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BELLA PSHAVTOSHVILI, 18, fled the Russia-Georgia fighting in her hometown in South Ossetia.

Georgian Jews flee war zone

Refugees face uncertain future — again

By GRANT SLATER
JTA Staff Writer

TBILISI, Georgia (JTA) — Tina Pshavtoshvili is a refugee, living in a borrowed room in a strange city and facing an uncertain future — again.

Last time she was forced to flee a war zone she was running from Tskhirvali, capital of the breakaway Georgian province of South Ossetia.

Her daughter was a baby, along for the escape during the

first war for Ossetian independence in the early 1990s.

Now Bella Pshavtoshvili is 18 and in her second year at a local college, and the mother and daughter are refugees again, this time from the Georgian city of Gori.

Tina wants to go to Israel, where her brothers live, but Bella wants to stay in Georgia, the only country she knows.

Tina is afraid that she won't be able to afford to give Bella the opportunities she wants in either Georgia or Israel.

Tina and her husband have no work; they rely on \$182 in monthly handouts from the Georgian government and the local Chesed welfare center. Her secret desire is to find someone to take Bella in and send her to a good college

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Photo by Andrea Hansen

Reaffirming religious freedom

THE 61ST ANNUAL READING of President George Washington's historic 1790 letter that affirmed the new United States government's absolute commitment to the free exercise of religion took place at Touro Synagogue in Newport on Sunday, Aug. 17. In the letter, Washington said that religious freedom was an "inherent natural right." The federal government, he wrote, "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Daniel S. Mariaschin, third from left, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International, presents Touro Synagogue with a facsimile of the original George Washington letter. Mariaschin read the letter, and **Moise Smith, far left,** president of B'nai B'rith International, gave the keynote address. **Keith Stokes, second from right,** Chair of the Touro Synagogue Foundation, gave the closing remarks.

IN THE WAR ZONE

Report from the 2008 JCC Maccabi Games

By CHRISTINE PARKER
Special To The Voice & Herald

DETROIT, MI — The Palace at Auburn Hills, where the Pistons play, was filled to bursting Sunday night, Aug.

17, as 2,500 Jewish athletes and their 500 coaches took possession of the stadium for the start of the 2008 JCC Maccabi Games.

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Photo by Christine Parker

MACCABI GAMES swimmers David Padwa and Sam Skurkovich.

Network's Family Day: building community

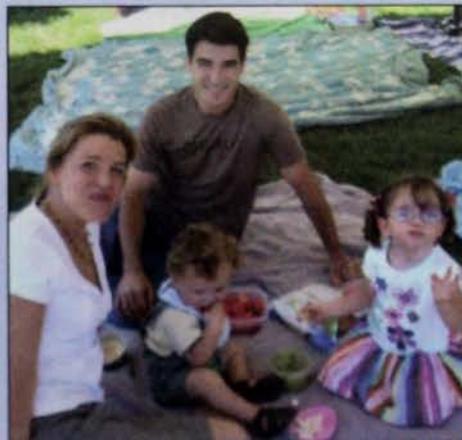


Photo by Rachel Woda

ON SUNDAY, AUG. 17, more than 125 parents and children picnicked together at JFRI's The Network's inaugural event. Left, Paul, Igal, Shai and Naomi Berman enjoy lunch. Right, Aaron Sutton and his father, Richard, help put up a tent. See FAMILY, Page 3.

Live from New York! It's the 92nd St. Y at the JCC

Gloria Steinem, Tom Friedman, Elie Wiesel, Michael Lerner and William Kristol will be appearing 'live' in Providence

By RICHARD ASINOF
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PROVIDENCE — This fall, make plans to turn off your TV and go to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI), where some of the best and the brightest Jewish commentators in our nation will be broadcast live from the 92nd St. Y.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Gloria Steinem, the iconoclastic writer, feminist and social performer, will be the first speaker to be appearing 'live' in the Social Hall at the JCC, beginning at 8 p.m.

She will be followed on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. by New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman. (That Sunday

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Former Gush Katif artists open Orange Gallery in Nitzan

Artists find hope in work celebrating life in Gaza

BY CHAYA MANDELKORN AND NEVEH-DANI
Special to The Voice & Herald

A NEW, modestly-pretty building is standing in Nitzan, the temporary-housing area of the Neveh-Dekalim community, along with other settlement communities, who were expelled from their homes in Gush Katif almost three years ago.

This building, named the "Orange Gallery," was built by contributions collected by Rav Rimon, founder of "Jobkatif," and by Rachel Saperstein, formerly of Neveh-Dekalim, who initiated the idea of establishing an art gallery in Nitzan.

Through the "Operation Kavod," a non-profit organization that she founded in order to help the people of the Gush find work, she collected donations. When she saw that she hadn't collected enough money to build the gallery, she turned to Rav Zvi Yosef Rimon, founder of Jobkatif, for help. He traveled to Boston, and collected donations from the Jewish community there for the gallery.

Inside, the gallery is well-lit and beautifully organized. All Judaica art work, such as the glass challah plates and mezuzah covers made by the artist-director, Miriam Greenblatt, as well as the paintings and the artistic

photographs of Gush Katif views, remind the observer that they were made with great longing for the home that was vibrantly alive in the past, built with love, hard work and self-sacrifice.

For example, Greenblatt's art have the symbol of Gush Katif – the houses by the palm trees and seashore – emblazoned on them in colored glass.

The unique, intricate jewelry made by Miriam Yifrach and Shelomit Vanunu are fashioned from silver and precious stones; the turquoise color of the sea and the yellow shades of the sand-dunes. One of the photographs on exhibit, a picture by the photographer Yehuda Gross, is of a lone, leafless tree-branch,

to which an orange ribbon is tied.

"...the expulsion cost Yifrach her livelihood."

The gallery is the result of effort and

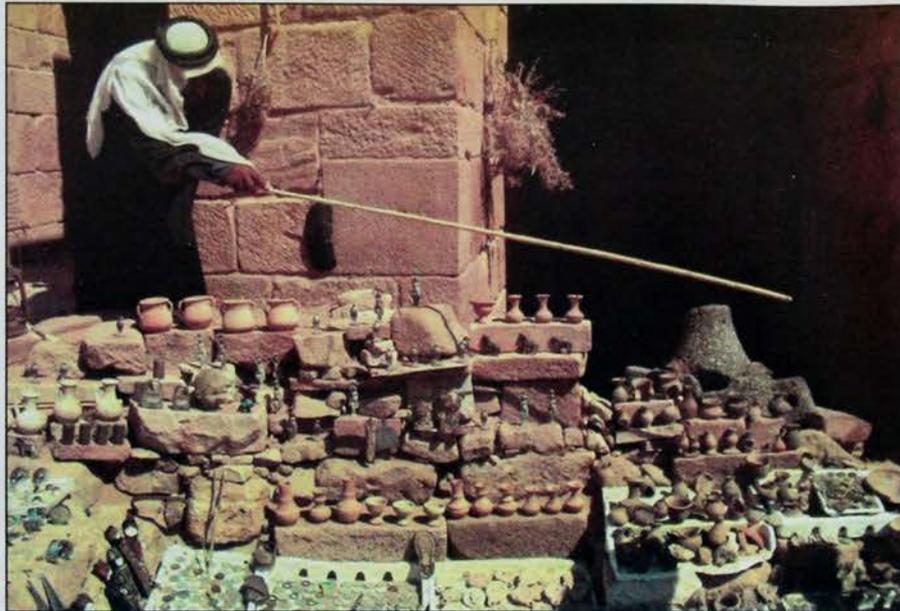
hardship of several families who had made their lives in the Gaza Strip, were expelled and found a creative way to a new life.

Miriam Yifrach has an art teacher's degree from the "Tal-piot" Teachers' Seminary in Tel-Aviv, and taught art for many years while living in Gush. After a 10-year interval working at a bank, Miriam felt that she had to return to art. She began to make jewelry out of silver and precious stones, and participated in the art fairs held by the artists of Gush Katif. However, the expulsion cost Yifrach her livelihood.

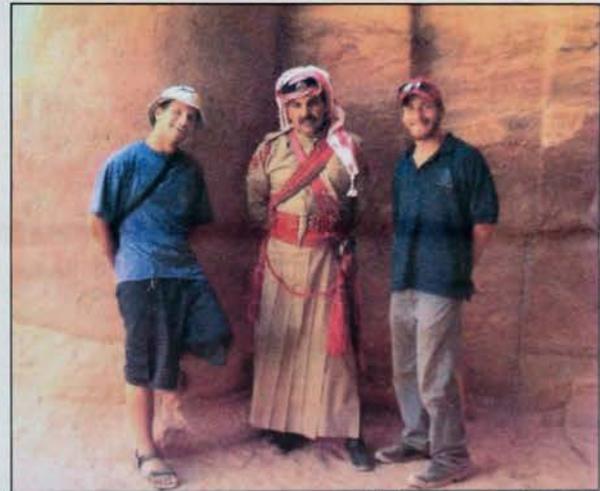
After the expulsion from Gush Katif, the area artists emphasized that their lives changed drastically. After being packed into buses, they were transferred to old hotels in Jerusalem. There they lived in cramped conditions, unable to cook and do laundry for their families. Most importantly, the families of Gush Katif had their livelihoods taken away from them. People who just yesterday could give freely to *tzedakah* found themselves out of even enough money to provide for their families' basic needs.

Until the gallery was built, the expelled artists of Gush Katif had to travel all over Israel with their works of art in suitcases, set up exhibits and make sales wherever they could.

Chaya Mandelkorn grew up in Providence. For more information, see the website of the art gallery at: www.theorangegalleryygh.com.



ART WORK ON DISPLAY, above, in The Orange Gallery, located in Nitzan, where many of the residents of Gush Katif now live



THE ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS, left, of Gush Katif views remind the observer that they were made with great longing for their former homes and places of livelihood.

Photos courtesy of The Orange Gallery



Reflections on life in the Gaza Strip.

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ANDREW STONG, JORDANA JAFFEE, and RASHMI and JONAH LICHT



ALISON WALTER and LAURA SCHAFFER, two of the co-chairs of The Network's engagement and outreach efforts.



LAURA FRIEDMAN, MINDY STONE, and WENDY JOERING

Photos by Rachel Mersky Woda

Hot family fun in the summertime

JFRI's The Network is launched for young leadership

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THE YOUNG leadership Network of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI), known as "The Network," held its first event on Sunday, Aug. 17, on the field adjacent to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

More than 125 participants celebrated a beautiful day with picnic lunches, a bounce house, and relay races.

The kids stayed cool on the huge waterslide and enjoyed free Del's Lemonade while listening to a story and participating in a craft with the PJ Library.

Special thanks go to Laura and Michael Schaffer and Alison

and Brad Walter, The Network's engagement and outreach chairs, along with a team of volunteers

Restaurant, Benny's, Del's Lemonade and Union Paper Co. that made the event possible.

The Network, chaired by Randi and Neil Beranbaum and Jordana and Dan Jaffee, is geared to young adults who are passionate about our Jewish community — for themselves and their children.

We are excited to be a part of this wonderful kickoff to a new chapter for young

leadership in greater Rhode Island," said Laura Schaffer and Alison Walter.

Programmatically, The Network will focus on engagement and outreach for young adults looking to connect to JFRI and educate and train future leaders and activists for our community. The Network will also harness the human and financial resources of its participants to connect them to the important work the JFRI is engaged in each and every day.

"We're excited to be a part of this wonderful kickoff to a new chapter for young leadership in greater Rhode Island."

Laura Schaffer and Alison Walter

who made this first event for The Network a wonderful success.

The team was also grateful for donations made by Andreas



BETHANY SUTTON and ALICE EHRLICH



JORDANA and DAN JAFFEE, the co-chairs of The Network



NICOLE KATZMAN, the local director of PJ Library, reads with a group of children.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR
What have we learned?

By RICHARD ASINOF
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AS RUSSIAN tanks rolled across the Georgian landscape and bombs fell on civilians in Gori and Tblisi, our television world was filled with the spectacle of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

A smiling Tiki Barber narrates an inane segment on NBC about gymnasts crashing down during their routines. The gymnasts fall and grimace; network news anchor Brian Williams laughs. Is this a new version of funniest videos? The bombs fall and kill people; a survivor in the rubble, angry and crying, tells the reporter filming her to go to hell.

I recall Tadeusz Borowski's words in *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*, in his chapter, "The People Who Walked On," describing a normal Sunday at Auschwitz: "Between two throw-ins in a soccer game, right behind my back, three thousand people had been put to death."

This Caucasus conflict is an energy war about controlling the flow of oil; a major pipeline outside the influence of Russia has now been shut down.

Recognition of this, however, has not impeded the pandering – or the tanks.

"We are all Georgians," pronounced Sen. John McCain, declaring that in the 21st century, no country has the right to invade another sovereign country. Sen. McCain failed to mention that his top foreign policy advisor is also a consultant to Georgia, earning hundreds of thousands of dollars.

President Bush, after thoroughly enjoying the Beijing spectacle, where he chatted amiably with Prime Minister (or is that Tsar?) Putin in the dignity seats, repeated this same canard about not invading other countries in the 21st century.

What was it, then, that the United States had done in Iraq in 2003?

Less than a week earlier, from a stage in South Dakota, Sen. McCain had criticized his opponent, Sen. Barack Obama, for Obama's speech in Berlin. In that speech, Sen. Obama had spoken about the need for the United States and Europe to become more unified in addressing the world's threats.

Instead, Sen. McCain said he would prefer to hear the roar of 50,000 Harleys than the applause of 200,000 Germans. As the motorcycles revved, Sen. McCain declared that this thunder was the sound of freedom.

Does the roar of tanks in war sound like thousands of motorcycles revving? We celebrate the incredible feat of American (and Jewish) swimmer Jason Lezak, helping the United States to win a gold medal, overcoming a seemingly unbeatable lead by the French swimmer on the final relay leg.

