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Archbishop: We all want God

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PROVIDENCE – Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, was the draw as close to 600 people filled St. Dominic Chapel on the Providence College campus on Nov. 3. The crowd was a mixed faith group, judging from the number of *kippot* in the audience, as well as other religious garb.

Dolan, the keynote speaker in PC's Theological Exchange Between Catholics and Jews lecture series, was charged with talking about "Catholic and Jewish Dialogue: 2000 Years But Just Beginning."

He spoke about the Second Vatican Council's Nostra Aetate, the landmark document that decried anti-Semitism and asserted that Jews could not be blamed for killing Jesus. Issued 50 years ago, it opened a dialogue between Jews and Catholics that forever improved the relationship between the two religions. Dolan pointed out that John Paul II, who served as pope from 1978 to 2005, went on to restart a conversation that had been interrupted many years earlier.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan

"He wanted to recover the primacy of the spiritual. The church's most natural ally was the Jews," Dolan said, adding that the pope believed that the Jewish community would share his sense of urgency in this matter.

That sense of urgency stemmed from a trip John Paul made to his native Poland, according to Dolan. In a Warsaw square during the Communist era, as thousands and thousands gathered, people began to chant: "We want God. We want God."

As Dolan recounted, John-

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Jesse Itzler

Itzler inspires as the community celebrates the Annual Campaign

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE SHAGUE@JEWISHALLIANCERI.ORG

Inspiration and motivation were the keys to the evening as the community celebrated Oct. 30, at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's annual campaign event.

Held this year at Temple Emanu-El, attendees heard a lively presentation from entrepreneur, philanthropist and author Jesse Itzler about his professional journey and the life lessons he learned while living with a Navy SEAL for 30 days.

Itzler shared anecdotes about his business endeavors, such as writing the New York Knicks theme song, from which he created an entire "sports music" industry, his initial first failing

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Why Trump dominated Jewish coverage of the 2016 campaign

BY ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL

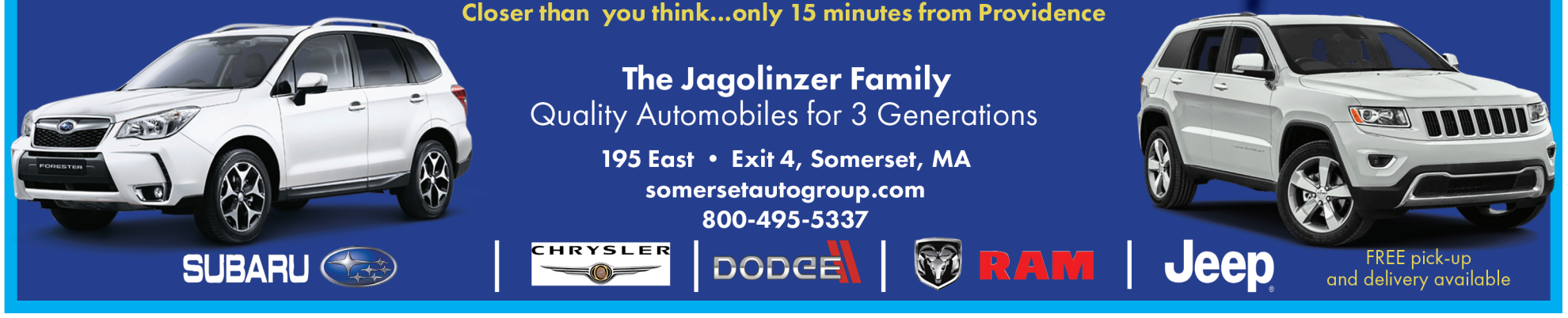
JTA – On Monday [Nov. 7], one day before Election Day, I received a call from a reader. She identified herself as a Reform Jew, 46, from Chicago. She had praise for JTA and our daily newsletter, but also a complaint: Our emphasis on the Trump campaign, including charges over the weekend that a campaign ad of his was reminiscent of anti-Jewish propaganda, led readers like her to believe that we were clearly biased in favor of Hillary Clinton.

I was able to say in all honestly that our staff had been discussing that very idea moments before she called. On our homepage that morning were 11 stories about the campaign. Four of the stories I would call "neutral" in the sense that they focused on both candidates (one reported on a poll in Israel, another on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying his government won't intervene in the U.S. elections).

Six stories focused on Trump or his campaign. No story focused exclusively on Clinton or hers.

That suggests something, but not political bias. We try to be

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THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Reevaluate your support system and reach out for new support ... ."



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St. Dominic Chapel was full when the Cardinal spoke.

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Paul realized that there was a universal need for God.

"That need inspired John Paul to invite Jews into a providential and urgent partnership," said Dolan. And that was the heart of the Nostra Aetate, Latin for "in our time."

Dolan has been at the forefront of Jewish-Christian relations, serving in a group of bishops and rabbis that meet to discuss issues concerning the two faiths. Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El in Providence is also part of this group. Franklin was sitting the front row, and Dolan referred to him several times in his presentation.

Dolan outlined some of the progress that's taken place in the 50 years since the Nostra Aetate, explaining that the conversation has gone from tentative discussions and arguments on the path to learning about one another to the sharing of common pastoral problems and issues, such as seasonal holidays and intermarriage.

"He [John Paul II] wanted to recover the primacy of the spiritual. The church's most natural ally was the Jews."

"The Jewish-Catholic friendship has never been stronger," he said. "We can be a blessing to one another."

The Theological Exchange Between Catholics and Jews brings experts to Providence College twice each academic year in an effort to advance Jewish-Christian relations. Cardinal Dolan's lecture was part of the fall series. In the spring, there will be a dialogue between a Jewish and Catholic expert on specific issues.

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Rabbi Wayne Franklin, a member of the Jewish Christian relations group.

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, we ask that you reflect on the way of life that you enjoy and ask yourself if it would have been possible without the efforts of the countless American Veterans who stood at the ready.



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Rev. Dr. Donald Anderson and Rabbi Alan Flam.

Rabbi Alan Flam receives Heroes of Faith Award

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CRANSTON – Last week, more than 310 people gathered at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet to honor Heroes of Faith. Organized by the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, the program recognizes community leaders for outstanding contributions in the interfaith community.

The Seventh Annual Heroes of Faith program honored seven individuals and one congregation. Rabbi Alan Flam received the Interfaith Award for his dedication to social justice issues including homelessness. The executive director of the Helen Hudson Foundation, Flam has served on numerous social justice boards, including The Economic Progress Institute, Rhode Island Coalition For the Homeless and the Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty with Faith. He was a fellow at the Brown University Swearer Center before going to work for Helen Hudson, a nonprofit working to reduce poverty.

Other honorees were: the late Peggy Amatore, Michael D. Avora, Dr. Ehsun Mirza, Rev. Marie Carpenter, and Rev. Ebony Grisom. The Calvary Worship Center in Woonsocket received the Congregation Award. More than 20 people received the People of Faith Award for devotion and dedication to their congregation.

Barbara Scott, president of the R.I. State Council of Churches, welcomed everyone to the program. Mufti Ikram ul Haq of Masjid Al-Islam Mosque offered the invocation. Rev. Dr. Donald Anderson, executive minister for the council presented the awards and Pastor Chontell Nelson Washington, minister of reconciliation with the R.I. State Council of Churches and ACI chaplin, handed out the Partners in Faith Awards. The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, provided the benediction.

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Your vote in R.I.: What it all means

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While much has been said about the national election, not so much has been said about state issues in Rhode Island. There were seven issues on the ballot in this election. Two were referendums and five were bond issues. All issues in Rhode Island passed.

What were they, and what was the result?

Question One asked Rhode Islanders to approve or reject state-operated casino gaming at "Twin River Tiverton." Approval means a new casino will be built Tiverton. Eventually, Newport Grand will close.

There may have been some confusion with Question 2. In Massachusetts, the heavily advertised Question 2 had to do with charter schools. In Rhode Island, Question 2 had to do with restoring Ethics Commission oversight of the state General Assembly. The General Assembly will now establish an independent, nonpartisan ethics commission that will adopt a code of ethics including, but not limited to, provisions on conflicts of interest, confidential information, use of position, contracts with government agencies and financial disclosure. The assent of two-thirds of the members appointed will be required for the adoption of every rule or regulation. All elected and appointed officials and employees of state and local government, of boards, commissions and agencies will be subject to the code of ethics.

The first bond issue was Question 3, a $27-million bond for construction and renovations to the Rhode Island Veterans Home. The passage of the bond issue provides enough funds to complete the current construction at the Veterans Home. The original bond was for $94 million, but federal matching funds helped to reduce that amount. However, another $27 million was needed to complete the home, bringing the total state funding to $60.5 million. The additional funds were needed because of changes to the federal guidelines as well as inflation of material and labor costs.

One of the most publicized bond issues was Question 4, funding higher education to create more skilled and highly technical Rhode Island jobs. To do so, the University of Rhode Island will receive $25 million for renovation and an addition to its College of Engineering facility. An-

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Sisters tell story of their flight to China during Holocaust

BY SAM SERBY

SMITHFIELD – Two sisters who were forced to flee Poland and resettled in Japan and then Shanghai, China, during the Holocaust told of those harrowing years at an event held by the Bryant University Hillel and the school's Confucius Institute on Oct. 26.

Ada and Susan Winsten told their story to an audience of more than 80 people, and from the moment they began speaking about their experiences, one thing was clear: These strong and brave women endured the unimaginable. They are survivors.

The sisters described the severe discrimination that existed in Europe when they were young children. They remembered that anti-Semitism was often at its worst during Easter.

"The Russian army on horses would lead people from local churches in Belarus to go to villages and rape and pillage. My mother's brother was killed in a pogrom in Belarus," Ada recounted.

Susan remembered how she was chased home from school by students who screamed at her "Jew!"

Ada, a Providence resident and the younger of the two sisters, described being shaken and frightened for her life when her family was forced to leave their home in Poland by the Russian army in 1939. She recalled having just a few moments to gather some of her most treasured possessions before the family fled to Belarus.

At five and nine years old, both sisters were scared and uncertain about their future. Ada said, "My parents' strength kept me going. They were very protective."

After about a year, the family was forced to flee again. They boarded a train in Russia and traveled through Siberia to Japan, once again uncertain and fearful.

In Japan, the two sisters began to learn English. They remember the Japanese people as friendly and welcoming during their 10-month stay. Ada recalls that the Asians in both Japan and China were "religion blind" and not in any way anti-Semitic.



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A family photo at the recent event shows three generations: Ada Winsten, center right, with Susan Lipsey, center left, and family members. Descendents of the Shanghai Jewish community number more than 70,000.

The family's move to Shanghai began yet another difficult chapter for the Winstens.

"Life got worse. Food was scarce and there was little space to live," said Ada.

After enduring difficult conditions in China for eight long years, the sisters' wealthy grandfather, a successful builder in Palestine, sent money for the family to fly to America. After a 39-hour journey, they arrived in San Francisco, and ultimately settled in New York, where they started their new life.

Susan, who still lives in New York, started to tear up when telling the audience how her father got on his hands and knees to kiss the ground of a place that they could finally call home.

Ada and Susan are proud of their Jewish heritage. "I like the Jewish values, helping one another, doing *mitzvot*. I am Jewish like I have black hair and dark eyes. Being Jewish is who I am," Ada said.

When speaking about the current rise of anti-Semitism at home and abroad, Ada commented, "It is very scary. Anti-Semitism never disappeared from the world. Things go underground."

Acknowledging the anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, and even Holocaust denial in countries like Iran, the sisters were asked whether they believe that another Holocaust could occur. Susan did not believe it would happen again. Ada was not so sure.

"Anything can happen anywhere. That is why it is important to keep Israel strong," she said.

She added, "If ever there is anything that happens where my life is in danger, I know I have a place to go."

Now in their 80s, the sisters are only beginning to talk about their experiences, having found it too difficult to look back on their childhood for many years. Ada, to this day, aside from Stephen Spielberg's movie "Schindler's List," has refused to watch a film or read a book about the Holocaust: It is still too painful for her.

A psychotherapist, Ada believes helping others and doing *mitzvot* is her way of "paying it forward."

Rabbi Steven Jablow, a Bryant professor who also leads the Bryant University Hillel, said he was "impressed that Ada's natural reaction to her experience has been to think outside of herself, not as a victim. The refugee crisis of today resonates strongly with her."

He repeated a comment she once made: "How could we not let the Syrian refugees in now when we know [America] did not do enough 70 years ago?"

Rabbi Jablow said the most important lesson he draws from survivors such as Ada and Susan Winsten is, "If we want *tikkun olam*, to improve the world, we have to learn from the most horrific experiences from our past. We need to record the experiences of survivors, fight Holocaust denial, and prevent it from happening again."

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Ada Winsten points out locations on a map showing the family's journey.

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Celebrating and selling art at Temple Emanu-El

BY MARJORIE PELCOVITS

Since biblical times, when Bezalel received his commission from God to create the Tabernacle in the wilderness, Jews have had a strong interest in the visual arts. With this tradition in mind, Temple Emanu-El will hold its second annual Creative Hands Art Sale Nov. 12 and 13.

With more than 30 local and regional artists and artisans displaying and selling a variety of unique items, Creative Hands will offer a wide range of gifts not available elsewhere.

Artists selling their wares hail from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York, as well as Rhode Island, and their creations represent many media and materials. These include painting, photography, illustration, jewelry, children's books, glass, wood, paper, textiles, metal, polymer clay, soap and herbal body products. Although most of the items for sale will appeal to all audiences, beautiful works of Judaica will be available as well. With items spanning a wide range of prices, Creative Hands will have something for everyone.

Creative Hands takes place in Temple Emanu-El's Goldberg Center. From 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, wine and cheese will be available to help kick off the event. On Sunday, Nov. 13, the sale will continue from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The day will be enhanced by a café selling lunch and snacks and by five presentations by artists demonstrating how they produce their works. A silent auction selling pieces and lessons donated by the artists will be held both days.

In keeping with the spirit of the approaching holiday season, Creative Hands will be a festive event. Naomi Lipsky, a member of the organizing committee and a quilling artist whose works will be for sale, reflects the enthusiasm the participants are bringing to the event when she says, "I'm really looking forward to greeting people, showing them my artwork and being with other artists. It's always a pleasure!"

Whether you are looking for something beautiful, whimsical, practical or just a bit different for yourself or for a gift, you won't want to miss Creative Hands. Admission is free and the venue is handicapped accessible.

For more information, visit creativehandste.weebly.com, email info@teprov.org, or call Temple Emanu-El at 401-331-1616.

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Brown renames Judaic Studies building

In recognition of a $3.5 million gift made by Elie and Sarah Hirschfeld to support the renovation and ongoing maintenance of Brown University's Judaic Studies building, the university has renamed the building the "Hirschfeld House."

The renovations to the historic 108-year-old building will significantly improve the academic facilities for Judaic studies faculty, scholars and students and help ensure the long-term vitality of the program.

"Judaic studies has been at the heart of my nearly 50-year relationship with Brown University," said Hirschfeld. "It is my hope that our gift will allow many future classes of students to have the same deeply enriching experience that I did."

Offering an interdisciplinary academic experience, the Judaic Studies program at Brown University is dedicated to the study of Jewish history, literature, language, politics and religions. Its major areas of focus include the interactions of Jews and non-Jews in both ancient and modern periods; the history and culture of the State of Israel and its place in the Middle East; and the modern Jewish experience.

"We are profoundly grateful to Elie and Sarah Hirschfeld for their generous support and ongoing commitment to the future of Brown University and our Judaic Studies program," said Maud S. Mandel, Ph.D., dean of the college and professor of history and Judaic studies.

Elie Hirschfeld graduated from Brown University in 1971. A trustee emeritus at Brown, he also sponsors a visiting professor fellowship at the university. He is president of Hirschfeld Properties, owner and developer of properties in New York City.

Submitted by Greg Menken



Sarah and Elie Hirschfeld with Saul Olyan, director of the program in Judaic studies.

Shimon Peres honored at community memorial tribute



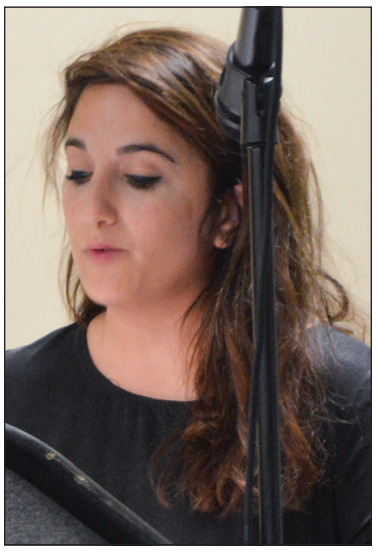
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BY SAM SERBY

PROVIDENCE – On the night of Oct. 27, The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island held a memorial for Shimon Peres, the late former prime minister and president of Israel.

Peres died on Sept. 28 in Ramat Gan, Israel, at the age of 93. A funeral service was held to honor him in the Mount Herzl national cemetery in Jerusalem on Sept. 30. Dignitaries from 70 countries attended this emotional service to pay their respects. Speakers included Peres' children, Chemi, Yoni, and Zvia, as well as former President Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama.

The memorial and tribute, held in the board room at the Dwares Jewish Community Center, commenced with the singing of the American national anthem, followed by Israel's national anthem, "The Hatikvah."

There were five speakers, all of whom shared stories of how Shimon Peres had touched their lives both personally and from afar. Congressman David Cicilline and Matan Zamir, deputy consul general of New England, also shared personal stories about Peres.

Rep. Cicilline said he was grateful to have had the opportunity to meet Peres and to be invited to his funeral. He said that during his last visit with Peres, at his residence in March of 2015, the 92-year-old Peres was still "very energetically" working in the pursuit of peace.

