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Heartbeat's musicians gather in the desert in Israel.

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Heartbeat's concerts build understanding

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PROVIDENCE – “What do we gain from this wall, that hides the option of freedom? What’s the wall good for – stand up

with us because tomorrow it’s our turn.”

Those were among the messages that Heartbeat delivered – in song – to an enthusiastic audience at Brown RISD Hillel. Heartbeat, a nonprofit orga-

nization, is composed of young Israeli and Palestinian musicians who want to use the universal language of music to break down divisive walls and end the violence in the Middle East.

The eight musicians – in their late teens and early 20s – had most members of the crowd at the Feb. 28 concert up on their feet and rocking and rolling to the beat.

In the span of 14 days, the

group will have given 17 performances in seven states; venues include the U.S. State Department and many college campuses and clubs.

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Peace prospects are bleak

By RON KAMPEAS

WASHINGTON (JTA) – President Obama believes prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace are “bleak,” but he still will urge both sides to avoid unilateral actions that might further damage a process he hopes will be back on track within a year.

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Probing prejudices; embracing diversity

Moving beyond stereotypes

By SUSAN YOUNGWOOD
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE – When Keith Stokes’ fourth-grade class put on a Thanksgiving production, he was tapped to play the Indian. It happened again the next year.

He was the only student of color in his class.

Instead of protesting or making charges of racism, Stokes’

family took a different tact. His uncle, who is part Cherokee, gave him a real Indian headdress, feathers and all, along with other Native American garb. When he brought this regalia to school, he said, “Every white boy in that class wanted to be an Indian.”

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Warm clothes and a sandwich can make such a difference

Area teens participate in annual tikkun olam adventure, one with 'soul'

By JAYME MALLINDINE
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE – This trip has soul!

That was what I thought as I watched 16 Jewish teens deliver boxes of food to Russians, now living in Philadelphia, Pa. The students were working in collaboration with the Jewish Relief Agency of Philadelphia to get the food into these individuals' apartments. There, they came face-to-face with those in need – and had the chance to practice a bit of Russian, as well!

Later that afternoon, the teens sorted and repackaged clothing and toiletries that they had collected for several months before our trip in anticipation of redistributing it to homeless individuals in Philadelphia.

As a staff member accompanying the teens from Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, I discovered that teaching compassion and the nature of human suffering happens not in a classroom but in the very environments that demand such compassion.

At Saint John's Hospice – where homeless individuals lined up for clothing and food – I recognized that the teens were learning influential and valu-



Rhode Island area teens are dressed for walking the cold streets of Philadelphia.

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able lessons. Seeing and talking with the people they helped – in those individuals' environment – was enlightening. The teens fully embraced the act of giving – without blame or judgment, without expectation of reward or acclaim.

"That's the gratifying moment that teachers appreciate," said Jana Brenman, director of teen

engagement at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. "These encounters with individuals in need reinforce their classroom and text study. The lessons of Torah become real and relevant."

Jana, who designs and leads the Alliance-sponsored trip, added, "Some in the community wonder why we take our teens

to Philadelphia when there are great needs here at home. Taking them out of their own comfortable environment helps to create a new community unto themselves. Even the bus ride helps build the teens into a close-knit and cohesive group."

This year, the group included Matan Graff, the community's Israeli emissary, as another

staff member.

Teens came this year from Temple Am David, a Conservative synagogue in Warwick; Temple Beth-El, a Reform synagogue in Providence; Temple Torat Yisrael, a Conservative synagogue in East Greenwich; Tifereth Israel, Congregation, a Conservative synagogue in New Bedford, Mass., and some not affiliated with a synagogue.

The Presidents' Day weekend trip was action-packed, with Torah study sessions – led by the irrepressible Rabbi Joel Seltzer, formerly of Temple Emanu-El – long hours of work at SHARE – an unheated warehouse that serves as a food distribution center – visits to homeless shelters and many hours on the streets handing out clothes, toiletries and peanut butter sandwiches.

Noting how demanding the schedule is on two levels – physically and emotionally – Jana said, "When teens learn in a group setting – one in which they must work cooperatively – they are most able to share and process those experiences and come to further value themselves and one another. The trip provides an opportunity for new friendships to develop."

The trip allows teens to learn about hunger and homelessness

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Celebrating Sarah Mack, associate rabbi of Temple Beth-El

A decade of dedication to serving congregants and community

By NANCY ABESHAUS
Contributing Writer

PROVIDENCE – Ten years ago, Leslie Gutterman, Temple Beth-El's senior rabbi, called Sarah Mack's mother to tell her how pleased the synagogue staff was that her daughter would join them as associate rabbi.

Her mother responded that Sarah was a total mensch.

According to Rabbi Gutterman, that brief description of Rabbi Mack rang true throughout her first decade of service to Beth-El congregants and our Jewish community and continues today.

"She [Rabbi Mack] is an amalgam of sensitivity and caring, and serves as a model of a young mother who has been dedicated to the best of Jewish life," said Rabbi Gutterman, senior rabbi of Beth-El, a Reform congregation on the Providence's East Side.

Those qualities drew Wendy Joering to Rabbi Mack five years ago when she and her family moved to Rhode Island. While synagogue shopping, the family attended a *K'Tantan* service, a monthly Shabbat service for young families that Rabbi Mack conducts.

"At the time, my daughters were 2 and 4, and I felt a strong connection to a young, female rabbi," said Joering, now synagogue liaison and community concierge at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. "We all felt very comfortable there."



TEMPLE BETH-EL
Rabbi Sarah Mack

Joering said Rabbi Mack frequently initiates programs that help others – from teens to young adults to parents to seniors – and finds her new parenting group very supportive. "Raising kids can be challenging," said Joering. "The group is a great place for parents to get advice from a rabbi who is also a parent and to exchange ideas with other parents." Rabbi Mack and her husband, Jeffrey Isaacs, have two young sons, Liam and Jackson.

K'Tantan – Hebrew for little – and Rabbi Mack have made a big difference in the lives of Beth-El religious school students, according to Anita F. Steiman, religious school administrator. "During our search for a rabbi, I wanted someone who could relate to children," said Steiman, who added that Rabbi Mack exemplifies this quality.

"Rabbi Mack is on a first-name basis with most of the children from *K'Tantan*," said Steiman. "Before they enter school, they know Rabbi Mack – and that's fabulous!" At graduation, most students remember their one-on-one talks with Rabbi Mack as being a confirmation class highlight. "She is very visible during school hours and at all our activities; she can relate to all ages and levels – and that's a gift!" said Steiman.

Congregant Susan H. Kaplan recalls the day her daughter Alyssa, now 23, came home from religious school with some exciting news: "We just met the coolest rabbi – and she's a runner, too!"

Since then, Kaplan has come to know Rabbi Mack very well. "She teaches a lot of the b'nei mitzvah classes, helping kids ... and mentoring them through the b'nei mitzvah process," said Kaplan. "How wonderful to have such a nice relationship with a rabbi at that impressionable age!"

As a young professional juggling marriage, motherhood and more, Rabbi Mack, said Kaplan, is a role model.

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SALLOWAY finds music a tool of peace

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Heartbeat, established in 2007 under a Fulbright-mtvU Award, is challenging the status quo of fear of “the other” and violence, which it finds far too prevalent in many Israeli and Palestinian communities.

The group visits schools and music programs and empowers youth groups to reach out to their own communities to help build the Heartbeat message and grow its community.

“Each of us is an ambassador for change,” said Guy Gefen, a Jewish member of Heartbeat from Rehovot, Israel.

Recounting a conversation he’d had with his grandmother in which he told her that he was flying to Berlin to record music with Palestinian rappers and Germans, he said, “My grandmother freaked out. It was a very long process of getting her to understand.”

Despite Rhode Island’s small size, its Jewish influence extends to the Jerusalem-based Heartbeat.

Avi Salloway, 27, producer for the band’s first U.S. tour, and its global ambassador, grew up in Barrington.

Salloway, who performed with Heartbeat at the Feb. 28 concert at Brown RISD Hil-



MARSHALL EINHORN

Dana Herz, Guy Gefen, Aaron Shneyer, Moody Kablawi and Avi Salloway (partially obscured) at Brown RISD Hillel.

lel, is also a guitarist, songwriter, singer and bandleader for his own band, Billy Wylder (billywylder.com). He has been a professional musician for several years, with more than 500 concerts behind him.

The musical message

After graduating from the University of Vermont in 2007, and later meeting Ami Yares, Heartbeat’s co-program direc-

tor at a concert (unrelated to Heartbeat) at Temple Emanu-El, Salloway said that he was inspired to work with the group.

In 2011 – in the midst of the Arab Spring uprising – he spent three months in Jerusalem and Jaffa/Yafo. Serving as a facilitator to build bridges through musical dialogue and inspired to help Heartbeat grow, he said, “I [was] going into East Jerusalem and finding underground

hiphop parties. My MO [modus operandi] was to get these artists to come to a Heartbeat jam session or open mike [session] and really build relationships.”

“I was hungry to see ... curious about the conflict,” he said, responding to a question about why he visited the Middle East. “I had felt the power of music to bring people together.”

Today, more than 100 musicians participate in

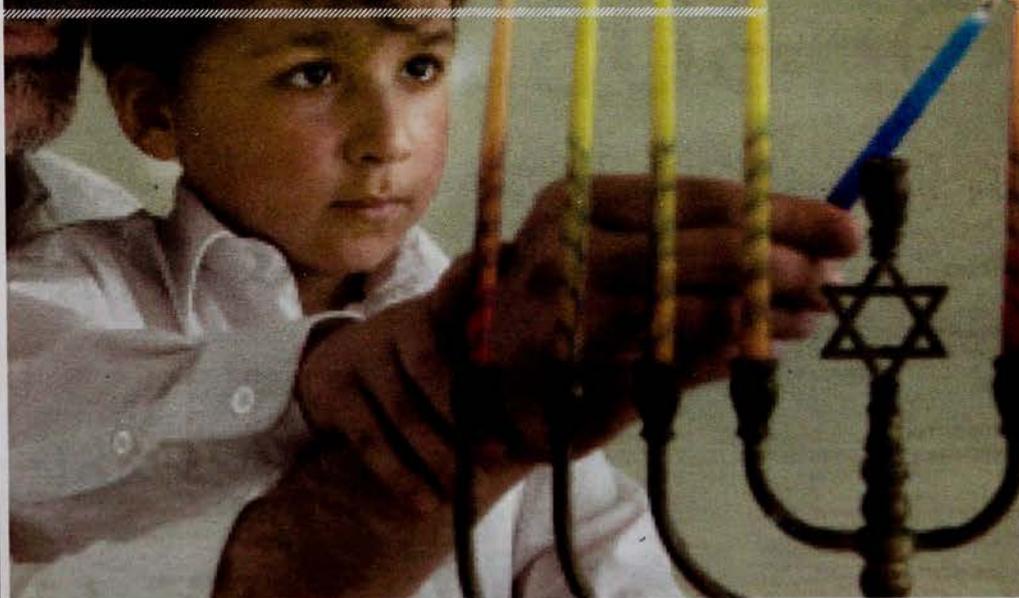
different Heartbeat programs – open mike dialogue, jam sessions, intensive retreats and recording music.

While no barriers exist to participating in informal sessions, Heartbeat holds auditions for musicians who wish to perform and tour for audiences.

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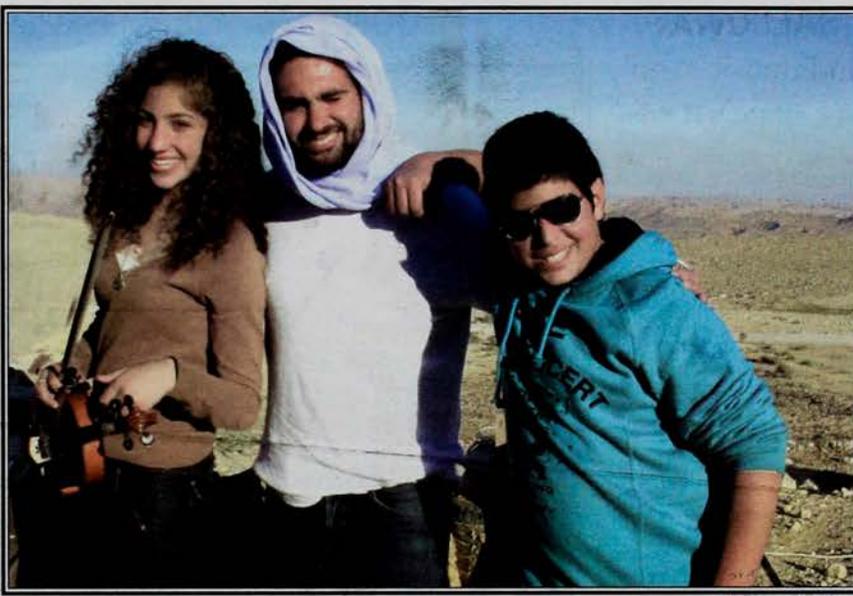
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Aaron Shneyer, left, and Avi Salloway before the Brown RISD Hillel concert



Siwar Mansour, Aaron Shneyer and Dan Yehuda in the Negev Desert during a 2011 Heartbeat retreat.

REACHING across the divide, musicians work to build dialogue

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through music, Salloway said, noting that only Heartbeat's most dedicated and best artists carry the musical message in tours and on recordings.

"The response [to Heartbeat] is very mixed in Israeli and Palestinian communities," said Salloway. "There's a big secular population in both areas that wants to move forward and is open to hearing those artists. There's also a lot of resistance to it."

Telling the concert audience that some people call Heartbeat members "traitors," Gefen said, "A lot of people think that sitting together [and talking] means giving up something."

Nevertheless, Heartbeat hopes to expand its reach, so that more Israelis and more Palestinians hear – and absorb – their message.

And sitting together and talking isn't so simple even for members of Heartbeat; Salloway noted the logistical challenges Israelis face traveling to the West Bank and Palestin-

ians' challenges to get to Israel, where 20 percent of the population is Palestinian. Heartbeat's Arab members consider themselves Palestinians living in Israel, he said.

Salloway explained that they want to build global conversations around Heartbeat's message.

Heartbeat, which has rehearsal spaces in Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, is eager to hire more people and have a dedicated building, which requires funding.

Breaking through the walls

"You see us here – it's fun and amazing, but it's not reality," said Mohammed (Moody) Kablawi, a member of Heartbeat who lives in Haifa.

Calling Israel very segregated, he said, "I am Palestinian and we're not equal citizens. There is racism against me all the time. But with Heartbeat, I feel equal."

Tamer Omari, Heartbeat's co-program director and a Palestinian born in Nazareth, said,

"[There are] lots of steps until we can live together – we must have equality to live together; we can't coexist without equality. We have hope, that's why we are here."

"THERE IS RACISM against me all the time. But with Heartbeat, I feel equal."

Eighteen-year-old Siwar Mansour chose to attend an all-Jewish high school so that she could "break down stereotypes," she said.

A resident of Tira, where her family has lived for nine generations, Mansour said that arguments with her classmates centered not on politics but on a different question: "Who in-

vented hummus?"

Although her town was only 10 minutes from the school, she said that neither faculty nor students had ever visited Tira until she invited them home for a feast. When her classmates returned to school talking about the hummus in Tira, which Mansour calls "the best," the school principal asked if he might visit, as well.

Perhaps food – and music – can bring Israelis and Palestinians together.

"When people come for the first time, that's a change," she said.

Speaking by phone the next day as the group traveled to New York City, Salloway – who has known this reporter since he was an elementary school student – said that his social justice focus arises from his soul, though he also gives credit to his parents and grandparents.

"I was definitely nurtured by my parents [Dr. Stephen Salloway, of Providence, and Kim

Salloway, of Providence] and my grandparents [with] values of compassion for humanity and the world and the planet."

His compassion was evident even many years ago. As an elementary school student in Barrington, he defended another boy who was being bullied, teased and taunted for being Jewish. As the bullies threw pennies at the Jewish youth, they called to him, "Pick them up, Jew boy."

There's an art to living and to caring for people, said Salloway, adding that he truly believes in the philosophy of *tikkun olam*.

How does Heartbeat define success?

"We're succeeding every day – it's a living reality of Arabs and Jews coming together, especially on this tour – connecting with a different audience every day," Salloway said, "and further developing our awareness and inspiring activism."

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DON'T retreat from prejudice, meet it

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creative survival, said Stokes, now president of strategic economic planning and development for The Mayforth Group, a Providence-based advocacy and lobbying organization. It is a way to address stereotyping – because you are proudly accepting and promoting the positive aspects of your identity.

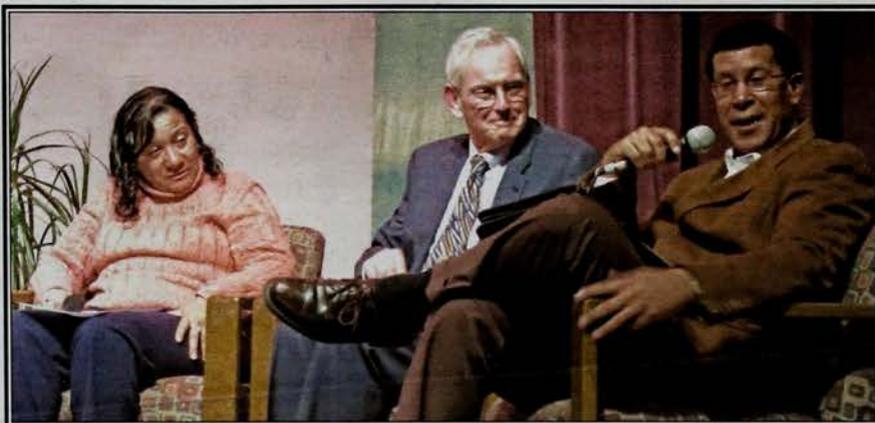
"Let's not hide it. Let's share it," said Stokes. Creative survival engages your detractors with a sense of your empowerment. "It's a positive, it's who you are," he said.

Stokes shared these comments at a March 4 panel discussion about stereotypes held at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. There, six panelists, Stokes among them, addressed the history, psychology and impact of stereotyping and prejudice, and posed some remedies. Sponsored by the Alliance, the Urban League of Rhode Island and the United Way, "Understanding Stereotypes" was moderated by Toby Ayers, executive director of Rhode Island for Community & Justice.

Several of the panel members described their own encounters with prejudice.

Imam Farid Ansari, a former New York City policeman who is now the spiritual leader of the Muslim American Dawah Center of Rhode Island, said he endured a lot of racism in his childhood; called derogatory names when he was growing up, he felt like a second-class citizen.

Vernia Carter, director of the



SUSAN YOUNGWOOD

Panelists Vernia Carter and Brandon Melton listen to Keith Stokes speak at the forum on stereotypes.

Central Falls Prevention Coalition and the Central Wellness Program at Progreso Latino, was more graphic. When she was in elementary school during the Boston desegregation crisis in the late 1960s, a carload of kids yelled at her, "Nigger, get back to Africa where you belong."

And when she moved to a new school, in Rhode Island, a fourth-grade classmate took one look at her and announced, "Hey, we have a nigger in our class."

"Now I'm 55 and I'm still asking, how do I fit in?" she said.

Elan Babchuck, rabbi at Temple Emanu-el, a Conservative synagogue in Providence, first experienced prejudice when a teammate stopped being friends with him because he was Jewish.

Causes of stereotyping are deep-seated, panelists agreed. Children learn from their parents and teachers, in their neighborhoods and from the media.

"Black women are maids [in films and TV]," Carter said. "Black men are always getting into trouble. We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go."

Since 9/11, the media has demonized Muslims, said Ansari. The news media perpetuate the perception that all Muslims are fundamentalists and terrorists. If there is a bombing, he said, the media assume a Muslim is guilty.

Stokes pointed out that stereotyping is how one group tries to control, or dominate, another. That can happen between competing tribes, religions and ethnicities, he said.

Stereotypes are not just between individuals or groups. Prejudice can be institutionalized.

Steven Brown, executive director of the Rhode Island ACLU, discussed racial profiling as an example of stereotyping in public institutions.

"Look at the prison population," he said, which is heavily African-American.

Brown described a case recently argued in the U.S. Supreme Court, in which a federal prosecutor had said to a suspect: "You've got African-Americans, Hispanics (in a room), a light bulb doesn't go off in your head and say, 'This is a drug deal?'"

