the JEWISH VOICE

Volume XXIII, Issue X | www.jvhri.org
Serving Rhode Island and
Southeastern Massachusetts

1 Sivan 5777 | May 26, 2017

PETS



Drew Kaplan, Susan Bazar, Bernice Weiner and Jeffrey Padwa at the recent JSA annual meeting.

JSA honors President Jeffrey Padwa

BY DIANE DOWIOT

Jeffrey Padwa, president of the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island, was honored at the JSA's annual meeting, held May 17 at The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, in Warwick.

James Galkin presented the Maurice Glicksman Leadership Award and a commemorative Kiddush cup to Padwa for his remarkable dedication and leadership.

Padwa, in turn, presented the Presidential Award to Drew Kaplan, who has served on the JSA board of directors for 11 years. Kaplan has also served as treasurer, and chairman of the Finance, Funds Management, and Tamarisk Oversight committees. Padwa thanked Kaplan for his extraordinary commitment to and tenure with JSA.

The meeting began with greetings from Jeffrey Savit, president and CEO of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, and Rabbi Ethan Adler gave the d'var Torah.



Jeffrey Padwa

Padwa and Kaplan gave reports, as did Executive Director Susan Bazar and Women's As-

PADWA | 23



PHOTOS | DAVID LEACH

Trio Yemin Moshe played Ladino tunes during the celebration.

Touro Synagogue joyously celebrates Jerusalem Day

BY SAM SERBY

NEWPORT – On May 21, Touro Synagogue, in partnership with the Consulate General of Israel to New England, hosted a Jerusalem Day celebration to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the reunification of the holy city following Israel's victory in the 1967 Six-Day War.

About 100 people filled the synagogue for "Celebrate Jerusalem." Many Israelis were in attendance, including a former Israel Defense Forces soldier who fought in the Six-Day War.

Speakers included Matan Zamir, deputy Israeli consul general to New England; Yehuda Yaakov, Israeli consul general to New England; Rep. David Cicilline; and Touro's Rabbi Marc Mandel.

TOURO | 11

How the Six-Day War changed American Jews

BY BEN SALES

NEW YORK (JTA) – On the morning of June 5, 1967, as Arab armies and Israel clashed following weeks of tension, Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg sat anxiously amid his congregants at daily prayers – fearful that the Jewish people would, for the second time in 25 years, face extinction.

"One of the people said, 'They're going to wipe out Israel. What's going to be?'" recalled Greenberg, then the spiritual leader of a synagogue in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

"I said, 'They're not going to wipe out Israel, and if they do, there's going to be a sign up:

SIX-DAY WAR | 9

WHERE YOUR FOUR-LEGGED
FAMILY MEMBERS GET THE BEST OF CARE.



Dr. Jane Linden, DVM

PROVIDENCE RIVER ANIMAL HOSPITAL
131 Point Street - Providence, RI | 401-274-PRAH (7724)
providenceriveranimalhospital.com
www.facebook.com/PRAHvet

INSIDE

Business 24-25
Calendar 10
Community 2-4, 6-7, 11, 22-23, 28, 30-31
D'Var Torah 7
Food 12
Israel 9
Pets 14-21
Obituaries 26-27
Opinion 8-9
Seniors 23, 28-29
Simcha 31

THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The most transformative experiences in our lives often arise out of uncertainty."

Jewish and Muslim photographers build bonds while touring Mass.

BY AMIR COHEN

"It is always about people," Yaakov Yonish says.

Yonish, the founder of Marching Together to a Shared Future, an organization based in Israel's Afula-Gilboa region, is a very young and lively 76 years old. The organization he founded, and remains involved with daily, currently runs 27 programs in which Jews and Muslim Israelis regularly participate in activities together.

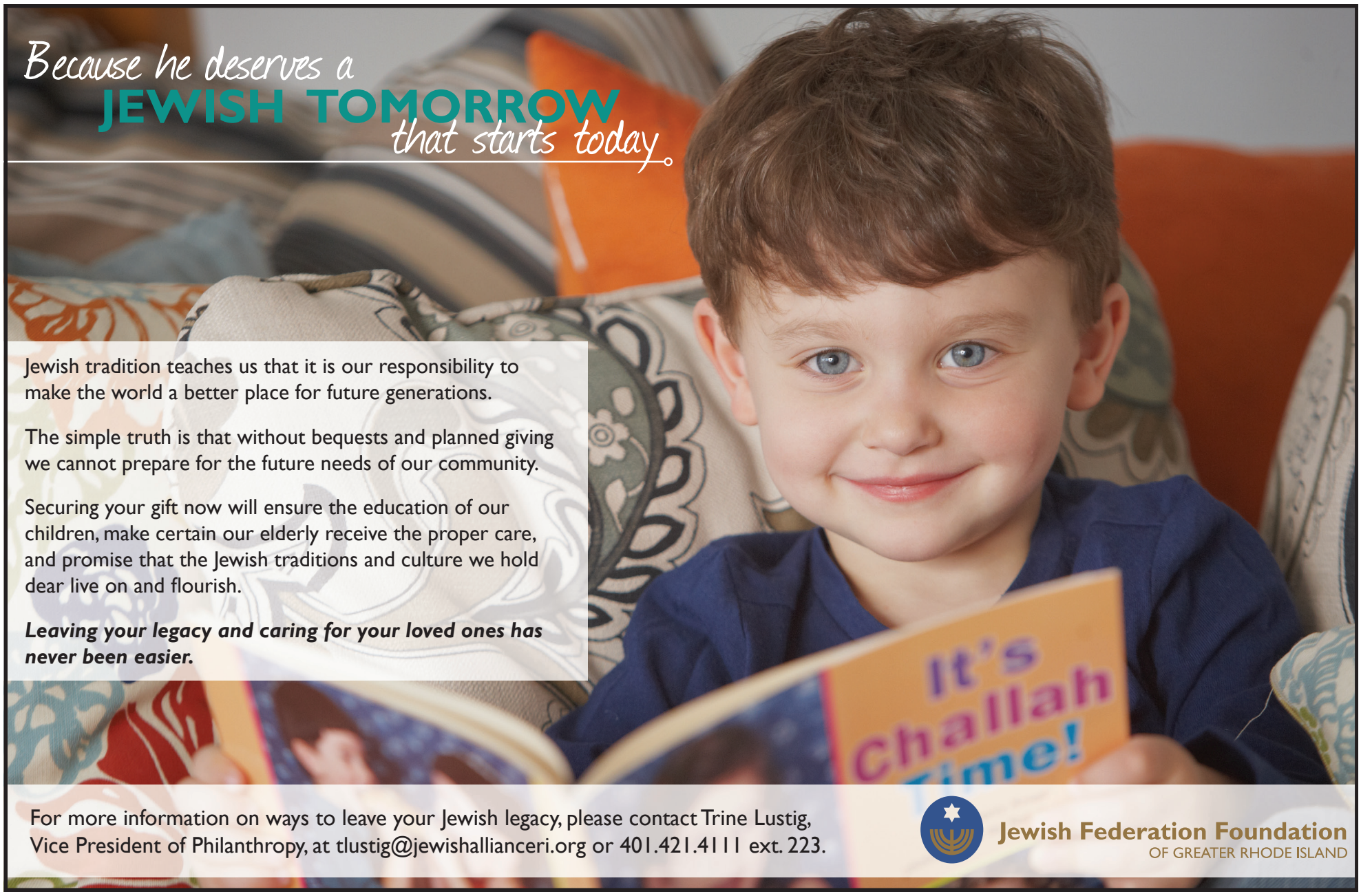
In early May, "The Yonish," as he is fondly called, along with four photographers – three Jewish and one a Muslim – visited three communities in Massachusetts. The initiative was sponsored by the Southern New England Consortium (SNEC), a partnership of 11 Jewish federations with ties to social service organizations in Afula-Gilboa.

Sagi Moran, Shahar Tamir, Alaa Zoabi and Liron Argaman are among almost 50 photographers who meet monthly to take weekend photography trips in Israel. Some are professional photographers, some hobbyists. Alaa Zoabi, for example, is a software developer at Amdocs, an Israeli high tech company. She joined the group after her mother, who participates in a

PHOTOGRAPHERS | 3



The group enters the oldest elevator at New Bedford City Hall, above. At right, Alaa Zoabi and Liron Argaman relax outside the Black Whale, a New Bedford restaurant.





FROM PAGE 2

PHOTOGRAPHERS

similar program where women from different backgrounds cook together, suggested she might like it.

The group began their week – as guests of the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires – in Lenox, Massachusetts, where they had several exhibits of their work and shot photos with local photographers. In Worcester, the Israelis led a photography workshop at the Jewish Community Center and participated in other programs.

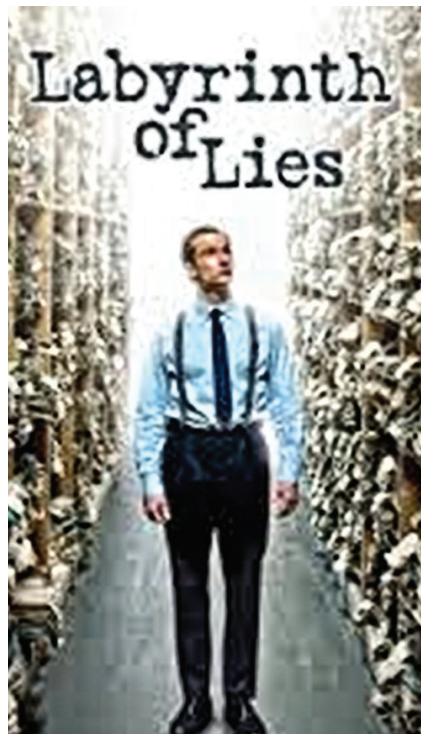
In New Bedford, after riding the oldest working elevator in the United States, at City Hall, they met Mayor Jon Mitchell and Peter Pereira, an award-winning photographer for The Standard-Times. Pereira's photo of Tamir and Zoabi appeared on the newspaper's front page the next day.

On May 11, the group spent the day taking pictures and touring in New Bedford, which included a visit to the area's only mosque. Learning from the example of Marching Together to a Shared Future in Israel, the Jewish and Muslim communities in New Bedford have established a new bond. Members of the Muslim community have attended programs at the Jewish Federation and Tifereth Israel Congregation while the Jewish community was welcomed at an open house at the mosque in April.

The photographers said it was a pleasure and an honor to be part of this group. They couldn't wait to get back to Israel and share with their friends, family and Marching Together colleagues how warmly they were welcomed, the sights they saw in Massachusetts and the relationships and connections they built.

AMIR COHEN is executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford.

'Labyrinth of Lies' final film in Habonim series



Temple Habonim's annual Sunday Film Series culminates on June 4 with the showing of "Labyrinth of Lies," a film set in Germany in 1958.

Attorney Johann Radmann (Alexander Fehling) takes the case of a Jew who recognizes one of his former concentration camp guards on the street. None of the other prosecutors will touch the case. Germany and its populace are eager to put World War II behind them. Many Germans could plausibly claim ignorance to both war crimes and national culpability. Radmann's investigation would only reopen old wounds.

Against the wishes of his immediate superior, he begins to examine the case, but soon encounters a web of repression and denial. He devotes himself to his new task, overstepping boundaries, falling out with friends and colleagues, and drawing deeper and deeper into myriad lies and guilt in search of the truth. What he ultimately brings to light will change the country forever.

All showings, which include popcorn, begin at 3:30 p.m. They are free and open to the community. Temple Habonim is at 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. Call the Temple office at 401-245-6536 for more information.

Submitted by Temple Habonim



Iz Schwartz Appliance is a family-owned appliance store based in Somerset, MA, since 1979. Our knowledge on the appliances and products we sell sets us high above the competition. We are known for our great prices, honest advice, and no pressure sales staff. So please come visit us, we are less than 20 minutes from Providence.

WE ARE AN AUTHORIZED DEALER OF SUCH BRANDS AS:
Subzero | Wolf | Thermador | Viking | Monogram | Bosch | Whirlpool
Maytag | GE | Frigidaire | Electrolux | KitchenAid ***and more!***

IZ SCHWARTZ APPLIANCE
110 Slades Ferry Avenue
Somerset, MA 02726
508-674-3511
www.izschwartzappliance.com
STORE HOURS: *Mon - Wed 9AM - 5PM, Thurs & Fri 9AM - 8PM, Sat 9AM - 5PM*
"Like" us at www.facebook.com/izschwartzappliance
for special promotions and discounts!

Rhode Island's Premier Auction Destination
Serving All New England Since 1992

Bruneau & Co.
Auctioneers - Appraisers
of Antiques & Fine Arts

63 Fourth Avenue Cranston, RI 02910
Bruneauandco.com
Info@Bruneauandco.com
PH. 401-533-9980

Accepting Consignments for 2017
Specializing in Fine Collections
Free In-Home Evaluations

Antiques & Fine Art Auction
June 3, 2017
Featuring 19-20TH Century
Fine & Decorative Arts

Antiques & Fine Art Auction
July 22, 2017
Featuring Fine Watches & Jewelry,
Antiques & Fine Art

Online Catalogues:
BidLIVE.Bruneauandco.com



Lot 69
Patek Philippe
Platinum Perpetual Calendar Chronograph with Moon Fazes
Est. $70,000-$100,000

Lot 203
19TH Century Zinc
Molossian Hound Dog Sculpture
4' Tall
Est. $2,000-$3,000



PHOTO | STEPHANIE HAGUE

Enjoying the event are, left to right, Bonnie Ryvicker, Barbara Feldstein, Cheryl Greenfeld Teverow and Andrea Katzman.

Mind, Body & Spirit: An inspiring day for local women

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE

Women from across Rhode Island gathered on May 7, to explore the humorous, loving and trying themes of their lives during the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's Mind, Body & Spirit program.

2017 ALLIANCE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Keynote speaker Jessica Fechtor, author of "Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals that Brought Me Home," powerfully and eloquently opened the day. Through personal anecdotes, readings from her book and questions from the audience, Fechtor shared her story: at age 28, she experienced a brain aneurysm that completely changed the trajectory of her life and ultimately inspired her to write "Stir."

The morning continued with breakout sessions led by Barbara Wasserman, a Needham, Massachusetts-based life coach who spoke about midlife transitions; Felice Cohen, a New Yorker who lives in a studio apartment just about the size of her compact car and offered lessons on organizing, living with fewer possessions and being flexible; and Drs. Romy Block and Arielle Levitan, physicians who educate women on sound approaches to vitamin supplements and overall health.

Lisa Davis, who co-chaired the event along with Robin Engle and Barbara Feldstein, said, "The speakers at the event were all wonderful. …What stayed with me was the common thread running through all of the speakers' words: They were all grateful for the people in their lives who helped them and the experiences that shaped them. It was a welcome reminder for me to be grateful for everyone and everything in my life."

Program participants were encouraged to explore the Alliance's newly renovated Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence, where they enjoyed breakfast and mingled with the speakers.

Admission to the event was $10 plus a donation of any amount to the Jewish Alliance's Annual Campaign. The Annual Campaign raises essential funds to support Jewish life in Rhode Island, in Israel and across the globe. Donors make it possible for the Alliance to fund more than 300 programs and services that honor the Jewish values of compassion, generosity and responsibility.

For more information about the 2017 Annual Campaign and the Jewish Alliance, or to make a gift, contact Michele Gallagher at mgallagher@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 165, or go to jewishallianceri.org.

STEPHANIE HAGUE is the philanthropy officer at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.



PHOTO | FRAN OSTENDORF

Arielle Levitan, left, and Romy Block discuss vitamins and women's health issues.



PHOTO | STEPHANIE HAGUE

Cheryl Greenfeld Teverow, left, with author Jessica Fechtor.



PHOTO | FRAN OSTENDORF

Susan Froehlich speaks to the crowd at the beginning of the event.

the JEWISH VOICE

EDITOR
Fran Ostendorf

CONTRIBUTORS
Leah Charpentier BouRamia
Cynthia Benjamin
Seth Chitwood
Stephanie Ross
Sam Serby

DESIGN & LAYOUT
Leah Camara

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT
Chris Westerkamp
cwesterkamp@jewishallianceri.org
401-421-4111, ext. 160

Karen Borger
ksborger@gmail.com
401-529-2538

VOICE ADVISORY GROUP
Melanie Coon, Douglas Emanuel,
Stacy Emanuel,
Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser,
John Landry, Mindy Stone

COLUMNISTS
Michael Fink
Rabbi James Rosenberg
Daniel Stieglitz

THE JEWISH VOICE (ISSN number 1539-2104, USPS #465-710) is published bi-weekly, except in July, when it does not publish.

PERIODICALS Postage paid at Providence, R.I.

POSTMASTER Send address changes to: The Jewish Voice, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

PUBLISHER
The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Chair Mitzi Berkelhammer, President/CEO Jeffrey K. Savit,
401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.
Phone: 401-421-4111 • Fax 401-331-7961

MEMBER of the Rhode Island Press Assn. and the American Jewish Press Assn.

COPY DEADLINES: All news releases, photographs, etc., must be received on the Wednesday two weeks prior to publication. Submissions may be sent to: editor@jewishallianceri.org.

ADVERTISING: We do not accept advertisements for pork or shellfish. We do not attest to the kashrut of any product or the legitimacy of our advertisers' claims.

All submitted content becomes the property of The Voice. Announcements and opinions contained in these pages are published as a service to the community and do not necessarily represent the views of The Voice or its publisher, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. We reserve the right to refuse publication.

One community. Many voices.

the JEWISH VOICE 2017 Patron Campaign





We bring you Jewish news!

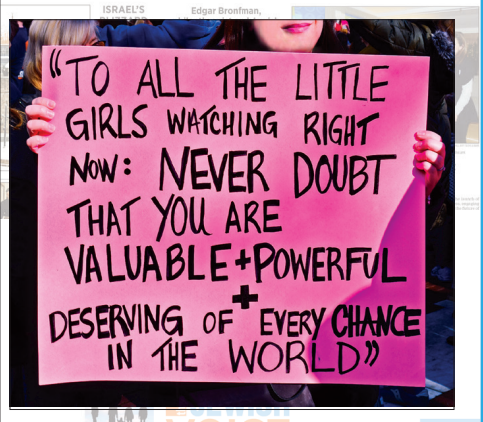
From children to seniors – from Rhode Island to Israel – we cover Jewish news and events to help keep you connected to your Jewish community.











Help preserve your Voice in the Greater Rhode Island Jewish community and beyond.
Your donation to The Jewish Voice will continue to provide a high-quality community newspaper that both readers and advertisers find beneficial, informative, reliable and enjoyable.

The Jewish Voice 2017 Patron Campaign

To make your donation, visit **jvhri.org**. *Click **"DONATE"*** at the top of the page.
Or complete and return this form in the enclosed envelope to:
The Jewish Voice, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906

THANK YOU!

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

❑$18 ❑$36 ❑$54 ❑$72 ❑$100 ❑$250 ❑$500 ❑$1,000 ❑Other $ ____

❑ Check enclosed (please make payable to The Jewish Voice) ❑ Charge my credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or Amex)
Your credit card statement will reflect a charge from The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ - _____ Security Code _____

Card Billing Address _____

Signature _____

Donor names will be published in an upcoming issue unless you previously indicated otherwise or do so here: _____ Please do not list my name.

Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser on Jewish favorites and social justice issues

BY SAM SERBY

This week we talk with Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser of Temple Sinai in Cranston.