Deputy Consul General Zamir formerly worked as deputy chief of mission at the Israeli Consulate in Mumbai, India, and met Peres during that period. He recalled the time when Peres had a connecting flight in Mumbai and he was called to the airport to be the "entertainment" for Peres during his wait. However, Zamir would turn out to be the one who was entertained: "All I did was sit and listen to his stories," he recalled.

Shimon Peres was born Szymon Perski on Aug. 2, 1923, in Vishnyeva, Belarus. It seemed that from a very young age, he was destined for a life in politics. Mentored by Israel's first prime minister and founding father, David Ben Gurion, Peres was taught to lead with dignity and pride. He held many positions in Israeli government during a political career that spanned seven decades, including finance minister and defense minister, as well as prime minister and president.

Peres was known across the globe for his efforts to promote peace, especially between the Israelis and Palestinians. In 1994, he brokered a peace deal known as the Oslo Accords, which earned him the Nobel Peace Prize.

Shimon Peres has passed, but his legacy will live on. His organization, The Peres Center for Peace, in Jaffa, Israel, will continue his life's work – the pursuit of peace.

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Mayor Issa Jaber and Rabbi Ron Kronish.

What's ahead for Israel?

Temple Habonim in Barrington hosted a forum recently, featuring an Israeli Arab and Israeli Jew discussing their people-to-people efforts to defuse Arab-Jewish tensions. They also discussed progress being made.

Mayor Issa Jaber Abu Gosh of the Arab town of Abu Gosh is seen here on the left, along with Rabbi Ron Kronish, who lives in Jerusalem but grew up in Miami Beach and is an Israeli-American dual citizen.

Neither speaker sugar-coated the challenges but both expressed optimism that in the long run peace will prevail. The rabbi is founder of the Interreligious Coordinating Council In Israel, which includes Jewish, Muslim and Christian organizations and institutions.



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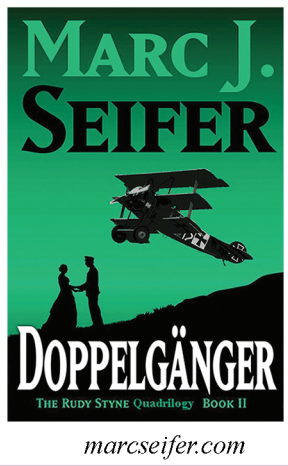
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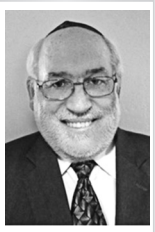
By LOCAL AUTHOR of acclaimed Tesla biography WIZARD

In the tradition of *Exodus* and *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* comes the sweeping story of the Maxwell's, a turn of the century Jewish family struggling to build the most prestigious airline in Bavaria. With the older brother, Elias, converting to assimilate into the Christian community, the younger brother, Simon, competes against such great pilots as Bleriot and Sopwith until the Great War erupts and now, flying for the Fatherland with Hermann Goring and the Red Baron, he seeks to kill the very friends he had raced against!



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RABBI ETHAN ADLER

The portion *Lech Lecha*, literally "Go, for yourself," opens with God's command to Abraham to "go" out of his land, and to head toward some place that God will show him later. The rest of the portion is filled with interesting narratives, conflict resolution (think of Abraham's and Lot's shepherds), war, travels to Egypt and the commandment of circumcision – quite a bit of drama and suspense.

In a way, one could state that this *parashah* could be called the "Start of it All" portion. Since the story of creation, we have had a number of incidents that had a start and a finish. The world started out being null and void, and ended up as an orderly, balanced and harmonious cosmos. Adam and Eve started in the Garden of Eden, where they had everything at their disposal, and ended up being cast out of the garden, where they (and we) were destined to work for every crumb. The world originally was supposed to be inhabited by people, and it finished with a handful of flood survivors leaving the ark. And Judaism, as we know it today, began when God told Abraham to leave his country, and, well, thankfully it has yet to end, and hopefully it never will.

The story of that first Jew, Abraham, was the "start of it all," which began more than 3,500 years ago, when not very much was going on. People were plowing their fields, building a few cities, inventing a few neat things like the brand-new, all-purpose Sharpo Flint Sharpener (not a favorite item for Moses' son – look it up) and otherwise just sitting around the campfire telling stories of days gone by.

One of those families became distinct by virtue of God's words to Abraham. We don't know much about his family. His father's name was Terach; we don't know his mother's name. One of his brothers, Haran, may have died as a young man, but not before begetting a famous son named Lot, whose wife, many years later, turned into a pillar of salt. The other brother, Nahor, married, had loads of kids, and that's all we know about him.

Abraham's life, by far, was the most interesting of the siblings. Somehow, somewhere, under circumstances we may never know, God appeared to him and told him to pick up his wife, his belongings, walking gear, traveler's checks, GPS and leave his father's house, the city where he grew up, the country of his birth. Where was he going? California? Hawaii? The Virgin Islands? He did not know, and, interestingly, seemed not to be too concerned. You see, God struck a pretty good deal with Abe. God said: "Go where I tell you and as a reward, you will become the father of a great nation." Such a deal, who could refuse! Well, many, many, many years later, that great nation is made up of you and me and millions of other Jews. And who started it all? Avraham *Avinu*, Abraham, our (fore)father.

The portion continues the story of Abraham and his wife Sarah. (His name was originally Avram, and hers Sarai – until changed by God, indicating they would become the father and mother of a multitude.) They leave their homeland, and ultimately head toward Canaan, their new home. As the narrative unfolds, Abraham becomes a wealthy well-known community person who is only lacking a child, without whom it is nearly impossible to become a forefather and start a great people. And, as luck would have it, Sarah was barren, inconceivable as it sounds, and prospects for a great nation emanating from his loins seemed to be dim at best. Until one day. …

Sarah goes to Abraham and states – look, I cannot have a child. However, my handmaid Hagar looks fertile (don't ask me how she could tell), so have a child with her, and I will consider it as if it was mine (that's how they did it in those days). The idea sounded good to Abraham (no comment) and sure enough, in time, Ishmael came into the world.

What I find interesting is the way Sarah posed her plan to Abraham. She explained that when Hagar has her child, hopefully a boy, she, Sarah, will be "built" by it. It would be as if Hagar's child would "build" Sarah. What an amazing notion! As if nothing could give Sarah strength, stability and a sense of grounding like a child, even one who is not biologically hers. Sarah certainly had the characteristics of love, and devotion and maternal instincts. But it would be the child who would hold it all together, and "build" her up.

Throughout the generations, we have always placed our children as the highest priority. The Talmud reminds us that "childhood is a garland of roses." It also states that "the very breath of children is free of sin." (Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 152, 119.) The Book of Psalms proclaims that "children are an inheritance from the Lord." (Psalm 127.) And, we bring to mind the story of a man who planted a carob tree, which is known to bear fruit only after 70 years. When asked whether he thought he would live to eat from the tree, the man replied: "I am doing as my ancestors did. Just as they planted a carob tree for their children, I am planting for my children."

So, the chain of Judaism began when God spoke to a human being and promised him eternal progeny. May we continue to add to that link, strengthening that chain whose first link was born so many years ago.

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Retired IDF colonel talks about Syria

BY SAM SERBY

On Oct. 31, retired IDF Col. Kobi Marom spoke to members of the community, including Jewish Alliance staff and members of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

In his speech at the Dwares JCC, Marom discussed the current geo-political situation around the world and in the Middle East, focusing on the tragedy of the Syrian civil war, the threat Hezbollah poses to Israel now and in the future, as well as the operations of groups like al-Qaida and ISIS.

When speaking about the Syrian civil war, Marom said, "It is not a civil war, it is a terrible genocide. More than 700,000 people have lost their lives during this war, with over 1 million injured. There are currently 9 million refugees."

Mentioning the now famous photo of a bloodied child in Aleppo, Marom said, "There are thousands of children who have lost their lives in this terrible war, and nobody cares."

Marom also touched on the threat Hezbollah poses to Israel. "Today, Hezbollah has over 100,000 short-range missiles," he said. "These missiles have the capability to reach all of Israel." In a future conflict, Marom said, "It is estimated that they [Hezbollah] will launch at least 1,500 missiles per day at Israel."

Marom had a long IDF career highlighted by the 1984 mission known as "Operation Moses." During this operation, he led Israeli soldiers in the rescue of Ethiopian Jews from the Sudan, and then safely escorted them back to Israel. He is currently a research associate at the International Institute for Counter Terrorism of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel.

Some in the audience had traveled to Israel on the Alliance's November 2015 interfaith mission. Colonel Marom led the group on a tour of the Golan Heights during their visit, forging a strong bond that eventually led to his trip to Rhode Island.

According to Marom, when American Jews visit Israel and the Golan Heights, it "gives us [Israelis] the feeling that we are one strong Jewish family."



Col. Kobi Marom



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Audience members listen intently.



Some of the participants in the Alliance mission to Israel in 2015 gather after the talk.

Election lessons learned from baseball's ultimate confrontation



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

As a news junkie, I've been watching a lot of coverage about this year's elections, particularly the presidential race. I read and watch news from a variety of sources in an effort to understand both sides. The race has been intense, nasty and frustrating.

But this is not a column about the election or who has won. By the time you read this, the election will be over. I'm writing it before we know the results.

Fortunately, we have had the distraction of an exciting baseball playoff season. I am married to a lifelong Cubs fan so this year's playoffs have been a big deal at our house.

The World Series has been a perfect diversion from the divisive, mudslinging, I've-really-had-enough presidential campaign. The Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Indians – two teams that (before Game 7 ended) had a combined 176 years without bringing the championship home to their respective cities – gave us a whirlwind seven games, ending in extra innings with a rain delay to boot. There were plot shifts, surprise moves, setbacks and crazy endings.

Who can't help but smile at the Chicago Cubs? The Cubs were a feel-good, underdog, come-from-behind story. Each World Series game was incredible no matter who won. In two cities, each with their own sets of problems and fans who were desperate for a win, everybody united behind a common goal: rooting on a home team that hadn't seen a championship in so many years.

There wasn't much trash talk or hostility. There was a whole lot of singing, dancing, cheering and chanting. It happened in both cities. Despite controversial calls by the umpires in just about every game, no one lashed out.

People celebrated and suffered in the streets in both cities. They watched the game on big screens, listened at bars, stood for hours, sometimes in some pretty rainy weather. The stands and streets were packed with people wearing their loyalty on their sleeves – a sea of blue and red that cheered and pushed for their teams side-by-side. Cubs fans in Cleveland cheered as the their team pulled ahead in Game 7 even while surrounded by Cleveland fans who wanted their team to win just as badly.

Yet we heard very few reports of violence or confrontations connected with any of these games. Sure, there were some arrests. In a Cleveland Plain Dealer article after Game 7, 14 were reported arrested, some for drunkenness, some on charges completely unrelated to the game. One fan punched another fan. No charges were filed.

In today's world of constant bad news and conflict, isn't this a little surprising? These were massive gatherings between two passionate camps that stayed peaceful and celebratory.

Unlike some championships that have led to riots, fires, overturned cars and lots of arrests, the celebrations after the Game 7 extra-innings win by Chicago stayed positive and the fans in Cleveland accepted defeat. Players on both side acknowledged the talent and efforts of the opposition.

Then, an estimated 5 million people came out to cheer on the Cubs when they paraded through the city on Nov. 4. According to some reports, that makes it the seventh-largest gathering in human history, behind such events as the Kumbh Mela pilgrimage in 2013 in India (30 million) and the papal gathering in 2015 in the Philippines (6 million).

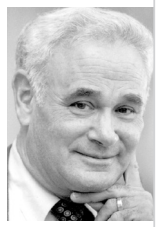
The parade started at Wrigley Field at 10 a.m. and ended with a noon rally in Grant Park. In between, the convoy rolled down Michigan Avenue and streets crowded with fans. You could see people packed together, all cheering and shouting and having a good time. Despite what could have been a lot of fighting over the best position to get a good view, people were enthusiastic, but well-mannered, having fun.

It was great to see that a major city, home to millions of Americans, could host massive celebrations that stayed positive and civilized. And that the losing team, with just as much passion and devotion to their cause, could handle defeat with acceptance, grace and class.

Now that this election is over, let's hope our post-election fallout manages to avoid the conflict and hostility of the races themselves. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this election teaches us we have to come together as a nation and learn to work together again? Imagine all parties recommitting to solving problems together for the good of the country with compromise, patriotism and courage leading to smarter, more effective and more rational governing.

This year, we could learn a lot from baseball about how to win and lose with grace and positivity.

Making dreams matter



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

"Hold fast to dreams/For if dreams die/Life is a broken-winged bird/That cannot fly." So begins an eight-line poem by Langston Hughes (1902-1967), one of America's most distinguished African-American poets.

Hughes' words come to mind as I reflect upon the life of one of Israel's greatest dreamers, Shimon Peres (1923-2016), who died Sept. 28.

On three separate occasions, Peres served as Israel's prime minister; and in July 2007, the Knesset elected him to be Israel's ninth president, a position he held until the end of July 2014. The last of the generation of leaders who founded the State of Israel, Peres worked in one way or another with 10 successive United States presidents: John F. Kennedy Jr., Lyndon Baines Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

Throughout the decades, Peres demonstrated both by word and by deed the importance of holding fast to dreams. In his 2007 presidential inaugural speech to the Knesset, he insisted: "Permit me to remain an optimist. Permit me to be a dreamer ... The president whom you have chosen will never tire of encouraging, awakening and reminding – because spring is waiting for us at the threshold. The spring will definitely come."

During the course of his long and productive life, the content of Peres' dreams underwent significant changes. Early in his career, he dreamed that the hope expressed in Israel's national anthem, "Hatikvah," would be fulfilled, that we Jews would become "a free people in our own land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem."

According to the well-respected Israeli writer Amos Oz, in the immediate aftermath of the Six Day War, in 1967, Peres' dream became that of "a banal hawk ... a settler lover, a security man, the more land the better, the more power the better." Nevertheless, as Oz points out with great admiration, "My friend Shimon had a very rare human quality: He had the ability to change ... (He became) a stubborn believer in Israeli-Palestinian peace, in Israeli-Arab peace." Indeed, he shared the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat for his central role in bringing about the ratification of the Oslo Accords in 1993.

I had the privilege of attending a question-and-answer session with Peres in Jerusalem during the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in March 2002; though he was close to 80 years old, he seemed to possess the physical and mental vitality of a man decades younger. During our lengthy discussion, one of my colleagues asked him how he could justify serving as foreign minister in the administration of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, given their divergent views on the peace process. Reflecting the fact that Peres had long been the kind of dreamer who kept his feet on the ground, he answered that under the present circumstances, he felt he could do more good within the Israeli government than as a member of the opposition.

President Obama was one of several dignitaries to eulogize Peres at his funeral on Sept. 30. During his 20-minute address, Obama made it clear that he viewed Peres, almost 40 years his senior, as both a friend and a role model: "I took great pleasure in my friendship with this older, wiser man. We shared a love of words and books and history. And perhaps, like most politicians, we shared too great a joy in hearing ourselves talk. But beyond that, I think our friendship was rooted in the fact that I could somehow see myself in his story, and maybe he could see himself in mine. Because for all our differences, both of us lived such unlikely lives ... And I think both of us understood that we were here only because in some way we reflected the magnificent story of our nations."

Perhaps, most significantly, both Peres and Obama are men who have known the power of dreams, who have known how to make dreams matter. Toward the end of his eulogy, Obama said in praise of his friend and role model, "... he understood that it is better to live to the very end of his time on Earth with a longing not for the past but for the dreams that have not yet come true – an Israel that is secure in a just and lasting peace with its neighbors."

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Israel observes first Aliyah Day

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Israel is marking its first official Aliyah Day, celebrating immigration to the country and the contributions of immigrants to its society.

The holiday, on Nov. 8, was established by the Knesset in June.

"I will not give up on a single Jew or a single immigrant," Natan Sharansky, the head of the Jewish Agency for Israel, said at a special session of the Knesset Committee on Aliyah, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs in honor of Aliyah Day.

"I say to all Jews, without distinction, that I want them and their prayers and their rabbis here in Israel. There is room for all of us here, and we must tell all Jews who support us abroad and all who wish to immigrate to Israel that they are wanted and accepted among us."

The minister of *aliyah* and immigrant absorption, Sofa Landver, also participated in the special session.

Among other observances scheduled were a program at the president's residence, as well as in schools, the army and the police force, as required by law, The Times of Israel reported.

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UNESCO resolution hurts Jews, Christians and U.N.

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Founded in 1945, the purpose of the United Nations is to promote peace and humanity worldwide through dialogue and understanding.

Despite many heated debates, the U.N. has achieved its goal of being an organization where international concerns can be debated peacefully – until recently. Over the last decade or so, it has become a haven, or forum, for political hostility rather than for peaceful solutions. The U.N. is now perceived as fostering tension rather than defusing it.

A case in point is the October resolution by the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to delegitimize the Jewish people and its long history in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The passage of this resolution erased more than 2,000 years of Jewish history in the Old City and surrounding areas. Any reference to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall was replaced by the Arabic term "Al-Aqsa Mosque/Haram Al-Sharif compound." This essentially erases the history of Jews and Christians in these areas.

The resolution also criticized Israel for unlawful archeological digs taking place at, and near, the Al-Aqsa Mosque/Haram Al-Sharif compound. Interestingly, archaeological excavations in the vicinity of the Temple Mount have been undertaken not by Israel but by the Jordanian/Palestinian-led Jerusalem Islamic Waqf, which oversees the Al-Aqsa Mosque/Haram Al-Sharif.