Three years of data of traffic stops in Rhode Island show that blacks and Hispanics are much more likely to be stopped and searched, although a higher percentage of whites who were searched were found with contraband, said Brown.

It's a self-fulfilling prophecy, he said; when police focus on black and Hispanic neighbor-

hoods, they are more likely to deal with blacks and Hispanics.

To Stokes, the most devastating racism now is black against black, Latino against Latino. When an African-American criticizes another for being a good father or for studying, "That is what most concerns me," he said.

Companies also must confront and deal with prejudice, said Brandon Melton, Lifespan's senior vice president of human resources. He said Lifespan suspended an employee for making homophobic comments; when the behavior continued, the worker was fired.

"Institutions have to get to a place where this won't stand," he said.

Carter said forums like this one are a good start. "Education is the key to this," she said.

Ansari agreed. As an example, police need to be culturally trained, he said.

Stokes further explored his suggestion of creative survival. Don't retreat from the prejudice, he said, meet it.

He gave another example: His daughter, who has long curly hair, met an older woman at a social event who was enhanced by her tresses. The woman kept praising her hair, finally reaching out and touching it.

"Where did you get your hair?" she asked several times.

Finally, Stokes' daughter responded curtly, "Africa."

Stokes and his wife were proud of their daughter. "Our 15-year-old daughter got it," he said. "Be open and honest. Confront the stereotype with self-confidence and humor."

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Gayle Goldin welcomes constituent contact

Jewish state senator focuses on family issues

By **NANCY KIRSCH**
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PROVIDENCE – What's up with this? One hundred eighty countries offer paid medical leave to new mothers and 80 offer paid medical leave to new fathers, yet the United States offers neither.

"It reflects our societal beliefs about what we, as a nation, value," said Gayle Goldin, one of three Jewish members in Rhode Island's General Assembly. "When you're looking at our position [in the global economy, it's pretty telling."

It's not only wealthy countries offering such benefits; in fact, 12 paid weeks off are offered in Mexico and Afghanistan, and 15 weeks in the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the world's poorest countries!

Although the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and the state counterpart allow employees unpaid leave after the birth of a child or to care for a seriously ill relative, some employers are exempt from these laws. Too, many eligible employees simply can't afford to take unpaid leave.

To address that situation, the Democratic state senator representing Providence's East Side introduced legislation, S.B. 231, to grant workers up to eight weeks of leave annually to bond with a new child or to care for a seriously ill family member.

This Temporary Caregiver Insurance program would be financed through employees' increased contributions into the state's TDI program. TDI, in existence here since the 1940s, provides paid leave for private sector employees (but not their caregivers) after the birth of a child or during their own serious illness or injury.

Because TDI is wholly employee-funded, Goldin doesn't anticipate pushback

from the business community.

And, the economic impact to employees is not large; according to Goldin, the state estimates the program would require, on average, an additional weekly contribution to TDI of 83 cents. Some 78 percent of Rhode Island employees work in the private sector and, as such, are subject to TDI.

"When you look behind the numbers, there's a cost benefit to supporting paid family leave," she said, noting that the Temporary Caregiver Insurance program closely tracks programs in New Jersey and California, where, said Goldin, most employers view the change as neutral or positive, with improved employee morale, productivity and retention.

SB 231's co-sponsors include same-sex marriage proponents, Josh Miller, Donna Nesselbush and Goldin, and opponents Teresa Paiva Weed and Harold Metts.

Goldin said, "To not allow it [same-sex marriage] is an infringement of my religious beliefs. I view it as a civil right and everyone should have access to it."

Although the Senate has yet to consider the issue, Goldin calls the constituents' conversations with their legislators "important. I am hopeful they will have a positive effect, but no one really knows at this point."

Goldin, a Temple Emanu-El board member, also acknowledged Rabbi Wayne Franklin's public support.

"Judaism teaches us to respect human dignity, to value our family and create a world that is just for all," she wrote in a post-interview email. "To me, paid family leave is a way that we can balance our own economic security with our need to deal with family responsibilities and care for our family members when they need it most."



Gayle Goldin

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Is legislating easier than campaigning?

It's a different frame of mind than campaigning, she said. "Because I work in another job [she is Strategic Initiatives Officer for the Women's Fund of Rhode Island], my workplace experiences ... [bring a] different perspective and a different point of view."

When you are newly elected, she added, you think about legislation you want to support and the policy aspects, and you forget that it's like starting a new job. Figuring out the paperwork, knowing which offices need what paperwork ... There are lots of different pieces to learn and hundreds of people ... to meet, she added.

Given her stated commitment to talk with as many constituents as possible, Goldin meets people in and out of the Statehouse.

As part of the 22-person Providence delegation – eight senators and 14 representatives – in the General Assembly, she has met with the Fox Point Neighborhood Association, Mayor Angel Taveras' office and Providence City Council members Seth Yuridin and Sam Zurier. Issues of concern have ranged from Fox Point's waterfront property redevelopment to the mayor's legislative priorities and parking bans and school cancellations due to snowstorms, among other matters.

The bills that Goldin has introduced to date all contain elements of *tikkun olam*; all reinforce her desire to "to find a way to create an equitable society for all of us in the state."

They include bills to repeal the voter I.D. law and to allow more individuals to access Medicaid for family planning services; the latter proposal, she said, could bring significant federal dollars into the state.

Asked to look into the future to anticipate how her constituents might evaluate her contributions as a state senator, Goldin paused before speaking.

"I hope [they view me as] being responsive and open and interested in the ideas they're putting forth," she said. "I am making myself as accessible as possible – [via] Facebook and in my Statehouse office and trying to meet as many people as possible."

Goldin, now on the Health & Human Services and the Environment & Agriculture committees, encourages constituents to contact her.

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Ron Taffel, Ph.D., will offer practical, proven parenting advice

Nationally known author/speaker/guru to address parents and mental health professionals

By **NANCY KIRSCH**
nkirsch@shalomri.org

PROVIDENCE - Raising children presents a host of challenges, even if your children are the smartest, happiest, most athletic and well-adjusted children in the neighborhood!

Most post-Baby Boomer parents worry about their children: Will they do well in school? Will they have friends? What will happen to them as adults?

Ron Taffel, Ph.D., a nationally known child and family therapist, will be in Rhode Island to offer proven, practical advice to address parents' anxieties and worries.

In addition to writing several books and hundreds of columns about parenting, Taffel has given more than 1,000 consultations and presentations to parent groups and professional organizations.

In a community-wide forum on April 4 at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., in Providence, Taffel will discuss how parents can help their children - from ages 5 to 18 - be happy, compassionate and resilient in these difficult times.

On Friday, April 5, Taffel will be the keynote speaker at the 14th Annual Julie Claire Guterman Memorial Lecture, for mental health professionals

(see box, page 32).

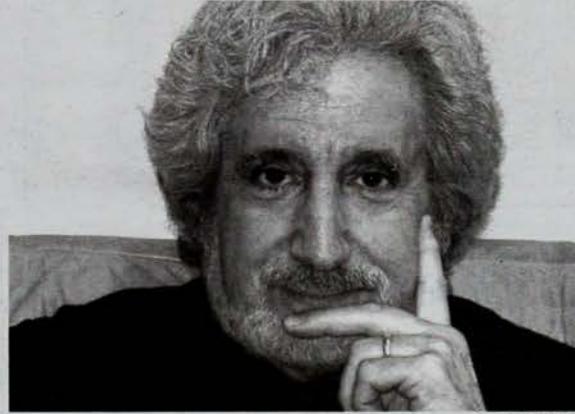
In a phone interview from his New York-area home, Taffel explained that his presentation, "Childhood Unbound: Raising Strong and Compassionate Kids - Confident Parenting in a Tough 21st Century World," will focus, in part, on the stressors associated with the closing months of the school year, when children - and their parents -

"JEWISH PARENTS DON'T worry any more than any other parents do."

experience added anxieties.

Q: What are the issues that most worry parents today?

A: We're living in a world where some of the social compact - "Work hard, go to a good school and you'll get ahead" -



Ron Taffel, Ph.D.

has been frayed and torn. This is the first generation of children who are not expected to outpace their parents in income and socioeconomic status.

Parents begin to worry about their children's future when the kids are in kindergarten. They ask, "How can I get my values and a sense of strength and grit in my child so that he or she can survive this hyper-competitive world? They worry that their children will be left behind academically, socially and, later, professionally. With

change happening so quickly and family life so fragmented, parents don't have a sense of what works, and they're uncertain about what to do. Their parents, however, shared a certitude in what was right; they didn't question their own parenting decisions.

Children today are much more willing to speak openly and to talk back to their parents, whose own parents would never have tolerated such openness from their children. And, children today, who are more

philanthropic than were their parents as children, are exposed to so many more influences at young ages than were their parents.

Q: Do Jewish parents worry more or have different concerns than do other parents?

A: I found it surprising that parental concerns are more similar than they are different, even among very diverse demographic groups. Jewish parents don't worry any more than other parents do.

Q: You've been doing this work - speaking and writing about parenting - for more than 20 years. How have societal changes, such as different family groupings (divorce, single parenting, same-sex couples, etc.) and the explosion of technology, changed parenting advice, if at all?

A: Beginning in the 1990s, I started to see a shift, of changes in families and kids, that directly challenged the parenting advice parents were receiving.

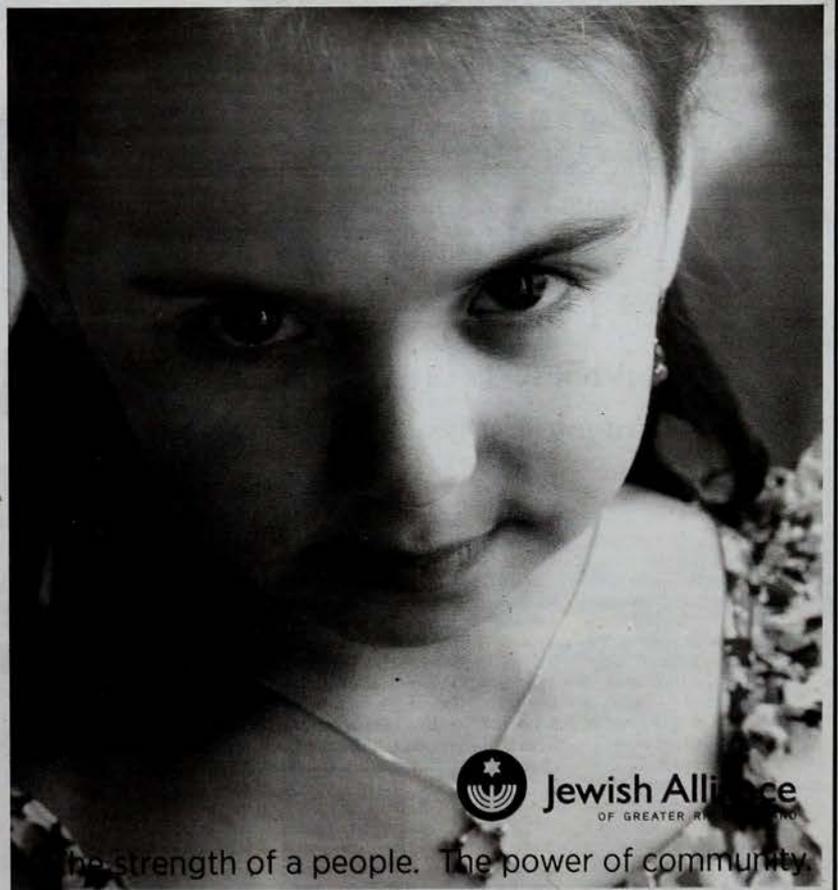
My advice, which was different from other experts', focused on what I called "the second family" - a child's peer group, technology and pop culture. That "second family" is often more powerful than "the first

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Dr. Paul Trombly, left, Michael Pimental and Shira and Mark Fuller were among the more than 40 individuals who attended Touro's Purim *se'udah* (obligatory meal at Purim). The Feb. 24 celebration included a full buffet, dancing and music by the Touro Band.

Touro Synagogue's Rabbi Marc and Jackie Mandel engage members

NEWPORT – Since Rabbi Marc and Jackie Mandel came to Touro Synagogue last summer, they have initiated a number of programs, including a recent Shabbat Across America (through the National Jewish Outreach Program) – with 50 people coming for song, dance,

words of Torah and food – and an upcoming Pesach workshop and kiddush luncheon following services.

Other regular activities include Hebrew classes, weekly Talmud classes – Tea and Torah at Touro – and monthly Shabbatons/Lunch and Learn

programs, among others.

Other programs are planned for Touro Synagogue's 250th anniversary.

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RABBI PERETZ SCHEINERMAN

Ronit Stukalov, Blima Haldorsen, Rochel Lapin, Edward P. Sowa Jr. (Associate Judge Workers' Compensation Court who presided over the Feb. 27 Mock Trial competition), Bracha Leibowitz, Shani Perlmutter and Goldie Taitelbaum gather after the competition.

NEAT advances to next level in Mock Trial competition

Local girls defeat their Wheeler and Lincoln opponents

BY LAUREL SILVERMAN
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE – By successfully out-lawyering the competition – Wheeler School in Providence – in the first level of Mock Trial playoffs, the New England Academy of Torah (NEAT) Mock Trial team will proceed to the next level of playoff competition, against a competitor to be determined at a future date and time.

The team's March 8 success against Wheeler followed their win against Lincoln School for Girls, in a Feb. 27 mock trial, representing the State of Rhode Island in a criminal case (State of Rhode Island v. Bobby

Green).

Earlier, a different NEAT team fell to Toll Gate High School in Jan. 29 arguments, the first trial of the season.

Mazal tov to all the NEAT team members: Rochel Golden, Ariela Greengart, Blima Haldorsen, Tzipporah Kapilevich, Rochel Lapin, Bracha Leibowitz, Shani Perlmutter, Chana Devorah Peromsik, Minya Schochet, Shifra Schechtman, Riva Steinhart, Ronit Stukalov, Chaya Faiga Taitelbaum, Goldie Taitelbaum, Rivka Weisman and Adena Malka Yudkowsky.

Jim Lee and Chrisanne Wyrzykowski, attorneys with the Office of the Attorney General for Rhode Island, coached

the team.

NEAT is the girls' high school program at Providence Hebrew Day School, a Jewish day school on the East Side of Providence.

NEAT's Mock Trial team has often competed in the playoffs, according to Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, dean of the school, who noted that the team, in the past, has earned a third place statewide ranking.

LAUREL SILVERMAN (lsilverman@phdschool.org) is NEAT's general studies principal.

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CALENDAR

Sunday | March 17

Beth-El Sisterhood Film Festival. "A Journey of Spirit" depicts the life of Debbie Friedman, a singer/songwriter who made sacred Jewish music accessible to a large and diverse audience. Silverstein Meeting Hall, Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. 2 p.m. Rob Massi at 331-6070 or Rmassi@temple-beth-el.org.

Jewish Unity Live. Kollel Annual Celebration of Jewish Learning features Jewish soul singer Eitan Katz, live music and desserts from Divine Providence Catering. Renaissance Hotel, 5 Avenue of the Arts, Providence. 7 p.m. \$50 per person, \$80 per couple. 383-2786 or concert@providencekollel.org.

Monday | March 18

"The Sigh: From Ethiopia to Israel." Opening reception of photography features works by Ilene Perlman and Gidon Agaza, presented by Shai Afsai and Matan Graff. Gallery (401), 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibition continues through April 18. Erin Moseley at 421-4111, ext. 108.

Tuesday | March 19

Torat Yisrael Lunch & Learn. Topic: "The Ins and Outs of Jewish Weddings." Participants order from menu and Rabbi Amy Levin leads discussion. T's Restaurant, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich; noon - 1:30 p.m. 885-6600.

Rabbi Dolinger Speaks at RIC. Rabbi Barry Dolinger discusses "Passover and Easter: The Surprising Common Origin of Distinct Celebrations." Alger Hall 110, Rhode Island College, 600 Mount Pleasant Ave., Providence. 4 - 5:30 p.m. Dr. Ezra L. Stieglitz at 421-7479 or estieglitz@ric.edu.

End-of-Life Panel. End-of-life issues from a Jewish perspective. "Horef HaHayim: In the Winter of Life," with panelists Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, Congregation Agudas Achim; Nicole Jellinek, therapist and clinical social worker; attorney Jay M. Elias, president of Dyer-Lake Charitable Foundation and Judith L. Gordon, community outreach manager, Dyer-Lake Funeral Home. Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, MA. 7 - 8:30 p.m. 222-2243. See story on page 36.

Wednesday | March 20

Jewish Family Service Senior Café. Topic: Rabbi Elyse Wechterman leads a pre-Passover discussion group. Alliance JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Lunch - noon; program - 1 p.m. \$3 suggested donation for those 60+ and those younger than 60 with disabilities. RSVP two days beforehand; Neal or Elaine at 421-4111, ext. 107. **This location hosts a meal site every Wednesday and Friday.**

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CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Please note: Calendar items for our March 29 Camping Issue must be received by March 20. Items for our April 12 Home & Garden Issue must be received by April 3. Send all calendar items to nkirsch@shalomri.org, subject line: "CALENDAR."

Graff leads program for people who know basic Hebrew. Alliance, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. 7 p.m. Matan Graff, 421-4111, ext. 121.

Thursday | March 21

Torat Yisrael Lunch & Learn. See March 19 entry. Cozy Grill Restaurant, 440 Warwick Ave., Warwick. Noon - 1:30 p.m. 885-6600.

Adoption Options. Meeting for those considering adoption and interested in hearing about available options. Jewish Family Service, 959 N. Main St., Providence. 6 - 7 p.m. Peg Boyle, 331-5437 or peg@jfsri.org.

Catholics & Jews: Theological Exchange.

Rabbi Peter Ochs, Edgar M. Bronfman Professor of Modern Judaic Studies, University of Virginia and Father Francis Clooney, S.J. Parkman Professor of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School, participate in "The Kisses of His Mouth: Reading Scripture, Alone and Together," a dialogue-style public lecture. Smith Center for the Arts, Providence College, One Cunningham Square, Providence. 7 - 9 p.m. Mary Garvey at 865-2274 or mgarvey@providence.edu.

Friday | March 22

Yiddish Shmooz Meeting. Alliance, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 421-4111.



Jewish Family Service Senior Café. Topic: Dance Therapy with Bella Donna Crisafulli. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. 11:15 a.m. - program; noon - lunch. \$3 lunch donation for 60+ and under 60, with disabilities. Elaine or Steve, 732-0047. **This location hosts a meal site every weekday.**

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Saturday | March 23

"Mishpachah Rishonah" Services. Interactive learning service for children and parents, followed by congregational lunch. Fishbein Chapel, Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. 10:30 a.m. - noon. Bethany Sutton at bl_sutton@yahoo.com or Miriam Abrams-Stark at Miriam@teprov.org.

Monday | March 25

First Seder. Happy Passover

Tuesday | March 26

Second Seder. Happy Passover

Agudas Achim Community Seder. Community-wide seder at Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, MA. 6 p.m. RSVP by March 19. Members: \$18/adult, \$12/child (5-12); under 5/free; non-members: \$21/adult; \$15/child. office@agudasma.org or 508-222-2243.

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The 2013 Israeli elections from a professor's viewpoint

PROVIDENCE - Professor Yoram Peri will speak about the Israeli elections and their impact on Israeli life and the development of the Middle East conflict, in a forum sponsored by Brown RISD Hillel and Brown University's Program in Judaic Studies.

Peri, the Abraham S. and Jack Kay Chair in Israel Studies at the University of Maryland, will speak at a program on Monday, March 18 at 6 p.m., in Brown RISD Hillel's

meeting room, at 80 Brown St., in Providence. Peri, who is also director of The Joseph B. and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies at the University of Maryland, was a former editor-in-chief of the Israeli daily, Davar.

Rachel Rojanski, adjunct associate professor of Judaic studies at Brown, will moderate.

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Professor Yoram Peri

Camp JORI and surrounding area will benefit from cleanup

USDA-funded improvements to forest areas are underway

WAKEFIELD - Given recent storm activity, South County residents might associate the sounds of falling trees and roaring chain saws with nothing but destruction.

But at Camp JORI on Worden's Pond, it's a wholly different story.