Yet, there are no medals for Hiu Lui Ng, despite his struggles to stay alive. Ng, a prisoner held in Rhode Island by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), died in Providence on Aug. 6. The death of Ng, a 34-year-old computer engineer from Hong Kong with a job in the Empire

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IT SEEMS TO ME
Hearing the echo of Jewish generations

Connecting the Jewish dots for Gen X, Y

The Times They Are A-Changin'

*Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you
Is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'*

ON THE FIRST day of Rosh Hashanah, 5766 (2005) I began my sermon by singing the first verse of Bob Dylan's

The Times They Are A-Changin'. When I first heard Bob Dylan sing this song back in the 1960s, I was an undergraduate at



Rabbi Jim Rosenberg

Columbia College. I assumed that his words would never apply to me; for, after all, I would remain forever young. I simply could not imagine myself married with children, let alone with grandchildren. It was my parents, my aunts and my uncles, my teachers and all those trouble-making bureaucrats – the ones who had tormented me with inscrutable forms to be filled out in triplicate – who had better start swimming before they sank like a stone; for the times they were a-changin' – for them, but never for me.

But *hineni*, here I am more than 40 years later: long married, father, grandfather, retired. My parents and grandparents, my aunts and my uncles, my sister, many of my former teachers have all died. Time for them – at least time as we mortals experience it – has stopped. Now the times they are a-changin' for me and for my generation.

Most researchers see at least four distinct generations within the North American community and, by extension, the North American Jewish community: the Traditionals (born 1900-1945); Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964); Generation X (born 1965-1979); Generation Y (born 1980-1994).

In the summer and fall of 2004 Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research conducted a study of the comparative identities of 1,385 Generation Y Jews, Catholics, Protestants, and Muslims (ages 18-25); the sample also included a number of Asian, African American, and Hispanic youth.

The research showed that this is the most diverse generation in history; only 7 per cent of Generation Y have friends who are all of their same religion.

This is a generation that values choice, informality, personal expression. What is particularly significant for the Jews of Generation Y is that they have unfettered access to Ameri-

can society; they are free to choose their own identities, with or without the help of the Jewish community at large.

You don't have to be a genius to see that our Jewish institutions cannot conduct "business as usual" if they hope to attract members from Generation X and Generation Y.

At the same time it is not at all clear what strategies we who care so much about "Jewish survival" should adopt; for one of the characteristics of our younger Jews is that they prefer informal to institutional religious expression.

And yet synagogues, Jewish community centers, and federations are by definition institutions. Is it possible for us to become non-institutional institutions?

The approximately 18,000 members of our Rhode Island Jewish community differ widely in age, interests, and needs. As the young Jews of Generation X and especially Generation Y begin to assume their place in the sun, we will need to address what some perceptive Jewish leaders have identified as the tension between the Commanding Community – our collective imperatives – and the Sovereign Self – our individual wants.

Since the young men and women in

their age-driven needs and desires.

To put it somewhat differently, for these young Jews the interests of the Sovereign Self seem to trump the values of the Commanding Community.

To paraphrase a respected rabbinic colleague, turning Jewish individuals into engaged members of our organized Jewish community, while continuing to honor their independence and iconoclasm, is perhaps our central challenge. We need to work together for that day when the members of our Rhode Island Jewish community will ask not what can our Jewish community do for them but rather what they can do for our Jewish community.

But there is a danger in taking this "Kennedyesque" formulation too literally. It is certainly not healthy for the Sovereign Self to override our collective needs, for this way leads to anarchy and ultimately to the destruction of the caring, healing extended family of our Jewish community; but it is equally unhealthy for the Commanding Community to trample upon the unique needs and desires of the Sovereign Self, to squelch the creativity and self-expression of our searching Jewish individuals.

Thus, if we are to remain healthy, we must steer, as did Homer's Odysseus, between the twin threats Scylla and Charybdis, between a community that oppresses and stifles individual initiative and the individual who cannot see beyond the holy trinity of me, myself, and I.

To refer back to Bob Dylan, yes, we mothers and fathers should not "criticize what we can't understand." And

yes, there is always a time when in the older generation should get out of the new road if we "can't lend a hand; for the times they are a-changin'."

Nevertheless, we would all do well to remember that the times have always been a-changin'. The times were a-changin' even before a nice Jewish boy from Minnesota changed his name from Robert Zimmerman to Bob Dylan.

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"You don't have to be a genius to see that our Jewish institutions cannot conduct "business as usual" if they hope to attract members from Generation X and Generation Y."

Generation X and especially Generation Y value "choice, informality, personal expression," they do not respond happily to being told what to think or how to act; because they feel they have unfettered access to American society, they find no compelling need for Jewish communal support in the shaping of their identities.

These young Jews are not joiners; more precisely, they will choose to join a synagogue or a JCC or a Federation only if these institutions can clearly demonstrate to them how they can satisfy

Dry Bones THE NEW ISRAEL

Dry Bones THE GUNS OF AUGUST

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI Setting an ethical table

*To eat or not to eat;
debating kosher
meat supply*

AS I WAS READING yet another chapter in the on-going exposé of business as it's conducted by the holier-than-thou crowd which runs Agriprocessors, the largest kosher meat slaughtering and packing



Josh Stein

institution in the country, I engaged in a thought experiment. If I had the choice of eating a steak produced by people who flaunt the laws of society, exploit first one group of workers, and then their replacements, or a pork chop produced by a packing plant that treated its workers with respect, paid them an honest wage and treated the animals

humanely even in bringing them death, which would I choose?

The kosher steak or the *treyf* pork? On the one hand, the steak from Agriprocessors is from a kosher animal which rabbis have certified was slaughtered according to *halacha*, Jewish religious ritual. On the other hand, the pork is *chazer*, but the people who bring it to my table aren't. Thus the dilemma. The obvious solution, of course, is to go vegetarian. But that avoids the issue.

I've addressed this sort of thing before. Back in October 2006, I wrote about Conservative rabbis whose law committee voted against (yes against!) requiring Conservative Jewish employers paying their employees a living wage. There's nothing in *halacha* that requires it, they complained; Jews would be at an economic disadvantage, they moaned as they washed their hands of the question.

Now Conservative rabbis are taking the other position arguing that there is more to *kasbrut* than the process by which kosher

animals are slaughtered and prepared. There is an ethical component as well. It's nice that the Movement is on the right side of an ethical issue this time.

Rabbi David Lincoln, emeritus of New York's Park Avenue (Conservative) Synagogue is quoted in *The Forward* as saying, "I think there's a general feeling that in the Orthodox community, in many Orthodox communities, and especially in the more *Haredi*, more extreme Orthodox communities, there's more concern for the strict rules of *halacha*, for how you cut the animal's throat and how you examine the lungs. They're not really concerned about whether you're stealing, or whatever, or going into court and perjuring themselves."

Harsh words. But some Orthodox rabbis agree. Shmuel Herzfeld, an Orthodox rabbi from Washington, D.C., wrote an op-ed piece in *The New York Times* condemning the hypocrisy of Agriprocessors and those who defend its practices, calling it a desecration of God's name.

He was roundly condemned in his turn by the Orthodox Union which certifies Agriprocessors. One Orthodox group, Uri L'Tzedek, describes itself as the Orthodox Social Justice Movement. Its web site says that its purpose is "to develop the new, growing discourse among traditional Jewish communities making the connection between God, Torah, and social issues in America, and to help translate that discourse into action." It has come out against the abuses at Agriprocessors but again, defenders of the see-no-evil, discuss-no-evil camp of the Orthodox attack it and its leaders.

So, must ethical people chose between pork and vegetarianism? Or can we, American Jews, apply to ourselves the standards we hold dear when discussing America. Many of us abhor the policies of the current administration. It is our right. Is it an obligation to go public with our complaints? Of course. Are there those Jews to whom the administration is doing the right thing? Of course. Is it their

right to defend? Certainly. Is either less American for doing so? Is one group demonstrably more patriotic than the other? *P'shav*, of course not. Is America embarrassed by the public outcry? I hope so. Should the public scrutiny cease? Not until a determination is made.

It's the same with the Agriprocessors scandal. Those of us who maintain a kosher household must weigh what we read and decide. To eat meat or to go *pareve*. Hiding the truth, denying the truth is an abandonment of ethical principles. Knowing what is right is no secret. Read Micah. We know what God requires, what Judaism has always advocated – to do justice, to love goodness and to walk modestly with our God. Exploiting our workers for the purpose of greater profits, ignoring the prophets in the process cannot be defended. I won't eat the pork, but meat produced by Agriprocessors is off my table.

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NOT ALONE

Is God a Republican or a Democrat?

*In Family of Man,
leader must blend
best of both*

GOD IS a Republican, of course. Just kidding. God is really a Democrat.

OK, still kidding. The Torah tells us that we were formed in the likeness of God, and as the joke goes, we returned the favor. That is, we tend to



Alan Krinsky

imagine God in our likeness. We all like to believe that God's on our side.

As we find ourselves in the season of the Democratic and Republican conventions, with the presidential election itself not even three months away, perhaps we might consider how God would vote? In the description of cognitive scientist George Lakoff, the Conservative and Progressive views of government can be described by two contrasting metaphors of the nation as a family: the Strict Father model and the Nurturant Parent model. The Strict Father model emphasizes personal reliance and favors

more punitive welfare models; competition, self-interest, and discipline are central values, and there is a fear of coddling or spoiling people. The Nurturant Parent model looks more favorably upon government-sponsored social, healthcare, and educational programs, because the view of government is one founded on empathy, nurturing, and a sense of responsibility for the other.

Basically, then, these are two different views on how best to raise children, but applied to the nation.

In the religious realm, we also speak about God as a Parent. *Avinu, Mal'kenu* – Our Father/Parent, Our King. No doubt, Lakoff's model applies here as well. Just as some of us maintain one or the other of the two models in our families and in our politics, we also do so in our religious orientation. And likely, each of us applies or favors one or the other model in all three realms.

So which model is the Jewish one?

Certainly, elements of both models are present in the Torah and Jewish thought. Sometimes we encounter God as a strict Father figure, and sometimes as a nurturing Parent. God encompasses both, and we often recognize both the God of strict justice

and the God of *chesed* and mercy. The God of the Torah is at once stern and disciplining, but loving and nurturing. The framework of Jewish law urges us on to self-reliance, but in a supportive way; we are pushed towards maturity and independence, but our dependence upon God is never removed.

And, if there is any doubt that the Nurturant Parent model has its fundamental place in Judaism, we need only consider the many Biblical admonitions

obligations (the right of the community to tax its members to build institutions) and the return of the land to its original owners in the jubilee year. Ultimately, the land, wealth, even our bodies, belongs not to us, but God; we are merely entrusted with them for a time.

In the end, I would suggest that those of us who hold by a Nurturant Parent model of God, politics, and family ought not to forget entirely the values of the Strict Father model, and the importance of self-reliance. I would also suggest that those of us who embrace a Strict Father model not lose sight of the compassion of the Nurturant Parent model.

For example, we might debate about the relative roles and responsibilities of individual, physician/nurse team, and government in the provision of healthcare. Would a Jewish perspective deny individual responsibility? No. But would it deny any government or communal responsibility? Could we really find grounds in the Torah for denying hospital access to illegal immigrants in emergent or urgent need of care? Or grounds for not ensuring access to basic healthcare for everyone?

I have attempted only to raise some questions here, and a much longer essay, or a book even, would be required to do justice

Could we really find grounds in the Torah for denying hospital access to illegal immigrants in emergent or urgent need of care?

about caring for widows and orphans, and about the proper treatment of strangers, because we were strangers in Egypt.

In matters of political policy, such as economic matters, the Torah would appear not to conform to either progressive or conservative approaches alone. On the one hand, the value of the individual is held in great esteem (to save one life is to save a world), and there are clearly private property rights. On the other hand, there are limits on these values, including communal

to this topic. My hope only is that all of us – Republican or Democrat or third-party adherent or Independent – exercise some greater skepticism about our own convictions, and not assume we wave the banner of God's principles and that our political opponents do not.

As we near the conclusion of this seemingly endless political season, we ought to summon more humility, for there is a danger in assuming that God is on your side, that God is a Republican or a Democrat. The danger is righteousness and recklessness, but there is an alternative approach.

In the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Note: I want to make clear that in my previous column, on Obamaphobia, I nowhere even suggested that to vote against Obama is by definition racist. Indeed, some people might have good, thoughtful reasons for voting against him. What I did claim is that an unconscious, latent racism is the only explanation for the vehemence of the reaction against Obama, especially among those who have a long history of supporting liberal and Democratic causes and candidates.

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Judging character – and kashrut

Character is critical in judging what's kosher

THE BABYLONIAN Talmud features a lengthy, oft-quoted discussion of the liability incurred by an individual whose ox gores another person's livestock. If the ox has never gored before, the owner may claim it was an unforeseen accident and pay only half the injured party's losses. Likewise for the second and third offense.



J.J. Goldberg

With a fourth attack, however, the ox is deemed *mu'ad*, or "forewarned." The owner is then fully liable. He can no longer claim he didn't know. The lesson of the recidivist ox is one of the first and most memorable taught to schoolchildren when they begin their Talmud studies. The narrative is easy to follow, and the moral is clear-cut. It teaches, or should teach, that individuals are responsible for their actions — not just in principle, but also directly and quantifiably liable; not only for what they do, but also for what they fail to do and what they fail to anticipate. No one may traffic with a *mu'ad* and claim not to have known.

A memorable lesson for most, but seemingly forgotten by the distinguished rabbis and communal functionaries who paid a quick visit last week to Postville, Iowa. They had come to inspect the controversial kosher slaughterhouse owned by Agriprocessors, Inc., which faces widespread allegations of abusive and dangerous working conditions. The rabbis spent three hours touring the plant, met briefly with local Christian clergy and social activists, and gave the operation a clean bill of health. They found no evidence, as one rabbi put it afterward, to suggest that "someone should not buy things from Agriprocessors."

Well, no — not based on what you might find in a three-hour walkthrough arranged and paid for by the company. But that's not enough. When your target is *mu'ad*, you have to consider the whole record. And Agriprocessors and its owners are most assuredly *mu'ad*.

