiber. Chili is a great dish, especially when made with plenty of veggies. Beans and rice make a complete protein.

With the summer season coming up, here's a recipe for fish from the American Heart Association cookbook, adapted for the outdoor grill.

Grilled stuffed fish

- 4 lake trout or other whole white fish, cleaned, rinsed and drained.
- 2 Tblsps. cholesterol-lowering margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup crumbs made from fresh or day-old bread
- 2 Tblsps. lemon juice
- 4 pieces aluminum foil, each large enough to wrap around a fish

Mix together margarine, herbs, crumbs and lemon juice. Lay each fish on a piece of foil and stuff 1/4 of mixture into each. Wrap and seal. Place on

medium hot grill for about ten minutes. Turn and grill about 10 minutes more. Remove and place on a platter or four dinner plates. Unwrap carefully. Garnish with lemon slices and herb sprigs.

Cucumber salad, Sephardic-style

- 2 cucumbers, sliced paper thin
- 2 Vidalia or other sweet onions also sliced paper thin
- 1 tsp. finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
- Several turns of fresh black pepper from a pepper mill
- 1—2 cups plain yogurt, just enough to coat without being goopy

Serve in a bowl or stuffed into scooped-out tomato halves

My favorite summer dessert: faux watermelon

This is low in fat, really good, looks pretty and is easy to make. What more can you ask?

1 qt. pistachio frozen yogurt (if you can't find pistachio, use lime or lemon—we can fix it up later)

- 1 qt. vanilla frozen yogurt
- 1 qt. raspberry sorbet
- 1 cup chocolate chips

A large mixing bowl, preferably metal; the bowl from an electric mixer is perfect

Chill the bowl. Soften the yogurts and sorbet as used.

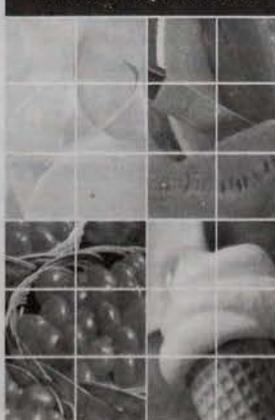
Put a one inch thick layer of the green or yellow frozen yogurt all around the inside of the bowl. Freeze hard.

Take out of freezer and do the same with the vanilla. Freeze hard again.

Mix the chocolate chips into the raspberry sorbet. Pack into the center of the bowl. Cover and freeze hard again.

When ready to serve, wrap bowl in a warm damp towel to loosen and unmold onto a platter. Brush lightly with green food coloring and garnish with mint leaves.

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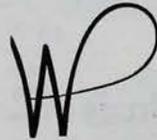
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"Nutrilicious"

'Nutrilicious': a kosher vegetarian cookbook
Title: "Nutrilicious: Food for Thought and Whole Health"
Author: Edith Rothschild
Publisher: Feldheim Publishers
Pub date: May 1, 2007
Pages: 260
ISBN: 978-1-58330-300-9

"Nutrilicious" is not just a vegetarian cookbook; it is a passionate call to healthier living. It is filled with over 170 easy-to-do recipes for everyday, as well as upgraded ones for Shabbas, holidays and elegant entertaining, aphorisms, whimsical rhymes, humorous stories, together with the most well-researched, up-to-date health information.

Author Edith Rothschild is a woman on a mission. After years of suffering from debilitating back pain and joint inflammations, she decided to take her health into her own hands. One of the major changes she made was switching to a plant-based diet.

The recipe section consists of the following chapters:

Vegetables: The Best Life Insurance We Can Buy

Soups: The Comfort Food for All Occasions

Sauces: To Make Simple Food Elegant

Whole Grains: The Grains of Truth

Pasta: When All Else Fails

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Nutrilicious Menu Suggestions

The following recipes are from the cookbook.

Spicy Red Lentil-yam Soup
Serves 6-7

This light soup, with its gorgeous golden colour, is a nutritious meal-starter any time of the year. It is also a most pleasant way to add to your (and your family's) vitamin A and protein account.

3 - inch piece wakame (dried

- seaweed)
- 8 cups water
- 2 medium yams, peeled and cut into 1 - inch cubes
- 1 cup red lentils
- 1 cup coarsely chopped onions
- 2 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 2 large bay leaves
- 2 tsp grated ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin or to taste
- 1 tsp ground coriander or to taste
- 3 tbsp organic soy sauce
- 1-2 tbsp umeboshi (plum) vinegar
- Finely chopped dill or curly parsley, for garnish

1. Soak the wakame in a bit of warm water for eight minutes, and cut into 1/4 - inch pieces.
2. In a large pot, place the eight cups water, yams, lentils, onions, garlic, bay leaves, ginger, and wakame; cover, bring to a boil, and cook on medium heat for 40-50 minutes.
3. Cool slightly, remove the bay leaves, and purée with a hand-held electric mixer, or in a blender or food processor.
4. Pour the soup back into the pot, add the cumin, coriander, soy sauce and vinegar, adjust seasoning, and simmer for another eight minutes.
5. Garnish with dill or parsley and serve.

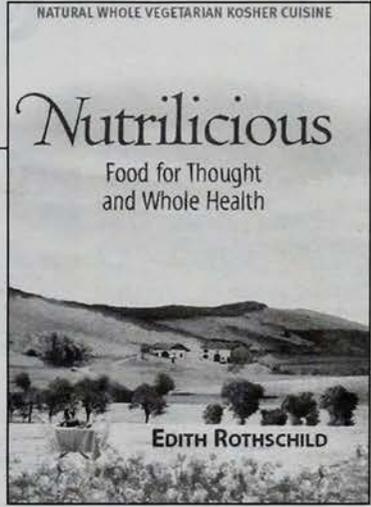
Helpful Hints:

1. For party-time or special occasions, serve hot in mugs or in elegant china cups.
2. In summer serve chilled.

Mushroom pâté
Yields about 2 cups; serves 6 - 8 as an appetizer.