Goldwasser, 54, grew up in New York City. He has served as rabbi of Temple Sinai since 2014. Before arriving in Rhode Island, Goldwasser served congregations in North Adams, Massachusetts, from 2000 to 2011, and in Stuart, Florida, from 2011 to 2014.

He earned his rabbinic ordination in 2000 from the New York campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the seminary of Judaism's Reform movement. Goldwasser is a member of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island, the Cranston Clergy Association, and is the social action chair of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. He also serves on the steering committee of the Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty.

Before beginning rabbinic studies, Goldwasser worked as an organizer and writer in the environmental and labor movements. He and his wife, Jonquil Wolfson, live in East Greenwich. They are the parents of Talia who is 18 years old and Eliana who is 12. Goldwasser blogs at Judaism and life at rebjeff.com.

Here are his answers to questions posed by The Voice.

Q: What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the Rhode Island Jewish community at this time?

A: I think the thing of greatest importance to us is to restore a sense of what it means to be a Jew. Judaism cannot just be about loyalty to an ethnicity and keeping up some old traditions. Our hopes for our children cannot just be that they marry someone Jewish and light Shabbat candles once in a while because that misses the point of what it means to be a Jew. We (our community) need to help grow the fire and passion of what it means to be part of this people who have changed the world.

Q: You're a very involved member of the community, fighting for many social justice issues. What causes are you currently involved in/fighting for, and why have you chosen to do so?

A: Most of the issues that I've become involved in have to do with poverty. When you read the Hebrew Bible, especially the Prophets, you find that the thing they care most about is taking care of the people that nobody thinks about. I think from its earliest forms, Judaism has been the tradition that constantly teaches that if your life is going to matter, your life has to be about more than what is in it for you. Right now, we are trying to get the [Rhode Island] state legislature to restore a bus pass program so that elderly and disabled people can ride the bus to get to their doctors' appointments and do their



Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser

shopping. It sounds so trivial, until you realize that in taking away that program, we are taking away peoples' lifelines.

Q: If you could have three dinner guests, living or from history, who would they be and why?

A: The "Rambam," Moses Maimonides. In my mind, he was the greatest Jewish mind of all time.

Golda Meir. David Ben-Gurion gets a lot of attention because he was the great genius behind the founding of the State of Israel. Golda wasn't as lucky. She had to deal with Israel as an already established but still growing state, which didn't know what it was going to become. She had to find a way to keep the vision going and I would love to have the chance to talk to her about her experiences.

Isaac Mayer Wise. He was the founder of Reform Judaism in the United States who basically created what Judaism in America is today.

Q: Favorite Jewish food?

A: *Latkes*. I not only love them, I am a bit of a snob about *latkes*. They must be thick and juicy, with a lot of applesauce and sour cream.

Q: Favorite Jewish holiday? Why?

A: Shabbat. Even though, as a congregational rabbi, I have to work on Shabbat, it really is the day of the week that I always look forward to. It's a day where I can really clear my head and focus on my family, knowing that there is no interruption that takes precedent over me taking care of myself and me being with them.

Q: Favorite Jewish song?

A: All the songs of Debbie Friedman [a popular American Jewish singer-songwriter].

Q: Favorite Jewish movies?

A: "The Frisco Kid" and "A Serious Man."

Q: Favorite Jewish celebrity?

A: Mel Brooks.

Q: Favorite Israeli city to visit? Why?

A: Tel Aviv. There are some really wonderful things in Tel Aviv, and if you want to take a really deep dive into what being a secular Israeli who hates Judaism and loves Judaism at the same time is like, spend a few days in Tel Aviv.

Q: Favorite Israeli city to live? Why?

A: Jerusalem. Jerusalem embodies everything that is wonderful, crazy, and agonizing about the Jewish people. It's a place of contradictions where you have a great mixture of different types of Jews, somehow coming together to create something that's poetic. It's a city of people who can't get along with each other, won't get along with each other, and, yet, somehow manage to do so.

Q: Favorite Hebrew word?

A: *Hitboded* – to be alone with one's self (relating to *Hitbodedut*, a type of Jewish meditation).

Q: Favorite Yiddish word?

A: *Mishpucha* – The people who are dear to you, who you depend on, who at the end of the day are the ones who matter most to you.

Q: Best part of keeping Kosher, worst part of keeping Kosher?

A: Best part – I'm a vegetarian, so keeping Kosher is a little easier for me. But, it allows you to confront the experience of eating in a soulful and reflective way every single day of your life.

Worst part – (Being a vegetarian) I don't feel I have to deal with the "hard parts" of keeping Kosher. I don't have to have a sink for meat and another for milk, etc.

Q: Favorite part of being Jewish?

A: Being Jewish is a whole, not a collection of parts. It is a way of looking at the world, relating to yourself, your family and your community. Judaism isn't a way of doing; it's a way of being. What I love about being Jewish is being Jewish.

Q: Favorite part of being a rabbi?

A: I love teaching, particularly teaching adults, because Judaism was not created to be a "pediatric" experience. Judaism is a tradition that is about the adult world – how adults treat each other and how they

GOLDWASSER | 7

Mutual HVAC Service & Installation
A DIVISION OF THE PETRO GROUP
We convert oil to gas
Complete gas heat service & sales
Heating & Air Conditioning Specialists From Tune-Ups to New Equipment!
NOW INSTALLING GENERATORS!
• Gas Heating • Air Conditioning • Heat Pumps • Roof Top Systems •
Want Comfort? The Feeling is "Mutual!"
Keeping you comfortable since 1934!
Residential & Commercial Projects
www.mutualhvac.com
A FULL IN-HOUSE DESIGN, INSTALLATION & SERVICE COMPANY
Call David Epstein at 401-351-3900

DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE
LIVING TOUR
11am–5pm
Saturday
June 10,
2017
GET THE INSIDE VIEW
on living downtown!
95 LOFTS
225 WEYBOSSET
ARCADE PROVIDENCE
AVALON AT CENTER PLACE
G RESERVE
PROVIDENCE G
REGENCY PLAZA
SAMPALIS BUILDING
TELEPHONE BUILDING
WESTMINSTER LOFTS
REGISTER
AS220 115 Empire Street
TICKETS
$7 in advance, $10 on-site
downtownprovidence.com
ORGANIZED BY
The Providence Foundation and the Providence Downtown Improvement District

Get lost – it may be just what you need



RABBI ALAN FLAM

The Torah portion just before Shavuot is named *Bamidbar*, which translates to "In the Wilderness." Our rabbis have long been fascinated that the Torah was given to Israel *bamidbar*, in the wilderness – at a place that we can no longer locate and that was outside the promised land.

As we count the 49 days of the Omer – the period between Pesach and Shavuot – there is a spiritual practice that challenges us to focus internally, allowing our lives to parallel the story of the Israelites as they journeyed through the wilderness.

Wandering in the desert is a significant part of our ancestors' story, and the experience of being lost may have been essential to arriving at Mount Sinai ready to receive the Torah. The Book of Exodus teaches "when Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearer .... God led the people roundabout, by way of the wilderness at the Sea of Reeds" (Exodus 13:17-18).

This circuitous route was not a mistake; the divine GPS did not malfunction. Midrash *Tanchuma* explains God's decision this way: God said: "If I take them the simple, direct way, each person will immediately take hold of his/her field and vineyard, and stop engaging with Torah. But if I take them by way of the wilderness, and they eat the manna and drink from the miraculous well, Torah will settle into their bodies."

I imagine that for the Israelites, wandering in the desert must have been not just challenging, but terrifying. Surely, they felt exposed and uncertain. The story of the golden calf gives us insight into some of their fears and concerns. It is no surprise that according to the Exodus story, they wanted to return to Egypt, to the good food that sustained them in slavery. For the Israelites, as for us, the past, despite its problems and disappointments, can be more attractive because it is familiar.

So, why the "roundabout way" to experience the wilderness? Perhaps it was, as the rabbi of the midrash says, an opportunity for the Israelites to experience the "miracles" of manna and water that God provided, so they would be more open to Torah.

I have another theory. Rebecca Solnit, a contemporary thinker, wrote a book that is one of my favorites, "A Field Guide to Getting Lost." In it she references Walter Benjamin (1892-1940), the German Jewish philosopher, cultural critic and essayist who pondered the difference between not finding your way and losing yourself – something he called "the art of straying."

Solnit describes it this way: "To lose yourself: a voluptuous surrender, lost in your arms, lost to the world, utterly immersed in what is present so that its surroundings fade away. In Benjamin's terms, to be lost is to be fully present, and to be fully present is to be capable of being in uncertainty and mystery. And one does not get lost but loses oneself, with the implication that it is a conscious choice, a chosen surrender, a psychic state achievable through geography. That thing, the nature of which is totally unknown to you, is usually what you need to find, and finding it is a matter of getting lost."

The most transformative experiences in our lives often arise out of uncertainty, not knowing, or being lost. Disruption or wilderness, rather than being a negative thing, can be just what we need to push us deeper, propel us forward, enable us to reach higher.

Perhaps the experience of wandering – in the wilderness of our lives – is essential to extend our boundaries of the self into unknown territory so that Torah can settle into our bodies in new and perhaps unimaginable ways.

The teaching here: there is no simple, direct way to acquire Jewish learning – or a clear path for our lives. Just as it was for our ancestors, the journey is the important thing, and sometimes getting lost can be just what we need.

RABBI ALAN FLAM is executive director of the Helen Hudson Foundation for Homeless America and the organizer and rabbi for Soulful Shabbat, a Saturday morning service that emphasizes silence, chanting, gentle stretching and meditation along with traditional davening and Torah study. Contact him at alan.flam@gmail.com.

Or Chadash moving into new space

BY FRAN OSTENDORF
fostendorf@jewishallianceri.org

Congregation Or Chadash is moving – and its leadership is inviting the community to join in the procession.

The congregation, which includes members of what was once Temple Am David, in Warwick, has found space to worship at Trinity Episcopal Church, 139 Ocean Drive, Cranston. Congregants are painting and repairing the area that was formerly occupied by Families First (once Happy Hollow preschool), according to the Trinity website.

"The new space is about the size of the chapel at Am David," said Judith Bessoff, second vice president of Or Chadash.

On June 11 at 1 p.m., members will carry the congregation's three Torahs across the bridge near The Bank Café, on Narragansett Boulevard in Warwick, and into the new chapel in Cranston.

Members have been worshipping in what was once the Am David building, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. It was sold to the Rhode Island Hindu Temple Society in September 2016 and consecrated as the first Hindu temple in Rhode Island. The Hindu group allowed the congregants from Am David to continue worshipping in the building. That group became Or Chadash in 2016 and has continued to use the space.

Or Chadash was able to purchase a Torah during Am David's receiver's sale. Generous friends and donors contributed two more Torahs, according to Bessoff. The ark from the chapel is also moving to the new space.

Or Chadash has about 30 active members and is growing, according to Bessoff.

The president of the congregation is Beth Veltri; Michael Frank is first vice president; Ellen Nessen is secretary; and Aaron Weintraub is treasurer.

"Our membership is open" to new members, Bessoff said. "We have proven we can stick together and support the community."

For information on Congregation Or Chadash, contact Judith Bessoff at jbessoff123@gmail.com or 401-465-0346.

FRAN OSTENDORF is the editor of The Jewish Voice.

FROM PAGE 6

GOLDWASSER

assume the responsibilities of adulthood. Additionally, in the world of a rabbi, you get to be with people in the moments of their lives that matter the very most. Both incredible, high moments like a wedding or a baby naming, and also really difficult moments like a death or a time of personal crisis. Being in a role in which people invite you into their lives when they are experiencing those kinds of extremes is immensely powerful.

Q: Favorite Jewish memory from your life/childhood?

A: When I was in nursery school, I had a close friend named Ralph, and I would often be at his house on Friday nights, where I got the chance to experience a lot of primary Jewish experiences with his family (that was more observant) that I did not experience with my own family, like Shabbat dinners and Passover Seders.

Q: Greatest piece of advice someone has given you, and who gave it to you?

A: "It's too late to change it now." [Advice given by Goldwasser's rabbi, in reference to Goldwasser speaking about his mistakes and regrets in life.] That is something that has stuck with me for all of my life. You can know about the difficulties and hardships you've had in life, and they can be present to you, but at the same time, recognize, well, that is my life, and I can't reach back in time and change it. The task, instead, is to look toward the future and not dwell on the past.

Candle Lighting Times

Greater Rhode Island

May 26		7:52
May 30	Shavu'ot	7:54
May 31	Shavu'ot	9:09
June 2		7:56
June 9		8:01



R.I. Foundation offers $35,000 to Jewish groups

PROVIDENCE – Jewish community charitable organizations, synagogues and day schools from Barrington to East Greenwich have until June 9 to apply for more than $35,000 in grants through the Bliss, Gross, Horowitz Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation.

"We are pleased to offer Jewish charitable organizations serving the greater Providence community additional support," said Ricky Bogert, grant programs officer at the Foundation. "We look forward to working with eligible nonprofits in their vital work addressing the needs of all Rhode Islanders."

The Bliss, Gross, Horowitz Fund awards grants to proposals that develop connections between the Jewish community and greater Rhode Island, deepen the understanding of Jewish life and culture through scholarship and historic preservation or provide for basic human needs such as food and housing. In addition, Jewish charitable organizations that provide these services can apply for funding to support capacity-building activities such as board development, strategic planning, nonprofit business development, fundraising or program evaluation.

Synagogues and day schools are eligible to apply only for project support, and their proposals must be non-sectarian in nature and designed to reach beyond their own constituents. Capital requests are not eligible for funding under this grant program.

Grants typically range from $5,000 to $10,000. Priority will be given to proposals that have clearly stated goals and objectives, measurable outcomes and a clear sustainability plan. The Foundation has awarded more than $237,000 in grants since 2010.

Organizations that received funding last year include the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, which documented the history and experiences of Jewish students at Providence College; Temple Emanu-El, which brought singers from throughout Rhode Island together for "Singing the Dream," a musical tribute to the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and Camp JORI, which built stronger connections with the interfaith and unaffiliated Jewish communities by encouraging them to send their children to its summer camp.

The Rhode Island Foundation is the largest and most comprehensive funder of nonprofit organizations in Rhode Island. In 2016, the Foundation awarded a record $45 million in grants to organizations addressing the state's most pressing issues and needs of diverse communities. Through leadership, fundraising and grant-making activities, often in partnership with individuals and organizations, the Foundation is helping Rhode Island reach its true potential. For more information about applying for a Bliss, Gross, Horowitz Fund grant, visit rifoundation.org.

Submitted by the Rhode Island Foundation

Welcome to our pet parade



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

We love our pets. And many of our readers love their furry friends enough to want to see their photos in the paper.

The annual pet section in this issue features all the pet photos that we've received in the last six weeks. We seem to be a dog- and cat-loving group. No birds, fish, hamsters, reptiles or horses made their way into my inbox. And note the number of small fluffy dogs.

Some of our readers sent us photos of their own pets. Others were "granddogs" and "grandcats." We hope we have all the captions correct. Please bear with us if we don't. There were a lot of names and adorable faces to match up!

So, how do Rhode Islanders rate when compared with pet owners elsewhere? According to the "U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographic Sourcebook," by the American Veterinary Medical Association, as of 2012, Rhode Island had the fewest pet-owning households in the United States! In our little state, only 53 percent of all households own a pet. In Vermont, the state with the largest percentage, 70.8 percent of all households own a pet. We are No. 7 in states with the fewest dog owners and No. 3 among states with the fewest cat owners.

But Rhode Island is also the ninth most pet-friendly state. That's according to the Safewise Report, which advises on safety and home security. Safewise bases its findings on 2015 data from the Bureau of Labor, the Animal Legal Defense Fund and online pet resources like BringFido.com. Then, it ranks states based on the strictest anti-cruelty laws, highest percentage of no-kill shelters, most pet-friendly hotels and parks, and more. Apparently, Rhode Island has some of the most stringent anti-animal cruelty laws in the country and some of the best health and wellness factors.

A few more facts I found interesting:

In 2016, we spent $66.75 billion on our pets in the U.S., according to the American Pet Products Association. This included $28.23 billion on food and $5.73 billion on services like grooming and boarding.

Pet ownership is growing fast. According to this same group's 2017-2018 National Pet Owner's Survey, 68 percent of U.S. households own a pet. In 1988, the first year of the survey, 56 percent of households owned a pet.

Most popular pets? Dogs, cats and freshwater fish. But overall, more households own cats than dogs.

Many people I know adopted their "companion animals." Did you know that 7.6 million of these pets enter animal shelters nationwide every year? Of those, approximately 3.9 million are dogs and 3.4 million are cats, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. And, according to the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy, less than 2 percent of cats and only 15 to 20 percent of dogs are returned to their owners.

So, keep those furry companions close by and tagged or chipped, as the ASPCA advises. There's a lot to love there.

If you are not an animal lover, or you do not have a pet, you'll probably still enjoy browsing through our photos of these adorable Fluffies and Fidos. If not, I'm hoping you've found something that does interest you in this issue. This is a busy time of year in our community, and you'll learn about what's going on in the pages of The Jewish Voice.

And please remember, if you want to keep seeing the news of your community, take a few minutes to contribute to our annual Patron Campaign. There's a button online (www.jvhri.org) and an envelope in the newspaper.

Every little bit helps bring you pages of community news, features, and, yes, even pet photos.

The miracle of Yiddish theater



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

Between 1890 and 1940, 200 Yiddish theaters were established in New York City; in 1937 alone, Yiddish theaters in the city sold 1,250,000 tickets. Yet before the 1870s, there was not a single professional Yiddish theater anywhere in the world. How could this be?

My wife, Sandy, and I learned the answer to this question at the end of April, when we once again enjoyed a weekend at the Yiddish Book Center, in Amherst, Massachusetts. Between Shabbat dinner and Sunday morning, Debra Caplan, an assistant professor of theater at Baruch College, City University of New York, delivered four lectures introducing us to the world of Yiddish theater – a vital, bustling world that seemed to arise miraculously out of virtually nothing.

Over the centuries, traditional rabbis had consistently frowned upon theatrical enterprises in their many forms. These arbiters of Jewish mores considered the life of the stage to be a violation of the norms of *halakhah*, Jewish law – except for one day a year, on Purim. On that one day, as far back as the 15th century, Jews were permitted to take part in Purim *spiels* (plays). On that one day, Jews were given license to express their pent-up need to act up, to act out, to assume the roles of Mordecai or Esther or even the wicked Haman.

In some Purim plays, the actors even took on the roles of well-known contemporaries who had no relationship whatsoever to the Biblical Purim story. During the Purim *spiel* anything – or almost anything – goes.

With the dawning of the Enlightenment in the 18th century, the authority of the rabbis gradually waned. Many Jews began to shift from a religious to a secular identity, which enabled the explosive growth of Yiddish theater.

Shloyme Ettinger (1802-1856) is credited with writing the first Yiddish play, "Sirkele," which is based on the Cinderella story. Written in 1839, "Sirkele" was originally conceived as a "closet play" – that is, a play not intended to be staged, but rather to be read in the company of friends in the safety of a private home. It was not until seven years after Ettinger's death that the play was publicly performed for the first time, at a rabbinical seminary in the Ukrainian town of Zhitomir during Purim in 1863.

While Ettinger wrote the first Yiddish play, Avrom Goldfaden (1840-1908) is considered the "Father of Yiddish Theater." He is known not only for the prodigious number of plays that he wrote but also for the great breadth of his work, ranging from farce to Biblical operetta. Most significantly, Goldfaden brought Yiddish theater from the realm of amateur diversion into the world of professionally produced, directed, acted and staged plays.

