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Rahm Emanuel: attack dog, policy wonk, committed Jew

Meet Obama's new chief of staff

By RON KAMPEAS
JTA Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Political insight, killer in a fight, *Yiddishkeit* — it's an inseparable package when it comes to Rahm Emanuel, say those who know President-elect Barack Obama's pick to be the next White House chief of staff.

Since his days as a fund-raiser and then a "political adviser" — read: enforcer — for President Clinton, Emanuel has earned notoriety as a no-holds-barred politico. Accept the good with the bad because it's of a piece, said Steve Rabinowitz, who worked with Emanuel in the Clinton White House.

"He can be a *manzer*, but he's our *manzer*," said Rabinowitz, using the Yiddish term for "bastard," speaking both as a Democrat and a Jew. "Sometimes that's what you need."

The apocrypha is legendary, if somewhat hard to pin down: Jabbing a knife into a table

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Kristallnacht: a night to remember



Photos by Giras Photography

More than 180 adults from eight adult choirs, 100 children from four youth choirs, and 40 musicians performed together, with Leonard Nimoy featured as the narrator.

Celebratory concert at VMA draws 2,000

By MARY KORR
Contributing Senior Writer

PROVIDENCE — Cantors, choirs and a 40-piece orchestra celebrated a millennium of Ashkenazi Jewish life Nov. 9 at the Kristallnacht concert narrated by Leonard Nimoy at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

The sold-out show of nearly 2,000 attendees, titled "Shining Through Broken Glass," was "10 years in the making," according to Cantor

Brian J. Mayer of Temple Emanu-El, artistic director. The performance was a tribute to the fallen and to the survivors, and expressed a resounding hope for humanity.

Nimoy, the son of Ashkenazi Jews, narrated Ashkenazi history, from *shtetl* to Kristallnacht — the night of broken glass — Nov. 9, 1938, the prelude to the Shoah.

During a two-day period, thousand of Jewish businesses

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THE WEDDING SCENE performed in "Shining Through Broken Glass."

Community copes with hard times

As economy slips into recession, pressures mount

By NANCY KIRSCH
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PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island is reeling from bad economic news. Unfortunately, the immediate future doesn't look much brighter.

- The Ocean State holds the dubious distinction as the state with the highest unemployment rate (surpassing even Michigan, hit hard by auto industry slumps) at 8.8 percent.

- Some 12 percent of Rhode Island mortgage owners are "underwater" — their mortgage exceeds their equity, according to RealtyTracInc.

- Even more sobering, the number of R.I. home foreclosures in September 2008 jumped 122 percent, compared to September 2007.

- Three months into the new fiscal year, the state collected \$33.1 million [or 6 percent] less revenue than anticipated; it began the new fiscal year with a shortfall of nearly \$34 million.

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Hasidism + reggae = Matisyahu



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Photo by Julie McCall

New owner finds her niche at Barrington Books

A new chapter begins

By MARY KORR
Senior Contributing Writer

BARRINGTON — Owning a bookstore is a new chapter in Dana Shechtman's life.

A former practicing attorney, she bought Barrington Books last summer from Tony Allen,

PJ LIBRARY AT BARRINGTON BOOKS ON NOV. 14

who was retiring. Her husband, Stephen, managing partner in the law firm of Shechtman, Halperin and Savage, reviewed the financials and found the bookstore, which opened in

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Photo by Mary Korr

DANA SHECHTMAN, the new proprietor of Barrington Books, is continuing the store's tradition of featuring local authors.



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Rahm Emanuel, precisely because he's a lover of Israel, will not have much patience with Israeli excuse-making."

Jeffrey Goldberg
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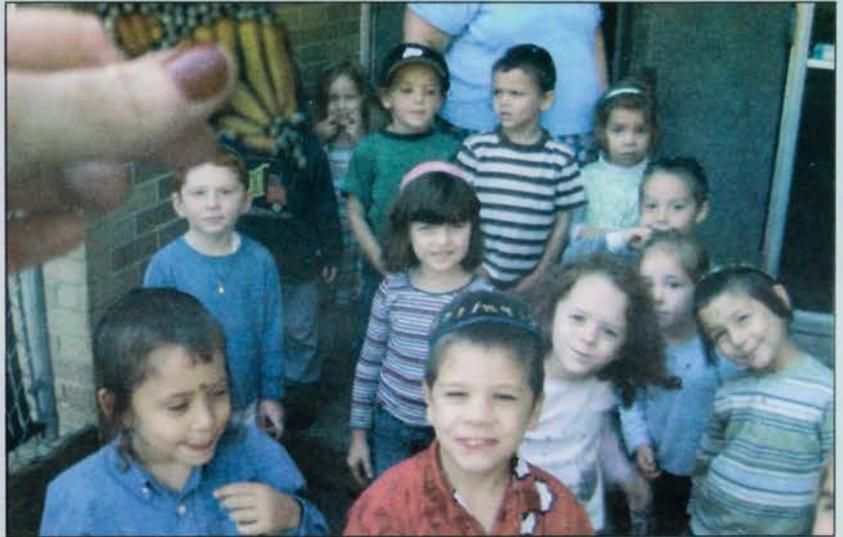
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BUTTEFLIES ARE FREE

BET BERMAN, a preschool teacher at Providence Hebrew Day School, releases a butterfly her classroom had watched growing from the caterpillar stage to butterfly.



NATIONWIDE PRAYER

Providence Hebrew Day school students joined together with a national broadcast of more than 30,000 children nationwide to pray for sick children both locally and worldwide.

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AIPAC's Howard Friedman voices concern about Iran

Friedman shares some Obama stories, too

BY FRANK BELSKY
Special to The Voice & Herald



Photo by Frank Belsky

PROVIDENCE – Howard E. Friedman, chair of the Board of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), addressed a gathering sponsored by the Providence Community Kollel at Save the Bay headquarters in Providence on Nov. 3.

Introduced by Rabbi Rafael Schochet of Kollel, his former seminary classmate, Friedman spoke of the grave issues confronting Israel. He also confessed to snubbing President-elect Barack Obama long before many people knew his name.

Named by *Life* magazine as one of Washington, D.C.'s most influential people, Friedman is also the founder of Lanx Management LLC, a hedge fund.

AIPAC members and staff regularly meet with members of Congress to discuss issues of Israeli security. "Every time I go to Israel,

everyone tells me that: 'You are here at the most important time in our history,'" Friedman said.

Of immediate significance is the potential for Israel and Pal-

estine to negotiate peace within months, according to Friedman.

"Prime Minister Olmert was given a new lease on his life with three or four months

to go before he's indicted," he said, "and Mahmoud Abbas' term ends Jan 1."

With Condeleeza Rice's departure on Jan. 20, the odds of a negotiated peace treaty increase, Friedman added.

In his talk, Friedman addressed the concerns an audience member expressed about the bonds between the United States and Israel: "The relationship transcends presidents and prime ministers. Both countries know it's in their strategic interest to work together."

Voicing confidence in Barack Obama's strong support for Israel, Friedman said: "His voting record is solid. His friends are Jewish and he's the co-sponsor of legislation that encourages divestment from companies that support Iran."

Friedman did confess that, some years earlier, he wasn't as enamored of Obama as Obama is with Israel.

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Meet Rabbi Steve Greenberg, an Orthodox gay rabbi

Rabbi visits at Brown/RISD Hillel to discuss his journey of discovery

BY NANCY KIRSCH
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Appearances can be deceiving. Rabbi Steve Greenberg, wearing a kippah atop his curly hair and sprinkling Hebrew words throughout his engaging talk at the Brown/RISD Hillel on Oct. 29, appeared wholly unremarkable.

Remarkable he is, as the

first openly gay Orthodox rabbi in the United States.

A senior teaching fellow at CLAL – The National Center for Jewish Learning and Leadership – Greenberg discussed his life and the 2001 film that featured him and other Orthodox Jews who are gay, "Trembling Before God," in an Edward Reich Memorial Lecture.

Although most of the audience appeared to be college-age, a few senior citizens attended, including Sidney and Alice Goldstein of Warwick. "I have a high regard for CLAL and their speakers are very insightful," said Sidney, a Hillel

board member. "The topic is in vogue today and I wanted to know the Jewish point of view."

"I'm always interested in what other denominations are doing," added Alice. "Sometimes, we get into boxes and I like to think outside the box. I really liked the movie."

Before the film was released, the producer had asked Greenberg to publicly reveal his sexuality. As he wrestled with himself about that choice, he found himself seated, on a flight from Israel to New York, next to the weekend feature writer for *The For-*



Photo courtesy of Brown/RISD Hillel

RABBI STEVE GREENBERG discussed his role as a gay Orthodox rabbi at a Brown/RISD Hillel presentation on Oct. 29.

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FROM THE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
**The whole world
was watching**

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AS THE NATION celebrated Sen. Barack Obama's election as the next President of the United States, and President-elect Obama addressed a joyous throng assembled in Grant Park, I could not help but recall that 40 years ago, in August 1968, Grant Park in Chicago was the site of a very different rally: thousands of youthful protesters became victims of what was later termed a police riot, as Chicago police tore into the crowd with night sticks and tear gas, viciously attacking young people who posed a danger to law and order, it seemed, because they had a different vision of America's future. As the police beat up protesters, spectators and reporters alike, the protesters chanted: "The whole world is watching!"

What a cathartic year 1968 had been for America. Four months earlier, in April 1968, in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Chicago had erupted in violence and then-Mayor Richard Daley had issued a "shoot to kill" order targeting African-American "looters."

In June 1968, Sen. Robert Kennedy had been assassinated, just after winning the California primary over Sen. Eugene McCarthy; both had opposed the Vietnam War. With Kennedy dead, the powerful forces behind President Lyndon Johnson anointed Vice President Hubert Humphrey his Democratic successor. At the 1968 Democratic National Convention, the profound cultural division in America erupted both in the streets and at Chicago Amphitheatre, where the political gathering was held.

In the aftermath of the police riots, when placing Sen. George McGovern's name in nomination as the standard-bearer for Robert Kennedy's former delegates, Abraham Ribicoff, the senator from Connecticut, said: "With George McGovern as President of the United States, we wouldn't have those Gestapo tactics on the streets of Chicago."

Stung by the words, then-Mayor Daley jumped up and cursed Ribicoff, cursing his Jewish heritage, and telling him in very plain English to have carnal relations with himself. To which Ribicoff answered: "How hard it is to accept the truth."

Humphrey was later nominated (and defeated by President Richard Nixon, whose alleged plan to end the war took another seven years). It should be noted that Channing Phillips, the first African-American to be nominated for the Presidency, received 67 and 1/2 votes at

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*Preserving the Judaic sense
of language*

ON NOV. 2, the Sunday before our recent election, Jacob Weisberg, editor and chief of the Slate Group and author of *The Bush Tragedy*, writes in *The New York Times Week in Review* that "most politicians don't care about language and abuse it through euphemism, vagueness, and clichés."



**Rabbi Jim
Rosenberg**

For many of us of a certain age, Weisberg's words call to mind the writings of George Orwell; for Orwell is perhaps at his most prophetic when he writes about the abuse of language and, more particularly, about the debasement of political discourse.

Orwell is keenly aware of how easily the perversion of language leads to the perversion of government, how easily deformed speech leads to disfiguring tyrannies.

Certainly, the abuse and misuse of language is a major theme of 1984, Orwell's classic portrait of a dystopia, a negative utopia.

One of the methods the Party employs to keep its citizens in political, social and intellectual shackles is to rob words of their ordinary meaning; Big Brother proclaims with mind-numbing redundancy: WAR IS PEACE, FREEDOM IS SLAVERY, IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH.

To a large degree, the struggle of Winston Smith, the hero of 1984, is the struggle to preserve the English language in the face of the Party's efforts to destroy it.

Orwell's concern with the deterioration of the English language is not limited to 1984. In a brief but trenchant essay written in 1946 entitled "Politics and the English Language" (Essays, Doubleday, 1954), Orwell argues that English "becomes ugly and inaccurate because our thoughts are foolish, but the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts."

**Obama's election creates a new legacy for an
African-American reader**

EVENTS of world-historic significance may be understood through the application of intellectual rigor. But often the only way one can gain an emotional perspective on such complex, confounding occurrences is by viewing them through unashamedly personal prisms.

I see, superimposed over images of the election of Barack Obama to the office of President of the United States, my mother's face. I see her on her last day of eighth grade classes as she realized that, since the nearest Alabama high school to which she would be permitted entry was 150 miles away, her education had effectively come to an end.

IT SEEMS TO ME
Let's watch our language

This past presidential race has had its share of abused and abusive language. Consider, for example, the cynical employment of such words as "socialist" and "redistributionist" in the waning days of the campaign.

Republicans, to be sure, hold no monopoly on distorting language for political purposes. Who among us can forget William Jefferson Clinton during the height of the Monica Lewinsky scandal instructing his fellow Americans on the multiple interpretations of the word "is?"

We Jews ought to be especially sensitive to the corruption of standard English among our political elite; for no people on earth has suffered more than we the consequences of officially sanctioned perversion of language.

In his monumental volume on the Holocaust, *The Destruction of Euro-*

pean Jewry, Raul Hilberg documents how the Nazis developed a camouflage language to hide from others – and, I suspect, from themselves – the monstrous reality of mass murder.

**"Violence against language
soon translates into violence
against persons."**

Take note of the vapid euphemisms that Nazi officials used in order to avoid any mention of the diabolical crimes they were committing: *Losungsmöglichkeiten* – "solution possibilities"; *Sonderbehandlung* (or SB) – "special treatment"; *Evakuierung* – "evacuation"; *Aussiedlung* – "relocation"; and, of course, in place of "Kill the Jews! Kill the Jews!", *Endlösung der Judenfrage* – "final solution of the Jewish question."

According to the official documents, naked men, women, and children, stripped of all human dignity, did not choke to death in gas chambers; they were simply marched to the *Badeanstalten*, the "bath houses," so that they could clean up after their arduous journeys. Violence against language soon translates into violence against persons.

How tragically ironic that we Jews have been the world's chief victims of

the deliberate debasement of language; for, in a very real sense, one of our major roles in Western civilization has been that of guardian of the word. No people has taken the spoken and the written word more seriously than we Jews. Indeed, it is precisely the word which has linked us with our God; the central document of the Jewish people, our Torah, is a written record of our people's ongoing effort to discover through language God's intention.

If you know anything at all about the method of rabbinical commentary known as Midrash, you might argue that our rabbis of old are as guilty of abusing the Hebrew language as our contemporary American politicians are guilty of abusing the English language.