On Oct. 26, another UNESCO body, The World Heritage Committee, a group of 21 countries, voted to also deny the Jewish people's history in Jerusalem. Seven of the 10 "yes" votes came from countries that are members of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation. The three others are close allies of Russia.

It seems inconceivable that UNESCO can even doubt the long history of the Jewish and the Christian people in Jerusalem, especially in the areas surrounding and including the Temple Mount and Western Wall.

New York City Archbishop Timothy Dolan, speaking at Providence College on Nov. 3, was asked his thoughts on the U.N. and the passage of the resolution. He replied by saying the U.N. has not been nice to Jews or Christians lately.

In an interview in the Jerusalem Post on Oct. 9, Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau remembered a conversation he had with David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister.

"It was on April 2, 1972. I came to Ben-Gurion's house on Keren Kayemeth Boulevard [today's Ben-Gurion Boulevard, in Tel Aviv]. We spoke about Ben-Gurion's testimony before the Peel Commission. [During testimony, Lord Peel had asked Ben-Gurion if he had a deed that showed the land belonged to him.] Ben-Gurion responded, 'Yes, I have a deed. Lord Peel, you are a British Christian, you believe in the Bible.' Ben-Gurion then dramatically lifted up the Bible and proudly said, 'This is our deed.' "

The recent passage of this resolution is clearly counter to the purpose of UNESCO. According to its website, "UNESCO strives to build networks among nations that enable solidarity, by building intercultural understanding: through protection of heritage and support for cultural diversity." The passage of a resolution that eliminates Jewish and Christian history and culture surrounding the Temple Mount certainly does not carry out this mission.

UNESCO and it U.N. message has never been more important. Policies must be created to address the social, environmental and economic dimensions of sustainable development. Interconnected societies and intercultural dialogue is vital if we are to live together while acknowledging our diversity.

Passage of resolutions to delegitimize Israel and the Jewish and Christian people also weaken and delegitimize the United Nations and its many agencies. Unfortunately, it also weakens opportunities to negotiate a peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

In the coming days, the Community Relations Council (CRC) of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island will continue to discuss this issue with the Rhode Island Congressional delegation. Our hope is that our United Nations ambassador will continue to speak out against the resolution and U.N. bias against Israel. Like other CRCs nationwide, we will discuss this problem at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs' annual meeting, this winter, and work toward a national policy on this issue. Your voice can be heard as well. Please contact your representative and senators to voice your concern.

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UN committees voting on 10 resolutions against Israel in one day

JTA – Committees of the United Nations General Assembly were scheduled to vote on 10 resolutions against Israel in one day.

Along with the Israel votes on Nov. 8, the committees were due to take up three other resolutions – on Syria, Iran and Crimea.

At least two of the resolutions involving Israel reportedly ignored Jewish ties to the Temple Mount, referring to the holy site by its Muslim name, Al Haram Al Sharif.

The 193 member states of the United Nations vote in the committee stage, and then adopt measures in the final stage at the General Assembly plenary in December, UN Watch said in a statement. States' votes rarely change between the committee and final votes, according to the Geneva-based nongovernmental watchdog organization.

"Today's farce at the General Assembly underscores a simple fact: The U.N.'s automatic majority has no interest in truly helping Palestinians, nor in protecting anyone's human rights," said Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch. "The goal of these ritual, one-sided condemnations remains the scapegoating of Israel.

"The U.N.'s disproportionate assault against the Jewish state undermines the institutional credibility of what is supposed to be an impartial international body. Politicization and selectivity harm its founding mission, eroding the U.N. Charter promise of equal treatment to all nations large and small," he said.

Among the resolutions voted on Nov. 8 were "Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem"; "The occupied Syrian Golan," and "Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities."

Should our *kindelah* celebrate Halloween?

BY RUTH BRIENDEL

Now that Halloween is behind us, this is a good time to reflect on the day and its traditions, and whether they apply to us as Jews.

The accepted theory is that Halloween is based on the Celtic holiday of Samhaim, a harvest festival celebrated over 2,000 years ago. In the 8th century, the Catholic Church turned Samhaim into All Saints' Day, and the night before was called All Hallows Eve, now Halloween. This tradition was strongest in England and France, and only reached Eastern Europe over 1,200 years later.

Here in America, Halloween did not become an important occasion until the mid-1800s. By the 1920s and '30s, it had become a community event, with parades and parties put on by towns and cities. In the late 1900s, Halloween became commercially important.

The "trick or treat" aspect of Halloween seems to go back to the Middle Ages, again in France and England, where people would give small cakes or coins to other people to pray for the dead. But some scholars dispute this and say giving money or candy was a way to "buy off" children who would make mischief.

The use of costumes might go back to an attempt to "cheat death" by disguising yourself so that death couldn't find you, or to pretend that you were already dead and therefore would be safe from ghosts; it was also good camouflage for the "trick" portion of the holiday!

This is all quite interesting, but what does it have to do with Jewish children? As a Reform Jew growing up in New York City in the 1950s, I went trick or treating in our apartment building, collecting money for UNICEF and a few pieces of candy; this was the norm for my group of friends.

When my sons were young here in Providence in the 1980s, they went trick or treating and collected candy and sometimes money for a good cause: Halloween had nothing to do with being Jewish, but was purely a secular, fun occasion. So, did the fact that in New York I was a Reform Jew, and here in Providence a Reform/Conservative/unaffiliated Jew, affect my thinking on the holiday? Are our thoughts on Halloween formed by Judaism? Geography? Have things changed over time? What do others in Rhode Island think?

I decided to do a totally unscientific poll of people I know, to see how their experiences compared to mine. The findings were very similar to my experience: all those who were Reform, Conservative or unaffiliated Jews in the 1950s and 1980s participated in the holiday (mostly for the candy); those who were Orthodox did not. Those who had celebrated Halloween and have children now allow them to participate, too.

Why celebrate Halloween? On Jewish websites, almost all the articles on the subject are about not celebrating Halloween, since it is viewed as a Christian holiday. These authors are not influenced by the fact that in America, there is no religious significance to Halloween. Most of those against the celebration of Halloween are Orthodox Jews and take the view that since the original holiday came from Celtic and Christian origins, it is a Christian religious day. One Orthodox author, however, feels it's all right for people to dress up and collect candy, as long as they do nothing to combine it with religion.

And how about decorating the house and yard for Halloween? None of the families I spoke to do any more than a jack o'lantern, which certainly has absolutely no religious significance. Many decorate with flowers or pumpkins, wheat or a scarecrow, which are simply signs of autumn. Certainly there are no tombstones, ghosts, witches or fake cobwebs festooning their houses.

But, in discussions, it also became apparent that no one decorates the outside of their house for Hanukkah, or indeed for any holiday, whether religious or secular. Does this go back to living in a *shtetl*? Is it because we Jews do not want other people to know we are Jews?

Many non-Jews don't do Halloween decorations, too, but most Christians put up Christmas lights, or a tree; nowadays, it's easy to see who is Jewish by looking at the undecorated front of their house around Christmas time (have you ever seen a giant Jewish star on a private house?).

One of my respondents made an interesting observation: he did not grow up in a Jewish area, so he followed the cultural norms of his group, which included celebrating Halloween; yet his wife, who did grow up in a Jewish area, also celebrated Halloween.

I think that the strength of cultural norms is so great that people do what is expected of them if there is no compelling reason not to. Thus, celebrating or not celebrating Halloween seems to be a combination of neighborhood, the surrounding culture and views on whether it is a religious/Christian holiday or not. But one thing is for sure – it's not Purim!

RUTH BRIENDEL is president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Ongoing

Alliance Kosher Senior Café. Kosher lunch and program every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Temple , 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Noon lunch; 1 p.m. program. $3 lunch donation from individuals 60+ or under 60 with disabilities. Neal or Elaine, 401-338-3189.

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Through November 30

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Through January 5, 2017

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Friday-Saturday November 11-12

Congregation Beth Sholom's Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Francis Nataf. Rabbi Nataf is known for a thoughtful, nuanced and ethically-relevant mission-oriented treatment of consequential topics. Friday: 4:10 p.m. – Mincha; 4:30 p.m. – Rabbi Nataf: The Role of Human Creativity in Torah (Parshanut); 5:15 p.m. – Communal Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat; Community dinner follows prayers. Saturday: 9 a.m. – Shacharit; 11:15 a.m. – Judaism & Global Poverty (Rabbi Nataf on the contemporary ethic of tzedakah); Noon – Cholent Kiddush; 3:50 p.m. – Mincha; 4:20 p.m. – Seudah Shlishit; 4:30 p.m. – To Pray or Not To Pray (Rabbi Nataf: Kavanah & Halakhah); 5:11 p.m. – Ma'ariv/Havdalah. Reservations & information, awalter@jcdsri.org.

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Saturday | November 12

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Saturday | November 12

Middle East Realignment and Its Impact on Israel. 7-9 p.m. Congregation Ohawe Shalom, 671 East Ave., Pawtucket. IDF Maj. Elliot Chodoff (Res), political and military analyst specializing in the Middle East conflict and the global war on terrorists, speaks on the changing landscape in the Middle East and its future implications. $10. Presented by StandWithUs in partnership with CUFI. Information, Bracha Stuart at brachas@standwithus.com.

Sunday | November 13

Sunday Mornings OROT. 8:45-9:45 a.m. following Shacharit at 8 a.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Study of Rav Kook's revolutionary seminal work, a collection of challenging and moving essays describing the religious significance of Zionism. Through 12/18. No class: 11/27, 12/4. Information, office@bethsholom-ri.org, call 401-621-9393 or see Facebook page @BethSholom-RI.

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Creative Hands Art Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. See listing under Saturday, November 12. Information, info@teprov.org or call 401-331-1616.

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Tuesday | November 15

Yoga. 6-7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Led by instructor Jeannine Margolis. $30 for 3 sessions paid in advance; $12 per session at the door. Beginner and intermediate levels. Open to all. Bring your own mat. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

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Medicare Part D Open Enrollment at JSA. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island, 100 Niantic Ave., Providence. Bring medication list and Medicare card. A senior health insurance representative will be available. Information, Rachel Rollins at 621-5374, ext. 108.

PJ Library Parents' Evening of Shopping and Mingling. 5-7 p.m. LuLi Boutique, 782 Hope St., Providence. Meet, mingle, nosh and shop with your PJ Library friends and family. Wine & cheese and in-store specials exclusively for PJ Library parents. Information and to RSVP, Ruth Horton at 401-421-4111, ext. 117, or rhorton@jewishallianceri.org.

Friday | November 18

The Early Bird Gets the Worm. 6:15-6:40 a.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Through 12/16. No class: 11/25, 12/2. Explore ethical and spiritual themes in the upcoming week's Torah reading using "Imrei Baruch" by noted RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Baruch Simon. A great way to study the weekly parashah. Attend Shacharit at 6:45 a.m. and go into Shabbat prepared. Held in the Beit Midrash (chapel) with Rabbi Barry Dolinger. Information, office@bethsholom-ri.org, call 401-621-9393 or see Facebook page @BethSholom-RI.

PJ Library Story Time: Thanksgiving. 10-11 a.m. Dwares JCC. What are YOU grateful for? Kara Marziali, director of communications at the Jewish Alliance, will read her favorite PJ story about gratitude, and she will make a craft with the children. Each child will also receive a special gift. For children ages 5 and under. Free. Information, Ruth Horton at rhorton@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 117.

K'Tantan Shabbat and Dinner. 5:30-6:45 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Shabbat service designed for families with very young children. Songs, games and crafts to learn all about Shabbat. Information, temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

Saturday | November 19

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Kids' Night Out: Monsters. 5-10 p.m. Dwares JCC. Kids' Night Out is a chance for children to spend the evening with their friends in a fun and safe environment and a great opportunity for parents to have a night out "kid free." A variety of themed activities include sports, crafts, swimming and more. A pizza dinner and snacks are served, and the evening ends with a movie. $35; Members: $25; Siblings: $15. Information or to register, Shannon Kochanek at 401-421-4111, ext. 147.

Communitywide Havdalah. 5:15 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Havdalah, Dinner, crafts, s'mores under the stars and singing by the fire. Co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El, Congregation Beth Sholom and Temple Beth-El. Free. RSVP by Nov. 14 to nwordell@teprov.org. Information, email FamilyFirst@teprov.org.

Goods and Services Auction. 5:30-11 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Tickets for annual event are $25 per person in advance and $30 per person at the door. Admission includes dinner. Contact Dottie at dottie@templesinairi.org to reserve.

Monte Carlo Night. 7-11 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Dinner, drinks and merriment. $50 per person (includes $30 worth of gaming chips). Redeem your chips for raffle tickets to win prizes. RSVP, Torat Yisrael office at 401-885-6600.

Sunday | November 20

Sunday Mornings OROT. 8:45-9:45 a.m. following Shacharit at 8 a.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Study of Rav Kook's revolutionary seminal work, a collection of challenging and moving essays describing the religious significance of Zionism. Through 12/18. No class: 11/27, 12/4. Information, office@bethsholom-ri.org, call 401-621-9393 or see Facebook page @BethSholom-RI.

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Bagel Brunch. 12-1 p.m. URI Hillel, 6 Fraternity Circle, Kingston. Bagel brunch featuring eggs, coffee and more. Free for students; $15 for community members. Information, Yaniv Havusha at yaniv_havusha@uri.edu or 401-874-2740.

Global Day of Jewish Learning. "Under the Same Sky: The Earth is Full of Your Creations." 1-3:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Rd., East Greenwich. Sessions for adults and children regardless of educational background or religious affiliation. A light lunch is available for purchase at 12:30 p.m. See story on page 15. Information or to RSVP, Larry Katz at lkatz@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 179.

Jewish Religious Award College. 2-5 p.m. Dwares JCC. For the following Jewish religious awards: Maccabee for Cub Scouts in grades K-3, Aleph for Cub Scouts in grades 3-5 (there is a year overlap), Net Tamid for Boy Scouts in grades 6-9, Etz Chaim for Boy Scouts ages 14-17 and Venturers ages 14-20. For more information on the emblems, www.jewishscouting.org/emblems-awards/.

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Tuesday | November 22

Temple Beth-El Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. 7-9 p.m. St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 50 Orchard Ave., Providence. Features Kathleen Cloutier, executive director of Dorcas International in a faith-based community conversation about refugee resettlement work, their plight and their role in our communities. Bring a donation of canned fruit or vegetables for local food pantries. Information, contact temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

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Friday | November 25

Tamarisk Open House. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Join us at The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence to see why we are so thankful for this community. Information, call Susan Adler at 401-732-0037 or email Susana@tamariskri.org.

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Sunday | November 27

Chamber Concert, Clarinet Choir and Wind Quintet. 2-4 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Free and open to the public. Information, contact Dottie in the temple office at 401-942-8350 or dottie@temp

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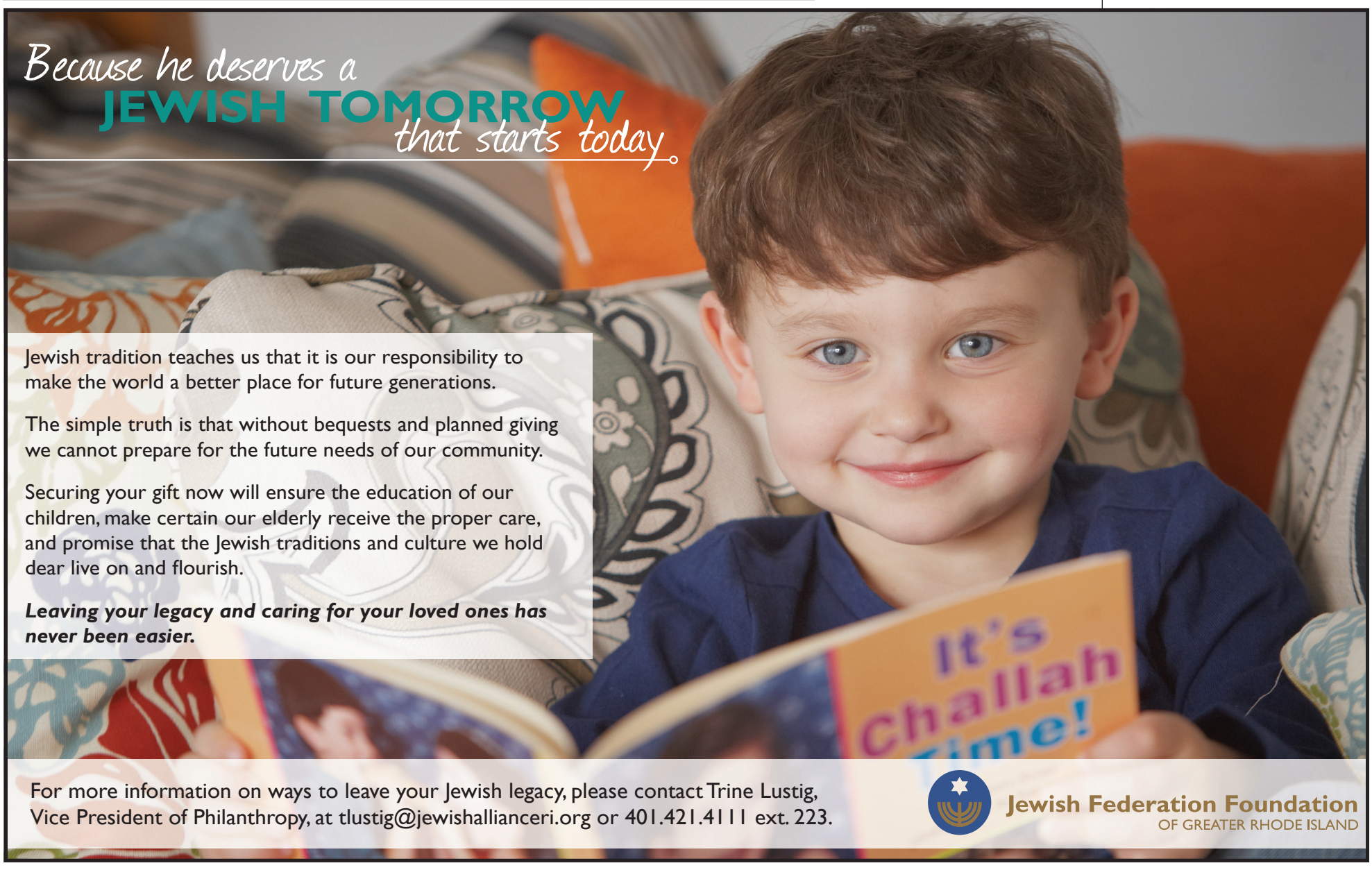
New moon in New Bedford

On Nov. 28, at 6 p.m., women of all ages, races, religions and backgrounds, are invited to attend a Multi-Cultural New Moon Program at Buttonwood Park's Warming House in New Bedford, Mass., co-sponsored by The City of New Bedford, The Council of Women's Organizations (of New Bedford) and The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) – New Bedford Section.

