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Adam Greenman appointed president, CEO of the Alliance

BY FRAN OSTENDORF
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Adam Greenman will be the next president and chief executive officer of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, it was announced on June 14.

Greenman comes from a nonprofit background, working most recently as executive vice president of United Way of Rhode Island and executive director of the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance.

He was recognized in 2016 as one of the Providence Business News' 40 Under 40, and received the 2013 Youth Development Champion Award given by the Greater Providence YMCA. In 2011, Greenman was recognized as one of the Men Who Make a Difference, an award presented by the Women's Resource Center of Newport County.

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Riding for Holocaust education



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Grand Marshall Selma Stanzler with Boston Lonsmen president Jeffrey Komrower.

BY LEV POPLOW

On June 9, Jewish motorcyclists from as far away as California and Toronto roared into Rhode Island for the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance's Ride2Remember 2017. This year's fundraising ride was to benefit the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center, in Providence.

"I expected it to be large, but it was so much greater than I thought it was going to be. R2R was everything we hoped for and more," said Bornstein Holocaust Center Executive Director May-Ronny Zeidman. "The big thing was how Jewish the motorcyclists were; coming from all points of Judaism, they are united by three things: They are Jewish, they ride motorcycles and they care about Holocaust education."

The ride was just part of the Jewish

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Jeffrey Savit with Mitzi Berkelhammer.

Outgoing Alliance CEO Jeffrey Savit honored at annual meeting

BY FRAN OSTENDORF
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On June 8, the Jewish community of Rhode Island gathered in the newly renovated Victor and Gussie Baxt Social Hall at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center for the sixth annual meeting of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

The beautiful new space was a fitting venue in which to celebrate six years of the Alliance and honor outgoing President and Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Savit, who has led the Alliance through its infancy and the renovations to its Dwares JCC, in Providence.

The meeting began with cantorial soloist Dayna Bailen, coordinator of (401) j, leading the singing of

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THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The time has come to hold our fears within appropriate boundaries as we go forth to embrace the other."

Miriam women honor Lazarus, celebrate anniversary

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association (MHWA) celebrated its 120th anniversary at their annual meeting and installation of officers on June 7 at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Guest speaker, Rabbi Sarah Mack, president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island, and rabbi at Temple Beth-El, participated in the milestone celebration, sharing the Jewish historical significance of the number 120.

During the luncheon, Diane Lazarus, a dedicated hospital volunteer, was honored with the thirty-third MHWA Recognition Award. Arthur Sampson, president of the hospital, was presented with a check representing the money raised from this year's equipment event, along with the annual gift from the Gift Shop. The attendees enjoyed a video montage created from photos gathered from the archives, spanning the history of the organization.

In 1897, the Miriam Lodge #13 was formed by a group of women who sought to care for the ill and needy in the Jewish immigrant community. It was these women who raised the initial money to be used as a deposit for the purchase of a brick building on Parade Street, home of the first Miriam Hospital. The MHWA annual equipment event, which evolved through the many years of the women's' fundraising efforts, raises money to purchase cutting-edge hospital equipment that might not be in the current budget. The MHWA also plans educational events for the greater Rhode Island community throughout the year.

For information on membership and future programs, contact Vickie Scott at 401-793-3520 or Vickie.Scott@lifespan.org.

Submitted by
The Miriam Hospital
Womens Association



Diane Lazarus

DWARES JCC GOLF CLASSIC RESCHEDULED TO JULY 27

Every year golfers, community members and corporate sponsors join together for the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's Dwares JCC Golf Classic. However, this year the weather had a different plan!

Due to weather concerns, the classic, originally scheduled for June 5, had to be postponed. It will now be held on July 27 at the beautiful Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Massachusetts.

You can still be a part of this day!

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Rabbi Sarah Mack: People person and social reformer

BY SAM SERBY

Sarah Mack has been a rabbi at Temple Beth-El, in Providence, since 2003. Mack, who grew up in Seattle, graduated from Brandeis University in 1996 with degrees in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, and English. She spent a year studying at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and was ordained in 2003 at the New York campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Mack is president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island, and on the boards of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, the Religious Coalition for a Violence-Free Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty. Among her many interests is promoting marriage equality and social justice.

Rabbi Mack and her husband, Jeffrey Isaacs, live in Providence with their two sons.

Recently, she answered questions for The Jewish Voice.

Q: Favorite part of being Jewish?

A: My favorite part of being Jewish is the shape and rhythm of Jewish life. I like the way the [Jewish] calendar gives meaning not only to the week, with Shabbat, but also the flow of the seasons. It allows you to be mindful of the passage of time through that rubric, celebrating, reflecting and growing as you go.

Q: Favorite Jewish holiday?

A: It's hard for me to choose a favorite Jewish holiday because there are so many that I find delightful. I feel like it has changed [for me] over the years. Holidays that I loved before have taken on a new meaning as I celebrate them with my children. One of those, in particular, is Purim. My kids love dressing up, making hamantashen, and the story of Purim.

Passover is also a really important holiday to our family. We do a big seder with cousins, and it is something we talk about a lot as a family, learning about redemption and our responsibility to be redeemers based upon our history as a Jewish people.

Q: Favorite Jewish food?

A: Chocolate babka.

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

A: I think the best part of keeping Kosher is that it informs one's life with Jewish meaning every single day. We [Jews] certainly spend a lot of time thinking about food, so to take a moment to reflect on what is fit to eat, whether that be organic, eco-friendly or *hekshe*r, is important. I think it is a gift to find that Jewish meaning, sanctity and holiness every time we sit down for a meal. The worst part: Limits and boundaries. They can be both a blessing and a curse.

Q: Favorite Jewish songs?

A: "One Day" [by] Matisyahu and "Yihye Tov" [by] David Broza.

Q: Favorite Jewish movies?

A: "The Frisco Kid," "The Jazz Singer" and "Hester Street."

Q: Favorite Jewish celebrity?



Rabbi Sarah Mack

A: [Supreme Court Justice] Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Q: Favorite Israeli city to visit?

A. Jerusalem. I've lived in Jerusalem and it's incredibly dear to my heart.

Q: Favorite Israeli city to live?

A. Tel Aviv. I love Tel Aviv as a nexus of Jewish life, culture and contemporary Jewish identity. Also, [I like] the desert. There is something spiritually moving to me about the desert. The sounds, or lack thereof, never fail to move me.

Q: Favorite Hebrew words and why?

A: *Melafefon* – cucumber. I like it just because of how it sounds, and they're delicious. [Also] *savlanut* – patience. I think we all could use some patience.

Q: Favorite Yiddish word?

A: *Beshert* – soul mate.

Q: Favorite part of being a rabbi?

A: My favorite part of being a rabbi is people. I love people and it is a gift and an honor to be able to be involved in peoples' lives. I get to accompany people through joyful times and difficult times. To walk with people through sorrow is an honor. It is not always easy, but to be able to be present in peoples' lives is truly what drives me and makes this such a meaningful position.

This will be my 14th year at Temple Beth-El coming up, and being able to officiate at Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations for babies we named is an incredible gift. Also, my first confirmation students are getting married. Being able to see that full spectrum of life is my greatest joy.

Q: Favorite Jewish memory from your life?

A: [As a child] I always enjoyed our Passover celebrations. We had a big seder with friends and family. I also have

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Children's book is the latest from versatile Cranston writer

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Writing isn't easy for most people. Even talented writers might struggle to write a book that captures the imagination of children. Add to that a full-time job, two children, several grandchildren, and life in general, and where do you find the time to create a half-dozen children's books?

Somehow, Ruth Horowitz has managed to do just that.

Her latest book, "Are We Still Friends?," is the sixth for the Cranston resident who has a master's degree in library science and a background in newspapers.

Published by Scholastic Press, "Are We Still Friends?" is the tale of two great friends – an apple grower and a beekeeper – who have a spat, as friends sometimes do. In the end, they remain friends, because friendship trumps petty arguments.

The apples and honey theme came from Horowitz's own experience of taking her young children apple-picking. There was always honey for sale at the orchard, she said.

"It was always a natural pairing in my mind," she said, because the trees need the bees. And so the story of the two friends who need each other developed.

"I write books about getting along in the world. Getting along with people and with other creatures," Horowitz says.

The overarching theme of her books is getting over your differences, and Horowitz says, "to me, that is a Jewish theme that is more important than ever."

The New Jersey native has written books about bugs and bats and horseshoe crabs, all aimed at children. She's written for adults, too. She's even written a few columns for The Jewish Voice. But it's her children's books that are near and dear to her heart.

She began writing them in her spare time while living in Vermont with her husband, Dave Christensen, and two children, Sophie and Sam. Horowitz worked as a freelance writer and then at Seven Days, an independent newspaper based in Burlington.

She and her husband moved to Rhode Island in 2007.

It takes quite a few tries to create a book that merits publishing, she says. She tells of starting a book when one of her children was "a baby in a stroller." The book was finally published when that child was in elementary school. The first version of "Are We Still Friends?" was written in 1991. It was published in March.



Ruth Horowitz

Horowitz estimates that she's written about 50 short stories and books. In addition to the six published books, six of her short stories for adults have been published.

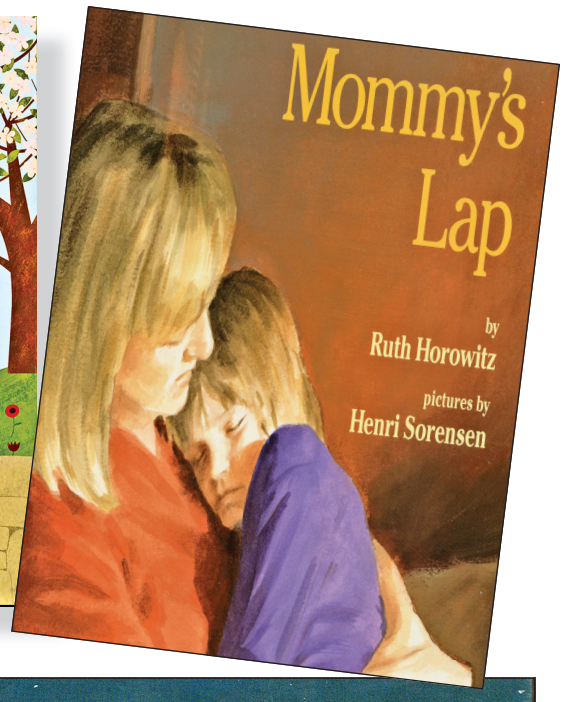
According to Horowitz, the process involves a lot of rewriting, giving up, and rewriting again.

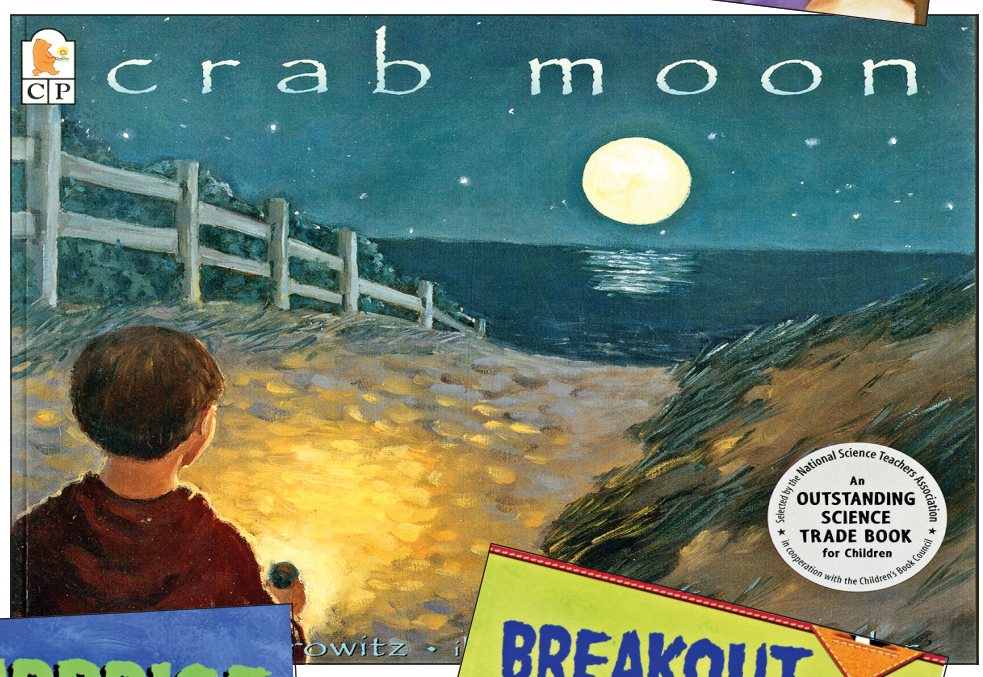
"You do it because you love it," she says of writing. "If you get published, it's icing on the cake."