All types of mushrooms beckon us today at the stores, from simple white button mushrooms to more exotic and strange-looking creatures. Their distinctive, strong flavours enhance many a dish.

This pâté makes a delectable appetizer, using 1/4 - 1/3



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cup pâté for each portion, served on a lettuce leaf and colourfully decorated, or as a tasty snack on crackers, rice cakes or bread.

- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups coarsely chopped onions
- 1 lb coarsely sliced mushrooms
- 2/3 cup raw organic walnuts
- 1 tsp sea salt
- Black pepper to taste

1. In a large skillet, heat oil and sauté the onions and mushrooms until onions become translucent (about eight minutes).

2. In a food processor, chop the walnuts, add the mushrooms and onions, salt and pepper, and process until well blended.

3. Transfer to a bowl, adjust seasoning, and serve chilled or at room temperature.

HEALTHFUL HINT:

For the weight watchers, the yo-yo dieters and the health-conscious, place a dollop of this mouth-watering pâté on a medium, firm lettuce leaf, roll up and snack to your heart's content.

FOR PESACH:

Substitute Pesach oil for the extra-virgin olive oil.

About the Author:

Edith Rothschild received her bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Toronto, and her master's in Counseling Psychology from the Adler Professional School of Psychology.



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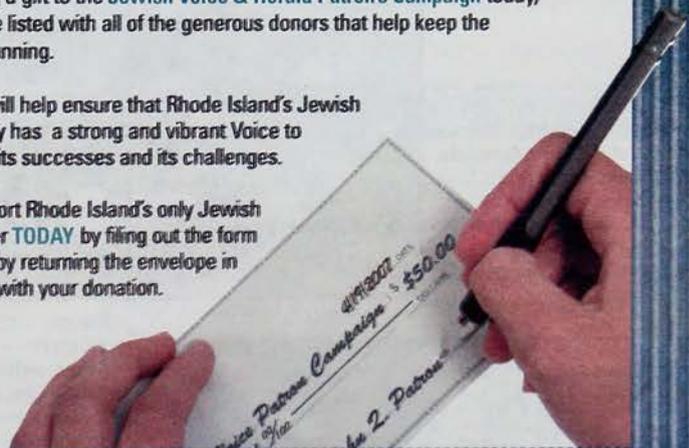
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JCDS STUDENTS IN ISRAEL

Fifteen students from the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island embarked last month on what they hope will become a school tradition — an eighth-grade class trip to Israel. The students traveled from sea to sea, visiting cities, deserts and everything in between for two weeks in the Jewish homeland, and were able to celebrate both Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Israel's Independence day while there.



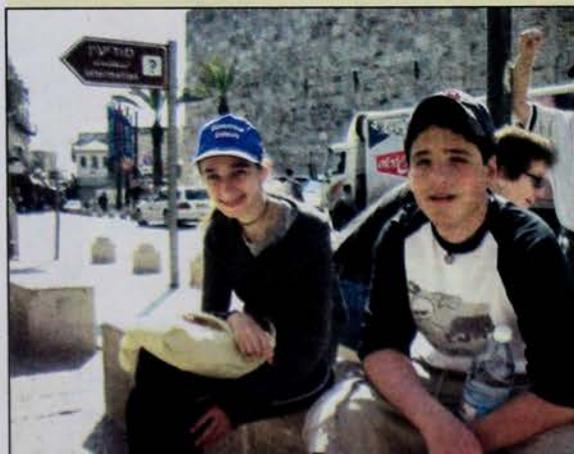
Julia Russell, above, of South Dartmouth, Mass., Ayelet Schwartz, of Tel Aviv, and Hannah Subotnick, of Providence, hang out in a tree at the Sataf Nature Preserve in Jerusalem.

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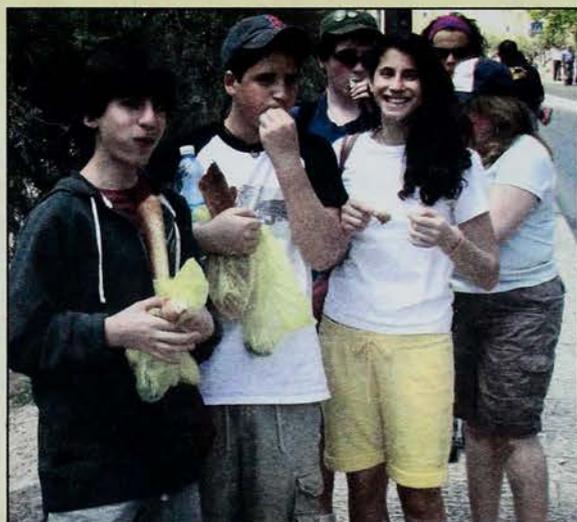
AYELET SCHWARTZ, below, 14, of Tel Aviv and formerly of Providence, and Sam Skurkovich, of Pawtucket, also 14, smile just prior to entering the city of David and the Kotel tunnels in Jerusalem.



DROP AND GIVE ME TWENTY — Above, at Tel Gezer archaeological site, Rabbi Lee Diamond uses Jeremy Harlam, 14, of Providence, as a human geological and topographical map to describe the region and population movements within it.



JCDS STUDENTS, right, rest at the Sataf Nature Preserve in Jerusalem.