A short astronomy lesson describing what the moon and stars are doing during the November new moon will be given, along with a presentation by representatives from the following cultures: Native American, Jewish, Muslim and Celtic, who will explain how their women celebrate the new moon.

The goal of this women's educational gathering is to build bridges within the community and foster greater understanding of our diverse cultures.

RSVP to Rachel Levinson, 508-992-7416.



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Susan Dressler with her cranberry sauce.

Thanksgiving chefs showcase their best at Beth-El competition

BY SETH CHITWOOD

PROVIDENCE – Amazing aromas filled Temple Beth-El on Nov. 6 from the many dishes competing in the 6th Annual Temple Beth-El World Series of Thanksgiving Favorites.

Chefs of all ages gathered at long tables set up in the Silverstein Meeting Hall to showcase new favorites as well as dishes that have been savored at their Thanksgiving meals for decades.

"I made two dishes and appetizers that make their way to the Thanksgiving table because my kids insist it can't be Thanksgiving unless dad also makes everything else," Doug Blake said, laughing.

Blake won the People's Choice Award and the Judge's Award for Best Appetizer for his Giant Onion Tart and Gravlax with Goat Cheese.

Another popular dish was Susan Markoff Dressler's Cranberry Sauce, which

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PHOTO | SETH CHITWOOD

Doug Blake with his appetizers.

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she made in honor of her father, Burt.

"He was so proud of his Cranberry Sauce, he made it every year, and his secret ingredient was Amaretto. So you can cook and drink it too," Dressler said jokingly.

"It's an easy recipe, and I feel like my dad is with me today," she added.

Another successful dish was Twice Baked Potatoes, prepared by friends Abby Zwetchkenbaum and Sophie Salas.

"We've made it in my family as long as I can remember," Zwetchkenbaum said. "It's just something you expect every year."

Beth-El's Rabbi Sarah Mack won the first-place Judge's Award for her Brussels Sprouts Salad.

"It's a family recipe we make every year, for as long as I can remember," she said.

After appetizers, it was on to the delectable desserts, which included the Feldman family's Cranberry Bread, Brendan Weiner's Stuffing Waffles, and Adrienne Uffer's Pumpkin Cheesecake, which won the Best Dessert award.

The crowd of nearly 200 also enjoyed Barbara Barry's three-layer Gingerbread Pumpkin Trifle, with homemade gingerbread and whipped cream, vanilla pudding, and pumpkin purée.

"I love this combination of flavors beyond any other trifle I've tasted. The spiciness of the gingerbread, the sweet pumpkin, [and] it looks pretty," Barry said.

Robert Sandy's Chestnut Ice Cream with Dark Chocolate was also an extravagant and delicious offering.

"The recipe was an adaptation of a dessert my mother used to make. The original was called *Gesztenyepure* in Hungarian. It means 'chestnuts' and 'purée,'" Sandy said.

"I made it a few weeks ago when I got my new ice-cream maker," he said, smiling and showing off his new prized possession.

The annual World Series cooking competition at Beth-El is a fundraiser for the Rabbi Leslie Yale Gutterman Religious School. The proceeds mainly go toward scholarships for students.

"We were looking for a way to raise money for the temple and build a community spirit," Susan Dressler, one of the founders of the competition, said. "There is something about food that brings everyone out and makes them want to participate."

"This is a fantastic event. Everybody likes it," said Kim Chazan Zwetchkenbaum, who co-chaired the event committee along with Barbara Barry.

SETH CHITWOOD is the creative director of the production company Angelwood Pictures (angelwoodpictures.com), which produces several award-winning web series and films.



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Rabbi Sarah Mack with her Brussels Sprouts Slaw.

Brussels Sprouts Slaw

Rabbi Sarah Mack

Ingredients

Salad:

3-4 pounds Brussels sprouts
1 1/2 cups slivered almonds, toasted (hickory smoked or tamari almonds or pistachios also work)
1 1/2 cups dried cherries or cranberries, chopped
1 1/2 cups finely shredded Parmesan cheese

Dressing:

1 cup olive oil
8 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
5 tablespoons honey (or maple syrup)
4 tablespoons grainy mustard
4 garlic cloves
1 teaspoon sea salt
Pepper to taste

Directions

Chop cherries or cranberries in a food processor.

Shred or slice Brussels sprouts (either way will work, depends on how crunchy you prefer the consistency) in food processor.

Place the ingredients for the dressing in the food processor and blend until emulsified.

Assemble all ingredients except the almonds and allow to sit in refrigerator for a few hours or overnight.

Add almonds before serving.

Serves a crowd (15-20) with some left over for the next day. Recipe can be easily halved.

Dad's Cranberry Sauce (Burt's Cranberry Sauce)

Susan Markoff Dressler

Ingredients

2 cups sugar
1 cup water
4 cups (1 pound) fresh cranberries
1/3 cup marmalade
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 cup blanched almonds
1/3 cup Amaretto (almond liqueur)

Directions

Bring sugar and water to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Add cranberries and cook for 5 minutes or until the skins burst. Remove from heat. Add marmalade and lemon juice and let cool. Then, stir in Amaretto and almonds. Refrigerate until serving. Can be prepared up to one week ahead.

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Gingerbread Pumpkin Trifle
Barbara Barry

Ingredients

1 can pumpkin puree
1 box gingerbread mix, prepared, or homemade gingerbread (9 x 9 pan)
1 large box vanilla pudding
1/4 cup light brown sugar
1/3 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tub Cool whip or 3 1/2 cups homemade whipped cream

Directions

Prepare the gingerbread according to the directions on the box or your recipe. Cool

Mix pumpkin puree, light brown sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl.

Prepare vanilla pudding according to the directions on the box. Cool. Mix pudding and pumpkin puree mixture together until well blended.

Assemble

Crumble gingerbread or cut into 1-inch cubes and place a layer in a trifle bowl.

Second layer: Place 1/3 of the pumpkin mixture over the gingerbread.



Barbara Barry's Gingerbread Pumpkin Trifle.

Third layer: Place 1/3 of the whipped cream over the pumpkin.

Repeat layers, ending with whipped cream.

Chill overnight.

Onion Tart
Douglas Blake

Ingredients

Dough:
2 cups flour
1 stick (4 ounces) ice-cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2 teaspoon pieces
3 tablespoons cold shortening (Crisco preferred)
1/4 cup ice water
1/2 teaspoon salt

Onions:
4 cups sliced sweet onions (about 3-4 large)
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried thyme

Tart:
Sliced roasted red pepper; anchovies; kalamata olives
1/4-1/2 cup grated Parmesan, grana padana or pecorino cheese
1-2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Directions

Dough: Place flour and salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade and pulse 2-3 times to mix. Add butter and shortening and pulse 10-12 times until butter is the size of small peas. Pulse in water by tablespoons until the dough starts to mass; do not overmix. On a floured work surface, add small amounts of water to dough if needed; form into a disc, wrap in plastic and chill while onions cook.

Onions: Cook onions slowly in the olive oil and butter until they are soft but not browned, about 20 minutes or more. Season with salt and pepper and herbs. Allow to cool.

Tart: Roll out the dough on a well-floured work surface to 1/8-inch thick and 1 to 2 inches larger than the pan. Fit the dough into the pan and trim off the excess, allowing enough to fold over the edges down against the bottom; press the sides with the tines of a fork and prick the bottom all over to prevent rising. Sprinkle with half the cheese and spread the cooled onions over the dough. Make a decorative pattern with slices of roasted red pepper, anchovies and olives if you wish. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. May freeze or refrigerate at this stage.

Drizzle with olive oil before baking. Bake in preheated 425 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes (longer if frozen). Cut into serving pieces. May be enjoyed warm or at room temperature. Serves 12.

Easy chicken is a go-to for Shabbat, holidays

BY ELIZABETH KURTZ

(The Nosher via JTA) – I have served this chicken on Rosh Hashanah for years, and it's a go-to for a quick and easy Shabbat recipe. The chicken gets caramelized from the delicious sauce. It's best when marinated overnight, Be sure to plan ahead.

This recipe is excerpted from "Celebrate: Food, Family, Shabbos," by Elizabeth Kurtz.

Shabbat Chicken with Dried Fruit

Ingredients

1/2 cup orange juice
1 cup dried apricots, prunes, or a combination of any dried fruit
12 cloves garlic, minced
1/2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped (about 1 1/2 tablespoons)
2 tablespoons dried oregano
1 tablespoon dried thyme
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 bay leaves
2 (3- to 4-pound) chickens, cut into 8 pieces
1 1/2 tablespoons Kosher salt
1/2 tablespoon ground black pepper
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup white wine

Directions

In a small bowl, pour orange juice over dried fruit and let soak to plump the fruit, about 10 minutes. In a separate small bowl, whisk together garlic, ginger, oregano, thyme, vinegar, olive oil, lemon juice, and bay leaves.

Place chickens in 2 roasting pans. Pour marinade equally over each chicken and massage into chicken. Add orange juice and fruit mixture equally to each roasting pan.

Cover pans and marinate in the refrigerator for 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper, and then drizzle equally with brown sugar and white wine. Bake until chicken is browned on top and registers 165 degrees in the thickest part of the thigh, about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Serve with pan juices and dried fruit.

Notes:

This dish is perfect as-is for Passover.

The chicken tastes best when marinated a minimum of 4 hours and preferably overnight.

Can be prepared 2 days ahead of time. Store, covered, in the refrigerator or freeze up to 3 months. Defrost in the refrigerator. Rewarm, covered, in a warming drawer or 300-degree oven. Serves 8.

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Junior Kiddush Club new to Congregation Beth Sholom

BY ELLY LEYMAN

New this year to children's programming at Congregation Beth Sholom is the Saturday (Shabbat) morning Junior Kiddush Club, which has become a favorite among children, member families and the community at large.

Torah learning, stories, songs and playtime activities are geared to three age groups: Pre school (Tots program), Pre-K through grade 1, and grade 2 and up. Diligent and dedicated teaching leaders ensure that Shabbat mornings at CBS focus on learning, fun and camaraderie, culminating in a special Junior Kiddush.

The Tots program is led by Dina Goodman of Providence Hebrew Day School and meets in the CBS Kids Room, Pre-K through grade 1 is led by Rachel Girard of Classical High School and meets in the CBS Social Hall, and grade 2 and up is led by Menucha Krinsky of Maimonides School, Brookline, Mass., and meets in the downstairs chapel. A special occasional treat is a brief talk by Rabbi Barry Dolinger.

Learning about the *parashah* (weekly Torah readings), prayers and songs plus Shabbat games, story reading, *berachot* (blessings), playtime and more, the Junior Program and Kiddush Club meets every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. This is a wonderful way for kids to spend Shabbat mornings while allowing parents, grandparents and other family to attend Shabbat services in the main sanctuary.

The Junior Kiddush Club is reflective of the CBS mission: "At CBS, we believe that our children are the future of our people, and that we owe it to them and ourselves to provide educational programming and exciting activities to help foster the bonds and connections to our people and our heritage."

CBS welcomes all new participants to come and take part in the weekly Shabbat program, which is free of charge.

Congregation Beth Sholom is located at 275 Camp St., at the corner of Camp and Rochambeau streets on the East Side of Providence.

For more information, call or email Mon - Fri: 401-621-9393; office@bethsholom-ri.org, website: www.bethsholom-ri.org, Facebook page @ BethSholom-RI (to view CBS pics, click photos).

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The Bronfman Fellowship announces 31st application season

Applications are now being accepted for the Bronfman Fellowship. The fellowship selects 26 outstanding North American teenagers for a rigorous academic year of seminars including a free, five-week trip to Israel in the summer between the fellows' junior and senior years of high school. The program educates and inspires exceptional young Jews from diverse backgrounds to grow into leaders grounded in their Jewish identity and committed to social change. The program was founded and is funded by the late Edgar M. Bronfman, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a visionary Jewish philanthropist. It is in its 31st year.

During the program's seminars, the fellows meet with leading intellectuals, religious and political leaders, and educators, such as Etgar Keret, A.B Yehoshua, Sayed Kashua, and Rabbah Tamar Applebaum. They then participate in study and dialogue with a diverse faculty, which is made up of rabbis and educators associated with different movements and perspectives within Judaism. Faculty members have an intimate knowledge of Judaism in North America and Israel and have extensive experience working with young adults. Fellows also spend two weeks with a group of Israeli peers who have been chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Youth Fellowship: Amitei Bronfman.

Upon returning from the summer in Israel, Bronfman Fellows are asked to devise and lead local Jewish or social action projects.

"My father, Edgar M. Bronfman, placed enormous faith in young people's ability to see the world not just as it is, but as it ought to be," said Adam R. Bronfman, president of The Samuel Bronfman Foundation. "He believed that young people energized by their Judaism were best equipped to both shape a Jewish 'Renaissance' and improve the world."

"The Fellowship is an opportunity for dynamic personal and intellectual growth in a group of carefully chosen peers," said Becky Voorwinde, executive director. "We seek to increase communication between young people across the Jewish spectrum including fostering bonds between Jews in North America and Israel. This program serves as a creative force that has inspired some of our best Jewish young adults to become creative leaders in their communities".

There are now over 1,100 Bronfman Fellowship alumni across North America and Israel, among them seven Rhodes Scholars, four former Supreme Court clerks, 18 Fulbright Scholars, 29 Wexner Fellows and 22 Dorot Fellows.

Young leaders of note among Fellowship alumni include Daniel Handler, a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, author of the best-selling "Series of Unfortunate Events" children's books; Jonathan Safran Foer, author of "Everything is Illuminated" and "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" and editor of the New American Haggadah (featuring commentary from Lemony Snicket, among others); and Angela Warnick Buchdahl, the first woman to be named Senior Rabbi at New York's Central Synagogue and the first Asian-American to be ordained as a rabbi and cantor. Others include: Igor Timofeyev, former Supreme Court clerk and former Special Advisor for Refugee and Asylum Affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Dara Horn, author of "In the Image, The World to Come and All Other Nights"; and Anya Kamenetz, the youngest person ever nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her Village Voice series "Generation Debt: The New Economics of Being Young."

Fellows have found that participation in The Fellowship has helped them in their college application process. More than 50 percent of Fellows go on to attend Ivy League universities.

Applications for the 2017 Fellowship are due Jan. 4, 2017, and are available online at bronfman.org. High school students in the United States and Canada who self-identify as Jewish and who will be in the 12th grade in the fall of 2017 are eligible to apply.

The Fellowship is a pluralistic program for Jews of all backgrounds; prior Jewish education is not required. Students are chosen on merit alone.



These goats are ready for a day of learning.

Rhode Islanders celebrate Global Day of Jewish Learning

Diverse program highlights nature, world

BY LARRY KATZ
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"The earth is full of Your creations" (Psalm 104:24) is one of many references in Jewish texts to the beauty and vastness of our world and nature. Children and adults have an opportunity to explore nurturing and nourishment, ecology and the environment, cycles and seasons on Nov. 20 as part of the Global Day of Jewish Learning. Jews around the world will share a day of Jewish learning, dialogue and exploration, joining together in celebration of all that unites us. Events are being held in more than 500 communities in more than 40 countries.

The Jewish Alliance is working with The Nature Conservancy, Ganei Beantown: Beantown Jewish Gardens, PJ Library and Temple Torat Yisrael to present a diverse program. Workshops include PJ Library stories and activities for young children. For older children, goats and chickens will join in a program on how to treat animals. Free snacks will be available.

The Nature Conservancy will present "Ruler, Steward, Servant: Humanity's Relationship with Nature." Ganei Beantown will conduct a workshop on fair trade and Jewish values that support responsible consumption. Rabbi Aaron Philmus of Temple Torat Yisrael will present "Shepherds of Israel – Jewish Animal Care."

Adults will be able to choose from one of three workshops in each of two sessions. Each session will include a workshop in the kitchen: "Making Elderberry Syrup and Herbs for Winter" and "A land flowing with milk and honey: Date Honey Workshop."

Those who are unable to attend may participate online via a live web-cast series that features presenters such as Rabbi Elie Kaunfer (a former Rhode Islander), Sara Chandler (Jewish Initiative for Animals), Rabbi Natan Slifkin ("The Zoo Rabbi") and Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz (originator of the Global Day). Go to www.TheGlobalDay.Org and click "on-air" for the topics and schedule, which begins Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. and continues on the 20th.

