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Sons of Jacob opens doors to community

BY CAROLINE STEVENS

Congregation Sons of Jacob, the last vestige of what was once a thriving Jewish community in the Smith Hill and Randall Square neighborhoods, plans to welcome the public to a free open house on Sunday June 25th from 12-3 p.m. Visitors will have a rare opportunity to admire the synagogue's treasured interiors and learn about its history, as well as plans for the future. The building is at 24 Douglas Ave., Providence.

Upon completion of the original one-story building in 1906, thousands of people lined the streets to watch

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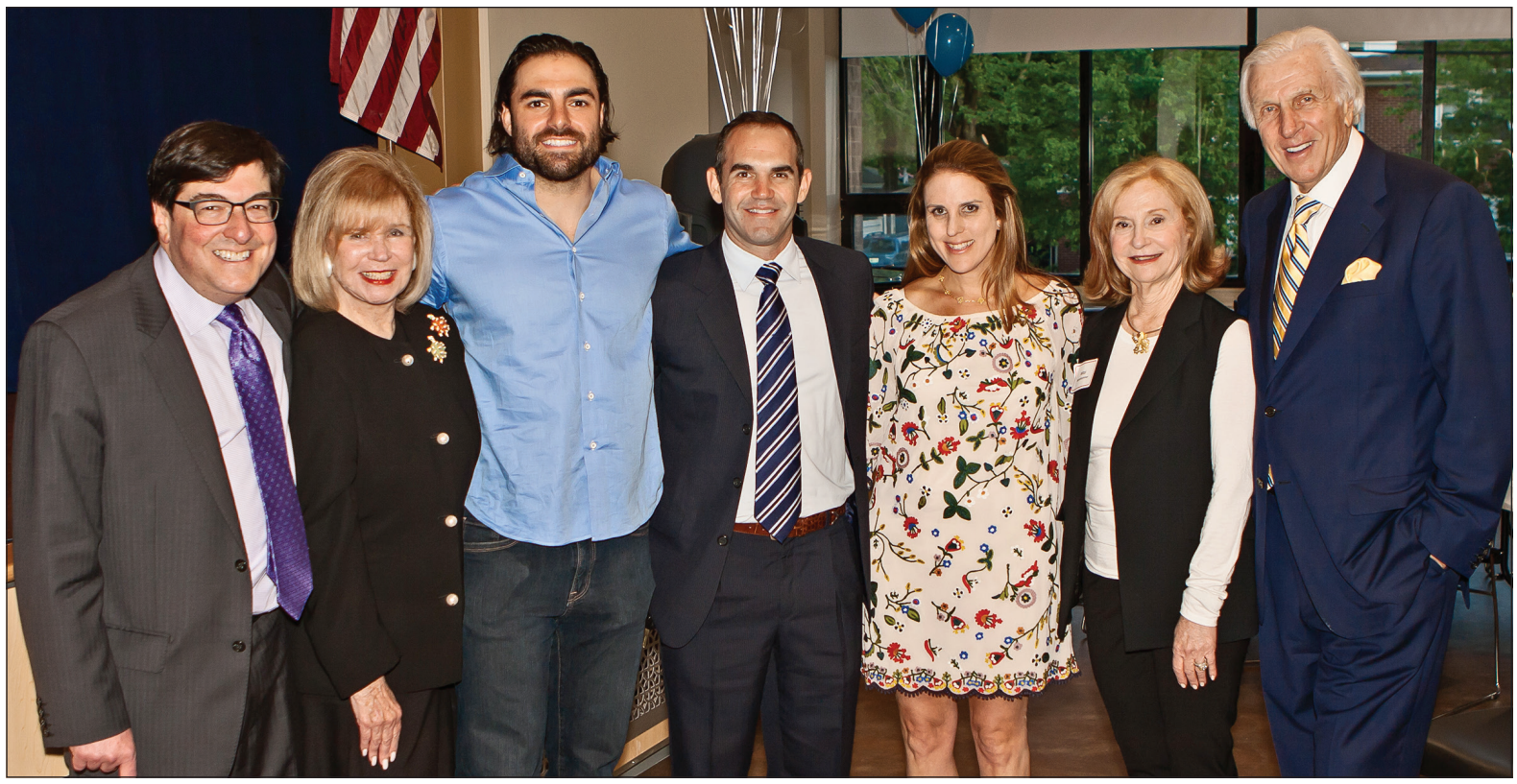


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CELEBRATING THE DWARES JCC

Enjoying the renovated Dwares JCC on May 24: (left to right) Jeffrey Savit, Bonnie Dwares, Nate Ebner, Jeffrey Katz, Marci Katz, Mitzi Berkelhammer and Donald Dwares.
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Your journey is just beginning – where will you go from here?

BY SAM SERBY

Graduation may feel like an ending but, of course, it actually marks a new beginning. And, as with any new venture, there's a learning curve. We asked members of the Jewish community in Rhode Island for real-life advice to jump-start your journey. Here are their thoughts:



Rabbi Marc Mandel, Touro Synagogue, Newport: During my years as a rabbi, I have often been surprised to find that many young Jewish people stop studying the Torah when they graduate. It is vital for young Jewish people to always increase their Jewish knowledge and to continue to study Torah throughout their adult lives. Too many young people have big gaps in their Jewish learning, and this has to be a priority for every graduate.

With regard to career advice, it is important for graduates to pursue careers that align with their core interests. People are working longer hours these days, so it is vital for graduates to seek out careers where they will find personal fulfillment. Otherwise, they will be stuck in a career that will not bring them any real satisfaction, and this will likely lead to poor performance on the job.

Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser, Temple Sinai, Cranston: It's very common for recent graduates to hear this helpful phrase: "Follow your passion!" I think it's bad advice.

Don't follow your passion. The phrase itself suggests that you only have one passion and



that there is only one ideal career path for you to follow. It also suggests that, at the moment you graduate from high school or college, you have some way of knowing what your ideal passion is. You don't. Stop looking for it.

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THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"We cannot let our fears control us: we can continue to walk forward."

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the Torahs process from the congregation's old synagogue on Chalkstone Avenue to their new home on Douglas Avenue. Just blocks from the many Jewish-owned businesses lining Shawmut Street, the congregation flourished and in 1922 completed the second-floor sanctuary. Hand-painted murals depicting the zodiac decorate the ceiling and there is a sparkling chandelier.

Today, Route 146 cuts through Shawmut Street, and most of the 300 families who once worshiped at Sons of Jacob have moved to Providence's East Side and surrounding suburbs, according to Joshua Jasper, librarian/archivist of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. The small remaining congregation has returned to worshipping in the easier-to-manage, cozy first floor of the synagogue where the congregation first began. Though the sanctuary hasn't been used in a decade, when the lights are turned on, it transforms into a time capsule and jewel box unlike anything else in Providence.

Harold Silverman, the longtime president of the congregation, keeps the place alive with his boundless energy and persistent hope for the building's future. His wishes may be answered as plans for the Rhode Island Jewish Museum are taking form, with an eye on Sons of Jacob for its home.



The sanctuary at Sons of Jacob.

All are invited to attend this open house event to learn about the history of Sons of Jacob, its surrounding neighborhood and plans for the future. There will be music, snacks and an extra special welcoming committee led by none other than Silverman himself.

This program is being organized by Doors Open Rhode Island in partnership with the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Smith Hill Community Development Corporation, Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, Congregation Sons of Jacob and newly formed Rhode Island Jewish Museum.

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Harold Silverman, the longtime president of the congregation.

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Large crowd turns out to celebrate Dwares JCC's reopening

BY FRAN OSTENDORF
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PROVIDENCE – It was a festive celebration for all ages as the Alliance's Dwares JCC officially reopened on May 24.

Visitors streamed into the newly renovated building at 5 p.m., excitedly anticipating a talk by Nate Ebner, a special teams player on the New England Patriots and a U.S. Olympics rugby player. Upstairs, in the Sapinsley Family Gymnasium, a bounce house and games entertained young children.

When Ebner arrived, everyone gathered around to hear him talk about his Jewish journey and answer questions. Ebner, who grew up in Ohio, spoke about the importance of institutions like the JCC in his early life, and how his family made Sunday School a priority (his father was the local principal).

Ebner said it was his family that kept his Judaism strong, and allowed him to get to where he is today.

In the Salmanson Family Upper Lobby, adults arriving for the dedication ceremony were abuzz about the bright, welcoming renovated lobby. All seemed to agree that the improvement was tremendous and is a dramatic contrast to the former space.

There was a lot of *schmoozing* leading up to the formal dedication and the mounting of the mezuzah. In fact, the approximately 250 people in attendance spilled over into the Richard and Sandra Bornstein Entry Way and the Lower Lobby, making this one of the largest gatherings in the building in recent memory. The crowd was a mix of donors, community dignitaries and others interested in getting a glimpse of the spruced-up building.

After remarks by Jeffrey Savit, president and CEO of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, and prayers, Harold Foster, chairman of the Facilities committee, affixed the mezuzah to the doorpost.

Bonnie and Donald Dwares, who several years ago initiated the efforts that would result in the renovated building, led the ribbon-cutting that marked the official reopening of the Dwares JCC.

Mitzi Berkelhammer, chair of the board of the Alliance, thanked all who participated in the renovations, and Rabbi Leslie Gutterman offered his remarks. Savit thanked the "more than 400 donors, fiduciaries, volunteers and professionals who made this community dream become a stunning reality."

Renovations to the JCC will continue this summer.

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Above, Bonnie Dwares, Mel Alperin and Donald Dwares cut the ribbon.

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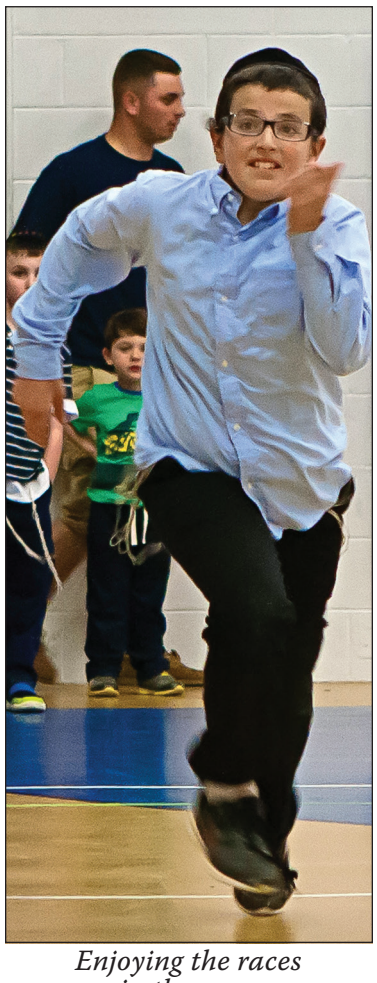


Four generations, at right: Andrew Nelson Erskine, Pamela Nelson Erskine, Jane Sapinsley Nelson with sculpture of Milton C. Sapinsley

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Nate Ebner and a fan.



Enjoying the races in the gym.



Susie Weingeroff, left, and Phyllis Chase.



Harold Foster affixes the mezuzah to the doorpost.

Community celebrates Torah written in memory of Thomas W. and Miriam Pearlman

BY DR. KAYLA HACK

It doesn't happen very often in Providence, but it did this year – in fact, twice in two weeks. On Sunday, May 28, the Providence community welcomed a new Torah, written in memory of Thomas W. and Miriam Pearlman. The Torah was dedicated by NEAT, Inc., an organization founded in 1968, with the help of the Pearlmans, which is dedicated to supporting and promoting Torah education in Providence.

Tom and Miriam Pearlman were foundational in maintaining the Torah community in Providence. They were also instrumental in supporting the Providence Hebrew Day School and in offering Jewish education to children in Rhode Island.

The Pearlmans persisted despite being told over and over that it could not be done. They understood that, for the community to thrive, there needed to be Torah education at the highest level. Therefore, in 1984, working with NEAT, they helped found a post-high-school yeshiva in Providence, the New England Rabbinical College.

In 2004, the Pearlmans supported the creation of the Providence community kollel, Rosh Kollel, to strengthen Jewish identity and Torah learning in the broader Jewish community.

In a display of gratitude, these three institutions and local offshoots – Congregation Sha'arei Tefilla and Project Shoresh – joined together to celebrate NEAT's dedication of the new Torah in the Pearlmans' honor.

The event began under tents on the lawn of the New England Rabbinical College. Music and singing accompanied the completion of the writing of the Torah by local scribe Rabbi Shmuel Taitelbaum. Then, singing and dancing filled the streets and torches lit the air as the new scroll, under a white *huppah*, was carried and escorted by community members young and old for more than half a mile to its new home, the Providence Hebrew Day School.

The resident Torah scrolls were carried out to the street to welcome the new Torah to its home. As the crowd entered the *shul*, somehow seemingly not tired by the parade, they burst into more spirited dancing until the Torah was placed in the ark.

Rabbi Menachem Z. Weissmann, coordinator of the event, welcomed everyone and introduced NEAT board member Russell Raskin, who shared his impressions of the mark the Pearlmans made on the community.

Rabbi Yissochor Frand, of Baltimore, then addressed the crowd, explaining one reason the Torah is called a "song" at the time we are given the commandment to write it. He said that the root of the Hebrew word *shira*, which means song, is the word *yashar*, which means straight. Rabbi Frand, who knew the Pearlmans through their son, Joshua, who had been his student, spoke about how being "straight" is a characteristic that was personified by the Pearlmans – and thus the writing of a Torah in their memory was very appropriate. He also said that music appeals to all ages and stages, just as the same Torah is learned and enjoyed by a 6-year-old, a 26-year-old and a 66-year-old.

The Torah dedication was the second in Providence in May. On May 21, at Congregation Beth Sholom, in Providence, a new Torah was completed and a festive procession was held.

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Beth Sholom celebrates its new Torah.



Rabbi Shmuel Alter Twersky, teacher at the New England Rabbinical College, Rabbi Raphie Schochet, head of the Providence Community Kollel, Rabbi Eliezer Gibber, dean New England Rabbinical College & Rabbi Yosef Lipson, teacher at the New England Rabbinical College (back to camera) dance around Rabbi Dovid Schwartz, Rabbi of Congregation Shaarei Tefillah, carrying the new Pearlman Sefer Torah.



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Akiva Pearlman, accompanied by Rabbi Eliezer Gibber, Rosh Yeshiva, New England Rabbinical College, holds the new Sefer Torah donated by New England Academy of Torah Inc., in memory of his grandparents Thomas & Miriam Pearlman.