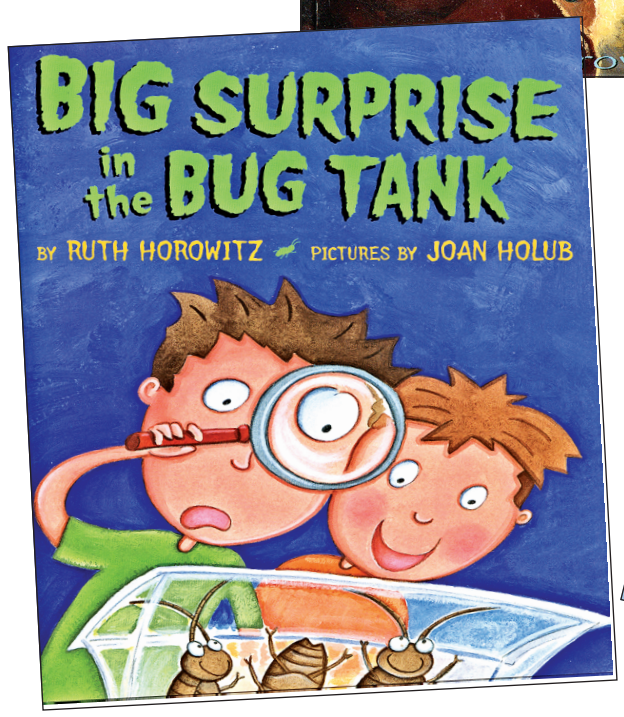
EDITOR'S NOTE: Ruth Horowitz will be signing her books at Bank Square Books, in Mystic, Connecticut, on July 1, and at An Unlikely Story, in Plainville, Massachusetts, on July 2.

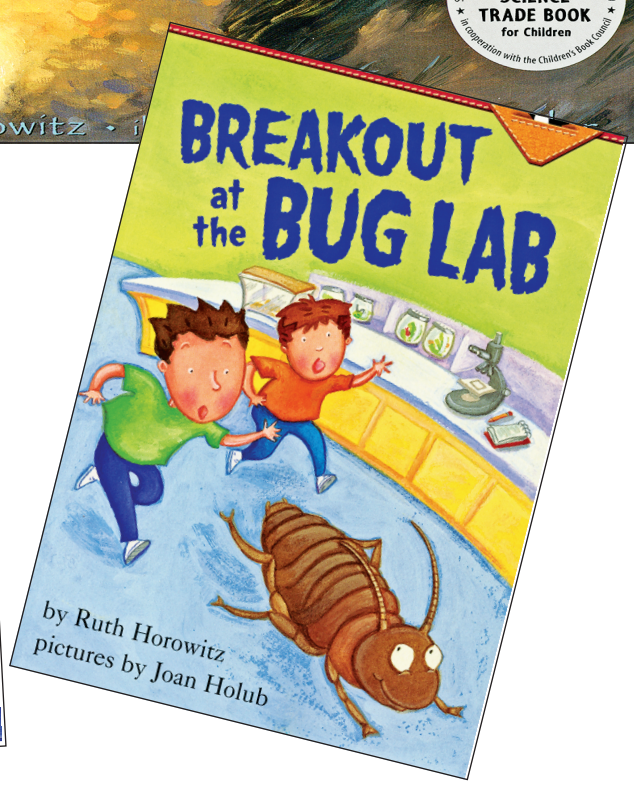
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Shabbat services under the stars

BY SAM SERBY

Several synagogues in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts will hold outdoor Shabbat services throughout the summer months, and all are welcome to join them on the patio, or in parks, or even at beaches.

Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser of Temple Sinai, in Cranston, has been hosting Shabbat on the Beach for many years. He spoke fondly of these services, saying, "I love being able to start the service by welcoming people to the largest house of worship: the world. Seeing the sky above and the sea and sand in front of us is inspiring, and it's a beautiful place to spend Shabbat.

"People come with their kids, some even in bathing suits, for a really casual, fun experience, celebrating Shabbat and being Jewish in a public place."

Rabbi Aaron Philmus of Temple Torat Yisrael, in East Greenwich, also enjoys this summer tradition, and invites people of all ages to join in.

"We purposely have the service outside the walls of the synagogue so that we can be open to connect more with new people, nature and the majesty of Shabbat as it comes in when the sun is setting over the water," said Philmus.

Here are the details:

Temple Habonim
Barrington, 401-245-6536
Shabbat on the Beach
Fridays, July 14 and Aug. 18, 6:15 p.m.
Location: Barrington Beach, Bay Road in Barrington.

Temple Beth-El
Providence, 401-331-6070
Shabbat Under the Stars
Fridays, July 21 and Aug. 25, picnic at 5:30 p.m. followed by service at 7 p.m.
Location: The Temple Beth-El Patio, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

Congregation Beth David
Narragansett, 401-789-3437
Shabbat on the Beach
Fridays, June 30, 6:45 p.m.; July 21, 6:30 p.m.; and Aug. 25, 6:15 p.m.
Location: Narragansett Town Beach, 39 Boston Neck Rd., Narragansett

Temple Sinai
Cranston, 401-942-8350
Shabbat on the Beach
Friday, July 28, 6 p.m.
Location: Goddard Memorial State Park, 1095 Ives Rd., East Greenwich
Havdalah on the Beach
Saturdays, July 15 and Aug. 12, 6 p.m.
Location: Narragansett Town Beach, 39 Boston Neck Rd., Narragansett

Temple Torat Yisrael
East Greenwich, 401-885-6600
Shabbat on the Beach
Fridays, June 23, July 7, July 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 18
Services begin at 6 p.m. and are followed by a potluck dairy picnic.
Location: Goddard Memorial State Park, 1095 Ives Rd., East Greenwich

Tifereth Israel Cong.
New Bedford, 508-997-3171
Shabbat on the Beach
Fridays, July 7, July 14, Aug. 18, Aug. 25, 6 p.m.
Location: Different location each Shabbat; contact the synagogue for details.

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A snapshot of our readers from the 2017 survey

You know who we are, but do we know who you are?

Some of you contact us frequently. But we wanted to know more. And our existing data was old. We'd done some surveys in the past, but they were pretty informal, a questionnaire in the newspaper with analysis done in our office.



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

The media world has changed a lot since our last survey, in 2013. Some of us don't read newspapers anymore. And when we do read them, we are looking for different information from what we once expected.

So in March, with the help of a professional survey company, we put our questions online. Some 200 of you took the survey. Here's what we found:

• 86 percent said reading The Jewish Voice makes you feel more connected to the local community.

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• 69 percent say that community news, community events and being connected to the local Jewish community are your top reasons for reading The Jewish Voice.

• Of the people who took the survey, 70 percent have been readers for 10 years or more and 56 percent are over age 65. Only 6 percent are ages 18-34.

What about website usage? Everybody says that the web is the newspaper of the future – but we learned that The Jewish Voice website does not replace our print newspaper for our readers. But now we also know that you go online – because this was an online survey! And your responses will help us optimize our website to complement – not replace – the newspaper.

Knowing who our readers are, and what they are looking for from The Voice, will help us better tailor the newspaper to your wants and needs. For example, we already knew that you read us for community news, but we didn't know exactly how important that is. We will continue to bring you as much of that news as we can – front and center in each issue.

We will also keep growing and evolving in an effort to attract younger readers – that's key to sustaining the newspaper in the future.

And we thank those of you who took the time to complete the survey. We hope our readers will continue to contact us with comments, letters and ideas. Our inbox is always open, at editor@jewishallianceri.org.

Also still open is our annual Patron Campaign. There's just one more week to make a gift this year that will go directly to supporting your Jewish community newspaper! Click the donation button at the top of our website, at jvhri.org, or mail a check to The Jewish Voice, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

This issue is our last before our summer break – we'll see you again on Aug. 11. And remember, our website will be up and running, and updated, all summer long. So visit jvhri.org every so often to get the latest news of Rhode Island's Jewish community.

And please remember to take The Voice on vacation and send us those photos!

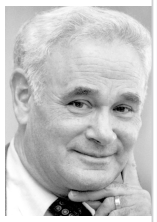
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Thanks!

The corrosive and corrupting nature of fear



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

June 6, 1939, remains a dark day in the history of our people. On that day, the German transatlantic liner St. Louis, packed with Jewish refugees, was forced to return from New York to Europe. Federal authorities in both Cuba and the United States, pressured by the anti-Semitism and xenophobia of their Depression-burdened citizens, refused to permit all but a few of the more than 900 refugees to disembark.

Though the St. Louis brought its passengers back to Europe, the ship did not return them to Hamburg, Germany. Rather, the Joint Distribution Committee, along with other Jewish organizations, negotiated with four Western European countries to accept the refugees: Great Britain took 288; the Netherlands, 181; Belgium, 214; and France, 224.

Only one passenger who entered Great Britain died during World War II, during an air raid in 1940. Those taken to Holland, Belgium and France did not fare so well; 254 of them were doomed to become victims of the Holocaust.

The story of the St. Louis is but one more tragedy in the almost 4,000-year journey of the Jewish people. Deep within our Jewish soul is our memory of being slaves in Egypt. Our experience in ancient Egypt – and in the many other Egypts, or "tight places," in which we have found ourselves – has taught us to reach out to the stranger, the other, the immigrant, the refugee.

Over and over again, our Torah instructs us: "You shall not oppress a stranger: for you know the heart of the stranger, seeing you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9). Indeed, our Torah goes even further, urging us to love the stranger: "As a citizen among you shall be the stranger who dwells with you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:34).

Given our history, it is no accident that a large majority of American Jews have been supportive of the immigrants and refugees who have come to our shores to live among us. It is no accident that, as of this writing, two Rhode Island synagogues – Temple Emanu-El, in Providence, and Temple Habonim, in Barrington – have joined more than 360 other American synagogues to become Welcome Campaign Congregations. The campaign is a project of HIAS, the venerable Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, founded in 1891. Participating synagogues are taking action through education, advocacy and fundraising to address the plight of the 65 million displaced persons throughout the world.

> **"As a citizen among you shall be the stranger who dwells with you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt"** (Leviticus 19:34)

While most American Jews continue to welcome immigrants and refugees to our shores, a sizable minority see these new arrivals as a clear and present danger – and support President Donald Trump's attempts to severely limit or even ban immigration from some Muslim-majority countries.

As far as I can tell, those of our fellow Jews who favor such restrictions are concerned with our physical safety. They fear that among the immigrants and refugees, there might well be terrorists whose aim is the death and destruction of Americans. After all, events in England, France and Belgium would seem to indicate that this threat is to be taken seriously.

To date, however, there is no evidence that, given our current extensive vetting procedures, further restricting the admission of immigrants and refugees would make us one whit safer. What is clear is that the fear of terrorism – in particular, the fear of Muslim terrorists – is destroying our nation's social fabric as well as shrinking the souls of individual citizens.

Yes, there is some reason to be afraid; terrorist events have happened here and will happen again. Nevertheless, it is self-destructive to permit our reasonable fears to destroy our long-held national values. At heart, we Americans are a compassionate people who welcome the stranger: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free ...."

William Faulkner, winner of the 1949 Nobel Prize for Literature, delivered his acceptance speech at a banquet in Stockholm on Dec. 10, 1950. His focus on the corrosive and corrupting nature of fear is eerily prophetic: "Our tragedy today is a general and universal physical fear .... There are no longer problems of the spirit. There is only the question: When will I be blown up? Because of this, the young man or woman writing today has forgotten the problems of the human heart in conflict with itself ...."

After issuing his warning about the crippling power of fear, Faulkner went on to express his faith in the future of the human enterprise: "I decline to accept the end of man ... I believe that man will not only endure, he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance."

Faulkner reminds us that fear is constricting, that fear makes us less than we can be, while compassion, concern for the other – the stranger, the immigrant, the refugee – expands our capacity to be fully human. His Nobel Prize speech could easily serve as a keynote address for World Refugee Day, observed this year on June 24.

The time has come to hold our fears within appropriate boundaries as we go forth to embrace the other; for in coming to know the heart of the stranger, we come closer to knowing our own hearts.

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Reflecting on six years at the Alliance

BY JEFFREY SAVIT

Earlier this year, Jeffrey Savit announced his resignation as president and chief executive officer of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. This speech was presented at the June 8 annual meeting of the Alliance.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. …" It's as if Charles Dickens was foreshadowing the Rhode Island Jewish community in 2011. When I arrived, we were a proud yet "siloed" community wrought asunder by severe financial challenges and divided loyalties. In the intervening six years, territorial duality is being increasingly replaced by compassionate UNITY, which I believe to be the five most important letters of the word community.

My friends, I have had the heaven-sent honor to have led our Jewish Alliance through its first six years of infancy and toddlerhood. William Shakespeare famously asked "What's in a name? That which we call a rose ... By any other name would smell as sweet." So what exactly is the meaning of our Alliance? Merriam Webster defines Alliance to be "the state of being allied," "the bond or connection between parties or individuals," and "an association to further the common interests of members."

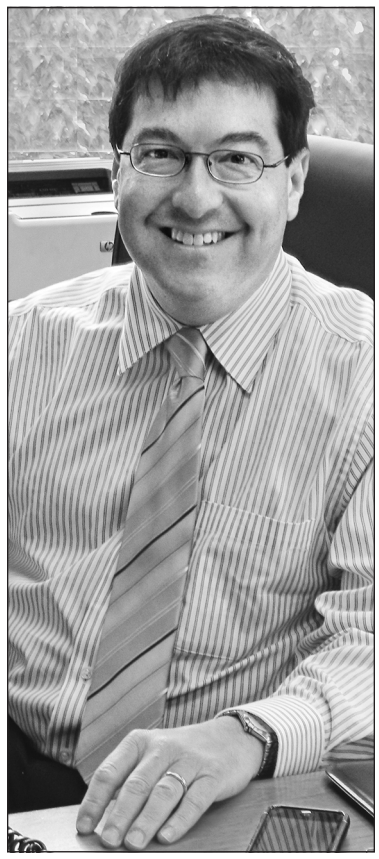
So by definition, has our RI Jewish community alliance succeeded in the last six years? In my humble and unbiased mind, you bet we have. In 2011, who would have ever thought that 50 percent of our local Jewish community suffered from economic and emotional vulnerability, and that 18 percent was impoverished? To date, and through your help, our Living on the Edge Initiative has generated more than $1.5 million and benefited more than 2,000 Jewish community members.