After all, you might well ask, don't the rabbis often deliberately misread the Hebrew Bible? Don't they offer all kinds

of fanciful interpretations on the basis of trivial linguistic peculiarities? Indeed, can it be denied that our rabbis often use our sacred text as a pretext for their own overly fertile, even febrile imaginations?

My answer to such questions is that the intent of rabbinical commentary is to expand the possibilities of language, to push the written and the spoken word to the furthest reaches of nuance and subtlety, to insist that language be as fully expressive of our humanity as possible.

By way of contrast, all too often the intent of today's politicians is to subvert the very purpose of language – to use language to conceal rather than to reveal, to obfuscate rather than to clarify, to feed us lies rather than to tell us the truth.

The attitude of our rabbis toward language is one of love; the attitude of many of our politicians toward language is one of contempt.

For the first time in decades we have now a President-elect who is a master of both the spoken and the written word. Let us hope that Barack Obama will continue to echo the power and the glory of the "Judaic" sense of language when he and his family move into the White House.

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Letters to the Editor

**Is there a kosher
mandate?**

Then I see her receiving a master's degree at the age of 55.

It will be that image that floods into my consciousness as Barack Obama raises his right hand, places his left hand on the Bible, and on a cold January day strides purposefully into history as the Commander-in-Chief of the only super power on earth.

Ray Rickman
Providence

Rickman was a former R.I. deputy secretary of state and former Democratic state representative

Does *The Voice & Herald* have a mandate to publish only recipes which are kosher, or does it represent the wide spectrum of ideas and practices of the Jewish people of Rhode Island?

We are all free to observe or not observe the dietary laws as we wish, but I would suspect that the majority of your readers do not keep kosher homes. Therefore, I do not think it is inappropriate for *The Voice & Herald* to publish from time to time a recipe which combines a milk product with a meat product.

Barbara Levine
Providence

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

Sen. Obama's win: a victory for all who believe in racial equality

Divisiveness must end

ON ELECTION Day, we woke early hoping to beat the crowd at the Francis J. Varieur Elementary School where we vote. By the time I arrived, it was necessary to stand beyond the outer door - on a beautiful autumn morning, chatting companionably with neighbors and strangers. Promptly at 7 a.m., we were allowed into the gym; I stood on the R-Z line, took my ballot, walked to an open booth and completed broken arrows with a felt-tipped pen. I voted for the Irish guy - O'Bama,



Josh Stein

(I was number 37 that morning to cast my vote) and left the building at 7:15. Feeling patriotically uplifted, I drove to school where the pro-McCain people were dourly looking at the latest polls, wondering if

they could hold the states W. took in '04 while those in the pro-Barack throng nervously asked each other, "How will they steal it from us this time?"

The rest of the day dragged on and on and on and on. Finally, it was time to go home to the hopefully celebratory party we'd arranged for some friends, fifteen of us, armed with polling statistics and, as each state was reported, we checked to see if it was expected for this candidate or that. We ate and swigged and ate some more, occasionally engorging something recognizable as part of a legitimate food group other than *chazerie*. Swing states were coming in remarkably slowly.

Finally, Pennsylvania was awarded to Barack, greeted by whoops and a hollers and shouts of "That's it, that's it," to which others said, nervously, "No, not yet, let's not put a *kenyina bura* on this." But then Ohio was reported solidly in Barack's camp! By the time the networks proclaimed the winner, shortly after 11 p.m., we had just heard that Virginia, where my son Sam had been working on

the campaign since the summer, had come in for Obama.

We cheered, popped the corks off bottles of champagne, and spontaneously burst into song - first "God Bless America/Land that I love/Stand beside her, and guide her/Thru the night with a light from above./From the mountains, to the prairies/To the oceans, white with foam....!/ God bless America/My home sweet home" and then a modi-

"It's time to put the bitterness behind and to work together instead to solve the myriad problems that confront the nation."

fied version of a song that had been going through my head all day - "We have overcome/ We have overcome/ We have overcome, today/Oh, deep in my heart/I did believe/We would overcome, someday." We drank to our health, and to Obama's, and to the health of the United States. We felt as though

America had done something good and noble that day. Tears flowed as freely as the bubbly. I called Sam and shouted into his voicemail, "You did it, you did it, you did it!" My wife and three others in the room took credit for New Hampshire, the swing state they drove up to last weekend to knock on doors and speak to undecideds. It was a wonderful night. Those of us who proudly call ourselves liberals know that we'll face our comeuppance in some future election, but tonight was ours and we savored the feeling of triumph.

McCain made a gracious and conciliatory concession speech, but I was bothered by two things - while the Democrats had planned their victory party out in the park and open to all, the Republicans met in an exclusive hotel (I've seen it; it's gorgeous) by invitation only. (Someone at my house commented that this was a microcosm of the difference between the parties.) The other grouse was in his reflection: "This is an historic election, and I recognize the special significance it has for

African-Americans and for the special pride that must be their tonight." But as I heard these words I immediately thought, "and white people, too." Without an overwhelming number of people of European descent voting for Obama, this political miracle could not have taken place. It was a multi-racial victory, a victory for America, not a victory for black people only. We did this thing also. My pro-McCain students are proud to have been alive when America broke the color barrier - they just wish the black man had different policies. I'm glad he doesn't.

And so, we enter a new era. Both McCain and Obama made the same point. It's time to put the bitterness behind and to work together instead to solve the myriad problems that confront the nation. In a way, winning the election was the easy part; now comes the tough work of reconstructing a viable economy and finding Osama bin Laden, hidden in his cave, so long ignored.

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Justice can be achieved through appropriate taxation and tzedekah

DURING THE fall election campaign, Republican vice presidential candidate and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin rejected the notion that "higher taxes or asking for higher taxes or paying higher taxes is patriotic."



Alan Krinsky

She continued: "In the middle class of America, which is where Todd and I have been all of our lives, that's not patriotic." Given that tax dollars fund our troops and the defense of our country, and given that Gov. Palin supported the increasingly costly Iraq war, this seemed to me and to many others an odd claim.

I imagine what she meant was more along the lines of "I do not think it is patriotic to pay more taxes to make government bigger." Even, I suppose, to support health care or educa-

tion or public infrastructure.

I wish to examine not so much this claim itself, but rather the underlying assumption upon which it rests: that any money I earn or win or inherit is my money, and no one has the right to any of it, and that the government certainly does not have the right to it, except perhaps to fund the most basic of military and police forces.

(Such is the view of libertarianism, and it figures as a strong element of conservative and Republican Party ideology.) But the vast majority of people believe that the government can and ought to collect taxes and provide various services and benefits to society and its citizens. In this regard, all government involves some redistribution of wealth, and redistribution of wealth is not by definition socialism. (Only pure anarchists oppose government and taxation altogether, so we ought to find absurd the claim that President-elect Barack Obama is a socialist because of his remarks about the benefits of sharing the wealth.)

Actually, the notion that my money is wholly my money rests upon yet another underlying assumption: that I really earned the money myself, that it was due to me and no one else.

NOT ALONE
Paying taxes is patriotic

This, simply put, is a myth. A myth and a fascinating bit of human psychology. Psychologists have long studied what they call the "self-serving bias," the idea that people tend to look internally and overemphasize their own role in successful ventures, while looking externally and underemphasize their own role in failing efforts. Although more recent research suggests a more nuanced interpretation for explanations of failure, I think most of us find the general idea plausible, if not intuitive. In any case, I would suggest that it fits well with a common American myth, the notion of the lone, bold entrepreneur who builds a fortune on individual talent and perseverance.

The fact of the matter is that the wealthiest Americans are not wealthy simply due to their own initiative and natural abilities. Their wealth is built upon an entire nation of workers, an integrated system. Even without government subsidies for business and industry, what many call corporate welfare, even without the public investment in basic science; wealth is not built up in a vacuum. Likewise, the poorest Americans do not remain in poverty primarily due to a lack of personal effort or talent. Like

wealth, poverty does not occur in a vacuum, but rather in a societal context of relationships and opportunities, or the lack thereof.

In this regard, none of us is a wholly independent actor (and so, I return to the theme of my column, "Not Alone"). Therefore, I would suggest that the community, the nation, has a legitimate claim to tax income and wealth. It's called giving back to the community that helped make a person wealthy and helps ensure the social and economic stability to protect wealth. Now, we certainly can disagree about appropriate levels of taxation and the efficiency of government programs in spending this money, but overall I think the claim is a reasonable one, and that paying taxes, even higher taxes, is indeed patriotic.

And, after all, we find such notions within Judaism. First of all, Jewish law allows members of a community to compel other members of the

community to help build a synagogue or a wall to protect a city; this is, in essence, a communal tax. Second, we have the notion that we do not really own the money or the wealth we have, or the land we possess, or even our own bodies. The notion is that all of these are on loan in a way, given to us to be proper stewards - of wealth, land, and our physical bodies.

And this is why *tzedakah* does not mean charity. *Tzedakah* is not a wholly voluntary offering, given out of kindness or pity. Rather, *tzedakah's* root is *tzedek*, or justice, and the idea is that as stewards of wealth, our responsibility is, in part, to distribute it in the effort to achieve justice in this world.

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THE AUDIENCE RESPONDS to Matisyahu's energetic performance. Photos by Julia McCann



MATISYAHU RECONCILES FAITH and rules with upbeat reggae.

MATISYAHU: Message of faith with a beatbox

By JULIA McCANN

Special to *The Voice & Herald*

PROVIDENCE – What do Hasidic thought and reggae music have in common?

Everything if you're Matisyahu – successful reggae singer and Hasidic Jew who brought his spiritual but laid-back reggae beat to Providence's Lupos Heartbreak Hotel Oct. 28.

He opened with one of his more well-known songs, "Youth," with lyrics including: "Young man control in your hand/Slam your fist on the table / And make your demand / Take a stand."

Growing up a secular Jew in a

New York suburb, and born Matthew Miller, Matisyahu spent his own youth listening to Bob Marley and beatboxing at Phish shows. Already searching for a deeper meaning to his work, he decided to convert to Hasidic Judaism after a trip to Israel.

During the show, the band was pushed to the back of the stage, leaving plenty of room for the Grammy-nominated Matisyahu to move all over the stage and at one point off the stage and onto a bar.

Matisyahu began this fall tour

on Oct. 1, to promote the release of his new EP, "Shattered," now available. The EP features four songs from the new full-length

album, "Light," due for release in 2009. For the hippie turned Hasid, this will be his fourth full-length album, including his debut album, "Shake Off the Dust...Arise" which hit in 2004.

"No one else is doing this – at least as famously – reconciling faith and rules and restrictions with the upbeat sound of reggae music."

In his performance, Matisyahu blended staccato movements *a la* Justin Timberlake, larger and free-spirited twirl-

ing that you might expect of a Deadhead, and at other times, with the lights turned low, spiritual *davening* movements.

Matisyahu is a novelty. No one else is doing this – at least as famously – reconciling faith and rules and restrictions with the upbeat sound of reggae music.

A highlight of the show was his beatbox. The mood transformed on stage and throughout the venue as the keyboarder played a jam which reverberated into the balcony and descended into the beatbox, a percussion produced by the mouth, tongue and lips.

The song had no lyrics but a single line taken from the politically vocal opening band, Flobots, the bold and boast-

ful childhood claim: "I can ride my bike with no handlebars," as the keyboardist played the familiar, mocking refrain.

The song picked up speed like an airplane on the tarmac and then slowed into a soothing reggae ballad, "I will be light," with lyrics asking: "What is a man with no history?/ Where am I?/Who am I?"

The song felt rich and thick, but was cut periodically by the sound of little keyboard birds chirping.

Matisyahu employs repetitive melodic phrasing throughout the show, even when he walked off stage before the encore shouting: "Peace peace peace peace."

The encore was filled with energy and the show wrapped up just a hair before midnight.

GENERATION:

A yardstick measuring inclusiveness

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the 1968 convention.

Forty years later, at least one generation removed, our nation has elected an African-American president, and the joyous victory celebration took place in Grant Park.

The current Chicago mayor, Richard Daley, the son of the former mayor, was responsible for overseeing the police protection at the celebration. Once again, the whole world was watching.

It is an emotional yardstick that measures how far we have traveled here in America in accepting cultural change. As Jews in diaspora in America, we have always lived with the conscious knowledge of being on the outside, looking in. Ironically, some of the worst baiting in this year's election

came from Jewish Republican opponents of Obama, who sent out shrill e-mails to Jewish voters in Pennsylvania purporting that a vote for Obama would be the precursor of a new Holocaust.

Make no mistake; the road ahead will be difficult. The temptation is always to be too hopeful, to invoke Whitman and to hear America singing again. We tell ourselves that we won't get fooled again. Yes, we need to trust but verify.

Still, listening to my son, who cast his first vote this year, as he described the spontaneous, joyous celebration that had erupted in his college town, I was overcome with emotion, and couldn't speak. It's a very hard row we've hoed to keep our pastures of plenty free.

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BOOKS: A natural direction to take in life's evolving story

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1986, to be on a solid foundation.

What made Shechtman decide to buy a bookstore? A love of books, a love of the written word and promoting literacy, and turning over a new leaf after surviving breast cancer and then adopting her daughter, Emma, from China eight years ago.

While she was recovering from cancer, her husband and their daughter, Sarah, now 22, came to her and said: 'We think we should adopt a baby from China.' Nine months later, Emma, then 22 months old, arrived.

"Emma is my life's re-affirmation," Shechtman says. "Cancer taught me to live in the present moment. If there's anything that can be called a gift

about having cancer, it's re-evaluating what's important in life."

Shechtman left the practice of law to recover and stayed home to raise Emma, although she has not left the legal system completely; she serves on the Juvenile Hearing Board in Barrington.

The Shechtman family, which also includes son, Jason, are members of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Sitting in an armchair in

that compete with online book giants and national chains.

Yet, Main Street has its advantages. Smaller book stores do much more than sell books. They promote new and local authors by holding author readings and book signings, participate in school book fairs, offer advice on just the right book for holiday shoppers (and then gift wrap them for free), act as a resource for local book clubs - in short they offer culture and connection in suburban communities.

"To stay alive, you also have to offer other items without becoming a gift shop," Shechtman says. She has selected items such as Florentine stationary, the popular Autoblox

line of wooden car creations for children to design, and a wide array of journals, bookmarks, and flameless candles. Greeting and art cards have always been a staple at the store.

Barrington Books also offers the option of shopping online and ordering out-of-print books through their website (www.barringtonbooks.com). For example, if you do a search for Hanukkah books, a wide variety of favorites and activity books show up. Books are categorized by award-winners, best-sellers, and there is also a top "indie" booklist on the site and staff recommendations.