At 12:30 p.m., a light lunch will be available for a nominal fee. The program begins at 1 p.m. and concludes by 3:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael is located at 1251 Middle Road in East Greenwich, near both Exit 8 of I-95 and Exit 8 of Route 4, half a mile from South County Trail (Route 2). For more information, contact Larry Katz at lkatz@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111.

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PHOTOS | MIKE SKORSKI

Jewish Alliance leadership with keynote speaker, left to right, Mindy Wachtenheim, Mynde and Gary Siperstein, Susan Froehlich, Jesse Itzler, Jeanie Charness, Mitzi Berkelhammer, Jeffrey Savit, James Pious.

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ITZLER

pitch of Marquis Jets and his inspiration to create Zico Coconut Water while training for a 100-mile race. "The key is you just keep on going," said Itzler.

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Itzler co-founded Marquis Jet, the world's largest prepaid private jet card company in 2001, which he and his partner sold to Berkshire Hathaway/NetJets. He then helped pioneer the coconut water craze with Zico Coconut Water, which he and his partners sold to The Coca-Cola Co. in 2013. His many life experiences are inspired by his personal goal to "never take your foot off the gas."

His most recent adventure was hiring a Navy Seal to live with him and his family to push his endurance and determination to the next level. Already a super athlete, Itzler felt that his exercise regimen needed a boost of energy. His final challenges included jumping into a frozen lake and doing 1,000 push-ups in one day. He told the crowd that the experience taught him to "be comfortable with being uncomfortable" and how to move on after failure.

Itzler and his wife, Spanx founder Sara Blakely, have also committed themselves to philanthropy. One flagship project includes the building of the 100-Mile Man Educational Campus, housing an extended-hours daycare center and preschool for low-income families in Rishon LeZion, Israel.

In addition to Itzler, community member Jordan Harpel shared his personal story on living Jewishly in Rhode Island. Now a senior at the University of Rhode Island, Harpel, the grandson of a Holocaust survivor, grew up in Cranston. Susan Froehlich, vice-chair of philanthropy, introduced Harpel by saying, "Tonight represents the power of community when we join together to make an impact… Jordan is one of many community members who have directly benefited from our support and now has chosen to keep the cycle going by giving back himself."

Harpel began his Jewish journey as a camper at Camp JORI and spent last summer as a head counselor, which was his 13th consecutive summer at JORI. He participated in the March of the Living during high school, Birthright Israel in college, and now works as an afternoon teacher at the David C. Isenberg Family Early Childhood Center at the Dwares JCC. Harpel told the audience, "When I think about my grandfather, David, fleeing Nazi Germany, and the many Jews around the world today who must hide or deny their Jewishness, I feel lucky that there is so much to participate in and get involved in locally as a young Jewish person living and studying in Rhode Island." He expressed appreciation for all the support given to him by the donors to the Alliance Annual Campaign that has provided him these opportunities.

Gary and Mynde Siperstein and Bethany and Richard Sutton co-chaired the event which was designed to celebrate the Alliance's effectiveness and impact on programs and services while thanking the 1,800 community donors for ongoing commitment and support.



Back, left to right, Michael Nulman, Michael Eides, Bob Berkelhammer, Ed Rotmer. Front, left to right, Mitzi Berkelhammer, Susan Eides, Lorraine Rotmer.

Two donor receptions were held prior to the main event. Pacesetters, Lions of Judah and Silver Circle donors, chaired by Ralph Posner, Mindy Wachtenheim, Jeanie Charness and Faye Wisen, heard a presentation from retired IDF Col. Kobi Marom. He shared insights into the current situation in the Middle East, including the civil war in Syria and the growth of ISIS.

At a reception for Double Chai Society members, co-chaired by Bethany and Rich Sutton, the next generation of Jewish Alliance donors was able to chat with Jesse Itzler and Tslil Reichman, the new Israeli *shlichah* in the community.

Mitzi Berkelhammer, board chair, welcomed attendees to the main event: "[The Jewish Alliance] is providing positive Jewish and communal experiences for all … we are caring for those most in need with our Living on the Edge initiative. And we are responding to needs locally and abroad when they arise in the face of growing anti-Semitism, natural disasters and poverty."

Attendees left inspired and motivated. James Pious, vice chair of philanthropy, closed the evening by reinforcing the importance of the Alliance's annual campaign and how, similar to Itzler, our community must continue to innovate and motivate one another.

For more ways to get inspired by Jewish giving, contact Trine Lustig, vice president of philanthropy: tlustig@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 223.

To donate to the Annual Campaign, contact Michele Gallagher: mgallagher@jewishallianceri.org or ext. 165.

STEPHANIE HAGUE is the philanthropy officer for the Jewish Alliance.



Mindy and Andrew Stone, Naomi Baine and Rabbi Barry Dolinger.



Event Co-Chairs Gary and Mynde Siperstein, with their family and keynote speaker Jesse Itzler.



Back, left to right, Mayer Levitt, Ed Feldstein, Dick Silverman, Jerry Salmanson, Stephen Lewinstein.
Front, left to right, Judy Levitt, Barbara Feldstein, Dale Salmanson, Diana Lewinstein.



Retired Colonel Kobi Marom, speaking during the pre-reception.



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Event Co-Chairs Bethany and Rich Sutton.



Joshua Deaner and Jeffrey Isaacs at the dessert reception.

RIC to perform Russian-American composer's 'Holocaust'

BY CAROL DORROS

On the evenings of Dec. 6 and 9, you can be part of a Jewish World War II veteran's dream.

On those dates, Dr. Simon Skurkovich's "Holocaust," a symphonic poem for orchestra, chorus and soloists, will be performed by the Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra and the Rhode Island College Chorus as part of its Winter Concert.

Dr. Skurkovich, M.D., Ph.D, D.Sc, is a world-renowned scientist, medical researcher, professor and inventor whose pioneering work in immunology, infectious diseases, rheumatology and oncology has saved hundreds of thousands of lives and led to the development of novel approaches in the treatment of autoimmune diseases. In addition, he is a composer.

Rhode Islanders may recognize the surname because Skurkovich's son, Boris, is a well-known local pediatrician and infectious disease specialist. Simon Skurkovich is also the man I feel honored to call my father-in-law.

Skurkovich, 94, originally from Moscow, immigrated to Maryland, where he still lives. Although his wife died in 1996, he continues to live in his own home. He wakes early, eats his home-cured raw salmon – which he insists is a necessity for long life – and sets to work, spending his days thinking, writing scientific papers, applying for patents and, for the last few years, fulfilling his dream of completing his requiem to the Holocaust.

Skurkovich's love of music started in his early childhood. His parents were poor and he was one of six children. At the age of 6 he and his brother were sent to an orphanage to live for a few years because there just was not enough food at home. During this time, he taught himself to play the piano. Leading musicians called him a wunderkind when they heard him play.

Once he returned home to live, Skurkovich no longer had access to a piano. At the age of 8, he wrote a letter to Stalin about his plight. Stalin was so impressed by this child that the government got a rental piano for his home.

Later, when Skurkovich met with Sergey Prokofiev, one of the musical geniuses of the 20th century (his ballet "Romeo and Juliet" and other works are performed worldwide), he was told that he should devote himself to composing music full time. But Skurkovich wanted to help people by becoming a physician.

At the age of 22, having just completed medical school, Skurkovich became a captain in a tank regiment of the Soviet army. While serving as a physician at the Russian front, he witnessed death and destruction, was wounded twice and was once left for dead.

His unit participated in many major battles during the liberation of Eastern and Central European countries from the Nazis.

In Austria, together with his unit, Skurkovich helped free prisoners of a concentration camp, where he witnessed the true horrors of the Holocaust. These scenes and the victims that he saw there left him with deep emotional scars that never healed.

Over the past 20 years, Skurkovich has worked on his requiem "Holocaust." This "symphonic poem" is Skurkovich's way to help us to never forget this atrocity, and to honor the memory of those who perished and those who fought to survive.

"Holocaust" is not Skurkovich's first large orchestral work. In 1977, his piano concerto, which contained a number of well-known Jewish melodies, was performed in Moscow to enthusiastic public and critical acclaim. This was a time of Jewish revival in the Soviet Union, when tens of thousands of Jews were fighting for their right to emigrate to Israel.

Many were denied this right and became "*refuzeniks*." They lost their jobs, were harassed by authorities, and even jailed. Skurkovich's Concerto for Piano provided great inspiration and moral support to the Jewish community in Moscow.

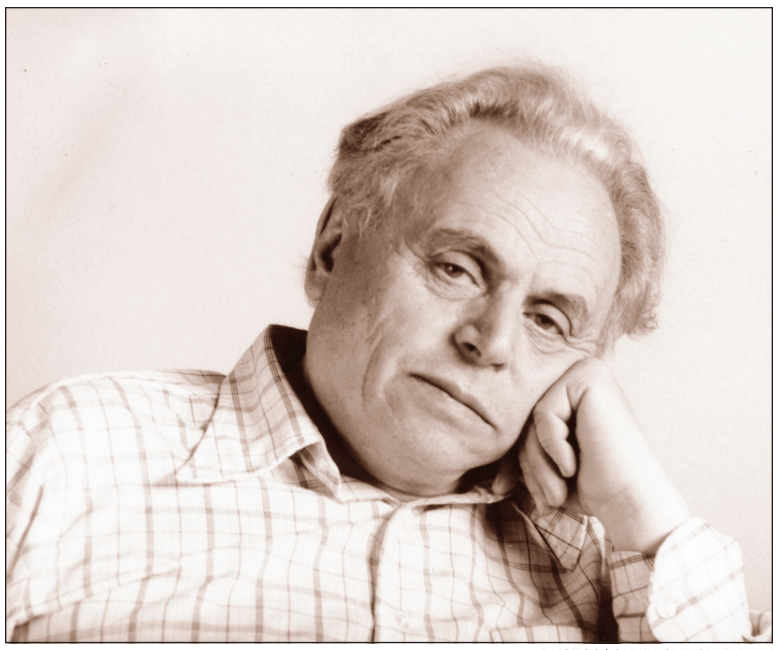
Skurkovich believes "music and science are part of the same intellect" and his contribution to medical science is enormous. Until 1978, Dr. Skurkovich was the chief of a large scientific laboratory in a leading research institute in Moscow, but in 1979, he was invited by The National Institutes of Health to come to the United States to continue his research.

Over his lifetime, he has been awarded more than 30 U.S. and foreign patents and authored more than 300 scientific publications and two books. He has received multiple awards and honorary degrees, including a commendation from President Obama. Last year, on the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, our family was able to see the inside of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C., as we watched Skurkovich receive one of the highest awards in the Soviet Union, The Order of Friendship, for his contributions to science and the people of the world.

We are extremely grateful to our friends and family in Rhode Island and around the country who helped fund our Kickstarter campaign to pay the thousands of dollars it cost to have a score written for each orchestra instrument, and to conductor Alexey Shabalin and Rhode Island College for performing "Holocaust."

"Holocaust" will be performed Dec. 6 and 9, at 7:30 p.m., in Roberts Hall at Rhode Island College, in Providence, as part of the Winter Concert. Tickets are $10 at the door, $5 for seniors and non-RIC students, and free for RIC students and faculty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, go to https://www.ric.edu/mtd/calendar_musicEvents.php.



PHOTOS | SKURKOVITCH FAMILY

Dr. Simon Skurkovich.



Skurkovich with his brothers and sisters who were also in the Russian army. He is in front, far right.



Skurkovich playing piano with his granddaughter, Sophie, about four or five years ago.

Gone but not forgotten: Cousin tracks fate of lost family member

BY FRAN OSTENDORF
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Edward Gorodesky went off to serve his country in 1939. He left friends and family in Providence, as many others did during World War II.

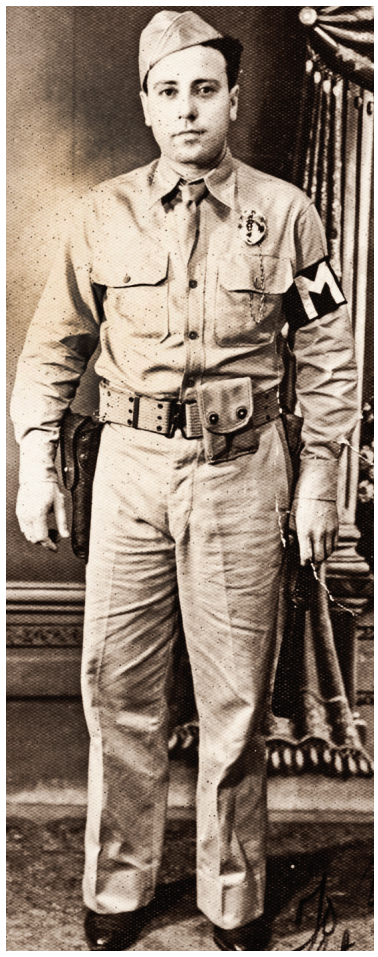
Edward, who enlisted for three years, never came back.

His younger cousin, Sanford Gorodetsky (Edward dropped the "t" at some point), shared a little of Edward's story in honor of Veterans Day 2016.

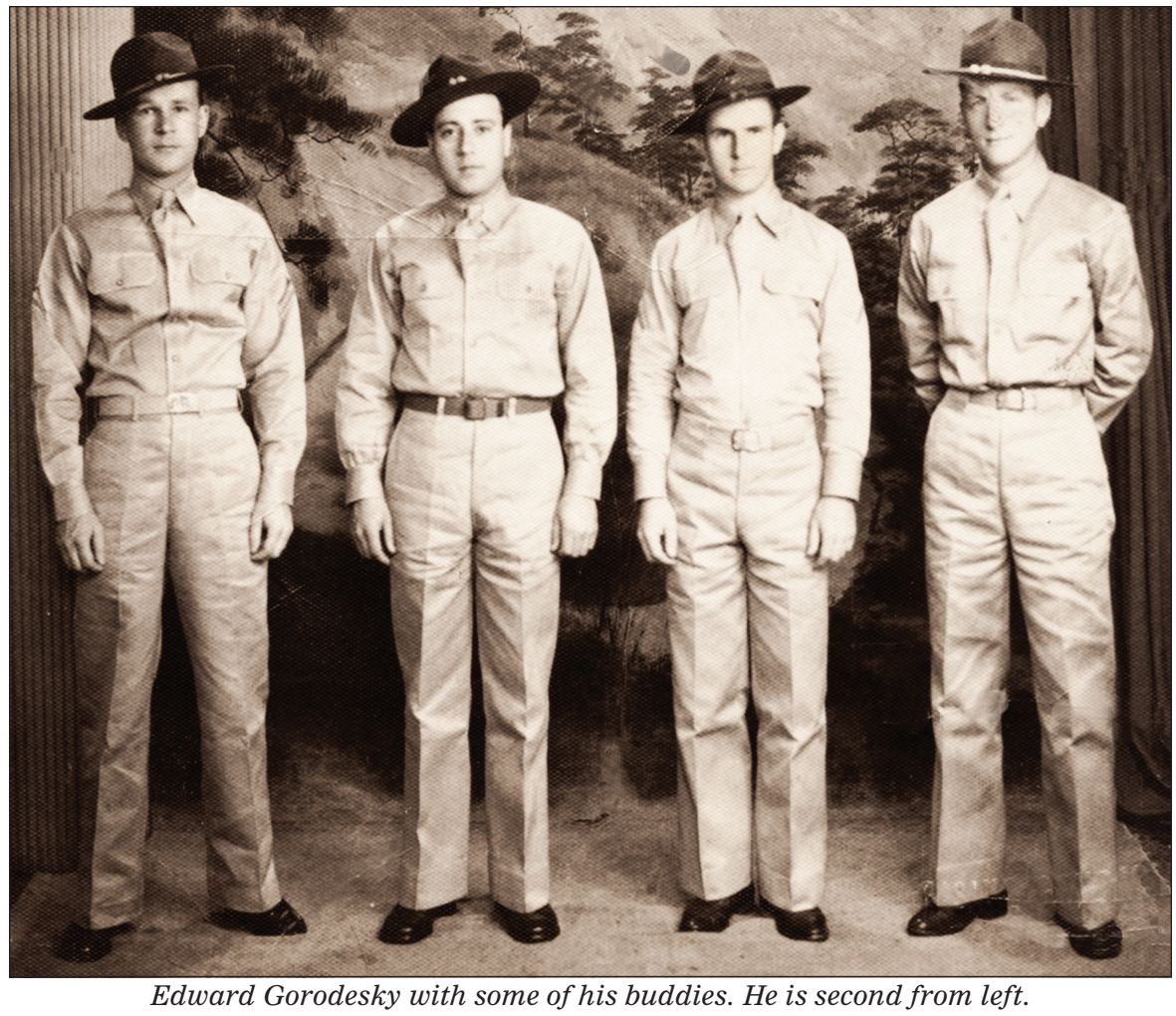
Gorodetsky, a lawyer in Rhode Island and a WWII veteran, is the commander of the Department of Rhode Island, Jewish War Veterans U.S.A. He said it's taken some work to find out what happened to Edward.

Officially, Edward went missing in 1942, according to the Army. He was declared dead in 1944. But, said Gorodetsky, there was never an official explanation and "Nobody in the family knew what had happened."

Edward spent his first six months in the Army in the States. Then, he was sent to the Philippines and was a driver for officers. He was supposed to come back to the U.S. for the last six months of his "hitch."



Edward Gorodesky



Edward Gorodesky with some of his buddies. He is second from left.



Part of a letter home.

But that all changed when Pearl Harbor was attacked, on Dec. 7, 1941. He was just months away from coming home at the time, according to Gorodetsky.