Trees are falling and chain saws are roaring as part of JORI's commitment to improve forestry land within the camp's boundaries. Judaism teaches us that all humans are obligated to respect and preserve our natural environment.

In July 2011, JORI received a \$55,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to strengthen the management of forests and wildlife habitat

on camp property.

The project encompasses enhancing timber resources and wildlife habitats and reducing soil erosion. Although winter storms delayed some activity, the project's first phase is well underway, within a 12-acre portion of the camp.

Michael Schuster, JORI finance chair, said in a release, "This [project] is a great example of cooperation between the government and forest owners to provide the funding and resources to protect our environment."

"After reviewing [reports] outlining all ... natural resources and wildlife habitats ... on the property, we certainly want to preserve and enhance the ecosystem, Rob Stolzman, board president,

said in the release. "The best way to teach our campers the value of our environment is to lead by example."

By removing damaged and poorly formed trees, Camp JORI reduces the risk of such trees blowing down in storms and lessens the likelihood of potential hazards.

Ronni Guttin, executive director of JORI, said that trees felled in remote areas will be left to nurture the environment, by decomposing and by providing nests and burrows for birds and other wildlife. Finally, a vendor has agreed to buy the excess wood; proceeds from such sales will benefit JORI's scholarship fund.

CAMP JORI: campjori.com.

Hadassah Book Club welcomes new members

PROVIDENCE - Professor Irving Schild, talked - with some personal knowledge - about Ruth Gruber's book, "Haven," at the Hadassah Evening Book Club on Monday, March 4.

"Haven" tells the true story of the approximately 1,000 European refugees who, in 1944, were selected by the U.S. government to be rescued and housed for two years in Fort Ontario, an unused army base in Oswego, N.Y.

Schild, now a Providence resident, was a teenager when he and his family were selected to be part of the refugee group at the Oswego camp. Schild talked about his family's escape from the Nazis, and showed a video of actual footage from Fort Oswego, which included updates and



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Professor Irving Schild, standing, right, speaks at the Hadassah Evening Book Club.

interviews with some refugees and Gruber.

Schild is a retired professor and chairman of the photography department at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

The Hadassah Evening Book Club meets the first Monday of the month, at Books on the Square in Wayland Square.

TO JOIN BOOK CLUB: 527-4509.

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Thursday | March 28

JERI Satellite Hours. JERI Director Susan Adler and Assistant Director Ethan Adler counsel seniors and their families; Ethan provides pastoral counseling. Temple B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. 10 - 11 a.m. Susan Adler, 621-5374 or sadlerjeri@jsari.org.

Wednesday | April 3

Camp Open House. Learn about summer camp programs; open swim, snacks, cookie contest, art projects, all hosted by Alliance JCC, Camp JORI and One Happy Camper. Alliance JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. 5 - 7 p.m. 421-4111.

Thursday | April 4

Camp Open House. See April 3 entry.

"Childhood Unbound" Parenting Workshop. Child-rearing expert Dr. Ron Taffel discusses "Raising Strong and Compassionate Kids - Confident Parenting in a Tough 21st Century World." Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. 7 p.m. behiye@jfsri.org or 331-1244. **Story on page 8.**

Book Talk at Emanu-EL. Maggie Anton discusses via Skype her new book "Rav Hisda's Daughter," about a young Jewish woman in third-century Babylonia. Temple Emanu-El Vestry, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. 7:30 p.m. 331-1616. Rabbi Elan Babchuck at ebabchuck@teprov.org or Tovah Reis at treis@teprov.org.

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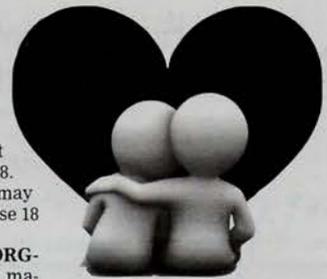
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With the searchable PDF and a user-friendly search feature for the website itself, it's easier than ever to find information that was in an issue of The Voice & Herald.

So, if you wonder what you might have missed by failing to read the paper edition of The Voice & Herald, visit jvhri.org and click on archives.

Happy reading!
Got questions? We've got answers. Contact Nancy Kirsch at 421-4111, ext. 168 or nkirsch@shalomri.org.



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A portion of the George Washington Letter

Touro Synagogue Foundation announces scholarship

NEWPORT - High school seniors are invited to apply for the Aaron and Rita Slom Scholarship for Freedom and Diversity.

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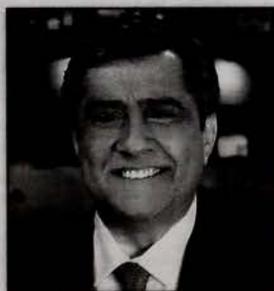
For complete instructions and a copy of the Letter, visit tourosynagogue.org, History and Learning, Touro Synagogue Foundation, Slom Scholarship. The application deadline is April 22.

Cranston Senior Guild welcomes Gene Valicenti

WARWICK - The Cranston Senior Guild will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 1 p.m. at Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick.

Gene Valicenti, the co-anchor of NBC Channel 10 (WJAR) news at 5:30 and 6 p.m., and a radio host for WPRO, will be the guest speaker.

A raffle and refreshments will follow the meeting.



Gene Valicenti

Students celebrate completion of Mishnah study

PROVIDENCE - Thirteen boys - Providence Hebrew Day School students - who live in the greater Providence area, traveled to Montreal, Canada, for a convention to celebrate their extracurricular *siyyumim* (completions) of portions of the Mishnah.

Three rabbinical students from the New England Rabbinical College in Providence chaperoned the boys, in fourth through eighth grades, who attended the Jan. 24 - 27 event.

The convention drew Orthodox boys from across the United States and Canada.



Tzvi Golden and Gavriel Schwartz

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Ruminations on Holocaust heroes, Israel and ... the paper

BY NANCY KIRSCH
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“Who would you die for? Who would you dare to rescue?”

Artemis Joukowsky, III asked these provocative questions after an audience of several hundred people watched his equally thought-provoking documentary, “Two Who Dared: The Sharps’ War.”

The film is about his maternal grandparents, Martha and Waitstill (a minister) Sharp, a Unitarian couple who rescued Jews from war-torn Europe at great personal sacrifice. Temple Beth-El’s Sisterhood sponsored the March 8 screening.

The couple’s first trip, in January 1939, took them from Wellesley, Mass., to Czechoslovakia; a second trip followed later. The modest Sharps, who risked likely death if caught, believed their work was not extraordinary!

As they worked frantically – and often successfully – to save refugees, including many children, they left their own young children back in the U.S. in the care of others for months on end.

With plans to widely show the film on April 8, *Yom Ha-Shoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Joukowsky collaborated with “Facing History and Ourselves,” a Brookline, Mass.-based international organization, to show a shorter version of the film in middle school classrooms.

Acknowledging that his grandparents “weren’t saints,” but flawed individuals who did the best they could, Joukowsky and his mother, Martha Sharp Joukowsky, spoke briefly and answered audience questions.

“We can’t all be Martha and Waitstill Sharp,” he said, “but we can support them.”

On another topic, Arkady Mamaysky’s thoughtful column, (see page 13) proposes “bridge-building” initiatives to strengthen relationships between American and Israeli Jews.

To get more than anecdotal data about our community’s programs related to Israel, JV&H intern Kendra Lolio reviewed the 16 issues published between August 2012 and March 1, 2013 for Israel-themed stories, calendar items, columns, etc.

A quick rundown: Israel was the subject of nearly 100 news or feature stories – many about local events with such notables as Consul General Shai Bazak; Ethan Bronner, former Jerusalem bureau chief for the New York Times and Martin Fletcher, NBC’s former Tel Aviv bureau chief – and of 32 opinion columns, more than a dozen calendar items and three food stories.

As for visits to Israel: synagogues and agencies frequently sponsor them; 31 individuals visited Israel in January 2013 on an Alliance-sponsored trip.

This year, as in past years, our community has had an Israeli emissary, who offers educational, cultural and social programs; look for upcoming “Israel at 65” events in mid-April. We welcome readers’ comments on Mamaysky’s ideas and building bridges.

Finally, we continue to tweak this paper with an eye on improved accessibility, readability, readers’ interest, etc.

If you’re reading this column, you’ll notice that it’s no longer on page 4. Columns, op-eds and letters to the editor will appear now at 12 – 14 and international news will appear later in the paper.

Conversations with – and data from – readers indicate a strong desire for local news, so we’re giving you that news first. Happy reading; let us know what you think!

In the meantime, we wish you a joy-filled and meaningful Passover season.

Allen Ginsberg’s prophetic poem

‘Howl’ follows a Jewish journey from despair to hope

“Isaw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked, dragging themselves through the negro streets at dawn looking for an angry fix ...”



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

So begins Allen Ginsberg’s “Howl,” first published in San Francisco, Calif., on Nov. 1, 1956, in “Howl and Other Poems.”

An obscenity trial held in the late summer of 1957 – after which Judge Clayton W. Horn ruled for the publisher of “Howl,” poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, through his book store, City Lights – boosted sales. By 1958, 20,000 copies of the complete poem (Parts I, II and III and the Footnote) were in print.

As of today, readers have purchased more than 1 million copies of this slim volume, Number Four in the City Lights Pocket Poet Series. The poem, translated into more than two-dozen languages, is now read throughout the world.

“Howl” had already generated considerable buzz more than a year before its publication; when Ginsberg gave his first public reading of an early version of his poem at San Francisco’s Six Gallery on the evening of Oct. 7, 1955, those present knew that they were witness to something new, something revolutionary.

Indeed, “The Poem that Changed America” (Jason Shinder, editor, New York, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006) – the title of a collection of essays celebrating the 50th anniversary of the publication of “Howl” – reflects the poem’s transformative power.

In Part I – a single run-on sentence extending over eight pages in the City Lights edition – Ginsberg put words together in ways that the eye had never before seen, that the ear had never before heard: “... mouth-wracked and battered bleak of brain all drained of brilliance in the drear light of Zoo” or “listening to the crack of doom on the hydrogen jukebox” or “the impulse of winter midnight streetlight smalltown rain.”

Ginsberg’s “Howl” is haunted throughout by the madness of his institutionalized mother Naomi, though she is not mentioned by

name even once. The poet manages to evoke the psychotic hysteria of the best minds of his generation – the mind of his mother, the minds of his closest friends – with wildly hyperbolic, absurdly comical passages: “... who threw potato salad at CCNY lecturers on Dadism and subsequently presented themselves on the granite steps of the madhouse with shaven heads and harlequin speech of suicide, demanding instantaneous lobotomy, and who were given instead the concrete void of insulin metrasol electricity hydrotherapy psychotherapy occupational therapy pingpong & amnesia.”

Ginsberg (1926-1997) grew up

“GINSBERG PUT WORDS together in ways that the eye had never before seen.”

in Patterson, N.J., in a secular, determinedly atheistic, Russian Jewish immigrant household. Perhaps his experience of being outside the American mainstream – even more of an outsider because of his homosexuality – pushed Ginsberg in Part II of his poem to adopt the stance of a 20th century Jeremiah – condemning his fellow Americans for submitting to the biblical anti-god *Moloch*, to whom ancient Israelites had cast their children into the fire of ritual sacrifice: “*Moloch! Moloch! Nightmare of Moloch! Moloch the loveless! ... Moloch whose mind is pure machinery! Moloch whose blood is running money! Moloch whose ten fingers are armies! ... Moloch whose love is endless oil and stone!*”

Ginsberg is echoing the voice of the biblical prophet – not the prophet as *ro-eh*, seer or “foreteller” – but the prophet as *navi*, “forthteller,” the one who dares to tell it like it is, the one who remains uncompromising in his demand for social justice, uncompromising in his indictment of his nation’s materialistic values.

Nevertheless, like the prophets of old, Ginsberg does not remain stuck in his postures of despair and rebuke; in the end, he turns to an expression of compassion and hope. Part III of “Howl” begins: “*Carl Solomon! I’m with you in Rockland where you’re madder*

than I am.”

In this section Ginsberg’s prophetic wrath melts into emotional solidarity with his deeply troubled friend who has been hospitalized in a psychiatric hospital, “*where fifty more shocks will never return your soul to its body again from its pilgrimage to a cross in the void.*”

The published edition of “Howl” ends with a “Footnote,” which Ginsberg added to an earlier version. The Footnote begins with the word “Holy!” written 15 consecutive times.

In Ginsberg’s concluding vision, every thing is holy: “*The typewriter is holy the poem is holy ...*” Every person is holy: “*Holy Peter holy Allen holy Solomon holy Lucien holy Kerouac ... Holy my mother in the insane asylum!*” Every place is holy: “*Holy New York Holy San Francisco ...*”

From Ginsberg’s perspective, even Peoria, Ill., is holy.

The last line of the Footnote to “Howl” completes Ginsberg’s journey – a recognizably Jewish journey – from despair, through angry rebuke, to a willed hopefulness. An affirmation of the essential kindness of the human soul: “*Holy the supernatural extra brilliant intelligent kindness of the soul!*”

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LETTER

A note of praise for recent *d’var Torah*

I read The Jewish Voice & Herald faithfully and found Rabbi Cantor Anne Heath’s *d’var* in the Feb. 15 issue, “Take responsibility for your spiritual life; don’t lock God out of your life,” to be one of the most interesting and important for every Jew.

I enjoyed it immensely; the parts about continuing to renew our approach to God were especially meaningful to me.

I look forward to Rabbi Cantor Heath’s future *divrei Torah*.

Stanley Freedman
Cranston

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An election landslide

Predicting political outcomes in Israel is a risky game

When using the term “election landslide,” the tendency is to think about the end result – an overwhelming victory for one side. Obviously, that’s the last thing one can call the recent Israeli election outcome. However, a “landslide” also has several stages before we reach the end. In that sense, Israel might well be in the middle of an electoral landslide of historic proportions.

Landslides usually start with a heavy downpour or snowstorm, with lots of accumulated precipitation overloading the top of the mountain or cliff. That’s precisely what has happened over the past few years to mainstream Israeli society: gathering and growing frustration at the cost of living, viewing the huge handouts to the ultra-Orthodox as the main cause or at least severely exacerbating the problem. The first sign of a very unsteady cliff face was the 2011 “Tent Protests” – large pieces of Israeli society began to break off and rumble down the slope against the government.

Prime Minister Netanyahu understood this groundswell but missed his opportunity to resolve the matter when, early last summer, he didn’t accede to the demand of Kadima head Shaul Mofaz to institute the Plessner Committee recommendations regarding drafting *haredi*, ultra-Orthodox, men into the army. Kadima left the government (after only a few weeks within!), and, soon after, Netanyahu called for new elections. He then promptly made his next gaffe: uniting with Yisrael Beitenu, immediately losing altitude in the polls.

The rocks and boulders had begun to slide down, and the elections left Netanyahu severely weakened, no longer on top of the mountain but still “king of the hill.”

There’s one thing about real landslides, though. Just because you survived the first one does not mean that the threat is over. Indeed, a first landslide can weaken the mountain to such an extent that any further jolt can cause the entire edifice to crash down. That’s the real landslide and that’s exactly where Israeli politics might be situated at the moment. For Netanyahu has continued to make one mistake after another.

The election results and all the surveys in Israel clearly show that Israeli society insists on having an equal-obligation army draft, one that would include the *haredim*. Yair Lapid (Yesh Atid), Naftali Bennett (Ha’Bayit Ha’Yehudi) and Shaul Mofaz (Kadima) understand this well, and the former two have even joined forces quasi-formally in refusing to join a Netanyahu-led coalition unless the universal (Jewish) draft is instituted immediately (in stages). But the PM has been playing coalition games, trying to split the unity of the new kids on the block by turning to the *haredi* parties and thus “presuring” Lapid and especially

Bennett, head of a religious party. But they have refused to take the bait – and Netanyahu is stuck well short of the necessary Knesset majority.

So where’s the landslide? Given the impasse, for the first time in recent memory, Israeli pollsters began asking the following question very soon after the previous elections were over: If elections were held again today, who would you vote for?

The result: an astonishing 30 seats for Yesh Atid and around a mere 20 for Likud/Yisrael Beiteinu! In other words, the landslide once again is picking up steam and threatens to obliterate the prime minister and his party. With these poll numbers, Lapid and Bennet (the polls show him gaining another three seats above his present 12) have absolutely no reason to compromise with Netanyahu on the issue. Quite the opposite, the longer Netanyahu holds out, the worse his political and electoral position becomes.

As this essay is going to press, it is almost certain that Netanyahu has recognized his dire situation and is finalizing the new governing coalition with

Yesh Atid, HaBayit HaYehudi, HaTnuah and Kadima for a stable total of 70 MKs – with all the *haredi* parties on the outside looking in.

Moreover, reports have it that among the necessary budget cuts, one of the first will be reducing child allowances – a mortal blow to the multi-child *haredi* families, and an indirect incentive for them to serve in the army and ultimately go out and work.

In short, Netanyahu may have averted his being buried by a major political landslide, but instead, we are witness to another phenomenon of nature: the (political) earthquake.

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SAM LEHMAN-WILZIG

How to narrow the gap

Building ties to Israel

By **ARKADY MAMAYSKY**
Special to The Voice & Herald

Although nearly 6 million Jews live in the United States and slightly more than that live in Israel, our Jewish communities are separated not just by distance, but even more so by culture. In other words, we are gradually becoming (or have already become) two wholly different people. This is an unfortunate development, especially in a big world that is often hostile, especially to the Jewish people.

American and Israeli Jews are not merely co-religionists, we have commonalities in our history, ancestry, ethnicity, historical homeland, culture and traditions. These attributes make us one people, not two. To ensure that American and Israeli Jews remain one people, we Americans must strengthen our bond with Israel.

I believe that our physical presence in Israel is the best way to do this. While a large aliyah may be unlikely at the present time, American Jews should spend more time in Israel.

Unfortunately, a surprisingly large percentage of American Jews have never visited Israel, and some don’t care about Israel at all. As for those who do care, attending an occasional lecture, writing an editorial or making a contribution is not enough.

So what are some specific suggestions to narrow the gap between American and Israeli Jews? To start the conversation, here are some ideas for national or international Jewish organizations and for synagogues and smaller Jewish groups.

National or international Jewish organizations

- Encourage retirees to go to Israel, rather than Florida or California, during the winter. If they like it, their children and grandchildren may follow.

- Organize reasonably priced vacation camps in Israel for adults, families and children. The programs should focus on Israeli history and culture and the Hebrew language. As an alternative, organize similar Hebrew language family camps in the United States.

- Promote children’s summer camps that foster Jewish pride, knowledge of Jewish and Israeli history and camper exchange programs that bring Israeli campers to the United States and American campers to Israel.

- Continue to support Birthright trips.

- Make inexpensive blocks of apartments or small cottages available on *kibbutzim* or *moshavim* for rent or purchase.

- Make timeshares available on the Mediterranean Coast.

- Encourage Israelis residing

in the U.S. to volunteer at least one hour a week to reach out in their communities and organize groups of people to speak Hebrew and discuss Israeli news.

- Promote Israeli news on iba.

“WHEN WE SAY ‘Next year in Jerusalem,’ we do not really mean, ‘Next year in Florida.’”

org.il, Shalom TV and in the Jewish press.

- Encourage Jewish newspapers to maintain a running column called “How to narrow the gap,” which would provide a forum for readers to share ideas, information and experiences about improving our connections with Israel.

Suggestions for congregations and Jewish communities

- Organize the study of Hebrew, preferably through a community-wide ulpan (study program).

- Organize a Hebrew conversational group conducted by Israel

members of the community.

- Have presentations on Israeli and Jewish history.

- Widely disseminate information from Jewish federations and local synagogues regarding events related to Israel.

- Foster relationships and cooperation between Israel committees of different synagogues.

- Encourage American kids to communicate with Israeli kids.

- Become a sister synagogue with a synagogue in Israel.

- Make arrangements to rent, on a permanent basis, or buy a few units in a guest-house on a moshav or kibbutz so that community members take turns renting the units.

- Show Israeli films and host discussions about the movies.

- Encourage community members to participate in these efforts and share ideas.

These ideas may lead – directly or indirectly – to American Jews visiting Israel for extended periods. When they do visit Israel, they should have access to programs that teach Israeli history, culture, Hebrew and generally provide exposure to Israelis.