SNACK TIME — Students chow down on "Bagelims" (sesame bread circles) with Zatar spice outside the old city of Jerusalem. Left to right are Alon Galor, of Providence, Sam Skurkovich, of Pawtucket, Michael Ross, of Providence, Remi Wachtenheim, of Providence, Sagi Sprits (staff), Miri Zeman, of Sharon, Mass. and Gregory Harlam of Providence.



GABY WYNSCHENK, above, and Hananah Subotnick, both of Providence, explore the ramparts of the ancient city of David, Jerusalem.



Seniors who served their country well

Vets recall life on the frontline



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JEWISH WAR VETERANS — Members of the Jewish War Veterans organization are, from left, David Brandt of Cranston, Naftali "Marty" Weissman of Warwick, also shown lower right, and, standing from left, and at upper right, Murray J. Cohen of Cranston and Sanford H. Gorodetsky, of Warren, the group's commander.

By Mary Korr
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Each year, their numbers drop. On Sunday, the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) will unveil 60 new names inscribed on the Memorial Wall of Honor at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The ceremony, the group's 62nd, will be a time for remembrance and reflection over the Memorial Day weekend.

Murray J. Cohen of Cranston, the group's treasurer, has been a JWV member since 1948. In the decades since he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, the memories "dim down," he says. But he could never forget his rendezvous with destiny: D-Day.

"On the morning of June 6, 1944, I sat on a landing craft off 'Omaha Beach' in France, listening to the battleships lobbing huge shells overhead — and the invasion of Europe was on. Some units of our division were in the initial assault landing. My regiment was held in reserve and I landed on 'D-Day + 1,' on the 'Easy Red' sector on Omaha Beach."

The beach was still being shelled by Germans on the cliffs above. It was littered with dead American soldiers who never had a chance. "I jumped over bodies and into a ditch, right on top of someone."

What happened then?

"I said, 'Oh, excuse me.'"

Cohen's job in the infantry was to calculate the range and elevation for machine gunners.

By the time night fell, the group had snaked through the minefields and reached a higher elevation, where they set up camp.

"I woke up the next morning with a dead German soldier lying next to me, shot between the eyes. I still see that small hole in his head and the photo of his wife and child he was holding in his hand...I guess it works the same on both sides."

The regiment proceeded through France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He saw the concentration

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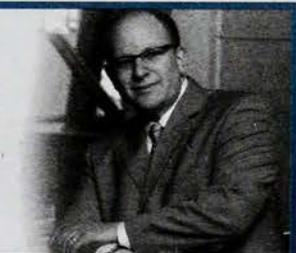
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Many of the calls Laramee has received have been from out-of-town children worried about their parents in their 80s and 90s. They are looking for nursing home recommendations, or to

arrange for home care. In some cases, a son or daughter has made an arrangement, only to have their parent refuse to let a home care worker in the door.

Some of the callers are from seniors who say to her: 'I don't want to bother my daughter or son while they're working.' 'Many of these elderly are afraid of losing their home, or outliving their money,' Laramee says.

She offers a variety of options and often multiple referrals, depending on the situation and the financial picture. She might direct callers to Lifeline, health care services, adult day care, or long-term insurance needs, to name a few. She maintains a database of the calls and does follow-up.

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It has been funded with grants of \$75,000 from the United Way and \$39,000 from the Bernhardt Foundation; the program hopes to be self-sustaining in three years.

AgeWell RI is based on a successful model from Pittsburgh.

When the program was introduced in the fall at a community meeting at the JCC, JFS Interim Executive Director, Erin G. Minior, said: "In this new model, we hope to work with both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities to eliminate some of the confusion that takes place when seniors and/or their families are unsure of where to turn for help. We are trying to make what can be a stressful time in people's lives a bit easier."

THE JEWISH SENIORS AGENCY Women's Association, in conjunction with Jewish Eldercare, packed Shavuot holiday gifts for nursing home residents. From left, Sylvia Brown, Rachel Rollins, Niece Weiner, and Marcia Gerstein packed colorful fabric gift bags filled with personal care products.

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Joy of gardening never grows old

By Marylyn Graff
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My daughter-in-law gave me a tile last Hanukkah inscribed with the words, "What Did I Come in Here For?" I hadn't realized that anyone else was conscious of my oft-repeated self-question. It could be asked about many of the things I do in life, usually without any particular planning. I read, I knit, I cook, (not as much as I used to since I am usually the only one home, but the *JV & H* food column is a good outlet for that.)

Every spring since I can remember I have had an irrepresible urge to get out and garden.

This did not come from my family. No one else even planted a geranium that I can remember. When I was five or six, I asked my father for 20 cents to buy seeds. I walked about five blocks by myself (in those days kids could go places alone) and came home with a package of radish seeds (I don't like radishes but they are easy to grow,) and a package of nasturtiums. I dug up a little plot next to the house and planted them and lo! they grew and multiplied. I was hooked.

Since then I have dug, planted, fertilized, weeded and watered around 10 different homes, new and old, from upstate New York, to Denver, Salt Lake, back east to Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Rhode Island again.

Now that I have reached (and passed) the age of the euphemism, i.e. senior citizen, I'm still at it. The old urge has struck and I chafe at every good weather moment indoors. I love flowers, the brighter and gaudier the better, know the names of rose bushes like old friends, and am crazy about mulch. I regret there is not enough sunlight in my present back yard to grow my own tomatoes. Nothing is better than a ripe tomato still warm from the sun.