In addition, who would have imagined that we could have constructed a world-class Holocaust Memorial in downtown Providence? And, most audaciously, who would have believed that our community would have had the wherewithal and bandwidth to renovate our stunning Dwares JCC. And throughout, despite increasingly tight resources and a diminishing donor and volunteer base, we have been able to keep our Alliance annual campaign stable and steady, and launched an innovation grant program that benefited six of our synagogues and other local Jewish organizations.

Yes, my friends, we are in the process of achieving a community Alliance. Please look no further than the pending merger of our Jewish Family Services and Jewish Seniors Agency. With that said, however, life has not always been a bowl of cherries during these last six years. From the wars being waged in Gaza to the contentiousness in Washington D.C.; from the civil, political and religious challenges that beset Israel to the hostility and anti-Semitism that have been unleashed locally and across our nation; and from worldwide terrorist attacks to domestic bomb and armed shooter threats; we have all had our shares of sleepless nights. But no one has ever, ever said it was supposed to be easy.

Six years later, I professionally depart a proud, caring and much more cohesive community, and so many of you deserve to take bows for what together we have accomplished. There are just too, too many of you to thank individually, but you all know what you mean to me and who you are, those who have partnered with me, advised me, taught me, grounded me, and of course fed me. I will never forget what so many of you did for me personally, for my family, and most importantly, for our community.

First of all, thank you to my magnificently selfless, loyal and hard-working Alliance senior managers and professional staff. You have provided me with a lifetime of appreciation these past six years. And to Gail, I simply do not know what to say, and perhaps never will, except that you are a treasure who epitomizes all that is wonderful about



Jeffrey Savit

the Alliance. Next, I want to thank my superb and supportive Boards of Directors and Chairs, our magnificent Alliance fiduciaries past and present; and finally our remarkable community donors, volunteers, professional colleagues and rabbis. I will miss you all enormously.

Change is not only good for individuals, it also healthy for organizations. And indeed it is time for a change at the Alliance and in the Savit household. With my impending departure, I ask you not to stop supporting our glorious Jewish community of greater Rhode Island. Please maintain, if not increase, your gifts and your volunteer efforts to our Alliance annual and targeted campaigns; please become members of our Dwares JCC; please support and affiliate with our agencies and synagogues, and continue learning from our rabbis; and please never forget that if we do not support one another and our local community, then who exactly will? You will be in the finest of hands with my successor and I know you will extend the same courtesy, respect and friendship you have always provided me.

So in a few weeks' time, I shall return to Lori, Mollie and Chloe and leave the Alliance fulfilled, proud, and yes, ready to take a deep breath. "Regrets…(yes) I've had a few but then again, too few to mention. I did what …(we) had to do and saw it through without exemption. I planned each charted course, each careful step along the byway." And from the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me to do so the Alliance way, so that together, we could navigate our community's ship out of dry dock and into the majestic seas.

Richard Licht: A tribute to Jeffrey Savit

This was presented by Richard Licht at the June 8 Alliance annual meeting. It has been edited slightly for publication.

Six years ago our community took a risk and embarked on a new voyage. Three venerable institutions – each with a storied history of serving the Rhode Island Jewish community – combined to form the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. While the new Alliance had dedicated lay leadership and a talented and committed staff, it lacked a professional leader. So we doubled down on our bet and engaged a man who lacked the typical credentials and curriculum vitae for a CEO of a major Jewish nonprofit organization.

But he had the mind of a lawyer, the heart of a social worker and a lifetime of involvement in Jewish social causes. Six years later, we all know that we cashed in handsomely on that bet.

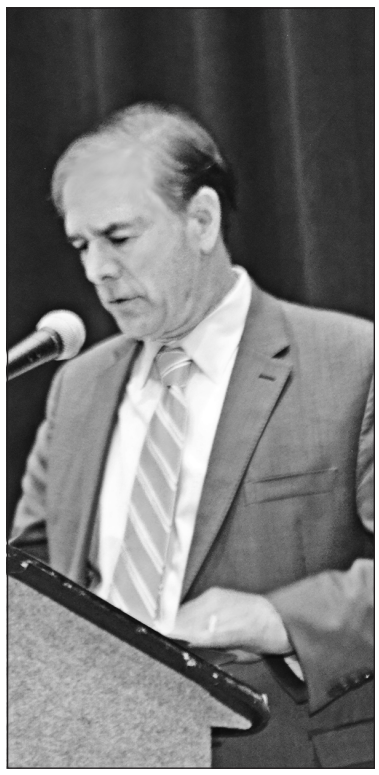
Jeffrey Savit is one-of-a-kind. With a broad smile, big heart, and wrap-around hugs, his leadership and vision changed this agency… and this community. And he became a valued citizen of Jewish Rhode Island. He reached out to all our secular and religious Jewish institutions – met their leaders and attended their events.

As the first chair of the Alliance I witnessed firsthand how he arrived at this nascent organization and how his "think big, act big attitude" encouraged others to find a way to get there with him.

Compassionate, empathetic – Jeffrey is an optimist. To him, the glass is not half full … it is overflowing. Jeffrey believes that in doing things with grit and hard work – nothing is impossible. Jeffrey knows that in order to achieve greatness, he had to create a culture of optimism. While there were many ups and downs, the prevalence of positivity kept this agency going. Some might see this as fearlessness – but Jeffrey truly believes in making the impossible possible.

And he did just that. When others doubted that we could increase our fundraising to encompass new projects, Jeffrey produced results. That is why we are here in the beautiful Victor and Gussie Baxt Social Hall as part of the remarkable renovated Dwares JCC. That is why Jeffrey told us there were Jews in need in our very midst and he launched the Living on the Edge Initiative. That is why we in Rhode Island will never forget because Jeffrey brought to life the dream of our Holocaust survivors and all Rhode Island now can experience the downtown Holocaust Memorial. Jeffrey would be the first to say these accomplishments were the result of the efforts of others – generous donors, dedicated lay leaders and hard-working staff. But it was Jeffrey's clear vision, strong work ethic and steadfast focus that assured the success.

Leo Rosten, author of the "Joys of Yiddish," says that a *mensch* is "someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. The key to being 'a real *mensch*' is nothing less



Richard Licht

than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, decorous."

Jeffrey displays all these characteristics. Whether meeting a major donor or an impoverished client of the Alliance, he listens with compassion and concern. Whether speaking to a member of his senior staff or a teacher's aide at the early childhood center, he treats each with respect and dignity. Over the past six years I have observed Jeffrey in so many settings – presiding over meetings, talking through Alliance issues on our many rides home, wowing and befriending many non-Jewish leaders of our state on our mission to Israel, *kvelling* over the accomplishments of Chloe or Mollie, and of course expressing his devotion to Lori. So I can bear witness to the fact Jeffrey is someone to admire and emulate and is of noble character. I can assure you that if they ever create a *mensch* hall of fame, Jeffrey will be a first ballot inductee.

This community and I will miss your leadership, but we will always have your friendship.

RICHARD LICHT served as chair of the Alliance from 2011-2013.

Transitions and celebrations past and present

BY BARBARA FIELDS

May is a month of transitions and celebrations. Graduations abound. Reflection and perspective. I'm thinking a lot about my son, a soon-to-be high school graduate and about a stateless war refugee. The connection? They are the threads of my family's story.

In less than a month, my 18-year-old son will graduate from high school. An honors student and an accomplished athlete, he will enter Duke University this summer as a member of a Division 1 football team. The stuff of boyhood dreams.

This month also marks the 70th anniversary of the day my father, Daniel's grandfather, arrived in America. In May, 1947, my dad – a penniless 27-year-old, orphaned by the war – finally reached the land of his boyhood dreams. But under circumstances he could not have dreamed of – even in his worst nightmare.

As a young boy in Berlin, Germany, my father loved sports. He played and watched soccer at every opportunity. He also dreamed of some day going to the U.S. It was a dream that had consumed him from an early age, fueled by tales of his great-uncles who had made the journey in the 1800s. When the 1936 Olympics came to his city, my father used the few words of English that his English-born grandmother had taught him to speak with the athletes he met in the streets. As a Jewish boy, he could not have been prouder when Jesse Owens' victories caused Hitler to storm out of the stadium.

As a young boy, my father was a talented student who was university-bound. Prescient beyond his years, he somehow convinced his mother that learning a trade might prove more useful than a university degree. The typesetting skills he learned at a vocational school proved invaluable when after Kristallnacht in November 1938 he left his family and fled to Shanghai, China – the one city in the world that asked no questions and welcomed all arrivals.

While working for a German-language newspaper in Shanghai's refugee settlement, my father never lost sight of his dream of coming to America. After the war, as my dad's aunt and uncle left for Australia, my father chose instead to head to Peking (now Beijing) in search of work with the U.S. Army. That decision proved fateful when a year-and-a-half later, a U.S. soldier he had befriended told his mother about a stateless Jewish guy he had met back in China.

There were immigration rules and requirements – not easy to meet and quite burdensome. But grateful to have her own son home unharmed, a widowed mother of two committed to help a young man she had never met to leave a country halfway around the world. Soon, my dad was on his way to San Francisco and then on to Cape Cod to meet and thank this remarkable woman. And the rest, we say in our family, is history.

Just over 6 months later, my father met my mother (another German war refugee) on a blind date in New York, married and began to live the American dream – starting a business, raising a family, buying a home in the suburbs.

It's hard for me to imagine as my son walks across that stage – that at about the same age, my father boarded a train and a boat bound for a far-off land and an uncertain future. He never saw his mother or father again.

Two years ago, I took my son to Berlin to visit the city of his grandfather's youth. We visited the Brandenburg Gate and the 1936 Olympic Stadium and the remains of the Wall. Then we visited the Jewish cemetery where we found the graves of my son's great-great and great-great-great grandparents. It was a stark reminder of the twists of fate that can shape our lives and change our dreams.

Graduations. Anniversaries. Births. Deaths. We mark the years. We dream of the future. We honor the past. I know my son will face many challenges along the road, but I know that he carries in him the love, determination and resilience that carried his grandfather forward to unknown shores.

BARBARA FIELDS is a Providence resident and proud mother of two teenagers. She currently serves as CEO at RI-Housing, Rhode Island's housing bank.

Lessons from a magical evening of intergenerational unity

BY NOEL RUBINTON

At Brown RISD Hillel a few weeks ago, amid the spirited davening, singing and eating on Shabbat during the commencement/reunion weekend, I saw something larger, too: many of the keys to Jewish continuity.

That night you could vividly see, hear and taste the attributes that make a Jewish community work. This recipe for success – so passionately sought throughout the Jewish world – deserves some consideration.

At its center, there was a strong sense of place and home, one that inspires fierce loyalty. Perhaps it was predictable that there would be a tight cadre of graduating seniors celebrating a major rite of passage. Less predictable was that younger students attended, as well as a vocal group from last year's graduating class that wanted to root on the seniors.

The group that had gathered was decidedly non-exclusive. Parents and siblings of the seniors joined in with spirit. Alumni stretching back nearly 50 years were part of the circle, including some who hadn't been active in Hillel during college and a few who had never even been to a service at Hillel before.

As people introduced themselves one by one and said why they came, it was clear that the multiple generations represented, *l'dor v'dor*, were a draw for students and alums (including me).

The *ruach*, or spirit, was contagious. Melodies spanned a number of genres and there was the pleasant anticipation of not knowing what would come next – including a *Lecha Dodi* that was "crowdsourced," with suggestions taken from whoever spoke up.

The atmosphere was relaxed – if you didn't know the tune, you could pick up it from the strong singers, la-la-la your way along, or just enjoy listening. There was great respect for people who observed prayers differently.

The physical space for the service, and later dinner, was simple in its beauty. Being surrounded by art, both objects and striking Hillel organization posters, added to the experience.

The food – so important at Jewish gatherings – was tasty and healthy without being ostentatious, and the intergenerational mixing at tables made for an interesting sharing of perspectives and histories. During services, a senior remarked that he hoped that he too would return for his 35th reunion, like an alum in the room.

Hillel's clergy was friendly and inspiring, the staff thoughtful and well-organized.

We may think of the synagogue to which we belong, and of other Jewish organizations, and say to ourselves, yes, we already have these elements, or at least many of them. The secret, however, is in the alchemy, the mix of ingredients.

No place is ever perfect – maybe that social hall could use sprucing up, or that melody is a little off one week. The real solution lies in having the vision and courage to keep tinkering and rebalancing.

Some may think that Hillels have it easy. Yes, college can be a bubble, and it offers a tremendous opportunity for growth and engagement, including in Judaism. But that doesn't mean that Hillels have a simple path, since students can vote with their feet, like all Jews, and leave the rooms empty or without spirit.

What was magical that recent night at Hillel is that a people-centric community had been created and curated. You couldn't see the stitching (a sign of good planning), but a huge effort had been made to build a true *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community.

Creating such a place is an opportunity throughout the Jewish world. Not an easy one, but possible. It involves risk – but also promises great rewards. Just think: it could start with something as small (and large) as the cantor asking congregants to name a favorite tune and making that the melody of the day.

NOEL RUBINTON is a writer based in Providence.

Letter

In appreciation

In his May 19 "Shabbat Shalom" newsletter, Alliance President and CEO Jeffrey Savit proclaimed May 22 to be "Rhode Island Jewish Community Employee Appreciation Day." He called for expressing "our thanks to the countless professionals who selflessly work at our Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues across greater Rhode Island."