Those attending the Yiddish Book Center's program were asked to read one of Goldfaden's early plays, "The Two *Kuni-Lemls*," before coming to Amherst.

At first reading, this farce seems somewhat shallow. The plot is a variation of the often told tale of a young couple, Max and Carolina, deeply in love, who defy the woman's father, who is attempting to arrange a "suitable" marriage for his only daughter. The title refers to Max assuming the role of a double for the intended groom, the clueless *Kuni-Leml*. Our lecturer, Caplan, assured us that the play drew enthusiastic audiences, reminding us that there is a huge difference between reading a play and seeing it performed.

The "Golden Age of Yiddish Theater" in the United States was made possible by the massive influx of 1.5 million Eastern European Jews between 1881 and 1910, a large number of whom settled in Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Proving the adage that truth can be stranger than fiction, Boris Tomashevsky (1868-1939) was still in his early teens when he almost singlehandedly created Yiddish theater in New York City. In 1882, Tomashevsky produced "The Sorceress," which became an instant success.

Tomashevsky was not only the first producer of Yiddish plays in New York, but, with his good looks and beautiful singing voice, he also became one of the most renowned stars of the Yiddish stage.

On Sunday morning, Caplan delivered her final lecture of the weekend, which she titled "Nomadic *Chutzpah*: The Vilna Troupe, Yiddish Theater, and the Avant-Garde." In her brief introduction, Caplan noted that the Vilna Troupe (1915-1936) was "an experimental Yiddish theater company founded by a motley group of teenaged amateurs, impoverished war refugees, and out-of-work Russian actors who banded together to revolutionize the Yiddish stage during the First World War."

Despite their humble origins – often subsisting on just one boiled potato per day, frequently fainting from hunger during rehearsals – members of the troupe managed to perform in 60 cities on five continents in a single year. Though they performed only in Yiddish, their innovative approach to theater exerted a profound influence on scores of actors, regardless of their native tongues.

In 1920, the Vilna Troupe introduced the world to "The Dybbuk," by Solomon Rappaport Ansky (1863-1920), perhaps the best-known Yiddish play of all time. Ansky subtitled his play "Between Two Worlds, A Dramatic Legend in Four Acts." I would suggest that "The Dybbuk" dramatizes the contrast between the world of the living and the world of the dead, the world of the present and the world of the past, the world of truth and the world of illusion and superstition.

In their avant-garde production of "The Dybbuk" – a giant tallit serves as the stage's inner curtain – the Vilna Troupe seems to connect the world of yesterday with the worlds of today and tomorrow.

What is the future of Yiddish theater in America? In the words of an old song from my alma mater, Columbia College: "Tomorrow's the future still; this is today!"

JAMES B. ROSENBERG is rabbi emeritus at Temple Habonim, in Barrington. Contact him at rabbiemeritus@templehabonim.org.

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Jewish Voice is to communicate Jewish news, ideas and ideals by connecting and giving voice to the diverse views of the Jewish community in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, while adhering to Jewish values and the professional standards of journalism.

COLUMNS | LETTERS POLICY

The Jewish Voice publishes thoughtful and informative contributors' columns (op-eds of 500 – 800 words) and letters to the editor (300 words, maximum) on issues of interest to our Jewish community. At our discretion, we may edit pieces for publication or refuse publication. Letters and columns, whether from our regular contributors or from guest columnists, represent the views of the authors; they do not represent the views of The Jewish Voice or the Alliance.

Send letters and op-eds to: The Jewish Voice, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906 or editor@jewishallianceri.org. Include name, city of residence and a contact phone number or email (not for publication).

FROM PAGE 1

SIX-DAYWAR

The shul is closed.' Faith could not go on with an unmitigated catastrophe of that size happening again."

The fear felt by Greenberg pervaded the air in American Jewish communities that week. Two decades after the world learned the full extent of the Holocaust, Americans looked on from afar as Egypt and Syria threatened the young Jewish state.

Jonathan Sarna, then 12, remembers watching on TV as Israelis dug mass graves to prepare for potential slaughter. A teenage Yossi Klein Halevi remembers the broadcasts of mass rallies in Cairo calling for Israel's death.

But many American Jews, haunted by their failure to act during the Holocaust, didn't just passively watch events unfold – they decided to mobilize. They raised tens of millions of dollars. They held rallies. They lobbied President Lyndon Johnson.

Within days, however, the fear turned to relief. The relief turned to pride when Israel won the war in six days, tripling its territory and taking control of Judaism's holiest sites.

The Six-Day War, as it quickly became known, intensified American Jews' love for Israel and imbued them with a new confidence to advocate for their interests at home and abroad. And the terror that consumed the community in the run-up to the war led to an increased emphasis on Holocaust remembrance.

The shift from terror to power experienced by the Jewish community in June 1967 set up Holocaust memory and support of Israel as the twin poles of American Jewish identity. At the same time, however, it sparked debates on territory, history, identity and occupation – issues that continue to consume American Jews 50 years later.

"There was an emotional trajectory that united Jewish people in a way I don't think we've ever seen since the revelation at Mount Sinai 3,500 years ago," said Klein Halevi, author of "Like Dreamers," a chronicle of Israel's Six-Day War generation. Growing up in Brooklyn, he recalled "moving from existential dread to relief when we realized that Israel had taken the offensive."

American Jews poured their money into supporting the embattled state – creating a precedent (and expectations) for Jewish philanthropy for decades to come, historians say. In the New York City area alone, the United Jewish Appeal raised more than $20 million during the week of the war, nearly $150 million in today's dollars.

Greenberg recalls a congregant taking out a second mortgage to donate $20,000 to Israel. In the New York suburb of Scarsdale, seven high school students raised $10,000 from their neighborhood on the war's second day.

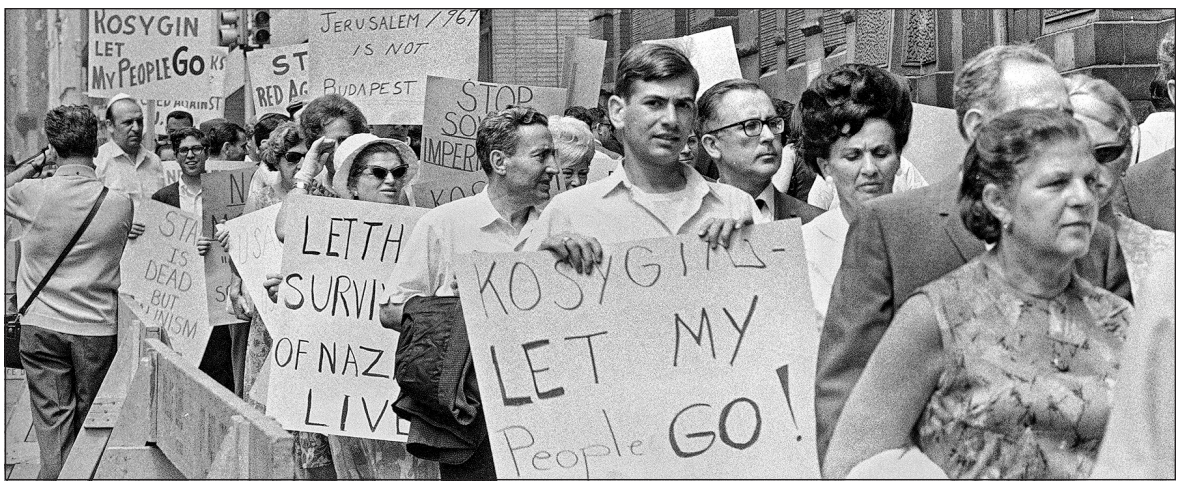


PHOTO | JTA, ROGER VIOLLET COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES

Israel's victory in the Six-Day War energized the movement to free Soviet Jewry, leading to pro-Israel and anti-USSR demonstrations like this one in New York City in June 1967

"The unbelievable amounts of money that were collected before and during the war, nobody had ever seen anything like it," said Sarna, a professor of Jewish history at Brandeis University. "American Jews didn't want people to say we did nothing. There wasn't much they could do, but they knew they could give of their wealth."

Jews also took to the streets to support Israel. On June 8, the third day of the war, 50,000 Jews rallied outside the White House, already demanding that Israel be allowed to keep its battlefield gains. The day after the war, 20,000 Jews filled this city's Madison Square Garden to cheer the victory.

While Jews had protested en masse before, the war showed Jewish leaders how powerful demonstrations could be, said Jack Wertheimer, a professor of Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Israel's victory energized the movement to free Soviet Jewry, which would go on to organize large rallies in Washington, D.C., and protests at Soviet consulates, missions and cultural events across the country.

"Israel has been very good for American Jewish leaders," Wertheimer said. "The emergence of Israel as a player on the international stage made it possible for American Jewish organizations to ratchet up their presence."

American Jews also became far more comfortable displaying their love for Israel, and Americans in general supported Israel in the war. Cold War calculations led the U.S.-Israel alliance to grow stronger, while among Jews, expressions of Israeli culture increased in America. The war led more American synagogues to adopt Israeli pronunciations of Hebrew, Wertheimer said, and to use Israeli melodies for prayers. Klein Halevi remembers his doctor decorating his waiting room with an enormous photo of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

"It really intensified a sense of Israel being central," Sarna said. "American Jews love moments when their Americanness and their Jewishness reinforce one another. There's this sense that the Six-Day War is a victory for America and for the Jewish people."

Jews also began traveling more to Israel, which experienced a period of euphoria following the war. Immigration to the Jewish state rose steadily in the late 1960s and early '70s, and American Jews would later have a disproportionate presence in the settlement movement. While American Jews make up about 5 percent of Israelis overall, they comprise 15 percent of West Bank settlers, according to Oxford professor Sara Yael Hirschhorn, author of the recent book "City on a Hilltop," about American Jews in the settlement movement.

"There was just this spontaneous need on the part of Jews around the world to physically connect to Israel because of this feeling that we almost lost Israel," said Klein Halevi, who has written about channeling his own Jewish fears and pride into the militant Jewish Defense League – a youthful flirtation with extremism he eventually left behind. An Israeli since 1982, he recalled the post-war euphoria spoken about in Israel, where "there was this feeling that Jewish history is over, and we won. Certainly the wars were over. The Arabs would never be foolish enough to attack us again."

Even amid the celebration, cracks of discord began to appear. Jewish leaders bristled at criticism from liberal Americans who had allied with Jews on domestic policy fights like civil rights. Criticism of Israel's military gains from some African-American leaders further weakened a once strong black-Jewish alliance that had begun fraying half a year earlier, when the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee expelled its white members.

"In the liberal camp, there's a hostility directed at Israel" following the war, Wertheimer said. "American Jews looked upon these individuals as their allies, as their colleagues in some of the great battles. They could not begin to understand why, when it came to this matter, these allies turned on Israel."

Half a century after the victory, organized American Jewry wrestles with its legacy. Fundraisers and activists lament that there isn't the same kind of unifying cause around which Jews can rally. Committed activists are split among a right wing that feels God delivered into Jewish hands a land that can never again be divided, and a left wing that sees the war and the decisions made in its aftermath as the start of what has become Israel's most intractable problem: control of millions of Arabs living on lands seized during the victory.

Five decades later, says Hirschhorn, the joy felt in 1967 has faded for many American Jews born long after the war. They don't remember the Six-Day War as a massacre averted or a near miraculous victory of David over Goliath. For Jews with memories of 1967, Hirschhorn said, feeling strong was an exhilarating experience. Now American Jews are still grappling with the meaning of Jewish power.

"The pride they felt in that moment has changed for our generation, who look at it in a different way and have seen the outcome of the war," said Hirschhorn, who was born well after the war. "Now the question of our generation is, how do you manage Jewish power responsibly, whether that's in the State of Israel or outside of it?"

25 Jerusalem facts

BY ELIANA RUDEE/JNS.ORG

Here are 25 facts highlighting the rich tapestry of Israel's capital:

1. Jerusalem Day is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War.

2. During the Jordanian occupation of Jerusalem, Jews were not allowed to access their holy sites, including the Western Wall.

3. Jerusalem has been attacked 52 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, besieged 23 times and destroyed twice over the course of 3,000 years.

4. Israel is the only country to enter the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees.

5. The name "Jerusalem" most likely comes from "Urusalim," a word of Semitic origin meaning "Foundation of Shalem (wholeness)" or "Foundation of God."

6. Jerusalem has more synagogues per capita than any city in the world.

7. Jerusalem is the only city in which some 15 different Christian communities live alongside one another, according to the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.

8. Jerusalem is considered the eternal capital of the Jewish people.

9. Jerusalem is the third-holiest city in Islam, outside of Mecca and Medina.

10. Jerusalem is mentioned more than 600 times in the Hebrew Bible, but not once in Islam's Quran.

11. In the Middle Ages, Jews were banned from Jerusalem by Christians, and Muslims later lifted the ban.

12. There are more than 70 different Hebrew names for Jerusalem in Jewish scripture.

13. Jerusalem is statistically safer than most large U.S. cities and many major cities elsewhere in the world.

14. Jerusalem hotels record more than 2.5 million overnight stays by foreign tourists each year.

15. Thirty-thousand people ran in this year's Jerusalem Marathon.

16. Jerusalem's Mount of Olives is home to 150,000 Jewish graves, dating back to the 1400s.

17. Under Israeli rule, Jews are not allowed to pray on the Temple Mount.

18. The Old City is divided into the Muslim Christian Jewish and Armenian quarters.

19. The Dome of the Rock is not a mosque, but an Islamic shrine on the Temple Mount.

20. Although the Israeli government is headquartered in Jerusalem, the city is not home to any foreign embassies.

21. The 2.5-mile-long walls around the Old City were built in 1536 by Suleiman the Magnificent.

22. Jerusalem has more than 2,000 archaeological sites.

23. Archaeology proves Jews have lived in Jerusalem since 3000 B.C.E.

24. Archaeologists have found 3,800-year-old pottery in the City of David.

25. Jerusalem has separate educational and religious systems for its Christians, Muslims and Jews.

ELIANA RUDEE is a fellow with the Haym Salomon Center.

Ongoing

Alliance Kosher Senior Café. Kosher lunch and program every weekday. Temple Emanu-El, 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.

West Bay Kosher Senior Café. Kosher lunch and program every weekday. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. 11:15 a.m. program; noon lunch. $3 lunch donation from individuals 60+ or under 60 with disabilities. Steve, 401-743-0009.

Through June 29

Printmaking. Featured artists participated in the Print Workshops at the Providence Art Club. Temple Habonim's Bunny Fain Gallery, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. Gallery open Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. Information, call 401-245-6536 or email gallery@templehabonim.org.

Wednesday | May 31

Tikkun Boker Shavuot – Get Your Torah Sunny Side Up. 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Wake up with intentional prayer followed by serious study and brunch. 7-9:30 a.m., Holiday davening with Hallel; 9:30-10 a.m., Kiddush and Brunch (free and open to the community); 10-10:45 a.m., Rav Kook's Mindfulness and Revelation through Prayer with Rabbi Dolinger; 10:50-11:35 a.m., What is Holiness? Finding Our Own Place in Judaism with Chumie Juni; 11:40 a.m.-12:25 p.m., Spiritual Journeys (surprise local speaker); 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Teen Programming with Torah Tours and NCSY. Help sponsor for just $36 (checks to the office or through Paypal on CBS website). Free, kid-friendly children's programming available from 10 a.m.-12:25 p.m. Information, office@bethsholom-ri.org or 401-621-9393.

Shavuot and Yizkor Service. 9 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Friday | June 2

Shabbat Chai. 6-8:30 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Musical instruments combine with traditional and spirited Kabbalat Shabbat melodies. After the service, stay for Shabbat dinner. All ages, with children's activities available throughout the evening. Free – although contributions are welcome before or after Shabbat. Information, Paul Stouber at pstouber@teprov.org or 401-331-1616.

Cantorial Shabbat. 7-9 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Arranged by Cantor Emeritus Remmie Brown, in collaboration with Cantor Deborah Johnson. The beautiful Shabbat liturgy will be set to the folk music melodies of Peter, Paul and Mary. Shireinu, the chorus of Temple Sinai, will participate. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

PVD Fest Shabbat Celebration. 5 p.m. Biltmore Park, between Exchange Terrace & Dorrance St., Providence. A communal Shabbat experience sponsored by the Jewish Alliance and PVD Fest. Bring a picnic dinner, blanket and lawn chairs. There will be arts & crafts, storytelling and music with a song leader. Everyone who checks in will receive a Shabbat Kit with challah, grape juice and tea lights, along with information about Shabbat traditions. Information, Michelle Cicchitelli at mcicchitelli@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 178.

Saturday | June 3

Taste of Shabbat. 9-11 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. 9 a.m. Torah discussion and 9:45 a.m. Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Minyan Breakfast and Torah Study. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Weekly breakfast and Torah study in the downstairs chapel. All are welcome. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

Saturday Morning Junior Kiddush Club. 9:30-11:15 a.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Shabbat morning activities include prayer, parshah, play time and special Kiddush. Age groups: Tots, Pre-K-1st grade, 2nd grade and up. No fee. Information, office@bethsholom-ri.org or 401-621-9393.

Sunday | June 4

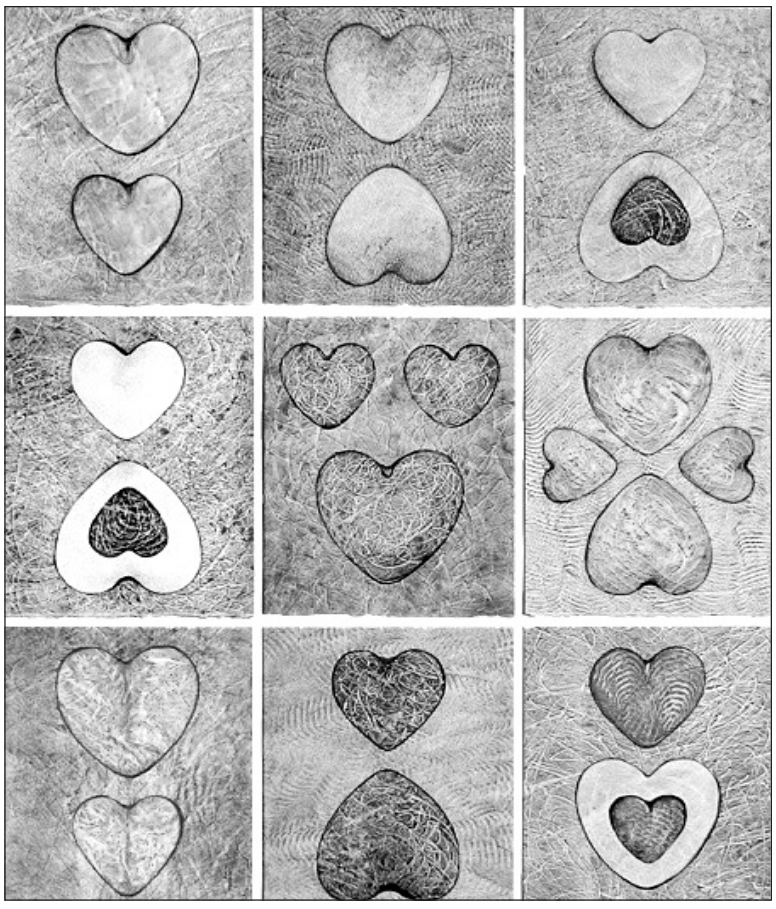
Temple Torat Yisrael's Walk at Goddard Park. 10-noon. Goddard Park, 1095 Ives Road, Warwick. Take a walk in Goddard Park. Bring your water bottle and snacks. We'll meet at the beach. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Sunday Afternoon Film Series: "Labyrinth of Lies." 3:30-5:30 p.m. Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. "Labyrinth of Lies" is set in Germany in 1958. See article on page 3 for more information. All showings, which include popcorn, are free and open to the community. Information, Jodi Sullivan at office@templehabonim.org or 401-245-6536.