Barrington Books is linked to Indiebound, an organization of independent stores which share an ethos of building a socially conscious community the 21st century way. If you shop local, you reduce carbon footprints, contribute to the town's tax base, and add diversity and vitality to the commercial area.

Alas, the only thing lacking is a cup of coffee - but then Starbucks is just a few carbon footprints away.

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"If there's anything that can be called a gift about having cancer, it's re-evaluating what's important in life."

Dana Schectman

the travel section of the bookstore, she looks around. "It all seems so natural for me."

Her parents, first-generation Americans, filled their Bristol home with books. Her father was a physician and both parents stressed the value of education. She studied biology at Skidmore College and then went to the University of Padua School of Medicine, but ultimately decided medicine was not the career for her. She eventually went to the New England School of Law (J.D., 1986).

"Tony created a wonderful business here," she says. "The staff all wanted to stay. They are so knowledgeable. This is a wonderful place to be. There is a very loyal customer base."

Buying a small business in this economy presents its challenges, especially for a newcomer to the independent book store business. Shechtman and her husband attended American Bookseller Association seminars in July, and were introduced to marketing, strategy and management, trade terms, inventory control - all the business tools needed even in the best of economic times for "indie" bookstores

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THE Jewish connection is coming to Barrington Books next week when the PJ Library at the Bureau of Jewish Education and Temple Habonim partner with the bookstore to hold an hour of Jewish bedtime stories and songs for families on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a Hanukkah storytime on Dec. 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. There will be kosher snacks and music, with a special visit from Rabbi Andrew Klein, who will read from a story time book.

Featured books will be *The Shabbat Box* by Lesley Simpson and *The Peace Book* by Todd Parr.

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DOWNTURN: Community needs are increasing

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"holding its own" in member-

members are in arrears in their

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who needs money for immediate help, but we're not seeing an increase or a decrease in our loan requests."

University of Rhode Island economist Leonard Lardaro is gloomy about our future:

"The U.S. and global economies will remain in recession until at least mid-2009. That will clearly have a negative effect on Rhode Island as we are heavily dependent on tourism, retail sales, and durable goods manufacturing."

To learn more about how Jewish service agencies are responding to such challenging economic times, *The Voice & Herald* talked with several community leaders to better understand the human consequences.

"People are worried about paying their bills and holding onto jobs. Those pressures play out sometimes in different ways," said Rabbi Peter Stein, president of the R.I. Board of Rabbis and rabbi at Temple Sinai in Cranston.

"In the past six months, I've seen more situations with [drug or alcohol] addictions than in the past," he said.

Temple Sinai has just established an open Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

Although AA meetings are nondenominational, people may feel affirmed by attending such meetings in a synagogue rather than a church [where AA meetings are typically held], said Stein.

Although Temple Sinai is



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SOPHIE TRAGER, left, of Warwick and Laura Boslovich, right, of Warwick, have been hurt by new RIPTA bus fees, said JFS Director of Senior Services, Patty Harwood, LICSW, center

ships, the leadership recognizes the strain that paying dues may cause. "Synagogue membership should not be an extra-curricular activity, but a lifetime commitment," said Stein. "The synagogue is always open for people to access and provide emotional support and community."

At Temple Beth-El, the leadership is making a concerted effort to reach out to people, including a recent letter from Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman to congregants.

"With more Temple Beth-El

dues or annual support than in past years, the leadership is making a concerted effort to reach out and contact people who haven't paid," said Executive Director Ruby Shalansky. "We don't want people to leave for economic reasons, and we want to be as generous as we can without compromising the quality of our programming and staff." Some members are struggling, some have lost jobs, and we are grateful that they feel comfortable enough to tell us, she added.

THE BIG RIVER DENIAL

Although people may be nervous about the economic situation, initial reports seem to indicate that many may not be accessing certain resources, such as interest-free loans.

Carl Lefkowitz, executive director of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, said: "We don't give out big loans, only loans of \$1,500 or, for people with good repayment records, \$3,000. We serve lawyers, business people, anyone

There's often a sense of

denial or shame within the Jewish community about being in need and asking for help."

That sentiment was echoed in part by a social worker on the community front lines.

"It doesn't mean that it's [anxieties or concerns about difficult economic conditions] not out there, but I haven't seen it yet," said the Jewish Family Service social worker, Nicole Jellinek, LICSW, who works in outreach at Agudas Achim in Attleboro,

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HELP: Jewish community agencies are responding

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Mass., and now, also, at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

"People may have been feeling the pinch all along, but in the past month or so [since shortly before the bail-out], I haven't seen a difference."

The demand will come, said Patty Harwood, LICSW, the director of senior services for Jewish Family Service (JFS), which assists individuals within and outside the Jewish community. "The demand for counselors who accept a sliding scale fee will increase as people lose jobs and their health insurance," she said.

Job losses and worries about money often trigger stress, anxiety and depression and so more people might seek help. Harwood is especially worried about her primary constituency — the elderly. "We haven't seen a dramatic increase yet, but we anticipate the fall-out will be great," she said. "When winter comes and people need more fuel, and with the prices of food going up, it's going to be very difficult."

For instance, RIPTA's free bus service for elderly individuals has been significantly reduced; it charges \$2 per person for each trip to many appointments, including the kosher meal sites. Many of these people who eat at the site every weekday simply don't have \$20 a week to pay for transportation.

"We're trying to find funding so these lower-income and housebound individuals can continue to come," Harwood said. Unless JFS is successful, the outcome may be more social isolation, loneliness, inadequate nutrition or outright hunger.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Harwood made an appeal to *The Voice & Herald* readership, "We always need drivers for Meals on Wheels or financial contributions. I would love to set up a fund to offset these new, unexpected transportation expenses for the elderly."

Surprisingly, in this era of managed care and controls on patients' use of medical providers, there is currently no waiting period to see a social worker at JFS, she noted. The agency treats people with a variety of health insurances, as well as those without coverage.

Harwood anticipates many more calls to Age Well, the collaboration formed by Jewish Seniors Agency, the Jewish Community Center and JFS. "Referrals for assistance with utilities, food, prescriptions, and affordable housing are likely. With state budget cuts impacting many senior programs [including the RIPTA transportation services], frail seniors will have to turn to

community agencies for help," said Harwood. "If Lifeline emergency response subscribers can no longer afford \$35 per month, they'll have to give up a safety net that's allowed them to remain independent. Seniors needing home care may no longer be able to afford the fees and may have to make the difficult decision to move to a nursing home and apply for medical assistance."

This year, Rhode Island will drop seniors from its state-funded prescription program, RIPAY, if they don't sign up for

the Medicare Part D prescription program. "I do some case management for a 92-year-old woman with no family, and I help her figure out how to handle [prescription coverage decisions]," said Harwood. "Seniors just want to be able to afford their medications and have money to pay their utility bills and buy groceries, it's sad to see seniors suffering."

"People are worried about paying their bills and holding onto jobs. Those pressures play out sometimes in different ways."

Rabbi Peter Stein

Working in partnership with its community agencies, JFRI has established a point of contact with a community information specialist, Beth Laramie, who can be reached at (866) 524-3935. All inquiries are confidential.

At the JCCRI, membership is actually up from prior years, according to Executive Director Kevin Olson. "We added 132 new memberships [individuals or families] during our fall membership drive, an increase of 25 percent from the number added last year, also a banner year for us."

Before the latest economic downturn, it had more requests for summer camp scholarships. "In difficult economic times," said Olson, "JCCs offer so much value and safe havens for their members."

High-school student Sarah Winkler is paying for her own

JCCRI membership: "I thought about what I could do for myself with the money I am earning and I thought of the JCC."

The JCCRI offers many free or reduced cost programs, said Sue Suls, events coordinator and senior adults supervisor for the JCCRI, including the Writers' Group, Plain Talk, Yiddish Shmooz, Yiddish Language class, book clubs, and the Friday kosher meal site. The "Live From the 92nd St Y" programming is free, thanks to the generosity of the JFRI Endowment Funds' Starr-Tobak Fund.

Currently, JERI is getting many calls from seniors asking for help with the open enrollment for Medicare Part D, and how to save money on their prescriptions, said Susan Adler, director of JERI. "We bring stability and comfort to the seniors — through our subsidized housing, our resident service coordinator, home visits, and satellite JERI office visits," Adler said. "Sometimes, seniors just want to sit and talk about what's happening in the world. A 99-year-old man said, 'I remember the Depression; I never thought I'd live through another crisis like that.'"

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CONCERT: Cantors, choirs and a 40-piece orchestra celebrate Jewish life

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in Germany and Austria were destroyed, over 200 synagogues burned, 92 Jews were killed and more than 25,000 Jewish men arrested and sent to camps.

The metaphor of stained glass windows, alluding to those destroyed in synagogues on Kristallnacht, formed the thematic structure of the program.

"Through these shards we can sense vibrant life. History shines through broken glass," Nimoy began.

Brown University Professor Peter Wegner, who escaped Vienna on the "kindertransport" train to England, said: "My main recollection of Kristallnacht itself is that I could not go to school the next day, because my school was located at the synagogue, which the Nazis had burned down during the night."

Retired URI Professor

Albert Silverstein of Pawtucket was also sent from Austria on a kindertransport. At the concert he spoke of "A Memory of Loneliness":

"I cannot imagine a scene more lonely than this one: A three-and-a-half year-old child,

In that scene of enormous bustle and confusion...there I was, feeling so alone while among so many people."

His daughter, Elisa Heath, project manager for the concert-planning group, said that as her father began to speak, "I had the sudden realization that I was involved in the concert to preserve the memory of my grandparents. They lost their entire families and their son, my father, was so precious to them. There he was, in front of a sold-out house with his daughter looking on, and his granddaughter (Rebekah Heath, who sang with the youth choir) beside him

onstage, to remind everyone that he was a witness to the atrocities and was still here to share his story. He looked vulnerable and strong at the same time, and it was an intensely

"The triumphant sound of a shofar from the first balcony carried the audience to the final song, with the performance of Hatikvah, the Israeli anthem, and a psalm of hope."

name tag hung around his neck, a small suitcase in his left hand, led by his mother down a railroad platform toward a train on the brink of departure which the boy must board without her, bound for a strange land and an uncertain future.

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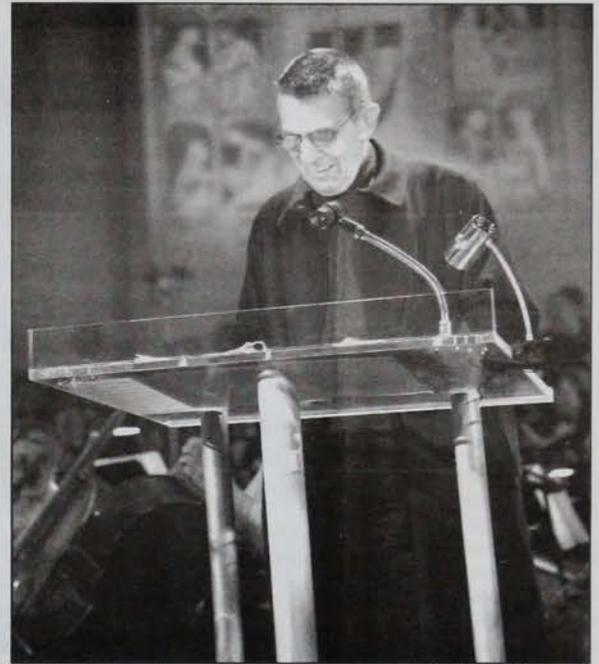


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powerful moment for me."

Miriam Shana, whose parents were sent to labor camps in Poland, said: "Because we sat so close to Nimoy, we could see his facial expressions and his emotional state. The historical events dating back to 1017 he narrated were captivating."

"It was also jarring to see some of the survivors of this horrific night," Shana continued. "They still appeared somewhat frail, perhaps because of their age, or perhaps they were in a heightened emotional state. As a child of survivors, at times it feels surreal, like this could not possibly have happened to my own parents."

After the concert, Nimoy said he was "most moved by participation of the children. They were wonderful."

Justin Peters, choral director at the Lincoln School, which participated in the youth choir, said, "Most of all, I'm excited that the girls have all learned so much about Kristallnacht and what it means to the Jewish faith and to the world."

Chrissy Raciti, a soprano in the Lincoln choir, said, "I feel like we learned not only about Jewish culture, but even a little about ourselves. This concert was very inspiring."

Joshua Stein, one of the historical consultants for the concert, said "the effort that

went into it, the bringing it all together, was a work of art and brilliant coordination."

Penney Stein, a member of the Temple Emanu-El Choral Club, said "the music was a joy to prepare because it was so varied, from the beautiful *Tov L'Hodos* by Franz Schubert, to the powerful *Ono Tovv*."

For Elly Lewis, a longtime member of The Providence Singers, among the highlights were: "The pure sound of

the youth choir in the wedding scene, the *Naumberg S'u Sh'orim*, written in the style of grand opera, and Schoenberg's *A Survivor of Warsaw*."

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"SHINING THROUGH BROKEN GLASS" was "10 years in the making," according to Cantor Brian J. Mayer, center, of Temple Emanu-El, the show's artistic director.

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EMANUEL: a no-holds barred politico with an Israeli father

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screaming "Dead!" as colleagues shout out the names of political enemies, sending a dead fish to a rival, screaming at friends and enemies alike for no good reason. Even his allies acknowledge that Emanuel, 48, can be on edge at times.

"He's not running for Miss Congeniality, ever," said U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.), who has known Emanuel since they worked at Illinois Public Action, a public interest group, in the early 1980s. "He is relentless, he doesn't give up, but in a strategic way. He's good at figuring out other people's self interest and negotiating in a way that comes out in his favor."

Emanuel, an Illinois congressman who boasts strong ties to his local Jewish community and the Jewish state, also can be seen as embodying Obama's stated commitment to Israeli security and diplomacy: During the first Iraq war, Emanuel flew to Israel as a volunteer to help maintain military vehicles. Two years later he was an aide to Clinton, helping to push along the newly launched Oslo process.

Within four months of joining the U.S. House of Representatives in 2003, Emanuel had an impressive command of the issues, said Michael Kotzin, the director of the Chicago Jewish Community Relations Council. "He gave a thorough and insightful analysis of issues on our agenda," said Kotzin, adding that Emanuel was responsive to his Jewish constituents.

Obama chose Emanuel to escort him to a closed-door meeting with leaders of the pro-Israel lobby AIPAC in June, a day after the final Democratic primaries.