In that spirit, we express our appreciation for Marty Cooper, longtime director of the Alliance's Community Relations Council (CRC), the Jewish community's outreach, public policy and advocacy arm. After serving the Alliance for more than 10 years, Marty departed his position on Feb. 21.

Marty carried out much of the Alliance's work of *tikkun olam*, advocating on Israel and social justice issues. He was the public face of the Alliance to the Rhode Island interfaith community, the State House, the Rhode Island congressional delegation, local universities, the Israeli consulate in Boston, the Jewish Federations' General Assembly and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. Well-known in the Rhode Island policy and interfaith communities, Marty had many friends and colleagues both in the Jewish community and beyond.

Marty worked tirelessly on behalf of the Jewish community and never ceased trying to find common ground among constituencies with often differing views. We are grateful for the thoughtfulness, intelligence, expertise, respect and decency that he brought to his position. He has left big shoes to fill. We will miss him at the Alliance.

Sincerely,
Nina Tannenwald
Reverend Don Anderson
Imam Farid Ansari
Ruti Ben-Artzi
Jay Burdick
Deb DeBare
Rabbi Wayne Franklin
Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser
Ellen Goodman
Judy Kaye
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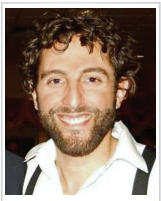
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RABBI AARON PHILMUS

If you live in Rhode Island, you've probably been to Allie's Donuts, a legendary stop on the way to Narragansett. I'm sorry to report that they fry their famous donuts in animal fat (not Kosher). However, I do spend a fair bit of time across the street, at Allie's animal feed store.

Recently I was picking up some Purina goat chow and grassy hay when the friendly woman at the register said, "*Boker tov,* rabbi!" She was proud to share what she had learned on her recent church mission to Israel.

"Rabbi, it is my husband's birthday," she continued. "Please can you give him the ironic blessing?"

"Ironic? Oh, you mean the Aaronic blessing of the high priest and the whole Cohen family? Isn't it ironic – we just chanted that prayer from our weekly Torah reading."

At this point, the other customers were getting *shpilkes*, and the look on her husband's face told me he wanted out.

"I am from the tribe of Levi," I said. "I can wash the hands and feet of the Kohen, but I don't have any special ability to bless. Your blessing has more power since we give blessings with love and you clearly love him very much."

"Rabbi, do you think they are going to build the Third Temple?"

I responded, "For 2,000 years we have been praying every day to return and rebuild our Holy Temple. It is hard to imagine how this would actually happen any time soon. However, my friend Steve is a Kohen, and I'm sure when the time comes, he would be happy to bless your whole family."

July 11 is the 17th day of Tammuz, when Jews around the world will fast to commemorate the day when the Romans breached the walls of the Second Temple. It was the beginning of the destruction of the Temple. Today, about half of the world's Jews live in Israel and the rest of us are displaced in a "foreign" land.

In the *midrash* and *Kabbalah*, Israel is compared to the moon, whose greatness lies in her power to receive and reflect light. Sometimes in history she is bright and full and at other times her light is completely hidden. Our mission is not to convert everyone to Judaism, but rather, as the prophet Isaiah said, we are to become an "*ohr lagoyim*," a light unto the nations. This means we are to enlighten other nations with our righteous way of life and the wisdom of our holy Torah.

As a post-modern Jew, I am glad to say that in addition to the Torah, I have also been personally enlightened by my Christian, Muslim and Buddhist friends and their traditions. Maybe Mama *Adamah* (Earth) is like the human body, which has multiple *chakras* (energy points) – Jerusalem, Rome, Mecca, Uluru Ayers Rock, etc. – each one reflecting a unique spectrum of Divine Light.

Traditional Judaism asserts that if we rebuild the Temple, Jerusalem will become a fountain of light for the whole world.

In 2,000 years of exile, we have never been this close, yet we have also never been this far. Most contemporary Jews are embarrassed and even horrified by the thought of building a Third Temple. They warm up to the idea a bit more when I ask them, "What if the Temple Mount was shared by all of humanity as a holy site that is kept by Muslims and Jews?" It might seem impossible, but according to Dr. Moshe Sharon of Hebrew University, it has already happened.

Some early Arabic sources from the time of the Muslim conquest report that Jews lit a menorah in the *Bayt al-Maqdis*' (Arabic for *Beit Hamikdash*, or Holy Temple), burned incense and received blessings from "*wuld Harun*," Arabic for "the sons of Aaron." An early Jewish *midrash* (*Nistarot Rashbi*) calls Muslims the initiators of Israel's redemption and refers to one Muslim ruler as the "Builder of the House of the Lord."

Once it was Christians who persecuted the Jews. Today our Christian friends are almost as excited about our return to Israel as we are. If healing can happen between Christians and Jews, then with God's help, so may it be for Jews and Muslims. Amen.

AARON PHILMUS is rabbi of Torat Yisrael in East Greenwich.

Immigrant advocate David Lubell awarded $100,000 Bronfman Prize

JTA – David Lubell was honored for his work creating welcoming communities for immigrants and refugees with the 2017 Charles Bronfman Prize.

Lubell, of Decatur, Georgia, is the founder and executive director of Welcoming America, which works in 190 communities across the country to help them eliminate the institutional barriers that make it harder for immigrants to fully integrate. It also works to address the concerns and needs of longtime residents in cities and towns where the newcomers settle. The organization's model is also being applied in countries around the world.

The annual prize, which carries a $100,000 award, goes to a Jewish humanitarian under age 50 whose work is informed and fueled by Jewish values and has broad, global impact.

"At a time when the U.S. and countries around the world face unprecedented polarization, David Lubell's work creates understanding and connectivity between Americans and immigrants," said Charles Bronfman, the former chairman of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies and the former co-chairman of The Seagram Company, in a statement. "By ensuring they are made to feel welcome in their new homes, Welcoming America shows us how we can all benefit from the resilience, talent and positive impact of these new Americans – which has forever been the experience of our nation of immigrants."

"Welcoming communities are vital to our shared future, and it is only by finding common ground and working together that our communities and nation can thrive," he said in a statement. "As a Jewish American, nothing could make me feel more connected to my values, and to my history, than working to 'welcome the stranger,' and I am thrilled that the judges recognized the significance of this work."

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NEW CEO

Greenman has a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University and an Ed.D. in educational leadership from Northeastern University.

He is the second person to head the Alliance, succeeding Jeffrey Savit, who announced his resignation earlier this year.

In 2015, Greenman traveled to Israel on the Alliance and Community Relations Council mission for Rhode Island leaders.

"I'm excited to work with the staff and volunteers of the Jewish Alliance to build on the great work that Jeffrey Savit started," Greenman said.

"I look forward to leading this team as we create new opportunities for people to come together to celebrate our culture and faith, while working to further strengthen our Jewish community here and abroad."

Greenman lives in Pawtucket with his wife and two daughters. He starts at the Alliance at the beginning of August.

FRAN OSTENDORF is the editor of The Jewish Voice.

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very positive Jewish camp and youth group memories that I think, in many ways, influenced my decision to become a rabbi.

Q: Greatest piece of advice someone has given you?

A:"Be kind." From Rabbi [Leslie] Gutterman, former senior rabbi at Temple Beth-El [in Providence] and my friend and mentor.

Q: If you could have three dinner guests, living or from history, who would you choose?

A. Chaim Nachman Bialik [a Jewish poet and pioneer of modern Hebrew poetry].

I would love to sit down with him because of his nexus of Jewish literature and culture. I would like to hear his take on where we [the Jewish people] are now.

Isaac Mayer Wise [Father of Reform Judaism]. I would be fascinated to see what he has to say about the state of the American-Jewish community.

Rachel "Ray" Frank [religious leader in the mid-1800s]. Women were not being ordained then, but she gave many lectures. She was amazing, and I think it would be cool to "take her pulse" on what it was like to be a female leader in the American-Jewish community then.

Q: What does it mean to you to be a female rabbi in a mostly male-dominated position?

A: I would say that it actually is no longer a male-dominated position. The incoming classes of rabbis are 50-percent-plus female and have been for years. There are hundreds of female rabbis out there these days and it [the profession] no longer feels male-dominated. I believe, in Rhode Island, there are five female rabbis, and I feel well represented.

To deny that gender plays a role in the rabbinate would be disingenuous of me, because I think it does. I hesitate to say that women bring something different to the rabbinate than men bring. I think it has to do with individuals. But, just like women doctors, lawyers, financial professionals, etc. face challenges based on gender, I think female rabbis face some of those as well.

Overall, I think that personality and who you are as a person brings a lot to the rabbinate, not just gender.

Q: You are involved in several social justice causes in Rhode Island. What do you hope to achieve with this work, and why is it so important to you?

A: There's a lot that needs to be done [in Rhode Island]. I have high hopes for sensible gun legislation and very high hopes for a woman's right to choose, and would love to see that passed in Rhode Island. I am very committed to legislation that is related to poverty and quality of life, including issues such as sick leave, bus passes, etc. There is a lot we can do on a state level, and I'm grateful that Rhode Island has an incredible interfaith coalition that works together for social justice.

This work is so important to me because it is part of my Jewish self and it always has been.

The Reform movement really focuses on prophetic justice and that is an essential piece of my Judaism. We were once slaves in Egypt, therefore we know the heart of the stranger, and it's our responsibility to care for the vulnerable. This is in my heart and is a very important piece of being Jewish to me.

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

Ongoing

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

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

Through June 29

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

Through July 14

Jaffe Photography Exhibit. Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas St., Providence. Award-winning photographers Marc and Bonnie Jaffe will be exhibiting at the Providence Art Club from June 25. Information, Marc Jaffe at jaffedoc@aol.com.

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. A beautiful way to say goodbye to the workweek 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.

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 25

Sons of Jacob Synagogue Open House. 12-3 p.m. 24 Douglas Ave., Providence. Join Doors Open Rhode Island sponsors free open house. Explore the synagogue, including the second floor sanctuary built in 1922. Though the upstairs worship space hasn't been used in a decade, when the lights are turned on it transforms into a unique jewel box with murals depicting animals, trompe-l'oeil scenery and the Jewish zodiac glowing in the warm light of dozens of light bulbs and a crystal chandelier. All are invited. Enjoy klezmer music and snacks and learn about the synagogue's history, its neighborhood and plans for the future. Partners: Sons of Jacob Synagogue, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Smith Hill Community Development Corporation, Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, Preserve RI, Providence Preservation Society and Rhode Island Jewish Museum.

Jaffe Photography Exhibit Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas St., Providence. Award-winning photographers Marc and Bonnie Jaffe will be exhibiting at the Providence Art Club from June 25 through July 14. Information, Marc Jaffe at jaffedoc@aol.com.

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 or 401-885-6600.

Saturday | July 1

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.

Monday | July 3

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation Support Group. 11 a.m.-noon. The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Drop-in cancer support group at Tamarisk. It doesn't matter if you are in treatment, a survivor, man or woman. If you or a family member have or had cancer, this support group welcomes you. Free. Information or to sign up, Susan Adler at 401-732-0037.

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Sunday | July 9

An Evening with Livingston Taylor. 6-9 p.m. Aqua Blue Hotel and Convention Center ballroom, One Beach Street, Narragansett. Congregation Beth David's annual summer fundraiser, featuring singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor, dinner, silent and live auctions. Taylor is part of a musical family that includes soft rock superstar James Taylor. Taylor was recently honored by the City of Boston for his considerable achievements in a career that has spanned five decades. He has produced some 20 albums while serving for years on the faculty of the Berklee College of Music. $50 per person. Information, Frank Prosnitz at frank.prosnitz@gmail.com or 401-935-9890.

Tuesday | July 11

Falmouth Jewish Congregation's Summer Jewish Film Festival: "The Women's Balcony." 2 and 7:30 p.m. Blanche & Joel D. Seifer Community Center, 7 Hatchville Road, E. Falmouth, Mass. Israel's number one film of the year. This comedy/drama is a New York Times and Los Angeles Times critics pick and was nominated for five Israeli Academy Awards. On the U.S. Jewish film series circuit, it has twice won audience awards and was an official selection at the Toronto International Film Festival 2016. The collapse of a synagogue's women's balcony during a Bar Mitzvah celebration leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem as the synagogue enters a crisis and a charismatic, young savior appears. 96 minutes. Hebrew with English subtitles. Followed by a guided discussion led by Pamela Rothstein, festival organizer and congregational director of lifelong learning. Facilities and parking are accessible to all. Doors open 30 minutes prior to screenings. Refreshments included in the entry price. Individual tickets available at the door only. Cost: $10 members; $15 non-members. Discounted season ticket for all six films available in advance or at door: $55 congregation members; $85 non-members. Festival is supported, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod. Information, Pamela Rothstein, at pbrothstein@comcast.net or 508-540-0602.

Saturday | July 15

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.

Monday | July 17

Temple Beth-El's 2nd Annual Summer Celebration and 8th Annual Golf Tournament. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Kirkbrae Country Club, 197 Old River Road, Lincoln. Golf, card room, tennis, kids' pool and special party. Spend a summer day and evening with friends and family at Kirkbrae Country Club. Something for everyone. Information, Ruby Shalansky at 401-331-6070.

Tuesday | July 18

Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center Game Day. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Ledgemont Country Club, 131 Brown Ave., Seekonk, Mass. Join us for lunch, table games and shopping. Something for everyone. Information, May-Ronny Zeidman at May@BornsteinHolocaustCenter.org or 401-453-7860.