Monday | June 5

Alliance's 32nd Annual Dwares JCC Golf Classic. 11 a.m. Ledgemont Country Club, 131 Brown Ave., Seekonk, Massachusetts. Annual Golf Classic supports the Alliance's vital programs and services that benefit the community, including those who find themselves in difficult economic situations. 11 a.m., registration; 11:30 a.m., lunch; 12:45 p.m., shotgun start; 5:30 p.m., cocktails, dinner and awards. Information, contact Stephanie Hague at 401-421-4111, ext. 127 or shague@jewishallianceri.org or visit jewishallianceri.org.

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation Support Group. 11 a.m.-noon. The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Drop-in cancer support group for everyone. Whether you are in treatment, a survivor, man or woman, this support group welcomes you. Free. Information or to sign up, Susan Adler at 401-732-0037.



Carol Strause FitzSimonds, "Heart to Heart," multiple layer monotype assemblage, on display at the Bunny Fain Gallery at Temple Habonim in Barrington.

Tuesday | June 6

Yoga. 6-7:15 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Cost: $30 for 3 sessions paid in advance; $12 per session at the door. Open to all. Bring a mat. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Wednesday | June 7

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Ledgemont Country Club, 131 Brown Ave., Seekonk. Annual Recognition Award honors Diane Lazarus. Celebration of 120th Anniversary of TMHWA. Information, MFerreira@lifespan.org or 401-793-2520.

Mah Jongg. 7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Come, learn and have fun. Bring your 2017 Mah Jongg card. All are welcome. Free. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Thursday | June 8

Trip to the MFA Boston. 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Join us for a day trip to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston to view the exhibition "Memory Unearthed: The Lodz Ghetto Photographs of Henryk Ross." The ticket price of $28 includes round-trip transportation and museum entrance fee. The bus leaves the temple at 8:30 a.m. and returns approximately 3:30 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to ensure a prompt departure. RSVP is required. Information, Temple Beth-El, lwhite@temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island Sixth Annual Meeting. 7-9 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Board Installations: Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island; Jewish Federation Foundation; Alliance Realty, Inc. Information, Gail Putnam at gputnam@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 158.

Friday | June 9

Motorcycle 'Ride 2 Remember' Luncheon. Noon-2 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. After the International Jewish Motorcycle Alliance's "Ride 2 Remember" ride, benefitting the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center. Cost: $15. Everyone is welcome. Information, May-Ronny Zeidman at May@BornsteinHolocaustCenter.org or 401-453-7860.

Shabbat Service and Dinner with the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance. 6-10 p.m. Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick. Celebrate Shabbat with members of the Jewish Motorcycle Alliance. Cost: dinner $50 Kosher or $48 Non-Kosher. Reservations required. Information or to RSVP (by June 2), May-Ronny Zeidman at May@BornsteinHolocaustCenter.org or 401-453-7860.

Friday Night Live BBQ Honors our Volunteers. 6 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Join us for this musical celebration of Shabbat with dinner to follow. Adults and children over 12 years: $20; 12 years and younger: free; Family max. $60. Information or RSVP (by June 6), Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Saturday | June 10

Taste of Shabbat. 9-11 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. 9 a.m. Torah Discussion and 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Service followed by a light Kiddush. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Minyan Breakfast and Torah Study. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Weekly breakfast and Torah study in the downstairs chapel. All are welcome. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

Sunday | June 11

Adult Education: Journey to Judaism. 10:30 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Rabbi Aaron Philmus leads this class. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

PHDS Amudim Dinner. 4:30 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Reception at 4:30 p.m., Mincha at 5:15 p.m. Providence Hebrew Day School and New England Academy of Torah honor Bruce, Jeff, and Scott Gladstone; Paul Fradin and Pesach Shafner. RSVP no later than June 4. Couvert: $65 per person. Information, Peretz Scheinerman at pscheinerman@phdschool.org or 401-331-5327.

Tuesday | June 13

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Aaron Philmus. Noon-1:30 p.m. T's Restaurant, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich. Each participant orders from the menu, and the group studies Jewish sources addressing current issues. All are welcome. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Yoga. 6-7:15 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Cost: $30 for 3 sessions paid in advance; $12 per session at the door. Open to all. Bring a mat. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Wednesday | June 14

Mah Jongg. 7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Come, learn and have fun. Bring your 2017 Mah Jongg card. All are welcome. Free. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Friday | June 16

T.G.I.F. Thank G-D It's Friday. 5:45-7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Family Shabbat jam and dinner. Shabbat songs and story with Rabbi Aaron Philmus. Kiddush and free kid-friendly dinner to follow. Open to all. Donations welcome. Information or to RSVP (by June 13), Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Shabbat Service followed by an Oneg. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Saturday | June 17

Classic Shabbat Service. 9-11 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Classic Shabbat Service followed by a light Kiddush. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Annual Interfaith Poverty Conference aims to inspire action

BY FRAN OSTENDORF
fostendorf@jewishallianceri.org

The Donovan Dining Center at Rhode Island College was crowded May 11 as faith leaders, advocates, service providers and community members gathered for the ninth annual Interfaith Poverty Conference.

Sponsored by the Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty, the program featured a keynote speech by the Rev. Dr. James Forbes Jr. followed by four workshops on poverty-related issues.

Forbes, a nationally known preacher, pastor and author, gave an inspiring speech to the more than 300 in attendance. He characterized the interfaith audience as "God's dream team," capable of making radical transformations in the fight against poverty.

At 81 years old, Forbes, the senior minister emeritus of The Riverside Church, in New York City, bounced around the stage and into the crowd like a young man. He spoke of inspiring, encouraging and empowering Rhode Island to turn "things" around in the war again poverty, which he characterized as "God's war."

Forbes advocated for electing leaders who will honor the call to fight poverty and he suggested to the crowd that everyone practice random acts of kindness daily.

Those attending the conference were encouraged to complete postcards, to be sent to lawmakers, in support of no-fare bus passes for low-income seniors and people with disabilities.

In addition to advocating to restore the free bus passes, the coalition's priorities include expanding early learning for children, raising the state minimum wage and providing access to driver's licenses for undocumented Rhode Islanders.

The workshops focused on immigration issues, fair pay, racial and economic disparities in housing, and the challenges facing low-income seniors as they grow older in the community.



PHOTOS | JUAN ESPINOSA

Rev. James Forbes walked among the crowd while speaking.

FRAN OSTENDORF is the editor of The Jewish Voice.



Yehuda Yaakov, Israeli consul general to New Eland.

FROM PAGE 1

TOURO

"As we celebrate Yom Yerushalayim and the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, we are grateful to God for this modern-day miracle," Mandel said. "Three times a day, we pray for the welfare of Jerusalem, and we are so fortunate to live in an era where we witness the growth of this beautiful and holy city."

All four men spoke of the importance of Jerusalem Day, agreeing that the reunification of the city in 1967 was crucial, and not only for Jews: after the war, Israel passed laws to protect holy sites and ensure freedom of worship for all.

Yaakov spoke of the important role Judah Touro played in the creation of the Jewish community in Newport.

"It was Judah Touro's money that facilitated that neighborhood being created, and began the expansion of the Jewish part of the city," he said.

The musical group that performed during the celebration was from that very neighborhood. Trio Yemin Moshe is named after the Jerusalem neighborhood of Yemin Moshe, which was developed on land purchased by Moses Montefiore with funds from the estate of Judah Touro in 1855. Their jovial and upbeat Ladino-style music filled Touro Synagogue with the sounds of voices, acoustic guitar and classical violin.

Congressman Cicilline offered the final remarks. He spoke of Israel's past, present and future, saying, "Today, Israel is a strong, culturally vibrant and economically prosperous Jewish democratic state. It is strong because of men like Judah Touro and all those who served 50 years ago in the Six-Day War. And, now, following the passing of Israel's last founding father, Shimon Peres, the torch falls to our generation to preserve the values that make Israel strong and prosperous."

SAM SERBY is a freelance writer who lives in East Greenwich. He previously worked at the Peres Center for Peace, in Tel Aviv.

COMMUNITY BYO SHABBAT CELEBRATION

PVD FEST

About PVD Fest:
For the third year, Mayor Jorge O. Elorza, the City of Providence's Department of Art, Culture + Tourism and founding creative partner FirstWorks will host PVDFest, Providence's signature art festival, June 1 - 4, 2017. Providence's world-renowned art, culture and culinary community join forces with artists from across the country and globe to deliver a once in a lifetime experience. Live music, dance, food, and visual art installations transform the city in a four-day, multi-arts take-over of public spaces, parks, and outdoor stages in the heart of Providence, Rhode Island.

Friday, June 2, 2017
Biltmore Park, Providence
Between Exchange Terrace & Dorrance Street
Starting at 5pm

The Jewish Alliance and PVD Fest have partnered to bring everyone together for a communal Shabbat experience. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic-dinner, blanket and lawn chairs. We'll supply arts & crafts, storytelling and music with a song leader...And be sure to check-in when you get there to receive a Shabbat Kit which will include challah, grape juice, and tea lights, along with essential information that will teach basic Shabbat traditions and engage families and individuals, no matter what religion they practice.

For more information contact Michelle Cicchitelli at mcicchitelli@jewishallianceri.org or 401.421.4111 ext. 178.

Jewish Alliance OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND

You'll want s'more of these tahini treats

BY SHERI SILVER

The Nosher via JTA – Tahini is certainly having "a moment."

This ancient condiment is just about everywhere these days – most notably on the sweeter side of things, in treats and desserts. Stuffed into croissants. Turned into cake pops. Folded into brownie batter.

And I love it all.

This savory ground sesame seed paste taste lends an unexpected flavor and texture to so many different kinds of desserts, without overpowering. Even better, it can provide some depth and dimension to otherwise "one note" sweets.

Like marshmallows.

Don't get me wrong – I LOVE homemade marshmallows – and they are miles above and away from the packaged variety. But at the end of the day, a marshmallow is nothing more than a pillow of sweet, spongy sugar. Rolled in sugar.

So I knew it would be the perfect foil for a generous swirl of tahini.

And boy was I right. All of a sudden that one note marshmallow had it all going on – and I immediately fired up the stove, roasted a few and sandwiched them with graham crackers and squares of semi-sweet and white chocolate.

Delicious.

Individually wrapped "stacks" of s'mores ingredients are a fun, easy and different dessert to put out at all your upcoming warm-weather celebrations, barbecues and picnics!

Tahini Marshmallow S'mores

Ingredients

1 cup cold water, divided

3 envelopes unflavored gelatin (Kosher gelatin is available at natural food stores, some Kosher markets and on Amazon)

2 cups sugar

3/4 cup light corn syrup

Pinch of salt

1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons tahini

Confectioner's sugar

White and dark chocolate squares

Graham crackers, cut in half to form squares

Directions

Cut 2 squares of parchment or wax paper, to fit the bottom of a 9-by-9-inch baking pan. Coat the pan with nonstick cooking spray, place one of the paper squares in the bottom and spray the paper.

Place 1/2 cup of the cold water into your mixer – sprinkle with the gelatin and let set.

Place the remaining 1/2 cup cold water into a medium saucepan, along with the sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. When the mixture boils, cover the pot and cook for 5 minutes. Remove the cover, attach a thermometer and continue to cook – without stirring – till the temperature reaches 240 degrees F.

Remove from heat, turn the mixer on low and slowly add the sugar mixture. When the mixture starts to thicken, gradually increase the speed – eventually bringing it up to high. Beat for 5 minutes.

Add 1/2 cup tahini to the mixture and quickly but gently fold in, using a greased rubber spatula – do not overmix so that you can still see the swirls of tahini throughout. Transfer to your baking pan and drizzle over the remaining 2 tablespoons tahini. Use a thin knife to swirl the drizzle. Spray the reserved piece of parchment paper with nonstick cooking spray and place, sprayed-side down, over the marshmallow. Press gently to level and even out the top. Wrap with plastic wrap and let sit overnight.

Sprinkle a work surface with confectioner's sugar; place some more in a medium bowl. Remove the top sheet of parchment from the marshmallow and invert onto the work surface. Peel off the bottom sheet of paper and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. Use a greased knife to cut squares, then roll the cut edges of each square in the bowl of sugar.

Make your s'mores by roasting the marshmallows and sandwiching them with a piece of chocolate between 2 graham cracker squares. Marshmallows may be stored in an airtight container at room temperature.



PHOTOS | JTA PHOTO SERVICE, SHERI SILVER

Tahini Marshmallow S'mores.

SHERI SILVER is writer of the blog Donuts, Dresses and Dirt (http://sherisilver.com/), where she shares all of her passions, including baking and cooking, gardening and shopping, and her adventures in and around New York City with her husband and three kids.

The Nosher food blog offers an array of new and classic Jewish recipes and food news, from Europe to Yemen, from challah to shakshuka and beyond. TheNosher.com.



To those who have made us your go-to place for easy and good food, thank you.

To those who haven't yet made us your first choice, it's just a matter of time.

New owner. New menu. New day.

OPENING TIMES

Lunch -
Wed-Sun 11-3 pm

Dinner -
Mon-Thurs 4-10 pm
Fri-Sat 4 - 11 pm
Sunday 4 - 9 pm
Sunday Brunch 10 am - 3 pm

Like us on Facebook!

kg KITCHEN BAR
PROVIDENCE RI

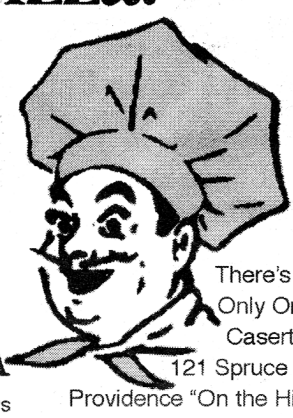
771 Hope Street - Providence, RI 02906

401-331-4100
kgkitchenbar.com

If you're not eating CASERTA's you're not eating pizza!

$1.00 OFF
a delicious 12-piece pizza

The ORIGINAL
CASERTA PIZZERIA
A Rhode Island Tradition for over 50 years



There's Only One Caserta
121 Spruce St
Providence "On the Hill"
Parking available

TAKE OUT 272-3618 or 621-3618 or 621-9190

JV

Thank You To Our Advertisers!
Please tell them you saw their ad in The Jewish Voice.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Jewish Alliance
OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, June 8 | 7:00pm
Bonnie & Donald Dwares Jewish Community Center
Victor & Gussie Baxt Social Hall
401 Elmgrove Avenue | Providence, RI

Board Installations:
Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island
Jewish Federation Foundation of Greater Rhode Island
Alliance Realty, Inc.

Tribute to Jeffrey K. Savit

Dr. Harry & Esther Elkin Leadership Award
Presented to Penina Satlow

2017 - 2018 Proposed
Alliance Realty, Inc. Board

Ronald C. Markoff, *Chair*
Robert Stolzman, *Vice Chair*
Sharon Gaines, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Jeffrey K. Savit, *President & CEO*

2017 - 2018 Proposed
Jewish Federation Foundation of Greater Rhode Island Board

Sharon Gaines, *Chair*
Robert Sherwin, *Vice Chair*
Melvin Alperin
Robin Engle
H. Jack Feibelman
Mark Feinstein
David Hirsch
Marilyn Kaplan
Scott Libman
Richard Licht
Michael Nulman
Ralph Posner
Jay Rosenstein
Steven Shalansky, *Treasurer*
Mathew Shuster
Herbert Stern
Cheryl Greenfeld Teverow, *Secretary*
Mindy Wachtenheim

2017 - 2018 Proposed
Slate of Officers and Board
Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island

Chair
Mitzi Berkelhammer

Vice Chairs
Susan Odessa Froehlich, *Philanthropy*
Marc Gertsacov, *Community Development*
Robert Landau, *Governance*
James Pious, *Philanthropy*
Oswald Schwartz, *Jewish Life & Learning*
Richard Silverman, *Communications*

Treasurer/Secretary
Neil Beranbaum

Board of Directors
Harris Chorney
Daniel Cohen
Susan Leach DeBlasio
Rabbi Barry Dolinger
Michael Eides
Mark Feinstein, *Leadership Development*
Harold Foster, *Chair Appointee*
Marisa Garber
Richard Glucksman, *Community Relations Council*
Janet Goldman
Richard Licht
Jamie Manville
Cara Mitnick
Vincent Mor
Mara Ostro
Ralph Posner, *Chair Appointee*
Robert Sherwin
Barbara Sokoloff
Richard Sutton
Miriam Esther Weiner
Faye Wisen
Rabbi Rachel Zerin, *Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island*

Honorary Directors
Melvin G. Alperin
Alan G. Hassenfeld

Sharon Gaines, *Immediate Past Chair*
Jeffrey K. Savit, *President and CEO*



Pet therapy brightens lives

BY ROBERTA RAGGE

Pet owners can attest to the mood boost and stress-relief benefits of having a four-legged companion – we just can't help but smile when a dog cuddles up to us or a cat crawls into our lap.

Animal therapy is a way for non-pet owners in lonely, stressful or traumatic situations to share in these proven health benefits. Therapy animals such as dogs, cats, birds, fish and even robotic animals are used to soothe veterans and people with disorders or disabilities in retirement and nursing homes, hospitals, schools, airports, hospices and disaster areas. Some people even have therapy pets specifically for the health benefit that animal companionship provides.

Common benefits of pet therapy include lowered blood pressure, stress relief, mood elevation, pain management and emotional support. These animals have been shown to improve social, emotional and mental functioning in long-term care settings and hospitals, as well as helping students relax and de-stress at schools and colleges. Some organizations work locally and nationally to send therapy animals to disaster areas. Often, therapeutic animals help people recover from physical ailments and emotional trauma.

Therapy pets are different from service animals. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, in the United States, a service animal is, "Any dog that is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability." These tasks can include pulling a wheelchair or reminding a person to take medication, for example.

Therapy pets can be live-in animals that provide emotional support to their owners or animals that are certified by organizations such as Therapy Dogs International and Delta Partners that are handled by their owners and visit those in need.

Many assisted living residences and nursing homes have multisensory programming involving animals to benefit those with dementia. At The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, in Warwick, our Bird Tales Program encourages residents to watch and identify birds in our backyard bird sanctuary. Residents' family pets are also welcome to visit, often brightening the lives of lonely individuals.

Indeed, employing the therapeutic power of animals and nature is a best practice in any setting!

ROBERTA RAGGE, MS, ALA, is executive director of The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, in Warwick.

Helping our pets helps us, too



PATRICIA RASKIN

"The primary principle behind the treatment of animals in Jewish law is preventing *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*, the suffering of living creatures," Tracy Rich writes on her website, Judaism 101 (jewfaq.org).

Rich, who has researched this topic extensively, goes on to write, "Judaism expresses no definitive opinion as to whether animals actually experience physical or psychological pain in the same way that humans do; however, Judaism has always recognized the link between the way a person treats animals and the way a person treats human beings. A person who is cruel to a defenseless animal will undoubtedly be cruel to defenseless people."

To build on this concept, adopting pets from animal shelters is a way to prevent *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*. Animals at shelters are in need of a second chance. They have been lost, given up or abandoned. They are all unwanted and helpless. By giving them a new life in a loving home, you are preventing cruel practices.