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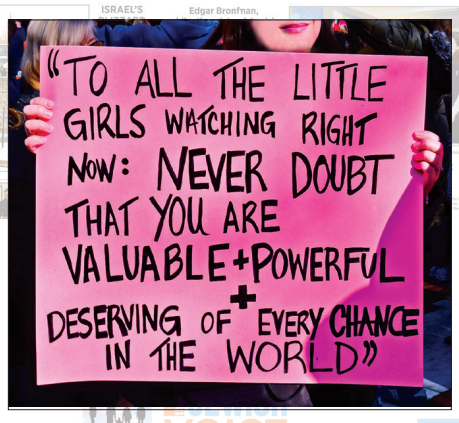
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Coming soon: The joys of summer

Remember when this time of year made you all tingly in anticipation?

School was ending.

Camp was starting.

You were another year closer to graduation.



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

A whole summer loomed large with nothing to do. No bedtime. No wake-up time.

I still find that late spring is a season of anticipation. And judging by recent conversations, I know that many of you do, too. No matter our age, we are still touched by the host of seasonal activities followed by summer's more relaxed pace.

Children and grandchildren graduate, first from preschool, then grade school, and pretty soon from high school and college. While we may wonder where the years have gone, we still happily anticipate these milestones.

Children go to summer camp – and sometimes adults do too. Many of us attend a camp reunion, as well as adult camps: maybe for jazz or dance or baseball.

And then there's the beach, the lake, the mountains, and an American favorite: the road trip. Some of us also look forward to gardening, something we've been anticipating since the dead of winter, when those colorful seed catalogs arrived in our inbox or mail.

Summer lets us focus our thoughts on our little corner of the world. No matter how difficult things seem around the globe – and there's no denying the problems worldwide – in our little corner, summer is cause for celebration.

In the nonprofit world, this is the season of the annual meeting. I'm sure that causes a tingle of anticipation for all who are in positions of leadership at these nonprofits. For the editor of a small newspaper, it's a slightly different type of anticipation. Sure, we at the Jewish Voice have to report on all those meetings, but we are anticipating a summer break, too: The last Voice before our summer break is June 23.

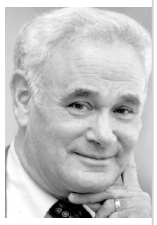
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The complexities of the unsaid, the unspoken and the unsayable

In October 1964, Simon and Garfinkel's "The Sound of Silence" appeared on their debut album, "Wednesday Morning, 3:00 A.M." The song received little notice until it was released as a single in September 1965. By January 1966, "The Sound of Silence" had made it all the way to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, and soon hit the top 10 in several countries around the world.



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

But I would suggest that silence does not have a single sound; rather, silence speaks in many voices.

In her book, "The Reading of Silence: Virginia Woolf in the English Tradition" (Stanford University Press, 1991), Patricia Ondek Laurence, a Woolf scholar (and a friend of my wife since their undergraduate years at City College), explores three types of silence found in Woolf's fiction: "Distinctions are made in her novels between what is left 'unsaid,' something that one might have felt but does not say; the 'unspoken,' something not yet formulated or expressed in voiced words; and the 'unsayable,' something not sayable based on the taboos of Victorian propriety or something about life that is ineffable."

At times Woolf's characters pay a steep price for maintaining their silence; at other times, their silence turns out to be a saving grace.

This past spring I had the privilege and pleasure of reading Seamus Deane's "Reading in the Dark" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1997), a novel in the form of 46 prose poems that trace the development of a never-named boy, the third of seven children in an Catholic family in Northern Ireland. We watch him grow from a young child in the early 1940s to a mature teenager in the late '50s. In many ways, "Reading in the Dark" is the story of silence in its many forms. At its center lies the secret of what really happened to Uncle Ed, the brother of the child's father. This secret disfigures the growing boy's family relationships, especially his relationship with his mother.

The witch's brew of the unsaid, the unspoken and the unsayable drive mother and son further and further apart as the boy moves into his teenage years. The teenager has learned far more about the secret of Uncle Ed than his mother realizes, and the enforced silences cause him immense psychic pain: "I imagine talking to her [his mother] like this, rehearsing conversations I would never have.

"'What you don't know doesn't hurt you,' I would say. 'What I don't know and you won't tell, that does hurt me'".

By the time the boy has reached his late teens, the silences surrounding the fate of Uncle Ed compel him to present his mother with this bitter gift on her birthday: He promises "to go away after university." The refusal of both mother and son to break their silences regarding Uncle Ed has created an irreparable breach between them.

While their silences drove mother and son apart, the father's silence regarding Uncle Ed, the silence of the unsaid and the unspoken, is what preserves his 35-year marriage. Looking back from the perspective of his late 20s, the son observes: "He [his father] knew something lay beyond him, but he had no real wish to reach for it.

"Maybe it was wise for him, for the whole marriage had been preserved by his not allowing the poison that had been released over all these years, as from a time-release capsule, to ever get to him in a lethal dose."

The profound confusions engendered by our silences – when to speak, when to hold our tongues – are by no means limited to the world of fiction. The sounds of silence are continuously reverberating within our nuclear and extended families as well as within the overlapping communities in which we take part.

It seems to me that each of us, at one time or another, has been wounded by the silences of others and by the silences we feel compelled to maintain; yet, paradox of paradoxes, the sounds of silence have at other times been the source of our salvation.

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Commemoration joint resolution passes at R.I. State House

The Rhode Island House and Senate recently passed resolutions commemorating both the Armenian Genocide and Holocaust. This was the first time a joint resolution for both atrocities was introduced. Previously, resolutions for the Armenian Genocide and The Holocaust were introduced and passed separately. However, this year, the commemorations fell on the same day. In the spirit of unity and a show of mutual support, both House Bill H6120, sponsored by Rep. Katherine Kazarian, and Senate Bill 0825, sponsored by Sen. Gayle Goldin, named "Commemorating 'Holocaust Remembrance Day' and 'Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day' and Avowing That These Atrocities Shall Never Be Repeated," were introduced and then passed unanimously

The passage of the resolutions comes one year after the passage of legislation requiring Genocide and Holocaust education be taught in Rhode Island's middle and high schools.

The Armenian Genocide began on April 24, 1915, when the Ottoman Turkish authorities rounded up, arrested, and deported over 200 prominent Armenian professionals and intellectuals and later murdered them. The Armenian Genocide, during which more than 1.5 million Armenians were killed in planned exterminations, was carried out during and after World War I. During the Holocaust, which occurred from 1941 to 1945, more than 6 million Jews were systematically murdered in Europe.

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, R.I. middle and high schools will educate students on genocides including, but not limited to, the Armenian, Cambodian, Rwandan, Darfur and the Holocaust. The intention is to educate students on the impact these atrocities have had on civilization. In 2016, when the bill passed in the R.I. General Assembly, only seven states had passed similar legislation, and R.I. was the only state in New England. Today, 11 states have now passed similar legislation, and eight other states are considering it.

Since the passage of "An Act Relating to Education – Holocaust and Genocide Education," a committee has been meeting regularly and working diligently to help with implementation of Genocide and Holocaust education in the R.I. public schools. The committee includes members of the Armenian, Jewish, Cambodian and African communities.

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Terrorism persists because it works

BY ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ

Every time a horrendous terrorist attack victimizes innocent victims we wring our hands and promise to increase security and take other necessary preventive measures. But we fail to recognize how friends and allies play such an important role in encouraging, incentivizing and inciting terrorism.

If we are to have any chance of reducing terrorism, we must get to its root cause. It is not poverty, disenfranchisement, despair or any of the other abuse excuses offered to explain, if not to justify, terrorism as an act of desperation. It is anything but. Many terrorists, such as those who participated in the 9/11 attacks, were educated, well-off, mobile and even successful. They made a rational cost-benefit decision to murder innocent civilians for one simple reason: they believe that terrorism works.

And, tragically, they are right. The international community has rewarded terrorism while punishing those who try to fight it by reasonable means. It all began with a decision by Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian terrorist groups to employ the tactic of terrorism as a primary means of bringing the Palestinian issue to the forefront of world concern. Based on the merits and demerits of the Palestinian case, it does not deserve this stature. The treatment of the Tibetans by China, the Kurds by most of the Arab world, and the people of Chechen by Russia has been or at least as bad. But their response to grievances has been largely ignored by the international community and the media because they mostly sought remedies within the law rather than through terrorism.

The Palestinian situation has been different. The hijacking of airplanes, the murders of Olympic athletes at Munich, the killing of Israeli children at Ma'alot, and the many other terrorist atrocities perpetrated by Palestinian terrorists has elevated their cause above all other causes in the human rights community. Although the Palestinians have not yet gotten a state – because they twice rejected generous offers of statehood – their cause still dominates the United Nations and numerous human rights groups.

Other groups with grievances have learned from the success of Palestinian terrorism and have emulated the use of that barbaric tactic. Even today, when the Palestinian authority claims to reject terrorism, it rewards the families of suicide bombers and other terrorists with large compensation packages that increase with the number of innocent victims. If the perpetrator of the Manchester massacre had been Palestinian, and if the massacre had taken place in an Israeli auditorium, the Palestinian authority would have paid his family a small fortune for murdering so many children. There is a name for people and organizations that pay other people for killing innocent civilians: it's called accessory to murder. If the Mafia offered bounties to kill its opponents, no one would sympathize with those who made the offer. Yet the Palestinian leadership that does the same thing is welcomed and honored throughout the world.

The Palestinian authority also glorifies terrorists by naming parks, stadiums, streets and other public places after the mass murderers of children. Our "ally," Qatar, finances Hamas, which the United States has correctly declared to be a terrorist organization. Our enemy, Iran, also finances, facilitates and encourages terrorism against the United States, Israel and other western democracies, without suffering any real consequences. The United Nations glorifies terrorism by placing countries that support terrorism in high positions of authority and honor and by welcoming with open arms the promoters of terrorism.

On the other hand, Israel, which has led the world in efforts to combat terrorism by reasonable and lawful means, gets attacked by the international community more than any other country in the world. Promoters of terrorism are treated better at the United Nations than opponents of terrorism. The boycott divestment tactic (BDS) is directed only against Israel and not against the many nations that support terrorism.

Terrorism will continue as long as it continues to bear fruits. The fruits may be different for different causes. Sometimes it is simply publicity. Sometimes it is a recruitment tool. Sometimes it brings about concessions as it did in many European countries. Some European countries that have now been plagued by terrorism even released captured Palestinian terrorists. England, France, Italy and Germany were among the countries that released Palestinian terrorists in the hope of preventing terrorist attacks on their soil. Their selfish and immoral tactic backfired: it only caused them to become even more inviting targets for the murderous terrorists.

But no matter how terrorism works, the reality that it does will make it difficult if not impossible to stem its malignant spread around the world. To make it not work, the entire world must unite in never rewarding terrorism and always punishing those who facilitate it.

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Arab countries are turning on Qatar. What does it mean for Israel?

BY RON KAMPEAS

WASHINGTON (JTA) – Five Arab nations cut ties with Qatar June 5, escalating a long-simmering competition for preeminence in the region into actions that could set the stage for war.

Saudi Arabia, which is leading the charge, has cut off Qatar's only land crossing – and what one Saudi-friendly estimate says is as much as 40 percent of the tiny emirate's food supply. The other four nations cutting all ties with Qatar are Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Yemen.

Meanwhile, Iran is pledging humanitarian support for Qatar. Given Iran's propensity for meddling and its relative military strength, any robust Iranian assistance to the emirate could further unsettle the region.

The tensions come as President Donald Trump hopes to align U.S. allies in the region – including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Israel – in a united front to contain Iran and crush Islamist terrorists.

What's fueling the crisis and what does it mean for Israel?

It's about Iran

Containing Iran's influence is the number one priority for Saudi Arabia. The oil producing behemoth has watched with alarm as Iran has exploited regional unrest to expand its influence in nations where the Saudis once had considerable sway – including Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen. The Saudis, like Israel, also believe that Iran has ambitions to become a nuclear weapons power.

Qatar houses the largest U.S. airbase in the region and has contributed to efforts to roll back Iranian ambitions in Syria. But it is also a small nation that has for years sought to appease the looming giants surrounding it – the Saudis to the south and west, the Iranians across the Persian Gulf. Qatar shares a gas field with Iran, signed a security agreement with the country and was almost alone among Gulf states in welcoming the 2015 Iran nuclear deal that Saudi Arabia and Israel revile.

"Qatar is a small country that survives by balancing its friends against its enemies and not making clear who are the friends and who are the enemies," said Simon Henderson, a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

It's about the Muslim Brotherhood

Qatar's ruling Al-Thani clan has been supportive of some of the Islamist movements that have long roiled the region. It was especially galling to Qatar's neighbors that precisely in the period following the Sept. 11 attacks, when governments in the region were seeking to suppress the extremist Islamist tendencies that underpinned the terrorists' ideologies, Qatar continued to help nurture



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President Donald Trump meeting with Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani at a bilateral meeting at a hotel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, May 21, 2017.

Islamist movements. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi especially resents Qatar for its backing of the short-lived Muslim Brotherhood presidency of Mohamed Morsi, whom al-Sisi ousted in 2013.

For years, the emirate has offered safe haven to the leadership of Hamas, the Brotherhood affiliate that runs the Gaza Strip. And in 2014, it joined with Turkey in attempting to broker an end to Hamas' war with Israel that would have been friendlier to Hamas than Israel wanted. Egypt intervened and helped Israel impose an end to the war that was more to Israel's liking, and that kept Hamas isolated.

It's about Al-Jazeera

Qatar houses and underwrites Al-Jazeera, the muckracking, at times pro-Islamist and generally provocative satellite television channel that has proven an irritant to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the other regimes. Depending on who is talking, Qatar's critics hate the light the network casts on their oppression, or are sick and tired of what they see as its agenda-driven "fake news."

Sultan Sooud Al Qassemi, a UAE-based columnist for Newsweek, says that the nations effectively blockading Qatar want nothing less than for the channel to be shut down.

It's personal

The father of Qatari leader Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, who relinquished power to his son in 2013, seized the country from his own father in 1995 in a coup, prompting Saudi Arabia to attempt at least one counter-coup to reinstall the father. In recent weeks there have been exchanges between partisans of the Qataris and the Saudis over which clan was more compromised in the distant past by dalliances with British colonials and their women.

Also seen by Qatar's neighbors as bad form, according to the Financial Times: $1 billion paid by Qatar to Iranian officials and an al-Qaeda affiliate to free 26 members of the ruling clan who had been on a falconry expedition in Iraq.