Falmouth Jewish Congregation's Summer Jewish Film Festival: "Disturbing the Peace." 7:30 p.m. Blanche & Joel D. Seifer Community Center, 7 Hatchville Road, E. Falmouth, Mass. Documentary follows a group of former enemy combatants – Israeli soldiers from the most elite units, and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison – who have come together to challenge the status quo and say "enough." The film traces their transformational journeys from soldiers committed to armed battle to non-violent peace activists and founders of Combatants for Peace. While the film is based in the Middle East, it creates an experience that addresses universal themes relevant to all. Visit disturbingthepeace.com to watch a trailer and learn more. For this screening only, doors will open for season ticket holders 45 minutes early. Followed by a Q & A with director Stephen Apkon. Facilities and parking are accessible to all. Refreshments included in the entry price. Individual tickets available at the door only. Cost: $10 members, $15 non-members. Discounted season ticket for all six films available in advance or at door: $55 congregation members, $85 non-members. Festival is supported, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod. Information, Pamela Rothstein, director of lifelong learning at pbrothstein@comcast.net or 508-540-0602.

Wednesday | July 19

Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center Boutique Shopping Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Home of Sandra Bornstein, Providence. Shop and visit with friends at a leisurely pace. A portion of the cost of your purchases will be given to the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center to fund programs that educate RI students and teachers. Information, May-Ronny Zeidman at May@BornsteinHolocaustCenter.org or 401-453-7860.

Friday | July 21

Shabbat under the Stars. 7-9 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Gather on the Julie Claire Gutterman Biblical Garden patio to greet Shabbat with song and stories. Also, celebrate summer birthdays and enjoy special summer treats following the service. Information, Temple Beth-El office at 401-331-6070.

Saturday | July 22

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.

Monday | July 24

Second Annual Temple Sinai Golf Classic. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Valley Country Club, 251 New London Ave., Warwick. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., tournament starts at 1 p.m., and dinner follows the game. Cost: Individual players $175, foursome $700, dinner only $36. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

Tuesday | July 25

Falmouth Jewish Congregation's Summer Jewish Film Festival: "1945." 2 and 7:30 p.m. Blanche & Joel D. Seifer Community Center, 7 Hatchville Road, E. Falmouth, Mass. A multiple Audience Award Winner at Jewish Film Festivals and a selection at the Berlin International Film Festival. On a sweltering August day in 1945, villagers prepare for the wedding of the town clerk's son. Meanwhile, two Orthodox Jews arrive at the village train station with mysterious boxes labeled "fragrances." The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand the return of their illegally acquired property, originally lost during the second World War. Other villagers are afraid more survivors will come, posing a threat to the property and possessions they have claimed as their own. Hungarian with English subtitles. Facilities and parking are accessible to all. Doors open 30 minutes prior to screenings. Refreshments included in the entry price. Individual tickets available at the door only. Cost: $10 members, $15 non-members. Discounted season tickets for all six films available in advance or at door $55 congregation members, $85 non-members. Festival is supported, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod. Information, Pamela Rothstein, director of lifelong learning at pbrothstein@comcast.net or 508-540-0602.

Thursday | July 27

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

Saturday | July 29

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.

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Tuesday | August 1

Falmouth Jewish Congregation's Summer Jewish Film Festival: "Moos." 2 and 7:30 p.m. Blanche & Joel D. Seifer Community Center, 7 Hatchville Road, E. Falmouth, Mass. A delightful comedy about Jewish families and following your dreams set in a Dutch Jewish community but universal in its themes. Moos puts her life on hold to take care of others, but when a childhood friends returns from Israel for Hanukkah, he

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provides the jolt she needs to examine her life and choices she has made. 91 minutes long. Dutch with English subtitles. Screening proceeded by an open house for prospective members starting at 6:30 p.m. Facilities and parking are accessible to all. Doors open 30 minutes prior to screenings. Refreshments included in the entry price. Individual tickets available at the door only. Cost: $10 members, $15 non-members. Discounted season ticket for all six films available in advance or at door: $55 congregation members, $85 non-members. Festival is supported, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod. Information, Pamela Rothstein, director of lifelong learning at pbrothstein@comcast.net or 508-540-0602.

Saturday | August 5

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.

Monday | August 7

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation Support Group. 11 a.m.-noon. The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Drop-in cancer support group at Tamarisk. It doesn't matter if you are in treatment, a survivor, man or woman. If you or a family member have or had cancer, this support group welcomes you. Free. Information or to sign up, Susan Adler at 401-732-0037

Tuesday | August 8

Falmouth Jewish Congregation's Summer Jewish Film Festival: "Big Sonia." 2 and 7:30 p.m. Blanche & Joel D. Seifer Community Center, 7 Hatchville Road, E. Falmouth, Mass. A profoundly moving and inspiring documentary. Standing tall at 4'8" Sonia is one of the last remaining Holocaust survivors in Kansas City and one of the only survivors there who speaks publicly about her wartime experience. Sonia's enormous personality and fragile frame mask the horrors she endured. She is the ultimate survivor, but her trauma resurfaces as she struggles with the concept of forced retirement when served an eviction notice. The film follows Sonia's daily routines and encounters with devoted customers, her presentations in prisons and schools, exploring what it means to be a survivor: The film, directed by Sonia's granddaughter, runs 93 minutes and is in English. Facilities and parking are accessible to all. Doors open 30 minutes prior to screenings. Refreshments included in the entry price. Individual tickets available at the door only. Cost: $10 members, $15 non-members. Discounted season ticket for all six films available in advance or at door: $55 congregation members, and $85 non-members. Festival is supported, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod. Information, Pamela Rothstein, director of lifelong learning at pbrothstein@comcast.net or 508-540-0602.

Wednesday | August 9

Hadassah RI's 7th Annual Books on the Beach Author Luncheon. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. OceanCliff, 65 Ridge Road, Newport. Meet two award-winning Jewish authors. In Joanna Rakoff's memoir "My Salinger Year," you travel with a young and unsure Rakoff as she figures out how to be a person. Alyson Richman's "The Velvet Hours," inspired by true events of two women in Paris during WWII, is an enthralling historical saga that is nearly impossible to put down. This event supports Hadassah's physicians and medical professionals who are leading the way in medical breakthroughs at our research hospitals. Through stem cell research, they are envisioning a future without diseases such as ALS, MS, Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Alzheimer's disease, Diabetes and Parkinson's Disease. Cost: $70 per person. To register for Books on the Beach and pay online, go to www.hadassah.org/events/ribooks. Information, rhodeislandchapter@hadassah.org or 401-463-3636.

Saturday | August 12

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.

(401)j Shabbat in the Park. 1-3 p.m. Goddard Memorial State Park, 1095 Ives Road, East Greenwich. Eat, relax, hang out and have some fun. BYOSL (Bring Your Own Shabbat Lunch). No RSVP required. Information, Dayna Bailen at dbailen@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 108.

Robert Kraft brings football Hall of Famers to Israel

BY HILLEL KUTTLER

RAMAT HASHARON, Israel (JTA) – An Israeli soldier clapped football great and Vietnam War veteran Roger Staubach on the shoulder at a soccer field here, telling the 1963 Heisman Trophy winner and U.S. Naval Academy grad that he and his brother serve in the paratroopers.

The introduction Thursday evening [June 15] prompted Staubach to hark back to early June 1967, when he was serving in Vietnam and heard a report on his walkie-talkie that Israel was about to be attacked. Staubach recalled being concerned for Israel – and then a week later learning that the country emerged victorious in the Six-Day War.

Staubach, who went on to play 11 seasons as quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys and win two Super Bowl championships, was among 18 Pro Football Hall of Famers who came to Israel on a week-long visit sponsored by New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

The group included Jim Brown, Joe Montana, Eric Dickerson and Marshall Faulk.

For all but two it was their first time in Israel. Some told Kraft they were afraid to come. Others were drawn by their religious convictions. On Friday [June 9], they visited Christian sites near the Sea of Galilee, and many underwent baptism in the nearby Jordan River.

"I love bringing people from America, who've never been here, to the Holy Land," Kraft told JTA following Thursday's event in this coastal city near Tel Aviv. "I think bringing these Hall of Famers – it's a treat for them, and they see that [Israel] is not like it is [described] in the media."

Noting the fear, he added: "If I didn't come on this trip, they wouldn't have come. If I was willing to come, they'd come."



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Robert Kraft, in black shirt, with Hall of Famers Marshall Faulk, right, and, in rear, from left, Ron Yary, Roger Staubach and Dave Casper in Ramat Hasharon, Israel, June 15.

The visit was kept under wraps until just before their arrival Wednesday [June 14] over concerns that anti-Israel activists might pressure the players to boycott the country.

Before returning to America on Tuesday [June 20], the Hall of Famers will attend the dedication of a sports complex in Jerusalem with a regulation-size football field that Kraft is building. In between, the delegation is visiting Tel Aviv, the Old City of Jerusalem and the Dead Sea.

In Ramat Hasharon, a lineup of Israeli high school players excitedly awaited the legends on the field as they alighted from two charter buses along with their spouses, Kraft and his staff, and Hall of Fame officials.

The group was introduced to hearty applause from an audience of adult Israeli tackle football players sitting in the grandstand, then settled in to watch a game featuring high schoolers.

Nearly 2,000 players – males and females – participate in adult and youth football leagues in Israel, according to Steve Leibowitz, the president of American Football in Israel.

Kraft said such delegations serve to deepen interest in football.

"It's a great thrill for kids in the country, that they can meet guys they look up to," he said.

Jerome Bettis extended his right hand to display the Super Bowl XL championship ring he earned as a running back with the Pittsburgh Steelers in a victory over the Seattle Seahawks. It was his final game before retiring in 2006.

Brown, widely considered the greatest running back ever, was helped up from his chair by Cris Carter, a wide receiver voted to an all-1990s team, and waved to the crowd. Dickerson, whose single-season record of 2,105 yards has stood for 32 years, and then Faulk took bows.

Carter was sandwiched between Bettis and Brown.

"We've got some running backs!" he exclaimed.

Montana, winner of four Super Bowls while quarterbacking the San Francisco 49ers, was introduced last, and drew the biggest ovation.

As for Staubach, the visit to Israel was fraught with meaning for several of the players.

Lem Barney, a former Detroit Lions cornerback, and Dave Casper, an ex-Oakland Raiders tight end, told JTA that their religious convictions drew them to accept the invitation from Kraft and the Hall of Fame.

"When they talked about coming here, the birthplace of our Lord and savior – I could've walked here," said Barney, who serves as associate minister at Empowerment Church in Southfield, Michigan.

As to sites he looked forward to visiting in Israel, Barney wasn't particular.

"Just seeing a puddle of water. Just being here – the great spirituality it holds," he said. "Being here, where I know my Lord and savior is from, is just so amazing. This is a dream come true."

Barney believes that most NFL players have a religious conviction, and "couldn't have done what they did in the league without the spiritual" dimension.

Casper said he doesn't like to travel, and 10 years ago he would not have taken off from his job in the insurance industry in his native Minnesota to go abroad for a week. But coming here with his wife, Susan, was different.

"Israel is the center of what's happening, and it's good to see it," Casper said.

Casper said approximately 25 percent of his clients are Jewish, and he frequently asks them about Judaism. Several urged him to visit Israel, including those with business interests in the Jewish state.

Israel apparently is good for the business of the Patriots, too.

Kraft told JTA that his team won Super Bowl IL over Seattle ahead of the first visit of Hall of Famers he sponsored in 2015, and Super Bowl LI, in equally thrilling fashion, over the Atlanta Falcons in February.

Will he continue the every-other-year pattern of championship wins and Israel trips?

Said Kraft: "I hope so."



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Labne ice cream is an easy-to-make dessert

BY SHANNON SARNA

(The Nosher via JTA) – Labne lovers rejoice – you can now enjoy your favorite yogurt dip as a dessert. If you love tangy, tart frozen yogurt, you are going to love this easy frozen dessert topped with tahini, silan (date honey), regular honey and/or crumbled halvah.

This labne ice cream is incredibly simple, but you will need an ice cream machine to make this recipe. If you don't want to invest in a vanilla bean for this project (they can be pricey), just substitute with 2 teaspoons of good quality, pure vanilla extract.

Labne Ice Cream

Ingredients

16 ounces labne (homemade or store-bought)

1 cup heavy cream

Seeds of 1 vanilla bean OR 2 teaspoons good quality, pure vanilla extract

2/3 cup honey

Tahini, silan, honey and crumbled halvah toppings, optional

Directions

Make sure to chill the bowl of your ice cream maker overnight.

In a large bowl, whisk together the labne, heavy cream, honey and seeds of vanilla bean (or pure vanilla extract).

Place in ice cream maker according to machine directions and allow to churn 20-25 minutes.

Remove ice cream from machine and place in a container. Cover top of ice cream with plastic wrap.

Freeze for a few hours or overnight.

Serve with drizzled tahini, silan (date honey), regular honey or crumbled halvah if desired.

SHANNON SARNA is the editor of The Nosher, a food blog with an array of new and classic Jewish recipes and food news, from Europe to Yemen, from challah to shakshuka and beyond. TheNosher.com.

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Healthy summer treats make for happy kids

FAMILY FEATURES – Parents know raising healthy and successful children means more than encouraging learning and praising positive behavior. It also means instilling smart habits from the earliest years to create lifelong practices that promote overall health and good nutrition.