Such programs will benefit American Jewry, and will encourage close connections between American and Israeli Jews, the kinds of connections that may not develop through shorter and more expensive tourist visits. The cost to visit

Israel is a common deterrent for many Americans.

Israelis, too, will benefit from these programs. They will learn more about American culture (including our tradition of politeness) and the religious pluralism of American Jewry, improve their knowledge of English and receive invaluable moral and, perhaps, financial support.

Moreover, spending a vacation or part of a vacation in Israel doesn’t preclude American Jews from visiting other places. To give just one example, if you fly to or from Israel on Air France, you must change planes in Paris. As such, you could spend a few days in Paris before or after visiting Israel.

While some of my ideas might not be practical, I hope that others are. As a Jewish people, we must continue this conversation, so that when we say “Next year in Jerusalem,” we do not really mean, “Next year in Florida.”

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Rabbinic views diverge on issue of same-sex marriage

We, as Rhode Island community rabbis, do not generally take positions on legislative matters.

However, we feel compelled by recent statements made ["Board of Rabbis issues support for civil marriage for all Rhode Islanders," which appeared in the March 1 issue and was submitted by the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island] to speak up on the issue of same-sex marriage, which is currently before the state legislature.

We are proud of our noble

tradition of compassion and respect for human dignity.

Nonetheless, we want to make clear that any assertion that the Torah (Bible) and Jewish religious principles in any way condone same-sex relationships, or sanction their formalization, is a gross misrepresentation.

As such, we must oppose legislation to allow same-sex couples to marry in Rhode Island.

THIS MARCH 8 STATEMENT was signed by the following: Rabbis Aaron I.

Benjaminson, Dovid Bielory, Eliezer Y. Gibber, Avrohom Jakubowicz, Naftali Karp, Aaron Lapin, Menachem Mendel Laufer, Moshe Laufer, Yehoshua Laufer, Yosef Y. Laufer, Zalman Laufer, Yosef Lipson, Peretz Scheinerman, Raphie Schochet, Dovid Schwartz, Yosef Szendro, Shmuel Taitelbaum, Shmuel Twersky, Yechezkel Yudkowsky and Yaakov Zimmerman.

ONLINE COMMENTS:

Re: "Making Jewish communities work in the 21st century," by John Landry in the March 1 issue:

Blanchard contends that transactional institutions are not ideal. I don't necessarily agree.

He states that 'being an excellent service provider no longer works.'

No longer works for what? If meaning and connection is the goal (rather than – say – dues paid), I contend that being an excellent service provider certainly can work

Not long ago, my family celebrated my daughter becoming a bat mitzvah, having engaged a communal institution strictly transactionally. (We are not members of a synagogue and hence, rented space and the use of a Sefer Torah from Brown Hillel.) Our experience was wildly successful; as meaningful and as connected [to our Jewishness, to our family, friends, and community] as we could have hoped for.

Our capacity, however, to construct that wildly successful experience without paying dues to a synagogue (when dues represent the lifeblood of synagogues) represents a threat to the continuing existence of synagogues, does it not?

... I appreciate Blanchard's invitation to consider these issues and I hope that our community will rise to the challenge of accepting his invitation, despite the fear it may engender. I believe that – given all sorts of trends and data – a perpetual status quo is far more threatening to our community and its institutions, than the risks we may take to adapt to changing realities. I believe that not taking such risks will prove to be

the greatest risk of all.

(For another view on meaning, connection and transactional relationships – and to see how one from another industry is taking risks – see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMj_P_6H69g.)

Steve Jacobson Jacobson's comments were excerpted by The Voice & Herald to adhere to our 250-word count limit. Read his entire commentary online at jvhn.org.

Jacobson is a member of The Voice & Herald's editorial board.

Personal fulfillment is something that definitely speaks to my involvement in our community – whether it be an event, organization or committee ... it's all about the relationships.

I believe people have lost sight of treating one another as though they are created in the image of God. Trust, respect, dignity and love are just a few of the characteristics that seem to have been erased from the institutions and committee work that we are all asked to do. If you are going to engage me, then respect me. If you are going to ask my opinion, then listen (even if you don't agree).

If you are going to ask me to chair something, then teach me to lead WITH you. The model of the institution still works – their mission is still valuable but the values need to be revisited and brought to the forefront as we move forward. Torah and Jewish values need to be reintroduced as the guide for how an institution and its leaders will take us into the future. Our beautiful community

should be a model for other institutions. We shouldn't have to look anywhere else or redefine ourselves.

We should go back to our roots. It's all right there for us to learn from and to celebrate. That is why grassroots movements are so amazing. Their leaders are passionate about what they are creating because they haven't forgotten about the values that drive their mission.

Let's start at the beginning – Genesis seems like a good place to start.

Meredith Sinel Sinel's comments were excerpted by The Voice & Herald to adhere to our 250-word count limit. Read her entire commentary at jvhn.org.

Thanks for the comments and the links.

An "a-la-carte" approach to Jewish services definitely has advantages over the current "buffet" model of most institutions. The trouble is that it can easily lead to fragmentation as people congregate with their friends in private services – not in public services that happen to include a bar mitzvah or other life-cycle rite.

People are less likely to mingle with people they don't know, and less likely to feel a part of community where people are accepted just for being Jewish. It's true that synagogues are hardly a guarantee of community, especially the larger ones, but private services make community especially difficult.

John Landry Landry is a member of The Voice & Herald's editorial board.

Errata

Rabbi Richard Perlman's affiliation was incorrectly noted in "Multifaith energy organization ..." in Liz Marsis' March 1 story. Rabbi Perl-

man leads Temple Am David in Warwick, and Rabbi Amy Levin leads Temple Torat Yisrael in East Greenwich. Both are Conservative synagogues.

In the March 1 story, "URI Hillel students help rebuild ..." the hurricane references were incorrect; Joplin, Mo., was hit by a tornado.

LETTER



Second-prize winner Barbara Goltz of Fall River, Mass., is shown with her escort, Arthur Sheer of Warwick. (From the March 31, 1967 Rhode Island Herald)

Remembering the Purim Ball of 1967

What a coincidence to come across this picture within days of reading about the history of the Purim Ball in The Jewish Voice & Herald.

By Purim of 1967, the ball had become a singles event, at that time known as a "mixer." My soon-to-be fiancé and I went anyway; we actually brought a single friend along with us.

Queen Esther was chosen merely by lottery. All the young ladies put our names in a hat and the lucky winner won a trip to the Catskills. My name, Barbara Goltz at the time, was pulled as runner-up. My prize? A ceramic chicken!

We laughed about that for years. Unfortunately, somewhere within the past 46 years, the chicken broke, but somehow I still had the article.

I thought readers might enjoy this relic from 1967.

Barbara Sheer Providence



ELSEWHERE ON THE WEB

Some of our readers recommend these stories:

"Kindle Your Judaism: Growing Jewish Literacy Through New Technology," in [ejewishphilanthropy.com](http://www.ejewishphilanthropy.com). In an interview with the author, Rabbi Jason Miller, Brown RISD Hillel's Rabbi Mordechai Rackover talks about an initiative to engage 12 students in Judaism and Jewish literacy by having them read several books on their Kindles – which they were given, along with a stipend to participate – and meet several times to talk about the books.

Calling "Kindle Your Judaism" the sweet spot between cool and education, Rabbi Rackover said in the interview that he hopes it can be replicated at other universi-

ties throughout North America. Read: <http://tinyurl.com/bs8yo2t>.

"Cantor's Apps Bring Jewish Prayers to the iPhone Crowd," features Cantor Emanuel Perlman, brother of Rabbi Richard Perlman and son of Cantor Ivan Perlman, in The Jewish Daily Forward: <http://bit.ly/ZB6CVF>

"History professor Yehuda Bauer: 'Netanyahu doesn't know history,'" in Haaretz. NOTE: Haaretz provides limited access to stories without readers' registering first. See the headline and part of the story at: <http://tinyurl.com/awjxt3>.

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Ten years together

PROVIDENCE – Temple Beth-El will host a celebratory Shabbat on Friday, April 19. All are invited to attend a special worship service beginning at 7 p.m., followed by a complimentary *oneg* Shabbat.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a catered Shabbat dinner, will be held before the service. Dinner is \$75 per adult/\$10 for children under 12/free for children under 2.

RSVP: Cocktails and/or dinner at 331-6070. The synagogue is at 70 Orchard Ave., Providence.



Rabbi Sarah Mack with her son, Jackson, at a K'Tantan Shabbat

TEMPLE BETH-EL

DECADE of service to be celebrated

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Beth-El President Fred J. Franklin concurs. "Sarah is ... why we are able to reach out to younger families," said Franklin, who has known Rabbi Mack since she joined the Beth-El family.

"She is extremely well-read and well-informed about many issues – and particularly passionate about social issues that are at the core of Judaism," said Franklin. "She often speaks about these issues at our board meetings and it is very enlightening." Franklin said Rabbi Mack is forward-thinking and willing to try new ideas. "She is widely respected and prized at the temple," he said.

Congregant Vanessa Weiner believes children should feel a part of the community – and her children do. "My kids love Sunday mornings at Beth-El because Sarah and Anita have made the religious school such a fun and lively place to be," said Weiner. "Rabbi Mack feels it's important to have kids participate and that's why we're including kids in her celebratory Shabbat service."

As the mother of a daughter, Weiner appreciates that Rabbi Mack reads from a gender-neutral prayer book and supports advocacy for marriage equality in Rhode Island.

Lesley Bogad, a congregant who moved here from California, also is inspired by Rabbi Mack's advocacy. "Marriage equality is so important to me," said Bogad, "Sarah is willing to be a strong voice for the clergy to make sure that Rhode Island is doing its best for everyone who lives here."

Bogad credits Rabbi Mack with helping her build her Jewish life in Rhode Island. "Long before I became a congregant, Sarah invited me to High Holi-

day services at Beth-El and to celebrate holidays together," said Bogad. "Sarah created such a beautiful part of the energy that is Beth-El, together with the congregation, the rabbi and the cantor. I wanted to be a part of that."

Rabbi Mack's first decade as an ordained rabbi coincides with her first decade at Beth-El. "It's been wonderful to watch Rabbi Mack grow to be a wonderful pastoral teacher and counselor to both children and adults," said Cantor Judith Seplowin, whose Beth-El employment predates the rabbi's by three years. "We have this delightful, creative relationship as both colleagues and friends. I've been through some heavy-duty life cycles and she has been there for me and [has been] very supportive."

Cantor Seplowin characterizes Rabbi Mack as being "a fabulous leader. If she has an idea, she'll stay with it. It's really terrific watching her in action. She relates well to teens."

"We have a lot of fun together," said Cantor Seplowin, "but what happens on the bimah, stays on the bimah!"

Rabbi Gutterman said that witnessing Rabbi Mack's growth in her "competence and confidence," is one of the great joys of his rabbinate. "She is sincere and smart – a Phi Beta Kappa from Brandeis with a whimsical sense of humor. She has shared the rabbinate at Temple Beth-El as a full partner."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Bogad, Joering, Kaplan and Weiner are all members of the committee organizing this event.


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A Pesach feast

Ambitious cooks might want to recreate professional chefs' recipes

BY ANNA HARWOOD

JERUSALEM – It is still possible to serve a sumptuous Pesach feast while being careful not to include forbidden *hametz*.

Executive Chefs Moti Bochbut and Charlie Fadida from the Inbal Jerusalem and Sheraton Tel Aviv, respectively, share some of their most popular Pesach recipes.

Seared salmon fillet on roasted eggplant with peppers and tomatoes (Chef Bochbut)



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FISH INGREDIENTS

4 salmon fillets (with skin attached)
4 cloves of crushed garlic
3 tablespoons olive oil (plus extra for frying)
bunch of fresh thyme, chopped
juice of 3 oranges
1 cup white wine
salt and pepper

EGGPLANT INGREDIENTS

1 eggplant, peeled and cut into rounds
2 tablespoons olive oil
¼ cup vinegar
2 tablespoons honey

TOMATO SAUCE INGREDIENTS

4 fresh tomatoes, chopped
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 red pepper, coarsely chopped
2 cloves of fresh garlic
3 tablespoons white wine
½ cup vegetable stock
salt and pepper

METHOD

Soak salmon fillets for around an hour in a marinade of the orange juice, white wine, garlic, 3 tablespoons olive oil, fresh thyme and salt and pepper.

Fry the onion and garlic with a little oil. Add remaining ingredients of tomatoes, pepper, wine, vegetable stock and salt and pepper. Cook on low heat until the liquid has absorbed all the flavors.

Use a hand blender to blend the sauce. Taste and season accordingly.

When the fish has finished marinating, pour a little olive oil into a hot pan and place the fish into the pan, skin side down. Cook for two minutes, flip and cook the other side for an additional two minutes.

Place the fish to the side and preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Heat the fish for an additional 4 minutes in the oven when ready to serve.

Fry the eggplant in a hot pan with a little olive oil on both sides until golden-brown.

In a small pan, boil the vinegar and honey and then pour over the fried eggplant so that it can absorb the flavors.

Place a slice of the roasted eggplant on each plate. Top each eggplant slice with a fillet of salmon. Drizzle tomato sauce to the side of the fish and serve hot.

Makes 4 servings.

Roasted lamb in a root vegetable sauce (Chef Fadida)

INGREDIENTS

8 slices of lamb shoulder, each about ½ pound
2 tablespoons potato flour

½ bottle dry red wine
1 carrot
1 onion
1 celery stick
4 garlic cloves
2 teaspoons tomato paste
8 teaspoons olive oil

METHOD

Heat a heavy-bottomed pan and add 8 tablespoons of oil. Flour the lamb and fry until golden on both sides. Remove to separate dish.

In the same pan used to fry the lamb, add vegetables and fry for about 10 minutes.

Add the tomato paste to the pan and continue frying for another 5 minutes.

Add the red wine and heat until the wine has decreased by half.

Return the lamb to the pan and add water until the meat is ¾-covered. Bring to a boil and season with salt and pepper.

Cover with aluminum foil and put in oven, preheated to 350 F.

After 2 hours cooking time, take the meat out. Check to see if it has softened by pressing it with your fingertip. When done, remove from oven and serve. If it is not yet done, return to oven and check every few minutes.

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Chocolate shakes up the Seder ritual

Eat outside the box

BY RABBI DEBORAH PRINZ

(JTA) – Rabbi Adam Schaffer, who's been leading chocolate Seders since he edited a chocolate Seder haggadah in 1996, acknowledges that "people often do feel ill" from all the chocolate.

Still, Rabbi Schaffer, reli-

gious school director at Temple Aliyah in Woodland Hills, Calif., says he was motivated to "experiment outside the box and engage college students who were not in the usual Hillel track," and found that the chocolate Seder took things to a "fun level, helping make connections for people, re-context-

tualizing the Seder."

In the last couple of decades, college campus groups and synagogue youth groups have concocted the Seders that replace the ritual foods with chocolate.

There is green-colored chocolate for the *karpas*, lettuce; chocolate-covered nuts for the *haroset* mix of nuts, apples and wine representing mortar used in building for the Pharaoh; a chocolate egg for the roasted egg symbolizing the Passover sacrifice; a very dark 90 percent to 100 percent chocolate for the bitter herbs or *maror*. You get the idea.

A chocolate-soaked Seder may help sugar-hyped participants absorb the ritual's teachings about freedom. An alternative to wallowing in the gooey substitutes for the usual ritual foods, as entertaining as that might be, could use chocolate to name the issues of slavery, economic justice and fair trade in the chocolate business and to elevate the profound themes of Passover.

My chocolate haggadah amplifies awareness about ethical quandaries around chocolate, and challenges participants to consider labor justice and spotlight Passover's underlying

messages of freedom, dignity and fairness.

In "A Socially Responsible Haggadah for a Chocolate Seder," chocolate becomes the me-

ful and safe labors.

The custom of three matzahs – the chocolate haggadah version uses chocolate-covered – recalls our *tikkun olam*, our ongoing struggle to perfect the world, as we consider responsibility for the contrast between the limited resources of most cacao growers and the wealthy consumers of chocolate. When we cover our matzah with chocolate, we recall that not only are we descended from slaves in Egypt, we recall child slaves on cocoa plantations of our time.

As we prepare to celebrate Passover this year, may we feel assured that we have helped advance the messianic era through our tantalizing array of chocolate choices, not just chocolate matzah.

"MY CHOCOLATE HAGGADAH amplifies awareness about quandaries around chocolate..."

dium for uncovering teachings about ethical kashrut, worker equity and food sustainability to celebrate those who toil, often in great poverty, to grow and harvest cacao, including children and young adults – some of them in bondage in the Ivory Coast and Ghana's cocoa plantations. The haggadah hopes for a harvesting of the fruits of productive, meaning-

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Bottles Fine Wine offers selection, service, seasonal favorites

Management values its connection to local Jewish community

By **ARTHUR C. NORMAN**
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE - In the three years since Gil MacLean opened Bottles Fine Wine on Providence's East Side, the store, which boasts well over 1,000 different wines, has become a "go to" destination for shoppers.

Founded on the twin principles of accessibility and seasonality, Bottles endeavors to provide brands that are not only familiar, but also interesting and new to the local market.

They understand wine as an agricultural product from various regions and climates that may be more desirable depending on the season and the meal being served.

Wine Director Nick Shugrue explained, "Wine is created to enhance your dinner. It's meant to make your food better. Wines from a particular region are meant to be drunk with food from the same region." An example of seasonality, said Shugrue, is the popularity of a rosé in spring and summer. "They're all dry; served chilled, rosé is the perfect summer sipping wine."

Weekly wine and beer tastings, regional and seasonal specials and food and beverage pairings are some ways that Bottles stays engaged with the

community. In April, for example, Shugrue said the shop will feature wines from different vineyards in Spain. Representatives will be in-house to pour and discuss their wines.

While Bottles stocks more than 600 wines under \$15, Shugrue singled out South American wines as especially good values. "They overdeliver for their price."

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In addition to their product knowledge and passion to share that knowledge with customers, Shugrue and Beer Director Liam Maloney possess a keen awareness of when customers have learned all they want to learn. "We stop before their eyes glaze over," Shugrue quipped.

Because Bottles prefers to hire employees with food service experience, General Manager Eric Taylor, who has worked as a dishwasher, a chef



Some of the kosher wines available at Bottles Fine Wine

BOTTLES FINE WINE

and a high-end restaurant manager, said, "People develop an

intuition about [customers] from waiting tables."

Taylor said that the store will double the available stock of kosher wines for Passover, increase selections by one-third and provide more expert taste-tested recommendations.

He works hard to stay culturally connected to the local Jewish community, he said, as he recalled last year's experience, when he bought the *hametz* from a local synagogue before Passover and sold it back after the holiday. "It was an honor for me."

Taylor regularly talks with local rabbis to learn what kosher means, what *mevushal* means and what styles of kosher wine people like, whether they drink it only once a year or year round. (In short, *mevushal* means "cooked" in Hebrew and refers to the pasteurization process of wine that allows non-Jews to handle it.)

At the time of this writing, he was planning a March 9 (following Shabbat) wine tasting for a local synagogue.

Asked to respond to the long-standing complaint that kosher wines do not compare well with other wines, Taylor said that Terra Vega, a kosher chardonnay from Argentina, was as good, if not better, than any chardonnay in the \$10 - 15 range.

He was particularly proud of Bottles' ability to fulfill special orders and gave the example of a customer (it was this reporter!) who was looking for Slivovitz plum brandy for a Seder last year. The store did not car-

ry it at the time, but he ordered it. Although he sells "hardly any," he feels it's important to have it in stock, not only because it is one of a few kosher-for-Passover liquors, but also to reflect Bottles' responsiveness to customers' needs. "Whether customers buy it or not," Taylor said, "it's comforting for them to see it on the shelf."

What does the future hold for Bottles? Home-brewing beer is a growing trend for the under-40 crowd, said Taylor, who is investigating stocking equipment and supplies for customers to make beer at home.

In addition to the service Bottles' in-house experts provide, Taylor noted several other features, including bottle and glasses engraving, individualized giftware, loyalty rewards, multi-bottle and case discounts and delivery and shipping.

Bottles also plans a variety of off-premises events from wine tastings, classes and house parties to weddings and corporate functions.