And while we are protecting and loving our pets, they are protecting and loving us. At A Place for Mom (aplaceformom.com), Mary Park Byrne writes about the scientific basis for pet therapy:

"Science can … tell us how and why pets can be therapeutic. Just 15 minutes bonding with an animal sets off a chemical chain reaction in the brain, lowering levels of the fight-or-flight hormone cortisol and increasing production of the feel-good hormone serotonin. The result: heart rate, blood pressure and stress levels immediately drop.

"Over the long term, pet and human interactions can lower cholesterol levels, fight depression and may even help protect against heart disease and stroke. This is why pets for the elderly can be so beneficial."

So instead of, or in addition to, "hugging a tree," hug a pet. You will get so much back.

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 Providence's Temple Emanu-El.



In loving memory of

Ito Goodno

2003 - 2016

Never to be forgotten.

My best friend who
I will forever miss.

CLASSIC CLIPS PET SALON

ALL BREEDS PET GROOMING

"WHERE YOUR PET IS OUR SPECIALTY"



259 Waterman Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
401-438-3888
401-351-3310



LYNCH & PINE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Patrick C. Lynch
Attorney General: 2003-2011

Jeffrey B. Pine
Attorney General: 1993-1999

One Park Row, Fifth Floor Providence, RI 02903
P: 401.274.3306 | F: 401.274.3326
PLynch@lynchpine.com | JPine@lynchpine.com

Criminal Defense • Personal Injury/Serious Accidents • Civil and Business Litigation
Divorce/Family Law • Government Investigations • Government Relations

The Barking Lot



- Dog Daycare
- Dog & Cat Boarding
- Grooming
- Dog Training

697 Allens Ave
Providence, RI
(401) 781-BARK (2275)
info@thebarkinglotri.com

PERSONAL ESSAY

Lies I told about my dog

BY RON KAMPEAS

JTA – I lied a lot about my dog, Zevy, who died in March of cancer, squeezed with his final strength under our bed, his favorite resting place.

Here are some of the lies I told.

We fell into a love trap devised by clever Israelis.

Ten or so years ago CHAI, an Israeli animal welfare group, brought close to 40 dogs to the Washington, D.C., area and deployed them in groups of about 10 to four local synagogues.

My first lie was the impression I conveyed when telling friends about how we got Zevy: that on that cloudy Sunday in mid-November 2006, the temple conspired with CHAI and manipulated us – innocent, naive parents – into getting a dog.

The truth is, I was the one who set the love trap. My two sons, then 8 and 6, wanted a dog – well, the 8-year-old did. I wanted a dog. My wife said it would be too much work.

So the temple notified us that the CHAI dogs would be in place, and I told my wife, "They're going to have dogs outside the school, let's drop the boys off together, and it'll be fun to play with the dogs. We won't get one."

But my older son, who didn't lie, said this as we drove to Sunday school: "Daddy said you'd want one when you saw them."

I did say that as a means of getting the boys to scramble into the car 15 minutes earlier than usual, and she did – want one, that is, Zevy especially, because he was not hoppy, or yappy, or eager. He carefully, silently explored the humans, and when she stopped to talk to him, he gave my wife his paw.

Zevy was my wife's dog.

This was clear from the outset. Walking together, he would occasionally stop just to press up against her, an act not so much of possession or fealty but, I think, of overflowing gratitude. Maybe three days after his arrival, I came downstairs and I found them rolling around on the floor together. Her arms were wrapped around his neck, her head was pressed against his. He seemed to think this was a good idea.

Zevy was a war refugee.

Not so much my lie, but CHAI's. The dogs, they said, were left behind by Israelis who fled south during the 2006 Lebanon War, and then never reclaimed them when they returned.

My wife spun this into something more elaborate: Zevy, she said, fled cruel Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon and crossed the border into Israel. I tried explaining to her how unlikely this was in one of the most mined strips of land on the planet, but never mind.

I'm Israeli, and the country is awash in strays, in war and in peace. Maybe Zevy was indeed a war orphan. The likelier story is that CHAI was seizing on a headline-making crisis to raise awareness in the U.S. Jewish community of its mission, and selected 39 of its most photogenic strays and put them on a plane. (Zevy was a 2007 CHAI Calendar dog.) I'm fine with this.

Zevy was a shepherd mix.

Hence the name accorded to him by CHAI: German Shepherds are called "*zeev,*" or wolf, in Israel.

But this is a polite way of saying Zevy was a mutt. A handsome mutt, with the large brown eyes of an empath and ears that perked up when he heard me removing a leash from its hook, or when he saw from his perch at the living room window my wife's car pull into the rear of the house. A mutt with a rich warm coat of tan and black. But a mutt.

This story is true, so why do I need to lie?

Our routine for a number of years was this: I would walk the boys to the school bus stop with Zevy, and then I would drive him to my mother-in-law's house, just over a mile away through some of the busiest traffic in Arlington, Virginia. I would park there, walk to the metro and go to work.



Zevy

The boys would take the school bus to their grandmother's house and arrive at about 4 p.m. My wife or I would come home at 5 or thereabouts, and Zevy would be first into the car, with a bound and a leap, and we'd head home, back through that mile of heavy traffic.

Once I got off work early, so I picked up the boys, then 8 and 10, directly from school for slices of pizza. Past 4 p.m., I got a frantic call from my mother-in-law: Zevy was gone, escaped from the backyard. I piled the boys in the van and was driving from the pizza parlor to her house when I got another call, from the vet, whose offices are just across the street from our house. A man had seen a stray wandering frantically in traffic and pulled him in. She had Zevy in her office.

Zevy had noticed the boys hadn't come – he knew precisely when they were supposed to arrive – and made it through a mile of rush hour traffic to our house to find them, to make sure they were OK.

His job, as he saw it, was to watch out for them, to make sure they were in the right place at the right time. He figured out how to tell time to do this. He took extraordinary risks to do this. I don't know why he saw this as his job, but he did. And he did it constantly and effectively: Once my mother-in-law fell, on the first floor of her house, and he ran upstairs, found her caretaker cleaning a room and whined until she followed him downstairs.

Zevy talked.

OK, again, not my lie, but one I'm borrowing from the dry cleaner across the street who insists his dog speaks Vietnamese. The dry cleaner says "talk" in Vietnamese and the dog barks. His wife rolls her eyes. The dry cleaner's dog also grabs laundry sacks once they're full, with his teeth, and pulls them into the rear of the shop for processing.

Why do we make up stories about talking dogs when all we need to say is that they rescue us?

I don't know.

Or:

For 10-15 years (Zevy was 11) our dogs give us unmediated love. In the same span, my two sons transitioned from thinking I was a demigod to contradicting everything I say when they're not ignoring me.

I understand this transition, I tortured my parents with it, I know it circles around. It doesn't make it easier.

Friends grow apart. In the early 21st century, we've figured out a way to create the illusion that they don't through Facebook profile photos that are always a little out of date and a little too well lit, through likes and bespoke icons and electronic happy birthday greetings and status updates.

But we do. We meet in person and we're crankier, more distant, agitated by the figure across from us battered around the edges, stirring up memories of opportunities lost, passions abated.

Dogs don't change. They figure out a household, they figure out their place, and then they break our hearts by dying too soon.

Dogs don't change.

They do. My wife and sons sought Zevy's attentions, and he delivered them, in licks and in companionship.

I never did, except to call him over to feed him bits of cartilage I chewed off chicken bones for him – once he obeyed my command to sit, our most visceral transaction.

Yet a couple of years ago Zevy understood I wanted his companionship, even though I didn't know this.

He would pad down the stairs mid-morning and spend time at my feet as I wrote and made calls, and then pad back upstairs. He was never a hop-on-the-couch dog until he was, resting his head on my lap for a period, and then hopping back down.

This is not a lie.

My dog changed me. He's gone. I am bereft.

WHERE YOUR FOUR-LEGGED
FAMILY MEMBERS GET THE BEST OF CARE.



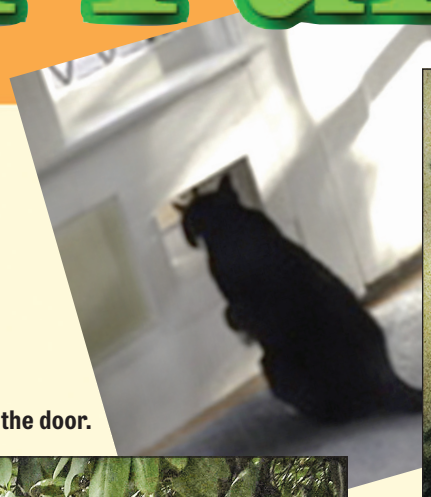
Dr. Jane Linden, DVM

PROVIDENCE RIVER ANIMAL HOSPITAL
131 Point Street - Providence, RI | 401-274-PRAH (7724)
providenceriveranimalhospital.com
www.facebook.com/PRAHvet

Pets On Parade



Ziva belongs to Susie and Rusty Mershon of Lincoln.



Kitty, right, anxiously waiting at the door.





Kitty belongs to Ann Tetreault of Cranston.

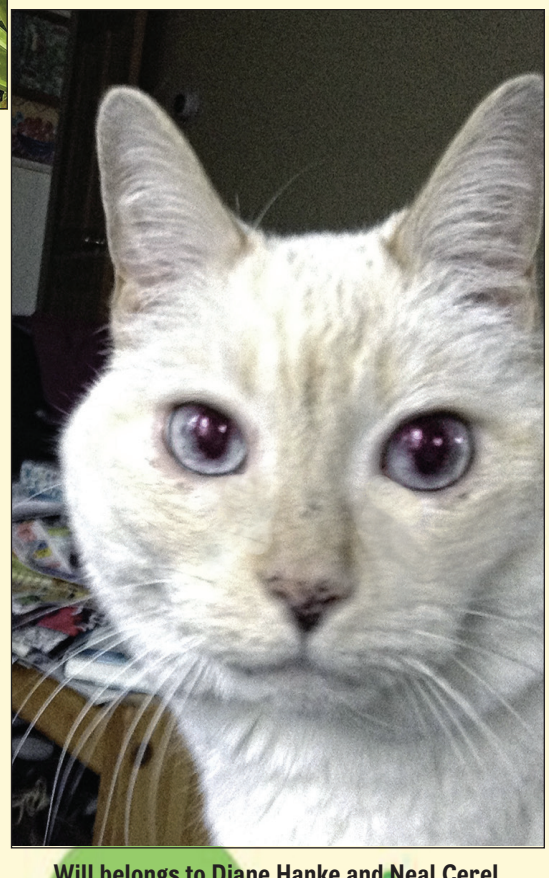


Crosby belongs to Karen, Michael and Samantha Isenberg of Providence.



Ace belongs to Sandy Chucnin Webb of Wakefield.

Abbie, left, belongs to Matt, Hilary and Grace Farrow of the East Side.



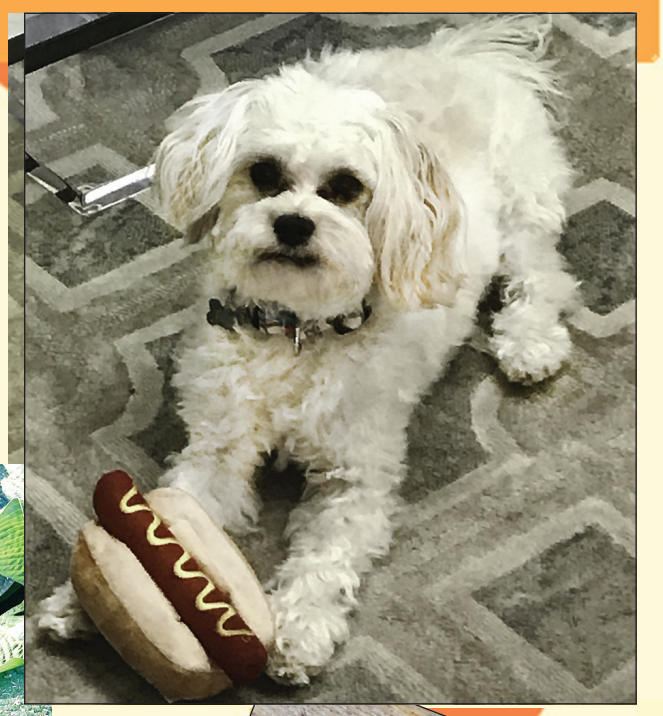
Will belongs to Diane Hanke and Neal Cerel of Warwick.

Pets On Parade



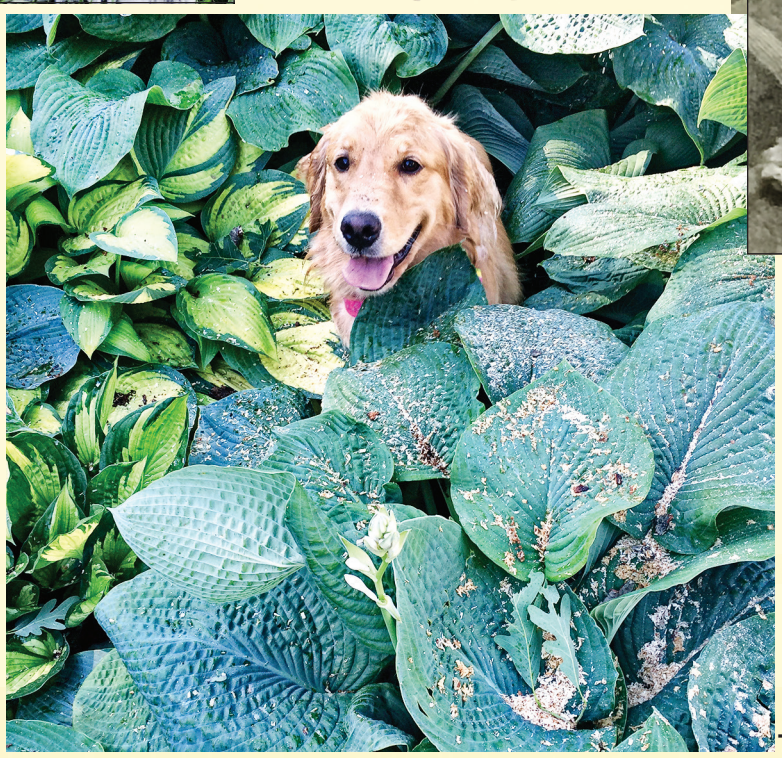
Olive, has a proud grandma – Pauline Breault.







Lilly belongs to Beverly Mann Paris of Warwick.



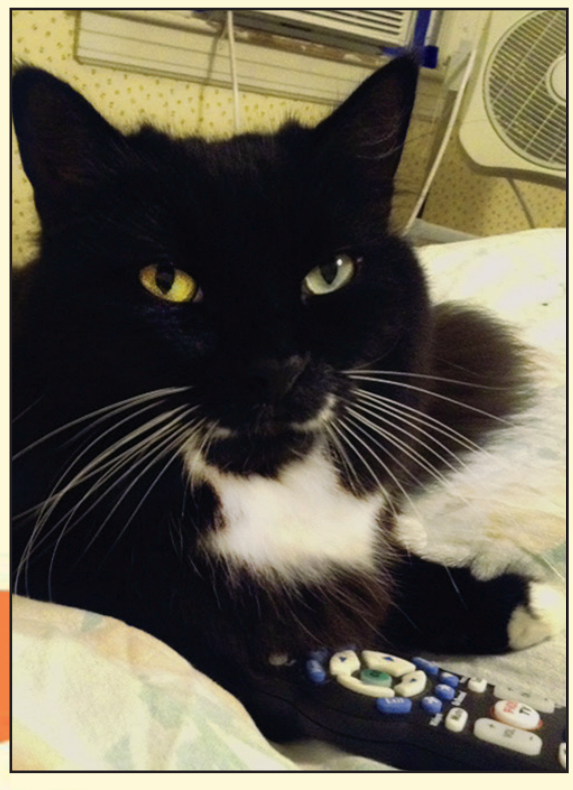
Skandel belongs to Tina Odessa of Pawtucket.



Teddy belongs to Rachel Hurlich of East Greenwich



Trixie and Alice belong to Rebecca Marcus



Charlotte belongs to Diane Hanke and Neal Cerel of Warwick.

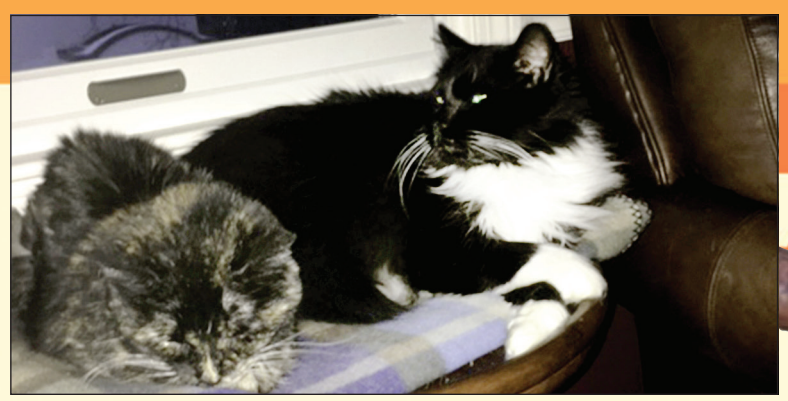


Max belongs to Rhoda Strauss of (missing location).

Pets On Parade



Lucky (left) and Buster (right) belong to Gary and Roberta Serby of East Greenwich.



Jarod on the right and Laundry on the left belong to Fred Felder.





Nate belongs to Fred Felder of Providence.



BROWNIE belongs to Lino Diaz and Chloe Serinsky, daughter of Deborah Johnson and Robert Serinsky of Providence.



Brisket belongs to Debby Carr and Sam Zwetchkenbaum of Providence.

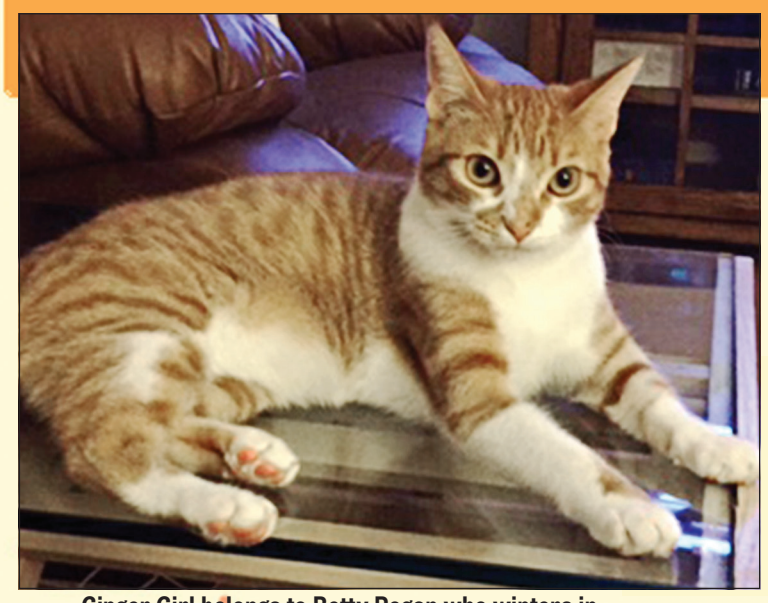
WHERE YOUR FOUR-LEGGED
FAMILY MEMBERS GET THE BEST OF CARE.