If getting your kids on board seems like a daunting challenge, try these tips from the fresh produce experts at Aldi for bringing more fruit, veggies and other healthy foods to your family's table without busting your budget:

One smart cookie. For "cookies" you can feel good about giving your kids, cut an apple to create round slices then slather the slices with their favorite nut butter (peanut, almond or cashew) and top with raisins, yogurt bites or chocolate chips.

Fresh and fruity. Swap sugary drinks for fresh, fruit-infused water. Let kids pick their favorite flavor combinations each evening and refrigerate water to infuse overnight so it's ready to enjoy the following day.

Icy sweet treats. Make your own frozen pops using ingredients like fresh fruit, yogurt or milk. Use store-bought molds or substitute small paper cups covered with plastic wrap. Just poke sticks through the plastic to hold them in place until the mixture freezes.

Hands-on helpers. Getting kids in on the action is a great way to encourage healthier eating habits. After all, if they helped make it, it has to be good. Once all the ingredients have been sliced and diced, a recipe like these Grilled Balsamic Vegetable Pops is easy for kids to assemble. Just ask them to thread the skewers in their favorite color and flavor combinations.

It takes a village. Learning about the benefits of healthy eating can be fun, especially when you take advantage of programs in your community, such as those offered by libraries, community centers and schools. Through partnerships like the one Aldi has with Action for Healthy Kids, families and schools have increased access to nutrition education and physical activity tools that make living and eating healthy fun.

Grilled Balsamic Vegetable Pops

Recipe courtesy of Chef Alyssa, ALDI Test Kitchen

Ingredients

4 wooden skewers
1 zucchini, cut into rounds
1 yellow pepper, chopped
4 mushrooms, halved
4 cherry tomatoes
1 ear sweet corn, cut into rounds
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Directions

Soak wooden skewers in water for 10 minutes before grilling. Heat grill to medium-high (400-425 degrees F.).

Pierce vegetables with skewers and drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and place on hot grill.

Turn frequently to prevent burning. Vegetables should be golden and tender after 10-15 minutes. Remove from heat and drizzle with balsamic vinegar.

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ANNUAL MEETING

"The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah."

Rabbi Rachel Zerin, of Providence's Temple Emanu-El, gave the *d'var Torah*. In her commentary on the building of a *mishkan*, or tabernable, she spoke about the importance of building a community where diverse groups can gather and work together. She commended Rhode Island for doing so.

Gloria Feibish presented the Dr. Harry and Esther Elkin Memorial Award to Penina Satlow. Each year, the award is presented to a graduating high school senior who demonstrates a love for, and commitment to, Israel. Satlow, who attended Classical High School, in Providence, was active in the Harry Elkin Midrasha, in Providence, the HaZamir youth choir and youth groups throughout the state. In the summer of 2016, she was a Bronfman Fellow. Her poem was a winner in this year's El Al teen contest.

Satlow is planning to spend a year in Jerusalem before attending Brown University in the fall of 2018.

Feibish is a past president of the former Bureau of Jewish Education, one of the three organizations that formed the Alliance (the two others were the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island).

Bob Landau, vice chair of governance, introduced the newly elected officers and board members for the Alliance, the Jewish Federation Foundation and Alliance Reality Inc. Savit installed them all, and commented: "What a privilege it is to install this board."

Mitzi Berkelhammer, newly installed for her second year as chair of the Alliance, began her report by thanking everyone who went before her and served as role models. She announced that the annual campaign had raised "close to $3 million so far."

"With your help, we are able to enrich the quality of life for Jews in Rhode Island and around the world," she said.

She went on to talk about the past year at the Alliance, noting that "This has been a year of ups and downs throughout the world." She mentioned the bomb scare at the Dwares JCC, and thanked the police, as well as the Muslim community, which quickly organized a vigil in Providence.

"The level of community support was impressive," Berkelhammer said. She said there will be a special campaign in the fall to help groups with security needs.

Of Savit, Berkelhammer said, "You have left an indelible mark, which we will all remember. We can only wish you the best."

Richard Licht, first chairman of the Alliance, paid tribute to Savit and his years at the Alliance, mentioning accomplishments such as the Living on the Edge Initiative, the Holocaust Memorial in downtown Providence and the renovated JCC.

"As the first chair of the Alliance, I witnessed firsthand how he arrived at this nascent organization and how his 'think big, act big' attitude encouraged others to find a way to get there with him," Licht said. "It was Jeffrey's clear vision, strong work ethic and steadfast focus that assured the success."

Savit offered a retrospective of his six years heading the Alliance, and thanked everyone who made his success possible. He ended by saying, "Regrets … I've had a few, but then again, too few to mention. I did what … [we] had to do and saw it through without exemption.

"I planned each charted course, each careful step along the byway. And from the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing me to do so the Alliance way, so that together, we could navigate our community's ship out of dry dock and into the majestic seas."

You can read Licht's and Savit's statements on page 7.

FRAN OSTENDORF is the editor of The Jewish Voice.



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Gloria Feibish chats with Rabbi Jacqueline Romm-Satlow.



Rachel Mersky Woda, Marisa Garber and Mindy Stone at the meeting.



A festive balloon, one of many decorations at the reception.

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The riders line up on Elmgrove Avenue in front of the Dwares Jewish Community Center.



It was a good ride.



Ken and Roberta Schneider of East Providence listening to the speakers.

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Motorcyclists Alliance events in Rhode Island. Befitting of a Jewish organization, one of the JMA's mottos is: Live to Ride, Ride to Eat. And eat they did. The R2R got started on June 8 with a kick-off dinner at the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick.

Excitement infused the dinner as old and new friends came together in anticipation of the next day's ride. One of the riders, Mark Nachman, whose local JMA club is the Lost Tribe of Virginia Beach, said, "I think it's so important that we keep the remembrance of the Holocaust alive so it never happens again. What we do is important, and it's also great to reunite with old friends and make new friends."

A talk by Alice Eichenbaum, a Rhode Island Holocaust survivor, was a high point of the evening.

"We've never had a survivor speak to us before the ride," said Ed Forman, president of the King David Riders of South Florida, adding that she inspired the riders.

After dinner, the riders lined up to talk to and take pictures with Eichenbaum, even lending her their leather jackets to wear in the photos – a very high honor among motorcyclists.

The next morning, under clear skies, the riders gathered at the starting point, Precision Harley-Davidson, in Pawtucket, for a pre-ride breakfast hosted by owner Richard Pilavan.

It was quite a sight to see the 127 bikes all lined up and the riders, in leathers with club names such as Sons of David, Hillel's Angels and Riders of the Covenant, drinking coffee and enjoying a bagel with a *shmeer*.

Pawtucket Mayor Don Grebien was on hand to welcome and encourage the riders. After the mayor spoke, Jeffrey Komrower, president of the Boston Lonsmen, and Providence police officer Scott Keenan gave the riders logistical instructions. And then, they were off!

After a few hours of touring the scenic back roads of northwestern Rhode Island, the riders arrived at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence. They were enthusiastically greeted by Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, U.S. Rep. David Cicilline and state Sen. Gayle Goldin, who thanked them for coming to Rhode Island to support Holocaust education.

The group then toured the Holocaust education center and ate lunch, catered by the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence staff, at the JCC

Nico Berlin, a rider from the Shalom on Chrome club, of Charleston, South Carolina, was born in Holland and is the son of Holocaust survivors. He said this was his eighth Ride2Remember – and one of the best.

"Today was an amazing ride, and I've seen your [Holocaust] center, and believe that you are doing a good job, and am pleased to support it. This was the longest ride we had in the eight years that I have participated. It was flawless and the police escort was amazing!" he said.

The day was capped off with a celebratory dinner at the Crowne Plaza. A highlight of the evening was a demonstration of the USC Shoah Foundation's New Dimensions in Testimony. NDT creates cutting-edge interactive holographic projections of Holocaust survivors, which the Bornstein Center hopes to bring to Rhode Island with the funds raised by the R2R. The riders were spellbound as they engaged in "conversation" with Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter.

NDT aims to help keep the lessons of the Holocaust relevant for future generations.

"At the heart of NDT is, how do you promote curiosity?" said Kori Street, senior director for Programs & Operations at the USC Shoah Foundation. "We want people to be impacted by the testimony, to become more courageous, more critical, more curious, and to participate in civic engagement.

"So what happens when survivors are no longer available? NDT will help drive the desire to ask questions and to take the answers to help us make sense of the past. And, by having a conversation, students develop that relationship with the story they are hearing, so it is not technology for technology's sake."

After dinner, Betsy Ahrens, JMA's R2R coordinator, said she was "heading home filled with exhilaration, satisfaction and contentment for what we did for the SBHEC." Ahrens added that she is "reenergized for the JMA to continue R2R to support Holocaust education."

Forman may have summed up Ride2Remember 2017 best when he said, "We hit it out of the ballpark. The hosting, the food, the riding, the police support – just the enthusiasm that we had at this one is going to be hard to top.

"We want the R2R to be a living legacy to remember the Holocaust because we cannot forget this. And we need to inspire tolerance, because, unfortunately, there's been a lack of tolerance in this country."

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raising visit truly a ride to remember



Riding in front of the Alliance's Dwares JCC.



David C. Isenberg Early Childhood Center students wait with Rep. David Cicilline in the steps of the JCC.



Riders from the Uniteds States and Canada participated in the ride.



A few of the many leather vests. These are from Canada.



The riders parked in the Brown University lot on Elmgrove Avenue. For more photos, go to jvhri.org and click on the photo gallery button under news.

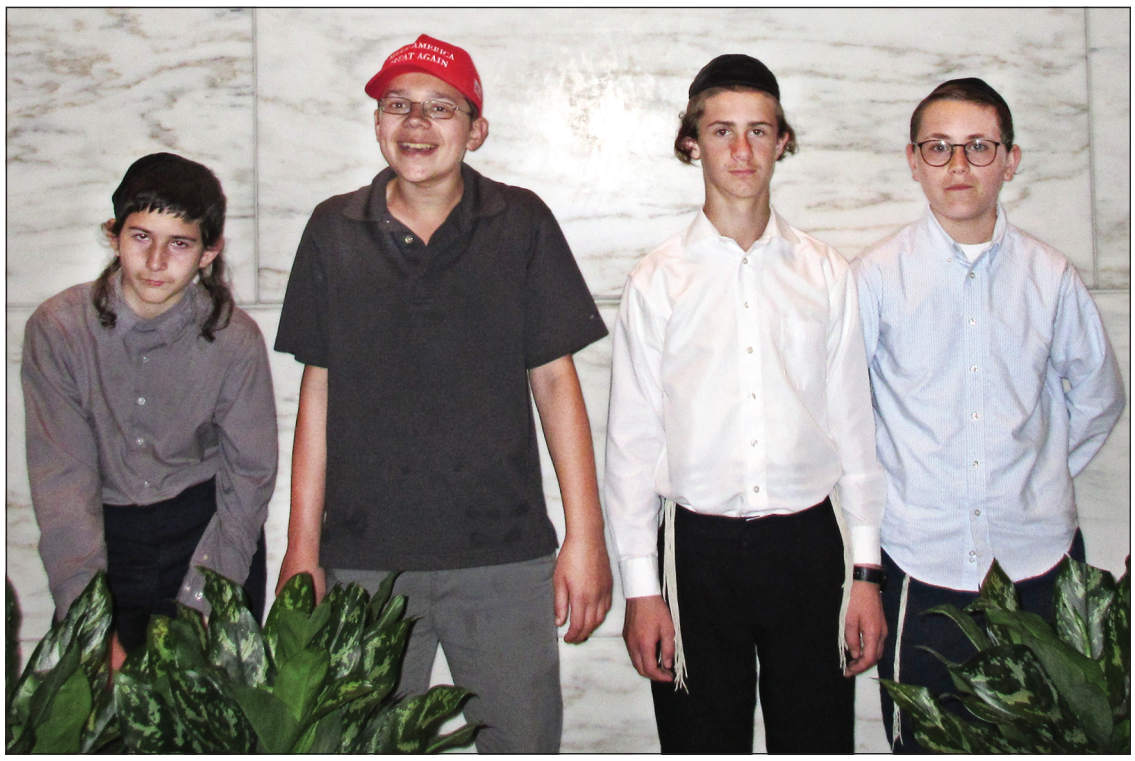


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PHDS eighth-grade students visit Washington, D.C., recently for their graduation trip.

Temple offers no dues for six months

Temple Sinai in Cranston is seeking new members. To attract them, the congregation is offering a chance for people to get to know the congregation without dues for the rest of 2017.

The Temple's Board of Directors voted at a meeting on June 4 to offer membership in the congregation to new members beginning July 1 without dues for the rest of the secular year.

The offer includes tickets to the congregation's High Holy Days services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. New members would still be required to pay tuition for Religious and Hebrew School for their children from the beginning of the school year.

The congregation is hoping that by making the experience of temple membership available to prospective members without up-front commitment, people will like what they see and stay on as members in 2018 and far beyond. It's a gamble they think will pay off.

For more information on Temple Sinai, contact the congregation at 401-942-8350. The Temple's email address is dottie@templesinairi.org.

Women's Alliance Endowment Fund members allocate grants to make a difference

BY JENNIFER ZWIRN

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The Women's Alliance Endowment Fund held its annual meeting on May 23 to determine this year's grant recipients. As they do every year, the WAEF members in attendance had some difficult decisions to make. The 16 proposals (4 local and 12 overseas) received totaled nearly $30,000 in requests; $7,600 was available to allocate. As a result, some very worthwhile programs went unfunded.