Why do I keep doing this year after year? I



think it's probably in my DNA (see "My Voice" in the May 11 *JV & H*) but there must be more to it than that. I love the sense of accomplishment that the (fairly) neat landscape gives me, and the joy of seeing my flowers in bloom, that I have planted and nurtured. Maybe I like the fact that I can still do it, in spite of the tricky back which is not getting any younger. Maybe it's the same stubborn streak which keeps me working when others have retired. Gardening is my golf or tennis. For them you have to be athletic and coordinated. (My claim to sports is swimming and riding a bike.)

I'm pleased to say that my daughter Ellen, who lives in California and grows beautiful things almost all year, has inherited the genes for gardening and will probably still be doing it when she is a senior citizen.

I'd love to keep writing but there's a flat of begonias waiting to be planted.

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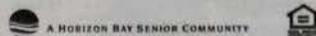
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JEWISH WAR VETERANS

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camps as his unit advanced.

Cohen was awarded six battle stars for the various campaigns, the invasion arrowhead, the Combat Infantryman's badge and a Bronze Star medal.

"I am very happy to be here to tell about it," he says. "I was a Dogface in olive drabs. You did what you were told to do."

JWV Commander **Sanford H. Gorodetsky of Warren** was just a kid who wanted to fly when he enlisted at the tail end of World War II; his parents had to sign a permission slip for the 17-year-old to join air cadet training. "Everyone in the neighborhood was gone or had signed up," he says. He recalls jumping off towers to practice for the parachute drops. The war was over by the time he finished training.

Gorodetsky says the JWV is the "patriotic voice of American Jewry." The group represents and lobbies for the rights and welfare of all veterans and is a member of the United Veterans' Council in the state. They are dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism and are involved in numerous veteran issues, such as the role Agent Orange played in subsequent cancers in Vietnam vets. There are several hundred members.

Holocaust survivors

Ironically, two JWV members survived the Holocaust, only to come to this country and get drafted.

David Brandt of Cranston left Germany in 1941 with his family to escape the Nazis. They traveled overland through Russia, Mongolia and into China. In Shanghai, they lived in one room with no running water. Brandt describes it as a "ghetto," with 27,000 European Jews. He remembers the American Army marching into Shanghai to liberate it in 1945.

When the communists took over China in 1949, Brandt joined the mass exodus out of Shanghai and came to this country, sent for by his sister, who lived in Rhode Island. In 1952, he was drafted and served nine months in Korea, seeing combat with the 176 Armored Field Artillery. "I was damn proud to do so," he says.

Naftali Marty Weissman of Warwick was born in Poland. After the war, in 1947, he was selected with a group of 25 boys to study in a rabbinical school in England. They were given Polish passports by the chaplain of the school; within a year's time Weissman was allowed to come to the United States on a student visa, and arrived in 1948.

In 1951, he received a draft notice and dutifully reported. "They called out for volunteers for the Marines — no one stepped

'I was a Dogface in olive drab.'

— Murray Cohen

forward, so I did." He really did not know what it meant. In actuality, "it was all a mistake. I was a foreign student at the time."

It wasn't too long before Weissman found himself on the front lines in Korea, where he was wounded by shrapnel. He was sent to Japan to recuperate, and then returned to his unit. He served for 13 months and was awarded a Purple Heart.

When he returned to the United States, he became an American citizen, as a result of a law authorized by President Eisenhower, which stated that any foreign-born soldier in combat on the front line could automatically become a citizen.



DAVID BRANDT served in field artillery during the Korean War.

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Amongst life's great annoyances are nights when you cannot fall asleep or when you waken and cannot fall back to sleep. Both experiences are truly nightmares. And age is likely to worsen poor sleep habits.

My ancient grandfather swore that he could not sleep without a good hot cup of tea. (He apparently did not share my intolerance for caffeine). I have a friend who shall be nameless, who takes a glass of warm milk when she cannot sleep. If that doesn't work she will make herself a dish of oatmeal. She reports minimal relief.

I am amused when I read that medical professionals recommend increased sleeping for the elderly, ideally 8-9 hours of sleep per night. If you ran a competition for seniors who enjoy 8 to 9 hours of sleep per night, there would be very few contestants.

And then there is the elderly gentleman who dozes off at 10 a.m., never having gotten past page two of his morning newspaper. He probably also falls asleep at the movies and would sleep through the entire showing if his wife did not poke him. And that pattern is not restricted to the male population.

Many older women find it difficult to get through even the most non-demanding day without an afternoon nap. This is not laziness or self-indulgence since they

may not have had adequate or restorative rest in years. Would skipping those naps change the nighttime sleep to a healthier level? Probably not.

Then there is that large proportion of AARP members who are roused several times during the night. Without elaborating on the cause, this will sound very familiar to many of my fellow-sufferers. The luckier ones fall asleep on returning to bed. The unluckier ones (and they are a much larger number) toss and turn and toss and turn and when they finally doze off, nature calls again soon. They eventually watch for daylight and get out of bed exhausted, of course.

Probably the most frustrating dimension of this struggle for rest is that when sleep eludes us, our minds are most active. And the thoughts that keep us awake are almost never happy thoughts. Anxieties, real and imagined, control the mind. Efforts to resolve those issues are never successful and sleep relief is deferred.

Solutions to sleep problems are numerous. The easiest one comes from the wisdom of my husband, which is "turn over and try to fall asleep." Counting sheep became passe many decades ago.

Most doctors acknowledge that seniors having sleeping difficulties are experiencing normal aspects of aging. If their patients are demanding, they will prescribe medicines that do help. Seniors, always cautious, are ambivalent about using sleeping pills or muscle relaxants.