A three-hour tour could not uncover the extensive, "egregious" child labor viola-

tions that the Iowa state labor commissioner reported to the state attorney general just five days after the rabbis left town. The labor commissioner said he had "never seen anything like it" in his 30 years in the field, according to JTA. He recommended that the allegations be prosecuted "to the fullest extent of the law." But it took him months to gather the facts. Three hours wouldn't suffice.

Three hours wouldn't turn up the voluminous evidence of abuse gathered by the Forward when we first broke the Agriprocessors story two years ago. We found compelling indications of sexual harassment, shorted wages, favoritism and bribery in work assignments, inadequate safety training and horrific work accidents in the place we called a "Kosher Jungle." But our reporter spent a week in Postville, interviewing current and former workers, merchants, officials and community leaders. He visited homes and viewed pay stubs, rent receipts and food and medical bills. Our staff spent months more on the phone with federal and state officials, academics, food industry experts and others. It took us more than three hours.

If the rabbis didn't want to believe us, they could have consulted the public record — the archive of complaints brought and fines imposed on the company by state and federal authorities, year after year, for health, safety, food contamination and environmental pollution violations.

Well, we are reminded, meatpacking is a notoriously messy business. That's true. What's different about Agriprocessors is the sheer scope and scale of it all. The immigration raid last May, mounted by 16 different federal, state and local government agencies, was described by authorities as the largest such raid ever mounted against one firm. The child labor charges reported this month are described by officials and experts as unusual if not unique in scale for a single firm. And so it goes, in one category after another.

This is a company that is, by any reasonable standard, what the Talmud would call *mu'ad*.

The Forward has been roundly criticized in the past two years for supposedly mixing apples and oranges — questioning the company's kosher certification because of its behavior in areas unrelated to the dietary rules. But they're not unrelated. As

Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld wrote in *The New York Times* last week, character is critical in judging kosher food. If a supervisor or operator routinely violates some essential religious laws, how can he be trusted to enforce other laws? Restaurants and butcher shops in this country cannot receive Orthodox kosher certification if they do business on the Sabbath. Hotels in Israel lose their certification if they host unapproved forms of entertainment. Character counts, not just precision slaughtering.

The rabbis who visited Postville appear to disagree. They concluded, judging by their public statements, that the facility passes muster. That is, whatever allegations may have been made, they do not merit serious attention — nothing deeper

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than a quick walkthrough. They said, in effect, that this is an ox without a record.

But there is a long record. Agriprocessors is one of a network of businesses owned by the Rubashkin family, a large, tight-knit clan identified with the Lubavitch community in Brooklyn. The operations, like the family, may be considered a package.

The family patriarch and company founder, Aaron Rubashkin, came here from the Soviet Union in 1945 and opened a kosher butcher shop. In time the shop became Agriprocessors, the country's largest — and dominant — kosher meat producer, run for many years by Aaron's son Sholom Rubashkin.

While Sholom ran the meat business, his brother Moshe operated a string of ventures, mainly in textiles and real estate, mostly in partnership with other relatives. One of the most colorful was a textile mill he ran in Allentown, Penn., but closed in 2000. A year after shutting it down, Moshe was convicted of failing to obtain workers' compensation insurance after a former employee was denied benefits. While on probation, he ended up with a conviction for bank fraud due to some checks that he wrote. He was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison and got out on parole in 2005.

Shortly after release, he was elected president of the Crown

Heights Jewish Community Council, a government-funded agency closely controlled by the Lubavitch community.

Meanwhile, the plant in Allentown was gathering dust and debts. It owed \$200,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency for cleaning up hazardous chemicals housed there, and was about to be seized by the city for back taxes, according to public records. In April 2005, the plant was heavily damaged in a fire that was ruled arson. Three more fires, still unexplained, finished it off over the next few months. Chemicals that were stored on site caused the fire to blow out of control, allegedly endangering firefighters. In 2007, Moshe was convicted of illegally housing hazardous chemical waste, while his son Sholom — nephew of the Postville executive — was convicted of lying about who owned the property. They await sentencing.

Back in Postville, the elder Sholom was facing questioning in connection with another alleged arson-fraud scheme. Beginning in the late 1990s, Agriprocessors began receiving payments from a Brooklyn pharmaceutical firm, some \$3 million, in return for which the meat company provided, Sholom said in a deposition, "nothing." The Brooklyn firm, Allou Distributors, declared bankruptcy in 2003, shortly after its warehouse burned down. Prosecutors suspected that the owner, Herman Jacobowitz, a member of another Hasidic community, had been laundering company funds; the payments to Agriprocessors were suspected of being part of the scheme, accord-

ing to *The Des Moines Register*. Jacobowitz was eventually convicted of trying to bribe a fire marshal to declare the fire an accident rather than arson, and sentenced to 15 years in prison. Agriprocessors agreed to pay \$1.4 million in civil restitution but was never charged criminally.

One of the most telling judgments passed on the family was rendered way back in 1995 by the National Labor Relations Board. Moshe and father Aaron owned a textile firm in New Jersey that was found guilty of deducting union dues from employees' paychecks but failing to hand over the money to the union for at least three years running, a violation of the National Labor Relations Act. The administrative law judge who ruled against the Rubashkins recommended that their attorney be suspended for his behavior in delaying the case. The board itself, hearing the case on appeal, commented in its ruling that the "Respondent" — named in documents as the textile firm and its owners — "has a proclivity for violating the Act and has previously been found to have engaged in identical conduct."

That, it appears, is the government's way of saying they are *mu'ad*.

The question that must be answered now by inspectors and consumers of kosher meat is what standards should be applied in measuring character — specifically the character of an actor entrusted with supplying most of this nation's kosher meat — and just how hard to look.

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WAR: It's all about energy

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State Building, a house in Queens, a wife who is a United States citizen and two American-born sons, goes unreported for days by local media.

Despite his protests (and what turned out to be a fractured spine), guards at the Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls, allegedly dragged him from his bed on July 30, carried him in shackles to a car, bruising his arms and legs, and drove him two hours to a federal lockup in Hartford, Conn., where an immigration officer

pressured him to withdraw all pending appeals of his case and accept deportation, according to Ng's lawyers.

As Roth Hashanah approaches, the words from Hillel still resonate: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I'm only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?" As the Federation's campaign slogan reminds us: "I am here." The Jewish community needs to speak out with pride, to make our voices heard, to be vigilant in repairing the world and protecting Israel's future — as well as our own.

GAMES: Largest-ever Rhode Island contingent competes in Detroit 2008 Maccabi games

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Athletes from the United States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Hungary, Venezuela and Israel – a Haifa team integrated with the JCCs of Boston – stared up in awe at the thousands of spectators cheering their entrance, amid the boom and flash of special effects you'd expect at a major sporting event.

In the midst of this, one very special contingent of 15 athletes from the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCC) made an enthusiastic entrance, proudly holding the JCC banner, and rollicking across the floor of the arena at the pounding strains of the Drop Kick Murphys.

The faces of this largest-ever Rhode Island delegation to the Maccabi Games – Jewish teens who dance, and play soccer and tennis and swim – beamed out with excitement and pride from the Jumbotron in the ceiling.

The ceremony was worthy of a world class athletic event. Olympic swimmer Mark Spitzer spoke, and encouraged all the athletes to be inspired by their participation, but also to recognize that they are inspiring others, just as he was the inspiration for U.S. 2008 Olympic athlete Michael Phelps' record-breaking achievement.

There was somber remembrance, too. Anouk Spitzer, daughter of Andre Spitzer, fencing master and coach for the Israeli team at the 1972 Munich Olympics and one of 11 athletes who were taken hostage and later killed, spoke. She talked with authority, pain and yet compassion, about how such acts cause ripples that last lifetimes and must not be forgotten. She said that for her, it meant growing up without a father and having to find a way to create a life not filled with anger. For those listening, she reminded them we must never forget, for what we forget, we are doomed to repeat.

THE COMPETITION

JCC's athletes were moved and excited about the opening ceremonies, but even more excited about their prospects for competition and meeting other Jewish teens from around the world.

Swimmer David Padwa, who went on to finish second in his 50 yard Freestyle heat, and post a personal best time, said: "I'm just excited to see how I do swimming against these kids I've never seen before."

Fellow swimmer Sam Skurkovich, went on to win a Silver Medal in the 400 yard Freestyle Mixed Relay. "Mixed Relay" means that



ATHLETES FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER of Rhode Island at the opening ceremony of the 2008 Maccabi Games in Detroit.



Dancer Amy Entin shows off her rapidly growing collection of Maccabi Games pins.



WITH MORE THAN 2,500 JEWISH ATHLETES participating, the opening ceremonies are beamed on the Jumbotron at The Palace of Auburn Hills

Sam accomplished this feat swimming with 3 teammates (from other JCC's) that he had never met before.

Meanwhile, two miles away, Jacob Berman handily won his first and second tennis matches to move quickly up in the standings.

There was less luck for the boys soccer team, which lost its first match 3-2, and second match 3-1, both in hard fought battles. But with two more matches, and a performance that improved steadily through the games, spirits remained high.

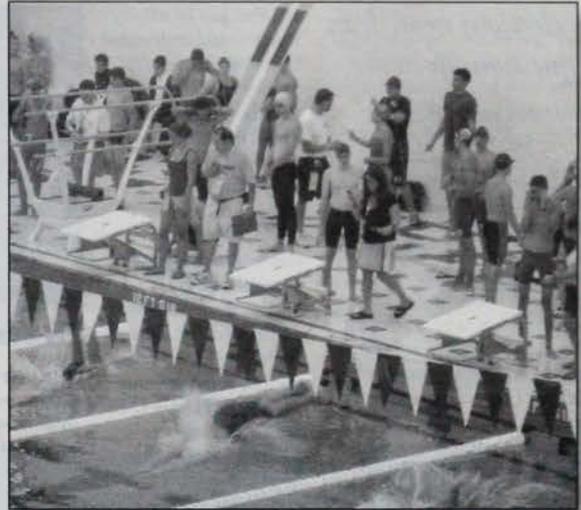
Plus, there were all those other players to trade delegation pins with – another

highlight for all the attendees, and a great way to meet people.

Allie Robbio, playing with the Vancouver JCC in girls soccer, saw her team win its first match 7-2, and lose its second 5-4 with a heart-breaking goal in the last 30 seconds.

Back at the JCC of Detroit, the largest JCC in the United States, Amy Entin and Gabi Levin put in terrific performances within a very accomplished and competitive group of dancers.

Amy summed up what made the Maccabi Games so special and different from other forms of competition, "Here, people try so wicked hard to reach out and meet other people."



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DAVE PADWA AND SAM SKURKOVICH dive from the starting blocks in the 50-yard freestyle race.

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Political transitions in Israel, U.S. leave Iran question unanswered

As elections near, Iran question up in air

By LESLIE SUSSER
JTA Staff Writer

JERUSALEM (JTA) – With Israel and the United States both entering periods of political transition, the differences between the two countries over how to deal with the Iran problem appear to be deepening.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak recently asked former Israel Air Force commander Eliezer Shkedi to draw up a realistic strike option against Iran's nuclear facilities. As part of that process, Israel submitted purchase requests to the United States for new weaponry and ordnance.

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But according to reliable Israeli media reports – confirmed by Israeli officials in Jerusalem and Washington – the United States has yet to approve most of the requested special equipment.

One reason may be stiff U.S. opposition to any Israeli strike on Iran.

In June, U.S. National Intelligence director Mike McConnell and Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Mike Mullen visited Israel and came out strongly against any Israeli attack. Both argued that Iran was still a long way from producing a nuclear weapon

and that any Israeli attack would undermine U.S. interests.

They also suggested that the United States would not allow Israeli planes to fly over Iraq en route to an attack on Iran.

Many Israeli decision-makers had hoped President Bush would obviate the need for an Israeli decision by launching a U.S. attack on Iran before leaving the White House. U.S. forces are far better equipped than Israel to conduct such a strike, and a U.S.-led strike would save Israel from the diplomatic fallout it would have to face if it attacked alone.

But the prospect of a U.S. attack on Iran is becoming increasingly remote. In recent weeks, the United States sent an under-secretary of state for multilateral talks with Iran, and Bush has toned down his rhetoric on keeping the military option against Iran on the table.

In Israel, too, those arguing against a strike have been growing more vocal. Opponents of the military option say an Israeli attack might well prove counterproductive: It would only



Photo by JTA/Marco Castro

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL and the United States over how to deal with Iran, led by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, above, when he spoke at the United Nations, appear to be deepening.

stop the Iranian nuclear program temporarily, while possibly giving Iran a measure of international legitimacy for producing nuclear weapons in the name of self-defense.

"The closer Iran's nuclear program gets, the more nervous Israel becomes,"

Ben Yisrael, former head of Israel's space agency

Those who favor an attack argue that Israel cannot allow Iran to go nuclear under any circumstances, and that if diplomacy fails and no one else takes action, Israel will have no choice

but to strike alone. They acknowledge, however, that Israel would need to gain as much international support as possible before acting and thus should allow U.S. diplomacy to run its course.

That means even Israel's hawks want Israel to hold off on any action at least until well into the next U.S. administration.

A mid-August test launch by Iran of a rocket capable of putting a satellite into orbit in space sharpened the debate in Israel over Iran.

Opponents of a strike argued that the Iranian space program showed that Iran's technological installations were too extensive to be destroyed by any Israeli bombing run.

Moreover, the fact that Iran has long-range rockets accurate enough to launch a space probe means that the Islamic Republic could retaliate powerfully against an Israeli strike. Iran would have the ability to launch attacks not only

from its western periphery but from a range of sites deep inside its territory, making it harder for Israel to locate and destroy such sites.

But hard-liners like Kadima

Knesset member Yitzhak Ben Yisrael argue that the Iranians are deliberately exaggerating their ballistic capabilities to deter Israel and the United States from attacking.