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This year's grant recipients were tightly connected to the WAEF mission. The nine programs that will receive grants are compelling initiatives that members of the Women's Alliance Endowment Fund believe will provide lasting impact and social change for women and girls throughout Rhode Island and Israel.

The Jewish Federation Foundation holds the community's $56 million endowment assets including the assets of the Women's Alliance Endowment Fund. As of June 30, 2016, the fund's value was $145,111.13. This year's strategy to grow the fund was successful through recruiting new members and encouraging membership renewals.

Each spring, over the last several years, the Women's Alliance Endowment Fund membership has been able to allocate the Fund's interest via a request for proposals process, and has sought proposals for innovative programs and services that benefit Jewish women and girls and have the potential for long-term impact. Educational, civic, cultural, religious and inter-group programs are considered, as well as services in the health and social service fields.

Locally, projects receiving awards include Temple Habonim's *mikveh* field trip, Jewish Community Day School's Girls Power Lunch, Jewish Family Service's training collaborative, and Congregation Beth Sholom's Women, Torah, and Scholarship Series. Overseas awards include Jaffa Institute's Steppingstone, a program for at-risk teenage girls, and the Public Association of Friends of the Neve Kineret – Ram Homes' Therapuetic Greenhouse.

JENNIFER ZWIRN works in allocations and endowment for the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. She also is the AccessJewishRI vocational services contact.



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Doctor's orders: How to protect your skin this summer

STATEPOINT – The summer can really take a toll on skin, when more of it is exposed to sun, bugs and poisonous plants.

To keep skin cool, comfortable and irritation-free no matter what conditions you encounter, use these tips from NYC-based dermatologist, Dr. Angela Lamb of Mt. Sinai hospital.

Stay Hydrated

Proper hydration is crucial when you're busy and active outdoors. It's also essential for skin health. So be sure to drink plenty of water and eat hydrating fruits and vegetables.

Treat the Itch

The itch, hives, rash, redness and irritation associated with insect bites, poison ivy, oak and sumac, and sunburns can be agonizing. However, it's important not to scratch the affected area and create an open wound susceptible to infection, even though it does provide temporary relief.

Lamb suggests treating discomfort right away with a dermatologist-recommended solution that stops the itch and heals the skin.

Dress for Success

Whether it's your blanket on the beach or your sundress, fabrics should be chosen for the warm weather. For maximum comfort, stick with cotton, linen and other breathable choices. Working out? Look for moisture wicking materials that will dry quickly. Also, be sure to protect your scalp from sunburn with a wide-brimmed hat.

Keep it Cool

Hot water is never great for skin, but after too much sun exposure, it can be particularly irritating. Luckily, it's easy to turn down the heat on your shower in summer. Use the hot weather as an opportunity to give skin a break and refresh with cooler water in the shower or bath.

Use Common Sense

Avoid burns and itches to begin with by applying plenty of sunscreen and bug spray, and by taking precautions in wooded areas to avoid poison ivy, oak and sumac. While preparation may not always be top of mind when you're headed outdoors for a day of fun and adventure, being sidelined by these issues is even more of a downer.



Additional tips on how to protect and treat your skin this summer can be found at TheItchEraser.com.

For a happier summer, treat your skin right from head to toe.

Bad breath, cavities, gum disease don't take vacations

For most children and teen-agers, the start of summer break means three months of sleeping in late, trips to the beach, summer vacations, camps and other activities there just weren't time for when school was still in session.

While the break brings with it a relaxed environment, it's important to keep a regular routine when it comes to oral health.

For nine months out of the year, kids are generally regimented. They brush, floss and rinse with mouthwash before bed, then repeat that routine before they head to school the next morning. Once summer rolls around, that routine can easily slip away.

"Summer break is no excuse to let your oral health routine lapse," says dentist and bacteriologist Dr. Harold Katz, developer of TheraBreath for Kids mouthwash."Bad breath, gum disease and cavities don't take a vacation."

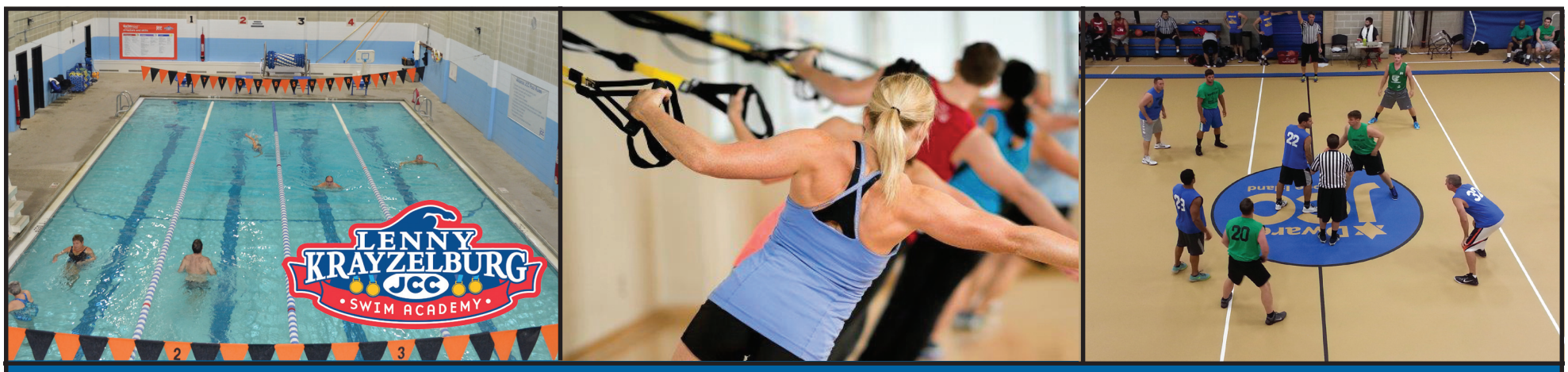
Katz offer a few tips parents can follow to make sure their kids take care of their mouths, teeth, gums and breath this summer:

• Have a routine, not a schedule. The nine months that make up the school year usually come with a pretty rigid schedule for kids. While a summer schedule isn't necessary, keeping kids in some type of general routine is helpful. This includes reminding them that even if they are staying home all day, staying up late or sleeping in, they still need to follow through on their daily oral-health routine.

• Stay hydrated. The summer months bring warm temperatures and kids are likely to participate in more outdoor activities. Keeping hydrated is important to staying healthy and maintaining every system and region of the body. This includes the mouth. Katz says drinking water can help prevent dry mouth and the negative effects that come with it such as bad breath, tooth and gum disease, mouth sores, gingivitis and more. Dry mouth can cause taste buds to shut down, making those summer hot dogs and ice cream bars a little less appetizing.

• Watch what your kids drink. It might be tempting to give kids sports drinks because of their claim to replenish bodily fluids. However, those drinks have a negative effect on oral health because of high levels of acids and sugar, Katz says, and they are loaded with sodium, which can have a counter-effect to relieving thirst. The best bet is to drink plenty of water before, during and after participating in activities.

"Kids want to have fun during the summer and they should be able to," Katz says. "But they may need a little nudging from their parents to make sure they don't get so caught up in fun that they let their brushing, flossing and rinsing routines fall by the wayside."



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For a cool summer, take care of yourself



PATRICIA RASKIN

Everyone should take care of their health and, as Jews, we are expressly urged to do so. As the *Rambam* said, "Since maintaining a healthy and sound body is among the ways of God – for one cannot understand nor have any knowledge of the Creator, if he is ill – therefore, he must avoid that which harms the body and accustom himself to that which is healthful and helps the body become stronger" (Laws of Dispositions 4:1).

In summer, we need to take some extra steps to guard our health. Many of the following steps are common sense – which is not so common.

• Watch out for the sun. Use sunscreen, hats and clothes to protect your skin.

• Wear light clothing in the intense heat – choose cottons and other fabrics that "breathe."

• Eat light, especially during the day, when the sun is strongest, but stay hydrated. Eat lots of fruit and drink plenty of water.

• Exercise outdoors early or late, not under the blazing noon sun.

• If mosquitoes and other insects are a problem, get pest control or use insect repellent. Don't linger around the fumes.

• Don't leave food out in the heat.

• Be patient with the summer traffic. We have many more people on the roads in the summer, especially near the beaches.

• Get together with friends. It adds to our happiness quotient and our joy.

The summer months are a great time to connect as there is so much to do, especially outdoors.

Happy summer!

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

These pets have a mission for health

BY JEWISH VOICE STAFF



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Tinkerbell, an 8-year-old Bichon Frise, is owned by Dawn Goff.

It's well known that people enjoy numerous benefits from having pets beyond basic companionship. More studies and data show that pets help lower blood pressure and cholesterol and overall levels of stress. So it's not surprising to see comfort or therapy dogs roaming the halls of hospitals, including The Miriam Hospital in Providence. (It's not that cats aren't capable of providing comfort, they are just more independent and harder to control.)

The evidence of a health connection between pets and humans suggests we need to pay more scientific attention to the forces at work – the relationship between pet and patient and mind and body. And according to an American Diabetes Association study, some dogs can even be trained to detect insulin levels in their owners.

The pet therapy program at Miriam Hospital is "designed to minimize anxiety for patients and loved ones, reduce stress, alleviate loneliness and isolation and relieve depression and disorientation." This is a tall order for just about anyone, let alone a 12-pound terrier.

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Attendees included StandWithUs Rhode Island Executive Director Bracha Stuart, Board President Jeffrey Gladstone, Representative Cale Keable, Rep. Mia Ackerman, David Leach, Mark Pelson, Prof. Ezra Stieglitz, Steven Snow, Dr. Jeffrey Baron, Rabbi Aaron Philmus, Pastor Allen Pangburn, Pastor Dave Marquard. Prof. Ben Kimia, Evy Stieglitz, Varda Stieglitz, Ron Stuart, Avi Cohen, Maxine Cohen, Ronnie Sirota, Steve Sirota, Sidney Klevatt, Linda Klevatt and Marc Gertsacov.

Worldwide commemoration

On June 7, the Embassy of Israel in Washington D.C. commemorated the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. To mark this historic occasion, the Embassy celebrated with an event on Capitol Hill, hosted by Ambassador Ron Dermer, with honorary host Speaker Paul Ryan and from Jerusalem, Speaker of the Knesset Yuli Edelstein and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The 2 p.m. event coincided with a sister celebration in Israel's capital, Jerusalem and was



livestreamed online

While the celebrations were ongoing in both capitals, coordinated and simultaneous Jerusalem Day celebrations took place in all 50 states. The large-scale nature of the celebrations – 50 years with 50 states and two capitals – served as a symbol of the unbreakable bond between Israel and the United States and the unique connection of its two peoples.

The event in Providence was hosted by the Israeli Consulate of New England and StandWithUs Rhode Island.

Film at EP Library to counter RI BDS movement

On June 26 at 7 p.m., the East Providence Library and a number of community groups will be co-sponsoring the film "Muslim Zionist." The community groups, coming together as the Rhode Island Coalition Against BDS, include the East Bay Citizens for Israel, the Jubilee Sisters of Wakefield, and StopIranNow-RI. Also co-sponsoring is the national organization CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America). The Eastern Regional Director of Christians United for Israel (CUFI), Pastor Victor Styrsky, will attend.

The film tells the story of how Kasam Hafeez, a Muslim born in Great Britain, of Pakistani descent, was raised in a virulently anti-Semitic environment but followed his intellectual curiosity to ultimately become pro-Zionist. It was produced by CUFI.

"The impulse to show this movie came from a film shown earlier in April which falsely painted Israel as an apartheid state," says Ken Schneider, East Providence resident and acting coordinator of the ad hoc coalition.

"It galvanized the pro-Israel community because the community groups behind the earlier film are active supporters of BDS [the Boycott, Divest, Sanctions movement]," he explained.

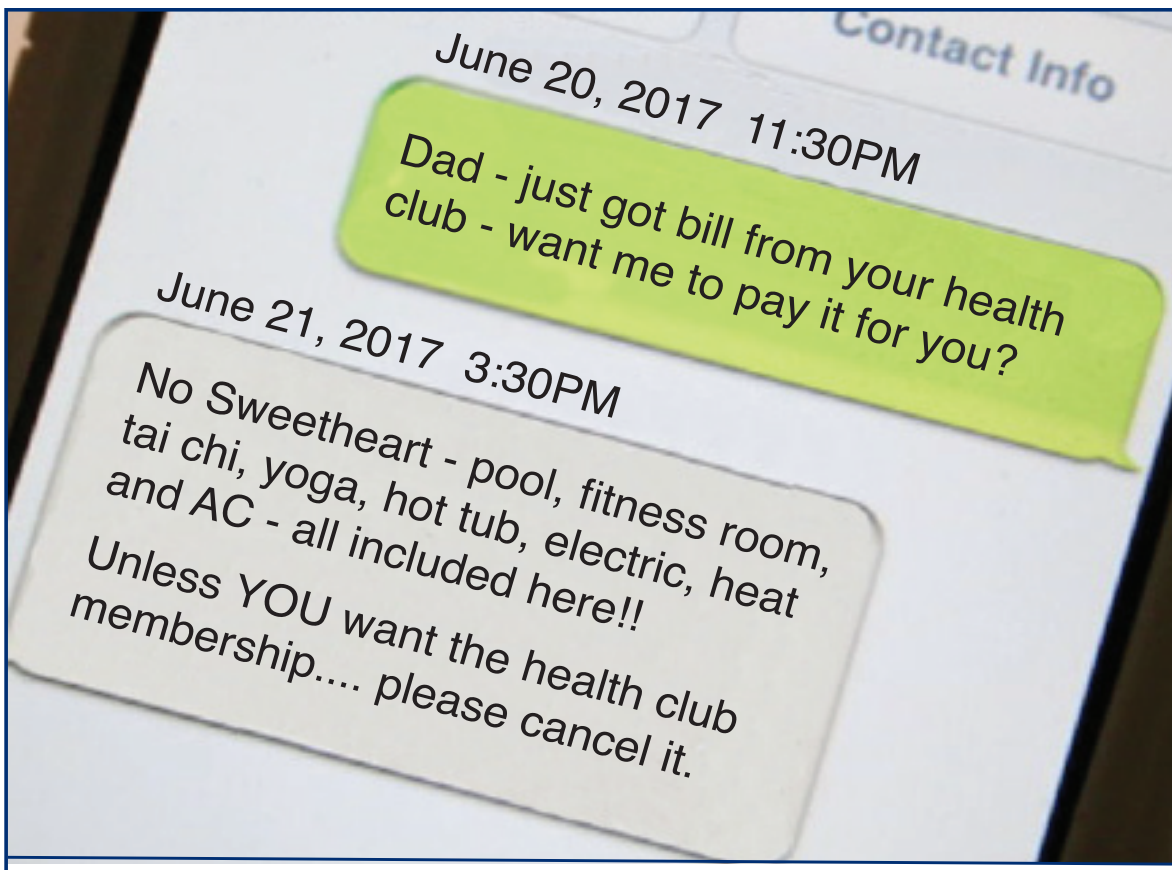
Said Luann Pezzullo of Bristol, speaking for the East Bay Citizens for Israel, "Our concern isn't just about that one film. Rather, we see this as a bold move by the local BDS movement, which needs to be countered."