They want relief but fear addiction. If prescribed solutions cause daytime drowsiness, they are intimidated. (There just is no easy way to appease stubborn old people.)

There are some simple suggestions that MAY help a little. Try to avoid lengthy late afternoon naps, even if you feeling exhausted at that hour. Never go to sleep with a full stomach. Do your "noshing" earlier. If possible, avoid late night physical or emotional stress or stimulation. And, of course, one should always determine whether some medical problem or pharmaceutical is contributing to your sleep problems.

It is the usual no-win situation. You are apprehensive that you will not sleep and then, apprehension keeps you awake. Sleep in comfortable warm bed-clothing on a mattress that is suitable for older (usually arthritic) bodies. Determine which room temperature is most conducive to relaxation.

Life is full of ironies. I can vividly recall the fantasies of my younger years. I had a job that I loved but that made my mother's standards of home maintenance and child-care taxing. I did not do "take-out" dinners but prepared nightly meals of appetizer, entrée (protein), starch, green veggies, salad, and of course dessert. And cooked and baked for friends and family "from Scratch."

I thought that when I retired that I would never be tired again. I did not anticipate the scourge of old age. I have only one reassurance. My doctor-father used to say—"don't worry about sleep. When the body needs rest, it finds it."



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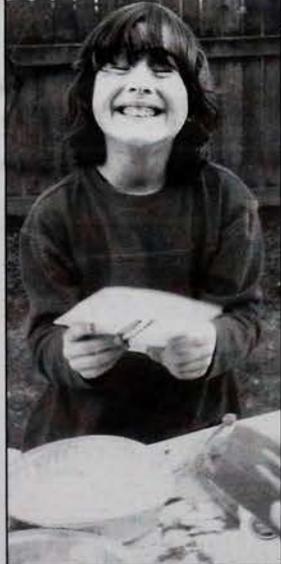
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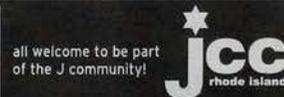


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D'var Torah

The connection and stability of blessing

Parashat Naso

Numbers 4:21 — 7:89

The priestly blessing with which parents bless their children on Shabbat gives parents an opportunity to partner with God in shaping Jewish history and ensuring continuity.

By Maurice Goldstein

Parshat Naso includes an unusual interlude in its varied narrative. During the course of the parsha, we read of the complete listing of tribal princes and their individual offerings at the consecration of the Sanctuary; the detailed obligations of the *nazir*, a man who takes a special vow of holiness and added restrictions upon himself; and the complexities of the *sotah*, a woman suspected of marital infidelity. Among these many topics, the Torah seemingly takes a break to include the threefold priestly blessing that the *Kohanim* (priests) recite:

May God bless you and protect you.

May God cause his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God raise His face to you and establish peace for you.

This blessing, which has become part of the standard prayer service, also underpins

one of the most beautiful Shabbat customs, practiced by many families. On Friday night, before *kiddush*, it is traditional for fathers and mothers to bless each of their children, reciting the above formula.

For me, these few moments, when each of my six children line up to be blessed, constitute the peak of my limited quality-time with them. It is nothing less than an opportunity to both reconnect and also transmit God's loving kindness and compassion. It is the hope of these holy blessings that our children should have merit themselves, raise beautiful committed Jewish children, and enjoy good health and material prosperity.

Over the past years of violence in Israel, I have often reflected on the inappropriateness and premature obsolescence of a bestseller that was popular several years ago, entitled *After the End of History*. The lively public debate it engendered then seems superfluous given recent

events here in Israel, as well as those in New York, Argentina, and Europe, and their effects on entire Jewish communities and families.

In an environment buffeted by economic, political, and religious crises, our much-needed emotional anchors are few and far between. We seek stability and continuity amidst the incessant incidents and frequently shifting news. We seek comfort amidst "the situation," when every ambulance siren and every clattering helicopter overhead can signal yet more death and destruction.

During this season of Shavuot, we celebrate the revelation at Mount Sinai, when gave us the Torah and thus imparted a blue-

print for Jewish life, values, and continuity. Shabbat, too, is an all-surrounding experience that connects us with all of Jewish history and existence — from creation to the covenant at Sinai to the eventual Messianic era of total unity. And the 17 words that comprise the priestly blessing do so as well, serving as yet another means for us as parents to act as God's partners in shaping Jewish history, in renewing intergenerational bonds, and ensuring continuity.

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Terrence Allen, senior vice president of Bank of America,

said the bank plays a significant role in philanthropy in Rhode Island. "Education is a critical priority to this state and to this nation," he said. The bank's charitable foundation has donated \$300,000 through three of its corporations to the Rhode Island Scholarship Alliance (RISA) affiliates, and thus far, \$100,000 to the scholarship granting organization (SGO) for the Jewish day schools. Another corporation has also donated \$100,000 anonymously to the dayschool.

Allen chatted with Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, dean of PHDS, who knows a good deal when he sees it and is working to identify other companies that may want to earmark the Jewish day schools. "It only costs them (Bank of America) \$660 for every \$100,000 they donate," the rabbi said.

PHDSr Esty Saklad, in eighth grade, explained that day schools have to pay more teachers than other schools. "We are really two schools in one," she said. "We have secular studies and Judaic studies. We study the Bible. And we go to school much longer in the day than other schools. That costs money," she said.

PHDS sixth-grader Ezra Felder explained the needs-based process as it effects his school. "We are needy at our school, because many of our families are big and it's hard to pay for so many kids to go to the school."

Eliyahu Raskin, a seventh-grader, offered a point of clarification on the specifics of the program. "The companies that give the money have to be a sea corporation."

"You mean like a boat or shipping company?"