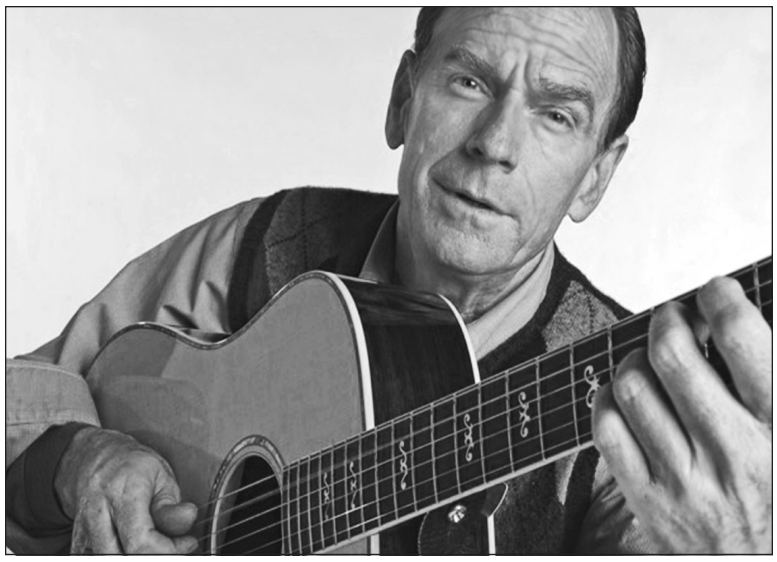
It's Trump

Trump's message last month when he visited Saudi Arabia and addressed regional leaders was twofold: Let's unite to crush terrorism and contain Iran and what you do on your own time is not our business. It looks like the Saudis were listening.

The Qatari crisis isn't the first time Trump's winks and nods precipitated trouble. Just days after top Trump officials said last month they would be okay with the Assad regime in Syria outlasting the civil war – another break with years of U.S. policy – the Syrian regime allegedly launched its worse gas attack on civilians since 2013.

Trump himself has also made contradictory noises about Qatar. In a meeting with Al-Thani in Saudi Arabia last month,

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Livingston Taylor

CBC fundraiser features Livingston Taylor

BY FRANK PROSNITZ

Popular singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor will appear at a Sunday, July 9 fundraising event for Narragansett's Congregation Beth David at Aqua Blue in Narragansett. The event begins at 6 p.m., with Taylor's performance at about 7:30 p.m., and is open to the public.

Taylor first picked up a guitar when he was 13, going on to enjoy a career as a performer, songwriter and teacher that has spanned more than five decades.

Born in Boston and raised in North Carolina, Taylor is the fourth child in a very musical family that includes Alex, James, Kate and Hugh. Taylor recorded his first record at the age of 18 and has continued to create well-crafted, introspective, and original songs that have earned him listeners worldwide.

From top-40 hits "I Will Be in Love with You" and "I'll Come Running," to "I Can Dream of You" and "Boatman," both recorded by his brother James, Taylor's creative output has continued unabated. His musical knowledge has inspired a varied repertoire, and he is equally at home with a range of musical genres – folk, pop, gospel, jazz – and from upbeat storytelling to touching ballads.

He is a natural performer, peppering his shows with personal stories, anecdotes and warmth that connect him to his fans. His relaxed on-stage presence belies the depth of his musical knowledge, and fans might just as often be treated to a classic Gershwin or something from the best of Broadway.

Taylor is a professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he has taught a stage performance course since 1989. The course is consistently voted the most popular at the college. His book, "Stage Performance," published in 2011, offers those lessons to anyone who is interested in elevating their presentation standards.

Jan. 18 of this year was declared "Livingston Taylor Day" by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker in celebration of Taylor's 50th year of making music.

The fundraiser includes Taylor's performance, dinner and live and silent auctions. Tickets are $50 and can be purchased by sending a check, with contact information, to Congregation Beth David, P.O. Box 3299, Narragansett, RI 02882. Sponsorship opportunities are also available, and include an invitation to a private, pre-concert reception with Taylor. For information call 401-789-3437. If you get a voicemail, leave a message and a Temple officer will get back to you shortly.

FRANK PROSNITZ is a member of Congregation Beth David in Narragansett.

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Torah's words challenge us from generation to generation



RABBI HOWARD VOSS-ALTMAN

In just a few months, Temple Beth-El will welcome the High Holy Days with a brand new *machzor* (High HolyDay prayer book). This is the first *machzor* since "Gates of Repentance," which was introduced in the 1980s, and while this is a very exciting time, new prayer books are always a little scary. For more than three decades, the "Gates of Repentance" liturgy has defined our High Holy Days, and its rhythms and poetry have become, dare I say it, a tradition. The truth is, whether you are 5 or 50, nobody likes change.

"Gates of Repentance" is the only High Holy Day prayer book I've ever used. How can the new prayer books even approach its majesty? Not to worry. A generation ago people were resisting "Gates of Repentance." How could it ever replace the High Holy Day "Union Prayer Book"? "Ah, the 'Union Prayer Book.' Now that was a classic." That's the way we are. If we've come to accept it as our "tradition," it must have been given to Moses at Mount Sinai.

We see an example of this so-called "tradition" in this week's Torah portion, *Behaalotecha*. During my childhood, I attended the Junior Congregation of the Fort Lee Jewish Community Center (in Fort Lee, New Jersey) and every time we took the Torah out of the ark, we sang these words: "*Vayehi Binsoah Haaron Vayomer Moshe: Koomah Adonai viyafutsu oyveycha. Viyanusu misanecha mipanecha.*" "When the ark was set out, Moses would say, 'Advance O Lord/ May your enemies be scattered, And may your foes flee before you." (Numbers 10:35).

I sang these words almost every Saturday morning, never knowing what they meant. Now, as a Reform rabbi, I've said these words only sparingly these past 18 years, on the rare occasions when I've attended Orthodox or Conservative services. Yet, when I do hear these words, it's as if I'm 9 years old again, sitting in the small chapel, watching the older kids take out the Torah, wondering when I would be old enough to take my turn.

But now that I'm aware of what I used to pray, I'm startled by its message. The first part of the verse makes sense: "when the ark was set out." After all, we're taking out the Torah, and the passage describes the Ark being set forth.

But after that, the Torah is associated with something far more questionable. "May your enemies be scattered, may your foes flee before you." Indeed, when we take the Torah from the Ark, should our first thoughts be, "may our enemies be scattered, may our foes flee from our presence"?

We must ask ourselves: do our enemies fear the Torah? Is that why they are scattering? Is the Torah a sign from God to show our enemies that we have been chosen, and thus we must not be opposed? Are we a people under siege – who desire the Torah not for its message, but rather for its power to protect us from our enemies?

Perhaps, as we wandered in the desert, our pagan enemies were overcome by the unity of our faith and conviction. Or perhaps we recite this verse to remind us that the words of Torah give us strength, and that our foes will be transformed by its message of justice and compassion?

Sadly, there may be some who believe that the Torah provides actual protection; that it serves as a shield to deter our foes, and as encouragement to act as we please as long as we claim to stand behind its words. But a more generous interpretation calls upon us to remember that the Torah continues to unite us, sustain us and enrich us so that we might live another day, another generation, another century. As has often been said about our people, our enemies may come and go, but we are still here, bravely carrying forth the Torah's message to the next generation.

As we move on to the next generation – to the next prayer book, to the next tradition – let us pray that our Jewish lives will never seem static. Let us pray that the words of our Torah, and the words of our liturgy, will continue to challenge and transform us. And may the Torah's words continue to bring light to both our friends and our enemies, so that one day we will begin to heal this broken world together.

Ex-Marine receives AJC Moral Courage Award 25 years later

JTA – The American Jewish Committee presented its Moral Courage Award to B.G. Willison, an American citizen who rescued Lea Kovensky, a survivor of the 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, as well as other injured victims.

Willison, then a 24-year-old U.S. Marine stationed in Argentina, was off duty at a cafe when he heard the explosion and ran to the scene.

"Invisible to your eyes but visible in my heart, survivors and their families stand next to me. We became one 25 years ago," said Kovensky, a secretary at the embassy who traveled from Buenos Aires to Washington for the award presentation June 5.

"Lea has done more for me than I could have for her," said Willison, who said he keeps a photo of Kovensky in his office "to remind me what courage, resilience and strength look like."

The presentation was made at the AJC Global Forum World Leaders Plenary in Washington. Speakers at the event included the presidents of Cyprus and Romania, the foreign minister of Singapore and Israeli government minister Gilad Erdan.

Willison, who recently visited Buenos Aires for the 25th anniversary of the bombing, declared that "the Jewish community in Argentina is strong. I now feel part of it." He also called for preserving the memory of those killed "to ensure future generations know of this historical event, so we can stop terrorism."

The 1992 bombing left 29 dead and wounded more than 200. Argentina has accused Iran of complicity in the attack and a second deadly bombing in 1994 of the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires. Both attacks officially remain unresolved.

The AJC Global Forum, which took place June 4-6, in Washington, is the advocacy organization's signature annual event, bringing together more than 2,500 participants from across the United States and 70 countries.

Candle Lighting Times

Greater Rhode Island

June 9	8:01
June 16	8:04
June 23	8:06
June 30	8:06
July 7	8:04



Providence Hebrew Day School to hold awards dinner on June 11

BY RUCHAMA SZENDRO

The Providence Hebrew Day School's 70th annual awards dinner will be held on Sunday, June 11, in the newly renovated Victor and Gussie Baxt Social Hall at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence.

This year, the Amudim Awards Committee honors the Gladstone Family Tradition. Bernard and Harriet Gladstone lived lives of selfless devotion to family and community. Their children, Bruce, Jeffrey and Scott, take time from their busy schedules as successful attorneys to carry this tradition forward.

Bruce is dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for our youth: he is a board member and legal counsel for Young Leaders Fellowship, which supports inner-city youth, and special counsel to the Providence Hebrew Day School. He is a former board member and legal counsel for Congregation Beth Sholom, in Providence, and an original member of Rhode Island Judges and Lawyers for Israel. He is also a primary contributor to the Gan Adina Mikvah, in Warwick, dedicated in memory of the brothers' beloved sister, Andrea Gladstone Saltzman.

Jeffrey is a tireless advocate for Israel: He is president of Stand With Us Rhode Island, a founding member of Rhode Island Judges and Lawyers for Israel, and a member of the Jewish Alliance Israel Task Force. Jeff is also a member of the Building Committee for the Gan Adina Mikvah, a past co-president of the Jewish Community Day School and a past chairman of the Diabetes Foundation of Rhode Island.

Scott is active in the Jewish community in Brookline, Massachusetts: He is president of Temple Emeth and on the board of directors of Camp Yavneh. He has been an elected member of the Brookline Town Meeting since 2001, Scott is carrying on his father's tradition of public service.

The Providence Hebrew Day School salutes the Gladstone brothers, who, like their parents before them, are true *amudim* (pillars) of Jewish education and community.

Paul Fradin and his wife, Janet, of blessed memory, are this year's recipients of the Generation to Generation Award.

The Fradins lived in Providence and Newport. They were married for more than 60 years and have two children: Marjorie, who lives in Pawtucket, and Charles, who lives in Boston with the two Fradin grandchildren.

Paul is a graduate of Classical High School, where he was an all-state football player, and the University of Rhode Island.



The Gladstone brothers.



Pesach Shafner

He worked with his father, and then with his son, establishing a successful business in the alcoholic beverage industry. Loved and respected by his employees, Paul served as chairman of the New England Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund.

Paul has wide-ranging philanthropic interests, including the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island / Jewish Alliance. He has served as a board member at both The Groden Center and The University of Rhode Island Foundation. The Fradins are long-time members and supporters of Temple Beth-El, in Providence.

This year's Providence Hebrew Day School Alumnus Award is being awarded to Pesach Shafner.

Pesach grew up in Sharon, Massachusetts, and graduated from PHDS in 1997. His parents were – and continue to be – very active in supporting the school.

Pesach attended the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, in Baltimore, where he earned a master's degree in Talmudic Law. He settled in Baltimore with his family and continued his studies at the Ner Israel Kollel for several years before attending the University of Maryland and earning a doctorate in pharmacy.

He currently works as a clinical pharmacist at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. As the hospital's pharmacist, responsible for medication safety, he is involved in the development and implementation of safety enhancements related to administering medications throughout the institution.

Outside of work, Pesach devotes his time to caring for his family and engaging in his passion for studying Torah, as he continues to pursue his goal of completing all tractates of the Talmud.

The Shafner home is centered on Torah values and Torah study. The Shafner children attend Jewish day schools, perpetuating the legacy of Jewish education that Pesach received at the PHDS.

The awards program promises to be an enjoyable and inspiring event. The event begins at 4:30 p.m. and is open to the public at $65 per person. To attend or to make a contribution in honor of the event, please call the school at 401-331-5327, Ext. 21.

RUCHAMA SZENDRO lives in Providence and is a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School's Amudim Awards Committee.



The Fradins





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The new Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center will be dedicated on June 22.

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. Featuring 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.

Friday-Sat. | June 9-10

Weekend of Prayer and Torah Study. Friday 6:15 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Featuring Rabbi Steven Exler and Shira Billet, of New York, for a stimulating weekend. Intentional Kabbalat Shabbat prayer experience for the whole family. Kavannah and Tefillah led by Rabbi Exler. Saturday, 9 a.m.: Shacharit/Torah reading and special Mussaf led by Rabbi Exler. 11:30 a.m.: Kiddush luncheon and talk by Shira Billet: "The Talmud on Trial: Public Defenses of Judaism in 19th century Germany." Luncheon, $10 per person. Sponsorships, $36. 7 p.m.: Rabbi Exler's shir: "Standing Up for Torah (Reading): A Custom and Its Symbolism." 7:45 p.m.: Mincha and seudah shlisheet; D'var Torah with Rabbi Exler: "The Ethics of Leaving a Place." 9:13 p.m.: Havdallah and Shabbat ends. Usual children's program Shabbat morning. Information, office@bethsholom-ri.org or 401-621-9393.

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, benefiting 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. Dinner, $50 Kosher or $48 Non-Kosher. Reservations required. Information, 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. 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, 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.

Saturday Mornings 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 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. See article, page 9. 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 your 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.

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Tuesday | June 20

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Wednesday | June 21

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 22

Bornstein Holocaust Education Center Dedication and Annual Meeting. 7-9 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. The new center will be dedicated, followed by the annual meeting and installation of officers and board of directors. Information, May-Ronny Zeidman at May@BornsteinHolocaustCenter.org or 401-453-7860.

Friday | June 23

Temple Torat Yisrael's Beach Shabbat. 6 p.m. Goddard Park, 1095 Ives Road, Warwick. Experience Kabbalat Shabbat with an informal, interactive family service. What a beautiful way to say goodby to the work week and welcome in Shabbat. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600

Saturday | June 24

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.