One thing Emanuel is not, all agree, is the president-elect's conciliatory signal to the Jewish community after a campaign fraught with worries that Obama would tip toward even-handedness in dealing with the Middle East.

Emanuel was chosen strictly for his political skills and his closeness to Obama, said Rabinowitz, whose public relations firms does work with both Jewish groups and the Democratic Party and its affiliates. His closeness to the Jewish community "would be a tiny factor, if at all" in the hiring, Rabinowitz said.

The Arab and pro-Arab media have made much of the fact that Emanuel's father is Israeli, and Benjamin Emanuel didn't improve matters in an interview with *Maior*.

"Obviously," the senior Emanuel told the Israeli daily, "he'll influence the president to be pro-Israel. Why wouldn't he?"



THE NEW WHITE HOUSE chief of staff for President-elect Barack Obama is U.S. Rep. Rahm Emanuel.

What is he, an Arab? He's not going to be mopping floors at the White House."

By the time JTA reached the elder Emanuel, a physician, it was clear his son had asked him to keep away from reporters. Picking up the phone, he said, "This is Benjamin Emanuel, the plumber," and asked a reporter to call back in a week, after he'd spoken in person to Rahm — "if I'm still alive then."

In truth, some observers say, Obama's Jewish supporters and Emanuel's Arab critics are oversimplifying by painting the new chief of staff as a guardian of Israeli interests.

Emanuel will be a strong voice for Israeli security — but also one with the standing to cast a skeptical eye on some Israeli claims.

"Rahm, precisely because he's a lover of Israel, will not have much patience with Israeli excuse-making," Jeffrey Goldberg, a writer for *The Atlantic*, suggested on his blog. "So when the next prime minister tells President Obama that as much as he'd love to, he can't dismantle the Neve Manyak settlement outpost, or whichever outpost needs dismantling, because of a) domestic politics; b) security concerns; or c) the Bible, Rahm will call out such nonsense, and it will be very hard for right-wing Israelis to come back and accuse him of

being a self-hating Jew."

Tom Dine, a past president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and a senior policy adviser to the Israeli Policy Forum, concurred and said that Emanuel's knowledge of the issue will mean it's are dotted and it's are crossed.

"Rahm, precisely because he's a lover of Israel, will not have much patience with Israeli excuse-making."

Jeffrey Goldberg,
The Atlantic

"God help the national security staffer who incorrectly spells an Israel town name," Dine said. "Having said that, he has to be very careful, he can't step on the toes of the secretary of state, the national security advisers, of Joe Biden," the vice president-elect whose emphasis will be foreign policy.

The significance of Emanuel's Jewishness is more how unremarkable it is that an unapologetic Jew should rise so far, said Abraham Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

"He has never hesitated to wear it proudly on his sleeve," Foxman said.

During Emanuel's freshman run for Congress in 2002, a backer of his Democratic primary opponent in the largely Polish

district noted his service in Israel during the first Iraq war. Emanuel shrugged off the accusation as true — and won by a wide margin.

His brother, Hollywood super agent and liberal activist Ari Emanuel, also has been unapologetic about his support for Jewish causes. He sparked headlines

when he called on people in the movie industry to blackball Mel Gibson over "The Passion of the Christ."

Both brothers have inspired a television character: Rahm is said to be the model for Josh Lyman on "The

West Wing," and Ari, more famously, is immortalized as the agent/predator Ari Gold on the HBO series "Entourage."

A year ago, honoring his Hollywood agent brother for supporting children with learning disabilities, Rahm Emanuel recalled returning from Israel in 1967. More than his brothers, Emanuel remembered, he tended to darken in the Israeli sun. He was scooting around on his bike when a bigger kid grabbed it, saying black kids weren't welcome in the neighborhood. Ari, Rahm recalled, "beat the crap out of him" — not because of the bike, not to protect his brother, "but because of what he said about black kids."

Rahm defended his brother in terms he might have applied

to himself: "Where others see fierceness, I see loyalty. Where others see intensity, I see passion."

In general, Emanuel is fiercely loyal to his family, and they were a consideration in his hesitation to take work he's always dreamed of having — he waited two days to say yes. Obama, in his statement announcing the pick, recognized the pain it would cause Emanuel's wife, Amy, and "their children, Zach, Ilana and Leah."

Emanuel, born to an Israeli doctor who married a local woman after he moved to Chicago in the mid-1950s, speaks Hebrew and fondly recalls summing each year in Israel as a child — including just after the 1967 Six-Day War. He attends Anshe Shalom, a Modern Orthodox synagogue in Chicago, and sends his children to Jewish day school.

His rabbi, Asher Lopatin, recalls Emanuel approaching him just before Rosh Hashanah this year, telling him that an effort to put together a bailout package for the hard-hit stock market before the holiday had failed and asking whether it was permissible to take conference calls on the holiday in order to salvage the bill.

"I asked, 'Is it as serious as people say it is?'" the rabbi recalled. "He said, 'Without this bill there could be a meltdown of the financial system.'"

Lopatin considered the effect such a failure would have on children and the poor.

"I felt it was a case of *'pikuach nefesh'*," the commandment that places the saving of life above all other commandments, Lopatin said, and gave Emanuel the OK.

The somberness of the request couldn't quell Emanuel's acerbic wit. Lopatin recalled Emanuel's teasing, wondering whether the status of the rabbi's 401(k) investments wasn't also behind the *bechsher*.

"He *hibbitzed* with me about that," the rabbi said.

Emanuel repeated the story, to raucous laughter, in caucus meetings on the Hill — an example of how he will skid in the same sentence from Judaism to a liberal commitment to social reforms to hard-nosed politics, Schakowsky said.

"There's barely a caucus meeting where he doesn't make some reference to being Jewish, often in a humorous way," she said. But his Jewishness does more than inform his sense of humor, Emanuel's rabbi said.

"He has a very deep commitment and feel for *Yiddishkeit*," Lopatin said, "and it's a *Yid-dibker* that's about *ribben olam*, having a positive effect on the world."

Letters to the Editor

Please care for the most vulnerable

Editor's Note: Rabbi Stein shared with The Voice & Herald a letter he sent to President-elect Barack Obama. We are sharing it with our readers, with his permission.

Dear President-elect Obama, Congratulations on your election! There is so much to be proud of in this achievement. It is a powerful and important moment when the democratic process unfolds and allows for a peaceful transition between leaders. Of course, many have noted the unique historic significance of your election because of your heritage. I do believe that this event does mark one more passage to a country that is truly reaching for equality for all, but I do not take for granted the more fundamental reality that we were able to choose candidates, have them debate vigorously, and then vote in a free and fair way. This is to be celebrated.

I write to you as a proud American Jew. My religious tradition is filled with optimism and is clear on the obligation that each individual bears to make the world a better place. Part of that obligation comes from speaking up to those who have power and influence, and that is why I write to you today.

I hope that as president, you will be mindful of those who are most vulnerable in our country and around the world. There are so many who lack the basic necessities in life and do not enjoy equal protection and opportunity. In your leadership, you must be mindful of those living in poverty and responsive to those whose gender or sexual orientation or race denies them an equal ability to build the life of their choosing. May your actions restore a sense of dignity and power to those who are suffering. I pray that you will be a leader who brings people together.

You face many challenges as you become our president. I am mindful of the ancient rabbinic teaching of the sage Rabbi Tarfon that says, "You are not obligated to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to abstain from it."

I pray that you and your family will be blessed with strength as you begin your leadership, and that you will succeed in creating an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding. This is a most challenging task, and I stand ready to be your partner in this most important work.

I conclude with a blessing inspired by my religious ritual and the words of Scriptures that Jews and Christians both hold so dear. May God bless you and protect you and may you be blessed with strength, wisdom, humility and sensitivity.

Rabbi Peter W. Stein
Temple Sinai, Cranston

Columnist redirects thanks to deserving colleague

MY congratulations to my friend and colleague, Raphael Shargel, who wrote the magnificent narration to the recent Kristallnacht concert.

A month or so ago in my column, I wrote that I was the principal author of the narration. At the time it was true, but the organizers who originally wanted an historical approach, realized that that

was inappropriate for the concert as it was evolving, so they asked Raphael to start from scratch and produce a thematic dramatic reading, which he did so brilliantly.

To those who congratulated me on the night of the event, I thank them for the thought, but it is to Raphael that the credit is due.

Josh Stein
Pawtucket

Adopting a dog as family pet

THE Obama family is to be congratulated for expressing interest in adopting a homeless dog from an animal shelter. With shelters across the country overflowing with animals, the Obamas would be saving a life as well as fulfilling a campaign promise to their girls.

The Obamas have said that they are looking for a "hypoallergenic" dog. While no breed can be guaranteed not to cause an allergic reaction, many dogs - especially those with short fur or long hair that doesn't have an undercoat - could potentially fit the bill.

The key is to let their daughters interact with the potential adoptee and watch for signs of an allergic reaction.

Regardless of what kind of dog the Obamas choose, they'll likely be doing their daughters a favor: According to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, children who grow up around cats and dogs are less likely to be allergic to them - and anything else - later in life.

Marge Peppercorn, M.D.
Portsmouth

Children's lives at risk, asserts reader

THREE major forces are destroying the lives and values of our children of America. They are, as follows: The use and misuse of abortion; same sex adoptions by same sex couples.

A growing group of children will never know the wholesome beauty of being raised by both a father and a mother; and forcing our children to go to public schools where traditional values

are no longer taught and/or encouraged, due to lack of school choice and the lack of voucher system.

Thomas W. Pearlman, Esq.
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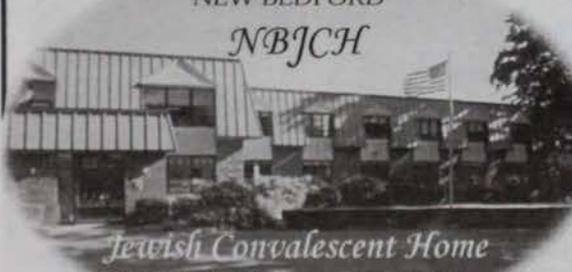
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Jerusalem voters opt for Nir Barkat, secular mayor
City Hall wrested from hands of fervently Orthodox

By **URIEL HEILMAN**
JTA Staff Writer

JERUSALEM (JTA) – The victory of a secular businessman in Jerusalem's mayoral elections was greeted with relief by Israelis concerned about the increasing Orthodox character of the city. Barkat, a city councilman and high-tech entrepreneur, defeated his fervently Orthodox rival, Rabbi Meir Porush, 52 percent to 43 percent, in the Nov. 11 election. The other high-profile candidate, Russian-Israeli tycoon Arcadi Gaydamak, finished a distant third with less than 4 percent of the vote.

Barkat's election wrests control of City Hall from the hands of the fervently Orthodox.

While Jerusalem's current mayor, the *haredi* Uri Lupolianski, is widely seen as sympathetic to secular concerns, his would-be successor, Porush, is not thought to have the same sympathies.

Earlier this month, Porush told a fervently Orthodox crowd that "in another 15 years there will not be a secular mayor in any city in Israel." His remarks, delivered in Yiddish at a yeshiva, were not intended for public consumption, but Porush was unaware that an Orthodox radio station was broadcasting his remarks live.

Porush's spokesman acknowledged that the candidate, a veteran fixture of Israel's Orthodox political scene and a seventh-generation Jerusalemite, is a proponent of Orthodox-only cities.

The apparent victory by Barkat, a self-made millionaire and venture capitalist, returns Jerusalem's mayoralty to secular leadership at a pivotal time for the Israeli capital.

With one-third of its residents Orthodox and one-third Arab, Jerusalem is Israel's largest city and its poorest. The city has been wracked by political and religious divisions, and its young, secular population is dwindling due to a dearth of affordable real estate, limited job opportunities and what some decry as an increas-



SECULAR BUSINESSMAN and apparent mayoral victor Nir Barkat casts his vote on Nov. 11, 2008.

ingly Orthodox character.

During the campaign, many Jerusalemites pointed to the controversy surrounding a celebration in June marking the opening of a new bridge at the western entrance to the city as emblematic of the battle for Jerusalem's soul.

"There is the sense that if another ultra-Orthodox mayor gets elected, the city's last secular residents will leave. This is the last chance for this city."

A voter on Israel's Channel 10 News

At the ceremony, a fervently Orthodox deputy mayor compelled a teenage girls' dance troupe to wear hats and long, loose-fitting clothing so as not to offend the sensibilities of Orthodox viewers. Many Jerusalemites and Israelis were outraged, blaming Lupolianski for what they called the Taliban-style outfits.

For these residents of Jerusalem, Barkat's election is a welcome change from the five years of Lupolianski's leadership.

"There is the sense that if another ultra-Orthodox mayor gets elected, the city's last secular residents will leave,"

one voter told Israel's Channel 10 News on Election Day.

"There's a feeling that this is the last chance for this city."

Tuesday's vote was marred by some irregularities. Barkat voting slips apparently disappeared from some polling stations, and his web site was victimized by hackers who redirected surfers to Porush's site. At another polling station, a group of Orthodox men reportedly hurled a stone at a police officer, lightly injuring him, in a bid to bar people from voting. Police dispersed the group.

During the campaign, Barkat campaigned on a platform of investing in the city's tourism-based economy and ensuring that Israel's capital city remains majority Jewish.

"We have to build Jerusalem economically," Barkat told JTA in an interview earlier this year. "Jerusalem has only 1.5 million tourists that come annually. We have more to offer than any city. We have to open Jerusalem up to the global tourism marketplace."

While the turnout exceeded the last municipal elections, in 2003, the vast majority of Jerusalem Arabs stuck to their policy of refusing to participate in the city's elections.

Jewish Community Calendar

FRIDAY

November 14

New Prayerbook Inauguration

Reform Judaism's new prayerbook, *Mishkan T' Filah*, will be inaugurated at Temple Beth-El, featuring an address by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman.

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence
WHEN: 7 p.m.
MORE INFO: 331-6070

SUNDAY

November 16

Nourish Your World

A conference for Jewish women in Southern New England, sponsored by Providence Community Kollal

WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence
WHEN: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
MORE INFO: 273-3923

Story Hour at Clayground

Torat Yisrael presents story hour, snack, and an opportunity to paint pottery. Pay for the items you paint.

WHERE: Clayground, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich
WHEN: 3 - 4:30 p.m.
MORE INFO: 785-1800 to reserve a spot

Jewish Roots

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston will conduct program on how to do family research with American public records.

WHERE: Temple Emanuel, 385

Ward Street, Newton, Mass.
WHEN: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
COST: \$0/members, \$5/non-members
MORE INFO: (617) 796-8522

MONDAY

November 17

Book Signing

Meet author Ronald Florence as he discusses his book, *Lawrence and Aaronsohn: T.E. Lawrence, Aaron Aaronsohn, and the Seeds of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*.