"No. The letter 'C.'"

"What kind of company is a 'C' company?"

"The kind that is allowed by the state to give the money to us."

The hope is that the law will expand to include other types of companies and that the \$1 million cap will increase, said Lawrence M. Katz, who oversees The Foundation for R.I. Day Schools, one of the four scholarship granting organizations within RISA, which represents PHDS and JCDS. He said the state of Pennsylvania's program has grown to \$60 million a year, "much of it through donations as small as \$10,000."

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

What: R.I. corporate scholarship tax credit program

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For more information:

1. www.risolarshipalliance.org; Donna McGowan, executive director, 737-7472

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Louis Brody, 73

WOONSOCKET — Louis Brody, 73, died May 4. Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Clara (Bigunetz) Brody, he had lived in Woonsocket for three years, previously living in Cumberland.

He was a longtime shoe salesman.

Mr. Brody was a member of the R.I. Shrine, chief of the Camel Herders unit, and an advertising salesman for the Shrine Scimitar. He was a member of Thomas Smith Webb Lodge of the Masons.

He leaves his companion, Delores Tellier.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Rhode Island Shrine.

Samuel S. Brooker, 82

NAPLES, FLA., — Samuel S. Brooker, 82, formerly of New Bedford, died May 3. He was married to Judge Rosalind Poll Brooker for 55 years. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Bernard and Esther (Friedman) Brooker. He and his wife retired to Naples in 1992.

He played varsity football for Brookline and Newton High Schools, sailed around the world as a merchant marine and enlisted



in the U.S. Army in 1943. He served with the 95th regiment, known as "The Iron Men of Metz," and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He graduated from the Boston University College of Business Administration where he served as business manager of the Boston University News and produced several jazz concerts and auto exhibits. He received the B.U. Scarlett Key for his contributions to the university.

Always a music lover, especially of jazz, he worked after graduation with entrepreneur George Wein at Storyville in New Haven, Conn.; later with I. Grossman and Sons, in various management capacities, the Small Business Administration in New Bedford, and in real estate.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Bradford Guy Brooker of Larchmont, N.Y.; two daughters, Shelley Gail Yachbesh of Kfar Saba, Israel and Donna Lee Brooker of Ra'Nana, Israel; a brother, Richard I. Brooker of Concord, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Roy Lewis Forman, 77

PROVIDENCE — Roy

Lewis Forman, 77 died May 8. He was the husband of Joanne (Short) Forman. Born in Providence, the son of the late Max and Sylvia (Rosen) Forman, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

A graduate of the Moses Brown School and Brown University, Mr. Forman was the owner of the Marathon Co. in Attleboro, Mass.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El.

He loved to garden, was an avid Red Sox fan, enjoyed playing the piano and spending summers on the Cape.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Roger Forman and his wife Gwen of Walpole, Mass., and Guy Forman and his wife Pamela of Needham, Mass.; a daughter, Deborah Forman and her husband Matthew Finger of Providence; a sister, Audrey Robbins of Providence; and seven grandchildren, Brienne, Mack, Lucy, Charlotte, Julia, Caroline and Nathaniel. He was the brother of the late Jill Forman Starr.

Burial was in the Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Cranston.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906, or The Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Anne Goldfine, 93

PROVIDENCE — Anne Goldfine, 93, of Epoch died May 12. She was the wife of the late Paul Goldfine. Born in Central Falls, a daughter of the late Harry and Ida (Goldstein) Goldfine, she had lived in Providence for five years, previously residing in Woonsocket.

Mrs. Goldfine was a life member of Hadassah and a member of Temple Emanu-El and the former Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Dr. Melvin Goldfine and his wife Marsha of Cranston; a daughter, Elaine Kamin and her husband Fred of East Greenwich; two sisters, Gertrude Hak of Pawtucket and Myrtle Silverman of Beechwood, Ohio; five grandchildren, Erica, Michael, Jonathan, Stephanie and Hilari; and six great-grandchildren, Connor, Rachel, Sydney, Jordyn, Wyatt and Jared. She was the grandmother of the late Seth Goldfine and the sister of the late William Goldberg and Evelyn Mellion.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El or to a favorite charity.

Jean E. Hochman, 94

PLAINVIEW, N.Y. — Jean E. Hochman, 94, died May 4. She was the wife of the late George Hochman. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Mollie (Pearl) Goldenberg, she had previously lived in Warwick and wintered in Delray Beach, Fla.

She worked for the City of Providence in redevelopment.

Mrs. Hochman was a member of ORT, B'nai Brith and Eastern Star. She leaves a daughter, Beverly Gralnick of Plainview, N.Y.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Samuel, Mac, Jacob, Simon and Ann Goldenberg, Sadie Paull, Claire Geller, Rachel Nullman and Faye Brenner.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions in her memory may be made to American Macular Degeneration Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

Irma R. Katz, 72

LINCOLN — Irma R. (Weinbaum) Katz, 72, died May 12. She was the wife of Edward Katz.

Although the focus of her life was always her family, Mrs. Katz was an R.N. who worked as a quality assurance nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati from which she retired in 1997.

She was also active in Hadassah and B'nai Brith Women.

She leaves three sons, Ronald Katz and his wife Yanina of Lincoln, Gary Katz and his wife, Jodi of Louisville, Ky., and Richard Katz of Danielson, Conn.; a daughter, Debra Mandell and her husband Larry of Montgomery, Ohio; and seven grandchildren, Amanda Mandell, David and Sara Katz, Emily, Trisha and Dylan Katz and Ethan Sonny Katz. She was the sister of the late Eugene Weinbaum, Burton Weinbaum and Lois Levy.