"The closer their nuclear program gets, the more nervous they become," said Ben Yisrael, a former head of Israel's space agency. "Every few days they release a statement as delusory as this last one, the aim being to scare off the Israeli and American peoples with the message: 'Don't mess with us, we are a world power.'"

"While Israel wants to stop Iran going nuclear at all costs, there are growing numbers in both parties in America who think Iran cannot be stopped and that it will be possible to handle a nuclear Iran," he told JTA. "Here you have the potential for serious friction."

Of the four likely successors to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Mofaz is the most hawkish on Iran. He argues that time is running out and that the only way to stop its nuclear program is by military action.

In the meantime, Barak has made it clear that he wants a national unity government. He says the problems facing Israel are so momentous that unity among Israel's major political forces is essential to deal with them.

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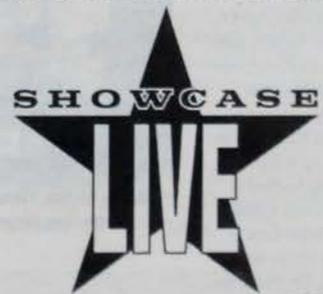
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GEORGIA: Uprooted Jewish refugees face difficult choices

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so she can become a lawyer.

But their home in Gori is under the thumb of the Russian army in a city at the center of a once-frozen, now-simmering conflict.

Tina's husband stayed behind to protect the family home against looting in the lawless zones where the Russian army now patrols Georgian territory.

Of the more than 200 Jews who have fled the conflict zone since war broke out about a week ago, more than half find themselves without any means to escape or rebuild their lives.

The refugees here in Tbilisi didn't know war was upon them until bombs started falling Aug. 8. Then the mad scramble for safety began.

Jews, luckier than most, found representatives from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency had driven to Gori, a Georgian city near South Ossetia that has come under Russian attack, to find them and arrange their transport out of the war zone.

Tina and Bella Pshavtoshvili spent the night of Aug. 9 in the basement of their apartment block with no electricity and no contact with the outside world. When they emerged, they found a JDC representative to take them from Gori, and they fled.

"I was not surprised, but frightened," she told JTA in a barely furnished apartment around the corner from Tbilisi's historic synagogue.

Vissarion Manasherov, head of the Jewish community of Gori, said that what little Gori's Jews had, they left behind when they fled the city.

The Georgian government ministries responsible for recording and aiding refugees have buckled under the weight of more than 50,000 people fleeing the conflict zone.

Jewish organizations have set up their own systems of spreadsheets and phone lists to keep track of the scattered mass.

The refugees from Gori can't return to their city, which is guarded and patrolled by Russian tanks. There are reports of Ossetian irregular military forces threatening the local population and perpetrating ethnically motivated violence.

Delegations from the JDC who tried to reach the embattled city in recent days were turned back by hostile Russian and paramilitary forces. One JDC worker trying to deliver food to Jews in the area turned back when he was confronted by Russian soldiers who fired into the air and at the ground.

Miriam and Zina Jinjikhashvili, 60 and 68, decided to leave

Gori only when a Russian bomb struck part of their apartment building and set it ablaze. The two sisters live with a third sister in a small apartment.

They had been in contact with JDC staff members throughout the weekend who tried to convince them to leave the city but they had refused. For two days, the sisters argued among themselves.

On Monday, Aug. 11, the JDC crew made it to the outskirts of Gori when the sisters called them to say their home was on fire. When JDC staff showed

up, the sisters were in a full-on shouting match, replete with tears as their building burned behind them, said Amir Ben Zvi,

"This was the kind of war that is only in cinemas. The bombs were huge."

Zina Jinjikhashvili

a JDC staff member at the scene.

"This was the kind of war that is only in cinemas," said Zina Jinjikhashvili. "The bombs were huge."

In the end, the two younger sisters decided to leave. On Aug. 14, they fretted over the fate of their older sister in a dimly lit apartment in central Tbilisi.

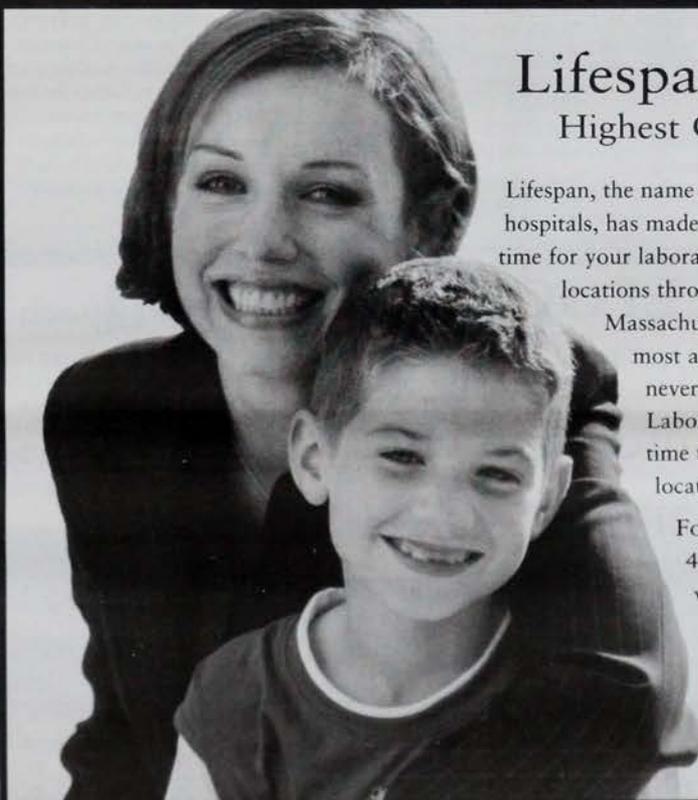
"Every second, I'm thinking about my sister. I'm ready to leave Tbilisi and go home to Gori," Miriam Jinjikhashvili said.

They have heard that four fire trucks on the scene managed to put out the flames at their building, but the third sister has not been back to check on the condition of their apartment. The aid organizations have

relied on the closeness of the Jewish community in Gori to account for its members in the aftermath of the conflict. Cell phone numbers and word of mouth are like manna to a community that was once so close and is now scattered about.

More than 40 refugees have immigrated to Israel on flights packed with Israeli citizens fleeing Gori. El Al Airlines is one of the few companies flying to Tbilisi. The most recent flight left Aug. 15 afternoon for Tel Aviv with a mix of Georgians and Israelis.

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LIVE: In Providence, great speakers to 'appear' at the Jewish Community Center

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promises to be a busy day for the Jewish community, with an open house earlier in the day at the JCC, and a special event to celebrate Temple Emanu-El's new rabbi, Rabbi Joel Seltzer.)

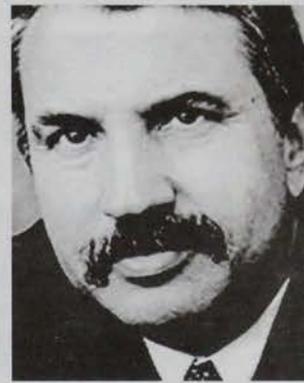
The line-up of speakers includes:

- Monday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. - Edgar Bronfman
- Thursday, Oct. 2, at mid-afternoon and 8 p.m., - Elie Wiesel's 80th birthday celebration, with special guests.
- Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8:15 p.m. - How Should Jews Vote? With Ed Koch, William Kristol and Rabbi Michael Lerner
- Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 8:15 p.m. - Rabbi David Wolpe: Why Faith Matters; and
- Thursday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. - Henry Paulson.

Sue Suls, who is coordinating the 92nd St. Y program at the JCC, praised Bob Starr for his generosity in helping to bring the programming to Providence. "The generos-

ity of the Starr-Tobak Endowment Fund from the JFRI enabled us to purchase and install the satellite equipment necessary for the programming and pay for the seven programs we are offering this fall," she said. "The result of this generosity is that the programs are free for the community." The programs are offered by the Starr-Tobak Endowment Fund of the JFRI in memory of Charles J. Fox, father of Joyce Starr and Jill Tobak.

"My father would be very pleased that we are bringing this kind of program, with its



GLORIA STEINEM AND THOMAS FRIEDMAN will be the first two 'live' speakers appearing as part of the 92nd St. Y program at the JCC, on Sept. 10 and Sept. 14, respectively.

enthusiasm and excitement, to Providence - and allow it be shared on a free basis," said Jill Tobak, the president of The C.J. Fox Company. "My father was a very *au courant* type of person. He really kept up with news and ideas. He loved to engage people all the time in conversation, especially if it was controversial," she said.

Tobak said that she was looking forward to the opportunity to hear Gloria Steinem. "If there ever was a father who encouraged his daughters to be all that they could be, it was my father," she said.

He also loved the JCC, she said, and swam there almost every day.

The audience here in Providence will be able to "interact" with the speaker, sending questions directly to Gloria Steinem and the other speakers via e-mail. According to Suls, an effort will be made to include questions from the audience

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Jill Tobak, president, The C.J. Fox Co.

before questions are answered on location at the 92 St. Y.

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Rabbi to deliver convention invocation

DENVER: Rabbi David Saperstein will deliver an invocation at the Democratic National Convention. The director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism will deliver the invocation on Aug. 28, the night that Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) is scheduled to accept the Democratic nomination. "I am deeply honored to have been invited to offer a religious voice at this celebration of American democracy; the opportunity to do so at an evening of such historic significance to our nation is especially meaningful," Saperstein said. The Democratic convention will open with a public interfaith service of Christians, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists.

Italy allowed terror groups in exchange for safety

ROME: A former Italian president says his country allowed Palestinian terror groups to roam free in exchange for not attacking Italian targets. Francesco Cossiga's admission confirmed claims of such a deal revealed last week in an interview in the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper with Bassam Abu Sharif, the former chief of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. In a letter Aug. 15 in *Corriere della Sera*, Cossiga described a

"secret 'non-belligerence pact' between the Italian state and Palestinian resistance organizations, including terrorist groups" such as the PFLP. The deal, he said, had been devised by Prime Minister Aldo Moro, who in 1978 was kidnapped and assassinated by the Italian terror group the Red Brigades.

Nonetheless, there were several major Palestinian terror attacks on Italian targets in the 1970s and 1980s. They included attacks on Rome's airport and main synagogue, and the hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship.

Last month, Cossiga accused the PFLP of being behind a terrorist attack at the Bologna train station in 1980 that killed 85 people. That attack has long been ascribed to Italian neo-fascist terrorists, and two leaders of a neo-fascist extremist group were given life sentences for their role in the attack.

Olmert's office denied the report, saying Israel stands firm in its demand that all Palestinian refugees belong in a future



Cultural exchange

TOP: SCHOOLCHILDREN at the Shi Jia Elementary School in Beijing await greet four Israeli Olympic swimmers.
BOTTOM: ISRAELI OLYMPIC swimmers Tom Beer, left, Itai Chammah, Gal Nevo and Guy Barnea connect with students at the Shi Jia Elementary School in Beijing who have been learning about Israel for two years before the Games.

Palestinian state rather than in the Jewish state. The Palestinians want their refugees from the 1948 war — along with their descendants, they now number in the millions — to be allowed to exercise a "right of return" to lands in Israel. Successive

be cross-examined by the prime minister's lawyers. Talansky was already cross-examined once, in late July. But Olmert's defense team, which accuses the fund-raiser of inconsisten-

Israeli governments have ruled out the request as a recipe for demographic suicide. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' office had no immediate comment on the *Ha'aretz* report.

Talansky: No more cross-examinations

JERUSALEM: Morris Talansky said he will not return to Israel for another round of questioning in the corruption case against Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Talansky, an American Jewish financier who threw Israeli politics into disarray last May by testifying in a Jerusalem court that he gave Olmert more than \$150,000 in undocumented cash handouts, said through his lawyers Thursday that he will not return to

cies and fabrications, requested another round. According to Talansky's lawyers, he is shunning further proceedings in the

WJC meets Chavez

CARACAS: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez promised visiting Jewish leaders he would condemn "all forms of anti-Semitism." Chavez's promise came during a meeting last Wednesday in Caracas with leaders of the World Jewish Congress arranged by the presidents of Argentina and Brazil. WJC President Ronald Lauder said Chavez promised to initiate a meeting with the leaders of those nations to jointly condemn "all forms of anti-Semitism, discrimination against minorities and anti-Muslim sentiment." A leftist career military man, Chavez came to power in 1999 and has unsettled the West with his fierce criticism of global economic policy and his embrace of rogue leaders such as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and former Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Chavez was accused of anti-Semitism following a 2006 speech in which he said the "the descendants of the same ones who crucified Christ" controlled the world's wealth, though some Venezuelan Jews said the critics took the comments out of context.

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AS WE GROW OLDER

When my get-up-and-go got up and went

An untreatable condition known as a lack of energy

TWO SENIORS (usually female) are talking on the phone. The conversation goes as follows:

Q: How are you feeling?
A: I am fine. But, for no good reason, I am always tired. And seem to have no energy at all.

If that exchange sounds familiar, then I have sad news for



Tema Gouse

you. It means that you are of an aging generation. Any medical provider of Medicare services has the same exchange with older patients. And, sadly, the

most conscientious of doctors rarely has satisfying responses of solutions for the problem.

I am lucky enough to have very competent physicians. They listen patiently even though I may be asking a specialist questions that have no relevance to their expertise. Oh, they speculate and ask polite ques-

tions but are unable to diagnose (or treat) geriatric exhaustion that is not otherwise symptomatic. And, bless their souls, they are all too polite to attribute my complaint to anything other than advancing age.

Medicare would not take kindly to reimbursing the doctors when they apply for compensation and list "exhaustion" as the reason for treatment. But the symptoms do not want to go away.

If we have no significant (or treatable) illness, why are we so tired? Actually, tired is the wrong adjective — we are exhausted. Where did that old energy disappear to?

I used to have tons of it. I maintained a nine-room house. I shopped for the groceries and prepared most meals. (Restaurant eating was a luxury in those days.) I car pooled my kids to Hebrew School, the pediatrician, Little League, scouting, and on rainy days, to visit friends who lived a few blocks away.