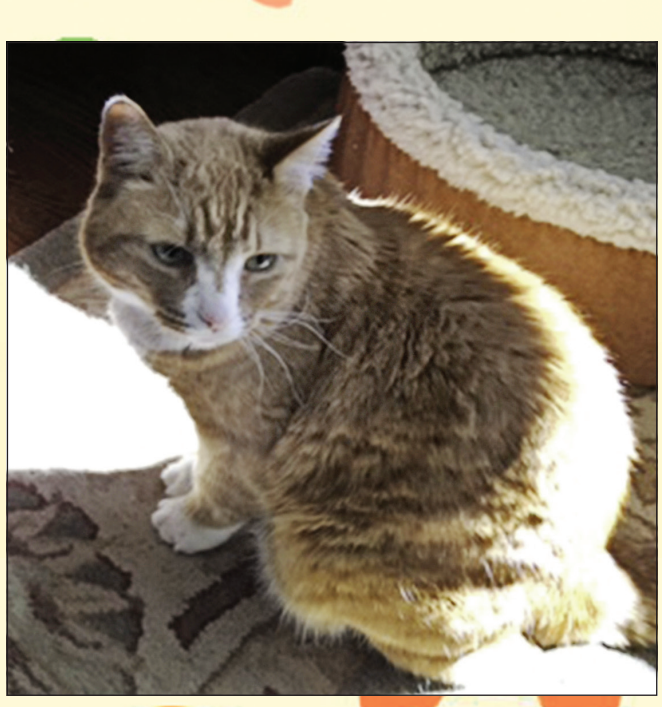
Dr. Jane Linden, DVM

PROVIDENCE RIVER ANIMAL HOSPITAL
131 Point Street - Providence, RI | 401-274-PRAH (7724)
providenceriveranimalhospital.com
www.facebook.com/PRAHvet

Pets On Parade



Ginger Girl belongs to Betty Rogan who winters in Fort Myers, Florida, and summers in Narragansett.



Dillon belongs to Fred Felder.



Presley, a rescue, belongs to Bobbie Andreozzi of Bristol



Miguel belongs Arthur Richter and Peter Neivert of Barrington.



June belongs to Ida and Tom Brown of Hopatcong, New Jersey (Ida hails from Rhode Island).

WHERE YOUR FOUR-LEGGED
FAMILY MEMBERS GET THE BEST OF CARE.



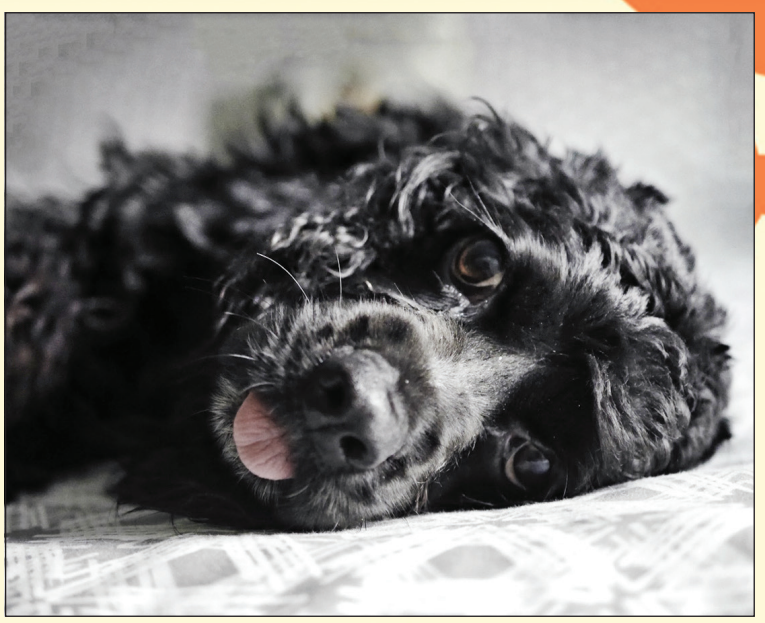
Dr. Jane Linden, DVM

PROVIDENCE RIVER ANIMAL HOSPITAL
131 Point Street - Providence, RI | 401-274-PRAH (7724)
providenceriveranimalhospital.com
www.facebook.com/PRAHvet

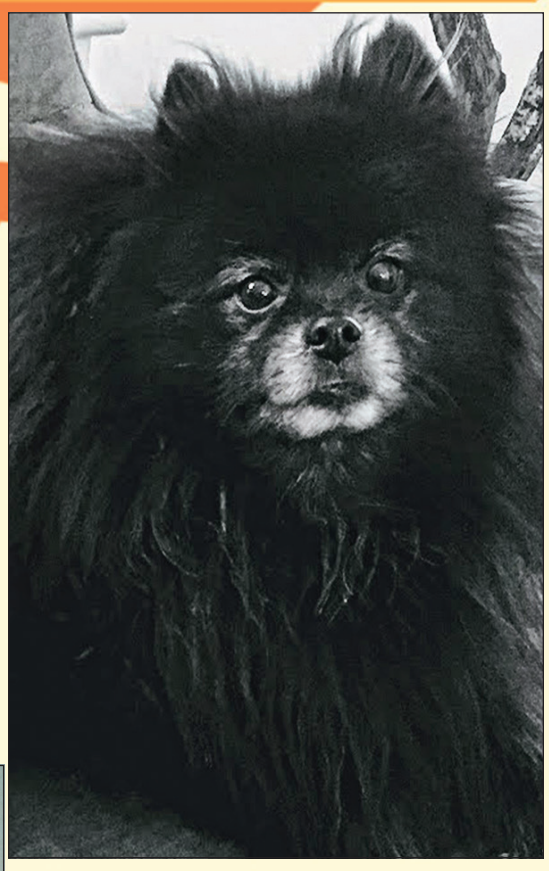
Pets On Parade



Cottonball and Skandel belong to
Tina Odessa of Pawtucket



Cole lives in Providence and belongs to Patrick and Chantel Breault.
Proud grandma is Pauline Breault.



Charlotte belongs to Rebecca, Wayne & Zinnia
Marcus of East Providence.



Mia belongs to Chary Greengart of Pawtucket



Bubbe Harriet with Lola who belongs to Deborah Stoloff.



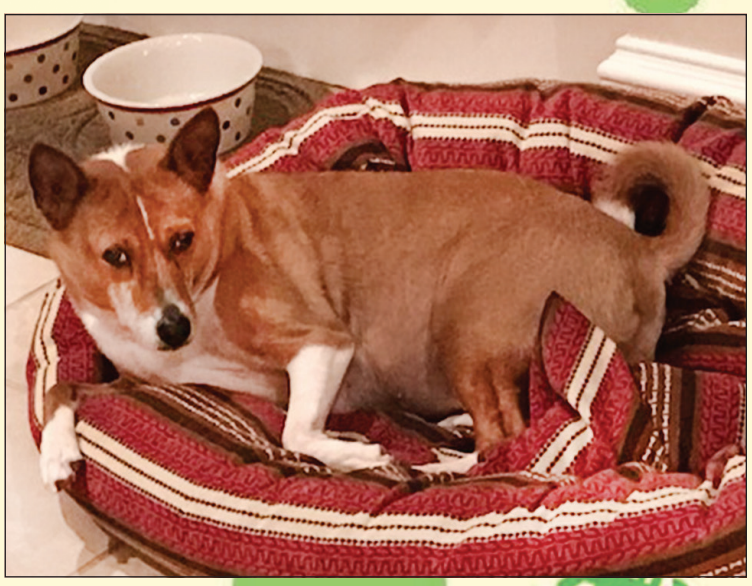
Charlotte, right,
is owned by
The Jewish Voice
Editor, Fran, and her
husband,
Bill Ostendorf
of Seekonk.



Apple and Coco are owned
by Kathryn Blessing of Rumford.



Damascus belongs to Beverly Bromberg
of Warwick.



Lucy belongs to Rich Brandt of Newton, Massachusetts.

Pets On Parade



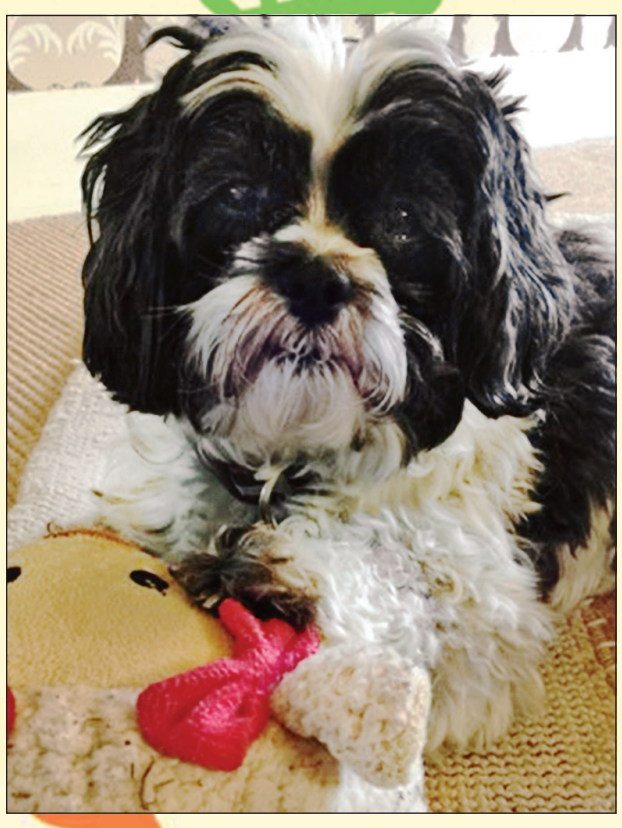
Gracie and Georgie belong to Jeff Sock and Dennis Morrell of Cranston.



Lola belongs to Mindy and Rob Sherwin of Pawtucket.



Cleo belongs to Rebecca, Wayne & Zinnia Marcus of East Providence.



Elsie belongs to Karen Borger of Providence.



Mason (left) and Cora (right) belong to Judy Seplowin .





Jill, Cocoa, and Hayley belong to Neal H. Dwares of East Providence.



Tom Sawyer belongs to Irina Missiuro and her children from Providence.

A moving visit to Kibbutz Kfar Etzion

BY EZRA L. STIEGLITZ and VARDA STIEGLITZ

We have visited Israel many times over the past 40+ years. Each trip has been very special to us. There has always been something new and different to see and do.

During our most recent trip to Israel, in March, we had the pleasure of traveling with our friend Meir Werner, who was born in 1947 in *Kibbutz* Kfar Etzion. This *kibbutz* is situated in an area now known as Gush Etzion. The original *kibbutz* existed between 1943 and 1948 and was inhabited mainly by European refugees and survivors of the Holocaust.

On Nov. 29, 1947, the United Nations approved a partition plan that would establish the independent State of Israel in May of 1948. *Kibbutz* Kfar Etzion lay within the territory designated for the Arab state. The *kibbutz* itself was surrounded by Arab villages.

Members of the *kibbutz* decided to remain where they were as a strategic position to defend their community and to prevent the Arabs from attacking Jerusalem from the east.

In preparation for an attack, *kibbutz* members made the difficult decision to evacuate the women, children, elderly and sick to Jerusalem to keep them out of harm's way.

One of the children evacuated was Meir. He was only eight months old. His 29-year-old father remained behind to defend the *kibbutz*.



Children of Kibbutz Kfar Etzion, photo from the 1940s.



Meir Werner

While most of the mothers left with their children, one of the mothers, Tzipora Rozenfeld, chose to send her infant to Jerusalem for safe-keeping while she remained in the *kibbutz*, along with her husband, with the thought that she would be reunited with her baby soon.

The *kibbutz* was attacked on May 4, 1948, by the Arab Legion and local Arabs. It was overrun when the brave residents ran out of ammunition. Most of its members were captured and eventually murdered by the Arab forces. Tzipora Rozenfeld was among those killed in what became known as the Kfar Etzion Massacre. It occurred just before Israel Independence Day.



PHOTO | EZRA STIEGLITZ

Meir Werner, center, with Ezra and Varda Stieglitz

After the War of Independence, the fallen were brought to eternal rest in the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery, in Jerusalem.

It was not until June of 1967, after the Six Day War, that *Kibbutz* Kfar Etzion was reestablished and some of the descendants were able to return. The *kibbutz* is over the Green Line, or border, east of Jerusalem.

The trip to this *kibbutz* with Meir as our guide was a memorable and touching experience. Among the highlights was a multimedia presentation, shown in one of the original buildings, that described the history of the *kibbutz* and its inhabitants. The portrayal of the lives of those who perished was enlightening and captivating.

We happened to view this presentation with a group of high school students. When one of the teachers learned that Meir was in the audience, she asked him to talk to her students at the end of the presentation. How fortunate these students were to hear the words of a child of a hero who was killed defending *Kibbutz* Kfar Etzion!

The massacre was one of the most tragic events in the battle for the State of Israel, leaving 242 fighters in Gush Etzion dead, including 21 women.

May the memory of Meir Werner's father, Moshe, and all the other heroes and defenders of Israel be for a blessing.

EZRA L. STIEGLITZ and VARDA STIEGLITZ live in Providence and can be contacted at estieglitz@ric.edu or Varda823@hotmail.com.



REMEMBER THE PAST

From the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

50 years ago, a turning point for both Israel and R.I.

BY GERALDINE S. FOSTER

June is a beautiful month, the month when the greening of the trees is complete and gardens bloom with a riot of color. June's virtues have been praised in poetry and song, and back in the day, young women dreamed of walking down the aisle at their June weddings.

But in addition to wedding anniversaries, we remember June for another date – June 6, D-Day, the day of the Normandy invasion in 1944.

Twenty-three years later, another major military undertaking began on June 6 – the Six Day War, or, as the Arab nations call it, The Setback.

This year, we mark the 50th anniversary of that war, which profoundly changed the course of history in the Middle East and also became a turning point in the history of Rhode Island's Jewish community.

The Six Day War was Israel's third war in the less than two decades of the nation's existence. The War for Independence, 1947-48, ended with an armistice, but no peace accord followed. The second war, the Suez Crisis of 1956, concluded with a ceasefire, but the belligerent words and hostile actions did not cease. Each day, each news cycle, brought a new barrage of threats, especially from Egypt. Neighboring nations tested Israel's resolve and readiness with "incidents," incursions aimed at civilian targets and infrastructure, while *fedayeen* terrorists targeted the citizenry.

Our days were filled with worry. My father's two younger brothers, Yaacov and Mordechai, had made *aliyah* in the 1920s. Their infrequent letters told of the difficulties, the shortages, the insecurities of everyday life. Yaacov had to flee his beloved farm ahead of advancing Jordanian forces. Mordechai's family, which included several teachers, lived in *kibbutzim* in the north. They worried about the children, who slept in shelters, their classes often interrupted by warnings of imminent attack from infiltrators. They told of working their fields while bullets from Syria whistled overhead, or searching for land mines planted beside roads.



PHOTO | RHODE ISLAND JEWISH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The June 1967 General Jewish Committee annual meeting, originally planned as a dinner, became an emergency session on June 8 with a huge overflow crowd at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, because of the Six-Day War in Israel.

Yet also apparent in each letter was the sense of resoluteness. This is our home. We will not leave.

Anxiety pervaded our Jewish community. The latest news, the newest information became the grist for telephone calls and conversations. To show our support for Israel, we doubled our fundraising efforts to provide money to strengthen the nation's social fabric and assure the services that a civilian population requires. We wrote letters to the president; we lobbied congressmen; we protested.

Fear suffused our worry in the spring of 1967 when Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping and ordered the United Nations' peacekeeping force out of the Sinai based on deliberate misinformation from the Soviet Union.

On June 1 came this statement from the founder of the Palestinian Liberation Organization: "This is a fight for a homeland. It is either us or the Israelis. ... Any of the old Palestinian-Jewish population who survive may stay, but it is my impression that none of them will survive."

Then came June 6. The Six Day War brought profound change to the region; when it ended, Israel had emerged as a regional power.

The Six Day War was also a catalyst for change in the Rhode Island Jewish community. Until 1967, there was a fall campaign in Rhode Island to benefit the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal and local groups. In spring, the annual Israel Bond drive was held to support infrastructure projects in Israel.

The dire situation facing Israel that May prompted a change in the accustomed schedule. After the May Bond Dinner, the leaders of Providence's General Jewish Committee decided to start their annual campaign immediately and also canvass other Rhode Island cities and towns on behalf of the emergency campaign. For 10 days, Judge Frank Licht (later the governor), president of the GJC, and the indefatigable Robert Reisman crisscrossed the state to address gatherings arranged by Joseph Galkin, executive director of the GJC.

Reisman and Licht raised more than $2 million by June 8.

The incredible energy and cohesiveness generated by the emergency persuaded Judge Licht to put forth an idea dear to his heart – bringing together all the Rhode Island Jewish communities under one umbrella agency.

Persuading the individual communities to relinquish their autonomy was not an easy task, but in time the proposed plan found acceptance – and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island was created.

GERALDINE S. FOSTER is a past president of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. To comment about this or any RIJHA article, contact the RIJHA at info@rijha.org or 401-331-1360.

FROM PAGE 1

PADWA

sociation President Bernice Weiner.

In her report, Bazar spoke of the board of directors' recent decision to merge with Jewish Family Service of R.I. The new agency, Jewish Community Services of Greater Rhode Island, will provide a full continuum of care through the life cycle within the framework of Jewish values.

The meeting ended with a slide show highlighting JSA's history, current programs, staff, volunteers and leadership.

DIANE DOWIOT is the executive assistant at the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island.



the JEWISH VOICE

Business and Professional Directory

Assisting with Real Estate



LAZARUS GROUP

SUPER AGENTS, SUPER SERVICE, SUPER RESULTS!

COLDWELL BANKER

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

Residential & Commercial

Diane Lazarus, MBA, GRI

Group Leader | Broker Associate

Cell: 401.640.1658 | Email: lazawoman@cox.net

Always available!



ROCHELLE ELLEN ZIEGLER
REALTOR®

(401) 474-0735 CELL
(401) 739-9500 OFFICE
(401) 732-6312 FAX
rochelle.ziegler12@gmail.com

COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

MLS

ABR, CNAS, ASP, CRS
Licensed in RI and MA

Owned And Operated By NRT LLC.

831 Bald Hill Road | Warwick, RI 02886
www.NewEnglandMoves.com

The COLD weather is coming. Call me for a WARM weather home in Florida!



Carol Bienenfeld Mitchell REALTOR®

Contact me if you are thinking of buying a winter getaway or making the move to sunny Florida. I feature luxury, second and vacation homes from the Gulf Coast to the Golf Course.

Your Sarasota to Venice Specialist

email: carol@carolbmitchell.com

COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Owned and operated by NRT LLC.

941.877.1275 | www.carolbmitchell.com



CNA

EXCELLENT CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Gale Gaines

Certified (R.I.) Nursing Assistant
Excellent References

CERTIFIED CNA NURSING ASSISTANT

401-808-0881

CPA

Thinking inside the *right* box
CPA
CFP®
MBA
MST
PFS

Larry B. Parness
Nikki M. Parness

thinking inside the RIGHT box

Full service financial firm providing
Business/Individual Consulting
Tax Preparation | Financial Planning

401-454-0900 • info@larrybparness.com
128 Dorrance St. • Suite 520 • Providence, RI 02903
You've known me for your taxes...
Now see us for the rest of your financial story.