Contributions may be made to Hadassah, 10901 Reed Hartman Hwy, Blue Ash, Ohio, 45242; Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Rd, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242 or to the charity of one's choice.

Maxine Lerman, 65

PROVIDENCE — Maxine (Schwartz) Lerman, 65, died May 13. Born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of the late David and Jeanette (Glantz) Schwartz, she had been a resident of Providence for 60 years.



Maxine Lerman

Ms. Lerman was a store manager for Ann Taylor sportswear in the Warwick Mall, as well as a district manager for the clothing store chain, retiring in 1987 due to illness.

She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves two daughters, Stephanie Hallam and her husband Christopher of Gloucester and Jill Lerman and her husband Ray Sujdak of Gainesville, Fla.; her companion, David Rosen of Providence; a brother, Roy Schwartz of New Jersey, four grandchildren, Adam, Jessica, Ryan and Jenna; and her Shana.

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Maurice A. Lundy, 81

NARRAGANSETT — Maurice A. Lundy ("Mike") 81, died May 15. He was the husband of Bernice (Genser) Lundy. They had been married for 58 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Sharlene Lundy of Kingston, and Susan Mason of Barre, Mass.; a brother, Gerald Lundy; and three sisters, Marion Pollack, Lois Radding and Andrea Schreiber, all of Connecticut; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Lundy was the brother of the late Seena Andrew and Toby Roseman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Helene Rosenberg, 77

NEW BEDFORD — Helene (Kauffman) Rosenberg, 77, died April 29. She was the wife of the late Jack Rosenberg. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah (Frank) Kauffman, she had been a resident of New Bedford for 56 years.

Mrs. Rosenberg was a graduate of the University of Rhode

Island.

She was a past president of the Jewish Professional Women's Club, an active member of Tifereth Israel Congregation, working on various synagogue committees, the National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah. She took great satisfaction from her work as a tutor for the adult literacy program of the New Bedford schools.

She leaves two sons, Robert Rosenberg of Chicago, Ill., and James Rosenberg of Framingham, Mass.; a daughter, Ellen Wolyneec of Fairfax, Va.; a sister, Ethyle Ludwig of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Michael, Melissa, Sam and Jillian. She was the sister of the late Jordan and Everett Kauffman and Charlotte Lerner.

Burial was in Plainville Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Tifereth Israel Congregation.

Eli Rozenberg, 88

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Eli Rozenberg, 88, died April 30. Born in Poland, a Holocaust survivor, he lived in Providence for over 40 years before moving to Florida. He was the husband of Sara Rozenberg. They were married for 51 years.

Mr. Rozenberg was a volunteer at the Miriam Hospital for 17 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter Dinaida (Gina) and a grandson, Shane C. Sheppard.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Gail Santangini, 50

CRANSTON — Gail Robin

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OBITUARIES

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Gail Santangini

Santangini, 50, Cranston, died May 14 at home unexpectedly. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Lloyd and Mildred (Koritz) Ross, she had lived in Cranston for 25 years.

She worked for the City of Providence for 15 years, retiring 20 years ago. She leaves a daughter, Robin Lyn Santangini of Cranston; a sister, Shari Goldstein and her husband Howard of Cranston; and two nephews, Arty and his wife Melissa Goldstein and Robert and his wife Christine Goldstein. She was also the great-aunt of Joviana and Jace.

Contributions may be made to the Providence Animal Rescue League, 34 Elbow St., Providence, RI 02903.

Lillian Schwartz, 95

WOODBURY, N.Y. — Lillian (Cherlin) Schwartz, 95, previously of Cranston and Providence, died May 8. She was the wife of the late Harold Schwartz, to whom she had been married for over 40 years. Born on the Lower East Side of New York, she was the daughter of the late Hyman and Minnie Cherlin. She lived most of her youth in Newport.

Mrs. Schwartz was an active member of the Cranston Jewish Center, currently Temple Torat Yisrael.

She was a licensed practical nurse, and trained at Rhode Island Hospital.

She volunteered at the zoo at Roger Williams Park and worked with children with special needs in Cranston.

She leaves a daughter, Hope Zimmerman and her husband Daniel, of Westbury, N. Y.; three grandchildren, Mara Nathan and her husband Laurence, Aaron Zimmerman and his wife Kira, and Rebecca Mansell and her husband Howard; two great-grandsons, Isaac and Solomon Nathan; and a brother, Maurice Cherlin and his wife Arlene. She was the sister of the late Mary Cherlin and William Cherlin. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made in Mrs. Schwartz's memory to Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02905.

Irwin A. Yarnel, 81

WARWICK — Irwin A. Yarnel, 81, died May 11. He was the husband of Marjorie (Feuer) Yarnel. They were married for 57 years. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Sam and Anne Yarmalowsky, he had lived in New York until moving to Warwick 14 years ago.

He was a corrugated box salesman for over 40 years.

 He served in the 1285 Combat Engineers Battalion in World War II.

Mr. Yarnel was a member of the Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El, the Cranston Senior Guild and Touro Fraternal Association.

He will be remembered for his kind heart and sense of humor.

He leaves a daughter, Carol E. Yarnel of Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Leisure Club, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Cemetery association to install officers

WARWICK — Sanford Reich of Providence heads a slate of officers to be installed Sunday, June 10, to lead the Chased Schel Amess Association, operators of Lincoln Park Cemetery here, for the next year.

Reich, who has served as first vice president of the association for the past two years, moves up into the presidential slot when the oath of office is administered by installing officer Murray Gereboff, a past president. The 11 a.m. installation will be part of the association's annual meeting to be held in the Samuel Priest

Memorial Chapel at the cemetery (at 1469 Post Rd.). The meeting is open to the public.