I baked pies, and cakes, and cookies, even when I was not having company. And yes, inviting friends for dinner (all homemade) was part of our family life.

I used to joke that it was all possible because I also had a part-time job which was 30 hours per week and more when the job demanded it. As I look back on it now, I do not recall feeling tired. Harassed, yes! Tired, no!

Well, now I am a Jewish-American princess. When I became eligible for Social Security, I retired. By then, life

friends became explorations of new restaurants, not new recipes.

The big change came when we sold that old house we had lived in for 47 years and, I must report that life is really easier in an apartment than in a house where you are always in wait for the next structural disaster.

I tell everyone how old I am and wait for them to say that I do not look that old.

(It rarely happens).

If life is less demanding why has my energy level sunk so low. (Some days I can only read for two hours.) The lady, who was always "on-the-go," now relishes those days when there is nothing on the calendar. (Not even doctors' appointments!)

There is a school of thought that if I would exercise and be more active, that I would

feel less tired. (This wisdom comes from someone who is five years my senior.) And he is correct. But there is only one problem; where can I find the energy to exercise?

I miss those shopping expeditions with my friends. I am annoyed that I lack the stamina to visit museums. Every day I thank God that I had the wisdom and the energy to travel the world when I was stronger.

"If life is less demanding why has my energy level sunk so low? (Some days I can only read for two hours.) The lady, who was always 'on-the-go,' now relishes those days when there is nothing on the calendar."

at home was dramatically easier.

The offspring had become adults and the house was quieter. I had a cleaning lady who came to do the heavy housework, and dining-out became less of an indulgence.

And, for awhile, I was fully rested. I could indulge in my favorite activity (reading) for four or five hours a day. I planned outings and traveled even more than I had in my more-vibrant days. Dinner with

My children and grandchildren all live out of Rhode Island and I get very excited when they come to visit. And when they leave (I admit this with a very embarrassed expression) I am relieved to be able to sit quietly and fall asleep to a "Law & Order" sequence that I have seen three times before.

So, I've given my confessional and now will give all my doctors the wisdom they need to give to their old patients. Tell them that they have been fortunate enough to live a very long time and that they have an untreatable lack of energy because THEY ARE OLD!



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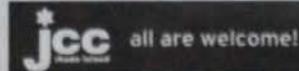
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Jewish Community Calendar

SATURDAY

August 23

Book signing

With Deborah Moxham and John Schenck, authors of *Providence Guide to the 91 Best Restaurants*

WHERE: Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence

WHEN: 2 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-9097

SUNDAY

August 24

School Open House

Yeladan is Torat Yisrael's new K-1 class: an introduction to Judaism. Open to both temple members and non-members.

WHERE: St. Luke's Church, 99 Pierce St., East Greenwich

WHEN: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MORE INFO: 785-1800

Open House Cookout

Temple Am-David cookout for prospective members

WHERE: Temple Am-David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

WHEN: 4-6 p.m.

MORE INFO: 463-7944 or adler-susie@cox.net



LIVE FROM THE 92ND STREET Y. Gloria Steinem, Thomas Friedman, Edgar Bronfman, Elie Wiesel, Rabbi David Wolpe and Rabbi Michael Lerner will all be beamed live to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island this fall, thanks to the generosity of the Starr-Tobak Endowment Fund. Steinem will be 'appearing' Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman is slated for Sunday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 861-8800, ext. 108.

Story Time

PJ Library presents a Shabbat story time.

WHERE: Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

WHEN: 5 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext. 80, or nkatzman@bjeri.org

Back to Shul BBQ

Sponsored by Temple Emanu-El membership outreach committee.

WHEN: 5-7 p.m.

Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/under 10, free/under 4.

MORE INFO: 331-1616 or info@teprov.org

TUESDAY

August 26

'Praying with Lior'

Film screening open to public as part of Kroll Educators Conference

WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7 p.m.

MORE INFO: Beth Brier, 331-0956, ext. 223 bbrier@bjeri.org

WEDNESDAY

August 27

Book Club

Neighborhood discussion group

WHERE: Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence

WHEN: 7 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-9097

THURSDAY

August 28

Bereavement Group

Hug N'hamah group for those

mourning the loss of loved ones. Facilitated by Dr. Judith Lubiner and Rabbi Amy Levin.

WHERE: Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 785-1800

MONDAY

September 1

Golf Tournament

Temple Am David's 50th Anniversary Memorial, with portion of proceeds going to American Cancer Society.

WHERE: Cranston Country Club, 69 Burlington Rd., Cranston

WHEN: noon, kosher lunch; 1 p.m., tournament

COST: \$150/player,

MORE INFO: 463-7944 or ajm3299@cox.net

WEDNESDAY

September 3

JCDS Annual Meeting

2008 annual meeting of the Jewish Community Day School.

WHERE: Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7 p.m.

MORE INFO: info@jcdsri.org

TUESDAY

September 2

Fitness for Teens

New exercise program for teens with mild special needs. Taught by Striar Personal Trainers.

WHERE: Striar JCC, 445 Central St., Stoughton, Mass.

WHEN: 6-7 p.m.

COST: \$200/JCC members, \$240/non-members.

MORE INFO: (781) 341-2016, ext. 201, or npresent@jccqb.org

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EVELINE LUPPI GALLERY will be presenting 'Rhode Island Voices' with an opening reception on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 6 - 8 p.m., at 7 Main St. in Wickford. The artists who will be exhibited include Johnson, Luppi, Shalansky, and Lorenzo.

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A lesson in survival in today's economy

From Bear Stearns to Bava Metzia, an ex-employee finds silver lining

BY ANDREW NEFF

Special To The Voice & Herald

TEANECK, N.J. (JTA) – In the months since the 86-year-old financial giant Bear Stearns disappeared in the midst of a financial crisis, I've learned five important life lessons.

Somehow, I had missed them in my 25 years on Wall Street, 20 of them with Bear Stearns.

VIEWPOINT

Here is what I learned:

- God runs the world.
- Your prayers are answered, so think carefully about what you pray for.
- Think about your legacy.
- Every benefit has a cost and every cost has a benefit.
- Handling tests is easier than you think.

GOD RUNS THE WORLD

When Bear Stearns collapsed, it shocked the world. Companies that are in business for 86 years without so much as a losing quarter – except for the last one – don't go out of business, and if they do, it doesn't happen overnight.

We knew we were having a bad year, but we were in a

cyclical business. We'd had good years and bad years. My area – equities – was having a good year, and the firm was profitable again, highlighting what we thought was the strength of our business model.

But then Bear disintegrated, and my stunned colleagues and I tried to figure out why. Was it our new CEO? Our ex-CEO? Our shorting stocks? Bad press?

Many of us went through the stages associated with the loss of a loved one – denial, anger, depression. Finally, we began to accept our situation.

I, too, went through these stages. Until the demise of Bear Stearns, I knew what my schedule was going to be, more or less, for the next year or so. I was working on projects through 2010. I was firmly in control and knew what the future would be.

Then I learned I wasn't in control.

Bear's collapse showed me who is really in control: God. It was all part of God's plan. You can be angry with God's plan, but it doesn't change the plan.

On one level, it's like going to a museum and becoming angry at the exhibits. It's a silly reac-



ANDREW NEFF learned important life lessons following the collapse of Bear Stearns, where he had worked for 25 years

tion because it doesn't change the exhibits. So you may as well enjoy the museum.

Think carefully about what you pray for.

As a ba'al teshuvah, or newly observant Jew, I often had thought about taking off some time to learn Torah. Though I have studied some over the years – studying Talmud daily in the daf yomi, attending synagogue classes – I still saw my Jewish knowledge as lacking depth.

I thought about taking a sabbatical, but I had two conditions: I couldn't take off after a good year, since I needed just one more good year. And I couldn't take off after a bad year, since I really needed a good year to take off. Outside of these two mutually exclusive conditions, I would take off time to learn.

Around last November I began talking with a rabbi in my hometown of Teaneck, where I had moved with my family three years ago, about studying at the local Yeshiva Gedolah one or two mornings a week.

But when it came down to it, I could never find the time.

God found the time for me. He cleared my entire schedule. He arranged a sabbatical year for me.

I viewed what had happened to Bear Stearns as an act of God that was outside the natural course of things, but I didn't know why it had happened.

All I knew was that the message – whatever it was – was that something must change.

Ironically, I was offered a job at the firm that bought us. The person at J.P. Morgan who did what I did coincidentally resigned the day Bear Stearns went out of business. I could

have slipped from one vine to the next with nary a glitch.

But the e-mails we get from God aren't always so clear. That's where prayer comes in. God does answer prayers. Sometimes the answer is murky, and sometimes it is a smack upside the head.

That's how I ended up learning two hours a day at a yeshiva.

THINK ABOUT YOUR LEGACY

In my 25 years on Wall Street, I made people a lot of money – and may have lost people a lot of money at times as well. I was on the Institutional Investor All-Star team for 16 years and on The Wall Street Journal All-Star team for nine years.

But that is not what I will be remembered for from my years at Bear Stearns. The observant world remembers me for running the Bear Stearns minyan. When Bear Stearns moved to a new building several years ago, tighter security regulations killed our old stairwell mincha minyan. But after a few months I was able to get the conference room next to my office. Word spread and we started attracting outsiders from nearby firms.

After a few weeks, I received a call from Bear's human resources department. I was told there were issues with outsiders coming to a "secure" floor.

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The delectable fruits of summer

*Ginger-peachy,
peachy-keen*

By MARYLYN GRAFF
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THIS IS THE season to enjoy ripe, juicy, locally grown summer fruits while they last. When you have eaten your fill and the juice is running down your chin, you can turn to some delicious and interesting recipes to brighten up your barbecue.

Try to buy the peaches at a local stand rather than the supermarket where they are hard and sour.

Peaches grilled on the barbecue with ice cream for dessert are delicious.

You can make your own chutneys and salsas, spiced to your family's taste, to liven up grilled chicken, fish, and burgers.

And, if we had room, there's peach pie, peach short-cake, peach crisp, etc.

pits. Brush peaches with orange juice or lemonade. When ready for dessert, place peach halves cut side down on less hot part of grill until beginning to brown – about five minutes, turn over, fill centers generously with brown sugar and cook until sugar melts and peaches are lightly browned. Remove to plates and fill centers with ice cream or non-dairy frozen dessert.



ginger, peeled and grated
1 tsp. cornstarch
4 ripe peaches, peeled and cut in 1/2 inch cubes
1/2 tsp. salt or to taste
1 cucumber, seeded and cut in 1/2 inch dice
1 tablespoon cilantro, minced

Method:

In a small bowl, combine orange juice, vinegar, curry, jalapeno, cornstarch and honey. Set aside.

Heat oil in sauté pan. Put in onion and cook over medium heat, stirring often, just until soft. Add ginger, stirring to combine.

Stir in orange juice mixture, mixing well in pan. Add peaches. Toss gently to coat. Simmer over low heat until liquid has thickened, about 10 to 15 minutes. Season with salt and remove from heat. Let cool. When mixture has cooled, stir in cucumber and cilantro, and mix well.

Alternate: For a real fresh salsa, combine orange juice, vinegar, curry and honey in a small pan. Stir in a tsp. of cornstarch and cook over low heat until thickened. Let cool and stir in olive oil, uncooked peaches, onion, jalapeno, ginger, cucumber and cilantro. Refrigerate a couple of hours to let flavors blend.

Yield: About 6 cups.
If tomatoes are what you have too many of, use the same recipe, substituting tomatoes.

PEACH SALSA

This is a lively, slightly sweet salsa. It's good on everything from burgers to chicken. The fruit should be good and ripe – but not overripe.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced small
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, cut in 1/2 inch dice
- 2 tablespoons fresh

PEACHES ON THE GRILL

Ingredients

- 3 large or six smaller ripe peaches
- Orange juice or lemonade
- 1/2 cup (or more) packed brown sugar mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon

Method:

Peel peaches by dipping in boiling water to cover for about a minute and transferring to a bowl of ice water. The skins will slip right off. Cut in half and remove

'Butter and sugar' meals

Our corny heritage

By MARYLYN GRAFF
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WHAT WOULD summer be without our delicious local "butter and sugar?"

Most people know by now that roasting is the best way to bring out the sweetness of most vegetables. This includes corn. (It also saves washing a big cauldron.)

Remove loose outer layer of leaves, peel back inner leaves and strip off the corn silk. Put back inner leaves; tie with string if necessary. Soak ears in cold water for about 10 minutes and place on a medium-hot grill, turning after about eight minutes. Cook on other side about eight minutes more.



Remove from grill, strip off rest of leaves and serve with butter or non-dairy spread.

Ears of cooked corn left-over from a barbecue can turn up in many dishes from salad to pancakes to chowder. Here are two ideas

CORN SALAD
Ingredients

- 3 or more ears of cooked corn, kernels cut off into a bowl
- 1 sweet red pepper, diced
- 1 sweet green pepper, diced
- 1 medium red onion, diced

- 1 cup celery, sliced thin
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1 medium cucumber, quartered the long way and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley for garnish.

Method:

Place all in the bowl and stir to mix.
Dressing:
1/2 cup canola or other vegetable oil
1/4 cup Chinese rice vinegar
1 Tblsp. sugar
Salt and pepper to taste.

Shake up dressing and pour just enough to coat salad.
Mix and garnish with parsley

TEX-MEX LATKES

This recipe is from one of our favorite cookbooks, *Divine Kosher Cuisine*, by Rise Routenberg and Barbara Wasser from

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Behind every great president is his press secretary

Local author pens biography of FDR's 'image-maker' and friend

BY MARY KORR
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IN *The Making of FDR*, Rhode Island author Linda Lotridge Levin brings Stephen T. Early, whom she describes as "America's first modern press secretary," out from the shadows of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the four-term president who served during the tumultuous times of The Great Depression and World War II.