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Wednesday | June 28

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 30

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

Rhode Island Holocaust center honors student writers, artists

BY LEV POPLOW

On May 21, several hundred students, teachers and parents gathered at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence, for the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center's (SBHEC) Art & Writing Contest Award ceremony.

The contest helps the center fulfill its educational mission by engaging students from all over Rhode Island. Hundreds of entries were received, ranging from stories and poems to two- and three-dimensional art and computer-generated videos, resulting in dozens of Rhode Island students being honored for their writing and artwork.

The theme of this year's contest was: What if they were here today? Board Vice President and event Master of Ceremonies Maybeth Lichaa elaborated on the theme, saying, "If someone who perished in the Holocaust came back today and they looked around and saw all the hate that still exists in the world, after what they had been through, what would they say?"

The crowd was buzzing with anticipation as Lichaa stepped to the microphone to begin the ceremony. Outgoing SBHEC Board President Judith Jamieson delivered moving opening remarks, *kvelling* over the volume and quality of the submitted work.

Jamieson said that, of all the center's outreach efforts, she finds the contest most fulfilling.

"Most of these students are not Jewish and so the learning curve for them, their friends and families, and the faculty at their schools, is the kind of success we are looking for. These students have grasped the concept each year, and middle school is the age that we want students to get it. For me, this is always a significant event that underscores what we hope to accomplish."



Top award winners (left to right) John Berkel, Angelina Ortiz, Lara Lopez, Robert Fitzgerald, Madison McCauley, Harriet Sukaskas.

Jamieson presented the Singer Art Award to Madison McCauley, of St. Augustine School, and Lara Lopez, of Park View Middle School.

Guest speaker Deborah Schuss said she participates in the event every year because, "My parents suffered greatly, and I lost almost my entire family because of Hitler. It's very important for me to carry on my family's legacy and continue telling their story. Especially because there are so many today who are either rewriting or denying the facts of the Holocaust."

Schuss presented the Gastfreund Writing Award to Robert Fitzgerald, of Mt. Saint Charles Academy, and Angelina Ortiz, of Park View Middle School. She also shared her family's story and spoke of how important this contest was to her father.

"My father used to say he wanted people to understand man's capacity for inhumanity, and that cuts across all cultures. I think it is important for people of all faiths and cultures to understand that it is rearing its ugly head again and needs to be combatted."

Lichaa, and special guest Betty Jaffe, also presented the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention awards.

"We are thrilled to have so many teenagers participate because at their age it is very evident that they can understand hate and they can understand the impact of the Holocaust and genocide," Lichaa said. "Every year I am blown away not just by their talent but how they understand the concept."

The ceremony ended on a sweet note as the students and their families enjoyed the ice cream bar supplied by SBHEC Board member Ken Schneider and Sundaes ice cream shops.

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Easy appetizer just right for celebrations

BY RONNIE FEIN

(The Nosher via JTA) – The older I get, the easier my recipes become. I've cooked my share of three-pagers and struggled through dozens of works of culinary art. I'm finished with all that.

But I still want to serve delicious food that looks attractive, especially when the weather gets warm, the sun is shining and I'd rather be outside on the porch spending more time with my family and friends.

It can all be done, even when you want to serve fancy-looking food. For example, when I have guests on a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon, I usually serve hors d'oeuvres before the meal – just a nibble or two. And yes, I could skip the cooking altogether and offer store-bought somethings from the supermarket condiment bar, but I prefer to make my own, like these lox and bagel bites, which have come in handy on numerous occasions. They take about 15 minutes to prepare and look so pretty on a platter that people think you actually spent a lot of time fussing. The recipe is versatile, too.

All you have to do is chop smoked salmon (you could use any smoked fish), add some sort of onion (I like the color contrast of red onion, but scallion or chives will do), mix in a few drops of olive oil and lemon juice for flavor and enrichment, and add a bit of fresh dill (it could be parsley or cilantro).

For a quick tidbit, spoon the mixture directly onto some bagel chips (or use potato chips, crackers, matzah, pumpernickel rounds). For dairy, spread a thin layer of cream cheese (mascarpone, sour cream, etc.) on the chips first. You can make the salmon mixture a day ahead, but finalize the actual hors d'oeuvre up to an hour before serving (longer than that can make the chips soggy).

This recipe doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg either. Smoked salmon can be expensive, but when I am going to chop it up like this I buy the "ends" and "pieces" that my supermarket sells for less than half the price of sliced (many stores do that).

That's all, folks. Enjoy the time with people instead of pots and pans.

Bagel Chips and Lox

Ingredients

1/4 pound smoked salmon pieces

2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion

1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Few drops of olive oil

Few drops of lemon juice

Cream cheese, dairy sour cream, crème fraiche or mascarpone cheese, optional

Directions

Chop the smoked salmon into tiny pieces and place in a bowl.

Add the red onion and dill and mix thoroughly.

Sprinkle in a few drops of olive oil and lemon juice and mix.

If you're making dairy-free appetizers, top bagel chips with salmon mixture and serve.

If using dairy, spread the bagel chips with cream cheese, sour cream, crème fraiche or mascarpone cheese. Top with some of the salmon mixture.

RONNIE FEIN is a freelance food and lifestyle writer. She is the author of four cookbooks and was a contributing editor to "The New Cook's Catalogue," the 25th anniversary edition of the James Beard original.

Think warm weather and cold soup

BY RONNIE FEIN

THE NOSHER VIA JTA – I can't eat borscht that comes from a jar that's been sitting on a supermarket shelf for who knows how long. So sue me. Tell me I'm a snob. I just can't. It's the wrong color, it's too thin and has these shimmering chopped-looking things on the bottom that I suppose are beets but remind me of pocket lint.

But I do love borscht, all kinds. Years ago I was surprised when a friend served me a version that wasn't at all like the simple beet soup so familiar to Ashkenazi Jewish families. Hers was a thick, marrow bone-based dish laden with vegetables that included lots of cabbage, carrots, parsnips and potatoes, and beets of course.

She told me this was the "real thing" and, after doing a little research, I learned that borscht covers a lot of ground and can be vegetarian or made with meat and even poultry. It may or may not be chock full of vegetables, but it's always a slightly tart or sour soup with beets as the common denominator – whether it's Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, Jewish or any other type.

My friend's borscht is a hearty dish, fit for cold weather comfort. But now, with the arrival of warm weather, I want a lighter, beets-only version – more like the kind sold in the jars, but thicker, richer and more flavorful. I've experimented with several recipes, and I love this version with orange and mint. There's enough orange peel and apple to give it that familiar borscht tang, which is balanced by sweet beets.

You can make it with or without dairy, and you can serve it hot or cold. You can add half-and-half cream or coconut milk as an enrichment. Make it more substantial by placing slices of hard-cooked egg or boiled potato into each serving, or top the soup with fresh mint, an orange slice or a blob of dairy sour cream or plain, Greek-style yogurt.

You can make this soup two to three days ahead. It's a good family dish and makes a lovely first course for Shabbat dinner.

Cold Borscht

Ingredients

3 large or 4-5 medium beets
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon butter, margarine, or olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tart apple, peeled, cored and chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 teaspoon chopped fresh ginger
2 tablespoons grated fresh orange peel
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
4 cups water
1 cup cream, coconut milk or soy milk, optional
Dairy sour cream or unflavored Greek-style yogurt, optional
Sliced hard-cooked egg or potato, optional

Directions

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Scrub the beets, wrap them in aluminum foil and roast for about an hour, or until the beets are tender.

When the beets are cool enough to handle, remove the skins. Chop the beets and set them aside. Reserve any natural liquids that have accumulated.

Heat the olive oil and butter in a soup pot or large saucepan over medium heat. When the butter has melted and looks foamy, add the onion, apple, garlic and ginger and cook for about 5 minutes, or until the ingredients have softened.

Add the beets (plus any accumulated juices), orange peel, mint, salt and pepper and stir. Pour in the water.

Bring the soup to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes.



Puree the soup with a hand blender or in a food processor or blender. Return the soup to the pan to heat through. For a creamier, thinner soup, add the cream.

Serve garnished, if desired, with sour cream or yogurt for a dairy meal, or cooked egg or potato.

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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. Check it out at TheNosher.com.

Designing stylish and functional outdoor kitchens

FAMILY FEATURES – Just like the inside of a home, aesthetics are often the first thing you notice when stepping outside.

An outdoor living space can be modern, traditional, rustic, coastal or even country farmhouse – the possibilities are endless. The look and feel it exudes is important, so figuring out a design that reflects your own personal style is a top priority in the planning stages.

However, it's not the only priority. You'll also need to determine how to use the space. Some homeowners discover that one of the best ways to do so is with an outdoor kitchen.

"We have seen designers and homeowners taking a more thoughtful and sophisticated design approach over time," said Russ Faulk, chief designer and head of product for Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet, producer of premium culinary products for residential outdoor kitchens. "The result is a fully realized space with all of the parts working together – much more than a collection of furniture and cooking equipment."

To get the most out of your outdoor kitchen, these products should work harmoniously.



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Zoning Out

Planning for each functional zone is necessary to maximize the effectiveness of the outdoor space for cooking and entertaining. Similar to the indoor kitchen, outdoor kitchens consist of functional zones, which include hot zones, cold zones, wet zones and dry zones.

Hot zones include all cooking spaces, such as the grill, pizza oven and cooktops. Cold zones are made up of refrigeration and freezers. Wet zones are comprised of sinks and adjacent workspace. Dry zones are prep counters and storage.

An effective outdoor kitchen involves all four zones working together. Planning ahead can make prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning go more smoothly.

For example, the cold zone should be located next to the wet zone. This can make moving food from the refrigerator to the sink to wash much easier before going to the grill.

Landing Space

When you're cooking, you need space at each workstation to set things down. One of the most frequent outdoor kitchen design shortcomings is insufficient counter space.

Ideally, you should have open countertop space to each side of a sink, grill, cooktop and every other workstation. These open spaces are called landing zones.

Outside the Lines

As homeowners want to spend more time in their outdoor kitchens, storage space is becoming important. At the very least, they will want to store cooking items like wood chips, charcoal, and utensils in outdoor cabinets for the season.

Many homeowners want a fully functional outdoor kitchen that operates independently from the indoor kitchen.

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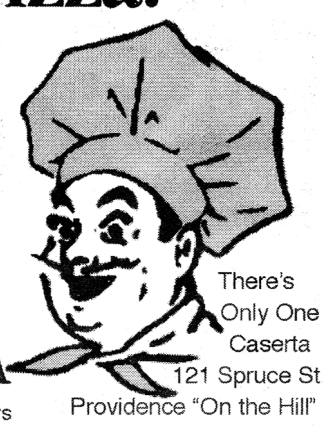
Whether your space is big or small, the design principles of a well-functioning outdoor kitchen remain the same.

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Teen lives her dream of introducing lacrosse to Israelis

BY ALIYAH BOYLE

Have you ever had a dream? Maybe your dream is to get that big promotion, or accomplish something that will leave a mark on the world. Well, I had a dream, too. To me, as a Jewish teen who plays sports, it has always been a dream and passion of mine to go to Israel to introduce my sport.

My name is Aliyah Boyle. I am a 16-year-old high school student who started playing lacrosse seriously a few years ago. This past winter, I proudly held the title of goalie and defender on the Israeli National Lacrosse team.

Lacrosse has been a big influence in my life. It has helped me overcome many obstacles, as well as helping me learn the value of teamwork and other skills needed to succeed in life. So, when I received an invitation to play on the Israeli team, I was quick to jump on it!

Each December, the Israeli Lacrosse Association sponsors a trip for teens from across the U.S. to spend 10 days in Israel, bonding over their passion for lacrosse and Judaism. The trip provides an amazing opportunity to spend time in Israel and introduce lacrosse to Israeli teens throughout the country.

The trip was an eye-opener for me. The moment I stepped off the plane and into the land of Israel, I experienced all the sights and sounds and smells I had only been able to imagine until then. I met amazing people, developed new skills for the game, and helped to bring people together – even Arab and Jewish teens – through sports. My pride in Israel grew in ways I can't describe and my understanding of the country was immensely deepened. I can honestly say that I would not trade the experience for the world.

I had always heard stories of what is happening in the Middle East. I saw the aftermath and learned, firsthand, that it is not at all how it is portrayed in the media. The media leaves people with the impression that nothing good ever happens in Israel. That's not at all true! I would be the first to admit that it's not all sunshine and rainbows – there are obvious problems that need to be solved – but it's not always a sob story either.

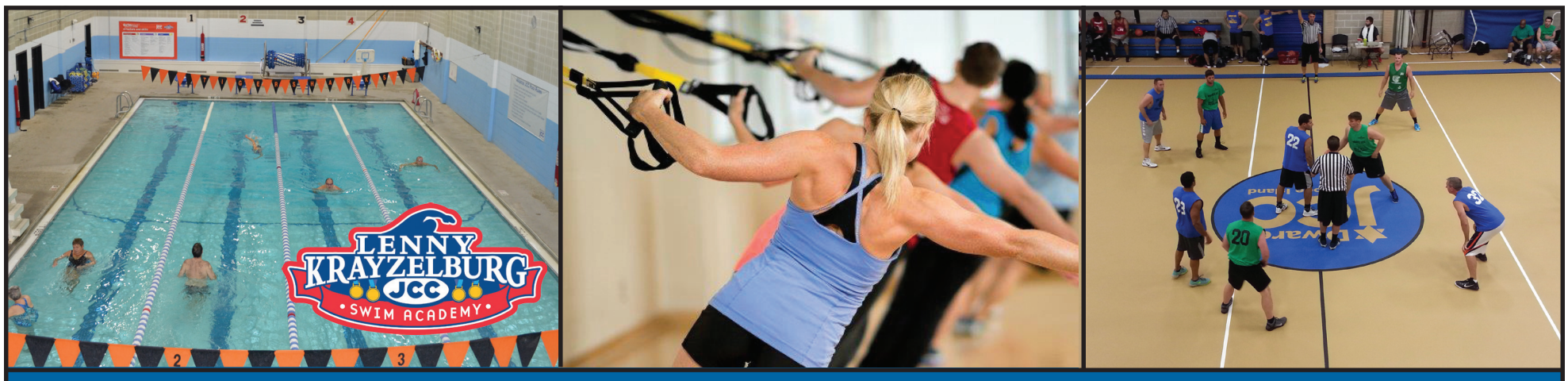
I met many people, each with their own story. In fact, I still talk to every single one of them through Instagram or Snapchat. One of my new friends is a Christian Arab, who I met in an amazing game where Israelis from different faiths came together because of their love of lacrosse.