Serving with Reich as officers will be Edward Fink of Cranston, first vice president; Harvey Allen Wagner, Warwick, second vice president; Susan Vederman, West Warwick, financial secretary, and Ross Feinberg, Cranston, treasurer.

Each year one-third of the association's 18-member board of directors is elected for three-year terms. This year those to be installed are Cantor Rennie Brown of Pawtucket; Barry Forman of Warwick; Michael Weiner of Providence and Sam

Mendelowitz, Ernest Schleifer and Gerald Sherman, all of Cranston. The board also includes representatives of organizations owning land at the cemetery.

Reich, who succeeds Joel Gerstenblatt of Warwick as president, has been active at Lincoln Park Cemetery for several years. As first vice president he chaired the Perpetual Care Committee and led the effort to institute a new investment strategy for the association. He has been a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and is a board member at Mishkon Tfiloh Congregation in Providence.

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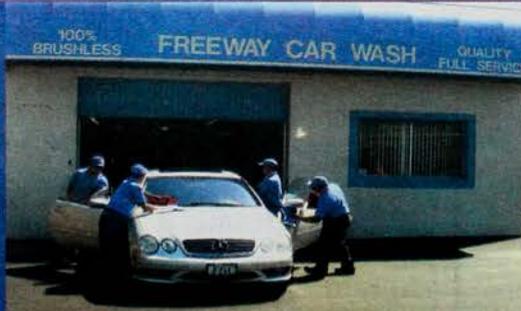
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Births

Alec and Donna Sinel announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Morgan Taylor Mancyak** on Jan. 16. She weighed six lbs., 11 oz. and was welcomed by her big sister, Alexa.

Her parents are Erik and Stacy Mancyak of Richmond, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Maureen Mancyak of Exeter. Late great-grandparents are Ben and Thelma DeLeon and Dorothy and Sidney Gittleman, late of Cranston.



Morgan Taylor Mancyak

Leah Jace Satlow, daughter of Les and Tara (Thaler) Satlow of Andover, Mass., was born on March 12. Her big brother is Logan, age 3 1/2. Leah is named for her great-grandfather Joseph Thaler and great grandmother, Jeanne Satlow. She is the granddaughter of Michael and Jill Thaler of Cranston and Felsa Satlow of Lexington, Mass. and the late Frank Satlow and the great-granddaughter of Barci Thaler of Providence and Pearl Gerber of Portland, Maine.



Leah Jace Satlow

People

Brown to honor Dr. Aronson

PROVIDENCE — Brown University will confer nine honorary degrees during its 239th Commencement exercises Sunday, May 27.

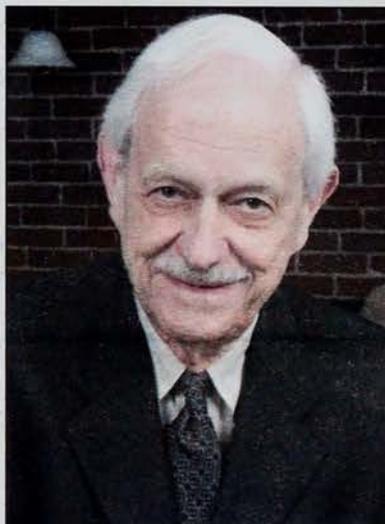
Among the recipients is Stanley Aronson, M.D., founding dean of Brown's medical school, who will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Medical Science (D.M.S.)

An accomplished neurologist, educator and author, Dr. Aronson is one of the original architects of Brown's medical school and its founding dean. In addition to his 11 years as dean of medicine, from 1970 to 1981, Dr. Aronson also served as chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine from 1970 to 1975. In 1981, he was named a University Professor at Brown.

Dr. Aronson's numerous community contributions include working with fellow physicians and local clergy to establish the first hospice program in Rhode Island and serving as its inaugural president from 1989 to 1991. He has also served as president of the Interfaith Care Ministries and has worked to incorporate hospice and palliative care into the medical curriculum.

In addition to authoring approximately 400 scientific articles and

chapters in medical and biological journals and texts, Dr. Aronson's compelling essays on medicine and history can be read in the Jewish Voice & Herald, Providence Journal, Brown Medicine, and the Medicine and Health of Rhode Island Journal, of which he is also editor emeritus.



Engagement



Yigal Gerard and Falk Abby Faith

Rudy and Vivian Drolet of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, **Abby Faith to Yigal Gerard Falk**, son of Ketty and Selwyn Falk of Monroe Township, N.J.

Abby is the granddaughter of Warren and Geraldine Foster of Cranston and Mr. & Mrs. Francois Drolet of Providence.

Yigal is the grandson of Dorothy Falk of Connecticut and the late Julius Falk and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cherqui of Israel.

The wedding will take place at Temple Beth-El on Sept. 2.

Graduate

Eliezer Kaunfer

PROVIDENCE — Eliezer Kaunfer, son of Rabbi Alvan and Marcia Kaunfer was awarded the degree of Master of Divinity by The Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary at commencement exercises held May 17 at the seminary.

Eagle Scout

Michael Steinfeld, 17, Boy Scout Troop 3, Rockville, Md., was honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Izaak Walton League's Rockville chapter on May 6.

Michael is the son of David and Karen Steinfeld of Rockville and the grandson of Melvin and Arlene Landenberg of Tiverton, and Anita Steinfeld and the late Bill Steinfeld of Tampa, Fla. His great-grandmother is Harriet Landenberg of Tiverton.



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