In the preface, Levin, who is a

REVIEW

professor of journalism and chair of the Department of Journalism at the University of Rhode Island, postulates that "had there been no Steve Early, it is possible that Franklin Roosevelt would have been a one-term president. For without the publicity machine developed by Early with the president's blessing and encouragement during his first term in office, the charismatic Roosevelt might have found the hostility of the nation's newspaper publishers (predominantly Republican) too much of an obstacle to overcome when it came time for the 1936 election."

With the encouragement and collaboration of Eleanor Roosevelt, who worked with Early to manage the president's campaign publicity, the First Lady and Early become lifelong friends and admirers.

When Roosevelt died in 1945 after collapsing in his retreat in Warm Springs, Ga., it was up to Early, back in Washington, D.C., to break the news to Mrs. Roosevelt, Vice President Truman and an America still at war.

The book's Chapter 24, "Then there was one," is a startling and riveting account of the death of the president.

The Making of FDR
Linda Lotridge Levin
Prometheus Books
538 pages, illustrations
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Photo courtesy of Stephen T. Early collection, FDR Library

EN ROUTE TO THE CAPITOL for a message to Congress on January 1, 1937. From left, FDR, Marvin McIntyre, FDR's secretary Stephen Early, and James Roosevelt, FDR's son.

AN AP REPORTER

Early's background was as a reporter in the Associated Press (AP) wire services, and throughout his career in FDR's administration, he was as straightforward with reporters as he could be. This was the veritable media Dark Ages, before the term media was even used, but it was the heyday of print and wire journalists,

retary, who often was on the point of exhaustion, planned to leave his position for many years, to support his wife and children, but events and history had a different plan.

This is an insider's tale, which depicts Early as an early presidential image-maker. For example, Early never allowed FDR to be photographed below the waist, in his wheelchair. It

is amazing today to think very few in America knew FDR was paralyzed from polio. He could stand and walk a few steps leaning on an assistant.

The press honored Early's request; the health of the president was not the topic it is today. Above all, as Early felt, it would have been a blow to the American people to perceive a weak chief executive in those dire times.

He and FDR were close friends; the two met at the Democratic National Convention in 1912.

It was Early whom President Roosevelt met with first every morning, in his bedroom, where he conferred with his closest staff before his official day began.

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"Early expanded FDR's image through radio, beginning with the famed radio 'fireside chats,' in which FDR sought to reassure the nation during the Depression era and then the war."

relentless, out for the scoop, but who nevertheless, as depicted by Levin, respected Early. He launched the concept of regular presidential press conferences; for the first time the president met with the press twice a week.

He expanded FDR's image through radio, beginning with the famed radio "fireside chats," in which FDR sought to reassure the nation during the Depression era and then the war. He also invited Hollywood broadcasters to feature the president on newsreels.

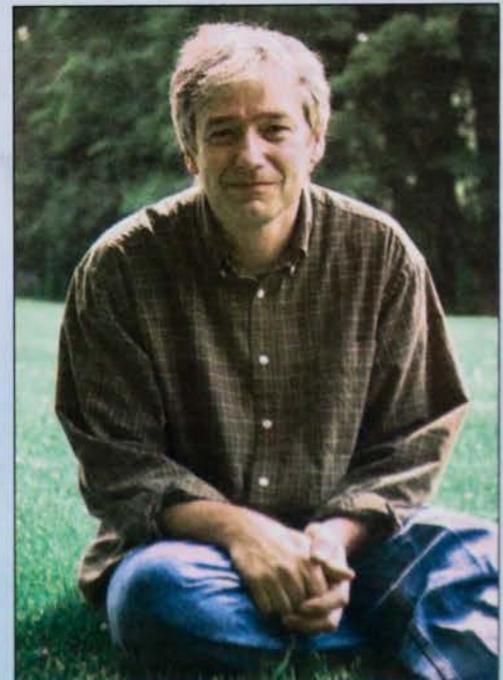
It was not easy for Early, who found himself working almost around the clock, especially during the war.

His salary was low, and the long-suffering press sec-

Also, Roosevelt chain-smoked Camel cigarettes and had a penchant for "Brunswick stew."

When Early left the White House, after briefly serving President Harry Truman, he told friends he would not write a book about his experiences, and he didn't.

However, Levin's meticulous research into Early's papers, his White House diaries, and personal memorabilia and private letters preserved at the FDR Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., bring his story to light in a comprehensive, authoritative and entertaining biography.



Author to speak at Providence Library

EDWARD HARDY will be at the Providence Public Library, 150 Empire St., Providence, on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m. to discuss his

latest book, *Keeper and Kid*. The Rhode Islander currently teaches nonfiction writing at Brown University.

Hadassah leader to speak on youth aliyah in Sept.

PROVIDENCE — A national board member of Hadassah will be the special guest at the Rhode Island Chapter's first open board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at Highland Court in Providence. Carol Goodman Kaufman, immediate past president of the Western New England region, will speak on "Youth Aliyah: Giving Hope to the Hopeless."

Kaufman is currently development chair of the Hadassah Leadership Academy, and has served in such positions as Zionist youth commission chair, master teacher for Ivrit, and editor of *Kol Hamorot*. She has also served as a member of the Worcester city manager's advisory committee

on the status of women; and on many boards, including the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the Worcester Community Hebrew High School.

Having earned a Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology at Colorado State University, she held a post-doctoral fellowship at Northeastern University that resulted in her book, *Sins of Omission: The Jewish Community's Reaction to Domestic Violence*. Kaufman consults, teaches and speaks in venues across the country.

Highland Court is at 101 Highland Ave. For directions, call 273-2220. For informa-



Carol Goodman Kaufman

tion about Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, call 463-6363.

Get ready to shmooz

PROVIDENCE — The Yiddish Shmoozers will have their inaugural meeting to mark the beginning of the organization's seventh year on Friday, Sept. 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. Harriet Priest is the group's new leader.

The meeting will focus on Yiddish language and *Yiddishkeit*. Yiddish speakers or those who know just a few words are invited to join.

For more information, call Elly Leyman at the JCC, 861-8800, ext. 107.



The Yiddish Shmoozers are celebrating their seventh year.

Hadassah to present a night of Jewish humor

WARWICK — On Tuesday, Sept. 16, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer will entertain and explore the intriguing question of what makes humor Jewish, at a special presentation for the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St. The event is free and open to the public.

Rabbi Jagolinzer has been the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom in Middletown for over 30 years, and is widely known as an interfaith activist. Among his many accolades were the prestigious "Never Again" Award from the Jewish Federation of R.I., and the "Unsung Hero" Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice. He serves on many boards, including that of Newport Hospital and the Interfaith Health Care Ministries; is the Jewish Chaplain at

Roger Williams and Johnson & Wales Universities; and was the first rabbi to preach from the high pulpit of the 250-year-old Trinity Church in Newport.

Rabbi Jagolinzer recently created an Evening of Jewish Humor, which he has performed frequently. A frequent columnist in *The Providence Journal* and *Newport Daily News*, he is a past chairman of the JFRI's Educator's Council, and teaches at the University of Rhode Island and at Salve Regina University.

Rabbi Jagolinzer's Sept. 16 appearance is one of a series of cultural and social events planned for this year by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

For further information and directions, call 463-3636; or see the Temple Am David Web site: www.TempleAmDavid.org.

United Brothers Synagogue plans services Sept. 5

BRISTOL — United Brothers Synagogue invites all to join them for Friday night services on Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. Following the *oneg* refreshments there will

be an informal discussion led by Scott Tepper, religious leader.

The synagogue is located at 205 High St. For more information, call 253-3460.

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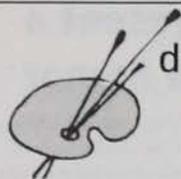
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Agudas Achim plans open house for Hebrew School on Sunday

ATTLEBORO — The award-winning Hebrew School at Congregation Agudas Achim will be holding an informational open house for prospective students and their families on Sun., Aug. 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the synagogue, located at 901 North Main St. The Agudas Achim Hebrew School offers classes for students from pre-K through grade 9. Kim Bodemer, the education director and Rabbi Elyse Wechterman will be available to discuss their nationally recognized "Shabbat B'Yachad" programs which are designed to join the school with the larger synagogue community.

These programs include Saturday morning workshops featuring arts and music, yoga, hiking, intergenerational learning and prayer; Friday evening family services, catered dinners, and guest speakers; and bimonthly dinner exchanges held in members' homes, as well as holiday workshops.

The parent-tot group, Ruach 'n Roll will be back this fall for 2-3 year olds and will meet monthly starting in September. Ruach 'n Roll focuses on Jewish holidays through movement, art, stories, games, music and more. This program also offers the opportunity to connect with

other young families. Synagogue membership is not required to participate in this program or the preschool program.

A new offering this year is the Kadimah program for post B'nai Mitzvah students who will be in grades 8 and 9 this fall. They will meet once a month for a service learning project, dinner and activity.

The open house will provide opportunity to review the curriculum, learning plans for all students and the school schedule.

For more information, call (508)222-2243 or at www.agudasma.org.

Temple Etz Chaim of Franklin registering for religious school

FRANKLIN, Mass. — Temple Etz Chaim is now registering for its 2008-2009 religious school year. Etz Chaim is a Reform congregation of about 150 households from towns including Franklin, Bellingham, Blackstone, Holliston, Medway, Medfield, Millis, Milford, Norfolk and Wrentham, and Cumberland, R.I. The school serves students from pre-k through post confirmation.

The temple will hold its first adult education classes of the year on Sept. 7, 14 and 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. These three accelerated classes will help anyone's Hebrew reading. A donation of \$30 is requested. All classes are held at the temple building at 900 Washington St. in Franklin. For more information contact Eugene Grossguth, adult education committee chairperson, at euge620@cox.net or call the temple office at 508-528-5337.

Etz Chaim sisterhood

The sisterhood of Temple Etz Chaim held its annual end of year members' brunch at Luciano's Lake Pearl Restaurant in Wrentham, Mass. Outgoing co-presidents are Lisa Lautherbach and Ilise Samolyk. Current secretary Jodi Willard and Audrey Venooker, will continue in their posts. Amy Wersted and Margot Rivelis were welcomed as new president and vice-president.

In addition to election of officers and fellowship, the main focus of the morning was the allocation of the past year's charitable funds. Each year TEC Sisterhood participates in Barnes & Noble's holiday gift wrapping, and sells special Passover candies along with other fundraisers. Part of the

money raised is given to helping support the temple and another portion is dedicated to *tikkun olam* — repairing the world. This year Sisterhood decided to donate \$350

to Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger and \$350 to the Darfur solar cooker project. For more information go to www.temple-etzchaim.org or call the temple office at (508)528-5337.

Rabbi Levine, formerly of JCDS, takes head of school post in Ohio

PROVIDENCE — Rabbi Mitchell Levine, formerly director of the Judaic studies program at the Jewish Community Day School, and former spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom, has been named head of school at the pluralistic Columbus Jewish Day School in New Albany, Ohio. While in Rhode Island, he also served as an associate chaplain at Brown/RISD Hillel.

According to the school's website, the K-5 school models itself after the Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School in New York, which uses a two-teacher

team to integrate the general and Jewish curriculums. The school, at 10 years old, and with a student body of 100, has a capital campaign underway to build a new school, with plans to add a 6th grade in 2009.

Rabbi Levine began in his new post this month; he and his wife, Alison Rose, and their son, Ilan, 15, and daughter, Keshet, 11, have relocated there.

For the past two years, the rabbi has been a student in the Day School Leadership Training Institute at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

Graduates

Robert (Rafi) Gerber, son of Ephraim and Rivkie Gerber of Pawtucket, graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology.

Gerber plans to go on to graduate school to pursue further studies in kinesiology.

He was an active member of the kinesiology club at U Mass.

Gerber is a former stu-

dent of Providence Hebrew Day school and a graduate of the Maimonides High School in Brookline, Mass.

Howard Mandell, formerly of Providence, was awarded a master's of divinity degree from The Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary at commencement exercises held May 22 at JTS in New York City.



PAULA MOST, Lifespan arts coordinator, and Jeff Potocsnak pose in front of the Mr. Potato Head display at Rhode Island Hospital as Mr. Potato Head looks on. Potocsnak donated his Mr. Potato Head collection to the hospital through Hasbro, Inc. and has organized a campaign to support the Healing Arts Program at the hospital.

Hasbro Children's Mr. Potato Head campaign to benefit hospital

PROVIDENCE - Hasbro Children's Hospital recently welcomed Jeff Potocsnak of Illinois, the donor of the Mr. Potato Head collection displayed outside the children's neurodevelopment center at Hasbro Children's Hospital. Potocsnak and his family were joined at a breakfast reception by doctors, hospital staff and representatives from Hasbro, Inc.

This was the first time that Potocsnak visited Hasbro Children's Hospital to view the display housing his former collection. The reception was held to thank Potocsnak for his generosity, and to celebrate the fundraiser he has created to further benefit the hospital's Healing Arts program.

"We are thrilled to see this wonderful Mr. Potato Head collection permanently enshrined at the Hasbro Children's Hospital," said Wayne Charness, senior vice president of corporate communications at Hasbro, Inc. "Because of Jeff's incredible generosity, thousands of people will be smiling every time they walk by."

For more information, visit www.hasbrochildrenshospital.org.



PICTURED IN FRONT OF THE MR. POTATO HEAD display at Rhode Island Hospital are, from left: Wayne Charness, Sr. vice president-corporate communications, Hasbro, Inc.; Jeff Potocsnak; Mr. Potato Head; Alan Hassenfeld, chairman of the Executive Committee, Hasbro, Inc.; Kathy Carpano, Sr. executive assistant-corporate communications, Hasbro, Inc.; and Karen Davis, vice president-community relations, Hasbro, Inc.



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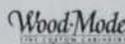
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New 'Jewish-style' catering business to open in Pawtucket

'Local Hero Catering' joins forces with 'Local Hero Deli'

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SANDY ROSS is returning to her Jewish roots, opening up a "Jewish-style" catering business in Pawtucket in partnership

with Andrew Esposito, who runs the Local Hero Deli on 4 Power Rd.