Going to Israel enriched my sense of what it means to be Jewish. Amazing things happen there, both on the field and off. I hope to go back again to meet more kind people, experience the sense of community, smell the falafel and have another adventure like the one I was able to live, if only for 10 days. Israel is, and always will be, in my heart.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Aliyah Boyle lives in Tampa, Florida, Where she plays on her high school team and on county teams in the summer. She has been invited to return to Israel this summer to play in the inaugural lacrosse competition at the Maccabbiah Games. She is the great-granddaughter of Harriet Landesberg, who lives at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, in Warwick. She is the granddaughter of Arlene and Melvin Landesberg, of Del Ray, Florida, formerly of Providence. Her mother, Jill Landesberg Boyle, submitted this article after seeing the story on Israeli lacrosse in a previous Jewish Voice.



Aliyah Boyle is standing in the photo above.



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The 'miracle' of the father-daughter connection


PATRICIA RASKIN

In my book, "Pathfinding: Seven Principles for Positive Living," I present the fruits of my quest, a daughter's quest, for selfhood and awakening. I include teachings, stories and lessons from my father, *alav hashalom*, which are highlighted in the book.

My father was a disciplinarian and nurturer all in one. He brought out the seeker in me and taught me to always do the right thing and stand up for my beliefs.

The following amazing father-daughter "miracle" is recounted in the book – and I am still amazed today by this miraculous "coincidence".

"Many years ago, I was living in the Boston area, and my daughter Laura was about three years old. Our steady babysitter was a family friend. One day I let her borrow my car to run an errand. She came from a large family, and when she stopped at her house, one of her older brothers 'took' the car.

"I spent the whole next day on the phone with the police, frantically trying to locate my car. In desperation, I called my father, who was working in New York City. He reassured me that no matter how things turned out, everything was going to be okay.

"The day after we spoke, in the late afternoon, my father called me and said, 'You are not going to believe what I'm about to tell you. Today, instead of walking my usual route to the parking lot, I walked down a different street and there was your car on this side street in the middle of downtown Manhattan.' This was a 'one in a million shot,' to use my father's words at the time, and I was stunned but also thrilled that my father found my car. "He immediately called the police. When the officers got there, they decided to remove the distributor so no one could start the car. My father took the distributor with him and called me as soon as he got home. Since my father worked in New York City, he said he would go back the next morning to make arrangements to get my car back to my home in the Boston area.

"The next morning, when my father went to the street where the car had been parked, the car was gone. When he called to tell me the bad news, I told him the good news! My babysitter's older brother, after taking my car on a joyride, realized his mistake and returned it to me in Boston. She told me later how panicked he was when he realized the distributor was missing.

"We eventually got it all worked out, but what makes this story so amazing is that my father was able to find my car 250 miles from home in a city of tens of millions of people. The chances of coincidentally finding his daughter's stolen car were miraculous."

I believe God was at work here, fueled by prayer and the power of a father's love for his daughter and the deep connection between them.

Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers, past, present and future.

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Senate marks 50 years of Jerusalem's reunification

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. Senate approved a nonbinding resolution marking the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the majority leader, and Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the minority leader, was approved 90-0 on Monday evening [June 5], the anniversary of Israel's capture of eastern Jerusalem in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The resolution called on the president to abide by the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act, which recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital and calls for moving the U.S. embassy there from Tel Aviv.

President Donald Trump campaigned on a pledge to move the embassy, however last week authorized a waiver delaying the move for national security reasons.

Notably, the resolution does not endorse a final status solution for the city, instead reaffirming "that it is long-standing U.S. bipartisan policy that the permanent status of Jerusalem remains a matter to be decided between the parties through final status negotiations toward a two-state solution."

"It is very fitting that the Senate passed this resolution 50 years to the day of the start of the Six Day War," Schumer said in a statement after the vote.



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People who try to find their passion with relatively little experience often find only disappointment and frustration. They can't find it, so they end up thinking of themselves as "passionless" and end up doing something they don't like. That is sad.

Instead of thinking of "your passion" as a seed that is already implanted deep in your soul just waiting to be discovered, think about your life this way: Don't discover your passion; rather, create it.

Instead of trying to find the one perfect job, try to find 10. Be willing to make a list of all the things you think you might enjoy doing. At this point, don't cross any of them off the list because you don't think they are possible or practical. You may not yet know what is possible.

Search for any opportunity to do any of the things on your list. Once you find an opportunity, give it a try. By trying something, you are giving yourself the opportunity to develop a skill, a knowledge base, or an interest that you can then develop into a passion.

This is an approach that is actually informed by Jewish teaching. Judaism does not require you to feel a passion before you take action. You don't hold off on lighting Shabbat candles until you feel a need for it. You don't withhold your money from *tzedakah* until you are passionate about a cause. First, you do. Doing helps you cultivate feeling. Feeling can transform into passion.

Don't follow your passion. Take action. Try something. Then grow.



Rabbi Aaron Philmus, Temple Torat Yisrael, East Greenwich:

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov once said, "All of life is like walking on a very narrow bridge, and to keep your balance, you must not give in to fear."

The view from the bridge can be breathtaking, but it can also make us really anxious, thinking about the future and all of our hopes. But we cannot let our fears control us; we can continue to walk forward. You must always have trust and faith in yourself.

Each of us has something really important and unique to offer, and we can only discover that by trying things out. Don't just take classes about subjects you're interested in – also make sure that you spend time with people who work in those fields, so you can both advance yourself and figure out if it's what you want to do.



Rabbi Michelle Dardashti, Brown RISD Hillel, Providence:

The word "commencement" is quite appropriate. Yes, you have your diplomas now, but your journey hasjust begun.

Our biblical ancestors, who endured 40 years of wandering in the desert, even after their revelatory experience at Sinai, exemplify the reality that it isn't a sprint from the moment of wisdom to the Promised Land. While I pray that it is far less than 40 years before you are living out your professional and personal dreams, I think it's worth considering what the ancient Israelites might have to teach you about making your way through the *midbar*, the wilderness, of post-graduate existence. The two most essential ingredients for this marathon, it seems, are openness and faith.

Our tradition teaches that the Torah was given in the wilderness because it was open – so my first piece of advice is that as you emerge into this new, unknown phase, you make yourself open – open to new people, new ways of doing things and new ideas, and that you trust that what you need to learn will be most clearly revealed to you through this stance of openness.

Don't presume that the interview you "bombed," the boss who has no time for you, the corporate setting in which you find yourself, or seemingly menial tasks have nothing to teach you. These are each, in their own ways, tremendous opportunities for learning – about what and whom you do and do not enjoy – and growth. Stay open – be willing to be surprised and stretched through every frustration or apparent dead end.

All of this demands trust, which leads me to the second ingredient. From the time the Israelites left Egypt, the thing that plagued them most was a lack of faith. *Amalek* – the nation that attacked our ancestors during their exodus – has the same numerical value as the Hebrew word for doubt, *safek*. Self-doubt, we learn, is enemy number one and it is strongest when we are prone to weakness, in our times of transition. Perhaps this is why the first two *parshiot* in the book of *Bamidbar* (In the Wilderness) bear the instructions, "*seu et rosh*" – a turn of phrase for "take a census," but literally it means, "lift up the heads" of each Israelite.

And so, my final piece of advice to you is to keep your head up. Don't feel as though you need to land your dream job (arrive in the Promised Land) this month or even this year or next. Trust that if you're keeping your head/chin up and fixing your gaze upon work that aligns with your values, each step – each interview or job, as good or as bad as it seems – will lead you closer to who and where you want to be.

May you go forth with openness and faith and be blessed with the resilience and grace that they bring – mazal tov!



Rabbi Steven Jablow, Jewish chaplain at Bryant University, Smithfield:

First, consider what makes you happy. Money is not the key to happiness, no matter what our consumerist society preaches. You don't have to live like a Hollywood celebrity to be happy. By all means, making a living is important, but being happy with what you are doing, or the opportunities your living provides you, is equally crucial to fulfillment.

Second, my advice for you personally and professionally is: put your phone down. Disconnect more and focus on the people, the work and the conversations in front of you. You will accomplish more with far less stress, and you will not judge your success in comparison to someone else's public profile.

Last, take a breath and relax. Contrary to what you may think at the moment, nothing you do tomorrow is irrevocable. You have time to try things and to discover what works and what doesn't. Be open-minded and learn from both your successes and failures, and even changes of direction will ultimately help guide you to your goals.



Carol Alfano, retired elementary school teacher from East Greenwich: I would tell the members of the Class of 2017 to be open to new opportunities and to find their passion. I would also tell them not to worry if this takes a while and if they need to reassess their choices, maybe changing initial decisions.

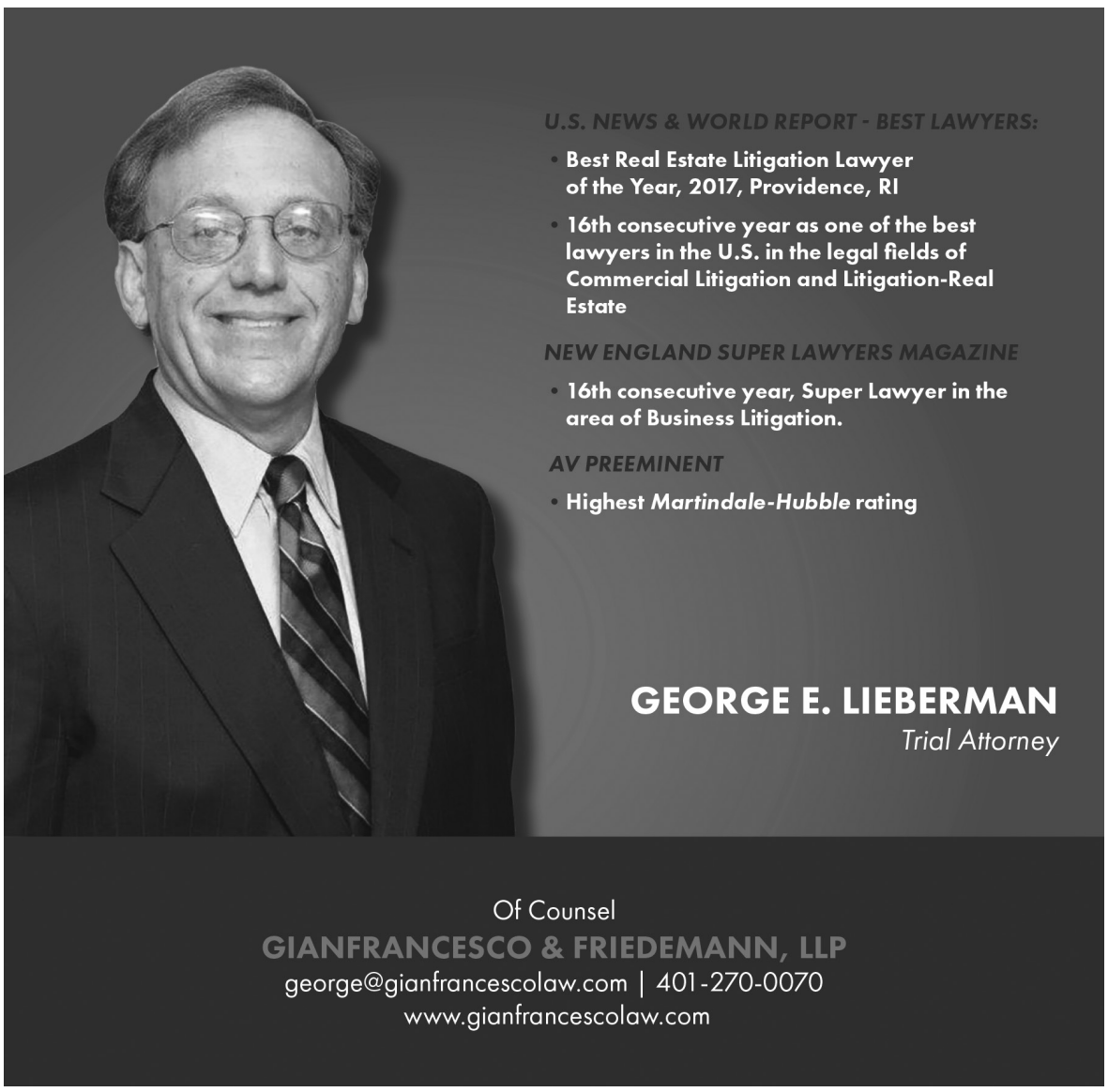
Don't worry about what others think – make choices that please you. Try to do something that helps others and that has a positive impact.

Debbie Strauss-Levine, psychotherapist in private practice in North Kingstown:

I would tell graduates to "know thyself." Identify your strengths and your challenges. Use your self-knowledge to choose a job or career that suits you. Do you enjoy being part of a team, or are you more suited to going solo? Are you detail-oriented, or do you see the big picture? How do you feel about interacting with people? Extroverts love it, while introverts feel drained by it.

It's cliché, but I would advise graduates to "follow your heart." Your job will be much more enjoyable if it interests you. Are you excited by new technology and innovation?

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Rhode Islanders offer tips to graduates

BY HERB WEISS

During the month of May, commencement speakers addressed the graduating Class of 2017 at colleges, universities and higher learning institutions in Rhode Island and throughout the nation. Robed graduating seniors will listen attentively to these 10 minute speeches usually given by very well-known lawmakers, judges, television personalities and business CEOs who offer tips on how the graduate can live a successful and fulfilling life. The graduate can only hope that this advice that might just propel them into a more rewarding personal and professional life.

Traditionally this notable, successful, and stimulating figure, is oftentimes well-known in the community. Larger institutions may choose speakers of national or international renown, but sometimes this recognition comes at a great cost, commanding high speaking fees. Locally, Brown University, unique among Ivy League institutions, features graduating seniors, rather than outside dignitaries, as their commencement speakers.

So, I suggest to presidents of colleges and universities, with your tight operating budgets, you can save a little money by not bringing in high-paid commencement speakers. There are many potential candidates in Rhode Island communities that fly below the selection committee's radar screen and can give college graduates very sound strategies for success gleaned from their everyday life experiences. The following messages, gleaned from average Rhode Islanders will most surely give a road maps on how the graduating senior can reach their potential in a very challenging world.

ERIC J. AUGER, 48, Pawtucket, co-founder/creative director for TEN21 Productions.

"Having been an active artist and exhibiting my work since the age of 4, I can look back at 44 years of trials and errors that have influenced me to become the artist that I am today. My advice to anyone starting out is to follow your intuition and embrace all the success and failures that it may bring you. Living through and learning from these experiences is what opens your eyes to your true potential."