Edward was taken prisoner by the Japanese. He was in a couple of prison camps; the family has postcards that he sent them from those camps. He even survived the Bataan Death March.

According to Gorodetsky, who lives in Warren, it was believed that Edward was put on one of "the hell ships that the Japanese loaded up with prisoners to go to Japan to do slave labor."

But there was no more communication.

"All these years," said Gorodetsky, "nobody knew."

Always curious to learn about people, Gorodetsky started to piece together the story. And each time he found a little information, it seemed to lead to more.

Then the federal government started to release information.

"I discovered I could get archives," Gorodetsky said. "I got plenty of information. And when the computer came along, it allowed me to do so much more."

For example, he found a blog called Bataanson (bataanson.blogspot.com); Edward was in the same unit as the blogger's father. Suddenly there was a lot more information about that time period, during the march: who was there, who they were with, who survived.

It was in that blog that Gorodetsky found a record of Edward's death aboard the Shinyu Maru, which was, in fact, one of the hell ships. It was torpedoed by a U.S. submarine on Sept. 7, 1944, according to the records.

This further confirmed other information he had received that his cousin had been in Camp O'Donnell and the Cabanatuan POW camp after the Death March, and had been put on the Shinyu Maru.

Edward, who was awarded a Purple Heart, is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery at Fort Bonifacio, in Manila, Philippines.

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Aging up: The wisdom and richness of *zekeinim*



PATRICIA RASKIN

Like so many of us, I am an early baby boomer. At this stage in our lives, most of us have achieved a great deal and have reached many milestones. Many of us are parents and grandparents, and we are seasoned in life and work.

I am in the process of writing my third book, "Not My Mother's Fifty: Seven Steps to Follow Your Passion at Any Age," which focuses on aging well and how we can trust our intuition and gut instincts.

Here are three ways that we *zekeinim* (elders) can continue to lead productive, rewarding lives:

• **Create a strong support system.** Many of us have lost loved ones and become resigned to relationships that are known and reliable but do not serve us. Reevaluate your support system and reach out for new support that will help you solve problems and live a happier life.

• **Merge high-tech with high-touch.** Understanding the language and technology of today not only helps us build confidence, but it also helps us appreciate our own communication skills. In the movie "The Intern," Ben, played by Robert De Niro, counsels a millennial who is lamenting about the breakup with his girlfriend because of his behavior. Ben asks the young man if he has spoken to the woman. The man responds with, "No, I texted her." And Ben says, "You texted her?" And the man responds, "Oh, but then I emailed her!" Ben is amazed, and encourages the man to speak face to face to the girlfriend. This is an example of being more reliant on technology than verbal communication. Our generations can learn from each other.

"I think embracing who we are and learning how to comfort ourselves is a way to good health."

• **Engage in positive talk about aging.** This means avoiding stereotypes about aging. The subject of aging is in the repertoire of many comedians. The jokes refer to having less drive, sexual energy, physical capacity, brainpower, hair, and function in general. These stereotypes, as well as vitality, are not dependent on chronological age. In today's world, with so many advances in medicine, we are living longer, healthier lives.

On the website Jewish Values Online (http://jewishvaluescenter.org), Rabbi Iscah Waldman states, "If you look at a number of our biblical stories, you will note that many of our ancestors did their best 'work' in their old age. Abraham and Sarah were given a child in their 90s [actually, Abraham was older], and Jacob reconciles with Esau after a very rocky youth. … Moses is around 80 when he is sent to deliver the people from Egypt, and there are countless other examples. Rabbinic literature is filled with numerous examples of elderly sages imparting their wisdom, and of people who have been rewarded for respecting and honoring their elderly parents."

I think embracing who we are and learning how to comfort ourselves is a way to good health. If we can grow older gracefully, accepting our age, wisdom, knowledge and experience, we can relax more and enjoy who we are as people.

PATRICIA RASKIN hosts "The Patricia Raskin Show" on Saturdays at 3 p.m. on WPRO, 630 AM/99.7 FM and on Mondays at 2 p.m. on voiceamerica.com. Raskin is a board member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Spinach may be better for us than we thought

Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology may have found yet another beneficial use for spinach, especially when it is sprinkled with what they call carbon nanotubes, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Nanotubes are actually tiny semiconductors that when combined with leafy spinach may be capable of sniffing out bombs and other explosive devices.

The plant, itself, is "very environmentally responsive," as research team leader Michael Strano puts it. The nanotubes make it receptive to the ingredients of landmines and other deadly devices.

The mobile emergency room

As folks grow older, conditions may arise that require critical medical attention and, in many cases, getting to an emergency room may be too difficult to manage, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

So a number of hospitals across the country have devised mobile emergency rooms. These fully equipped SUVs are staffed by specially trained paramedics who can deal with a variety of emergencies in a patient's own home.

Baby, it's cold outside!

Meteorologists are predicting a cold winter with lots of snow in many parts of the country, particularly in the northeast, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens.

The wintry conditions may extend well into next spring, say the forecasters.

According to AccuWeather's Paul Pastelok, the southern portions of the nation will see drier, warmer weather, although central Florida may experience a "damaging freeze in mid to late January."

The smart shoe has arrived

Just in time for the holidays, sneaker-maker Nike will start selling the first self-lacing shoes, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Sensors inside the shoe tighten the laces when you put your foot in.

But, says AMAC, if you think that's an amazing development, think again. A startup company calling itself Vixole is getting ready to launch a high-top sneaker with an electronic screen that can display stationary or moving pictures that you can control using your smartphone.

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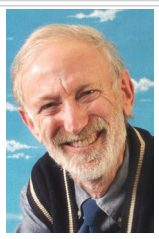
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The future sails toward us on the timbers of the past



SKETCHBOOK

MIKE FINK

Several summers ago, I spotted a graceful shape in an empty field, a leftover lot among the riverside shacks in South Kingstown. It was an abandoned skiff, a simple rowboat that had outlived its usefulness, I guessed.

The curves and contours of its sculptured design fixed my attention each time I strolled from Middlebridge Road down the lane toward the shore. Its keel was rounded, and its prow was a carved Viking curlicue. The stern end was short and blunt, but the lines going forward spread elegantly like a cape.

When the weed patch upon which the craft rested, in a careless, endless nap, was sold, I lost sight of this mirage of ideal but simple seamanship.

I asked, what happened to that little rotting dory? Nobody knew where it had gone. I assumed that the seller or the real estate agent, in clearing away rubble before putting the property on the market – people like clear orderliness, not clutter – had disposed of it. I thought I might look for it at the dump, but most likely the wood was too rotten even for recycling.



The abandoned skiff.

And then, as I made my pointless, wee journey down Harcourt Avenue to say hello to the geese or swans or ducks or cormorants, there! Voila! I saw a ghost! Propped up politely on blocks, sitting pretty, was the ark, but with no floor at all.

Only the form, like an idea or a quick one-line charcoal sketch, was before me in three dimensions ... no, four: It was long, ancient, hollow, the skeleton of a living ship, a phantom, a phantasm.

So I hunted for my elusive camera and came to the scene to record it as best I could, and I add these fancy words to enhance, transcend, elaborate on my adventure.

Was it, in my mind and version, Noah's Ark? In Armenia, the claim for its biblical but also actual existence is based on the reference to Mount Ararat.

I finish up this account with the thought that a wreck is also a rescue and refuge for wildlife, and the very name "Noah" means nature's calm before and after the storms.

This year Hanukkah coincides precisely with Noel, and suggests to me that perhaps the church chose the date to imitate our celebration of the renewal of light, the rededication of our lives on the darkest solstice. Far from copying, our tradition invented.

RISD graduate student Shoshana Spencer has borrowed my snapshot of the vanishing vessel, promising to decorate it with flowering weeds growing from the soil beneath it, turning it from a summer souvenir into yet another version of a lamp unto the neighbors, a menorah of memory.

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Up close at Tamarisk

Ruth Jaffa Albert shares what living at The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence means to her



Ruth Jaffa

"As a resident at Tamarisk I attend weekly 'mind-stretching' programs such as currents events, play-reading and Yiddish Club. I continue to volunteer in maintaining our Tamarisk library and in leading brief Friday night services and Torah stories in our memory care unit, Renaissance. Tamarisk's memory unit is the exact opposite of the facility that my late husband was in. How I wish the same loving care was available to my husband when he needed it."

If you would like to see firsthand what Tamarisk is all about, contact Susan Adler at 401-732-0037 for a tour.

Cranston Senior Guild schedules holiday lunch

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at noon at Mesa Café & Grill, 100 Rolfe St., Cranston.

The luncheon will include a choice of chicken Marsala or baked fish, chicken escarole soup, salad, pasta, green beans and carrots. Dessert is tiramisu or fresh fruit cup and coffee or tea. The cost is $25 (tax and tip are included).

There will be Jewish musical entertainment. A raffle will follow the luncheon.

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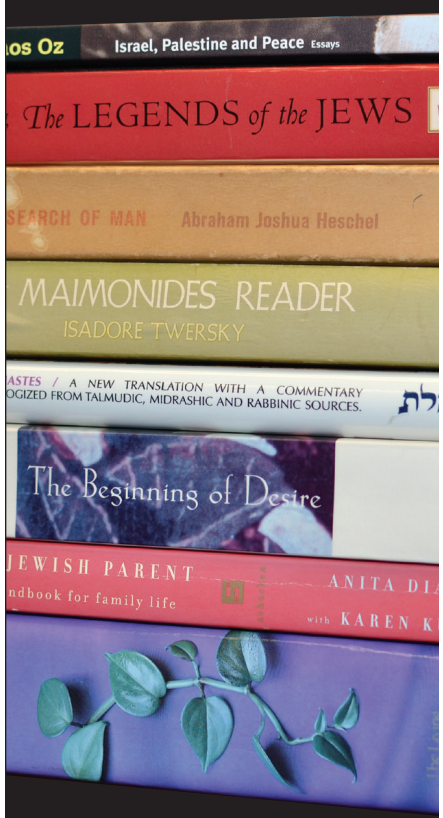
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Older Americans impacting the economy

BY HERB WEISS

Sometime in your life you might have heard this comment – older people are a drain on the economy. A newly released AARP report shatters this myth once and for all by detailing a rise in spending and workforce contributions by aging baby boomers.

AARP's 28-page report, "The Longevity Economy: How People Over 50 Are Driving Economic and Social Value in the US," takes a hard look at how our nation's population of 111 million 50-plus consumers impacts the economy.

According to this report, released on Sept. 20, the 50-plus age group generates a whopping $7.6 trillion in economic activity (a $500 billion increase from 2013), including $5 trillion in consumer spending.

The researchers say the increases reflects the nation's shifting demographic and spending patterns of this group due to longer life spans and prolonged employment.

Older Adults a Powerful Economic Force

The 50-plus cohort represents a powerful force that drives economic activity and the growth of this age group and has a transformative impact on the nation's products and services.

According to the report, produced by Oxford Economics for AARP, members of the "Longevity Economy" are employed longer and making contributions within the workforce. In addition, the economic activity that comprises the Longevity Economy generates $1.8 trillion in federal, state and local taxes. As older people extend their work lives, they are fueling economic growth past the traditional retirement age of 65 as well as combating myths about how aging affects the economy.

"As the 50-plus demographic continues to grow, the market opportunities are too large to ignore," said Jody Holtzman, senior vice president of market innovation, AARP. "With those in the 'longevity economy' wanting to maintain independence, employment and health for as long as possible, opportunities abound for companies to develop products and services to meet the demand. This report offers a strong roadmap for companies to address the needs of the 50-plus population."

Look for the nation's Longevity Economy to be more ethnically diverse. The report notes that by 2050, black, Hispanic, Asian, and other non-white groups will make up 45 percent of the 50-plus population, compared with 26 percent in 2015. Demographic changes will influence the types of goods and services that the 50-plus population consumes and invests in, say the researchers.

Aging baby boomers and seniors will be a "contributing force" in the workplace and heavily into entrepreneurship. The report's findings indicated that people age 50-plus are working longer, earning wages, spending more money, generating tax revenue, and producing economic value for an extended period of time. Those aged 55-64 have had the highest rate of entrepreneurial activity in the nation and over the last 10 years and one in three US businesses in that timeframe was started by an entrepreneur aged 50 or older.

The report's findings pierces the long-held stereotypes that as one ages they become less productive, not as quick and agile when compared to younger employees. Researchers say while these observations may be true in some occupations, however, the report's data suggests that in many instances productivity may increase in your later years. This may occur because older workers who are more highly educated are employed in more knowledge-based professions and less physically active ones.

Researchers observed that the Longevity Economy supported job sustainability. The AARP report found that in 2015 alone, nationwide spending by people aged 50-plus supported more than 89.4 million jobs and more than $4.7 trillion in the nation's labor income — 61 percent of all U.S. jobs and 43 percent of labor income was related to this groups' spending, impacting health services and education.

Meanwhile, the AARP report notes that The 50-plus population has a strong desire to stay independent and active while they age, resulting in businesses developing new technologies – such as remote monitoring, smartphone apps and ambient computing – that cater to them.

Finally, the AARP report found that baby boomers are not stingy. They donate at a larger rate than younger generations, with 80 percent of those 65-plus giving to charity in 2015. When not working boomers spend a lot of their time volunteering, too – individuals 55-64 spend 128 hours per year while those 65-plus spend 133 hours per year. In addition, 83 percent of the nation's household wealth is held by those over 50 years old, say researchers.

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"In Rhode Island, we know that the 50+ population is an economic driver," said AARP Rhode Island State Director Kathleen Connell. "On the younger end, the demographic represents key leaders in business, education and government. Sometimes it seems as if the 'young innovators' get all the press, but this core of established, successful and still quite energetic Rhode Islanders is undeniable. At the other end of the spectrum, $2.9 billion dollars in Social Security benefits are paid out to Rhode Islanders and a large portion of that spending is here in the state. Total economic output is estimated at $4.98 billion. People also would be surprised to know that Rhode Islanders 65 and older comprise 18 percent of the workforce."

"They are caregivers and philanthropists as well," Connell added. "And their volunteer service is valued at $148 million a year. However, this is not to deny that many older people have real and pressing needs. That will grow as a percentage of the state's population and we need to plan for those realities."

"Younger entrepreneurs are important to the state's future," Connell concluded. "But the brightest, in my opinion, recognize the 50+ population as both a market and a resource. Many are tapping the generation that came before them as an advantage as they grow their own successes. We want to see more of that. It's a win-win we can't pass up."

It is no surprise to economist Ed Mazze that consumers age 50-plus are the most important demographic group for businesses to target. He says there are over 120 million people in this group (the baby boomers (born 1946 to 1964) and the Silent Generation (born from 1925 through 1945).

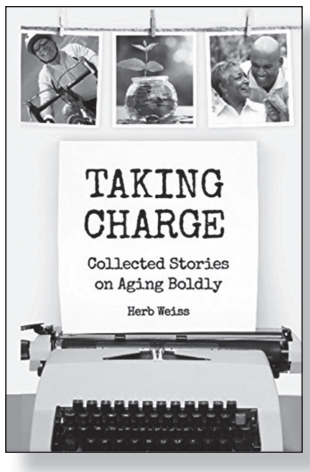
Mazze, distinguished professor of business administration at the University of Rhode Island, notes that boomers are willing to spend on technology, use social media, purchase online and represent a good market for many luxury products. "Many new products have been created for the Silent Generation in areas of food and pharmaceuticals and other products have been redesigned and re-engineered such as appliances, automobiles and furniture for ease of operation," he says.

"There are many in both markets still willing to pay full price for the products and services they buy if they feel they are getting full value for these purchases. These are two important consumer market segments that should not be neglected," adds Mazze.

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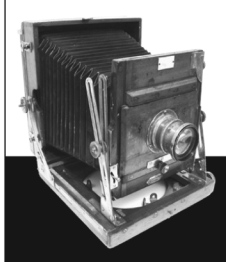
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Knesset leader calls for cancellation of Western Wall agreement

JERUSALEM (JTA) – The head of the Knesset Interior Committee has called for the Israeli government to cancel the Western Wall egalitarian prayer agreement, saying "It's not the end of the world if American Jews get offended."

David Amsalem of the ruling Likud party made the remarks during a committee meeting Nov. 7 on implementing the deal. Prior to the meeting, the committee toured the Western Wall plaza in order to better understand the current and proposed arrangements. Haredi Orthodox committee members, as well as both of Israel's chief rabbis, did not join the tour, reportedly because leaders of the Reform movement were participating.

At the committee session, haredi Orthodox lawmakers left the room every time representatives of the Conservative and Reform movements spoke at the podium, according to Haaretz.

"I don't believe in it, and I think we have to go back to what was," Amsalem said of the egalitarian plan during the session, Haaretz reported. "With all due respect to the Americans and American Jews, they cannot be influencing what goes on here."

Under the agreement announced in January and approved by the Cabinet in a 15-5 vote, the egalitarian section at the wall near Robinson's Arch would be expanded and placed under the authority of a pluralist committee. The plan called for solidifying haredi Orthodox control over the site's traditional Orthodox section.

Amsalem also blamed the recent violence at the Western Wall, when leaders of the Reform and Conservative movements brought at least 12 Torah scrolls into the women's section for a prayer service, on the non-Orthodox movements. The protesters for egalitarian worship at the Western Wall, who were demonstrating against the lack of progress on the January agreement, were met with pushing and shoving by haredi Orthodox worshippers and berated with cries including "Nazis" and "whores."

"Those who held the Torah scrolls in their hands are the ones who instigated the violence," he told the committee.