BOTTLES FINE WINE: 141 Pitman St., Providence, next to Eastside Marketplace; 372-2030; bottlesfinewine.com.

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"If we are celebrating freedom, why can't we ... choose how ... to celebrate a holiday of freedom?"

BY DASEE BERKOWITZ

NEW YORK (JTA) - We have a love-hate relationship with boundaries.

We hate being confined or told what to do. Many adults don't like having a boss, and many schoolchildren get annoyed when the answer is "no." Boundaries limit our individuality, intrude upon what we want to do and sometimes feel like an arbitrary obstacle to getting what we want.

For children, limits of time (bedtime), sources of enjoyment (how much ice cream for dessert) or behavior (being scolded for shooting a toy bow and arrow around the living room) can seem like arbitrary rules that stymie their ability to fully enjoy the activity at hand in favor of some far-off goal that only their parent understands. As a grown-up, when I see a sign that says, "Keep off the grass," I want nothing more than to frolic in my bucolic surroundings.

But we also love boundaries because we know that without them, life would be chaotic.

As a parent, we know setting firm boundaries helps us raise our children and run our households. As global citizens, we know that boundaries help us create civilized societies. And as Jews, we know that boundaries help define who we are and what our purpose is.

No holiday helps us understand this more than Passover.

The form of the holiday is all about boundaries. The flow of the Seder - not to mention the very word itself, which means order - requires us to take each step at a time, in a certain sequence. The rabbis teach that one does not fulfill one's obligation of the Seder until we have completed speaking about the Pascal offering, matzah and the bitter herbs (*maror*).

The themes of Passover also require a degree of prescriptive recitation. On Seder night we travel from slavery to freedom, from being idol worshippers to worshipping God, and in the words of the haggadah, from disgrace (*"g'nut"*) to praise (*"shevah"*).

We understand these central themes of the holiday by the rituals on Seder night. We have particular symbols on the Seder plate.

We ask four questions, hinting to us that our ability to



ask questions itself is an act that reflects our status as free people.

We drink four cups of wine, which relate to four languages of redemption from the Torah itself, when God says, "I will take you out from under the burdens of Egypt"; "I will save you from their bondage"; "I will redeem you"; and "I will take you to me as a people."

Recited in this sequence, we are encouraged to reflect how liberation from Egypt is a process from physical subjugation to forging a new relationship with God.

Our story of liberation is a carefully scripted narrative. And while creativity is not only allowed on Seder night but encouraged (in fact the haggadah itself exhorts, "anyone who increases the telling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt is praiseworthy"), the prescribed ritual matters.

It's counterintuitive. If we are celebrating freedom, why can't we be free to choose how we want to celebrate a holiday of freedom? A Jewish Woodstock? An intellectual salon contrasting the haggadah with other literary works of free-

dom? Freedom drum circles with a *"l'chaim"* to Elijah at the end?

(the Teachings of our Fathers) interpretation of the verse from Exodus, "the word of God

was *harut* [engraved] on the stone tablets [that] Moses brought down from Mount Sinai.] (Exodus 32:16) In Pirkei Avot 6:2, Rabbi Joshua

ben Levi writes, "Don't read carved [*harut*] but rather freedom [*herut*], for there is no free person other than one who is occupied with Torah."

Here there is a word play between "engraved," which connotes rigidity and "free." If we

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights, we eat either leavened or unleavened bread, but tonight we eat only unleavened bread!

On all other nights, we eat all kinds of vegetables, but tonight we eat only bitter herbs!

On all other nights, we do not dip even once, but tonight we dip twice!

On all other nights, we eat either sitting or reclining, but tonight we only recline!

"THE FULFILLMENT OF Jewish freedom is a life of commitment, direction and purpose."

neglect a relationship with the Divine, which is established here through the study of Torah, and more broadly with our Jewish tradition and the ethical system that has been passed down to us through the generations, then we lack freedom.

One of the lessons of Passover is that only within boundaries and structure can we experience true freedom. When we create appropriate physical boundaries for our children, they are able to play and express themselves freely. When we embrace the boundaries of Jewish commitment through holiday and Shabbat celebration and learning, we open up for ourselves the contours of a meaningful life.

We fill our lives with the grand narratives (of pursuing justice and working to free slaves) and lofty ideals (like the importance of Shabbat and turning off our ego-driven selves for a day to become attuned to our souls.)

And when we see that our duty as global citizens requires us to put others' needs before our own desires, we create caring societies.

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Preparing for Passover, Israel style

Blowtorches and garbage trucks are ever-present, as are fish and flower purveyors

By JUDY LASH BALINT
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JERUSALEM – Not every Israeli observes Passover, but every Israeli knows Passover is coming.

Preparations for the seven-day holiday are impossible to ignore and encroach on almost every facet of life in the weeks leading up to Seder night.

Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics reveals that 88 percent of Israelis will take part in a Seder and 47 percent will eat only kosher-for-Passover items during the holiday.

As for Israel's army, some 200 IDF chaplains are pressed into service to commence the massive task of *kashering* (making kosher) the hundreds of kitchens, mess halls and eating corners used by soldiers at bases in Israel.

Street scenes in Israel change every day before Passover according to what's *halakhically* (relating to religious laws) necessary: Several days before the Seder, young men wielding blowtorches preside over huge vats of boiling water stationed every few blocks.

The lines to dunk metal utensils start to grow every day, and at the last minute before the Seder, blowtorches are at the ready to cleanse every last gram of *hametz* (non-Passover-acceptable food crumbs) from

oven racks and stove tops lugged through the streets by kids or overwrought mothers.

Prominent newspaper ads feature dire warnings about the dangers inherent in cleaning gas burners. The ads advise on the minutiae of taking apart the metal covers to get at that last bit of *hametz*.

No alarm clock is needed in the pre-Passover period – clanging garbage trucks do the trick as they roll through neighborhoods every morning during the two weeks before Passover to accommodate all the refuse from the furious cleaning going on.

Two days before the Seder, there's the annual pickup of oversized items and appliances. Dozens of antiquated computer monitors and old toaster ovens stand forlornly next to garbage bins.

The day before Passover, families seek out empty lots to burn the remainder of their *hametz* gleaned from the previous night's meticulous search. The city is dotted with sputtering fires despite ads announcing the location of official *hametz*-burning bins and banning fires in any other areas.

Most flower shops stay open all night for the two days before Passover, working feverishly to complete orders that will grace the nation's Seder tables.

Observant Jews mark the sev-



JUDY LASH BALINT

Kashering gets underway on a Jerusalem street.

en weeks between Passover and *Shavu'ot* by carrying out some of the laws of mourning – including the prohibition against cutting hair. As a result, barber and beauty shops are jammed in pre-Passover days.

Mailboxes overflow with appeals from myriad organizations helping the poor. News-

papers are replete with articles about altruistic Israelis who collect, package and distribute Passover supplies to the needy.

In Jerusalem alone, more than 40 restaurants close a few days before Passover. They clean out their kitchens, revamp their menus and open with rabbinic supervision for

the holiday to serve kosher-for-Passover meals.

The Passover theme of freedom and exodus extends to criminals in Israel: Israel Radio announces that 700 prisoners will get furloughs to spend the holiday with family members.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Israel's fishmongers will sell 1,100 tons of carp and 300 tons of mullet this Passover season to satisfy gefilte fish lovers, as well as the Moroccan-style *chraime* fish eaters.

In every ultra-Orthodox neighborhood, men and boys block narrow streets with hand trucks piled high with sacks of carrots, potatoes and oranges and cartons of eggs – all courtesy of the *Kimcha D'Pischa* funds that funnel donations to Israeli *haredim*, ultra-Orthodox.

Israel's chief rabbi sell the nation's *hametz* to one Hussein Jabar, a Muslim Arab resident of Abu Ghosh. Jabar took over the task some 16 years ago, after the previous buyer, also from Abu Ghosh, was fired when it was discovered his maternal grandmother was Jewish.

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A tongue-in-cheek approach to surviving a Seder

Navigating dangerous conversational waters

By **LEO MARGUL**
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Passover means Seders. They are important Jewish traditions, but also social and hunger-filled minefields. These tips will help you navigate the time between when you show up and avoid questions about your career/relationship to when you shout "Next year in Jerusalem!" and run out with all the flourless desserts.

Staying full during the long wait

Why did I starve myself in anticipation of dinner tonight? Can't I just nibble on some brisケット while we get through this Seder? You could if you were at my house, but some people aren't as cool. Here is how to stay satiated during the Seder's long, foodless period:

- Dipping the bitter herbs: We dip the bitter herbs into some saltwater, but who says the dipping has to be over after that? Two words: side, guacamole. Between the saltwater dip and your mouth, dip those leafy greens into a convenient bowl of guacamole you brought from home, and smile, knowing you're keeping hunger at bay and representing other cultures at the table.

- The Hillel sandwich: A combination of horseradish and *haroset* that is so close to actual food it makes you weep for something more substantial. Two words: pocket, turkey. Keep a slice of turkey in your pocket, throw it on the Hillel sandwich and BAM! You've got a real meal, complete with delicious protein. Honey-glazed or oven-baked turkey, it's your call. Feel free to offer others your pocket turkey slices, but be prepared for their bewildered looks, which means

they're jealous.

By the time the actual Seder rolls around, everyone else will be struggling from hunger, but you'll be ready for your second course. You can go put your pocket turkey in the fridge now, you champion.

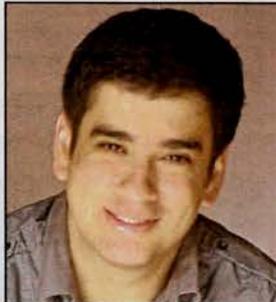
Finding the afikomen

As someone in my 20s, I am still occasionally the youngest person at the Seder, which means I have to find the *afikomen*. The sadists hosting usually decide that because I'm older they should hide it somewhere much harder to find, like the toolshed in their garage or folded up in a tiny locket around someone's neck. To get them back, while you're looking for the *afikomen*, feel free to rearrange some of the stuff in their house, too. Then when you come back, say, "Found the *afikomen*, good luck finding your checkbook." Ideally, this will get you off the hook next year and convince people to start having babies, then they can go look for the *afikomen*.

Reading from the haggadah

Usually at a Seder, participants will take turns reading from the haggadah. Your relatives' monotones, however, don't help you pay attention. Aunt Leah and Uncle Moishe sound like Ben Stein and Kristen Stewart got together to help put some children to sleep.

This leads to you zoning out while fantasizing about bagels and losing your place in the haggadah. How do you pretend you're focused when called on to read? Simple: just create a few sentences using any combination of these popular Passover words: Egyptians, bondage, Pharaoh, matzah, unleavened, bitter, ancestors, etc.



Leo Margul

For example:

- Our ancestors made matzah to escape from Pharaoh and the house of bondage.
- We eat unleavened bread today just as our ancestors did.
- Pharaoh was into bondage, but other Egyptians were not, and this made him bitter.

Oh, what's that? Suddenly everyone stopped drawing cool shapes with the 10 plagues-pinky wine on their plates and started paying attention.

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Fond memories of family Seders

Parents' loss is hard to bear, especially at holidays

By CINDY BETH LAZAR
Special to The Voice & Herald

WARWICK – Passover holds special significance to me because I have such fond memories of my family celebrating together. Every holiday in the Jewish calendar brings us back to our heritage in a unique vital way, for each celebration is a chapter in our history and is a time when we strengthen the special bonds of families and friends.

I love that we share our culture and traditions with others by “welcoming the stranger” to our homes for holiday meals, especially at Passover.

There was a majestic harmony when all of us took turns reading from the haggadah. My father, Bernard Lazar, had so much pride and dedication as our leader. I can still see the twinkle in his eyes as he guided his children and grandchildren through our Seders.

My mother, Mildred, made the most delicious brisket and tsimmes. She also made Passover rolls that we took to school every day for lunch.

I was in charge of setting the Seder table with my Grandmother Rebecca's beautiful pink china, which we used only for Passover. The lace tablecloth we used always reminds me of the marvelous atmosphere my parents created during our Seder.

“The candles remind us of the

commitment to value all that is ours – honoring the past – living fully for the moment, creating for, endowing, the next generation. We do not realize how much of our lives would be interwoven in the strands now entrusted to our loving care,” wrote Laurie A. Sunshine, in Supplementary Writings and Readings in “Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals,” by the Rabbinical Assembly, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, 1998.

“IN THE JEWISH tradition, the day begins and ends at sunset.”

It was such a joy to chant the prayers and songs together. My dad taught us Jewish traditions that I still follow today.

Karpas is the green vegetable that reminds us that Passover occurs during springtime when new life brings hope. The boiled eggs are smooth and round and are symbolic of the new life that comes with springtime.

“Telling the story of Passover is one of the most important *Mitzvot* in Jewish life,” Sunshine writes in “Siddur Sim Shalom ...” “In the Jewish tra-

dition, the day begins and ends at sunset. These candles symbolize the transition to a new day.”

My mother enjoyed helping us, when we were young children, find the *afikomen* (hidden piece of matzah). She always gave hints so we would know whether they were hot or cold – close or distant – from the hidden *afikomen*. We were always thrilled when my dad gave each of us – all the children and, later, grandchildren – a Kennedy half-dollar; we didn't have to find the *afikomen* to get the money!

After Passover, we would walk to the fire station on the corner that had a vending machine that sold Milky Way candy bars for a penny! Can you imagine that in today's society?

I have such happy memories of past Passovers when our family shared so many joys and so much happiness. Now that my parents are no longer living, I find comfort in attending the services at Temple Am David where Rabbi Richard Perlman and Paul Finstein, a lay leader, chant the prayers in perfect harmony. Going to *minyan* every day keeps me from being so sad during the holiday, although I miss my parents very much. I am grateful for my two sisters and their loving families.

I love having an aliyah; when I put on my prayer shawl, it makes me feel so good. I know

my parents are listening.

My Seders are not the same as those of my childhood; it is very hard to celebrate Passover without both my parents. Although I try to create new memories to remember and embrace, that can be very difficult sometimes.

I hope that all those who read this piece have special memories to cherish and close bonds

to share with loved ones during this Passover.

CINDY BETH LAZAR (cbl128@verizon.net), a resident of Warwick for the past 36 years, grew up in Providence. She read a revised version of this essay at a Shabbat service at Am David last year.



Susan Shatkin, Evelyn Shatkin and Shandelle Kenler at the women's Passover Seder on March 5.

KATHERINE COWETT

A women's Seder at Beth-El

PROVIDENCE – Approximately 100 women gathered at Temple Beth-El on the East Side of Providence to participate in the March 5 women's Seder.

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ISRAELI chefs share recipes

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Belgian chocolate mousse with honey truffles and fresh dates (Chef Bochbut)

INGREDIENTS FOR MOUSSE

7 egg whites
2 whole eggs
1 cup white sugar
Approximately 2½ cups good-quality dark chocolate
¼ cup oil
3 cups whipping (heavy) cream
½ cup good-quality brandy
cocoa for dusting

INGREDIENTS FOR TRUFFLES

Approximately 1½ cup melted chocolate, dark or milk, according to preference
¾ cup almond butter (or, after Pesach, peanut butter)
4 teaspoons honey
fresh dates

METHOD FOR MOUSSE

Beat eggs, egg whites and sugar until they form strong peaks.
Melt chocolate in a bowl over pan of boiling water.
Add oil.
Remove from heat and fold in beaten eggs.

Beat the whipping cream until firm and fold into the mixture.

Fill a disposable piping bag (or a cone made of waxed or parchment paper) with the mixture and pipe mushroom-size mounds onto a tray lined with parchment paper and dusted with cocoa powder.
Freeze until ready to serve.

METHOD FOR TRUFFLES

Melt chocolate in a bowl over a pan of boiling water. Remove from the heat.

Add the almond butter and mix until completely combined.
Warm the honey and add to the mixture, stirring until it begins to harden and become dough-like.

Cool and form balls from the mixture.

Roll in cocoa powder and store on parchment paper until ready to serve.

Add butter nougat and mix until a uniform texture.

Place 4 - 5 chocolate mousse balls on each plate with truffles and fresh dates cut in half.

Serves 6.

ANNA HARWOOD works for IMP Media in Israel.

BY NANCY KIRSCH
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PROVIDENCE - Throughout the year, Jews who must choose between buying medicine or food often seek help from Jewish communal agencies to assuage the hunger in their bellies.

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Although alleviating hunger is more challenging at Passover; kosher-for-Passover food is more expensive than other foods, said Susan Adler, director of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island and coordinator of the Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry.

Although the pantry is currently distributing Passover food to its clientele and can't yet compile data for Passover 2013, Adler provided The Voice & Herald with 2012 numbers.

Last Passover, 117 households - with 111 senior citizens, 59 adults and 19 children - received Passover food from the pantry during March. In total, those households received 6,876 pounds of Passover food, incrementally more than the 6,840 pounds distributed in February 2012 and about 1,000 pounds more than the 5,868 pounds distributed in April 2012.

At Jewish Family Service, which distributes grocery store gift cards to those in need, 160 households received gift cards totaling \$12,133 during Passover last year.

Gift card amounts vary, said Patty Harwood, LICSW, director of senior services, depending on the number of people living in the household.

Approximately two-thirds of those receiving gift cards are senior citizens who live on less than \$12,000 each year. Most, but not all, of those receiving assistance live in the greater Providence area, Harwood said, adding that some individuals may seek assistance from both the

Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry and Jewish Family Service.

In 2011, JFS began to ask for household income documentation from individuals seeking help, said Harwood.

In the past, the organization had distributed gift cards to individuals on "the honor system."

Harwood said that some individuals were reluctant to provide the agency with such data, so fewer households sought help.

One hundred fifty-four households received grocery gift cards in 2011, a decline from the 180 households in 2010.

Before, during and after Passover, Jews in need call greater Rhode Island home; both JSA and JFS are able to provide these much-needed resources to Jews in need, as some funding for such programs comes from allocations from the Alliance's Annual Campaign.

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A high-tech Passover opportunity

Want to teach your young children the story of Passover through technology? It's no surprise that the ancient holiday now has a 21st century app!

According to a press release from app developer, Corky Portwine - founded by Sam Tannen - "Passover - The Ten Plagues" is an interactive storybook app for young children. The app is an illustrated picture book detailing the Ten Plagues of Egypt from the Biblical Book of Exodus.

"Passover - The Ten Plagues" uses humor and cartoon-style illustrations to guide children through the story of Ten

Plagues, beginning with Moses and the Burning Bush and ending with the Hebrew slaves' departure from Egypt



The app is fully voiced and features animated people and animals. Every page contains a button which, when tapped, gives additional information about the story of Passover, including the Hebrew names of each plague

The "Passover - The Ten Plagues" app may be downloaded through the iTunes App Store, Google Play, Amazon Appstore for Android and Barnes & Noble.



KIT HASPEL

Front row, Kara Marziali of Cranston and Ava and Julie Andoscia of North Kingstown; back row, Jessica Greenberg of North Kingstown and Carmen Rapoport of Warwick attend a Passover program at Temple Sinai.

The Mothers Circle and Sinai hold Seder Survival Guide

A little haroset, a little study and a little company

CRANSTON - The Passover Seder Survival Guide, was a free educational workshop for interfaith families. Sponsored by The Mothers Circle and Temple Sinai, the event was held on Sunday, March 10 at Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation in Cranston.

In addition to reviewing the Passover story and the Seder service, participants had the opportunity to make two kinds of haroset and to closely examine several different haggadahs.



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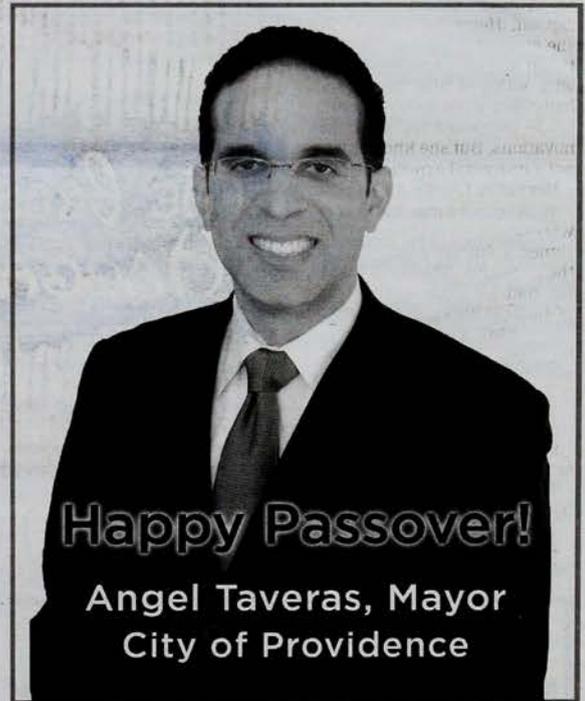
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New haggadahs: Edgar Bronfman's and an interactive version for kids

Suggestions for making the Passover Seder more 'user-friendly'

By PENNY SCHWARTZ

BOSTON (JTA) – Francine Hermelin Levite and Edgar Bronfman have been using unique versions of the Passover haggadah for years. Now both have decided to publish their versions of the Exodus story.