MICHAEL BILOW, Providence, writer at Motif Magazine. "

Only you are the ultimate judge of what you want. Take advice from people who want to help you, but don't worry about pleasing them. Money is important to have enough to be independent, but not as an end in itself. Never take a job or a romantic partner just because others expect it of you. Be nice, but not too nice. Don't lie to yourself. Worry less. You have a right to be happy."

NATELIE CARTER, 73, Cumberland, director of operations for Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

"One of the oldest pieces of wisdom ever dispensed is one that has guided my life 'Know Thyself.' It still directs my life that has been filled with remarkable events and few regrets. However, there is the wisdom of Edna St. Vincent Millay to learn from 'I am glad that I paid so little attention to good advice; had I abided by it I might have been saved from some of my most valuable mistakes.'"

GREG GERRITT, 63, Providence, head of research for ProsperityForRI.com.

"Climate change is the existential crisis of our time. Be ready to resist the oligarchy when they seek to prevent protest and work to protect their fortunes. Be ready to resist the oligarchy when they crank up the false news and the war machine. If you shut down the war machine and truly stop climate change your lives will be better. If you do not, get ready for a hot and violent planet and community."

MAUREEN O'GORMAN, Warwick, Adult Correctional Institute GED teacher.

"Meredith Grey, fictional philosophizing doctor said: 'The story of our evolution is the story of what we leave behind.' Human tails no longer exist and the appendix isn't functional.

Every choice we make comes at the cost of choices we didn't make. Reinventing ourselves can't happen without discarding something behind as we move forward. Honor the past, but do not live in it."

NORA HALL, 72, North Kingston, freelance writer.

"Empathy may be the most important life skill you can develop. It enables you to 'put yourself in another's shoes' and makes you a great leader."

EVERETT HOAG, 63, North Providence, president of Fountain Street Creative.

"Advice to new artists – Believe in yourself and your work. Explore as many forms as you can. Discovering art comes from inside and as long as you have the skills, true art will emerge.

Keep creating and create what is true to you, never stop or be discouraged by what others say… Designers – we make the world more beautiful. More functional. Safer. More special.

The more of 'you' that goes into your work, the more original it becomes; there's something magical about that."

JOHN KEVORKIAN, 63, East Greenwich, management psychologist/business coach.

"Over the years, I've noticed that so much of success comes from simply showing up. Be aware, get involved, get engaged with what is important to you. Be there and be! Be truly interested in understanding the other's viewpoint and situation.

Ask questions and listen to learn what you don't know and then you will be well prepared to confidently voice opinions and be helpful. Be a catalyst. It is easier to make things happen if you don't care who gets the credit."

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Charlie Zakin, of Providence, vice president of advertising for Cra-Z-Art, a manufacturer of trendy toys and school supplies: My advice to graduating students is to be present and discover. Create a list of things you want to do in a year and do them. Not a bucket list, just a simple list of easy-to-achieve accomplishments that you may otherwise choose to put off. For example, hike the Cliff Walk in Newport or cook a gourmet dinner for friends, volunteer at a homeless shelter, etc. This may also give you the impetus to explore other interests that could even lead to a certain course of study or career.

Also, have a more formidable experience that can set you apart from the crowd when seeking your first job. You're competing against many people who are just as smart and qualified as you. Get the edge and set yourself apart … and good luck!

Does the idea of helping improve the lives of others appeal to you? Being passionate about something helps motivate you to work hard to achieve success.

Educate yourself. After 16 or more years of schooling, you are probably ready to be done with research. Not just yet. Learning about your field, and where the growth opportunities lie, can lead to a successful job search. Researching the organization, and having prepared questions in advance of an interview, can make the difference between "the position has been filled" and "we'd like to bring you on board."

Finally, network! Don't be afraid to reach out to college alumni, family, friends and friends of friends to help build your network.

In a survey by Beyond.com, 71 percent of human resources professionals surveyed named referrals as the best resource for identifying quality candidates. Use your connections to get your résumé noticed. Then, impress them with your knowledge, passion and motivation.

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GRADUATES

LARRY MONASTESSE, 65, Pawtucket, director of administration, Coastline Employee Assistant Program (EAP).

"Passion and education is the key. Mistakes happen – learn from them but do not quit. Keep your goals front and center. Have the courage to follow you heart, it is the true measure of your success. Time is limited, share with family and friends. They will be with you on your lifelong journey. Make time for yourself and give back to society in some form that you are comfortable with and enjoy. Do dream and enjoy the ride."

STEVEN R. PORTER, 52, Glocester,

A college diploma is treated like the end of an educational learning journey, but truthfully, it's just the beginning. Those who will be the most successful in life never stop reading, studying or acquiring new skills. The world is a rapidly changing place, and higher education does a good job of preparing you for what the world was like, not what the world is going to be. Stay positive and aggressive.

DEBRA ROSSETTI, over 50, Central Falls, staff developer/literacy, New York City Department of Education.

"You can and will make a difference in our society and world, This day is a special and important milestone in your life. You have accomplished much to be standing where you are now, but your journey has just begun. You have much more to do and challenges to bear in your years ahead. Transform yourself into the person you aspire to be, be ready for change, think forward and move forward.

Continue to educate yourself. Life is a journey with lessons to learn at every corner. Take advantage of opportunities to grow your mind and pursue your dreams. Believe in yourself, believe in others, always be humble and kind."

RANDY SACILOTTO, 55, Cumberland, Navigant Credit Unions, vice president, Community Development.

"My mom told me to remember to love people and use things, never the other way around. This may seem pretty simple and logical. Yet there are times we may want to do the reverse. Remember that it is by genuine caring interaction with another human soul that we learn and laugh and grow. And nothing you will own will ever visit you when you're sick, hold you when you're sad or celebrate your accomplishments."

SUSAN SWEET, 75, Rumford, former state employee.

"Make your own trail and avoid the well-worn path. Find interests and passions and live them. Create purpose in your life. Do something good, something useful in your life. Contribute to the happiness and well-being of other beings. Let death be your advisor."

PATRICIA ZACKS, 63, Pawtucket, owner of Camera Werks.

"Never be afraid of trying new things. Hardships and setbacks are part of life, but it is how we deal with them that can make all the difference. Obstacles may be opportunities in disguise, and change oftentimes leads to new roads, exciting journeys and a time of self discovery. Follow your bliss."

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Honor Dads and cheer grads

FAMILY FEATURES – With the end of the school year and summer fast approaching, gifting occasions are plentiful. Some events – graduations and Father's Day, in particular – can be a challenge when it comes to finding the perfect present.

Resist the temptation to throw some cash or a gift card in an envelope and instead peruse these ideas for inspiration.

Gifts for Dads

Upgrade the Man Cave

Keep dad's space cool with smart home technology that can control features such as temperature, lighting and music volume. Many devices and apps allow for themed settings, so dad can instantaneously turn up the lights and sound to catch the game on his big screen, or relax while taking a leisurely weekend nap.

Gadgets Galore

If dad still works on a desktop, help him upgrade his outdated tech toys. Go in on a big present with your siblings and splurge on dad with a top-selling 2-in-1 laptop, such as a Dell Inspiron 13, which is available at Office Depot and OfficeMax locations. The stores offer a broad assortment of tablets and laptops to get him going with the latest in portable technology.

Out of This World

If you love playing video games with your dad, take it to the next level this Father's Day with a virtual reality headset that gives new meaning to getting into the game. These devices allow for 360 degree immersive viewing of more than 400 virtual reality apps available for Android and iOS devices, as well as many popular video content providers.

Tech for Every Day

So much of people's lives revolve around technology, and dads are no exception. Help him stay up-to-date with simple yet convenient and effective options for his smartphone like rechargeable power banks, cellphone cases, screen protectors and charging accessories. For a less tech-savvy dad, start small with an option like Bluetooth headphones.

Share Memories

A new digital camera is the perfect way to let dad capture every moment together with the family. If he as an ample photo library just waiting to be shared, create a work of art with a personalized canvas print he can proudly display in his office or favorite room in the house.

Goodies for Grads

Show Some Spirit

Graduating doesn't have to mean leaving everything about college behind. Let your grad proudly represent his or her alma mater with university-branded items for their desk at the office or at home.

Planning Ahead

Starting a new job means taking on new responsibilities and learning the ropes at a new company. Help your graduate stay ahead of the learning curve and on top of important meetings with a smart, new planner that makes organizing that extra-busy schedule a cinch.

Photos on the Go

If your grad is an avid photographer or even just enjoys the occasional commemorative photo with the family, consider a gift that gives him or her the ability to immediately enjoy personal artwork. While looking at photography on a phone can be fun, a device like the HP Sprocket Wireless Photo Printer, which can fit in a pocket, gives the option to print a 2-by-3-inch photo in as little as 40 seconds so favorite photos don't get lost in cyberspace.

Sign Up for Success

Today's students probably spent most of their college years tapping keys to take notes and complete important tasks. While those habits will transition well to the corporate world, there are still plenty of reasons to have some quality pens available. Whether jotting quick notes while on a call or signing important documents, the job is more enjoyable with a high-quality pen in hand.





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Prepaid funeral plans can save your family stress and money

Making funeral and/or memorial arrangements in advance, including prepaying some or all of the costs, is an important part of estate planning. Planning and prepaying spares your survivors from making these decisions and from worrying about money during an already difficult time.


BARBARA KENERSON

One way to prepay your funeral is by entering into a pre-need agreement with a funeral home. The funeral home may agree to "lock in" costs for future funeral or burial services at an agreed-on price. This is often done through a trust or other arrangement that you fund with cash, bonds or life insurance. At your death, the funds are disbursed to pay for your funeral according to the terms of the agreement.

Before entering into a prepaid arrangement, you may want to get answers to these questions:

• What happens to the funds you've prepaid? How are they held? Do they earn interest? Are they safe?

• What happens if the funeral home goes out of business? What protections, if any, do you have that your funds will be available when needed?

• Can you cancel the agreement and, if so, will you get a refund?

• If you move, can your funds be transferred to another funeral home? Will the same terms apply? Is there a fee or cost to transfer your funds to another funeral home?

There are some legal protections available to consumers of funeral home services. The Funeral Rule, enforced by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), requires funeral providers to give consumers accurate, itemized prices for the various goods and services offered, and to offer goods and services on an itemized basis, not solely as part of a package. The rule also prohibits funeral providers from misrepresenting service-related requirements and engaging in unfair or deceptive practices, and requires disclosures about funeral goods and services.

For more information on shopping for funeral services, the Funeral Rule and prepaying some or all expenses, go to the FTC consumer website, at www.consumer.ftc.gov.

The Funeral Rule does not provide specific remedies or causes of action for consumers who are victims of funeral providers that do not comply. Laws in individual states further regulate funeral providers and help ensure that advance payments are available when they're needed. However, protections vary widely from state to state, sometimes providing a window of opportunity for unscrupulous operators

Before entering into a prepaid agreement, here are some steps you can take to safeguard your funds and ensure you'll get the services you've paid for:

• Find out what consumer protections your state provides and whether it regulates the payment methods.

• Be sure that your funds or insurance policy are held in a trust at a reputable bank or other financial institution where you can check to be sure your money or policy is safe. You may even be entitled to an annual statement.

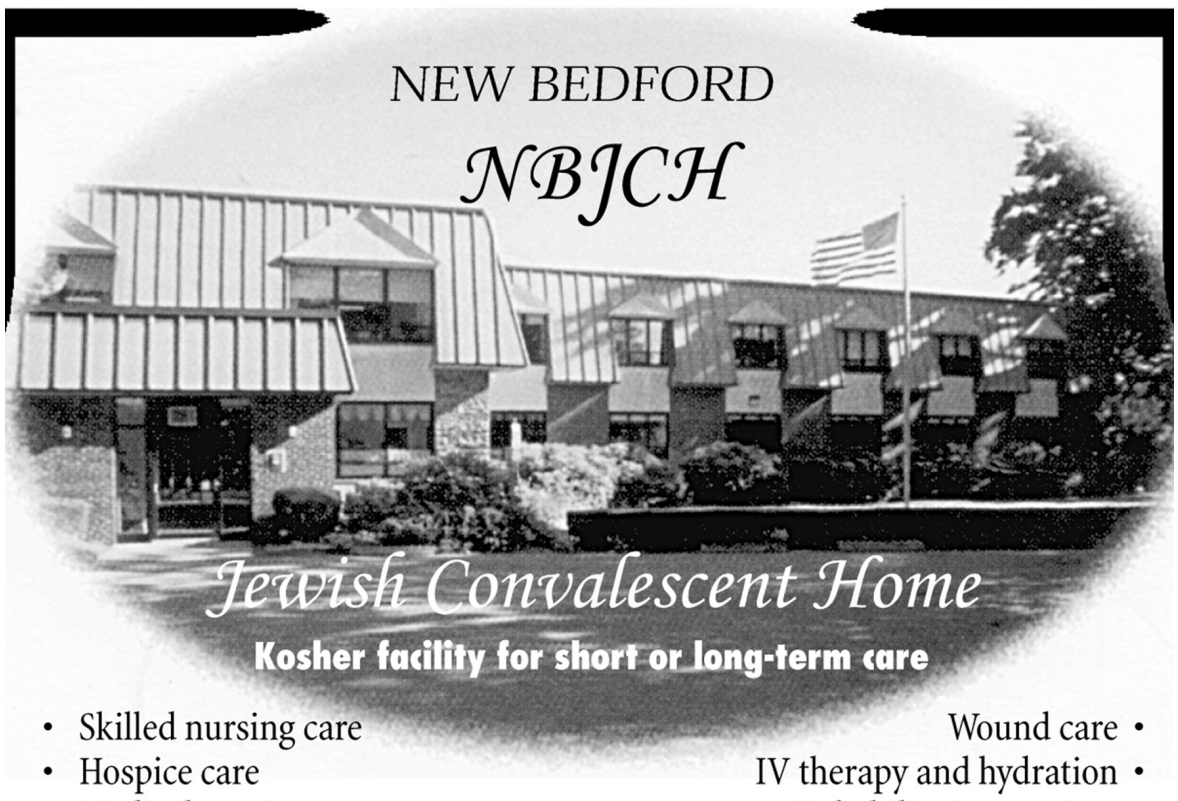
• If you're funding some or all of the pre-need arrangements with life insurance purchased through the funeral services provider, be sure the policy is permanent insurance, such a whole life, and not term insurance (if you outlive the term of the policy, there will be no insurance proceeds to pay for your funeral).

• The agreement should address what happens to any excess funds that may be available after paying for your services. Some pre-need contracts allow you to designate how excess funds are distributed (e.g., surviving family members, your temple or another charity).

• Along these same lines, find out if you are entitled to a partial or full refund if you cancel the contract. Some states allow the funeral provider to retain a portion of the funds, often depending on how long the contract has been in existence.