WHERE: JCCRI 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence
WHEN: 7-8 p.m.
MORE INFO: 861-8800, ext. 108.

TUESDAY

November 18

Jewish Parenting, Children with Special Needs

A workshop by Betsy Singer Cable, LICSW, LCDP, ACSW as part of Keshet Program.

WHERE: Agudas Achim, 901 N. Main St., Attleboro, Mass.
WHEN: 7-8 p.m.
MORE INFO: Nicole Jellinek at keshet@agudasma.org or 338-8301

Boker Tov

"Good morning" hour-long program for children not yet in preschool and their parents. Older siblings always welcome

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence
WHEN: 11 a.m.
MORE INFO: 331-6070

Lunch and Learn

Join Rabbi Amy Levin from Temple Torat Yisrael to study Jewish source and address current issues.

WHERE: The Grille on Main, 50 Main St., East Greenwich
WHEN: Noon - 1:30 P.M.
MORE INFO: 785-1800

THURSDAY

November 20

JERI Satellite Office Hours

Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island will host drop-in hours to counsel and advise seniors, with Director Susan Adler and Assistant Director Ethan Adler

WHERE: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick
WHEN: 10-11:30 a.m.
MORE INFO: 621-5374

WHERE: South County Cooperative, 375 Kingstown Rd., Wakefield

WHEN: 1:30-3 p.m.
MORE INFO: 621-5374

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WHEN: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext. 80

SATURDAY

November 22

Wine and Whiskey Tasting

With local Kosher wine expert Jeff Ingber

WHERE: Temple Emanu-el, 99 Taft Ave., Providence
WHEN: 7:30-10 p.m.
COST: \$18
MORE INFO: 331-1616 to RSVP

SUNDAY

November 23

Installation of Rabbi Asher C. Oser

Featuring Rabbi Dr. David Horwitz, Rabbi Sidney Shoha, chair in Rabbinic and Community Leadership at Yeshiva University, followed by a champagne brunch.

WHERE: Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence
WHEN: 11 a.m.
COST: Brunch \$18 per person

MORE INFO: 621-9393 or office-bethsholom@yahoo.com

Book-a-palooza

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WHERE: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick

WHEN: 11:30a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext. 80

WEDNESDAY

November 25

Interfaith Service

Thanksgiving worship
 Where: Saint Martin's Episcopal Church, 50 Orchard Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-6070

THURSDAY

December 4

Lunch and Learn

Discussion of weekly Torah portion, with kosher deli lunch, led by Cantor Rick Perlman.

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

WHEN: noon - 1 p.m.

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

MORE INFO: 463-7944

Forgotten Judaica

Antique ritual objects from the world over featuring Lisa Van Allsburg, artist and globe-trotter. Sponsored by Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah.

WHERE: Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7:00 p.m.

MORE INFO: 463-3636



Rabbi Asher C. Oser will be installed at Congregation Beth Shalom on Sunday, Nov. 23, followed by a champagne brunch. For more information, call 621-9393.

PJ Library Calendar

Jewish bedtime stories and songs for families

<p>Sunday, Nov. 16 Temple Sinai, K Room 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston 9:45- 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 20 PJ Library and Temple Habonim partner with Barrington Books 184 Country Rd., Barrington 6:30- 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, Nov. 23 Featuring PJ Library Sammy Spider Illustrator, Katherine Janus Kahn Temple Am David: Book-A-Palooza Book Fair 40 Gardiner Street, Cranston 11:30- 2:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Sunday, Nov. 16 Temple Torat Yisrael Story Time CLAYGROUND, 5600 Post Rd., East Greenwich 3- 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday, Nov. 22 Congregation Beth Shalom 275 Camp St., Providence 10:30-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>All events are FREE of charge and open to the community. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas! For more info, contact Nicole Katzman, PJ Library Director at 331-0956, ext. 180, or nkatzman@bjeri.org</p>
<p>Thursday, Nov. 20 Epoch Senior Health Care on Blackstone Blvd., Butler Hospital Campus 353 Blackstone Blvd., Providence 3:30- 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, Nov. 23 Temple Emanu-El, PreK Room 99 Taft Ave., Providence 9:30- 10:30 a.m.</p>	

AS WE GROW OLDER

Every four years: Thank God, it's now over

Elections can drain the dwindling energies of seniors

IT'S OVER. Thank God! I am as patriotic as the next guy and appreciate the privilege that Americans have to vote and select their leaders. But no one prepared me for the drain that elections have



Tema Gouse

on the dwindling energies of seniors.

When I started writing articles for *The Voice & Herald* some centuries ago, I assured the editor and promised

myself that I would never subject readers to my political leanings. Some things I have written have subtly exposed my preferences but overall, for a lady who is usually very vocal, I have been fairly discreet.

Which brings us to 2008. I read the newspaper daily and *Time* magazine when the mail-person elects to deliver it. I bring multiple prejudices to my read-

ing and my television viewing.

The first time I voted in a presidential election was in 1944. Choice has always been simple. I vote for the lesser of the two evils. And this year I followed the same course.

But this year had some different dimensions. We were replacing a president who managed to get elected twice and will leave the Oval Office with the lowest presidential popularity rating in the history of the country. Another unusual factor was that a man of color was aspiring to lead the nation for the first time.

All of which brings me to the reason I am writing on this theme. I am exhausted by demands made on me by the media. Mealtimes and bedtimes have been completely disrupted by the campaign. At lunchtime I felt compelled to see Charlie Rose and his guests to get more enlightenment. At dinnertime I watched Brian Williams to see if anything was happening in the world besides our election.

Other than an occasional hurricane or earthquake, nothing else was reported.

But after dinner, the election news on ALL the major cable networks takes over. We had resisted cable TV until a year ago when a stubborn son insisted we must join the 21st century.

So, when "Jeopardy" was over

And we sat glued to repetitious statements of facts and gossip about the contestants.

But let me get to the serious aspects of the impact of this election on the geriatric group. One of the obvious health issues for aging people is the quality and quantity of sleep they have each night. I believe dinner

should be eaten somewhere between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. I believe that early to bed and early to rise is a good idea. In other words, do not phone after 10:30 p.m. unless you have very good news to impart.

But this election so attracted my attention, that on more than one occasion I was still awake after 11 p.m. And I am not just talking about Election Night!

I have wondered why I found this election period more captivating than previous ones.

I can only think of two important ones. The first reason is the more important of the two. The world and its standards and its goals are in the pits. I know;

we always say that. But now it is probably truer than ever. It is difficult to find an aspect of life that could encourage optimism.

This creates a heavier burden on our country to right its ills; because for more than a century the United States has been the benchmark of success or failure, right or wrong. And we will have to make many significant changes to restore that respect, which has dwindled so badly over the last decade.

And, (second reason) not to get morbid, this may be the last election in which I can voice my minuscule vote for the values I have.

I am writing this about 30 hours after the historic election results, electing a man of color to be president. He may disappoint us. He may astound us. Either way, he is who the electorate has chosen. For selfish reasons, I hope he succeeds.

One is that this nation needs a successful president. The other hope is that maybe, finally, bias is becoming less prevalent. Who knows? Maybe if prejudice is really diminishing, your progeny or mine could some day be elected to lead our nation.

"The world and its standards and its goals are in the pits. I know; we always say that. But now it is probably truer than ever. It is difficult to find an aspect of life that could encourage optimism."

(we did maintain some priorities) we would turn to CNN or MSNBC and the total addiction would take over. Like all people with strong preferences, we managed to avoid the network which is of different persuasion. So far it sounds harmless. But there were side effects. My three to four books a week became one a week. My husband's enchantment with the History and Discovery channels disappeared.

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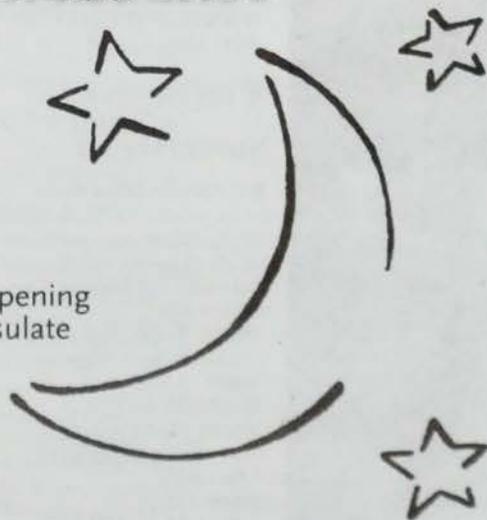
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You and *bubbe* can 'almost' stay out of the kitchen with these recipes

Bar or bat mitzvah preparations leaving you frazzled? Don't worry, be happy

By NANCY KIRSCH
nkirsch@jfri.org

IF YOU'RE HOSTING – or helping – with a pre- or post-*b'nei mitzvah* celebratory brunch for out-of-town friends and relatives, we've gathered some colorfully tasty and tempting recipes. These recipes are mostly inexpensive and a snap to prepare.

Round out the meal with some bagels, *schmeers* of cream cheese, juices and coffee, and you're all set for a delicious and delectable meal for the family of the *bar or bat mitzvah* teen, out-of-town guests and close friends.

These dishes are so easy to make that *bubbe* can relax and stay out of the kitchen. And, remember, when your friends ask: "What can I bring?" be sure to tell them: One of these delicious items or their specialty.

BLINTZ CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 12 frozen blintzes
- ½ cup melted butter
- 2 cups sour cream
- 5 eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

dash of salt
cinnamon

Method:

Melt butter in casserole dish. Dip blintzes so that butter is on both sides of blintz. Combine all ingredients except cinnamon and pour over blintzes.

Sprinkle with cinnamon and bake 1 hour at 325 degrees. Serves 6.

Recipe is courtesy of www.jewishrecipes.org.

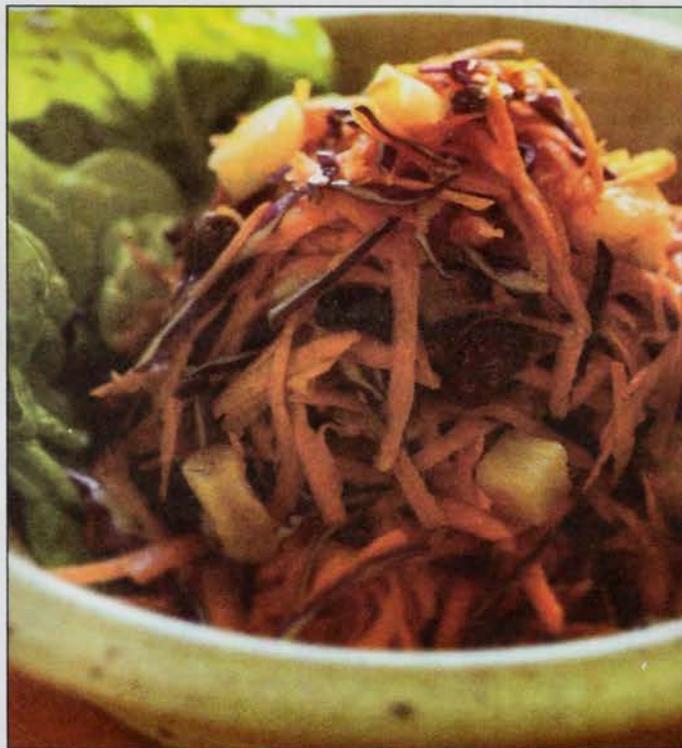
BROCCOLI SOUFFLE

Ingredients:

- 1 package frozen chopped broccoli, thawed and drained well
- 1 box (6 oz.) potato pancake mix
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup melted margarine
- 2 cups water

Method:

Mix pancake mix with water and let stand 10 minutes. Combine all ingredients. Cook in greased 8 x 8 pan at 350 degrees for 30 - 40 minutes. Serve hot. Serves 6.



Sweet Carrot Salad

Recipe is from www.jewishrecipes.org.

SMOKED SALMON ROLLS

Ingredients:

- 4 Persian or Kirby cucumbers, peeled
- 1 ½ pounds smoked salmon,

sliced very thin to yield 16 slices

- 1 cup cream cheese
- ¼ cup capers, drained well
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 Vidalia onion, thinly sliced
- 16 grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 lemons, cut into wedges
- Flat breads, optional

Remember, when your friends ask: "What can I bring?" be sure to tell them: One of these delicious items or their specialty."

Method:

Slice cucumbers lengthwise into 4 sticks each, so that you have 16 sticks total.

On a flat work surface, place one piece of salmon horizontally. In a small bowl, mix together: cream cheese, capers and lemon juice.

Spoon one teaspoon of cream cheese mixture onto one end of salmon slice. Place one cucumber stick on top of the cream cheese lengthwise, using the cheese to secure it.

Roll the salmon around the cucumber and cream cheese like a jelly roll. The salmon should create a wide belt around the middle of the cucumber stick.

Use remaining ingredients to repeat with each cucumber stick and each salmon piece.

Arrange sliced onions around the edge of a platter with the

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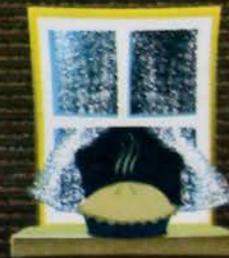
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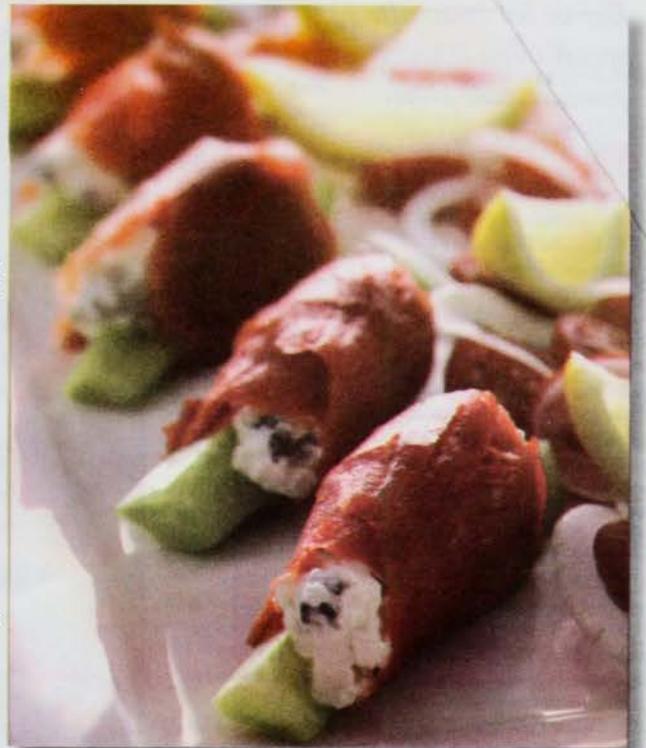
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Method:

Combine all the ingredients into a large salad bowl. Toss well to mix.