Hermelin Levite, 43, the mother of three school-aged children, is the author of "My Haggadah: Made it Myself" (Made It Myself Books, 2012), an interactive version for children of the ritual-laden book that is now available on Amazon.

Bronfman, 84, the business giant and Jewish philanthropist, offers "The Bronfman Haggadah" (Rizzoli, 2013) illustrated by his wife, the artist Jan Aronson.

Hermelin Levite's journey to publishing a haggadah began about eight or nine years ago when she joined some unaffiliated young Jewish families living in Lower Manhattan who were banding to create a Passover celebration. Growing up in Detroit, Hermelin Levite says she enjoyed lively and inspirational Seders led by her father, who followed the traditional haggadah embellished by music he composed and other innovations. But she knew it was not a universal experience.

Hermelin Levite, a one-time journalist, educational software developer and graphic designer, volunteered to compile the haggadah. She said it had to resonate with kids and families of multiple backgrounds.

She also was motivated by the needs of her young son, who has severe food allergies to nuts, chicken and wheat.

"He was allergic to the food of Passover," she recalls thinking and vowed to create a Seder in which he could participate.

Hermelin Levite recognized that children communicate in various ways.

"The book is designed to invite artistic expression ranging from simple stickers to more complex collage and discussion," she said, adding that her husband, also a graphic designer, helped with the images.

Over the years, her do-it-yourself, hands-on haggadah has become popular through word of mouth. Last year she decided to self-publish and was amazed with the number of orders from far-flung locales such as Budapest and Hong Kong.

This year, with a grant from Reboot, a nonprofit that supports innovative projects to engage young, unaffiliated Jews, Hermelin Levite is traveling across the country introducing the haggadah to new audiences. The spiral-bound haggadah will appeal to kids with all levels of knowledge of Jewish observance.

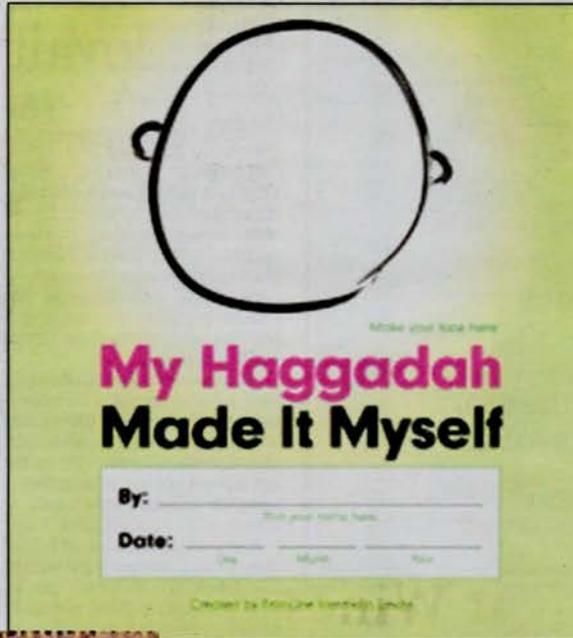
To illustrate the passage of the four children – the wise, wicked, simple and silent – the haggadah offers four blank faces in which kids are asked to draw the personalities of guests at their Seder. Blessings are written in Hebrew with English transliteration.

In retelling the Exodus story,



children are presented with an empty suitcase and asked to think about what they would take if they had to leave in a hurry. Hermelin Levite hopes the provocative questions spark conversation.

She credits her Jewish education and a family that fostered a



love of Jewish experience with the inspiration for creating the haggadah.

"I used to think I was an accidental children's book author," Hermelin Levite wrote to JTA in an email. "But given my upbringing, professional path and journey rais-

ing my kids, [writing the haggadah] seems to make the perfect sense."

Bronfman, too, has fond memories of his childhood Seders as joyful gatherings of family, but says they were uninteresting, uninformative and rote. Over his lifetime, dissatisfied with the

available haggadahs, he has cut and pasted passages from various versions to create more engaging Seders in his own home. A few years ago he decided to create his own haggadah.

"I wanted to get all the words right," he said.

The popularity of Passover offers a unique opportunity, he tells JTA.

"We have a chance to teach young people what Judaism is about," Bronfman said.

Children's author Eric Kimmel, author of "Wonders and Miracles," a Passover companion filled with art that in 2004 won a National Jewish Book award, applauds that spirit.

"If the traditional version doesn't work for you, come up with something else," he advocates, with a nod to the tradition but also with a dose of disrespect, he adds with a laugh. "What's important is to follow the biblical injunction to tell your children the story of Passover."

"The Bronfman Haggadah" is written entirely in English – Bronfman quips it's to appeal to most American Jews, who do

not know Hebrew. The reading takes about an hour-and-a-half. Unlike the traditional haggadah, Bronfman includes Moses, who he holds as a role model of a leader who asks questions and disrupts the status quo. But all the characters of the Exodus, including God, are represented as metaphor and not historical facts, he writes.

Welcoming Elijah the prophet earlier in the Seder underscores the Jewish value of welcoming in strangers, Bronfman said.

New words to the popular song "Dayenu" express gratitude for establishing a homeland in Israel. Bronfman ends the Seder with a call for spiritual peace in Jerusalem among Israelis and Palestinians, Jews and Arabs, and all warring peoples.

Notably, Bronfman expands the narrative of the traditional haggadah to include the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. While the foundation of Jewish law is the theme of Shavuot, he acknowledges that most Jews are unaware of the holiday that follows Passover.

"Freedom doesn't mean anything without the responsibility of law," Bronfman tells JTA. "To be free is a privilege we too often take for granted."

Aronson, who has fond memories of Passover Seders growing up in New Orleans, spent nearly a year working on the illustrations for the "Bronfman Haggadah," determined to avoid clichéd images. To keep the images fresh – and to entertain youngsters – she changes up the artistic styles from one page to another – some are realistic, others abstract or geometric – and also varies the mood and colors. A biblical map of the Exodus depicts the possible routes traveled by the Israelites.

For the Ten Plagues, Aronson draws a large singing insect that will capture the attention of children. Miriam's tambourine is vibrantly colored with long flowing ribbons that complement the joy described in the narrative as the Israelites escape bondage.

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As Syrian conflict rages, loyalty to Assad persists

Few Druze hold Israeli citizenship

MAJDAL SHAMS, Israel (JTA) – At first glance, the identification cards of young Druze men looked identical to those of any Israeli, with a number, photo, name and address.

The only difference is the citizenship line: Instead of listing "Israeli," most of the Druze cards are blank.

"If someone takes citizenship, he's labeled as an extremist," said Wafa Abusela, 19, sitting with his friends in a cafe in Majdal Shams, a Druze city in the northwest corner of the Golan Heights. "People won't talk to him."

A secretive offshoot of Islam, the Druze community spans the territory of Israel, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, and their allegiances are similarly fragmented. Druze who live in the Galilee are citizens of the Jewish state, but the Golan Druze rejected offers of citizenship after Israel annexed the territory in 1981, retaining their loyalty to Syria. Of the 20,000 Druze living on the Golan, only a small fraction holds Israeli citizenship.

There's little evidence to show this is changing. According to Interior Ministry figures, 20

Golan Druze requested Israeli citizenship in 2012 – a substantial jump over the two to five that did so annually in previous years, but still a minuscule percentage of the total population.

But as the Syrian civil war continues to rage just over the border, the Golan Druze say they are grateful for the stability and security that Israel affords – even as they still eschew the idea of becoming citizens, citing pressure from their parents and the fear of reprisals should the Golan ever revert to Syrian control.

"A gap between Israel and Syria is standing out now with the civil war," said Shmuel Shamai, a professor at Tel Chai College and the Golan Research Institute. "The young people talk about the subject of human rights more, and all the murder happening in Syria; the young people don't identify with it."

Young Druze, Shamai said, feel less connected to Syria than do their parents, though "they're still not going to be doing pro-Israel activity."

"People understand that there's democracy, that people can say what they want," said a Druze employee of the Inte-

rior Ministry, who has Israeli citizenship, but did not give her name because she was not authorized to speak to the media. "People here are happy with Israel. It's good for me here. I was born here."

A 25-year-old gas station attendant illustrates the competing claims on Druze loyalty. Recently returned from Syria, he knows the horror stories unfolding on the other side and feels safer in Israel, where he hopes to begin working soon as a dentist. But loyalty to his family has made adopting Israeli citizenship an impossibility.

"My father taught me that we are Syrian," he said. "The feeling is, if you don't want to be Syrian, leave the state. My home is here. My parents are here."

Druze are generally loyal to the country in which they live. Unlike Israeli Arabs, many Galilee Druze serve in the Israeli army.

But many residents of Majdal Shams consider the Golan to be Syrian and, according to some reports, still support the Assad regime. A few said the rebels

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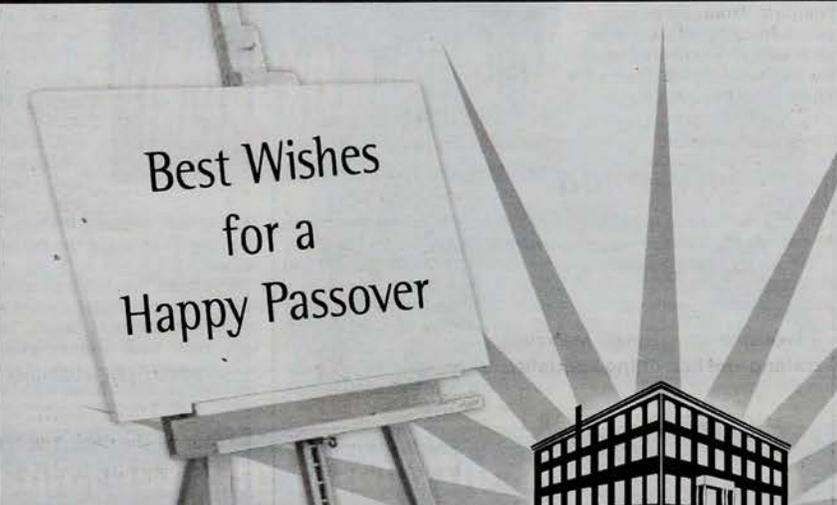
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DRUZE populace not of one mind about Israel

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are agents of foreign interests – a belief promoted by the Assad regime.

"Whoever supports foreign entities doesn't understand politics," said Sayed, 43, who was born in Majdal Shams and did not give his last name. "We support the state, and whoever supports the state supports Assad."

Despite their divided loyalties, the Druze community is often held up as an exemplar of the Jewish state's success in protecting the rights of ethnic minorities, with Jewish tour

groups routinely making stops in Druze villages to enjoy local hospitality.

"We and the Druze live in full cooperation," said Ori Kalner, deputy head of the Golan Regional Council.

Druze contractors have managed much of the Golan's recent construction, Kalner said, and the council is developing a shared industrial park with Majdal Shams.

Still, there's a sense among some Druze that Israel's rule over the Golan won't last forever. The Interior Ministry employee said that fear of an

Israeli withdrawal keeps many residents from taking Israeli citizenship or openly supporting the rebels. Residents are scared, she said, that should Assad survive and come to regain control of the Golan some-

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day, they will be punished for betrayal.

"In the end, we'll go to Syria," said Safi Awwad, who says he feels "almost" like an Israeli. "The Golan belongs to Syria."

Rafi Skandar disagreed, insisting that parental pressure against accepting Israeli citizenship would recede.

"In another five years," Skandar said, "everyone will have Israeli citizenship."

KSA eighth-grade students travel to Israel

By RICHARD WEBER AND
KSA STUDENTS
Special to The Voice & Herald

NORWOOD, Mass. – Thirty-three 8th graders' pilgrimage from Kehillah Schechter Academy in Norwood to Israel began with a bus ride from Norwood to New York's JFK Airport.

Ten hours later, their flight landed at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for the start of a historic and memorable 12 days. During their trip, an annual event for KSA eighth graders, they toured Israel's most sacred and historic sites, including Jerusalem, the Negev and Masada.

Students met with nanotechnologists from Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, and visited Rambam Hospital in Haifa, to which they gave \$1,500 that they had raised.

They reinforced their year-long collaborative science project, "New innovations in diagnosis and treatment of cancer – are we winning the battle?" with students from their sister school, Ironi Gimel, in Haifa.

Some local students recount some of their unforgettable experiences, below.

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SECOND family exerts powerful influences on children

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family' – parents, siblings, etc. At the same time that parents began to feel out-of-control, many of them had less access to, and time with, their children, due to single parenting, longer commutes between work and home as suburbs grew and as they competed with technology for their children's time and attention.

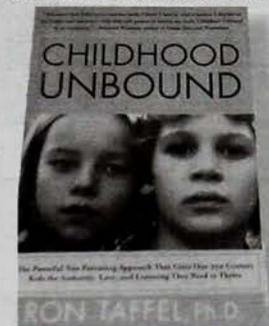
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Puzzle Clues

Across

- Like the Negev
- "Am I glad that's over!"
- Port of Senegal
- Temple destroyer in 70 CE
- It may be taken with a Bible
- Avoid artfully
- Rush order?
- Italian for "barley"
- Location of the Pletzl (historical Jewish neighborhood)
- Martyred "Wall Street Journal" journalist
- Network for Kyra Sedgwick's "The Closer"
- Feminist psychologist Gilligan
- Torah ___ (hidden message in the Bible)
- Precisely right
- Part of Oral Law not included in the Mishnah
- Antiapartheid org.
- Oldest synagogue in the U.S., in Newport, R.I.
- JTS Chancellor Arnold
- Double DLI

- Former network for anti-Israel commentator Pat Buchanan
- Glitch
- She sits near Ruth and Stephen
- Figure skater Cohen
- Hamburg-to-Berlin dir.
- Summoned
- "New Math" songwriter Tom
- Aaron Spelling's daughter
- Incline
- "Exodus" hero
- Economist in the Clinton and Obama administrations
- Pianist Bronfman
- Sasquatch cousin
- Gossip Barrett
- "J'accuse!" author Zola
- Joe Klein's sometime alias, for short
- Kaufman of "Taxi" fame
- British Chief Rabbi Jonathan
- French judge Cassin
- Proto-Zionist Moses

Down

- MIA Ron
- Auschwitz heroine Roberta
- "___ excellent driver" (Rain Man)
- Portray
- Place to find a cue
- "___ Speaks" (1962 autobiography)
- Initials for the Irgun
- "Hold it, buster!"
- Regret deeply
- "___ Juive" (Jewish-style dish)
- German socialist revolutionary
- "A Guide to Jewish Prayer" author Steinsaltz
- Enjoy Shabbat
- Which wall to hang your Mizrach on
- Orthodox clergy org.
- Candidate's perch
- "Spider-Man" actor Franco
- Esau, to Gad
- Scholarly, in a way
- Dylan and Saget
- Bedevil

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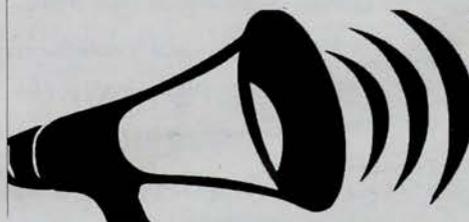
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Unfulfilled ambitions

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column appeared in a past issue of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*. As Tema continues to feel a bit "under the weather," we have reprinted one of her earlier columns.

Young children are often heard saying, "When I grow up, I want to be (something)."



**AS WE
GROW OLDER**

TEMA GOUSE

As we mature, the phrase is modified to say, "Someday, I would like to (do something)."

And when we grow old, with dwindling amounts of time for accomplishment or satisfac-

tion, we change the phrase to "I wish I had (done something)."

Unfulfilled ambition is often an itch that never goes away.

Even the luckiest and most accomplished of us can look back and realize how many disappointments we experienced and how often we had to settle for less. Or often for nothing. Feelings of frustration or deprivation can color unrelated parts of our lives.

If we could scan the psyches of each old person, we would find some unfulfilled ambition or aspiration in each one. For some, the regrets are superficial. Others bury them because surfacing them is too painful. It is the fortunate person who can bury them so that they do not affect our accomplishments.

If we listen carefully to the description of an unfulfilled ambition, we sometimes detect the underlying disappointment. Others make the statements but successfully mask the depth of their feelings of failure.

Young children and teenagers have wonderful dreams that evolve and change with each year of emotional growth. The wishes of the young are often fantasies. Even they realize they may never be fulfilled.

In the fifth grade, I was sure that if some fairy godmother gave me enough angora sweaters, I would be the most popular girl in my class. (You do remember angora sweaters, don't you?)

In high school, I was convinced that my scarcity of admiring beaus was completely attributable to my undersized bosom. Ambitions can be relative to social situations as well as professional achievements.

Later on, I wanted to become a famous writer. But I never saw my name in print until after my 70th birthday. This fantasy was so entrenched that I thought I would have to have a name change because I could not envision the Pulitzer Prize being awarded to Tema Raisa Pomrenze Gouse.

When I started to study piano at age 62, I was certain that the critics at my Carnegie Hall would really be impressed that such an aged person could be so talented. Never happened. Neither did the writing award.

On a more serious level, most of us aspire to making significant contributions in our professions and to receive the corresponding accolades. Few are so blessed.

When we are young, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, we have

visions of helping to cure the world of some of its evils and making life better for the underprivileged. In our middle years, we invest some of our energies in those pursuits. When we are old, we make peace with the fact that there are limits to the capacity of an individual to have a real impact and that society may really be on a downward course. That resignation is high on my frustration list.

**"WHEN WE ARE
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So you make peace with what you have accomplished. I can proudly say that I earned my salary every day that I worked and maybe helped a few people in their troubled times. And if I did not cure the ills of the world, maybe teaching my children to value others was a fulfilled ambition.

I am not a bundle of frustrations. But was it too much to

want a shapely figure? Half of my life, I was painfully thin; the other half, I was pleasingly plump. I have never been indigent and never been rich. But would it have upset some great and happy plan if I were a little bit richer?

The disappointments of senior citizens are quite varied. Some mothers feel unfulfilled because they never had a daughter - just sons. (Foolish ladies - sons are much easier to raise than daughters.) Many men feel unsatisfied because they did not reach their professional goals. (Foolish men - the incidence of GERD and cardiac diseases is much higher at the executive level.)

Symphony orchestras usually have only one conductor and one concertmaster, so there are multiple disappointed musicians. Private enterprises are loaded with failures and depressed men. And if we expected our offspring to be more achieving than we are, we may experience more unfulfilled ambitions.

Dreaming and aspiring are natural. Accepting mediocrity or failure is painful. It is the wise (but rare) senior who lists life's presents before narrating his disappointments. There is a healthy aspect to having ambitions, even if we never satisfy them. Without ambition, there would be no ambition. It is better to struggle than to never aspire.

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Program panelists are:

- Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, of Congregation Agudas Achim, a Reconstructionist synagogue, will offer insight into how Judaic teaching and law provide useful guidelines when we face challenging end-of-life decisions for our loved ones and ourselves.

- Nicole Jellinek, M.T.S., L.I.C.S.W., therapist and licensed clinical social worker, who moderate the panel and



Judith Lynn Gordon

address issues confronting individuals and families.

- Judith Lynn Gordon, R.N., B.S.N., community outreach manager for Dyer-Lake Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC, and a former manager of hospice for Community VNA of Attleboro, will speak about hospice and palliative care and offer practical caregiving suggestions.

- Jay M. Elias, Esq., president of Dyer-Lake Charitable Foundation, Inc. and an attorney with many years of experience in the field of healthcare law, will discuss some legal aspects of end-of-life care, including advance directives, confidentiality, competence and consent.