Flooring



Buddy Trinkle
Design and Flooring Expert
Call for appointment
401.864.4460

Commercial & Residential
Carpet/Wood Flooring
Porcelain/Stone
Vinyl Plank
Marmoleum

RUGGIERI FLOORING

1191 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
btrinkle@ruggieriflooring.com

Coins

VILLAGE COIN and BULLION

BUYING / SELLING *FREE Appraisals in store or your home*

~GOLD & SILVER JEWELRY ~ MILITARY ITEMS
~US & FOREIGN COINS ~ COSTUME JEWELRY~ ESTATES
~STERLING FLATWARE
~ANTIQUES
~COLLECTIBLES

401-710-7200

License # 201213
1191 PUTNAM PIKE, CHEPACHET VILLAGE, RI

Home Improvement

The Largest Bath Showroom in Rhode Island

Style at Discounted Prices®

Fall River, MA
1-508-675-7433

Plainville, MA
1-508-843-1300

Hyannis, MA
1-508-775-4115

Deep The bath splash SHOWROOM
FIXTURES · FAUCETS · & MORE

1 FREEWAY DRIVE
CRANSTON, RI
401-467-0200
800-838-1119

bathsplashshowroom.com

OBINSON SUPPLY CO. Since 1954



FOR LESS THAN $29 PER ISSUE,
YOUR BUSINESS CARD CAN BE HERE!
PREPAID AT $675 FOR 24 ISSUES/ONE YEAR.

Karen Borger: 401-529-2538
ksborger@gmail.com

Chris Westerkamp: 401-421-4111, ext. 160
cwesterkamp@jewishallianceri.org

To advertise your business in this directory email or call:

Karen Borger: 401-529-2538
ksborger@gmail.com

Chris Westerkamp: 401-421-4111, ext. 160
cwesterkamp@jewishallianceri.org

SodaStream bringing 74 West Bank Palestinians back to work at Negev plant

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Some 74 Palestinian employees of SodaStream, who lost their jobs when the company shut its West Bank plant in the face of international pressure, will return to work at its factory in southern Israel.

The employees' work permits, which allowed them to enter Israel from the West Bank, expired in February 2016.

The Israeli government agreed to reinstate the permits after persistent requests from SodaStream and its CEO Daniel Birnbaum, The Jerusalem Post reported May 21.

"We are delighted to welcome back our 74 devoted Palestinian employees, who are able to join their 1,500 friends at our Rahat facility in the Negev," Birnbaum told the newspaper. "The Israeli government did the moral and honorable thing to grant work permits to our employees, who can now provide for their families and also prove that coexistence is possible."

In October 2014, SodaStream announced it would close its factory in Maale Adumim and move to southern Israel in the face of pressure from the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, or BDS, which seeks to hurt Israel's economy over its policies toward the Palestinians. The movement claimed that SodaStream discriminated against Palestinian workers and paid some less than Israeli workers.

Some 500 Palestinian employees lost their jobs at that time. Israel gave the remaining 74 employees permission to enter the country and continue to work for SodaStream until February 2016.

The company now has more than 1,400 employees in the Idan Hanegev industrial park near Rahat, one-third of them Bedouin Arabs from the surrounding area.

The Palestinian employees will have to leave for work at 4:30 a.m. in order to make the long commute and be there on time, but at least one told the Post that he does not care.

"SodaStream is our second home," Ali Jafar, 42, told The Jerusalem Post. "When you have the opportunity to return home, you return."

Stephen F. Schiff, M.D., F.A.C.S.
MOHEL
CERTIFIED by Jewish Theological Seminary and the Rabbinical Assembly
CERTIFIED by the American Board of Urology
401-247-2948

CIPCO CLEANING SERVICE
Prompt, Friendly Service!
Heavy Cleaning Contractor
• House Programs • Carpets | Upholstery | Drapes
• Office Cleaning • Odor Removal
• Post Construction • Environmentally Safe | HEPA
• Emergency Cleaning • Seasonal | Estate
www.cipcocleaningservice.com
MARK CIPRIANO (401) 726-6702 Bonded & Insured

the JEWISHVOICE Business and Professional Directory

INSURANCE

Are you approaching age 65?
Need help choosing a Medicare health plan?
- CONTACT -
Jeffrey G. Brier, CLU, ChFC, CASL
Brier & Brier
81 S Angell Street
Providence, RI 02906
401-751-2990, jbrier@brier-brier.com

t: 401.435.3600
f: 401.431.9307
c: 401.480.1115
e: dsoforenko@StarShep.com
DAVID B. SOFORENKO, CIC
Senior Vice President
Sales Manager
Discover "The Starkweather Difference"
...an Assurex Global Partner
STARKWEATHER & SHEPLEY
INSURANCE BROKERAGE, INC.
60 Catamore Blvd. • East Providence, Rhode Island 02914
Insurance ... Solutions ... Integrity... since 1879

ADVERTISE in The Jewish Voice
You'll be glad you did.
Karen Borger: 401-529-2538
ksborger@gmail.com

PAVING

Bob Knych
Gem Paving and Seal Coating
Bus. (401) 725-6705
(401) 475-1010
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Free Estimates
Fully Insured
Lic# 20547

WATCH REPAIR & SALES

DELMAN WATCH CO.
650 Oaklawn Avenue, Unit G | Cranston, RI 02920
• Certified watch service center in business for 34 years
• Specializes in restoration and repair of modern and antique timepieces
• Services high-end brands including: Tag Heuer, Cartier, Rolex, Brietling, Movado, Ebel, and Raymond Weil
401.946.5158 | www.delmanwatch.com

WE ARE THE BIGGEST IN RI BECAUSE WE ARE THE BEST
SALTZMAN'S WATCHES
3 GENERATIONS SERVICING THE USA SINCE 1940
Factory Authorized Service Center for: Glycine, Luminox, Victorinox Swiss Army, Mondaine, Torgoen, Swarovski and more...
OVER 1 MILLION WATCHES REPAIRED
FREE ESTIMATES WHILE YOU WAIT
1024 Reservoir Ave
Cranston, RI, 02910
401-946-0930
117 Swinburne Row
Brick Market Place
Newport, RI, 02840
401-841-0011
MONDAINE GLYCINE VICTORINOX SWISS ARMY LUMINOX
www.saltzmans-watches.com

Better Than a Billboard
FOR LESS THAN $29 PER ISSUE, YOUR BUSINESS CARD CAN BE HERE!
PREPAID AT $675 FOR 24 ISSUES/ONE YEAR.
Karen Borger: 401-529-2538
ksborger@gmail.com

ADVERTISE in The Jewish Voice.
You'll be glad you did.

Irving Dember, 98

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Irving Dember died May 13 at home. He was a gentle and generous man, and he knew how to make everyone he met smile and feel good. He was the beloved husband of the late Blanche (Klitzner) Dember. They were married for 57 years.



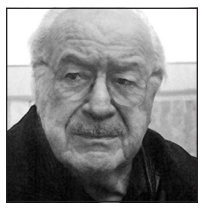
Born in Providence, a son of the late Albert and Fany (Cohen) Dember, he was a lifelong Providence resident. He was the former owner of the Providence Badge Co. Irving was a WWII Army veteran, serving in India. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and a member of the Masons and Shriners for 60 years.

He was the devoted father of James Dember of Providence and the late Linda "Lynne" Dember. He was the dear brother of the late Jerry and Bernie Dember. He was the cherished uncle of Lynn, Dyan, Michael, Dayle, Alan, Mark and Barry.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906 or the Shriners Children's Hospital, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Walter S. Feldman, 92

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Walter S. Feldman passed away May 20 surrounded by his wife of 67 years, Barbara, and his family. He was the son of the late Hyman and Fannie (Gordon) Feldman.



Feldman, who retired from the Brown University art department in 2007, was a Visual Art Professor Emeritus at Brown who remained devoted to his students and the Brown community. In 1953, he was appointed to the art faculty at Brown, where he served for more than 50 years. In 1957, he was awarded a senior Fulbright fellowship and worked in painting and mosaics in Rome.

Feldman received numerous awards and critical praise spanning a lifetime of achievement over seven decades. His paintings were shown in numerous one-man and group exhibitions in New York, Mexico City, London, Milan and Boston. Since 1985, he had designed and published books under the Ziggurat Press imprint he created. His books are in more than 150 public collections, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Brown University dedicated the Walter Feldman Book Arts Studio at the John Hay Library in 2005, where more than 300 books created by Feldman's students are housed.

Profoundly shaped by his experiences and his injuries as a WWII soldier, which influenced his art throughout his life, Feldman was a constant source of strength, inspiration and courage to all who knew him. He was born in 1925 in Lynn, Massachusetts. After high school, he became a student at the Yale School of Fine Arts in 1942. After one semester, he joined the Army and served for two years, which included serving in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge for that service.

In 2014, Feldman established the Walter Feldman Fellowship for Emerging Artists, a fellowship administered by the Arts and Business Council of Greater Boston that exhibits recipients' works in the Walter Feldman Gallery in Boston.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons Steven and Mark; his daughter-in-law, Gloria Barone Rosanio; his granddaughter, Kaitlyn Pettit; two great-granddaughters, Payton and Avery Pettit; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, 1085 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

Roberta Fox, 80

ALBANY, N.Y. – Roberta Lindenbaum Fox, of Albany (formerly of Providence), died at home in the presence of her family on April 23.

Roberta was the daughter of prominent Rhode Island Realtors, Charles Lindenbaum, who died in 2002, and Bess Lindenbaum, who survives her at the age of 106. Roberta spent her childhood in Chepachet. After the family moved to Providence, Roberta attended Henry Barnard Junior High School and graduated from Hope High School in 1955. She touched many people with her bravery and lust for life.

Roberta is survived by her mother, her brother, Ken Linden; his wife, Linda; her son, Todd; her daughter, Natalie Winne; and her grandsons, Adam and Dylan Winne. A memorial service was held at Temple Beth Emeth in Albany on May 17. Contributions can be made to the soup kitchen at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208

Evelyn Glatt, 89

CRANSTON, R.I. – Evelyn C. Glatt died May 18 at the Miriam Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Irving Glatt. Born at sea, a daughter of the late Solomon and Rose Fischer, she was a lifelong Cranston resident.

Evelyn was a former member of the Cranston Senior Guild as well as ORT. She was a talented cook and baker – especially remembered for her cheesecakes. She was the Mother of Risé Siegel and her husband, Harlan, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, and the late Phillip Glatt. She was the sister of the late Harold Fischer. She was the grandmother of Corey and Kaley.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Bernice M. Gourse, 98

SARASOTA, FLA. – Bernice Markoff Gourse passed away May 11. She was pre-deceased last October by her husband of 48 years, Samuel M. Gourse. Bernice, known by most as Bunny or Ber, was born in Providence, the daughter of Samuel and Ruth Markoff. Along with her two sisters, Dorothy Markoff Nelson (deceased) and Gloria Markoff Winston, they were often referred to as the Markoff sisters.



Bunny is survived by her children, Susan Hynes (Thomas) and William Geffner, her sister, Gloria Markoff Winston, and her stepchildren, Allan Gourse (Elizabeth), Richard Gourse (Wilma Ross), Judith Hoffman, (Edward Oslund). She also leaves her grandchildren, Stacy St. Pierre, (Dan), Michael Hynes, Rebecca and Alexander Gourse, Marcus and Alicia Hoffman, and great-granddaughter Jacqueline St. Pierre. She was the beloved Aunt Ber to nieces and nephews, Sheila Greenbaum (Bob), Debby Nelson (Jim Pratt), the late Bruce Nelson (Susan), Samuel Winston (Hannah), Laura Winston (Rob Bruno), Ted Winston (Denise), and their children and grandchildren. In

OBITUARIES | 27

ASK THE DIRECTOR

BY MICHAEL D. SMITH F.D./R.E.
Shalom Memorial Chapel

QUESTION: Why do people leave small stones on top of the monuments at the cemetery?

C.L., Providence

Dear C.L.,
As with many customs in Judaism, there are several answers to this question. The pebbles and stones left on top of monuments and markers serve as a visible sign that people have visited and remembered the deceased person.

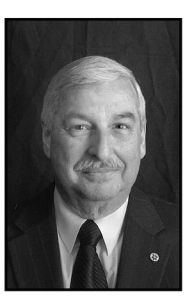
Flowers may blow away, but stones remain. Also, historically, mounds of stones were used in the desert to mark the grave and this has carried over.

QUESTIONS ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED. Please send questions to: ShalomChapel@aol.com or by mail to Ask the Director, c/o Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

Over 17 Years of Dedicated Service

SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL

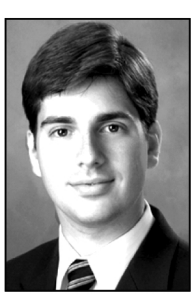
The Only Local Family-Owned Jewish Funeral Home in Rhode Island



Michael D. Smith
Licensed Funeral Director

1100 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Tel.: 463-7771
Toll-free: 1-877-463-7771

www.ShalomMemorialChapel.com
ShalomChapel@aol.com



Adam G. Smith
Licensed Funeral Director

Certified by the R.I. Board of Rabbis

Pre-Need Programs Available
Wheelchair Accessible

Continuing our century-old tradition of service to the Jewish community.

Locally operated to meet your personal needs with compassion and sensitivity

SUGARMAN SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL

458 Hope Street, Providence, RI
(401) 331-8094 • 1-800-447-1267
Fax: (401) 331-9379
www.sugarmansinai.com

Ira Jay Fleisher, Funeral Director

Member of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America
Certified by the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis
Call for a free preneed planning guide.

FROM PAGE 26

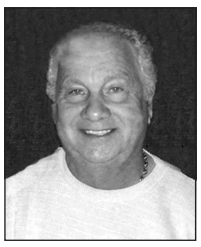
OBITUARIES

addition, the family would like to honor and thank the compassionate caregivers of Sarasota Bay Club Care for their support and kindness in recent years.

Contributions in Bunny's memory may be made to the Samuel & Bernice Gourse Endowed Scholarship Fund at Brown University, Box 1877, Providence, RI 02912, or to the charity of your choice.

Richard D. Greenberg, 73

DEERFIELD BEACH, FLA. – Richard D. Greenberg died on May 4, after a courageous 28-month battle with glioblastoma (brain cancer). He was the beloved husband of Marilyn (Tolman) Greenberg for 51 years.



He was the adored father of Jodi Greenberg. He was the brother of Irwin Greenberg of Boca Raton, Florida, and Narragansett. Richard was the son of the late Myer and Irene Greenberg and the brother of the late Drs. Melvin and Allen Greenberg. He was predeceased by his two sons, Kenneth and Jeffery.

Richard was born and raised in Providence and lived in Pawtucket and Narragansett before moving to Florida a few years ago where he enjoyed playing tennis and bridge.

He was involved in real estate investments for more than 50 years with his brother and partner. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias for many years and is a member of Congregation Beth David in Narragansett.

He loved sports, ice cream and most of all his family. His family was his #1 priority. He will be loved, missed and remembered by all who knew him.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Kenneth S. Greenberg Camper Fund, Camp JORI, PO Box 5299, Wakefield, RI 02879.

Elizabeth A. Kenner, 68

CRANSTON, R.I. – Elizabeth A. (Ollove) Kenner died peacefully at home with her family on May 23. She was the beloved wife of Martin Kenner, who she met when she was 14 years old; they were married for 46 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph "George" and Frances "Faye" (Botvin) Ollove, she lived in Cranston since her childhood and marriage.



She was a teacher at Hugh B. Bain, Cranston West, CCRI and spent 31 years at New England Tech before retiring in December 2010. She was a lifetime member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and Temple Beth-El. She enjoyed interior decorating, traveling and playing golf with her husband, family and friends.

She was the devoted mother of Douglas Kenner and his wife, Amy, of Woodbury, New York, and Allison Kenner Brodsky and her husband, Sam, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, plus her grandchildren Drew, Jordyn, Sloane, and Ian. She was the dear sister of Eleanor Cohen and her husband, Allan, of Delray Beach, Florida.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Thoracic Cancer Fund, P. O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or your favorite charity.

Shirley G. Kestenman, 89

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Shirley G. Kestenman, of Laurelmead, died peacefully May 19 at home. She was the beloved wife of the late Milton Rigelhaupt and the beloved wife of the late S. Samuel Kestenman. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, a daughter of the late Jerome and Lenore (Glazer) Goodman, she was a longtime resident of Pawtucket, Providence and Narragansett, as well as Boca Raton, Florida.

Shirley graduated from the Ohio State University and worked as a social worker at Meeting Street School in Providence. She was a lifetime member of Temple Emanu-El and for 15 years, served as curator of its museum. She was also a life member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women and the Brandeis Committee.

She was the devoted mother of Nancy Rigelhaupt Smith and her husband, Howard, of Newton, Massachusetts; Gail Rigelhaupt of West Warwick; Jane Rigelhaupt-Shapiro of Houston, Texas; Sally Ralen and her husband, John, of Framingham, Massachusetts; David Kestenman and his wife, Zandra, of Bloomington, Indiana; and Judy Wheeler and her husband, John, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. She was the dear sister of the late Elise Broming and Martin Goodman and his wife, Elaine. She was the dear sister-in-law of the late Helene Handelman and husband, William. The grandmother of Ben, Avi, Sarah, Emily, Ethan, Max, Mira, Hannah, Luke, Jesse and Ava.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Family Service, 959 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904, Museum Fund c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906, or Milton Rigelhaupt scholarship fund at Brown University or charity of your choice.

Hope M. Myerson, 86

CRANSTON, R.I. – Hope M. Myerson died on May 11. She was the loving wife of the late Abraham L. Myerson. She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Marion (Phillips) Sackett.

She was the beloved mother of Steven Myerson and his wife, Jean; David Myerson and his wife, Mona Matthews; and Linda Bristol; dear sister of Barbara Berman; and devoted grandmother of Zoe and Eva Bristol and Kyle, Sarah, and Lana Myerson. She was the sister of the late Kenneth Sackett.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Hope Hospice and Palliative Care of RI, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904 or to the Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Ave, Providence, RI 02906.

Gertrude Stein Nelson, 95

WARWICK, R.I. – Gertrude Stein Nelson, of the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Residence, died May 9 at Hope Hospice. She was the beloved wife of Samuel Nelson for 29 years, previously married to the late Solomon Stein. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Sadie (Garlick) Deluty, she lived in Warwick for four years, and previously in Cranston, Boynton Beach, Florida, and Woonsocket.



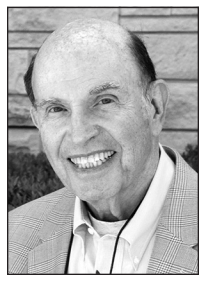
She was director of the Arthur Angelo School of Hair Design in Woonsocket/Providence for 25 years, retiring in 1985. She led the way for the school to become the first accredited cosmetology school in Rhode Island. She developed a national reputation as a platform artist with the John H. Breck Co. and was instrumental in establishing programs where students provided beauty services to patients at Zambarano Memorial Hospital. She was the first woman elected president of the Rhode Island Association of Career and Technical Schools, and was a member of the NE Branch of the Women's League of Speakers, the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Gert was a member of Temple Sinai and Congregation B'nai Israel, active in numerous activities, including past president of the sisterhood of the Congregation of B'nai Israel.

She was the devoted mother of Allan Stein and his wife, Deborah Guthrie, of North Kingstown; and the late Marvin Stein and his wife, Naomi Mittell of North Kingstown; and stepmother of Judy Mintzer and her husband, Michael, of Barrington; and Cindy Turbitt and her husband, Jack, of Florida. She was the sister of Helene Klein of Cranston; and the late Jerome Deluty and Lenore Edenbaum. She was the grandmother of Jason Mittell and his wife, Ruth Hardy; Morgan Johnson and her husband, Richard; Mikaela Roberts and her husband, Steven; Jacob Mintzer and his wife, Laura; and Charlotte Mintzer. She was the great-grandmother of Margreta, Anya and Walter Mittell, Tyler and Emma Roberts and Sophia Johnson.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 20 Hemingway Drive, East Providence, RI 02915.