• Be sure to tell your family about the plans you've made and where you keep important documents, such as your last will and testament and pre-need funeral arrangements.

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Local company wins in LA

Angelwood Pictures received two 2017 LA Web Series Festival Awards. Its mystery series, "Family Problems," received the award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series (Karen Ann Martino as Mother Turner). Its drama-horror web series, "The Girl in the Attic," received the award for Outstanding Ensemble in a Drama Series and the special honor, Official Selection award for the Sicily Web Fest.

This is the sixth year Angelwood Pictures has attended the festival. It has won 20 Web Festival awards, including Outstanding Series, Writing, Directing, and numerous different acting awards.

The production company held its 2nd Annual Angelwood Pictures' Angel Awards fundraiser and award ceremony on June 3 at the RISD Museum. The event honors the cast and crew featured in its different films and web series produced over the past year.

Barrington resident Seth Chitwood, Angelwood Pictures co-founder and creative director, writes occasionally for The Jewish Voice.

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Argentine website's analysis of Nisman recordings wins Google journalism prize

JTA – An Argentine news outlet's analysis of secret recordings concerning the bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires won a national prize from Google Argentina and the National Forum of Professional Journalists.

The Digital Journalism Innovation Award was announced on June 3 during the 6th National Congress of Digital Journalism, organized by the journalism forum, known as FOPEA, and Google.

La Nacion Data Argentina analyzed 40,000 audio recordings that included information on which Jewish special prosecutor Alberto Nisman based his allegation that the government of former President Cristina de Kirchner cooperated with Iran to cover up the Islamic Republic's role in the bombing. The group also developed a database that makes it possible to search the recordings by topic or person. Nisman was found dead in 2015 just hours before he was to present his findings to Argentinean lawmakers.

Google Argentina recognized "the exploration and testing of different technologies to achieve the journalistic objective, one of which was the voice recognition to achieve an accurate transcription of the audios. The technology was unable to fulfill this task satisfactorily and this marks a way for Google and other industry companies to continue working on developing more and better tools."

The analysis, which was conducted by 120 volunteers, uncovered several pieces of information that had not been previously disclosed. Among them:



• Iran's local community paid bail to help a local activist accused of being a member of the violent movement Quebracho;

• A national senator from an official government party was discovered to be an active lobbyist for the Iranian government in partnership with local businessmen;

• Iran financed a local activist movement in favor of the Kirchner government that led demonstrations and protests against the U.S. Embassy.

Nisman was found dead on Jan. 18, 2015, hours before he was to present his allegations concerning the AMIA bombing, which killed 85 people and injured 300. His allegations named then-President de Kirchner, former Foreign Minister Hector Timerman and other government officials as co-conspirators in a cover-up.

Whether Nisman's shooting in his apartment was murder or self-inflicted has yet to be determined.

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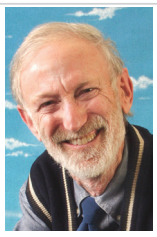
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The life and luck of Jim Weiss – and how he found his promised land



SKETCHBOOK

MIKE FINK

It wasn't quite an ideal day for a cruise in Newport, but somehow it worked out splendidly. Patricia and her daughter, Liza, memorialized the life and the romance of Jim Weiss aboard the Rum Runner II, and with champagne and chocolates.

The sky – I mean the "firmament" – was pearl gray with dark clouds, but the actual downpour waited politely and patiently until the ceremony and the celebration were done and the famous vessel (first launched some 87 years ago to serve the capitalist purpose of profiting from Prohibition) had returned to port at Bannister's Wharf.

Now, let me start with a sketch of the life of Jim, an orphan from the East Side of Providence and Patricia's late husband. She called her notes "Jim's Life Line."

While his three older brothers were sent to the Jewish orphanage situated at the center of what became The Miriam Hospital, on Summit Avenue in Providence, Jim, a newborn, was placed in a foster home under the trusty care of "Mama Bertha." Why? Because their mother was suffering from tuberculosis, and then passed away, while their father, whose entire extended family in Poland was threatened, and then murdered, by the Nazis and their collaborators, left our town to seek his fortune out west, across the U.S.

When the administration at the orphanage found out about the sibling in Pawtucket, they felt obligated to reunite the four brothers. Jacob, Ben, Charles, and now Jim, had access to the orphanage's recess asphalt block, which abutted the recess yard of the Summit Avenue Elementary School, which was how my brother, Chick, and I first met Jim: through the bars of the chain-link fence that separated the two realms.

Jim felt altogether abandoned, and endeavored to run away to find, at the very least, Mama Bertha, the only mother figure, the single and solitary maternal face, that he remembered.

Upon the closing of the orphanage, the brothers were shipped by bus to their father in California, where they were once again left to fend for themselves when their dad simply took off! A not-so-uncommon occurrence in the desperate depression. And yet, they thrived, and Jim recalled this time as the best part of their boyhood lives. All on their own! Until administration officials reclaimed them and placed them in foster homes.

On his 17th birthday, Jim joined the military. As a veteran, he set up his own used furniture business, borrowing small amounts from his brothers and Jewish agencies.

Patricia closed this short bio with a touching statement in her handwriting on lined paper: "He never forgot his 'Mama Bertha'."

But back to the boat! Patricia gave me a cap that Jim used to wear when he sailed on Narragansett Bay, and asked me to say a few words about him to the small crowd. I started out by saying that Jim's boyhood was steeped in the conditions of our shared generation: Rhode Island was hit hard by the depression and the duration, when the shoreline was dangerous, with submarines possibly hidden close to the beaches, and our shipyards were busy and noisy with war-related activities.



Jim longed for a safe haven. Did he finally find it at a chance, or *beshert*, encounter at a party one New Year's Eve in the penthouse above a former factory in Providence (perhaps once used as a lookout for enemy aircraft)? There, he saw a lady he remembered admiring in his school days.

"Are you free?" he asked.

She nodded.

Everyone could see the sparks of their sudden mutual attraction! On the Rum Runner II, my wife told that tale, Liza joined in, and several other guests confirmed the magical moment when Patricia and Jim began their romance.

I made the claim – no, it wasn't false modesty, it was the Rhode Island School of Design effect on my thinking – that things, images, paintings, pictures, drawings express meaning more clearly and colorfully than mere words, mine or anybody's.

I tried to describe a painting Patricia had created, and then shown at the Providence Art Club, of their honeymoon in Las Vegas, on a fake lagoon in a manufactured Venice! It revealed Jim going forward in his life, seated in the gondola full of happy expectations of a genuine, and generous, pursuit of happiness.

"He found in fact what he had sought in dreams, somebody who loved him and would stay with him and protect him. You could see it in the painting better than I can describe it in words, written or spoken."

Remember the song that launched Las Vegas at Caesar's Palace? "I've been in love before: haven't YOU? I've been in love, it's true … been learning to adore ... just YOU."

Yes, Patricia and Jim had their separate pasts, but also a shared future!

We went around the passengers on the Rum Runner II and everyone cheerfully added their commentaries on the character of Jim Weiss and the collective collaborative impression of their meaningful marriage. The words were sometimes funny or verged on the blunt, but other times they were lyrical and lovely.

Jim liked to flirt and to laugh. He smiled and greeted his friends with a mix of humor and heart.

Among those onboard was a young man named Zachary who had flown in from Texas to attend this event.

"Jim was like a grandfather to me, the only grandfather I had, and he kept a kindly eye on me, generous and good-natured," Zachary said with utmost sincerity. He is Liza's son, Patricia's grandson, and Jim's adopted and wonderful ward.

Like the rest of us, Jim Weiss had his troubles, but he had his pleasures as well, and in my eyes he seemed to have found the best luck of all, and you could see it whenever he went anywhere with Patricia: She kept him lookin' great, and, maybe strangely, they began to resemble each other, with style and with a similar flair.

When we clinked our glasses of champagne, I relied on the word *l'chaim*, to life itself! But I also opened a prayer book I had inherited from my late Uncle Sam, a heroic medic in World War II who, like Jim, had lost his mother as an infant and lived the life of an orphan. I read, in Hebrew, a portion of the Kaddish, to acknowledge that life is like the ocean itself, with its own rhythms and currents. But even here, I had to contend with a kind of riptide.

Patricia said to me, "Jim didn't really value his Jewish heritage. He associated it with being rejected by his father and suffering the absence of his mother. He found his spiritual values mostly, instead, in art and in nature, here, in Newport." Or words to that effect.

I translated it into my version of the story and the journey as a variation on the Touro Synagogue and the Touro garden, right here in Newport, Rhode Island. That is, face Jerusalem, find your own freedom and your private promised land, and face the Firmament and your Fate, with a sort of Hasidic comradeship offered by *Ha-Shem*!

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The R.I. Bubbe Lottery – or how to keep your grandchildren close

BY MAY-RONNY ZEIDMAN

This article is dedicated to anyone who writes to a child at summer camp and never gets a letter in return.

For several years, I wrote my grandchildren at summer camp, and never received an answer. So two years ago, I created something I call the Rhode Island Bubbe Lottery, which has the dual purpose of getting "my boys" to write to me and also exercise their brains. It even worked with a grandson who didn't attend camp.

Here's how it works: The first year I sent riddles (five or six) to the three boys and told them whoever responded with answers to all my riddles would be taken out for lunch and an afternoon of playing games at Dave & Buster's. Lo and behold, I received answers to all the riddles!

Sometimes they came up with answers that were different from those in the riddle book. For example:

Riddle: What has a neck but no head?

Answer: A bottle.

One of my boys: A sweater.

Riddle: How do you turn a dollar into two dollars?

Answer: Hold it in the mirror.

One of my boys responded with an answer I love: "Call your bubbe."

At the end of the second lottery season, the four of us went to King Richard's Faire, a medieval fair in the woods of Carver, Massachusetts, complete with jousting tournaments, games like archery and rope-ladder climbing, and performances all day long. I won't soon forget the lunch of hand-held turkey legs!

We were there from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. As we left the fairgrounds, one of my grandsons said, "Wow, I completely forgot what it is like out here." How good is that … we actually felt like we had been transported to another time and place!

I have not decided what the 2017 Rhode Island Bubbe Lottery will be, but I have decided that the reward will be a trip to Salem, Massachusetts, the witch city.

This summer the boys will be 12, 14 and 14. This is probably the last summer for my Bubbe Lottery. However, a creative spirit can always devise another way to keep the children we love in close contact.

Which reminds me that I now have to get ready to have dinner with my college-age granddaughter, followed by appointments for both of us with a fortune teller!

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

Cranston Seniors plan trip to Foxwoods

Cranston Senior Guild has scheduled a bus trip to Foxwoods on Wednesday, July 12. The cost of the trip is $24 per person (make check payable to Cranston Senior Guild). The price includes bus, free buffet or $10 food coupon to any restaurant at the casino and $10 bonus slot play (bonus subject to change).

The bus makes two pickups, 9 a.m. at the Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, and 9:15 a.m. at the Rhode Island Mall near Sears Auto Center. The bus departs Foxwoods at 3:15 p.m. Payment must be received by June 21. For information, call Sunny at 401-785-0748.

Submitted by Lois Cohen

Albert Finger, 94

BRISTOL, R.I. – Albert Finger died May 14. He was the husband of the late Evelyn (Moverman) Finger. Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, a son of the late Morris and Tillie (Tykocki) Finger, he had been a resident of Bristol since 1937. He attended Brown University before taking over responsibility for and becoming the owner of the former Morris Finger & Sons Furniture Store in Bristol. Mr. Finger was a member of Temple Beth-El. He is survived by his daughter Lori Bastien (Lisa) of Bristol and was the brother of the late Charles Finger. Contributions in his memory may be made to Perkins School for the Blind, 175 N. Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472.



Maurice Glicksman, 88

WARWICK, R.I. – Maurice Glicksman, Ph.D., died on May 26 at his home in Warwick. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Yetta Glicksman; his children, Howard and spouse, Lois; Roslynn; and Marcie and spouse, Scott. He is also survived by his sister, Gail, and spouse, Leon, and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Glicksman was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in 1928, studied at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada and received a Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Chicago in 1954. His research career brought him to the RCA Laboratories in Princeton, New Jersey, from 1954-1969, with a four-year appointment as director of the RCA Laboratories in Tokyo, Japan, from 1963-1967. In 1969, he became university professor and professor of Engineering at Brown University, where he served over the course of his career at the university as dean of the Graduate School, dean of the Faculty and Academic Affairs, and ultimately as provost from 1978-1990. He retired to become professor emeritus of Engineering and Physics in 1994.

Dr. Glicksman served on the boards of over 20 different organizations with diverse missions, including science research, academic, library science, health care, religious observance and community service. In Princeton, he served as president and board member at the Princeton Jewish Center, and in Providence, he served on the board of Temple Emanu-El and the board of Hillel and Brown and the Rhode Island School of Design.

Also in Providence, he served as a member of the board at The Miriam Hospital and served as chairman during his tenure. He was also on the board of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Seniors Agency, and the Lifespan Corp. (including director). On the national level, he served on the boards of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) of Dublin, Ohio, on the Fermilab Board of Overseers (including Chairman), and the National Council of Chief Academic Officers, the National Council on Education, and the Center for Research Libraries (including Chairman).

As a husband, brother, father and grandfather, he will be remembered as a man of unending curiosity about the world, unparalleled ethical principles and a sharp intellect that kept everyone who was engaged in conversation with him at the ready to expect well-developed ideas about current political events, the Yankees' baseball season, family or friends' major life events and challenges, or advice about school or work decisions relating to his own experiences. Family was always a priority, evident through his generous contributions to his children and grandchildren's education or the instant broad smile on his face when his infant great-grandchildren were placed in his arms.

Contributions in his memory can be made to Brown University, The Miriam Hospital, or Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island.

Beatrice L. Harary, 84

MARION, MASS. – Beatrice L. Harary died on May 29. She was the wife of the late Ralph E. Harary; they were married for 50 years.



She was born in Wareham, Massachusetts, a daughter of the late Isadore and Celia (Brody) Kobrin.

Beatrice and her husband, Ralph, were the proprietors of Harary's Jewelers in New Bedford, Massachusetts more than 50 years.

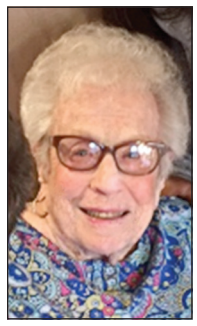
She is survived by her children Ely (Randy) Harary and Celia Harary; grandchildren Cheryl (Dovid) David and Ralph (Carly) Harary; sister Ruth Glaser; brothers Alvin and Morton (Sonia) Kobrin; great-grandchildren Eliyahu and Raphael; and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Libby and Dorothy Kobrin.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sippican Healthcare for their loving care of Bea.