On Nov. 7, Israel's interior minister, Aryeh Deri of the Sephardic Orthodox Shas party, called Reform Judaism an "imitation" and said he "can do without that Judaism" during a question-and-answer session in the Knesset.

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By contrast, Clinton's Jewish story line is pretty thin and unsurprising. We've known for years how she stands on Israel (left of Netanyahu, right of Barack Obama) and Iran (backed the deal, vows to aggressively monitor Iran's compliance). She kissed Sura Arafat in 1999, but served a fairly uncontroversial term as senator from New York beginning shortly thereafter. She is married to the convener of the Oslo Accords, who is, depending on whom you ask, Israel's greatest friend or its worst enemy. She and Joe Biden have Jewish children-in-law (whose names you probably don't even know).

Hillary Clinton may be controversial in other ways, but when it comes to Jewish issues, she is a known quantity. You can write about her stated positions and historical record on Israel and Iran – and we have – but once you do, you're essentially done. Trump's brand is chaos, hers is control. Trump's campaign was the media equivalent of a shofar blast – or 100 in a row. Hillary is the synagogue treasurer, mumbling through the weekly announcements. One makes you pay attention. The other is someone you listen to politely if you're not already asleep or out the door.

Trump has managed to spotlight Jewish concerns and obsessions, but the spotlight mostly shines on him.

This wasn't the case in the past two elections. When Obama ran against John McCain in 2008 and Mitt Romney in 2012, there were compelling arguments and story lines on both sides about "Jewish" issues, especially Israel. The Republicans had managed to shape themselves as the more "reliably" pro-Israel party, at least in the eyes of Netanyahu and the groups and individuals who shared his security-first vision. Democrats were more likely to be aligned with an Israeli minority that supported a dormant peace process. That led to a lot of stories about whether the Jews were ripe for a political realignment.

At home, Obama had the Reverend Wright albatross to contend with; McCain shackled himself to Sarah Palin and stalled the inroads that the GOP was making among Jewish voters for at least another four years. Netanyahu made clear that he was no fan of Obama, and Obama treated him in kind, a story line that kept the Jewish media busy before and after Obama's second-term victory.

These were typical issues that played out in normal ways. Who's better for Israel? How do you define "better"? Should the pro-Israel lobby abandon its decades-long commitment to bipartisanship? Is Israel the only issue that Jewish voters do or should care about? Would the *bubbe* and *zayde* vote tip Florida?

This time around, none of these issues seemed to matter. Trump, who blew up the entire notion of a "typical" politician, undermined the old categories – in Jewish journalism and everything else. Who's to say who is "better" for Israel when Trump himself was barely expressing a foreign policy, had no meaningful track record on the issue and made statements on the region that often were contradictory? Israel barely came up at the three presidential debates, and the Iran stuff seemed like an afterthought. As for the great Jewish political realignment – not this year, anyway. Trump barely made inroads into the Republican Jewish Coalition, let alone among American Jews as a whole.

But Trump managed to make "Jewish" news anyway in ways that Clinton didn't and probably wouldn't want to match. At least three times – in retweeting the infamous "Star of David" anti-Hillary meme, in a Florida speech railing against "international bankers" and in the campaign ad doubling down on the global conspiracy theory – Trump raised alarms among Jewish watchdog groups and everyday readers about his intentional or merely careless broadcasting of popular anti-Semitic tropes.

Beyond his control, perhaps, were the self-proclaimed Trump followers on the self-proclaimed "alt-right" attacking Jewish supporters who criticized their candidate with vile anti-Semitic tweets and threats. The guy at the Trump rally shouting "Jew-S-A." Donald Trump Jr. using an ill-advised "gas chamber" analogy to complain about the media's double standards. Trump's stumbling path to a disavowal of former KKK leader David Duke.

Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner were their own fount of Jewish stories, from how they were dealing with the accusations of anti-Semitism to the decision by their rabbi to withdraw from a speaking engagement at the Republican National Convention to the mere fact of their celebrity Jewish marriage at the heart of Trumpland.

Trump also attracted the lion's share of our attention as journalists for another reason: No one had ever seen anything like him. Week by week, sometimes day by day, Trump would do or say something that in a normal election year would be seen as the campaign's defining story. Sometimes a Trump outrage would barely be the most interesting or controversial thing he did or said that day. You tuned into Trump news like a fisherman checks the weather reports – the sky is always changing, and there is bound to be a storm.

That's not to say that Hillary is not a flawed person or politician – but she is in most ways normally flawed. Her secretiveness undermines her, and her own sense of infallibility leads her to ignore what so many other see as reckless conflicts of interest. She railed against special interests one day, gave a top-dollar speech to a bank on another. In most ways that makes her a politician, not a criminal. It was news when the FBI dug into her emails, and it was news when it found no criminal wrongdoing, but it wasn't exactly Jewish news.

My Chicago caller said she was most concerned about the rise of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism on the far left, suggesting that was an area we had undercovered in reporting on the campaign. But we did cover it when Clinton was still in a tough race against Bernie Sanders and the issue was in play. Sanders, while an avowed defender of Israel, also spoke about Palestinian rights in a way attractive to the left wing of the party. The Democratic National Committee allowed him to appoint five people to the platform-drafting committee, and three of his picks were frequent critics of Israel.

In the end, however, Clinton defeated Sanders decisively, and the party rejected the main request of the Sanders people: language calling for Israel to end its occupation of the West Bank and settlement activity. And we covered that battle.

There are some things I wish we had done differently in covering the campaign. We wrote a number of articles about Trump's appeal (or lack thereof) among Orthodox voters, but too few about Clinton's appeal (or lack thereof) among the Jewish majority that was bound to vote for her. I would have liked us to do more on the influential "Never Trump" Jewish Republicans and what splits in both parties augur for the future of Israel as a foreign policy issue.

But I don't regret our focus on Trump and what his ascent has meant to the country as a whole and Jews in particular. Telling that story well was more essential than creating a false "balance" between two very different candidates.

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Could Bernie Sanders have beaten Donald Trump?

BY BEN SALES

JTA – At the start of his campaign, he was dismissed as a fringe protest candidate, an old man with messy hair whose ideas were too extreme to win a national election. But now that Democratic mainstay Hillary Clinton has lost the election to Donald Trump, it's worth asking: Would Bernie Sanders, the 74-year-old Jewish socialist from Vermont, have beaten Donald Trump?

The answer, of course, is we don't know. The mix of personalities, policies and circumstances would have been different. But Sanders did consistently beat Trump in hypothetical head-to-head matchups, according to the RealClearPolitics average. And he aimed to appeal to the one key group that delivered the election to Trump: white, working-class voters.

Trump slaughtered Clinton in that demographic. Among white voters without a college degree, Trump won 67 to 28 percent, a 39-point margin that ABC News reported was larger than Ronald Reagan's 32-percent advantage in his 1980 victory over incumbent Jimmy Carter. No matter that Clinton won the minority vote – white, blue-collar Americans gave key Midwestern states to Trump.

Several of those same states – Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, West Virginia – went to Sanders in the primary (though statistical evidence that he carried white blue-collar voters in the primary is scant). Like Trump, Sanders railed against the same free-trade deals that Clinton supported. He talked about saving factory jobs. Trump's needling of Clinton on her support for NAFTA and TPP, arguably his best moment in the first debate, would have been deflated if he were arguing against a candidate who also opposed those free-trade agreements.

And Sanders' personal story could have lent credibility to his claims of standing up for working people. Trump accused Clinton, who has a net worth of more than $100 million, of being part of an out-of-touch elite. Sanders, on the other hand, used to cook by dousing a roll of toilet paper in lighter fluid and igniting it in an empty coffee can.

But could Sanders have appealed to independents? Trump, who specialized in nicknames like Crooked Hillary, could have had a field day with a man who essentially was the Republican caricature of Democrats: a Jewish hippie socialist from New England.

Clinton tried unsuccessfully to make the election a referendum on Trump. But facing Sanders, Trump could have made himself out to be the moderate facing a fringe extremist. Could a socialist have beaten an arch-capitalist in America?

Writing about this question in The Week, Peter Weber noted that Clinton did score points by impugning Trump's character on his treatment of women and attacks on minorities. Sanders pledged to focus on policy, not personality.

"If this had been a positive, issues-oriented campaign, like Sanders pledged to run, we might not have learned so often or clearly how temperamentally unfit Trump is when faced with the slightest adversity or challenge to his authority," Weber wrote. "For all the grousing about how ugly a campaign this has been – and it hasn't been pretty – goading Trump into showing his thin skin was a real service to the republic."

Finally, there's the Jewish angle: Currents of anti-Semitism surrounded Trump's campaign, from an endorsement by the Ku Klux Klan to abuse of journalists, many of them Jewish, on Twitter by self-proclaimed Trump supporters. But while the Jewish media paid attention to this issue, it didn't receive a ton of play in the general campaign – even when Trump's closing ad echoed anti-Semitic themes.

Were his opponent Jewish, it may have been harder for Trump to dismiss allegations that he or his supporters trafficked in anti-Semitism. (Trump's campaign vehemently denied that the candidate was responsible for, or was obligated to disavow, the anti-Semitism heard among some of his supporters.) His closing ad, positing a global conspiracy, flipped between pictures of Clinton and leading Jewish financial players George Soros, Janet Yellen and Lloyd Blankfein. What if, instead of alternating with Clinton's image, they alternated with a photo of yet another Jewish person?

"If he was going against a Jewish candidate, the anti-Semitic themes and stereotypes that he and his supporters employed in the campaign would have been less tolerable," said Aaron Keyak, managing director of Bluelight Strategies, a public relations firm that worked with the Clinton campaign and various liberal Jewish groups.

An eye-opening experience at the Kosher food pantry

BY JOSHUA BRANDES

In March of 2016, I went on a service trip to the Dominican Republic with classmates from Moses Brown School. There, I helped administer medications and distributed medical supplies to poor sugar cane field workers and their families. This trip was an eye-opening experience for me. For the first time, I was able to compare my life to those of the less privileged.

When I returned home, I knew that I wanted to volunteer again to help those in need and gain more perspective on my own life. When the opportunity arose for me to volunteer at The Louis & Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry, in Providence, I thought back to my time in the DR, and jumped at the chance.

I did not know quite what to expect, but my feelings of anxiety disappeared when I met Susan Adler and Rachel Rollins from the pantry. During a tour of the building, Susan stressed to me that the people I would be working with over the summer would be like family to me.

On my first day of work, I met the crew. Every day after that, when I would walk in the front door, I would be greeted by a "Joshua!" from Susan and Rachel.

My responsibilities at the pantry varied; some days it was taking inventory, some days picking up food at the nearby food bank with Michael, Kevin, or Ken, and other days helping hand out food to those in need. At some point in the day, Rachel would always find me and say, "Having fun yet?" I would reply every single time, "Of course I'm having fun!"



Alan Bernstein, left, and Joshua Brandes.

The most fun always came with Alan on Thursdays. I arrived at the pantry at 8 a.m. and walked in to see Alan, who had already been hard at work for 30 minutes. We would proceed to fill bags of food for delivery, always laughing along the way.

Indeed, every person with whom I worked now felt like family. Everyone was happy to work with me, and was very thankful for the work that I was able to do. Likewise, I respected and looked up to each of the other volunteers and workers that I got to meet. The atmosphere at the pantry truly made my work enjoyable.

My favorite part of volunteering was handing out food to the hungry. It was incredible to see each person walk in with a huge smile on their face.

"When I returned home, I knew that I wanted to volunteer again to help those in need, and gain more perspective on my own life."

Despite their living situations, and need for help getting food, they maintained a positive outlook. This taught me a very valuable lesson about life: happiness is not dependent upon material possessions. One of the most important factors in happiness is having a smile on your face and gratitude for everything that you do have, regardless of your situation.

It was enlightening talking to the people who came in, and I got to share some laughs with them as I learned about their lives.

Between the people I met and the lessons I learned, I am very thankful for my time at the food pantry. I am thankful for the support of those who worked with me, and look forward to the next chance to make an impact in the community.

If you would like to volunteer for the pantry or if you are in need of food, please call Rachel Rollins at 401-621-5374.



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Children in Room 9 of the David C. Isenberg Family Early Childhood Center at the Dwares JCC went bananas for Sukkot this year. They love being in their classroom sukkah.



Elsie Chernack, 95

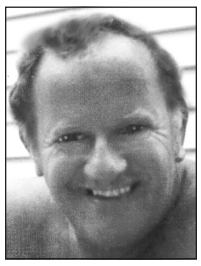
MIDDLETOWN, R.I. – Elsie Chernack died Nov. 2 at John Clarke Retirement Center. She was the beloved wife of the late Leonard Chernack. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Charles and Sarah (Spater) Koffler, she had lived in Cranston for 58 years.

She was a member of Hadassah, an avid reader, mahjong player and followed Patriots football. She was the devoted mother of Stuart Chernack and his wife, Randi, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Francine Clark of Newport. She was the dear sister of Esther (Koffler) Kaplan of Long Island, N.Y., and the late Edith (Koffler) Spindell. She was the loving grandmother of Jared and Tira Chernack.

Contributions in her memory may be made to John Clark Retirement Center, 600 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842 or your favorite charity.

Melvin Chorney, 89

CRANSTON, R.I. – Melvin Chorney, of Meadow View Drive, died Oct. 30 at Cedar Crest. He was the beloved husband of Marion (Rabin) Chorney for 43 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Rose (Sack) Chorney, he was a longtime resident of Cranston.



He worked at Narragansett Brewery for 28 years, retiring in 1981. He was the devoted father of Bruce Chorney of Cranston, Louis Chorney and his partner, Diane Paquette, of North Attleboro, Mass., Lois Johnson of Cranston, Aaron Gray of Vienna, Va., Linda Klaen of Germany, daughter-in-law, Denise (Pare) Gray of Chichester, N.H., and the late Steven Gray and Robert Gray. He was the dear brother of Shirley Davis of Cranston and Beverly Abowitt and her husband, Mort, of Warwick. He was the loving grandfather of Naomi and Peter Burt, Sarah and Marco Thomas, Stephan Klaen, Judith Klaen and Michael Burlfinger, Hannah and Vincez Klaen, Allisyn Gray and her partner, Iared Mathis, Adam Gray, Joseph Gray, Steven Gray, Matthew Chorney, Daniel Chorney and the late David Gray and Marisa Gray. He was the cherished great-grandfather of Lyric, Autumn, Samuel, Luisa, Lea, Maria, Rosie and Matilda.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Ronald McDonald House, 45 Gay St., Providence, RI 02905.

Rose Corich, 99

EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Rose Corich, of Brookdale East Bay, died Oct. 22 at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Isaac and Rebecca (Scotkin) Corich, she had lived in East Providence, previously living in Pawtucket for more than 60 years.

She was a salesperson at The Outlet Co. in Providence for more than 25 years. Rose was a member of Temple Emanu-El, life member of Hadassah and an avid artist. She was the dear sister of Paul Corich of Florida and the late Ida Frank, Celia Nelson, Bella Corin and Minnie Davis Summer. She was the beloved aunt of several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

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

Janet G. Fradin, 82

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Janet G. (Saklad) Fradin died Oct. 29. She was the wife of Paul Fradin.



Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Meyer and Lillian (Greenberg) Saklad.

She attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. She was a member of Temple Beth-El. She worked extensively with children at The Meeting Street School, Martin Luther King School and in the Newport school system during the many summers she spent in Newport. This past summer she and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an intimate family gathering. With her husband, she traveled extensively throughout Europe, Morocco, Southern Africa, South America, Japan and Israel. She was valued by friends and family for her humility and compassion.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children: Charles S. Fradin of Boston and Marjorie Diaco of Pawtucket; her brother Michael Saklad of Paris; and her grandchildren Lillian Rose Fradin and Michael Henry Fradin.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank or the Sumner Marshall Saklad Book Fund at Temple Beth-El.

Daniel Barak Ginsburg, 22

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Daniel Barak Ginsburg, of Highland Avenue, died Nov. 3. Born in New York City, the son of Mark Ginsburg and Rebekah Greenwald Speck, he lived in Providence for 16 years, after moving with his mother and sisters from Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. He was a free spirit, loved video games, RPGs, chess and Magic cards. He also enjoyed listening to Swedish and Slavic death metal. He loved traveling and spending his time with his friends on extended tours.

He was the devoted son of Rebekah Greenwald Speck and her husband, John, of Providence, and Mark Ginsburg and his wife, Beth Sachrison, of Tucson, Ariz. He was the dear brother of Ava and Lily Ginsburg, both of Providence, and Alex Sachrison of Tucson. He was the beloved grandson of Barbara Greenwald Davis. He was the adored nephew of Noah and Amy Atwood, Joshua and Roberta Greenwald, Mike and Sarah Schultz, Lori and Lisa Ginsburg. He was a cousin to 8 cherished cousins.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Rowe Camp and Conference Center in Daniel's name at http://rowecenter.org/pages.php?name=Donate.

Sidney Levine, 86

BOCA RATON, FLA. – Sidney Levine died on Nov. 6 at University Hospital and Medical Center after a short illness. He was the beloved husband of Herma (Garr) Levine for 55 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Ethel (Chorney) Levine, he had lived in Boca Raton for 18 years, previously living in Warwick.

He was a No. 1 salesman for his region at Coats & Clark Sales Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1991. Sid was a Korean Conflict Army veteran, serving in Japan. He was a graduate of Bryant College, where he was a fraternity member. He was a member of the Mason's Redwood Lodge in Rhode Island for many years.



He was the devoted father of Michael Levine of Framingham, Mass., and Faith Gorman and her husband, Scott, of Parkland, Fla. He was the dear brother of Etta Solomon and her husband, Donald, of Cranston, and the late Philip Levine. He was the loving grandfather of Arielle, Ryan and Rachael.