Ronald Lloyd Young, 78

HOUSTON, TEXAS – Ronald Lloyd Young died on May 7, surrounded by family and loved ones. He is survived by his wife Margrit Young; his children, Sarah Sampson and her husband, Phillip, Daniel Young, Eric Young, Victor Young and his wife, Dalton; his sisters Natalie Feldman and her husband, Martin, and Susan Young; and his grandchildren Isaak Young, Charles Sampson, William Sampson, Anna Sampson, Philip Young and Elliot Young. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Walter Zellweger and his wife, Marta, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



Born on Feb. 22, 1939, in Providence to Milton and Doris Young, he was the oldest of three children. He graduated from Classical High School in Providence and received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Basel (Switzerland) Faculty of Medicine. At Cornell, Ron was a member of the football team and excelled at the hammer throw. While studying in Switzerland, Ron met Margrit, his wife of 49 years. In 1969, Ron and Margrit moved to Houston, which remained their home until his death.

From 1969 until 2016, Ron devoted his professional career to Baylor College of Medicine. Ron held many positions at Baylor including head of gynecology and infertility. Late in his career, he was especially proud of his role in helping to establish the Baylor Menopause Center. Ron was devoted to his students, residents and, most of all, his many patients whom he served with dedication and patience.

Ron was a renowned storyteller whose knowledge of history was fueled by his love of books. He loved to spend time with family and friends discussing history, politics and world travel. He was an avid sports fan. Above all, he was devoted to his family. The family would like to thank the medical team at MD Anderson that helped Ron during this last challenging year.

Donations can be made to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030 or the charity of your choice.

Gloria Williams, 83

GAINSVILLE, FLA. – Gloria (Kolikoff) Williams passed away on May 19 in Gainesville. Gloria was born in Boston, on Jan. 19, 1934, grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts, with her sister June Kolikoff, (Shrewsbury, Massachusetts) and is the daughter of Max Kolikoff and Rose (Brecher) Kolikoff.

She is survived by her daughters, Michele Sugrue of Gainesville and Janice Totten of Riverside and grandchildren, ENS Jonathan Hodgson, US NAVY-Rota, Spain; Brooke (Hodgson) Reeves, Attleboro, Massachusetts; Andrew Sugrue, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Rebecca Sugrue, Cambridge.

Gloria has three beautiful great-grandchildren, Tessa Hodgson, Mackenzie Reeves and Ari Hodgson and nephew Jeffrey Shaffer, and nieces, Sena (Shaffer) Griggs and the late Lisa (Shaffer) Carlson.

Gloria graduated from Brookline High School in 1951 and went on to pursue a career in clinical laboratory science. In 1956, she moved to Providence and became an active member of Temple Beth-El. She earned her graduate degree in clinical laboratory management and was a dedicated and well-respected laboratory manager at Women's and Infants Hospital (formerly Providence Lying-In Hospital), Jordan Hospital and Newport Hospital.

During her career, Gloria served as an inspirational mentor and educator, and received numerous awards in recognition of her service and accomplishments. During her retirement, Gloria continued to be actively engaged in the Rhode Island community through her volunteer work at AARP, Rhode Island Division of Elderly Affairs, and Brown University Lifelong Learning Collaborative.

In 2013 she moved to Gainesville, where she enjoyed time with family and well-deserved relaxation. Gloria will be remembered by family, friends and colleagues as a caring, strong, independent woman who served as a role model both in her career and personal life. She was a true matriarch for her family, providing guidance, wisdom and endless love. A memorial service is planned for a future date.

Contributions can be made to either Family Promise of Gainesville, a shelter for working families formerly known as the Interfaith Hospitality Network, familypromisegvl.org or Temple Shir Shalom 3855 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605, shirshalom.net.



PHOTOS | FRAN OSTENDORF

Amy Olson sings to the crowd.



Everyone enjoyed their meals.

Seniors celebrate!

The seniors at the Kosher Senior Café gathered May 12 to celebrate Mother's Day and five-day-a-week programming. With flowering plants at each place, everyone had a delicious lunch, starting with chicken soup, followed by turkey with gravy, stuffing, peas and onions and dessert. Entertainment featured Amy Olson and her band, singing familiar Jewish favorites. Everyone sang along. The meal site will remain at Temple Emanu-El until the renovations to the kitchen at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center are complete. For more information, contact Neal or Elaine at 401-338-3189



Miriam Snell



Anne Schwartz



RIJHA accepting applications for Horvitz Prize

BY KATE-LYNNE LAROCHE

College and graduate students enrolled for the 2016-2017 academic year are encouraged to apply for The Eleanor Horvitz Prize, which is awarded annually based on a 10- to 40-page essay, thesis chapter or term paper on any topic in Rhode Island Jewish history.

Students must submit copies of their papers before the Aug. 1 deadline. The winner(s) will be determined by a committee, and will be announced at the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association's annual fall meeting.

The winning author(s) will receive up to $1,000, and their paper(s) will be published in the RIJHA's annual journal, Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes.

Previous winners have been students at Brown, Harvard, Tufts, Tulane, Wellesley and the University of Rhode Island. The first prize was awarded in 2003 to Kimberly Nusco for her essay titled "The South Providence Kosher Meat Boycott of 1910."

Students should include their contact information when sending their submissions to the RIJHA's office by email at: info@rijha.org.



Eleanor Horvitz

As an avid historian with a love for learning, the late Eleanor Horvitz was a fount of knowledge for anyone doing research at the RIJHA.

KATE-LYNNE LAROCHE is the new office manager for the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. Laroche is a Rhode Island native with a bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College in Renaissance and Reformation History, a minor in Art History and Certification in Public History.

Friendships are like passengers on a train

BY MAY-RONNY ZEIDMAN

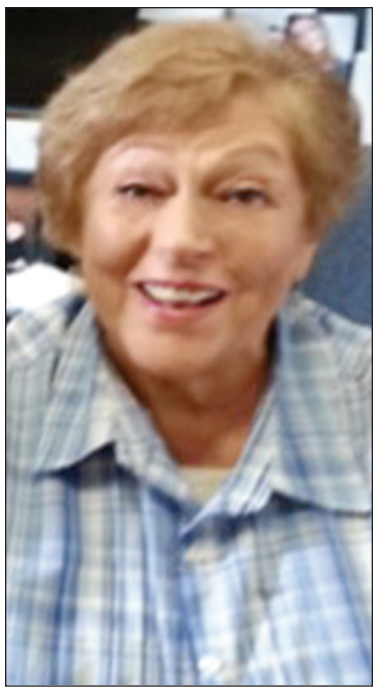
Someone recently told me that relationships are like passengers on a train. Some stay until the end of the line, some stay for most of the ride and some leave at the first stop. You get the idea.

This story is about a person with whom I have been on train rides for 67 years.

It all began when I was 6 and going to Sunday school for the first time at the JCC on Benefit Street. A woman appeared at our door and said she was taking me to Sunday school. Her name was Selma Schmuger. We took the bus to Charles Street and walked up the steep Star Street hill. I really liked this "old" lady. She was fun and genuinely kind. Years later I realized she was probably 16 years old.



Selma Stanzler



May-Ronny Zeidman

Life moved on and both Selma and I took other trains.

Selma and her first husband, Bob Penzel, lived in New Bedford. When Bob died, Selma and her children moved to New York where she taught school.

Rhode Islander Bob Klitzner came into her life, they married and she and her children returned to Rhode Island.

Around this time, I was spending time with my cousin Justin and his wife Elaine. Justin was a childhood friend of Bob's and worked for him. I now had an opportunity to connect with Selma as an adult and on a social level. Again, I found myself on the train with Selma. This was a brief ride for both of us. However, I always enjoyed seeing her. She was still fun and genuinely kind.

I took a job at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island where Selma was a volunteer. She had recently lost Bob Klitzner. As an adult, I could really see Selma's imagination … her head filled with so many programming and fundraising ideas that some days my head would spin.

It was shortly after I joined the JFRI staff that my oldest son Jeff met Arthur Richter. Around this time, Selma began dating a gentleman by the name of Milton Stanzler. Well, would you believe it. … Milton was Arthur's uncle. For the next 16 years, Selma and I were family. We were together at holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and other family gatherings. This was a long train ride.

I left the Jewish Federation and found other work, Jeff and Arthur broke up and Milton passed on. For several years I did not see or hear from Selma. Then one day I received a call from her asking me whether I would be interested in working at the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum. I was offered the job and have been working for the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center for 11 years. Selma has moved to Chicago. However, we are in touch often. I am sure that Selma and I will be riding this train together until the end of the line.

MAY-RONNY ZEIDMAN is executive director of the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center.



The Lonsmen of Boston were instrumental in many aspects of the 2017 R2R. They organized the kick-off breakfast, planned the ride route, and worked with JMA to plan the weekend's events.

Rev your engines for Holocaust education

BY LEV POPLOW

The public is invited to join in events on June 9 as the Jewish Motorcyclist Alliance (JMA) brings its 13th Annual Ride 2 Remember (R2R) to Rhode Island to increase awareness of, and raise funds for, Holocaust education in the state.

Events begin at 7:30 a.m. with a Kosher breakfast at Precision Harley-Davidson, 269 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, followed by hundreds of Jewish motorcyclists from around the nation mounting their bikes to tour Rhode Island in support of the Bornstein Holocaust Education Center, in Providence.

At 11 a.m., the riders will be welcomed as they arrive at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence. At 11:30 a.m., there will be a ceremony, followed by a Kosher lunch.

The Ride 2 Remember moves to the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick for evening events. Shabbat services will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a Kosher dinner at 7.

During the dinner, the USC Shoah Foundation will demonstrate its New Dimensions in Testimony, an interactive holographic exhibit that is the focus of JMA's fundraising for the Bornstein Holocaust Education Center. This new technology will help ensure that Holocaust education remains relevant to future generations.

The JMA is the umbrella organization for Jewish motorcycle clubs from five countries. Its mission is to make sure that people learn about the Holocaust so they can avoid the mistakes of the past.

Thanks to the work of this year's host club, The Lonsmen of Boston, the R2R is returning to the Northeast after two years in the South. According to Lonsmen President Jeff Komrower, "Getting the R2R back to the Northeast was a little overdue, and I was excited about submitting and eventually winning the bid to host this year."

As part of the fundraising, a Harley-Davidson Black Street Glide is being raffled off. Raffle tickets are $100 and only 500 are being sold. A cash option is available if the winner prefers. Raffle tickets can be purchased at ride2remember.com/raffle.

Reservations are required by June 2 for the breakfast, lunch and dinner. You can register using the form that was inserted in the April 28 Jewish Voice or online at BornsteinHolocaustCenter.org.

To join the ride, register at ride2remember.com.

LEV POPLOW writes for the Bornstein Holocaust Education Center. He can be reached at levpoplow@gmail.com.

WE DO RETIREMENT RIGHT!



LAURELMEAD
Now Is The Time
355 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI
www.laurelmead.com 401.273.9550



Above, middle school students and rebbeim huddle as they plan their next move.



Sixth-grader Nesanel Lewin and teacher Rabbi Menachem Z. Weissmann learn about archery.



Left, seventh-grader Meir Twersky enjoying his hot dog on Lag B'Omer at the Shabbaton melava Malka.

Right, seventh-grader Shimon Kapilevich shares words of Torah at the concluding meal of the middle school boys' Shabbaton.





PHDS boys Shabbaton filled with 'awesome' activity

The Providence Hebrew Day School's Shabbaton for middle school boys, held May 12-13, was awesome, according to all who attended.

It began with a fantastic schooltime trip to learn how to fulfill the requirements of Lag B'Omer at Tangys Archery Lanes. The boys shot 20 arrows a distance of 10 yards toward a target. Some even hit the center of the bull's-eye.

The excitement continued a few hours later with a kugel-filled learning session of *Likras* Shabbos led by one of the Judaic Studies teachers, Rabbi Menachem Weissmann. Throughout the weekend, the *tefilos* were led by the middle school boys who also read the *parshah* and Haftorah, and gave *divrei* Torah at every meal. In addition, the boys were treated to Torah thoughts presented by Rabbi Yehuda Menchel of the New England Rabbinical College; Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, PHDS dean, and Rabbi Aaron Lapin, principal of the New England Academy of Torah.

The three Shabbat meals were hosted by their three teachers and their families – Friday night at the home of Rabbi Yechezkel and Mrs. Shifra Yudkowsky, Shabbat day at the home of Rabbi Shmuel and Mrs. Leeba Taitelbaum, and *Seudas Shlishis* at the home of Rabbi Menachem and Mrs. Ilana Weissmann, where they enjoyed delicious food, beautiful singing and the warmth of a Jewish home. Of course, they all helped clear and serve throughout the meals.

The plans for Saturday night – Lag B'Omer – had to be altered due to the rain. Instead of a bonfire, the boys enjoyed hotdogs inside as well as spirited dancing and ball playing. A great time was had by all and everyone wonders what the teachers will do next year to top this exciting weekend.

Submitted by Providence Hebrew Day School



PHOTO | PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Onstage at graduation, (left to right) Fr. Kenneth R. Letoile, O.P., Provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph and chair of the Providence College Corp., Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Charles Haberle, assistant vice president of academic affairs at PC.

Honored at Providence College

Rabbi Wayne Franklin, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree May 21 at the Providence College commencement.

Franklin was recognized for his interfaith work. The degree citation said, in part, "Your work in fostering dialogue among peoples of various faiths has earned widespread acknowledgement and appreciation. You are recognized among interdenominational scholars and faith community leaders throughout Rhode island and across the U.S. for commitment beyond compare and for integrity beyond measure.

"Community organizations in Providence and across the state… benefit from your tireless commitment and notable generosity…"

At PC, Franklin co-founded and co-chairs the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Rhode Island. Dr. Arthur P. Urbano Jr. is the co-founder and co-chair from PC. Franklin's current interfaith activities include involvement with the Interfaith Housing Corp. and the Mayors Task Force on Youth Engagement, both in Providence; the Miriam Hospital Ethics Committee; and the Governor's Task Force on Ethics in Government.



PHOTO | ROBERTA SEGAL

Day Seven, "A Day of Rest," glass vessel, Roberta Segal

Roberta Segal's 'Seven Days of Creation'

Roberta Segal is one of five artists exhibiting at the Providence Art Club in early June.

She will be sharing the space in the Dodge House Gallery with Nina Ackmann in a show titled "A Sense of Design."

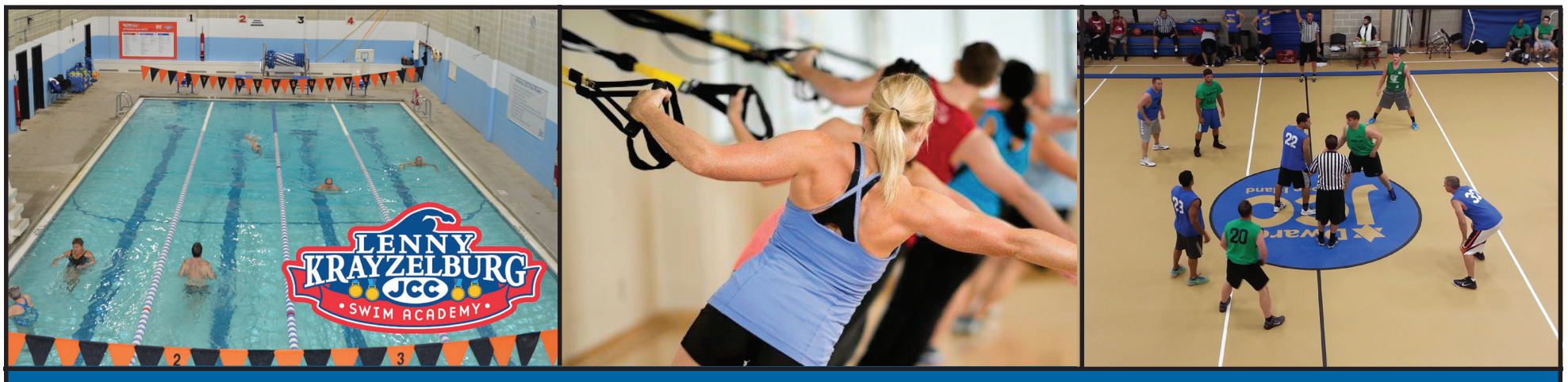
For the past two years, Segal has been working on a series exploring the earliest traditions of biblical thought. "I study weekly with Rabbi Andrew Klein and a group of challenging, questioning thinkers.

To create this project, I leave my 21st century scientific world behind and transport myself across time, space and gender.

The powerful poetic language of Ancient Hebrew impresses a visual image that is carried from father to son," she said.

The 17 pieces in "The Seven Days of Creation" concentrate on the emotional response of a tribe member sitting around a campfire listening to the words of the oral tradition. Segal has chosen monotype prints and glass objects to portray the response. These are her two favorite modes of expression.

The show opens with a reception on June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m., and continues through June 23. The Providence Art Club is at 11 Thomas Street in Providence. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Galleries are free and open to the public.



Highlights of what we offer:

- Functional-Style Classes including TRX, Kettlebells, Battle Ropes & Medicine Balls
- **Lenny Krayzelburg Swim Academy**
- Personal Training by Body Soul
- Indoor Heated Pool
- Group Ex
- Indoor Cycling
- Basketball Gymnasium
- Sports Leagues
- Pilates Mat Classes
- Cardio Machines
- Free-weight Area
- Teen Fitness Certification
- Fit Forever Classes for Seniors
- TigerSharks Swim Club and much more!

J-FITNESS
at the Dwares JCC

Personal Training by BODY SOUL
INSPIRED PERSONAL TRAINING
Voted ***Best of Rhode Island*** 3 years in a row by the readers of *Rhode Island Monthly*!

To learn more about Personal Training, Specialty Group Training or any of our fitness programs, contact Dori Venditti at 401.421.4111 ext. 210 or dvenditti@jewishallianceri.org.

401 Elmgrove Avenue | Providence, RI | jewishallianceri.org

Jewish Alliance
OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND

The state of Jewish continuity.

We invest in the future.

Fewer Jews say they are attached to Judaism and Israel. Yet 97% of American Jews state that they are "proud to be Jewish." Our critical challenge is to transform Jewish pride into true participation in Jewish life. ***And we are already on our way.***

Locally, the Alliance subsidizes costs so children and teens can connect with their Jewishness at school and summer camp. Birthright trips transform young adults' relationships to Israel. Around the world, in places where Jewish life has almost been wiped out, we're nurturing the efforts of a core of inspiring young people who are reinventing Judaism.



4 OUT OF 5

JEWS SAY THAT BEING JEWISH IS IMPORTANT TO THEM.

YET

50%

OF NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH CHILDREN DO NOT RECEIVE ANY KIND OF JEWISH EDUCATION.

THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Through our own programs and services, and those of our partners both locally and globally, we do so much to strengthen Jewish life... ***But there's so much more to be done.***

Contribute to the Annual Campaign and you're helping to care for our entire Jewish community—at home, in Israel, and around the world.

To learn more or to donate today, visit us at jewishallianceri.org or call 401.421.4111.

Jewish Alliance
OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND

401 Elmgrove Avenue | Providence, RI 02906 | 401.421.4111 | jewishallianceri.org