The details of and applications to specific situations are often complex and difficult, but an understanding of Jewish law may help guide conversations and decisions.

The evening program is intended to help families, caregivers and healthcare professionals, regardless of denomination, to be better prepared to manage end-of-life situations.

The program, free and open to the community, will be held at Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, MA. The program will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

RSVP REQUIRED: 508-222-2243.

Remembering Herbert C. Lichtman, M.D.

The late doctor's contributions were far-reaching

When our memories falter, the heroes of yesterday are only dimly remembered today. But certainly those who have contributed materially to the welfare of our Rhode Island community should not be wholly forgotten. One such contributor was the late Dr. Herbert C. Lichtman.



SCIENCE & SOCIETY

STANLEY ARONSON, M.D.

Dr. Lichtman was born in Brooklyn in 1921, the only son of a local dentist and his wife. He was educated in the public schools of his borough and then attended Brooklyn College, a branch of the City University of New York. He graduated from the Long Island College of Medicine. Shortly thereafter, he joined the U.S. Army as a captain in its medical corps.

Lichtman's mobile medi-

cal unit accompanied General George Patton's armies through France and into the southern provinces of Germany.

His mobile hospital unit traveled to a town about 16 kilometers northwest of Munich, the site of the infamous Dachau Concentration Camp (*Konzentrationslager KZ*). The camp for political prisoners was established in March of 1933, a mere two months after Hitler came to power in Germany. It was one of many camps with the memorably cynical adage at its entrance gate: "*Arbeit Macht Frei*" ("Work makes [you] free").

While the Dachau Concentration Camp had been built to house about 5,000 political prisoners, it handled more than 200,000 in the first five years of its sordid existence. The Germans, famous for their meticulous recordkeeping, noted 25,613 prisoner deaths from 1933 until the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

Lichtman's army unit cared for about 32,000 political prisoners then housed in 69 Dachau barracks. The mortality rate

had been about 200 deaths per day, largely the effects of chronic malnutrition, abysmal hygienic care, rampant typhus, debilitating gastrointestinal disorders and suicide. Lichtman's unit brought the mortality rate down to about 50 per day within weeks.

After the war, Lichtman returned to civilian life for graduate training in clinical hematology at hospitals in New York, Utah and London. He was then recruited to a professorship at his alma mater in Brooklyn, now known as the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center.

Lichtman's research endeavors on the nutritional and genetic substrates of anemia, particularly in certain ethnic groups brought him much national prominence. And when The Miriam Hospital sought to expand its Department of Laboratory Medicine into a major academic division in 1970, it recruited Lichtman to be the director of clinical pathology and hematologist within its Department of Medicine. The collaboration between Licht-

man and The Miriam Hospital was a felicitous one; within a few years, he was appointed to head the hospital's Department of Medicine while simultaneously being named a professor of medical science in Brown

Brown University's chair of the Department of Medicine.

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Rhode Island immensely benefited from Herb's three decades of creative and compassionate caring. He died in 2000.

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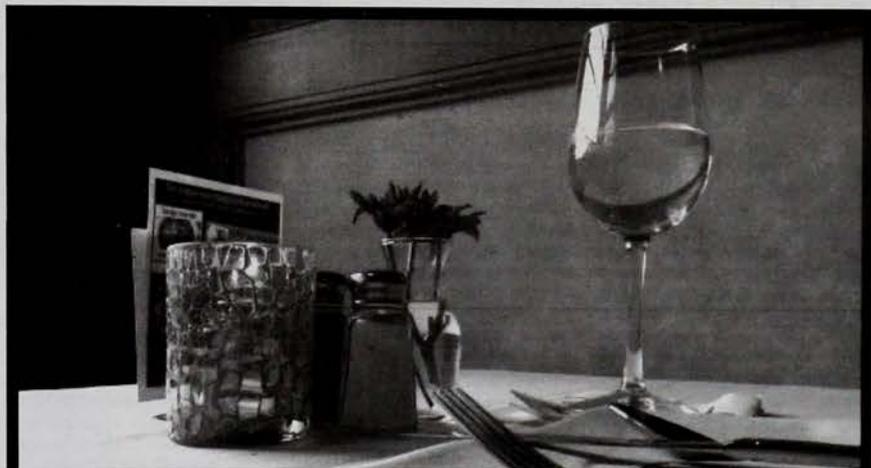
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JCDSRI search for head of school underway

Two candidates speak to parents, teachers and community members

By NANCY KIRSCH
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PROVIDENCE – The Jewish community had opportunities to meet the final two candidates to lead the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island.

One of three candidates is expected to be selected to replace current head Renee (Irene) Rudnick, who announced her resignation, effective at the end of this academic year, some months ago.

The Voice & Herald reported on the visit by the first candidate, Allison Oakes, in the Feb. 28 issue.

Adam Tilove

Describing his eclectic Jewish upbringing that offered exposure to and a bit of experience in every movement – from Reconstructionist and Reform to Conservative and *haredi*, ultra-Orthodox – Adam Tilove said that he prays at either an egalitarian Orthodox minyan or a Reform synagogue, “depending on who has a better kiddush,” he joked. “I’m a walking plurality... I’m post-denominational.”

He spoke at the Alliance on Wednesday, March 6.

Clear about the fact that he “doesn’t own the truth,” he asked, “Who am I to say that there is one God, *Ha-Shem*, and not many Hindu gods?”

Tilove calls his choice to live as a Jew is one that makes him more patient, more creative. “Before I even believe in God, I believe in Judaism ... a force for good,” he said.

Asserting that *how* students learn is more important than *what* they learn, Tilove believes students must learn how to disagree, negotiate and compro-

mise on a common set of goals.

Given a choice between the noise and energy of students’ studying in pairs, arguing and shouting and table-banging at a traditional *beit midrash*, house of study, and the silence and isolation of students studying independently in a modern university library, Tilove prefers the former.

Compromise, collaboration are key

Life, he said, is about what we do with each other in community; skills of negotiation and compromise can be taught to students while they are learning math or science or English, for example.

Tilove, an art teacher, readily acknowledged that he has no experience as a head of school. Yet, he said, a head is still a teacher.

Asserting that he can effectively support teachers, in part, by being a great listener and asking good questions, he added, “I think big and I have exciting ideas about Jewish education; I want to be in a dynamic community.”

Helping with homework

Touching on the topic of homework, Tilove proposed a workshop to help parents find the “sweet spot” between refusing to help at all with homework and actually doing the work for their children. “Parents aren’t educators,” he said, yet it’s important that parents and educators together support kids.

Asked about his institutional advancement experience, Tilove, a former business owner who expressed his comfort with finances, acknowledged, “My

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experience is in the trenches [as a teacher], but I am not at all daunted or afraid of making the ask." The best salesmen, he noted, are those who believe in the product. "I believe in the product [of a community day school]. It's good for the Jews, it's good for [all]."

Sharon Pollin

Like Tilove, Sharon Pollin views community day schools as a resource in which parents, teachers and the larger Jewish community collaborate so that everyone, most especially the children, can thrive.

Pollin laughingly confessed to the group who gathered at the Alliance on March 11 that she used to skip school because, "My Hebrew teacher was so mean."

She preferred the informal Jewish education she acquired by spending time with her grandmother to studying with the mean "Morah [teacher] Batya."

Today, she believes that schools should offer joyful, warm and nourishing environments in which students can grow.

Declaring that parents play a critically important role in child-centered schools, Pollin said that when parents connect with their children in sacred ways – such as learning to bless their children – it's "irreplaceable ... [it's] our gift we've been given by our heritage."

Pollin, like Tilove, adheres to a philosophy that today's students must learn the art and skill of compromise, collaboration and teamwork. "We don't know where we're going [in society today]," said Pollin, noting that teachers are no longer the source of all information and answers for students.

Pollin, whose youngest child will graduate high school this year, said she's ready for a geographic change, especially given the small size of the Jewish community in Portland, Ore.

Asked to describe a healthy relationship between a school's board and head, Pollin cited these characteristics: Everyone sharing the same vision, establishing priorities for action, identifying what each party is better at doing, openly communicating and supporting one another in the best interests of the school.



Adam Tilove



Sharon Pollin

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other in the best interests of the school.

Hebrew's role needs defining

While noting that Hebrew is integral to a Jewish community day school, Pollin asked, "In what form? [It's a] modern language, a language of liturgy and prayer, text, ancient..." The conversations about what Hebrew language instruction should be offered in a day school, she said, "tend to be nebulous and hard to define."

Acknowledging, too, that Jewish people don't move quickly in decision-making, Pollin said that she wouldn't presume to initiate changes quickly. "The school has a history, foundation, vision and mission ... [I] don't want to start from scratch."

Branding a great product or service is inherently valuable

Pollin, who holds extensive classroom, family engagement and educational consulting experience but little background in fundraising and development, believes the greatest tool is a "great product."

Referencing branding's value – something she learned after working in the hotel industry for a year – Pollin said that branding is reinforced and understood when all individuals and entities involved in an organization align their behaviors and actions to conform to the entity's vision.

Deborah Skolnick Einhorn, head of the search committee, was not able to provide a timeline on a hiring decision. The search committee will make

its decision, she said; its recommendation will be submitted to the JCDSRI board for its action.

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BY RABBI BARRY
DOLINGER

Special to The Voice & Herald

Last year, President Barack Obama concluded his Passover Seder with an interesting addition. After the singing of *Had Gadya* (traditionally the final song in the Seder service), participants in the White House

Seder took turns reciting sections of the Emancipation Proclamation, thus creating a bridge between the core message of Passover, a distant and remote cultic festival of an ancient people, the Israelites, and the powerful modern outgrowth of the same concept of racial equality. President Obama's serving as the Seder leader further reinforced this message.

While many staffers joked that gefilte fish wasn't usually on many White House menus, the conclusion of the White House Seder affords us the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Passover.

As United States citizens, western Jews tend to speak of Passover in western terms. Clearly, the holiday is about the benefits of freedom and the evils of slavery. It also celebrates the triumph of the oppressed, and refutes the notion that "might makes right."

Egypt was the most powerful nation in the ancient world, while the Israelites were just a petty tribal family, oppressed and enslaved because of their minority status, unique identity and strange customs. All of these notions speak to the heart of core liberal democratic values, so it is easy to simply assume that this is what Passover is about. However, that offers only a partial – and misleading – picture of the meaning of the holiday, and it behooves us to consider the holiday's full meaning and its implications for our lives.

God's language when he first commands Moses is instructive: "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: Israel is my first-born son.' I have said to you, 'Let My son go that he may worship Me,' yet you refuse to let him go. Now I will slay your first-born son." (Exodus 4:22-23)

In this statement, all of the emphasis is, surprisingly, on worshipping God, with no reference to the immorality of forced physical labor or the unconscionable notion that humans can own other humans as physical property.

Further, throughout the story, as the Egyptians are being afflicted with plagues, Moses' request to Pharaoh is simply to allow the Israelites a holiday to worship their God: "The Lord said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh

and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews: Let My people go to worship Me.'" (Exodus 9:1)

In the well-known Civil War-era slave spiritual, though, Moses is alleged to have said merely, "Let my people go"; the song omits the conclusion of his request: "to worship [God]."

According to the biblical text, Moses' complaints are not centered on the immorality of slavery but rather on the affirmative notion that God must be worshipped; slavery merely obstructs the path.

Generally speaking, the civic

worship God through the pursuit of a moral and ethical life is too often overlooked and too easy to forget in our society.

"You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 29:20)

The goal of freedom is the exercise of responsibility.

Time, which has a way of turning things on their heads, allows for the creation of circumstances previously unimaginable. During the Seder, symbols such as the *maror* (bitter herbs), *haroset* and the broken middle matzah compel us to imagine the life of a slave devoid of hope, and require us to confront those elements in our lives to which we are still enslaved.

At the same time, the four cups of wine, festive meal, presence of family and friends and yes, the matzah again, confirm our current freedoms and markedly changed circumstances. In ancient times we were at the bottom, but today we are on top.

Perhaps the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation at the Passover Seder represents more than a superficial connection to modern notions of freedom. Once, we were slaves, freed by the proclamation of God through his prophet Moses. Today, we are empowered, free to liberate others and issue proclamations of our own.

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Website may ease bereavement burdens

Florida woman created website after a challenging shivah experience

If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, dealing with well-intentioned friends and neighbors calling to ask about shivah, services, donations and meals might be more than you can handle.

It was just that experience after the death of her mother that led Sharon Rosen, of Boca Raton, Fla., to research a "better way" to help grieving families. According to information from the Spring 2013 Issue of Reform Judaism, Rosen created ShivaConnect.com, a complimentary website offering Jewish families assistance, coordination and resources during the period of bereavement.

Families can easily share funeral and shivah information on a personal shivah registry page, which also allows people to read eulogies and send messages to the mourners. Site offerings include prayers, healing songs and messages, shivah guidelines and suggestions. Meal deliveries can be coordinated and streamlined, and information about where to send donations is also provided. Mourners can also get a yearly yahrzeit reminder, via email.

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culture of the United States is one of personal autonomy rather than responsibility to others. The U.S. Constitution carefully and deliberately grants each of us specific rights to which we are entitled. It does not demand that we vote, serve in the military or do much service to our fellow citizens, other than leaving them alone.

The Passover story compels us to build on our beloved freedoms by asking ourselves the simple question, "to what end?"

Freedom from the constraints of physical and emotional oppression is a necessary first step; this point is easy to emphasize and relate to, especially in our society. That freedom fundamentally requires us to

OBITUARIES

Beatrice Beer

CRANSTON – Beatrice Beer died March 1. She was a woman of humor and strength whose heart was as big as her personality.

She leaves her children Gary Beer, Laurie Ragosta and Robin Benedetto; her sister Esther Bernstein; her grandchildren and many friends.

Contributions may be made to Jewish Family Service.

Avis H. (Ginsberg) Cohen

HARTFORD, Conn. – Avis Cohen was born April 3, 1931 in Providence, and died Feb. 27. She was the daughter of the late Louis and Ada (Marks) Ginsberg.

A 1949 graduate of Hope High School, she was married for 52 years to Bernard "Bill" Cohen

of New York; they lived in Newington, Conn.



She leaves her three children, Alison Cohen Kaplan (Kenneth) of Boston, Mass.; Jason of Roanoke, Va. and

Paul (Sandra) Cohen of Berlin, Conn. Her sister Sandra Ginsberg of Providence survives her; her sisters Muriel Krasnow of Fall River, Mass., and Selma Nasberg of West Warwick predeceased her.

She leaves her nieces and nephews and her grandchildren Abigail and Asher Kaplan, Michelle and Peter Cohen, and Lydia Cohen; and her friends Shirley Leiber, Barbara Katz

and the late Carol Khentigan, with whom she enjoyed Mahjongg and casinos in Connecticut.

William Gelberg, 87

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. – William Gelberg, formerly of Warwick and Cranston, died March 5. He was the husband of Denise (Castiel) Gelberg for 62 years.

He was a district manager of Equitable Life Assurance Society of N.Y., retiring in 1984.

He was a World War II Merchant Marine veteran, serving in the Atlantic, the European theatre, and with Israel defense forces during the War of Independence.

He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, American Veterans of Israel and the Masons' Trowel Club.

He was the father of Helene Arbor of Cranston and the late Ann Rose and grandfather of Ashley and Austin Arbor.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 3004, Warwick, RI 02886.

Rosalie Chernick Gilstein, 98

PROVIDENCE – Rosalie Gilstein died Feb. 5. She was the wife of the late William Gilstein.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Israel and Tillie (Berger) Chernick.

She was a cosmetics consultant for many years at the Peerless Department Store and an Avon representative for 25 years before retiring in 2010.

She leaves her daughters Gayle Nevins and her husband

Jerry and Cheryl Gilstein, her brother Dr. Warren Chernick and his wife Marsha, her grandchild Traci Green and her husband David and her great-grandson Nevin Green. She was the grandmother of the late Marc Nevins and sister of the late David and Melvin Chernick, Frances Fishlock and Ethel Dluznowski. She also leaves her sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Segool Goldblatt

WOODBURY, N.Y. – Dorothy Goldblatt died March 3.

The daughter of Matthew E. and Jeanette (Goldstein) Segool, she was born Jan. 10, 1924 in Boston, Mass.

As a child, she moved to Prov-

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idence. After her 1942 graduation from Hope High School, she enrolled in Pembroke College.



Due to World War II, she was in an accelerated program and graduated with honors in 1944.

Brown University remained an important part of her life.

She was married to Burton D. Goldblatt from August 1945 until his death in 2007.

She was a social worker for the State of Rhode Island. Over a 30-year career, she distinguished herself first with her many years with the Department of Child Welfare and later with the Department of Health.

During her career, she received many accolades and, at retirement, a commendation from the governor.

After retiring, she moved to Florida.

She leaves two sons, Richard A. (Donna) of Naples, Fla., and Narragansett, and Dr. Robert B. (Sandra) of Huntington, N.Y. and Narragansett. The grandmother of Lori and Jeffrey of Atlanta, Ga.; Gregory and his wife Julie of Cincinnati, Ohio; Jenna of Boston, Mass.; and Amy of Huntington, N.Y., she also leaves a great-grandchild, Kirsten Ann, who was born Feb. 17.

Contributions may be made to Senior Programs at Jewish Family and Community Services, 5025 Castello Drive, Naples, FL 34103, Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906 or the charity of one's choice.

Lewis Miles Krohn, 90

RYE, N.Y. - Lewis Krohn died Feb. 28.

He was born in Utica, N.Y. in 1922 to Ralph and Rose (Fink) Krohn. He was married to the late Shirley (Rich) Krohn for 58 years and is survived by his two

children Lisa and Steven Krohn and daughter-in-law Samantha Scott Krohn.

An investment banker at Lehman Bros, Ira Haupt and Wertheim & Co., he was a 1944 graduate of Harvard and a 1946 graduate of Harvard Business School. He was Harvard Campaign Class (1944) Chairman, 1981-84 and in 1988.

His clients ranged from Bill Levitt (Levittown) to Charles Bluhdorn (Gulf & Western). He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Field Artillery.

He served as president of Temple Beth Ami in Scarsdale, N.Y., and Temple Beth Am Shalom in White Plains, N.Y., as well as vice chairman of LHP, Local Housing Partnership, Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield.

During the past 15 years, he lived in Rye.

Donations may be made to Jewish War Veterans Department of Rhode Island, P.O. Box 100064, Cranston, RI 02910.

Ruth (Gordon) Ohlund, 87

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Ruth Ohlund died March 4. She was the wife of the late Ralph Buchbinder and the late Evan S. Ohlund.

Born in Boston, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah (Segal) Gordon.

She was an elementary school teacher for 22 years before retiring in 1987. A volunteer with the National Council of Jewish Women, she received many awards for her service.

She leaves her son David Buchbinder and his companion Judy Sciaky, her brother Melvin Gordon and her grandson Raphael Buchbinder. She was the sister of the late Murray Gordon and Bernard Gordon.

Contributions may be made to the National Council of Jewish Women, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1901, New York, NY 10115.

Michael J. Ryvicker, 70

PROVIDENCE - Michael Ryvicker died March 1. He was the husband of Bonnie (Engel) Ryvicker of Providence. They were married for 48 years.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Lee and Ann (Shane) Ryvicker, he had lived in Rhode Island for 38 years. He was a dedicated diagnostic radiologist at The Miriam Hospital and its offices until his retirement in 2012.

He was a Public Health Service veteran, serving at the Staten Island Public Health Service Hospital. A member of Temple Emanu-El and a graduate of Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, he interned at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital and was a resident at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, N.Y.

He was the father of Kenneth Ryvicker and his wife Bonnie of Needham, Mass., Sari Mansheim and her husband Ben of Yad Binyamin, Israel and Miriam Ryvicker of Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the grandfather of Reyna, Jacob, Eric, Ariella, Chana, Tehilla, Akiva, Asher and Emuna.

Contributions may be made to Jewish Family Service, 959 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

Paula Simons, 85

PAWTUCKET - Paula Simons died March 4. She was the wife of the late Philip Simons.

Born in Hartford, Conn., a daughter of the late Frank and Stella (Aronofsky) Block, she was a longtime resident of Pawtucket.