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Serve chilled or at room temperature. Serves 4.

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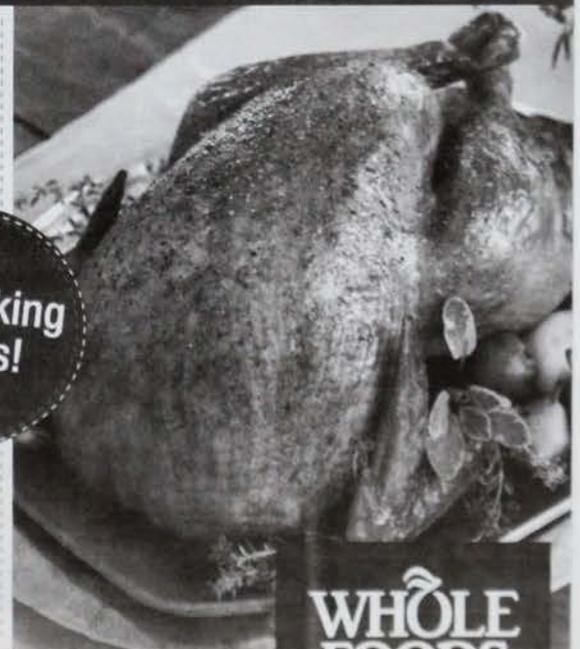
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Ingredients:

- 7 ounces almond paste
- ½ cup cold butter
- 1 ¾ cups flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 4 large egg whites
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- flour for rolling

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Use ungreased or parchment lined cookie sheets.

Crumble almond paste and mix on medium speed with electric mixer. Beat in butter.

Add all the dry ingredients – flour through salt – until crumbly. Fold in almonds.

Whisk whites and vanilla in small bowl until frothy. Add to almond mixture and mix until dough holds together. Turn out onto lightly floured clean countertop and shape into 2-inch thick log. Cut in half and roll each piece into a 10 inch long and ½ inch thick log.

Transfer to cookie sheet and bake 35 minutes or until golden. Cool for 10 minutes. Cut into

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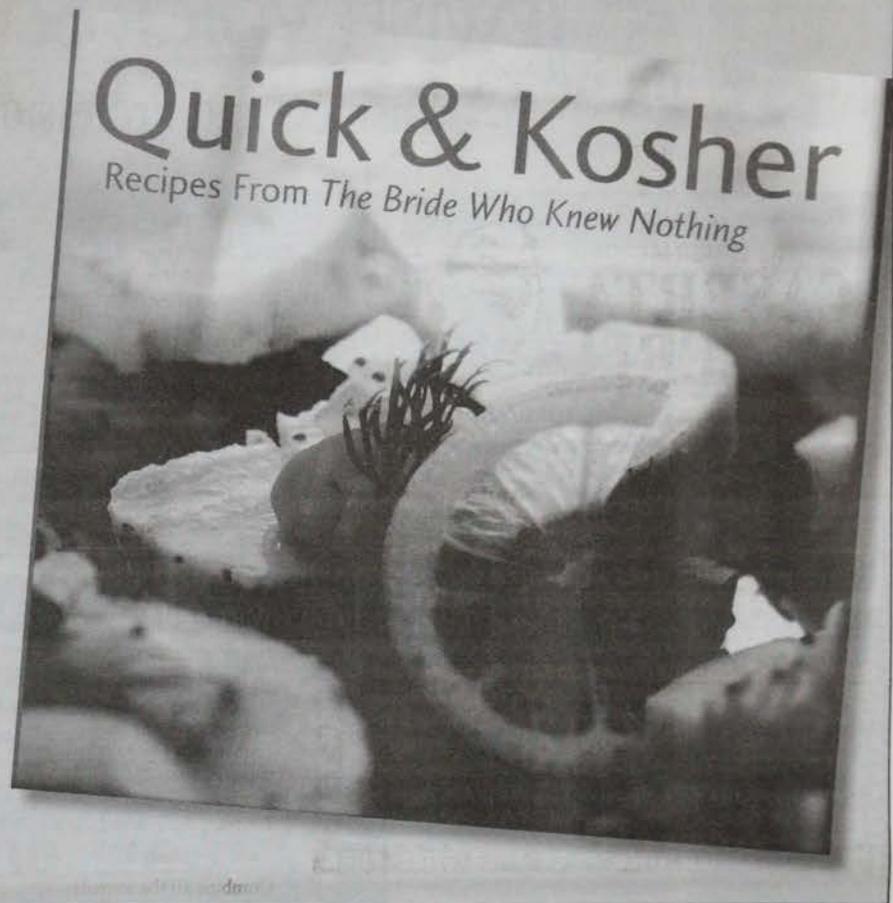
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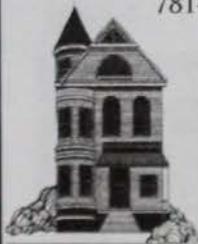
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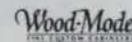


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Sharon Gaines is the Associate Campaign Chair for the JFRI 2009 Annual Campaign.

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BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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THE MAGAZINE, *BabagaNewz*, announced Nov. 12 that it is ceasing its print publication and becoming an exclusive Internet-based online publication.

In a letter to subscribers, JFL Media-Jewish Family & Life CEO Amir Cohen wrote: "Beginning in January 2009, we will focus all of our energies on making our award winning web site, BabagaNewz.com, even better. Adding interactive audio, video, and links around the web, BabagaNewz.com is taking its leading website one step further. We think you're going to love our new format."

According to Cohen, the shift from print to an all-web

publication will allow it to provide more timely content via BabagaNewz.com. "By focusing our resources on a single channel, we can ensure that we stay on the cutting edge of technology to best advance Jewish education," he said.

Cohen praised the magazine's cutting-edge efforts to reach out to young Jewish readers. "With more than 2 million copies of the magazine distributed to 250,000 subscribers, our teaching tool has benefited a generation of young Jews, helping them to see the world through the lens of Jewish values," he said.

Cohen said that teachers will be able to sign up at BabagaNewz.com/teachers, and parents can sign up for our special parent newsletter at BabagaNewz.com/parents.

Rabbi Wolpe: Why faith matters

PROVIDENCE - To celebrate Jewish book month, the JCCRI's 92nd Street Y broadcast on Tuesday, Nov. 25 will feature Rabbi David Wolpe and his book *Why Faith Matters* at 8:15 pm. If you come early, you

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JCDS introduces social/problem-solving program

Teaching students how to be successful in the world

BY MARY KORR

Senior Contributing Writer PROVIDENCE – The Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) has introduced a new social curriculum at the school, and recently held an information session for parents. Its formal name is Social Decision-Making/Problem Solving Program (SDM/PS).

"The overall goal of the program is to provide students in grades Pre-K through 8 with skills to make healthy and responsible choices in their lives," said Betsy Singer Cable, director of student support services.

The curriculum focuses on concepts such as self control, emotional intelligence, social awareness and effective communication. "It will be a process, like learning a new language, which we will incorporate into the fabric of the

school," Cable said.

Over the summer, the consultant for the program, Erin Bruno, began holding workshops for teachers and staff. She is a clinician supervisor at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-University Behavioral Health Care, which administers the program.

She said research has shown that students learn the target skills and that this results in positive behavioral outcomes in school and long-term behavioral effects were found in these students when they became middle and high school students.

She opened the parent session by bouncing a few ideas around the room – literally.

She held a red sponge ball and tossed it out to a group of about 30 parents. The catcher would have "speaker power," a tool used in the program.

One parent asked: "How are you getting children to buy into this?"

"We have to teach them we are a community and each of us has responsibilities and rights. They will learn a set of skills in the program," she said. "Through this program, your children will feel empowered."

Another parent at the infor-



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CONSULTANT ERIN BRUNO leads parent information center.

mation session asked: "How do you introduce a significant new culture in the midst of an existing culture?"

Bob Sarkisian, head of school, responded that the school is "in a climate of change, a tremendous flux, and this program offers a language where we can come together."

Sarkisian said that he was on the playground and noticed one of the youngsters with tears welling in her eyes. "Is there anything I can do to help you?" he asked. She looked up at him and answered, "No, it's not something you would

understand."

"When children come up with the solutions to their own problems, they will be more successful," Bruno said.

At home, parents can expect their students to talk about sharing circle, listening position, active listening, speaker power, keeping calm, and the steps of problem solving.

Cable told parents the program will also integrate Jewish values.

Jeffrey Kress of the Jewish Theological Seminary and a former consultant for the program, will be

coming to the school throughout the year. He is assistant professor of Jewish education at The Jewish Theological Seminary and senior research associate of The William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education. His work is focused on building Jewish values and identity by using principles of social and emotional learning to augment Jewish education.

The program was developed by Maurice Elias, a professor at Rutgers University, and John F. Clubby, at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Elias

offers six points in what he terms social-emotional learning (SEL) in his book, *The Educator's Guide to Emotional Intelligence and Academic Achievement*.

In addition to their academic prowess, balanced students should be:

- Good problem solvers
- Take responsibility for their personal health and well being
- Develop effective social relationships, learn how to work in a group and understand and relate to others from different cultures and backgrounds
- Be caring individuals with concern and respect for others
- Understand how their society works and be prepared to take on the roles that are necessary for future progress and
- Develop good character and make sound moral decisions.

Elias writes that "SEL is sometimes called the missing piece" because it represents a part of education that links academic knowledge with a specific set of skills important to success in schools, families, communities, workplaces and life in general."

The program was partially funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

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Fifth-graders and conflict resolution

Lunchroom woes, third-grade foes

By MARY KORR
Senior Contributing Writer

PROVIDENCE – The fifth-grade class at the Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) is sitting in a circle and sharing what is on their minds one bright fall morning.

Teacher Jamie Woods asks the students to define talking power and listening power, concepts in the new social curriculum introduced at the school, and then passes the speaker's tool, in this case a stick, to a student.

The topic is lunchtime. "Lunch, normally it's good, and this week the teachers really made us feel good and told us we did a good job," said the student.

However, some issues were clearly on their minds, such as: Should the fifth-graders be allowed to sit at their own private table? Grades 3-5 eat together. (The grievance arose when two third-graders sat down to eat at the same table with the fifth-graders and began to copy them.)

One student said: "We

want to sit alone. We watch different TV shows. We do fifth-grade stuff. We want our time to talk about things only we are interested in."

Another added: "They stole our silent cheer. (Apparently a series of hand movements to convey fifth-grade solidarity.) We want our rightful stuff. They copy exactly what we are doing, it drives me crazy."

The talking stick was then passed to a student who turned out to be a conciliator: "They are us from last year. Remember how we felt? You should try to include them, and when that is not possible, ask them to go nicely."

Woods summarized, telling her students, "This is a subject teachers talk about. I heard how you felt last year and how you feel now. I am listening to you and you feel the teachers are not all listen-

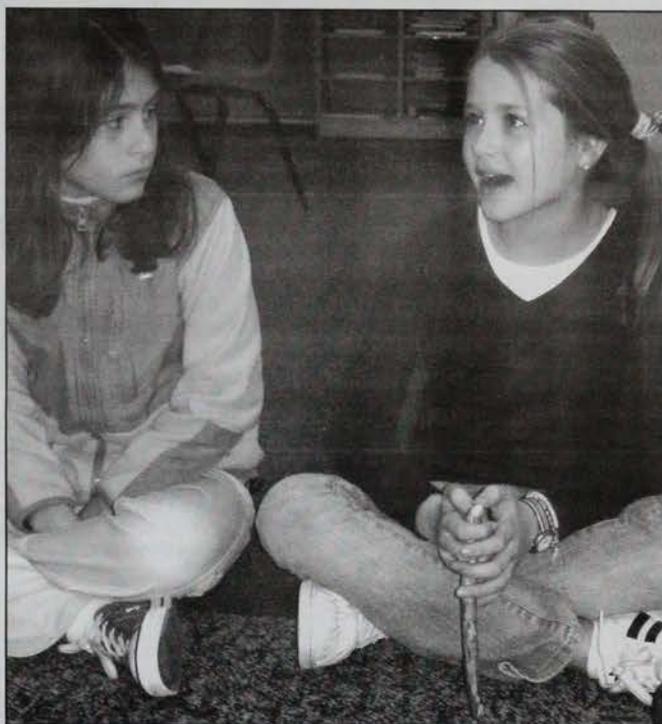


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JCDS FIFTH-GRADER ISABELLE WISEN holds the 'talking stick' one morning during share time. Next to her is Ariela Katzman.

ing to fifth-grade needs at lunchtime. I can tell you that all teachers do agree that all fifth-graders can sit together

– which does not mean that no one else can sit there."

She advised her students to "take a moment when you next

speak to a lunchroom teacher or a younger student. Listen to yourself and think how what you say and how you say it may sound to someone else."

The topic expanded to emotional triggers. "We all have triggers," she said, "and when we feel irritated we lose our calm. You may share one or two words of what some of those triggers might be for you."

Among the triggers students mentioned were:

- "Being told what to do when I'm already doing it"
- "When the dog pees on my foot"
- "My sister"
- "My brother"
- "When other people in my house are in a bad mood in the morning"
- "Math"

Woods told the students: "We have to tune in to our triggers so we can learn how to recognize them and deal with them and stay calm."

Within the social curriculum model, there are worksheets and journals the students use to record situations they encounter as well as their responses, and evaluate them.

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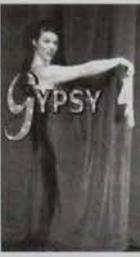
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Gala attendees, sponsors contribute more than \$1.37 million for named chair

PROVIDENCE - Nearly 500 people attended The Miriam Hospital's Oct. 25 gala, which recognized Charles C.J. Carpenter, M.D., a pioneer in HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases research.

The gala, "An Elegant Evening in Monte Carlo," raised a record-breaking \$1.37 million in support of the establishment of the Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, Chair in Infectious Diseases at The Miriam Hospital.