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

Claire Korber, 95

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Claire (Hamburger) Korber died on June 2. She was the wife of the late Sidney Korber. She was born in New York City, the daughter of the late Max and Bella (Bloch) Hamburger and the late Emmy (Bloch) Hamburger, who raised her. She was a resident of Fall River from 1946 until she moved to Rhode Island in 1995.



Claire was a member of Temple Beth El in Fall River and its sisterhood, a life member of Hadassah, and the Women's Association of Brandeis University. She was a former member of Ledgemont Country Club and Hunter's Run Country Club in Boynton Beach, Florida.

She is survived by her children Michael (Fredda) Korber of Barrington; Jeffrey (Lisa) Korber of Rockaway, New Jersey; and Susan Korber of Watertown, Massachusetts. She is also survived by her grandchildren Liza (Douglas), Andrea, Rachel (Nicholas), Mira, and Sophia; step-grandchildren Maurice (Abigail) and Allison (Glenn); great-grandchildren Dylan, Blake and Wilder; and step-great-grandchildren Charlotte, Theodore, Tallia, Eddy (deceased), and LuLu. Contributions in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Selma Kroll, 95



Selma (Schlossberg) Kroll passed away on May 23. She was a longtime resident of Warwick and later East Greenwich. Selma is survived by her daughters Elizabeth (Wakefield) and Deborah (Madison, Wisconsin), and cherished granddaughter, Julia (Boston). Selma was preceded in death by her loving husband, Harry; daughter JoAnn; sister Regina Kalmin; and brother Harry Schlossberg.

Selma was born in Providence on Jan. 3, 1922 to Bertha and Joseph Schlossberg. She graduated from Classical High School summa cum laude in 1938 at the age of 16. At that young age she then attended Pembroke College (Brown University) and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1942.

Selma met the love of her life, Harry Kroll, when he hired her as an analytical chemist. They were married in 1945. She was a wonderful mother to her daughters, who will greatly miss her.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale South Bay for their many years of care and Hope Hospice of Rhode Island for their end of life support and care.

Contributions in Selma's memory may be made to Trudeau Center, 3445 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 or at trudeaucenter.org.

Lotte Posner, 102

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Lotte (Levi) Posner died peacefully at her beloved Laurelmead, on June 2. Lotte was born in Frankfurt, Germany, on Sept. 4, 1914 and emigrated from Nazi Germany with her husband, the late Robert Posner, and her infant son in March 1939 and has lived in Providence ever since.

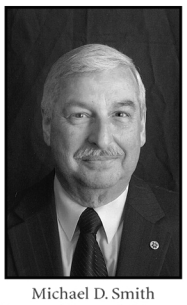


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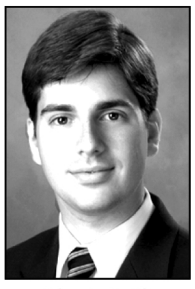
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Carl Reiner, 95, dishes his secrets to longevity

BY CURT SCHLEIER

(JTA) — The first thing Carl Reiner does every morning is pick up the paper and read the obituary section to check if he's named there.

"If I'm not, I'll have my breakfast"– or so he says in the charming and appropriately titled HBO documentary "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast."

Then the 95-year-old actor, writer and director, the creator of the "Dick Van Dyke Show" – "my greatest achievement," he tells JTA – goes to his computer to work on his latest project, a book.

The book – tentatively titled "Carl Reiner Alive at 95 Recalling Movies He Loved" – is one of several recently published or in the works in his crowded pipeline. These include a newly released children's book, "You Say God Bless You for Sneezing and Farting," and the forthcoming memoir "Too Busy to Die."

Staying busy is one of the bromides offered in the HBO film Reiner hosts. The idea for "If You're Not in the Obit" percolated from an obituary Reiner read for actress Polly Bergen, who died in 2014 at age 84.

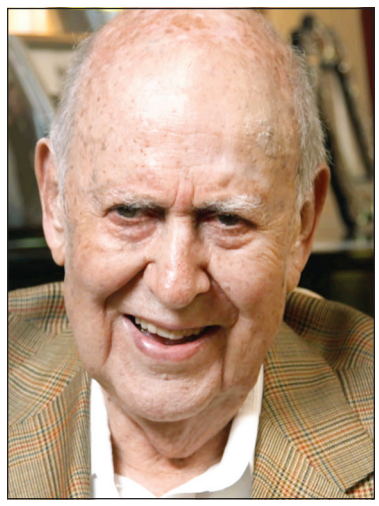
"It scared the bejeebers out of me," he says in the film. The obit, Reiner goes on, stayed with him.

So at the suggestion of his nephew, the producer George Shapiro, Reiner set out to find what keeps some old people young. For example, he visits 102-year-old Ida Keeling, who does push-ups and jogs daily. She started running at 67 to overcome depression resulting from the drug-related murders of her two sons.

Among others appearing in this delightful film are Patricia Morrison, 101, who starred in the original productions of "Kiss Me Kate" and "The King and I"; comic actress Betty White, 94, and fashion icon Iris Apfel, 94.

"People ask me where I get my vitality," Apfel says, "and to tell you the truth, I don't have a clue."

A funny bone is one thing that almost all the people interviewed had in common. For example, the late Fyvush Finkel — who was 92 when he was interviewed in 2015 — says, "There's nothing more boring than a clean old man."



Carl Reiner

Kirk Douglas, 100, speaks about how his wife urged him to go on the road with a one-man show to show how he was recovering from a stroke.

"What does an actor who can't talk wait for? Silent pictures to come back?" he asks.

They also shared a zest for life, a *joie de vivre*. Among those interviewed were 93-year-old Harriette Thompson, the oldest woman ever to finish a marathon, and Jim "Pee-Wee" Martin, who fought in D-Day and still parachutes today.

"I think it's partly your genes," Reiner says. "Also, it's your environment. Also, if you have a funny bone; if you grew up in a family with a sense of humor."

For Reiner, religion or spirituality hasn't played much of a role in his longevity. He didn't attend Hebrew school growing up. "I got a bootleg bar mitzvah," he says. "An old Jew taught me just enough to sneak by."

Reiner's spirituality hasn't increased much with age – his belief in a higher power was a casualty of World War II.

Reiner does point to family and friendships as an important aspect of achieving old age. "The key to longevity is to interact with other people."

His support system includes multiple Emmy Award winner, Norman Lear and longtime buddy Mel Brooks. If not reflective about the Bronx, Reiner is more than willing to talk about his 67-year friendship with Brooks.

"Mel and I go back to 1950, the first day I came to the 'Show of Shows,'" he says, recalling the 90-minute variety show featuring Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca. "I was hired as an actor, to be a straight man for Sid. Mel was in the office. He wasn't on the [show's] writing staff yet. He was working for Sid, giving him jokes.

"I came in and didn't know who he was. But Mel was standing there doing a Jewish pirate, saying, 'You don't know how hard it is to set sail. It's $3.87 for a yard of sail cloth. I can't afford to pillage and plunder anymore.'

"So I just started interviewing him, and I interviewed him for the next 10 years."

The pirate warped into the 2000 Year Old Man – a routine they performed at parties and made a private recording "for our non-anti-Semitic friends," Reiner quips. "Cary Grant loved it and asked if he could have a dozen records. He was going to England and wanted it for his trip. "When he got back he said, 'she loved it.' We asked, 'Who?' and he said, 'the Queen Mother,'" he says. "What an endorsement. The biggest *shiksa* in the world loved it."

Reiner and Brooks became inseparable buddies; a friendship that continues to this day. Reiner says that what helped cement their relationship was that their wives, Estelle Reiner and Anne Bancroft, got along. Bancroft, an Academy Award-winning actress, died in 2005, and Estelle Reiner passed away in 2008.

"It was easy; it was a foursome," Reiner says. "Mel still comes over almost every night. We watched 'Captain Blood' yesterday."

Who decides what to watch? "We talk it over," he explains. "We'll see anything on that's worth a look.

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and daughter-in-law, Maria, of Barrington; and her grandchildren Ronald and Vicky.

An avid lover of classical music, she was a yearly contributor to the Marlboro Festival in Vermont and to the Boston Symphony. Locally she and her late husband were devoted donors to the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, The Miriam Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and were longtime members of Temple Beth-El.

Lotte loved traveling, particularly to Scottsdale, Arizona, in the winter and the mountains of Switzerland in the summer. Over the years she became quite a sports fan, particularly enjoying tennis and her favorite Roger Federer, and the Celtics and Red Sox. She often said she could never figure out football.

Particular thanks to her loving caretakers for the past 10 years: Rosa Samiento, Angie Silva, Horomi Lima, Beatrix Frias and Peter Monteiro.

Contributions on her memory can be made to Dorcas International Institute of RI, 220 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI 02907, The Jewish Alliance of Greater RI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906, or St. Andrews School, 63 Federal Highway, Barrington, RI 02806.

ASK THE DIRECTOR

BY MICHAEL D. SMITH F.D./R.E.

Shalom Memorial Chapel

QUESTION: Why do we have an unveiling of the monument and when is it held?

G.M., Bristol

Dear G.M.,

An unveiling is a graveside ceremony marking the formal setting of a loved one's monument or marker at the cemetery.

This American custom can be held, according to Jewish law, any time after "*sheloshim*" (the 30-day mourning period) has concluded. Most Jews, however, hold the unveiling service just before the first *yahrtzeit* (anniversary) of their loved one's death. However, the unveiling date is flexible and should take place when it is most convenient for the family to be there.

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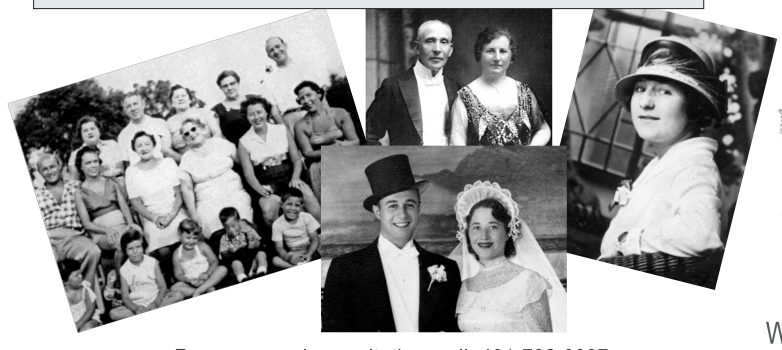
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WE ARE READ IN THE TROPICAL RAINFOREST – Ruth Paige-Levin (2nd from left) and her BFF Harriet Traugott were the guests of Ruthie's daughter Debbie LaMarche and her husband, David, in Puerto Rico. The photo was taken in the El Yunque National Forest. Levin and Traugott reside on the East Side and are members of Temple Emanu-El, Providence.



WE ARE READ IN JAPAN – Elaine and Barry Fain recently returned from a trip to Japan where they attended the Black Ships Festival in Shimoda.



WE ARE READ IN TEL AVIV – Betty Ann and Martin Israelit, of Providence, spent two interesting months in Israel in March in The Florentin neighborhood of Tel Aviv as their home base. Here they are pictured with visiting friend Naomi Morey. It was chilly in Israel in March.



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QATAR

Trump referred to Qatar's purchase of "beautiful military equipment" from the United States. But in a tweet early June 5 after news of the Saudi squeeze broke, Trump wrote: "During my recent trip to the Middle East I stated that there can no longer be funding of Radical Ideology. Leaders pointed to Qatar – look!"

It's good for Israel

Five Arab nations just pulled off what Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has for years wished the West would do: Exact a painful price on a nation for flirting with Hamas and Iran.

It's bad for Israel

Qatar was the only Persian Gulf nation that, from 1996 to 2000, allowed Israel to run a semi-diplomatic mission – a business interests section – on its soil. Its consistent posture on the boycotts that so aggravate Israel is that they are counterproductive. It has hosted Israel at its tennis tournaments and said that, should it win a spot, Israel would be welcome when it hosts the World Cup in 2022. The late Shimon Peres, when he was deputy prime minister, in 2007, made a high-profile visit to Qatar.

Jonathan Schanzer, a vice president at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, said the Israelis have "not been happy with the presence of Hamas in the capital of a major U.S. ally." On the other hand, he said Israel has been working with Qatar since 2014 to keep the Gaza Strip from collapsing into chaos.

And while Israel's outward posture toward Iran has been one of confrontation, it is not unappreciative of efforts by Qatar to moderate the Iranian regime, if only because that could mitigate the dangers of a regional arms race, said Anthony Cordesman, who holds the Burke Chair in Strategy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"From Israel's viewpoint, you have to decide if you want a constant arms race or you want the kind of pressure on Iran that will moderate it," he said.

What should Israel do?

Stay out, stay quiet. There's no upside to buying in, said Cordesman.

"The best position is to hope that if Israel stays out of this, what you will get is a compromise that will, on one hand, put more pressure on Qatar in terms of Islamic extremism, particularly the financing of extremists, but it will not freeze the situation with Iran as a whole," he said.

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Nicholas Stangas and Bethany Gersten

ENGAGEMENT – Robin and Gary Gersten of Plymouth, Massachusetts, are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Bethany Leah to Nicholas Theodore Stangas, son of Debbie Stangas and the late George Stangas of Woburn, Massachusetts.

Bethany received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Master of Education from Tufts University. She is employed as a school psychologist with the Danvers, Massachusetts, school system. Bethany is the granddaughter of Harriet Traugott and the late Peter Traugott of Providence, Frances and Barry Levin of Cranston and the late Bertram Gersten.

Nick received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University. He is employed as a manufacturing engineer at Raytheon Corp. in Andover, Massachusetts. Nick is the grandson of Mary and Arthur Houhoulis of Wakefield, Massachusetts, and Urania and the late Theodore Stangas of Arlington Massachusetts.

An April 2018 wedding is planned.



MAZAL TOV – Sandra and Fred Brown of Boynton Beach, Florida, formerly of Rhode Island, celebrated their 60th anniversary on March 24 at a Shabbat service held at Temple Beth Kodesh, Boynton Beach.

Joining them were their children and grandchildren from Needham, Massachusetts, Atlanta, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida.

Fred retired in 1997 as a project accountant with Gilbane Building Company and Sandra retired as a para-professional with a Rhode Island accounting firm.



MAZAL TOV – Ried and Mindy Redlich of Cumberland, had a double May simcha with the graduation of their daughters Sarah and Alysa Redlich. Both girls graduated summa cum laude: Sarah from the University of Connecticut in Storrs with a Masters in Higher Education and Alysa from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston with a Doctor of Pharmacy.

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