Contributions in his memory may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241 or American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 3004, Warwick, RI 02886.

Alice Oster, 97

LINCOLN, R.I. – Alice (Kutz) Oster died Nov. 2. She was the wife of the late Gerald A. Oster. Born in Milford, Mass., a daughter of the late Mariam and Julius Kutz, she grew up in West Hartford, Conn.



A 1940 Pembroke graduate, Alice was a teacher for many years for the Providence School Department. She was a fierce advocate for children and adults with autism and played a large role in the creation of legislation and programs for autistic children and adults.

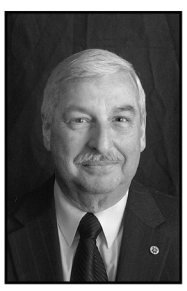
She is survived by her children Nancy Mullen (Arthur), Robert Oster (Lidia) and Juliann Oster; her grandchildren Laura Mullen, David Mullen, Katherine Arsenault, Amy Oster, Sarah Oster, Danielle Oster and Alana Oster; and her great-grandchild Max McOsker. She was the mother of the late Jonathan Oster who is survived by his wife Joan, and was the sister of the late Ethel Kutz.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Groden Center, 610 Manton Ave., Providence, RI 02909 or to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906

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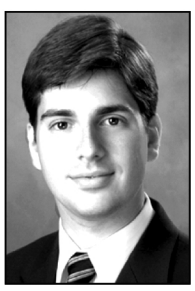
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OBITUARIES

Lewis Rice, 92

WARWICK, R.I. – Lewis Rice, of Eagle Avenue, died Nov. 3 at Cra-Mar Meadows Nursing Home. He was the beloved husband of the late Paula (Backerman) Rice. Born in Providence, the son of the late George and Mary Rice, he had lived in Warwick for 56 years, previously living in Cranston.

He was the owner and operator of Park Shoe Store. Lewis was a WWII Navy veteran, serving stateside. He was a past member of Temple Sinai.

He was the father of Susan Rice and Beth Rice both of Warwick. He was the cherished uncle of 3 nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity.

ASK THE DIRECTOR

BY MICHAEL D. SMITH F.D./R.E.
SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL

QUESTION: If the yahrtzeit falls on Shabbat or a High Holy Day like Yom Kippur, do I still light a candle?

A.R., Providence

Dear A.R.,

Yes. However, the candle is lit before the Shabbat candles or just prior to the start of the High Holy Day.

QUESTION: What is *Yizkor*?

H.L., Providence

Dear H.L.,

Yizkor, in Hebrew, means "remembrance." It is a prayer said on the first holiday after a loved one passes away. *Yizkor* services are held four times a year: The eighth (final) day of Sukkot, the eighth (final) day of Passover, the second (final) day of Shavuot, and on Yom Kippur. When one recites *Yizkor*, it may serve as a time to reflect, commemorate and honor a loved one.

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Dutch workers discover Jewish graves thought relocated decades ago

JTA – Construction workers in the Netherlands discovered bodies at a former Jewish cemetery that were believed to have been relocated in their entirety decades ago.

The 11 bodies, which were buried sometime before 1828, were reburied Nov. 7 at a newer Jewish cemetery. They were found earlier this month during groundwork in Winschoten, a town in the northeast, Dutch Chief Rabbi Binyomin Jacobs said.

The Winschoten site, in the middle of town, functioned as a Jewish burial ground until 1969, when the bodies were moved elsewhere. It saw its last burial in 1828, before the passing of regulations that made its use as a cemetery impossible.

The rabbi said the bodies reburied Nov. 7 had been left behind during the moving of most other human remains in 1969.

"It is remarkable that the city authorities suspended the dig immediately," said Jacobs, who oversaw the exhumation of the bodies for reburial at the Sint Vitusholt cemetery in Winschoten together with an archaeologist and a team of diggers.

Iconic Jewish heritage mural on NY's Lower East Side painted over

JTA – A Jewish heritage mural painted on the side of an office building on the Lower East Side of New York was painted over by the new owner of the building, angering area residents.

There was no warning about painting over the mural, which was created in 1973 by local teens and professional artists, the New York Post reported.

The mural featured six themes: the Holocaust, immigration through Ellis Island, the 1972 Summer Olympics Munich massacre, sweatshops, labor unions and the local significance of the Forward newspaper.

The building with the mural is next to the Bialystoker Nursing Home, a city landmark.

Investor Rob Kaliner's The Ascend Group recently purchased both properties. Kaliner is planning to demolish the office building and build a high-rise apartment building in its place.

He told the Post that he painted over the mural because large chunks of paint were falling off on passers-by.

"It was done purely for safety reasons," Kaliner told the Post. "The building is going to be demolished anyway, and I wanted to make sure for the safety of residents and the people walking around there that it was taken care of without pieces falling off."

One of the teens who helped paint the mural, Sara Krivisky, told the Post that residents were upset that Kaliner did not tell anyone about his plans to paint over it.

"The community was not aware this was happening this morning," she said. "The way it was done is very disrespectful to the history and the heritage of the community. Those faces on the wall are our parents' faces, they're our faces. It's just very sad that that's the way it had to end."



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Reading a good Jewish book?

BY LARRY KATZ
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If you are reading a good book with Jewish content, we want to know. The subjects can be very diverse.

For instance, a few of us have read a newly published book that explains why the majority of foods in American supermarkets have symbols indicating they are Kosher, yet Kosher meat is still expensive and controversial. It explains why some Kosher wines are more popular among African Americans than among Jews, delves into how products like Coca-Cola and Jell-O became Kosher, and why animal-rights advocate Temple Grandin is a strong supporter of Jewish slaughtering practices. The controversies that Roger Horowitz discusses in "Kosher USA" are sure to amaze you.

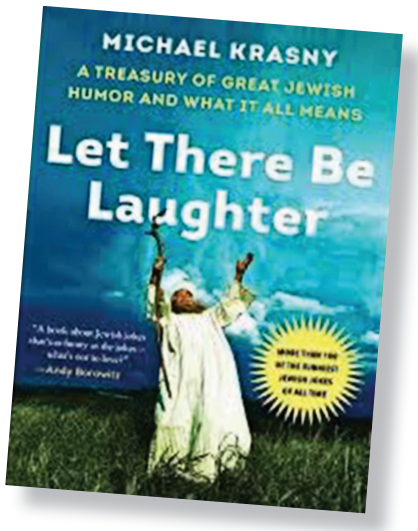
Judge Richard Licht, the first chairperson of the Jewish Alliance, is reading a book by Conor Cruise O'Brien, who represented Ireland in the United Nations, sitting between Iran and Israel. "The Siege: The Saga of Israel and Zionism" has become a heartfelt classic about Israeli and Zionist history.

His successor as chairperson was Sharon Gaines. She is reading "Let There Be Laughter: A Treasury of Great Jewish Humor And What It All Means." Michael Krasny, whom you may know from NPR, includes in his book jokes and stories that span the range of topics and themes that Jews have found humorous. However, the beauty of the book is how it puts his selections into a context and analyzes them without destroying their enjoyability.

Mitzi Berkelhammer, the current chairperson of the Jewish Alliance, is reading "Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish." Abigail Pogrebin, who was a producer of "60 Minutes," has collected sketches and comments by 62 prominent American Jews about what being Jewish means to them and how they express their Judaism. She includes several entertainers such as Dustin Hoffman, Natalie Portman and Gene Wilder, but also many other people, such as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Shawn Green, Tony Kushner, Eliot Spitzer and Mike Wallace.

In our last issue, we featured books by local authors and asked for recommendations. Someone recommended "From God To Verse," a faithful line-by-line translation of the Five Books into verse. Seth Brown has modernized the language for greater accessibility and set it to rhyme.

Reading a book with Jewish content is part of a new initiative where members of the Greater Rhode Island Jewish community are invited to choose to read a single book over the course of three months. The books should be non-fiction. We will celebrate how we have broadened our



knowledge with a special event in January.

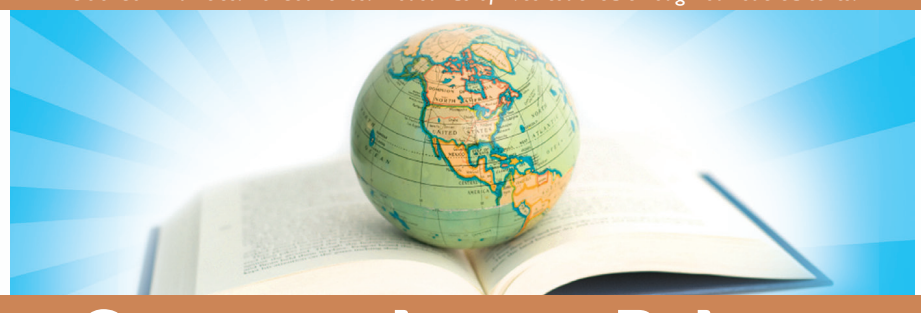
This program is sponsored by the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island, Kollel: Center for Jewish Studies, PJ library, and Project Shoresh.

For recommendations of books, and to register, go to www.jewishallianceri.org/read, or feel free to call your rabbi or neighbors. Make sure to sign up at this website so that we know how many are participating and to receive notices related to the reading program.

We would like to hold book conversations for those who are interested. A community that learns together grows together!

LARRY KATZ is director of Jewish Life and Learning at the Jewish Alliance

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Cubs fans, like Jews, now face the challenge of success

BY BEN SALES

JTA – For years, I've told anyone who would listen that the Cubs were the team of the Jews. I've written two blog posts about it during the past month alone.

Long suffering. Faithful. Bound to tradition. Hoping for redemption, to no avail. It was all there.

Until now. For the first time since my great-grandfather's Bar Mitzvah, the Cubs are World Series champions.

So as I was leaping around my living room at 12:30 this morning [Nov. 3] shrieking in joy, an uncomfortable thought passed through my head: From now on, what will it mean to be a Cubs fan?

Our identity had forever been tied to futility. While the Yankees are known as the Bronx Bombers, the Cubs had been called the Lovable Losers, famous for selling out Wrigley Field even when they lost 100 games a season. The milestones we remembered were not our distant world championships but our years of epic collapse: 1969. 1984. 2003. 2008. Otherwise rational people – including me – believed in a curse tied to a goat going back at least to 1945.

So how do the Cubs now deal with success? Maybe they can ask the Jews.

Yes, the Jewish people still face myriad threats, as any Jewish nonprofit executive will eagerly tell you. Anti-Semitism is rising, or at least more visible, in America and Europe. Israel faces recurring waves of terror and has few allies. And there is no shortage of infighting among Jews.

But compared, say, to 1908, the Jews are doing pretty well. Despite its problems, Israel is a regional power with a growing economy. There is barely a Jewish community in the world awaiting rescue. In America, though anti-Semitism may be inching up, overall it's still at historic lows. If Merrick Garland is ever confirmed for the Supreme Court, four of its nine justices will be Jewish. And in Europe, most governments now denounce anti-Semitism rather than perpetrate it.

Remarkably, most conversations about "Jewish continuity" deal not with physical threats but with the challenges posed by radical acceptance into the mainstream.

This new-found success hasn't prevented any number of Jewish leaders from "shreying gevalt," or raising alarm, over crises both foreign and domestic. Millions of dollars are raised to combat everything from delegitimization of Israel on campus to promoting Jewish inmarriage.

Still, some Jews have embraced the success of their people. Groups like Avodah and the American Jewish World Service have tried to leverage Jewish affluence to help non-Jews in need. Hillel International, a legacy organization, has taken a proactive stance against sexual assault – hardly a problem limited to Jews. Even the Jewish Federations, the umbrella charities for Jewish giving, have debated how much to spend on specific Jewish issues and "*tikkun olam*" – a shorthand for universalist causes – and regularly send emergency funds to global disaster victims. Israel sends medical teams to crisis sites worldwide.

Jews in America still remember their tragedies – from the destruction of the Second Temple to the Holocaust – but the days committed to their memory are increasingly ritualized because the catastrophic effects feel distant in this age of Jewish safety.

Nearly 20 years ago Alan Dershowitz asked the question: "Can Jews survive their success?" The challenge, he wrote, is "to move the Jewish state of mind beyond its past obsession with victimization, pain and problems" and emerge with "a Judaism that is less dependent on our enemies for its continuity, and that rests more securely on the considerable, but largely untapped, strengths of our own heritage."

Not to equate the two, but perhaps Cubs fans, too, will have to adjust to a new identity and a new story that we tell ourselves. My dad will always remember 1969, and I'll always get a stomachache when I think of 2003, but they will remain only as memories, not as portents of failures to come. Being a Cubs fan, like being a Jew, will mean accepting our blessings along with our curses.

Plus, the Cubs still are the team of the Jews. It appears their messiah has come, and his name is Theo Epstein.

Monthly kid-friendly service and dinner returns to Torat Yisrael

BY HILARY LEVEY FRIEDMAN

On Friday, Nov. 18, Temple Torat Yisrael will again open its doors for dinner and worship to all Jewish Rhode Island families with a child under the age of 10.

Since 2015, Torat Yisrael, in East Greenwich, has offered a monthly TGIF (Thank God It's Friday) service so children can experience and learn about Shabbat and upcoming Jewish holidays. The kid-centered worship service – filled with song, musical instruments, and often some element of dress-up – begins at 5:30 p.m. and concludes around 6.

Everyone attending the service is welcome to stay for a free community dinner. All the food is prepared in TTY's state-of-the-art Kosher kitchen and the meal begins with challah and wine/juice blessings.

Valerie Philmus, the wife of Rabbi Aaron Philmus and a trained chef, says, "We wanted to make the TGIF service early enough for younger children, and offer a kid-friendly dinner to make it easier on the parents, so they can socialize."

The socializing usually lasts until 7 p.m., with parents chatting and the children playing together, often in TTY's library, which features Jewish-themed books and toys.



Children gather around Rabbi Aaron Philmus.

Rabbi Philmus says having a service especially for children, even very young ones, fosters a sense of Jewish community in the next generation, as well as offering opportunities for leadership and new friendships.

TGIF events are also scheduled for Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17. In addition to Kosher food, gluten-free and nut-free dinner options are available upon request. Donations are accepted and families can choose to sponsor a TGIF dinner (often to celebrate a child's birthday). For more information, go to http://www.toratyisrael.org/calendar.html.

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other $20 million will be used for Rhode Island Affiliation Innovation, a partnership between the university and business to provide cutting-edge research and development in Rhode Island. The funding will be combined with private and/or federal funding.

Passage of Question 5 allows the state to secure funds to improve the infrastructure at the Port of Providence as well as the Port of Davisville at Quonset – $50 million for the Davisville port and $20 million for the Port of Providence.

Question 6 asked for money to improve our parks and the environment. The $35 million will be used for historic site development, land acquisition for parks and recreation, a Bikeway Development Program, Brownfield Remediation and Economic Development, and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

The Housing Opportunity Bond issue, Question 7, supported by the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Alliance, will provide funds for affordable housing, revitalization and blight remediation. A similar bond was approved four years ago. In addition to providing housing, the bond will create more construction jobs. Funds will also be used to revitalize our communities.

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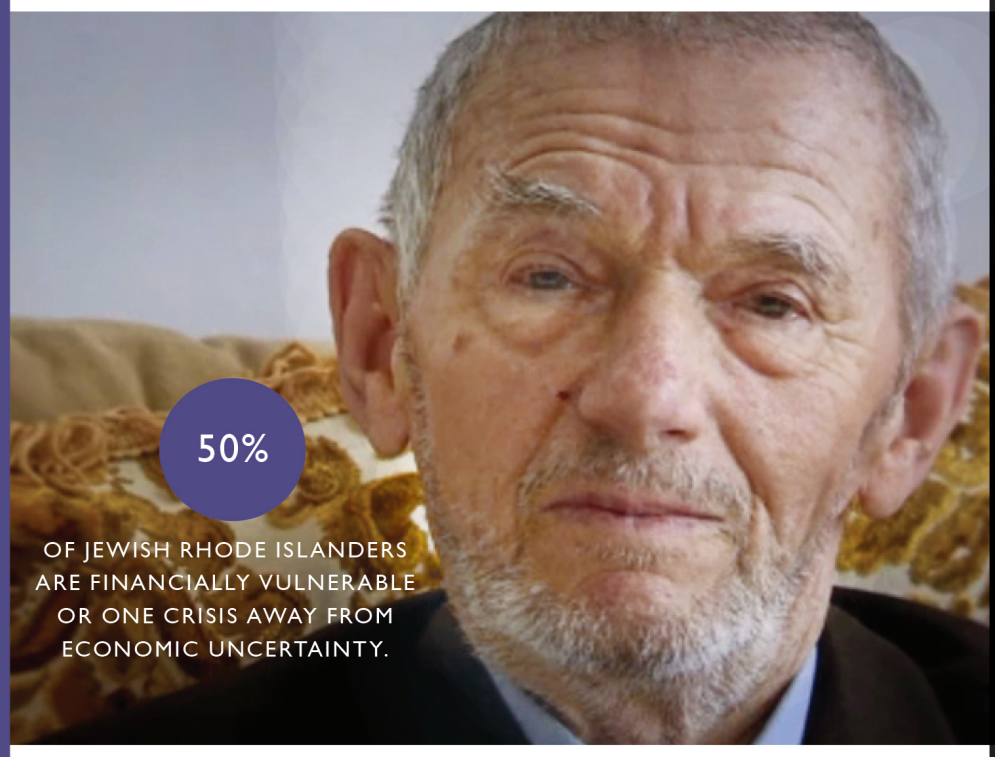
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