Guests at the gala, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, enjoyed live and silent auctions, game tables,



Photo courtesy of The Miriam Hospital
JERRY AND BARBARA LAVINE, left, gala co-chairs, honoree Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD, founder of the Immunology Center at The Miriam Hospital; and Kathleen C. Hittner, MD, president and CEO of The Miriam Hospital, celebrate at the Oct. 25 gala.

entertainment and dinner. The event was co-chaired by Jerry and Barbara Lavine. Ed Feldstein, chair of The Miriam Hospital Board of Trustees;

Jeff Brier, chair of The Miriam Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees; and Jerry Lavine were among the speakers. Carpenter was presented

with proclamations from Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline, who attended the event, and Governor Donald L. Carcieri.

Warwick Ice Cream Company expands product line

WARWICK - According to Barry Newman, Director of Sales and Marketing for Warwick Ice Cream, the company will distribute J and J Snacks of N.J. into R.I. schools.

Products sold will include cookies and crackers, as well as ice cream from Hoods, Ben & Jerry, Klondike, Popsicle and Good Humor. They also will sell the J and J healthcare products, which are approved OU kosher, to nursing homes and hospitals.

Camp Avoda elects new board members

MIDDLEBORO, Mass. - Camp Avoda, the oldest Jewish boys' camp in New England, announced that Neal Goldman and Jeff Keselman have been elected to the camp's Board of Directors.

Goldman was at Camp Avoda from 1968 to 1974 in a number of different capacities. He was a staff member, athletic director, and in his last year, assistant director. He is currently vice president of industry relations for Iron Mountain.

Keselman was at Avoda from 1978-1991 as both a camper and a staff member. For the past 10

years, he has been an integral part of the Camp Avoda Alumni Association's Board of Directors, serving as treasurer for the majority of that time. Keselman is a financial services professional

with Natixis Global Associates. For additional information about Camp Avoda, please visit the camp's website at www.campavoda.org.

Yiddish Shmoozers will greet Rabbi Joel Seltzer

PROVIDENCE - Temple Emanu-El's new rabbi, Rabbi Joel Seltzer, will address the group in his dynamic fashion at the Nov. 21 meeting and will also provide some musical entertainment. The program will also include the usual focus on

Yiddishkeit and the *Mame Loshen*. The group will meet at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call Elly at 861-8800 ext. 107 if you need more information.

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Wonder who really wrote the Bible? Find out at Temple Emanu-El's film screening

BY TEMPLE EMANU-EL STAFF
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

TEMPLE Emanu-El invites the public to a private screening of "The Bible's Buried Secrets," and a question and answer discussion after the film is shown, with the film's producer/director Gary Glassman and his wife, Joan Branham, associate professor of art history, at Providence College, on Nov. 18, at 7 p.m.

the ancient Israelites come from?" "Who wrote the Bible, when and why?" "How did the worship of one God – the foundation of modern day Judaism, Christianity and Islam – emerge?" The film includes shots of Temple Emanu-El and some of its congregants. The event will be in the Bohnen Vestry, Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence.

For more information, contact the synagogue at 331-1616.



Photo courtesy of Providence Hebrew Day School

STUDENTS HOLD THEIR OWN "PRESIDENTIAL" ELECTION
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS at Providence Hebrew Day School participated recently in a school wide presidential election coordinated by Derek Samuelson, middle school social studies teacher.

One of the synagogue's year-long series of "Lea's Letters" programs, the event is being held in place of Adult Institute. The PBS film presents the latest archeological scholarship from Israel and tackles some of the biggest biblical studies questions: "Where did



Senior Guild to celebrate Hanukkah luncheon

THE CRANSTON Senior Guild will hold its annual Hanukkah luncheon on Dec. 3 at noon at the West Valley Inn in Warwick. The luncheon includes a choice of fish or chicken and costs \$18.50 for paid-up members. Entertainment and a

raffle will follow the meal. The reservation deadline is Nov. 27. Send your check payable to "Cranston Senior Guild" to Mal Ross, 115 Marbury Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860. For questions, call Mal at 723-8580.



D'var Torah The Pleasure of Giving

PARASHAT VAYEIRA
GENESIS 18-22

This week's parashah reminds us that Abraham's legacy of giving, rather than receiving, can be uplifting.

BY RABBI SHAUL ROSENBLATT
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

YOU ARE TRAVELING in the desert with two friends. It's a boiling hot day. You see some tents in the distance, seemingly a Bedouin camp. Suddenly, running crazily towards you, a 99-year-old man appears. He dives at your feet, face in the sand, and implores, "Please my masters,

if I have found favor in your eyes, do not pass by the tent of your humble slave. Stay a while. I will personally wash your feet and provide food. Sit in the shade of my tree – and afterwards you may go."

Try to picture it for a minute: What would you think? Most people would be concerned that this is some sort of psychopath who plans to chop them into little pieces and bury them under his floorboards. At the very least, there must be a catch, something in it for him. After all, nobody in this world does something for nothing. Does he?

I doubt that many would take Abraham up on his offer. It says a great deal about the society in which we live, that when someone wants to do something for us, we are suspicious. Why would someone

want to do something for me if there was no gain for him? And most of the time, we are correct. It's a terrible shame, though, that we need to be so wary. After all, which should be the anomaly: a person who

"Abraham was the person in Jewish history who, above all else, exemplified *chesed* – kindness. It was not strange for Abraham to run to potential guests and beg them to partake of his generosity."

cares about others and gives to them selflessly, or a society that is suspicious of such a person? Abraham was the person in Jewish history who, above all else, exemplified *chesed* – kindness. It was not strange for

Abraham to run to potential guests and beg them to partake of his generosity. He loved humanity and, above all else, his mission in life was to make people happy. There are few deeper pleasures than of giving to others, and Abraham knew that well. Every one of us enjoys giving much more than taking. Giving expands and satisfies us. Taking leaves us ultimately feeling empty. That's why parents usually get more pleasure from their children, than children do from their parents – even though the children 'receive' much more.

So why do we not give as much as we could? We are misled into believing that by giving, we somehow lose out. If I give to someone else, there is surely less for me. It's true, but only in the short term. In the long term, giving gives us back so much more than we gave.

Abraham understood this and his life was about giving. We, as his spiritual heirs, have the same trait within us. Giving does make us happy. If we would keep reminding ourselves of this, we could find a lot more happiness.

Most people, having won the lottery, would be in a hurry to bank the check. Abraham was in a hurry to bank his check also. But while a lottery win is finite, the pleasure to which Abraham ran was eternal and unlimited.

Shaul Rosenblatt grew up in Liverpool, England. He is the author of "Finding Light in the Darkness," published by Targum Press, about facing life challenges with strength and faith. He founded Aish UK in 1993 and Tikun UK in 2006 along with Dean Kaye.

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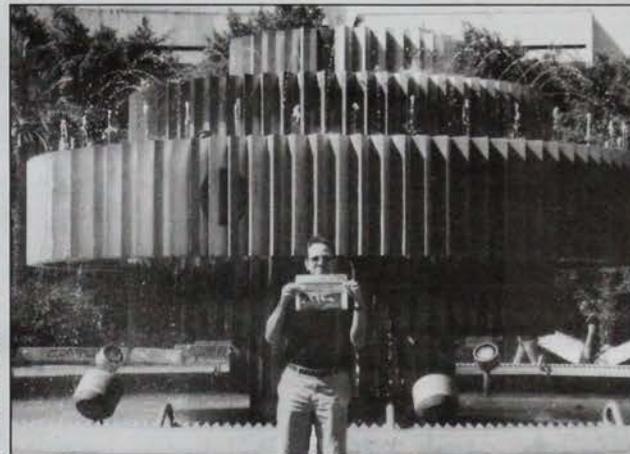
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Where in the world will we go next?



Quebec City, Canada

MARILYN BAKER with *The Voice & Herald* at the Pepsi Coliseum in Quebec City, Canada during a July 2008 trip.



Tel Aviv, Israel

DR. HENRY SPENCER, is pictured with *The Voice & Herald* in front of the Agam Fountain at Dizengoff Circle in Tel Aviv.



Lisbon, Portugal

ILDEBERTO MEDINA enjoys reading *The Voice & Herald* on his recent trip to Lisbon, Portugal.

We have now been to:

Africa: Tanzania, South Africa
Antarctica
Argentina: Buenos Aires
Austria: Vienna
Azores: Ponta Del Gada
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STUDENTS PERFORM ONE OF 613 COMMANDMENTS: FEED THE HUNGRY

Seventh-grade students, (left) Sarah Shoer and Jamie Rubinstein, help sort and repackage for area food pantries, at Temple Beth-El. The food was collected as part of the synagogue's annual High Holiday food drive.



Photo courtesy of Stephen Peiser

EMANU-EL: ALL SMILES FOR NEW TORAH

CARL FREEDMAN AND SAMUEL SHAMOON of Temple Emanu-El display their joy – and Hebrew letters – when Torah scribe Jamie Shear came to work on the new Torah on Oct. 12.

Congregation Beth Shalom welcomes new rabbi

PROVIDENCE - The Officers and Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Shalom are pleased to announce the installation of the synagogue's esteemed Rabbi Asher C. Oser, on Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend the event at Congregation Beth Shalom,

275 Camp Street, Providence. A champagne brunch will follow the installation; \$18 per adult and \$12 per child.

To make a reservation or for more information, call 621-9393 or officebethshalom@yahoo.com

Brown University sponsors exhibition, "Jews and American comics"

PROVIDENCE - As part of the opening celebrations for the student-curated exhibition, Jews and American Comics: The New Generations, famed

comic artist and director of the Center for Cartoon Studies, James Sturm, will speak about Jewish themes in comic strips and comic books, and the ways

that Jews have shaped this popular American art form. He will be joined by other panelists.

The free event begins at 5 p.m. on Nov. 20, in Salomon Center

for Teaching, Room 001. A reception and the exhibit opening will follow immediately at 6:30 p.m. at the John Nicholas Brown Center, 357 Benefit St.

Bat mitzvah classes offered by Kollel

BY PROVIDENCE KOLLEL
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

THE WOMEN of the Providence Community Kollel are launching a new and exciting series of classes for bat mitzvah age girls who want to learn and prepare for this significant life cycle event.

Thought provoking and meaningful topics will be discussed in a fun and comfortable environment. Students will study tikkun

olam, Jewish women in Jewish history, and customs pertaining to Jewish women. Hands-on activities, including challah baking, making Sabbath candles, and designing mishloach manot baskets, enhance the learning experience, and provide a stimulating and fresh way to look at becoming a bat mitzvah.

Cost for the program is \$75 for a ten-week session. Classes will run on Sundays,

beginning in mid-January.

For more information please contact the Providence Community Kollel at 831-4608.

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Daniel S.W. Abrams, 25

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Daniel S. W. Abrams, 25, died Nov. 3. Born in Boston, a son of David Abrams and Marion Wachtenheim of Pawtucket, he had been a resident of California for two years. He was pursuing his passion as a creative script writer. He was a 2006 graduate of Yale University.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his brother, Aaron Abrams, of Pawtucket; his sister, Tanya Abrams-Klein, of San Francisco; and his grandmother, Ruth Wachtenheim of New York.

Contributions may be made to Children's Hospital Boston Cardiology Training Endowment Fund, c/o Peter Lang, M.D., Dept. of Cardiology, Children's Hospital Boston, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115, or the Adult Congenital Heart Association at www.achaheart.org.

Clare Bensusan, 87

WARWICK — Clare Bensusan died Nov. 3. She was the wife of Albert Bensusan. They were married for 63 years.

Born in Waltham, Mass., a daughter of the late Carl and Mary (Winer) Simon, she had lived in Cranston and then Warwick. She was an administrative assistant at Brown University and was an active member of the Brown Learning Community. Mother of Rick Bensusan and his wife, Ellen, of Bristol and Leslie Paine and her husband, Herbert Holman, of Oakland, Calif. Sister of Al Simon and his wife, Edie, of Wellesley, Mass. and the late Blanche Weinstein. Grandmother of Carli, Ari and Zach.

Contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood.

Claire Berk

CRANSTON — Claire Berk, 84, of 115 Summit Drive, died Oct. 31 at Miriam Hospital. She was

the wife of George Berk.

Born in Philadelphia, Penn., a daughter of the late Samuel and Anna (Genter) Besden, she had lived in Cranston for 36 years. She was a 1970 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, and taught English literature there. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

Mother of Suzi Nichols, Mimi (Preston) Seabury and Robert Berk. Sister of Hy (Temmy) Besden, Norman Besden, Harriet (Richard) Sherman and sister-in-law of Mitzi (Larry) Greenberg. Grandmother of Morgan, Nathan, Emily and Meka, and great-grandmother of Jasper and Callie. Aunt of 11 nieces and four nephews.

Contributions may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, Inc.

Semon Blanck

WARWICK — Semon Blanck, 82, of Warwick, died Nov. 4. He was the husband of Carole (Weinstein) Blanck. They were married for 50 years.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Sarah (Shulman) Blanck. A graduate of the Admiral Faragut Academy in Tom's

River, N.J., he was a Seaman III Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and received the Purple Heart.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children, Cheryl Blanck of Newport; Susan Wilson and her husband Doug of Warwick; and Michael Blanck and his wife Lisa of Rehoboth, Mass.; and his grandchildren, Nathaniel and Jeremiah Wilson, and Allison and Aaron Blanck. He was the brother of the late Ethel Weinstein and Albert Blanck.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish War Veterans, Department of Rhode Island, P.O. Box 100064, Cranston, R.I. 02910.

Obituaries**Murray Burrows, 90**

PROVIDENCE — Murray Burrows died Sept. 26, at Epoch on Blackstone Blvd. He was the husband of Libby (Young) Burrows.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Hyman and Rebecca (Winkler) Brososky, he was a lifelong resident of the city. A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, he was an officer of the former Young Brothers Mattress Co. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and the Redwood Lodge of the Mason

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Enid Burrows of Cambridge, Mass.; and Marjorie Feldman of Anchorage, Alaska; and his grandchildren, Peter and James. He was the brother of the late Helen Gershan and Aaron Burrows.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 245 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Max Cohen, 85

EAST PROVIDENCE — Max Cohen, of Wampanoag Trail, died Nov. 8 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the former husband of Florence Cohen of Warwick. Born in Hartford, Conn., a son of the late Morris and Sarah (Berenstein) Cohen, he had lived in East Providence for two years.

Max was a manager at Mastro Electric Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, serving stateside. Father of Ronald Cohen and his wife Madeline of Reston, Va.; Carol Soren and her husband Howard Kohnstamm of Nashville, Tenn. and Debra Tirrell and her husband Phillip of Riverside. Brother of the late Hyman and David Cohen and Tillie Kaufman. Grandfather of Marc, Jeffrey, Lee, Justin, Zachary, Natalie and Rachael, and great-grandfather of Peyton.

Contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Josef N. Fogel

PROVIDENCE — Josef N. Fogel of 353 Blackstone Blvd., Providence died Oct. 25. He was the beloved husband of Loraine (Martin) Fogel.

Joe (Josef) volunteered with many organizations, including Providence & Cranston YMCA, March of Dimes, Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels, Governor's Council on Aging and Cranston Dept. of Senior Services. In 1996 he was awarded "Outstanding Senior" by the City of Cranston for his community involvement.

He leaves his son, Dean M. Fogel, of Dallas, Texas; his sister, Marilyn F. Schlossberg, of Providence; his grandchildren, Kimberly F. Hudnall, of Leesburg, Va.; and David S. Fogel, of Dallas, Texas; and his great-grandchildren, Grace and Austin Hudnall and Ella Fogel.

Contributions may be sent to the Underprivileged Children's Fund, c/o Cranston YMCA, or to Meals on Wheels.

Leonard Freedman

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Leonard Freedman, 87, died Nov. 2. He was the husband of Sheila (Simring) Freedman to whom he had been married for 60 years.

Born in Fall River, he was the son of the late David and Frances (Lehman) Freedman.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Medical Corps. A graduate of R.I. College of Pharmacy, he had owned Leonard's Pharmacy. He had served as president of Temple Beth El, the Jewish Home and the Rotary. He was on the Board of Directors of Fall River Five and the Providence Wholesale Drug Co.

Besides his wife, he leaves his five children, David, Teri, Howard, Roberta and Frances; and his eight grandchildren.

Lillian Gold, 89

QUINCY, Mass. — Lillian Gold died Nov. 7 in Steere House in Providence. She was the wife of the late Isador Gold and daughter of the late Bernard and Lena (Popkin) Taub.

She was a resident of Quincy since 1957. A retired businesswoman, she was a life member of B'nai B'rith Women and was active in the Quincy Chapter, including serving as co-president. She was a member of Congregation Adas Shalom, life member of its Sisterhood and a member of the Quincy Jewish Community Center.

She received her undergraduate degree in education in 1940 and a master's degree in education in 1941, and taught and worked in education for several years. She and her husband owned the Town Package Store in Hanover, Mass.

She leaves her children, Roselyn Gold Herman of Hull, Mass.; and Lisa and Michael Penn of Warwick, R.I.; granddaughters, Allison and Julie of Warwick; grandson, Michael Wayburn and granddaughter, Carrie Wayburn; and great-granddaughters, Brianna, Emily and Morgan; all of Middleboro, Mass. She was the sister of the late Helen Rebecca Taub and the grandmother of the late Brian Spencer Wayburn.

Contributions may be made to Steere House, 100 Borden St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

Steven Goldman, Esq.

WARWICK — Steven Goldman, Esq., 60, of Beach Avenue, died Nov. 6, in Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston.

Born in Boston, a son of Selma (Goldblatt) Goldman of Coral Gables, Fla. and the late Philip Goldman, he had lived in Warwick for 20 years. He was a self-employed tax attorney for 26 years. He was a graduate of Northeastern University and New England School of Law, and a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Besides his mother, he leaves

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a sister, Dr. Barbara Gold-
man of Coral Gables, Fla.
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Irving Harriet, 98

PAWTUCKET – Irving Harriet
died Nov. 7. He was the husband
of the late Lillian Harriet. Born in
Romania, a son of the late Lazarus
and Rachel (Leibovici) Harriet, he
came to Rhode Island when he
was nine years old, and had lived in
Pawtucket most of his life. He was
a member of Temple Emanu-El and
the Jencks Lodge of the Masons.

He is survived by his children,
Rochelle Jaffe of Bedford, Mass.;
Edith Harriet of Washington,
D.C.; and Dr. Sydney Harriet of
Fresno, Calif.; and his grandchild-
ren, Benjamin and Eric Jaffe.
He was the grandfather of the
late Eve Jaffe and the brother of
the late Max and Jack Harriet.

Contributions may be made to
Home & Hospice Care of RI, 169
George St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

Ruth A. Kenner

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. – Ruth
A. Kenner, 92, of South Congress
Avenue, formerly of Cranston
and Providence, died Oct. 29
in Boynton Beach. She was the
wife of the late Milton Kenner.
Born in Providence, she was a
daughter of the late Henry Wil-
liam and Rose (Weiner) Kerzner.

She was the co-owner of K
& M Records in Providence for
20 years, retiring 27 years ago.
She was a member of the former
Shaare Zedek Synagogue and the
Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Mother of Michael Kenner and
his wife Linda of Boynton Beach,
Fla. Sister of the late Jack, Max,
Sam, David, Louis, Chaim and Sylvia
Kerzner. Grandmother of Rachel
K. Kenner and Ashley R. Kenner.

Contributions in her memory may
be made to your favorite charity.

Sydney A. Makowsky

SEEKONK, Mass. – Sydney A.
Makowsky, 84, of Seekonk, Mass.,
died Oct. 26. He was the husband
of Judith (Ney) Makowsky.

Born in Westerly, he was a son of
the late Irving and Ida Makowsky.

A World War II Army Air Force
veteran, he received the
American Theater Cam-
paign Ribbon and the
Good Conduct and Vic-
tory medals. Before retiring in 1986,
he owned Goldstein Footwear. He
was the president of Hunter's Run
Country Club in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Besides his wife, he leaves his
son, Thomas Stad of N. Attleboro,

Mass.; as well as his four neph-
ews, Max Makowsky
and his wife Ann of
South Orleans, Mass.;
Richard Makowsky
and his wife Christina of Lad-
dingtown, N.Y.; Steven Makowsky
and his wife Sue of Merrick, N.Y.;
and Bruce Makowsky and his
wife Kathy of Upper Brookville,
N.Y. He was the brother of the
late Malcolm Makowsky.

Contributions may be sent to
Dana Farber Cancer Institute,
10 Brookline Place, West 6th
Floor, Brookline, Mass. 02445-
7226, Att: Contribution Services
or www.DanaFarber.org.

Norma Mushnick

PROVIDENCE – Norma Mushnick,
90, of Lincoln Avenue, died Oct.
29 in Sudbury, Mass. She was the
wife of the late Hayam Mushnick.

Born in Attleboro, Mass., a
daughter of the late Samuel and
Jennie (Rosin) Dosick, she had lived
in Providence for 80 years. She was
a teacher and librarian in Cranston
and Warwick for 23 years, retir-
ing in 1980. She was a member of
Temple Emanu-El, its choir and the
Emanu-El/Beth-El Garden Club.

Mother of Samuel Mushnick and
his wife Nancy of Sudbury, Mass.;
Eric Mushnick and his wife Lisa
of Westchester, Penn.; and Leah
Sheth and her husband Nalin of
Pune, India. Sister of the late Ruth
Dosick. Grandmother of seven.

Contributions may be made to
Doctors Without Borders, P.O.
Box 5030, Hagerstown, Md. 21741
or Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft
Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906.

Murray A. Perlman

NORTH KINGSTOWN – Murray
A. Perlman, 93, of North Kings-
town, died Aug. 31, at Miriam
Hospital. He was the husband
of E. Rosalind (Katz) Perlman.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., a
son of the late Harry and Lil-
lian (Frucht) Perlman, he had
resided in Long Island, N.Y. before
moving to North Kingstown six
years ago. He graduated from the
former Etz Chaim Yeshiva in
Brooklyn and Brooklyn College.

He was the owner of the
former American Hydrol-
ube, retiring in 2002.

He served in the Seabees during
World War II and
was stationed in the
Philippines and China.
He was a member
of Temple Sinai in Cranston.

Besides his wife, he is sur-
vived by his children; Marc Per-
lman and Alan Perlman, both of
North Kingstown, his sister, Elaine

Perlmutter of N.J.; his brother,
Jerry Perlman of New York, N.Y.;
and his grandchildren, Adam,
Sarah, Leah, Benjamin, Daniel
and Maris. He was the brother
of the late Sylvia Rosenberg.

Contributions may be made
to the charity of your choice.

David Roberts

FARMINGTON, Maine – David
Roberts, formerly of Cranston
and EPOCH Assisted Living
in Providence, and a current
resident of Orchard Park Reha-
bilitation & Nursing Center in
Farmington, Maine, died Sept.
21. He was the husband of the
late Bella Klein Roberts.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1920 in
Providence and was the son of the
late Dora and Isadore M. Roberts.

During WWII he served in the
Pacific Theatre with the
11th Airborne Division
in New Guinea, the
Philippines and Japan.

He was awarded the Bronze Star.
In 1990, he retired as president
of Roberts Paper Company.

He is survived by his children,
Gary H. Roberts of Scituate,
Karen B. Hickey of Boxford,
Mass., and Ellen G. Roberts
of Farmington, Maine, and his
sister Roslyn Levine of Mass.

Contributions may be directed
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Dr. Helen Sender, 91

PROVIDENCE – Dr. Helen Sender,
of Providence and formerly of
London, England, died Oct. 28.
She was the wife of the late Simon
Nathan Sender to whom she was
married for over 60 years; and
mother of the late Peter Sender.

Born in Randfontein, South
Africa, she was a daughter of
the late Moishe and Sara (Ber-
man) Senderowitz. She had
been a consultant radiologist at
several London hospitals before
retiring at the age of 75.

She leaves her children, Dr.
John Sender of London, England
and Dr. Joan Lasser of Charles-
town, seven grandchildren and
eight great-grandchildren. She
was the sister of the late Ger-
trude Pinshaw and Fanny Stein.

Contributions may be sent to
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AIPAC: Confidence in Obama's strong support for Israel

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He recounted: "Five years ago, I asked my political assistant to tell me who will sit at my table [at an AIPAC conference]?"

The ninth name on the list was a state senator whose name I couldn't pronounce. I demanded that he remove this man from my table and replace him with a senator!

"My assistant told me, 'No, no, he's the first African-American editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, and he's well-known in the African-American community. Regardless, if he wins the U.S. Senate [seat], he's going places and you should get to know him.'"

Friedman concurred: "OK, fine. I'm not going to fight, put him at my table but make sure he sits at the opposite end."

The outcome? Then Ill. State Sen. Barack Obama sat next to Friedman's wife, a judge, with whom he had immedi-

whispered in my ear. Everyone asked, 'What did he say?'

"He said, 'How's the judge? Is she here?' That's all he ever says to me until he leaves. Then he asks that I say hello to the judge."

Later, Friedman and his wife hosted a fundraiser for Sen. Obama's presidential campaign in Baltimore.

NIGHTMARES

Asked what his worst nightmare might be, Friedman replied: "I have three. Iran is number one. Iran is number two and Iran is number three."

Regardless of where Iran hides its production facilities, the Israeli government is unified. It will never allow Iran to keep enriched uranium, he said. "That's their point of no return."

"Obama's voting record is solid. His friends are Jewish, and he's the co-sponsor of legislation that encourages divestment from companies that support Iran."

ate chemistry, said Friedman.

"Last year at the AIPAC conference, presidential candidates Obama, Clinton and McCain addressed 7,500 attendees. Sen. Obama stepped from the podium, shook hands with five or six people and then walked over to me to solicit a hug. Meanwhile, he

GAY: rabbi sees homophobia as misogyny

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ward. Whether coincidence or *besheit*, Greenberg decided to take the opportunity, and *The Forward* broke his news.

"Trembling Before God" was shown, city by city, for 18 months, said Greenberg, in contrast to the typical blitz of a film opening in multiple cities all at once.

"When we saw how communities were responding to the film, we showed it at Orthodox schools, synagogues, Jewish community centers. The film is gut-wrenching and personal. It's not easy to watch."

In contrast, Greenberg said, it was great to have made "Trembling on the Road," a documentary depicting different communities' reaction to viewing the original film. "Trembling on the Road" is light and playful, and shows that things are changing," he said. "The journey of making this movie touched nerves of anger and confusion both."

"The film ['Trembling Before God'] is really about outsiders - people who don't fit in their communities, whether those differences are around sexuality, religion or something else," said Greenberg. "It wrestles with answers, especially about our relationship to the divine." Greenberg believes that we can't be "home" unless we're at home with our whole selves; to do

that, we must be able to be vulnerable and tell our stories.

For Greenberg, the biblical text of Leviticus is much more about violence and threats of violence than it is a prohibition of sex between men. He also noted that no biblical text prohibits sex between women.

Asked whether he was an Orthodox rabbi who is gay or a gay man who is an Orthodox rabbi, Greenberg queried the questioner: "Are you a brother or a friend?"

He continued, "It's a false

all excited and engaged him.

"That's why I became an Orthodox Jew," he said. "I didn't want to give up those communities."

Homophobia is really about misogyny, Greenberg said, and, in countries where women are subjugated, like Saudi Arabia, homophobia will continue to flourish.

Greenberg, who would not be permitted to serve as a rabbi in an Orthodox *shul*, noted the existence of, perhaps, five such *shuls* that

welcome gay and lesbian congregants. Nevertheless, on two successive Rosh Hashanah services, he gave a sermon at an Orthodox *shul* on Fire Island [a predominantly gay area of Long Island, New York] and his

partner, Steve, blew the *shofar*.

In response to a Jewish congregant who told Greenberg that "he was a sinner and an abomination," Greenberg said he doesn't get angry anymore about such incidents.

"I don't get insulted anymore. It hurts that I can't have an *allyah* at my aunt's synagogue, but it's not about that. I have a profound respect for appreciating other people's differences. We all struggle with people who are really different."

"Real change will come, as people share their stories," Greenberg said.

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Rabbi Steve Greenberg

dichotomy, I'm always both. I have met people for whom it's a challenge; they can't integrate both aspects of their life and instead, live two separate lives." For Greenberg, though, there's no choice about either his religion or his sexuality.

IS IT A CHOICE?

Life changed for Greenberg, who grew up in Columbus, Ohio, in a Conservative family, when he began studying, at age 11, with an Orthodox-trained rabbi. The European food, stimulating conversations, classics of Chaucer and Milton, and Talmudic texts, and discussions about what it means to be a great person



Aviva Fink and Matthew Cantor

Engagement

EDWARD and Cory Fink of Cranston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Aviva**, to **Matthew Cantor**, son of **Jeffrey** and **Paula Cantor** of Deerfield, Ill.

A graduate of Drexel University, Aviva is employed as a physician assistant by the

City of Philadelphia Ambulatory Health Center. Matthew, an attorney, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and is employed by Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. A March, 2009 wedding is planned.

Recognition Award

RUTH M. FELDMAN, daughter of **Jeanne** and **George Feldman**, now of Cranston, received the 2008 Raymond E. Baldwin Award from the Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind on Oct. 17.

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