She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and Ledge-mont and Crestwood country clubs. She was the mother of Elaine Kenner and her husband Alan of Sarasota, Fla., and Arlene Goldberg and her late husband, Lee, of Havertown, Pa. The sister of Barbara Hecker of Pawtucket and Phyllis Leventhal of Warrington, Penn., she was the grandmother of Allison, Michael, Lisa, Robert and

Rachel and the great-grandmother of Harvey.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 3004, Warwick, RI 02886.

Merwin Summer

SEATTLE, Wash. - Merwin Summer died Feb. 22.

He was the husband of the late Anne (Naimark) Summer.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Simon J. and Pauline (Leichter) Summer.

A 1943 graduate of RI School of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences, he served



in Europe during World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a longtime member of Touro Fraternal Association and Temple Beth Torah in Cranston.

He was the co-owner, with his brother Leonard, of the former Merlen Pharmacy in Warwick.

He is survived by his children Steven J. Summer and his wife Loraine of Denver, Colo., Philip D. Summer and his wife Angela of Seattle, Wash., and Barry N. Summer and his wife Pamela Ross of Washington, D.C.; brother Leonard Summer of Narragansett; grandchildren Ari, Jason and Mark; and step-grandchildren Theodore and Madeleine. He was the brother of the late Sayre Summer.

Contributions may be made to the Anne Summer Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund, Jewish Community Services - Jewish Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, 5750 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215.

Morris "Moishe" Zenofsky, 74

WEST WARWICK - Morris Zenofsky died Feb. 28. Born in Providence, the son of the late Isaac and Sabena



(Miller) Zenofsky, he was a lifelong Rhode Island resident who served in the Navy from 1956 to

1962 in an air unit. He was also an avid square dancer.

He leaves his son Steve Zenofsky, his daughters Lynda Golditch, Cynthia Zenofsky and Debbie Becker, his sister Rosalie Gleckman and three grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

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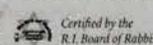
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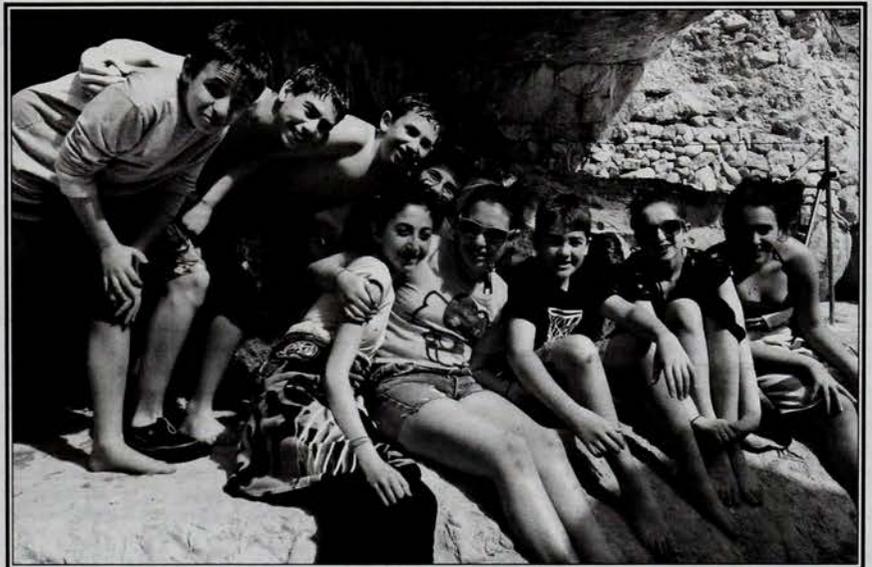
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Ariel Weil, top left, of Providence, participated in the visit to Ein Gedi, Israel.

STUDENTS reflect on their excursions in the Holy Land

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meaningful. I had only read and heard about Jerusalem, which had fascinating history and culture. We went to the Blind Museum in Tel Aviv where we could imagine what it was like to be blind."

Josh Brandes

"The class trip to Israel ... [had] the perfect proportion of sightseeing, exploring and learning.

In addition to breathtaking scenery and epic history, I was surprised by the Dead Sea's buoyancy, due to large amounts of salt in the water. I could not touch the ground, even in only four feet of water.

I was also surprised by how many cats we encountered, especially in Jerusalem. Groups of cats gathered at every corner and we competed to see who would first spot a cat. This game kept us alert to our surroundings."

Ariel Friedberg

"We really bonded as a grade. We visited the Old City, climbed Masada, swam in the Dead Sea, toured Tel Aviv and met some awesome kids at our sister school. It was great!"

Aaron Jennis

"The trip allowed me to spend time with the kids I've grown up with; it was a great bonding experience. One of the most memorable experiences occurred when we crawled into and through these tiny caves in southern Israel. Although it was scary, the experience was memorable. Jews in ancient times ... trying to escape from the Romans had dug these tunnels and we were able to follow that same path.

This was my second time in Israel. Israel's diversity ... shows the strength of the country that all these different people can live together in relative peace.

Israel is a place like no other. I remember the different land-

scapes and how they changed. In one 5-hour bus ride, we went from the Dead Sea and Masada to Haifa - going from the desert to green grass to a big city."

Emmett Stein

"It was Friday night and we had lit the Shabbat candles. As soon as we walked into the Old City of Jerusalem, we were in an urban culture that was foreign to us. Bar mitzvah ceremonies were happening on the streets, no shops were open and everyone was going to the Kotel to pray. Clearly, it was a very different Shabbat experience for most of us.

Being in Israel brought me closer to my class and my friends, and it brought me closer to Judaism. When we were standing at the Kotel, our tour guide said something I will never forget.

He said, "Right now you are the representative for the Jewish people. All around the world Jews are focusing their prayers to this spot! What do you think?"

I was speechless!"

Jeremiah Bermel

"My Israel trip changed my views of Judaism and Zionism because it made me more aware of how Israel operates.

We saw thousands of soldiers praying at the Western Wall who are fighting for the right to do so.

It was interesting to see how tight-knit the community of Israel is. Friends or not, the majority of people there are Jewish and, for that reason, they seem to get along. Our sister school Ironi Gimel was very respectful of us.

I want to go back to Israel and help support it, maybe even by joining the Israeli army, the IDF."

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Torat Yisrael announces plans for dedication of new synagogue building

June weekend to include special Shabbat services, dedication ceremony

EAST GREENWICH – Temple Torat Yisrael will make history during the June 7-9 weekend, as it celebrates *Hanukat ha-Bayit* (the dedication) of the congregation's new synagogue building. In addition, that Shabbat will feature special services and the dedication ceremony. *Tekes Hanukat ha-Bayit*, will be held Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

Torat Yisrael President Susan Smoller invites the entire Rhode Island Jewish community to participate.

"Our congregation looks forward to celebrating this moment with everyone who has encouraged us and wished us well over the course of our journey from Cranston to East Greenwich," said Smoller, in a statement.

Building construction is now in the final stages. The completion of Torat Yisrael's new building will mark a milestone moment for not only the synagogue, but also for East Greenwich and the greater Rhode Island Jewish community. Torat Yisrael, a Conservative synagogue previously located in Cranston, is the first synagogue established in East Greenwich, which was founded in 1677.

In a presentation to syna-



TEMPLE TORAT YISRAEL

The configuration of windows in the exterior wall of the new chapel suggests the seven-branched menorah first described in the book of Exodus.

gogue congregants last month. Michael Isaacs, Town Council president, welcomed the congregation as an enriching addition to the town's cultural and spiritual life.

Temple Torat Yisrael of East Greenwich offers opportunities

for learning, spiritual growth and worship to Jewish residents of the area for the first time in Rhode Island history.

"We invite Jewish residents of East Greenwich, North Kingstown and other neighboring areas to let us know what sort of

Jewish engagement they seek," said Rabbi Amy Levin in the statement. Enrollment in the synagogue's religious school has more than doubled in the last few years, she said. "Our volunteer base is constantly enriched by new faces, and we are

all open to creating new and inspiring Jewish experiences in the East Greenwich area."

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WILL Obama's visit have a positive impact?

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That was the message Obama delivered March 6 in a meeting with about 25 Jewish community figures at the White House to discuss his planned trip to Israel later this month. Obama was especially engaged, participants said, when it came to discussing how he might best convey to the Israeli people his enthusiasm for Israel and its Jewish history.

Participants were under strict instructions to speak to news media only in the most general terms, and most of the participants contacted by JTA hewed to that stricture. Two participants, however, shared notes on the particulars and a third confirmed those accounts.

According to participants, Obama appeared weary and was emphatic about not bringing any "grandiose" plan for Middle East peace to the region. He said he would, however, counsel the parties against making "unilateral" moves. He did not elaborate, but U.S. references to unilateralism generally refer to Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank and Palestinian attempts to achieve statehood recognition.

Obama reportedly rejected an



Jordan's King Abdullah



A pensive President Obama

Michael Oren,
Israel's ambassador to Washington

entreaty from one participant to stake out a harder line on Iran's suspected nuclear weapons program, emphasizing that

"THE PROSPECTS FOR peace continue to go through the Palestinians."

a military option was still on the table even though he preferred to first exhaust diplomatic options. Officials from the major powers, led by the United

States, are meeting with Iran in Istanbul later this month to negotiate terms for making Iran's nuclear program more transparent.

Obama said he would not engage in "chest beating" to make people feel better. He also said it's natural for the United States and Israel to have differing assessments of how advanced Iran is in its nuclear quest. Such differences are a matter of interpretation, the president said, and exist within Israel's political and security establishments as well.

When he goes to Israel, Obama plans to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is still attempting to cobble

together a government after January's election. Obama also will meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and will travel to Jordan to meet with King Abdullah.

Obama told the Jewish participants that he thinks prospects for peace are "bleak," but added: "That doesn't mean six or nine or 12 months from now we won't be in the midst of a policy initiative."

Obama said he would tell the Israelis that "the prospects for peace continue to go through the Palestinians."

A White House official confirmed that the president would not be seeking a specific outcome from this visit.

"The president noted that the trip is not dedicated to resolving a specific policy issue but is rather an opportunity to consult with the Israeli government about a broad range of issues - including Iran, Syria, the situation in the region and the peace process," the official said. "He also underscored that the trip is an opportunity for him to speak directly to the Israeli people about the history, interests, and values that we share."

Obama seemed more enthusiastically engaged, participants said, when he was seeking input from them on how best to reach out to Israelis and make them feel secure about the U.S.-Israel alliance. The exchange took up the bulk of the meeting, with Obama fielding more than a dozen questions and suggestions over 45 minutes.

Nathan Diament, Washington director of the Orthodox Union, said that he counseled the president to emphasize the Jewish connection to the land.

"I underscored the need for him to go to a place where he can ... speak about the millennia of connection between the Jewish people and Israel," said Diament, who spoke under conditions that allowed participants to relay their own words to reporters.

Israeli and U.S. officials have grappled with which venues would best convey Obama's outreach effort. One factor is security; Israeli officials have told

their American counterparts that securing Obama outside the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv corridor is daunting, which limits his options.

Aside from official meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and dinner at the home of President Shimon Peres, who will present Obama with a medal, nothing has been confirmed.

A visit to Jerusalem's Old City is still under consideration, as is a tour of an Iron Dome missile defense battery, a system Obama funded and which successfully protected Israel from rocket attacks during the Gaza Strip war last November.

Obama wants to speak to "young people," White House officials have said, and Israeli officials reportedly are working on a venue that could accommodate a large crowd of university students, probably in Jerusalem.

In a separate interview with JTA, Michael Oren, Israel's ambassador to Washington, said Israelis look forward to the visit because of the message it will send.

"In terms of Israel, the timing of the trip could not be better because it reassures us in a period of profound instability throughout the region, and sends an unequivocal message throughout the region about the strength and vitality of the U.S.-Israel alliance," Oren said.

In addition to the Orthodox Union, participants at the meeting included representatives of AIPAC, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, J Street, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, B'nai B'rith International, the Conservative and Reform movements, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, Hadasah, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Influential supporters of the president also were in attendance, including Robert Wexler, Mel Levine, Steve Rabinowitz and Alan Dershowitz.

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Reid Alan Flamer and Niki Elena Ruiz-Milian marry

WEDDING – Reid Alan Flamer and Niki Elena Ruiz-Milian were married at the home of the bride's mother on July 27, 2012. A family friend officiated the wedding, Howard Fleischer served as the best man and Nelsy Suarez was as the maid of honor.

The groom, a graduate of Moses Brown School in Providence, graduated with honors in 1990 from Emory University while working at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Ga. He received a law degree from Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans. As a law student, he was recognized by the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center for his work for social justice for the poor. Flamer also attended the University of Costa Rica School of Law School and The American Graduate School of Management (Thunderbird, The Garvin School).

Flamer, 45, is the son of Martin and Linda Flamer, formerly of Warwick and now residents of Boynton Beach, Fla. He has a 10-year-old son, Jacob Cole.

The bride, 42, is an assistant principal at Miami Killian Senior High School. She received her B.A. with honors from Florida International University and an M.Ed. from Harvard University and is currently working toward her doctorate in educational leadership.

She is the daughter of Helio Milian and Hortensia Alicia Rodriguez of Miami, Fla. Niki has a 7-year-old daughter, Samantha Nicole.

They reside in Westchester, Fla. with their dog, Gizmo.



HONG KONG – James Leach of Newport visits Hong Kong in January 2013.



Neil Steinberg

AWARD – Neil Steinberg, president and chief executive officer of the Rhode Island Foundation, received the David E. Sweet Award at Leadership Rhode Island's annual Inspiring Awards Luncheon on March 7.

Steinberg was a member of the LRI class of 1991.



Susan Adler

BOARD POSITION – Susan Adler has been named secretary of the board of directors of LeadingAge RI, the professional organization representing not-for-profit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, senior housing providers, and adult day health centers.

Adler, a resident of Cranston, is director of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, a program of the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island.



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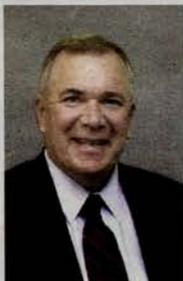
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Cheering at the top of the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art – as Sylvester Stallone did in “Rocky” – is a trip tradition.

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TORAH lessons become real and relevant

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in a way that many of them could otherwise never experience. It is designed for students interested in social action, leadership and putting the concept of *tikkun olam* into action. The trip makes a profound impact and creates lasting memories for these teens, making them strong agents for positive change.

Some of the teens' anonymous reflections about the trip reveal the impact of the experience.

“... this experience opened my eyes and has inspired me to try and reach out to those less fortunate,” said a teen.

In describing the weekend, one teen was succinct and to the point. “I saw God today.”

Another teen wrote, “Perfect mix of hanging with friends and helping those in need. I’ll enjoy peanut butter sandwiches even more now.”

I believe that the burst of pas-



PHILLY TRIP STAFF

Bennett Schiff, left, and Kevin Sock carry clothes to distribute.

sion and excitement about helping another human being is the heart and soul of all community work. While it's true that our weekend in Philadelphia – where 16,000 individuals are homeless – will not put an end to hunger and homelessness, one student's reflection sums up the value of the trip.

“This trip ... has completely changed the lens in which I view society and the world,” wrote another teen. “In such a short time, I have witnessed so

much: Changing [one] man's life to spending quality time with friends to new [experiences] ... I was blessed to be a part of this journey, and I plan to continue practicing what I learned.”

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Teens in the SHARE warehouse.

She teaches a weekly class at the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School.

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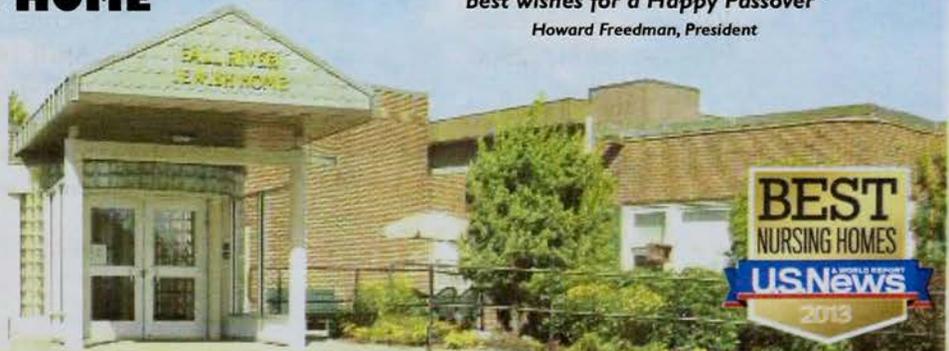
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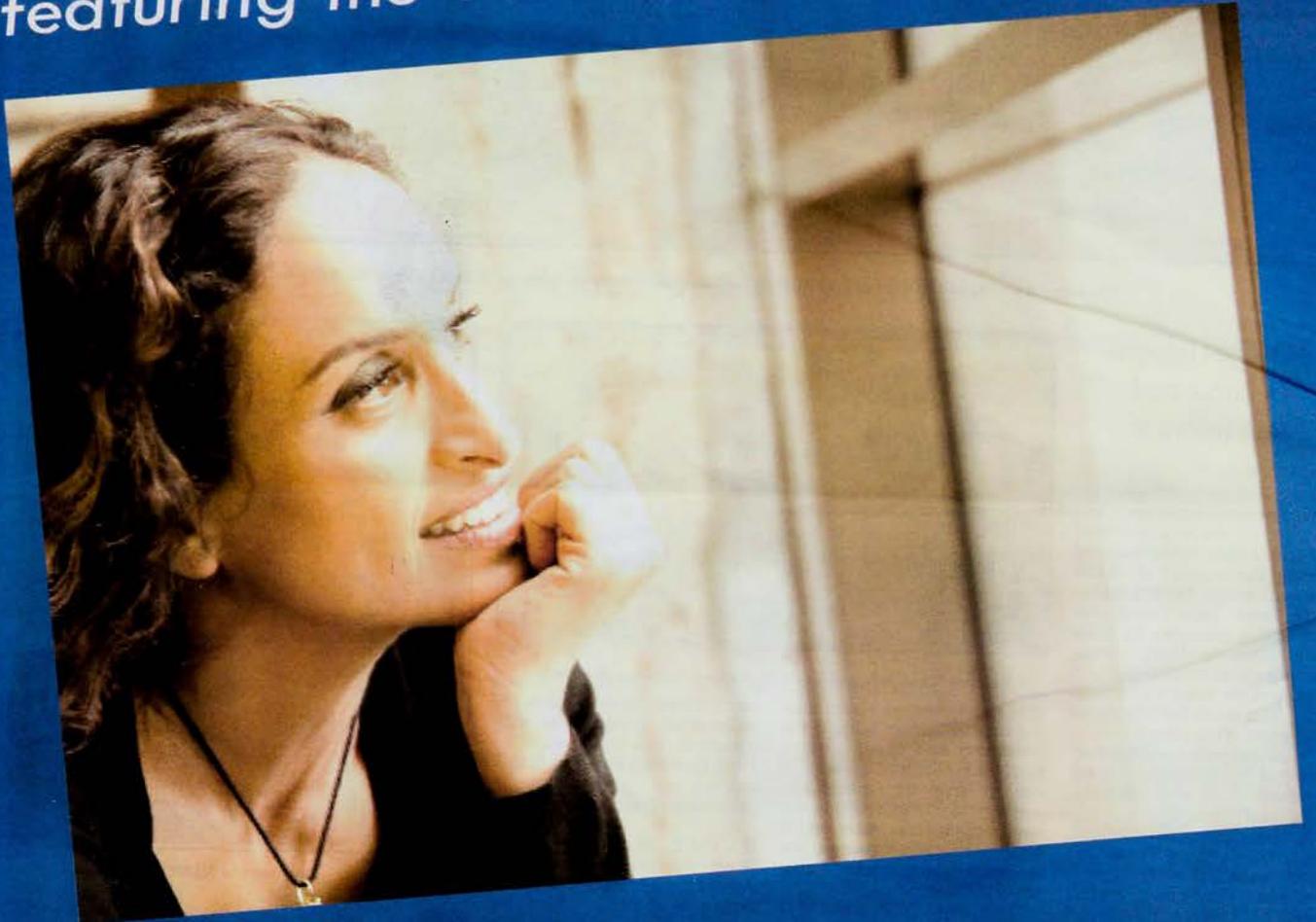


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