The new business, which will be called Local Hero Catering, will feature "Jewish-style" cooking - holiday meals, potato kugel, gefilte fish,

"If someone keeps kosher, this will not be for them," she said, clearly stating that the food is not

kosher. However, Ross said that she will be using mostly kosher meat, either from Davis' or from the Butcherie in Canton.

The new business will feature full-service catering. "Today, a working mother may not have the time to prepare a Shabbat dinner, like her mother and grandmother," Ross said. "We will provide home-style, Jewish cooking. We will even prepare in a family's own Pyrex dishes, if they do not want to use disposables."

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Sandy Ross

Further, for a Rosh Hashanah dinner, Ross said that the customer can order the dinner, the wine, the centerpiece - and the delivery is free. "We will provide a person to stay with the food," she

added, if that was what the customer wanted. For Ross, who said that her

family (including her grandchildren) have been attending Temple Emanu-El for five generations, the change in focus represents a brand-new focus in her career. Previously, the Smithfield resident had been the event coordinator in Smithfield Elks Lodge. It was through this association that she met Esposito, the proprietor of the Local Hero Deli.

Local Hero Catering

Esposito and she will be partners, Ross said. Esposito, who has been in business for 20 years, will continue his own side of the business as the Local Hero Deli.

Local Hero Catering will be offering a free tasting on Tues-

day, Sept. 9, at 4 Power Rd. in Pawtucket. Everyone is welcome to stop by, Ross said, but asked that people please RSVP. The e-mail for the new business is catering4u@cox.net. Ross can be reached by phone at (401) 949-7814.

"We're about the extra services we provide as much as the food," Ross said.

New exhibit to feature 'Rhode Island voices'

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ILLUSTRATOR LEN Shalansky will be one of four featured artists in a new exhibit at the Eveline Luppi Gallery in Wickford. The opening will be Saturday, Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m.

Shalansky, who resides in Warwick, says that his works are depictions of "people dealing with the demands of a hard but not

necessarily tragic" life.

Shalansky's works are notable for a forceful contrast of line and color in pen, dyes, and gouache.

For the past 30 years, Shalansky has worked as an illustrator of magazines and textbooks. He graduated from Cooper Union and Pratt art schools in New York City.

The other featured artists include painters Kath-

ryn Johnson from East Providence, Eveline Luppi and Alfredo Lorenzo from East Greenwich.

In arranging this exhibit at her new gallery in Wickford, Luppi said she has sought to present a creative balance of styles in the works of four Rhode Island artists.

For more information on the artists and exhibit, go to: www.evelineluppigallery.com.

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D'var Torah

Extending kindness to strangers in need

PARASHAT EKEV
DEUTERONOMY 7:12 — 11:25

*We emulate God
when we care
about others*

By SALOMON GRUENWALD
Special To The Voice & Herald

I PARTICIPATED in the American Jewish World Service (AJWS) rabbinical student delegation to El Salvador because I thought I would find some answers to my questions about global poverty and development. Instead, I left with more questions.

I have held an ideological commitment to sustainable development, workers' rights and poverty reduction for a long time, but, I have to admit, I have done relatively little to contribute to finding solutions.

I give a modest amount annually to organizations like Oxfam and AJWS that work in the developing world. I vote in ways that I think will result in better policies for the world's farmers and workers. I try to buy fair trade products. But, I have made few personal sacrifices.

On the trip to El Salvador, one of my fellow rabbinical students asked a question that resonated with many of us: What would it take for me to see my host family as my own family?

His question brought into focus the issue of empathy and the barriers within ourselves that keep us from caring and acting. *Parashat Ekev* recognizes the problem of

empathy and addresses it.

As the Torah does repeatedly, the *parashah* bids us to take up the cause of the vulnerable in our society: "[God] upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing him with food and clothing. You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:18-19).

In these verses, the Torah gives us two reasons why we should care about others. First, we should do it to emulate God. And secondly, we should have empathy because we, as

people in our global community by making them strangers. This, in a way, allows us to turn away from them. Even when we recognize their need, we are less inclined to help a "stranger."

But this inclination is flawed and the Torah comes to tell us so. In a global economy we are all inextricably interconnected. Our mundane daily decisions – what we buy and eat, the kind of car we drive, the things we throw away – affect every other living creature on earth.

The sense of distance that we create is an emotional barrier to empathy. We have many ways

of rationalizing our lack of action. *Parashat Ekev* helps remind us that this is not an acceptable response. In the *parasha*, God asks us to remove the emotional barriers that hold us back from doing what is right and just: "Cut away, therefore, the thickening about your hearts and stiffen your necks no more" (Deuteronomy 10:16). Our work is to open our hearts to the recognition of our interconnectedness. Toward this end, there is no shortcut.

Salomon Gruenwald is a fifth-year student at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles. He currently serves as a chaplain at UCLA Medical Center and he is the rabbinic intern at Congregation B'nai Israel in Tustin, Calif.

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"We ignore the suffering of people in our global community by making them strangers. This allows us to turn away from them."

a nation, know what it means to be oppressed. Why then, do we so often fail to meet the ideals set forth here?

The verses themselves offer a hint in their choice of words. The verse uses the word "stranger" rather than "poor." In the modern world, the poor of the developing world often seem very distant from our lives in North America. We have trouble identifying or empathizing with those who are so far away and live lives so different from our own.

Experience has taught us that there tends to be a correlation between our identification with a person in need and our inclination to help that person.

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LEGACY: Remembered for starting a *minyán* at Bear Stearns

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"What can we do?" I asked. It turns out there is a law requiring companies to provide employees with reasonable accommodation to prayer. So while the company did not want an official Bear Stearns *minyán*, they agreed to give me a room every day for prayer – for the "Andy Neff meeting" – to which I could invite some of my friends to enable me to have a *minyán*. Twenty to 30 people regularly attended the service.

Ironically, though Bear Stearns is gone, the *minyán* lives on. Roughly one-third of the attendees were from J.P. Morgan, which owned three buildings adjacent to our headquarters. We simply transferred management of the *minyán* to J.P. Morgan.

EVERY COST HAS A BENEFIT

In the *Ethics of the Fathers*, Ben Zoma asks: Who is wise? The person who learns from everyone else. Who is strong? The person who controls himself. Who is rich? The person who is happy with what he has. Who is honored? The person who honors others.

Each of these attributes can come only from oneself. You cannot depend on others for your wisdom, strength, wealth, honor – or happiness.

Wall Street is a great place to have a career. It can bring great wealth, prestige and power. But there is also a cost. You lose track of priorities. You live with great

stress.

A Talmudic passage says that in the world to come, we learn that the next world is inverted from this world. It was a hard passage for me to understand until I left the high-powered world. The things I feared losing most were small things: a secretary, car services. The things I gave up most easily – time, especially with my family – had the most value.

"The e-mails we get from God aren't always so clear. That's where prayer comes in. God does answer prayers."

In retrospect, I see how inverted my priorities were on Wall Street.

HANDLING TESTS IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

On one level, I believe that

I am fortunate to have had this test at this stage in my life.

We learn that God never gives us a test we can't handle. To me, conversely, that says that I was not ready to handle this test until now. I'm thankful that I have matured to a level that I can handle something like this.

The loss of a career is devastating on many levels, and financial uncertainty can be a nightmare. But the positive for me is learning that I can deal with it.

It's a new reality, but I am ready for the next reality.

Andrew Neff worked as a senior managing director and securities analyst at Bear Stearns. This column was adapted for JVA from a speech Neff gave at the annual dinner of Yeshiva Gedolah of Teaneck on July 27, 2008, in memory of his mother-in-law, Lucy Rabin Friden.



Photo by Rabbi Laufer

PRAYING FOR PEACE

CHABAD STUDENT RABBIS Mendel Bernstein (left) and Menachem Korf (right) pray for peace in front of the Touro Synagogue in Newport.



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AMIDST THE RUBBLE OF WAR

Rosa Jinjhashvili, the last Jew remaining in the Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali, stands on the ruins of her home. She is living in a summer house next door.

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Pamela Sari Dutwin, 42

PROVIDENCE — Pamela Sari Dutwin, 42, died at home on July 31. Born in East Orange, N.J., she was the beloved daughter of Marcel and Phyllis (Samuels) Dutwin of North Kingstown. Ms. Dutwin had lived in Rhode Island since 1976 and attended the East Greenwich schools.

Besides her parents, Ms. Dutwin leaves her brother, David Jonathan Dutwin, his wife Betsy; and her nephews Aidan and Elias, all of Merion Station, Pa.

A graveside service was held at B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union, N.J. Contributions may be directed to: The Providence Center, 528 North Main St., Providence, R.I., 02904.

Rebecca Feld, 88

NORTH DARTMOUTH

— Rebecca Feld, 88, died June 26 at home. She was the wife of the late Abraham Feld. Born in New Bedford, a daughter of the late Joseph and Miriam (Bowadana) Modiano, she had lived in North Dartmouth since 1971, previously living in New Bedford for 51 years.

She was a business partner with her husband at Marlene Shoe Store.

Mrs. Feld was a member of Tiferith Israel Congregation and its Sisterhood and an active volunteer for the Torah Fund for 50 years. She was a member of Hadassah and a volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital emergency room.

She enjoyed golfing and was an artist and a seamstress.

She leaves a son, Ronald David Feld of Iowa City, Iowa; a daughter, Joyce Leslie Feld of Knoxville, Tenn.; a brother, Jack Modiano of Cranston; a sister, Ruth Barash and her husband, Donald of New Bedford; three grandchildren, Lisa, Matthew and Erin; and a great-granddaughter, Katherine. She leaves several nieces and nephews including Judith Blum-

berg, who lovingly tended to her daily. She was the sister of the late Lena Benlifer and Janette Feld.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Tiferith Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, Mass., 02740.

Leah R. Franks, 97

PROVIDENCE — Leah (Robison) Franks, 97, died Aug. 17. She was the wife of the late Raymond G. Franks. Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Pearl (Jacobson) Robison.

A graduate of the Ethical Culture School, Mrs. Franks was active in numerous community organizations including the Jewish Community Center and its nursery school, the Miriam Hospital, the Jewish Federation of R.I., and the National Council of Jewish Women. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, and was a life member of Hadassah.

She leaves a son, Jonathan Franks and his wife, Suzanne; a daughter, Susan Hahn and her husband Charles; five grandchildren, Betsy Brown Ruzzi, Amy Blau, Judy Stoer, Emily Nissan and David Franks; and six great-grandchildren, Michael, Sara, Rachel, Andrew, Henry and Julia. She was the sister of the late Joyce Kahn and Herbert Robison. Contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El, 60 Orchard Ave., Providence, R.I., 02906.

Louis Katznelson, 91

NARRAGANSETT — Louis Katznelson, 91, died Aug. 7. He was the husband of the late Beatrice (Shechet) Katznelson. Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Fannie (Ginsburg) Katznelson, he had lived in Narragansett since 1971.

He was a salesman for the Charles Fradin Co.

Mr. Katznelson was a World War II Army veteran serving in

North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, the Masons, the Shrine, Jewish War Veterans, and Temple Beth David.

He was the father of Jay and Reva Katznelson, both of Narragansett; two brothers, Walter K. Nelson of Metuchen, N.J., and Samuel Nelson of Cranston; a sister, Ida Falk of Greenville; and two grandchildren, Derek and Kelly. He was the brother of the late Irving Nelson, Morris Katznelson and Harriet Feinstein.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

Evelyn Lerner, 83

CRANSTON — Evelyn Lerner, 83, died Aug. 14. She was the wife of the late Benjamin Lerner. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Fannie (Gersh) Cofman, she was a lifelong resident of Cranston.

Mrs. Lerner was a founding member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood. She was also a member of Crestwood Country Club.

She leaves two sons, Thomas Lerner and his wife, Roberta of Marietta, Ga.; and Dr. Lon Kopit and his wife, Patricia of Denver, Col.; a brother, Morris Cofman of Delray Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren, Scott, Matthew, Benjamin and Skylar; and four great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Grace, Gabby and Seth.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Morris R. "Mickey" Perlow, 74

MIDDLETOWN — Morris R. Perlow, 74, of Middletown and also of Seminole, Fla., died Aug. 8. He was the husband of Judith (Krasnoff) Perlow. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Nathan and Anne (Botvin) Perlow.

Mr. Perlow completed his undergraduate studies at Tufts University, graduating in 1955,

and his post-graduate studies at the University of R.I., graduating in 1965. Prior to his retirement he was a professor of accounting at the University of Tampa; previously he taught at Bryant University.

He enjoyed time with his family and playing softball.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two daughters, Robin Perlow and her husband, Arnold Pollinger of Holliston, Mass.; and Karen Perlow and her husband, Dale Place of Somerville, Mass.; a brother, Kenneth Perlow and his wife, Ruth of Norton, Mass., and two granddaughters, Rachel and Jinny Pollinger.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Blackstone Blvd., Providence.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 222 Richmond St., Providence, R.I., 02903.

Frances (Kaufman) Rodinsky, 84

PROVIDENCE — Frances (Kaufman) Rodinsky, 84, died July 26 in California.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of Morris and Gertrude Kaufman. She was raised in Warwick with her seven brothers and sisters. She married the late Marvin Rodinsky in 1944. They were married for 54 years.

They became owners of Johnny's Market in North Kingstown, which they operated for many years with Frances' brother, John Kaufman.

The Rodinskys resided in Cranston before moving to Florida in the early 1980s where she resided until her death.

She leaves a son, Paul Rodinsky and his wife, Patricia of Naples, Fla.; and a daughter, Marsha Davis and her husband, Gary of Modesto, Cal.; two brothers, Leo Kaufman of Florida and Marty Kaufman of Cranston; a sister, Selma Dubey of New Jersey; and three grandsons, Zachary Rodinsky of Naples, Matthew Davis of La Quinta, Cal., and Brett Davis of San Diego, Cal.

Burial was in Florida. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, Fla.

Albert C. Salzberg, 73

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Albert C. Salzberg, Ph.D., 73, a professor of English at Rhode Island College (RIC) for 45 years before retiring in 2007, died July 9. He was married for 43 years to Helen E. (Ginsberg) Salzberg.

He grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved to Rhode Island in 1962 to teach at RIC. He lived in Providence until moving to Maryland in June, 2007 to be near his children and grandchildren.

Dr. Salzberg received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brooklyn College and his Ph.D. in English from New York University in 1963. A published author, his articles have appeared in numerous journals. From 1979-1982 he was editor of the Jewish Historical Notes for the R.I. Jewish Historical Association.

Dr. Salzberg was a long-time active member of Temple Beth-El of Providence, a leading participant in the Saturday morning minyan, and a tenor in Kol Ehad, the temple's volunteer choir. He was a member of Temple Beth Ami of Rockville. He was an opera authority and aficionado, frequently lecturing and writing on the subject.

His other great love, besides his family, was baseball. He was originally a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, but for the last 33 years of the Boston Red Sox.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Renee Salzberg of Rockville, Md.; two grandchildren, Francesca and Jason; a sister, Reina Ginsberg of Seymour, Ind.; nephews and niece, Aaron, Neal and Cindy Ginsberg, and three grand-nephews.

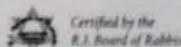
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THURSDAY

September 4

Lunch and Learn
Discussion of *Parsha Ha'Shavuah* with kosher deli lunch. Led by Cantor Rick Perlman.

WHERE: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

WHEN: noon - 1 p.m.

COST: \$52/year, \$10/session

MORE INFO: 463-7944

FRIDAY

September 5

Sabbath Services
Following Oneg there will be an informal discussion led by Scott Tepper.

WHERE: United Brothers Synagogue, 205 High St., Bristol

WHEN: 8 p.m.

MORE INFO: 253-3460

SUNDAY

September 7

Road Race
Miriam Hospital/JCCRI 5K Road Race. Prizes awarded to top finishers. Post-race activities for entire family.

WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 9 a.m. youth, 10 a.m. adult

COST: \$20/ adult, \$8/youth

MORE INFO: 861-8800, ext. 210

Open House

Temple Emanu-El hosts open house. Refreshments will be served

WHERE: Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-1616, or glvine@teprov.org

Class Registration

Temple Am David fall education program

WHERE: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

WHEN: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MORE INFO: 463-7944

Hebrew Class for Adults

Temple Etz Chaim offers its adult education classes

WHERE: Temple Etz Chaim, 900 Washington St., Franklin

WHEN: 7:30-9:30 p.m., first three Sundays in September

COST: \$30 donation requested

MORE INFO: (508) 528-5337, or euge520@cox.net

TUESDAY

September 9

Story Time
PJ Library program provides Jewish themed books for children.

WHERE: Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

WHEN: 10-11 a.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext. 80, or nkatzman@bjeri.org

WEDNESDAY

September 10

Live from the 92nd St. Y
Gloria Steinem will be the first featured speaker appearing 'live' as part of JCCRI program sponsored by the Starr-Tobak Endowment Fund.

WHERE: Social room, JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 8 p.m.

MORE INFO: 861-8800, ext. 108

THURSDAY

September 11

Bereavement Group
Hug N'hamah group for those mourning the loss of loved ones. Facilitated by Dr. Judith Lubiner and Rabbi Amy Levin.

WHERE: Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 785-1800

FRIDAY

September 12

Yiddish Shmoozers
Inaugural meeting of the group's seventh year.

WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

MORE INFO: 861-8800, ext. 107

SATURDAY

September 13

Hoe Down
To support Southside Community Land Trust (SCLT), a non-profit organization that connects people with the land and their food. Celebrate RI's local food system featuring farmers, wineries and breweries. Entertainment by Black Eyed Anchor and Superchief Trio.



RABBI LAUFER leads a shofar-making workshop. Chabad of West Bay and Chabad of Barrington will be holding shofar 'factories' on Sundays, Sept. 21 and 28, respectively.

WHERE: SCLT's Urban Edge Farm, 31 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston.

WHEN: 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

COST: \$20/adult, \$15/students, \$5/kids under 12, kids under 5 free.

MORE INFO: Samnetta Gaye at 273-9419, ext. 32 or outreach@southsideclt.org

SUNDAY

September 14

September 10

Live from the 92nd St. Y
New York Times columnist Tom Friedman will be the second fea-

tured speaker appearing 'live' as part of JCCRI program sponsored by the Starr-Tobak Endowment Fund.

WHERE: Social room, JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 861-8800, ext. 108

Shofar factory

Make your own Shofar from cooking to the final polishing.

WHERE: Tamarisk Assisted Living, 3 Shalom Dr, Warwick

WHEN: 1:30 p.m.

COST: \$2/admission, \$6/Shofar

MORE INFO: 884-7888. or Rabbi@

RabbiWarwick.com to RSVP

WEDNESDAY

September 17

Jewish Community Israel@60 WaterFire

WHERE: Downtown Providence

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext. 223

TUESDAY

September 19

Aging Workshop

Discussion on aging issues including coping with illness and loss, moving from independent living and finding community support.

WHERE: Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, Mass.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

MORE INFO: (508) 212-9243, or keshar@agudasma.org to RSVP

SUNDAY

September 21

Shofar factory

Make your own Shofar.

WHERE: Chabad of West Bay, 3871 Post Rd, Warwick

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

COST: \$2/admission, \$6/Shofar

MORE INFO: 884-7888. or Rabbi@ RabbiWarwick.com to RSVP

CORN: Grilled, in salads, and in latkes

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Congregation Agudat Achim in Niskayuna, N.Y. It's a great *bors d'oeuvre* or side dish.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked corn kernels
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onions
- 1/2 cup scallions, chopped
- 3 Tblsps. each finely chopped red and green peppers
- 1 Tblsp. grated fresh ginger
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp. each finely chopped fresh dill and cilantro
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. salt or to taste
- 1/2tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 large eggs, separated
- Vegetable oil for frying

Method:

Mix together all ingredients except egg whites and oil.

Beat whites at high speed of electric mixer until stiff and fold carefully into corn mixture.

Heat oil in large skillet and

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SISTERS NAOMI AND NAVA WINKLER at the entrance to Naomi's army base in the Golan Heights. Nava's base is further north on Mt. Hermon.



MT. WASHINGTON

FIVE FRIENDS who are active hikers from Temple Am David from Warwick pose atop the summit of Mt. Washington in July. From left: Steven Adler, Kevin Dwares (holding *The Voice & Herald*), Michael Frank, Ray Duhamel and Aaron Rosen. The group reports it had a glorious 360-degree view.

We have now been to:

Antarctica
Africa: Tanzania, South Africa
Azores: Ponta Del Gada
Canada: Quebec City, British Columbia
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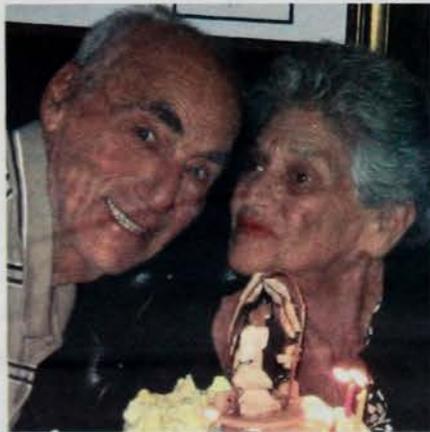
50th Anniversary

PAUL AND CAROL KNOPF renewed their marriage vows at Temple Habonim on June 21 on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.



Rabbi Andrew Klein officiated at the long-planned service. Some 80 family members and friends joined in the celebration, which included a slide presentation, dinner and dancing.

60th Anniversary



JACK AND ANN MARTHA STRASHNICK, formerly of Providence and Narragansett, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their immediate family. The Strashnicks were married on July 10, 1948 at the Narragansett Hotel in Providence.

Dean's list



Jennifer Sacks

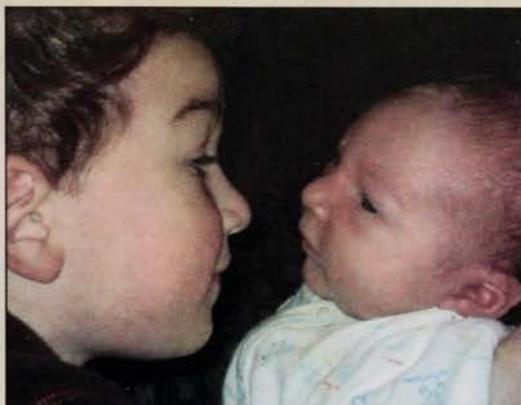
Dean's list at Hofstra

JENNIFER SACKS, daughter of Samuel and Laura Sacks of Coventry has been named to the Spring, 2008 Dean's list Hofstra University. Ms. Sacks is currently studying marketing at the university.

Dean's List at Emory

ILANA SHUSHANSKY of Providence, daughter of Larry M. Shushansky and Julie G. Shushansky was named to the Dean's List of Emory College, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. for the 2008 spring semester. Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have approximately a 3.859 grade point average or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

Birth



Craig and Rachel Woda and their son Jordan announce the arrival of a baby brother, **Elias Bram Woda**, born on May 2, weighing in at 9 lbs. 11 oz., and measuring 21 inches long. The family has spent the summer visiting maternal grandparents Rabbi David and Carol Mersky in Newton, Mass.; paternal grandparents Burt and Wendy Woda in Cresskill, N.Y.; great-grandmothers Esther Karten in Brookline, Mass. (formerly of Cranston); and Bea Mantles in Suffern, N.Y.; and great grandparents Shirley and Ben Woda in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Graduations

Eve Broffman graduates with honors

EVE BROFFMAN, daughter of Dr. Tom and Ann Broffman of North Providence, graduated summa cum laude from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., where she earned the departmental award in both of her majors, English and religion. She is pursuing a master's degree in history at Providence College.

Michael Wolpert graduates from Emory University

MICHAEL WOLPERT, son of Bruce A. and Marlene Fishman Wolpert of Providence, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University at its 163rd Commencement ceremony on May 12.

NCJW scholarships awarded to five students

The National Council of Jewish Women, R.I. section, awarded scholarships to Ianna Wasser, a student at Case Western Reserve, who received the Sylvia Rossman Galkin award; Joshua Greenberg, a sophomore at Providence College, who received the Stephanie Zaidman scholarship; Stacy Greenberg, Providence College, who received the Estelle Goldsmith Fradin award; Benjamin Sip, a student at URI's College of Pharmacy, and Adam Hogue, a sophomore at Keene State College.



From left, Adam Hogue, Stacy Greenberg, Benjamin Sip, Joshua Greenberg and Ianna Wasser also received awards.

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Lower East Side meets East Side at the JCC



TEAMS PREPARE FOR THE KOSHER PICKLE TOSS, a new feature at this year's Lower East Side comes to Providence's East Side, held on Aug. 13 in the field behind the Jewish Community Center. Photo courtesy of JCCRI



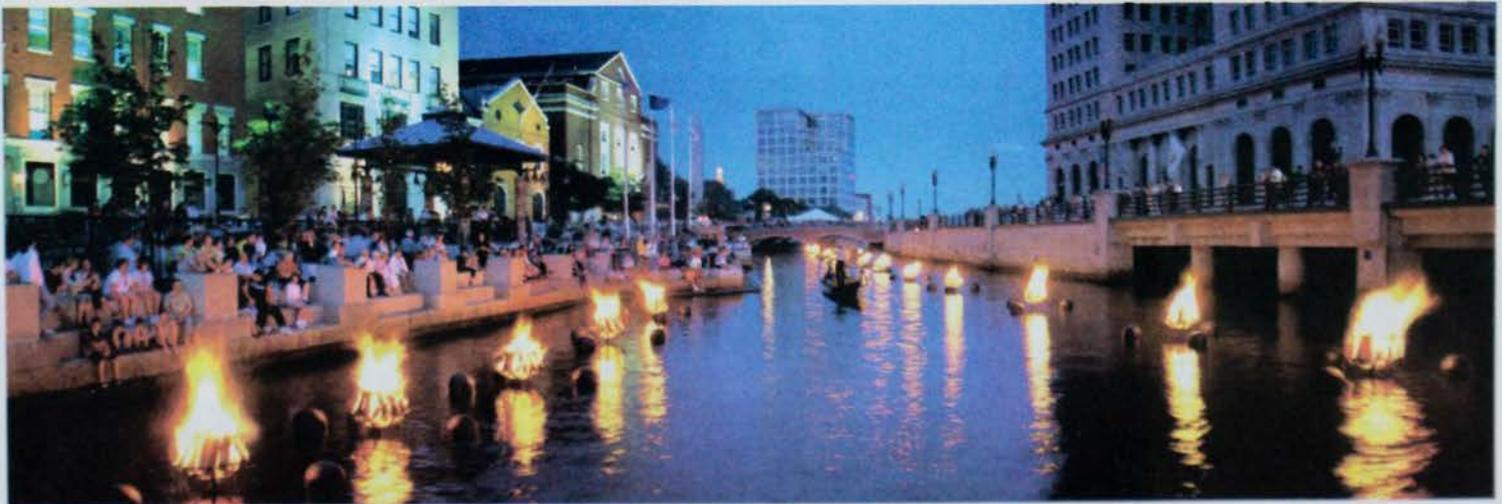
HUNDREDS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS, young and old, enjoyed the evening's activities, which included vendors selling kosher food, Klezmer music and lots of shmoozing. Photo courtesy of JCCRI



KLEZMER MUSIC FILLED THE SUMMER EVENING with performances by Fishel Bresler's Klezmer Ensemble, featuring Fishel Bresler on clarinet and mandolin, David Harris on trombone, Shelly Katsh on keyboard and accordion, Jim Gutman on bass, and Taki Masuko on drums. The Klezphonics also performed. Photo by E. Bresler



THE YOUNGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS had a great time at the neighborhood gathering, organized by the JCC and co-sponsored by Mayor David N. Cicilline, the City of Providence, the Dept. of Art, Culture and Tourism, the Dept. of Public Parks and the Department of Recreation. Photo by E. Bresler



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