The movie is free and open to the public. More information is available on-line at www.muslim-zionist@eventbrite.com.

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PHDS honors pillars of Jewish education

BY RUCHAMA SZENDRO

On June 11, dinner tables were set in elegant teal and white, accented by beautiful flower arrangements, for the Providence Hebrew Day School's 70th annual awards dinner.

Almost 200 friends and supporters of the school gathered in the newly renovated Victor and Gussie Baxt Social Hall at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center for the event, which began with the PHDS band playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah."

Sen. Jack Reed and Rep. David Cicilline were on hand to show support for PHDS and to deliver citations and congratulations to the award recipients.

Bruce Gladstone addressed the crowd after he and his brothers, Jeffrey and Scott, were presented with the Amudim Award, honoring their parents and the Gladstone family tradition. He described how their father, Bernard, had taught them by example. One cold winter day, for instance, they all bundled up and headed to Congregation Beth Sholom, in Providence, where their father shoveled snow off the roof. It was actions like this, Gladstone said, that instilled a sense of responsibility for their Jewish community in the three brothers.

Paul Fradin, who received the Generation to Generation Award, is contributing to the rebuilding and rededication of the front entrance to PHDS. The renovations will take place this summer and are part of a larger building campaign to update the building.

In his remarks, Fradin spoke of the importance of "knowing what is right and wrong, and what's important not only to your family and friends but to the future of the community."

Pesach Shafner, the alumnus awardee, credited the Providence Hebrew Day School for his many accomplishments.

"You may wonder," he said, "how life's achievements can be attributed to education received at the elementary school level."

His explanation took the form of a parable: When a visitor to a fabulous arboretum asked the arborist why he focused all his attention on tiny, seemingly unimportant saplings, the arborist responded: "My ability to influence the mature trees is extremely limited, whether they are mighty or sickly. However, I can have great impact on the saplings, promoting the health and strength of their roots and supporting the saplings' growth in a steady and upright direction."

Entertainment for the evening was provided by an ensemble of three musicians: Michael Mechanic, a Gladstone son-in-law and Juilliard-trained bassoonist; Dr. Moshe Kalifa, a cardiologist and violinist; and Fishel Bresler, a versatile musician and music teacher.



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The event took place in the newly renovated Victor and Gussie Baxt Social Hall at the Alliance's Dwares JCC.



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At the dinner, left to right, Russell Raskin, presenter; Scott, Bruce and Jeffrey Gladstone, honorees; Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, dean; Mordechai Weiner, emcee; and Marty Saklad, president

In addition, the Barbershop Quartet performed – a tradition at PHDS's annual dinner. Although not truly a barbershop quartet, and sometime s not even a quartet, the group's performance is always a hit. Songwriters Russell Raskin and Shmuel Shafner (Pesach's father) cleverly adapted song lyrics in honor of each of the award recipients.

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A new website aims to bring Jew-ish millennial women together

BY GABE FRIEDMAN

JTA – If you're a young Jewish woman – or if you just happen to love "Broad City" or wacky recollections of Jewish summer camp – there's a new website for you.

Alma, which was launched June 20 by 70 Faces Media (JTA's parent company), aims to be a resource for millennial women navigating the often fun, sometimes tricky years of early adulthood.

Readers can expect everything from personal essays – the wide-ranging topics include grief and figuring out what to do after college – to slideshows of embarrassing bat mitzvah photos.

Alma will have a "Jew-ish" angle, said editor Molly Tolsky



Molly Tolsky

– meaning a blend of secular and Jewish content, with the goal of addressing all aspects of a young women's life, including careers, relationships and spirituality.

"The purpose is to form an online community of Jewish women, and particularly women who are 'unaffiliated' and not really involved in Jewish organizations," she said.

Tolsky, 30, had been the editor of Kveller, a Jewish parenting website (also a 70 Faces Media property), for three years.

Alma enters a crowded field of female-first websites – such as Bustle and Refinery29 – geared to the 20- and 30-something set. But Tolsky is confident Alma's niche will create a "more intimate" online community than its counterparts.

"I started to crave the kind of community Kveller had created, but for women in my age bracket," she said. "I wanted a place to talk about dating and building up a career and dealing with family issues – and figuring out where your Jewish identity fits into all that."

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REMEMBER THE PAST

From the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

Preserve or restore, that is the question

BY RUTH BREINDEL

In the world of artifacts, there is a philosophical divide: should they be preserved in the state in which they were found or should they be repaired and restored? If you've ever been to Pompeii, or the Acropolis, or even a castle in England, you know that this decision has to be made.

Here is an example of such a dilemma at the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association:

In the picture, you see a mannequin of an elegantly dressed middle-aged woman. Her hair is carefully combed back from her round face and put up in a bun, her clothes are meticulously tailored. She is from the early 20th century, and during her heyday, she would have stood on a peddler's cart as an advertisement for a tailor.

RIJHA's journal, Notes, from November 1988, shows similar mannequins that were owned by Abraham Abramowitz, a tailor who had a store at 413 Westminster St. in Providence.

But a closer look reveals that our lady is in really poor condition: instead of staring proudly ahead, she is gazing at the ground; her fingers are broken; her dress is partly shredded.

What should we do? Preserve? Restore?

Restoring this lady to her former state of elegance at first seemed like the best idea. I took pictures of her, since she is too fragile to move, and went to a doll hospital in Seekonk. The owner said the mannequin was beyond her capabilities, and gave me the name of a restorer near Boston. I sent her pictures of the mannequin, and again was told that she was too far gone. That ended the restoration idea.

So now, the question was, how to preserve her in her current state, so that she would not further deteriorate. She is 36 inches tall; a standard curio cabinet is either 33 inches high or much, much larger. Trophy and display cases were also not suitable: we wanted a case that was all glass to showcase her.

Finally, this being Rhode Island, I found a curio cabinet at Ocean State Job Lot that fit most of our needs; with some modifications and good luck, it will be the lady's home soon.

But while putting our lady in the case preserves her, it does not restore her – will it really show people what she originally looked like? This led to another idea: purchase a doll about the same size as the mannequin and dress her in a new copy of the old clothes. But the problem here is that dolls this size are modeled after babies or little girls, not a mature woman.





Hanging a re-created outfit on a new mannequin also presents problems since store-display mannequins are either life-size or just simply individual life-sized body parts.

Another idea was to use a smaller doll, and yet another was to sew a copy of the garment as it would have looked and display it on a hanger next to the mannequin. This is a compromise: the doll is not restored, but she is preserved and her clothing is restored.

To date, while all these options are being pondered, no decisions have been made about the mannequin's future. But come to the opening of our new office, at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence, later this summer and you just might see our lady in her new home, too!

RUTH BREINDEL is president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. You can reach the RIJHS office at 401-331-1360 or info@rijha.org. The library and archives are open to the public Monday through Friday.



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The JCC construction team is hard at work creating what will be a beautiful new permanent office, library and archive for the R.I. Jewish Historical Association.

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

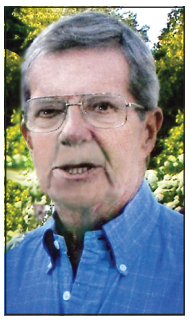
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Howard L. Adler, 84

DELRAY BEACH FLA. – Howard L. Adler died at home on June 1. He was the son of Jerome and Pauline Adler. He was the husband of Arlene Hochman Adler for 62 years. He leaves two children, Beth Adler Fishman and Michael Adler and two grandsons, Robert and Andrew Fishman.



He was a 1950 graduate of Hope High School. He was an Army medic in the Korean War and achieved the rank of sergeant.



Howard was in the jewelry business for most of his adult life, and worked for companies in New York and Rhode Island. At age 50, he opened Howard's Jewelry in Narragansett, and worked there for 19 years until his retirement. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

A memorial service will be held in August.

Seymour H. Fine, 92

TENAFLY, N.J. – Seymour H. Fine, Ph.D., 92, died June 11. Born in New York City, he was a son of the late Max and Sylvia (Topel) Fine.

A graduate of City College of New York and Columbia University, Dr. Fine was a professor of marketing at Rutgers University, retiring in 2002. He was a former member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence and a founding member and former member of the Glen Rock Jewish Center in Glen Rock, New Jersey.

He is survived by his sons Michael Fine (Carol Levitt) of Scituate, and Paul Fine (Amy Baker) of Teaneck, New Jersey; his sister Gertrude Gershkoff of Florida; and his grandchildren Gabriel, Rosie, Alianna and Zoe. He was the brother of the late Celia Kleinman.

Contributions may be made to the Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy, 655 West 254th St., Riverdale, NY 10471.

Lee M. Hammel, 68

FRAMINGHAM, MASS. – Lee M. Hammel passed away unexpectedly June 18. He was the husband of Martha Hammel; they were married for 45 years. He was the son of Ernestine (Loeb) Urken and the late Simon Hammel.

He worked at the Worcester Telegram for over 40 years as a newspaper reporter.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by his brothers Victor (Dena), Robert (Bonnie) and Steve (Renee) Hammel; his beloved nephews and nieces; and brother-in-law Abe (Ling) Novick.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Tifereth Israel Congregation.

Audrey H. Horovitz, 83

CRANSTON, R.I. – Audrey H. Horovitz died June 6 at home. She was the beloved wife of Stanley Horovitz for 62 years. Born in Providence, daughter of the late Leonard and Sarah (Ash) Blau, she had lived in Cranston for 58 years.

She was a nurse at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, where she earned her nursing degree, and was also a nurse at Roger Williams Hospital in Providence. Audrey was an award-winning artist in oil painting, designed needlepoint patterns and was an antique dealer for more than 35 years. She was a member of Temple Sinai and its sisterhood.

She was the devoted mother of Cindy Wilson and her husband, John, of North Kingstown; Alan Horovitz of Cranston; Marcy Horovitz of Cranston; and the late Steven Horovitz and his wife, Christine, of Provincetown, Massachusetts. She was the dear sister of the late Barbara D'Ambra. She was the loving grandmother of Alexandra and Jay; David and his wife, Emily; Edward; Sam; Jack and Lily; Kyle and his wife, Kaitlin; and Catherine and her husband, Ben. She was the cherished great-grandmother of Emily, Maggie, Hadley and Chase.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Minyan Breakfast Fund, c/o Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, RI 02920; Beacon Hospice, 521 Main St., Ste. 101, Charlestown, MA 02129; or charity of your choice.

Eunice Levene, 98

SOMERSET, MASS. – Eunice (Cohen) Levene passed away on June 14. She was the beloved wife of the late Harold Levene. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Dr. Leo and Etta (Rosenberg) Cohen, she lived in Providence for 54 years.

She attended Pembroke College. Eunice was an award-winning bridge player and golfer. She loved to travel with her husband Harold, attending the theater, the BSO and museum exhibits. She loved to start her day with crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her grandchildren Heather Oppenheim Davidson, Eric Unkauf, and Laura Unkauf Anderson; her sons-in-law Robert Oppenheim and Manfred Unkauf; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews Wendy Handler, Dr. Eric Cohen, Jon Cohen and Douglas Cohen. She was the sister of the late Dr. Earle Cohen. She mourned the loss of her two daughters, Joan Unkauf and Roberta Oppenheim; and her grandson, Joshua Oppenheim.

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

Hazel J. Vengerow, 98

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Hazel J. Vengerow passed away June 9. She was the wife of the late Harry Vengerow. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of the late Abraham and Anna (Goldberger) Bernstein.

Hazel was a bookkeeper at Reliable Gold Ltd., in Wayland Square, for more than 40 years.

She was always stylish. She was a pianist, an expert knitter and a lover of classical music.

She is survived by her daughter Karen Vengerow of Grass Valley, California, and her grandson Nathaniel Brooks of Oakland, California. She was the sister of the late Paul Bernstein.

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

US Holocaust museum launches campaign to digitize diaries

WASHINGTON (JTA) – The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has launched a $250,000 Kickstarter campaign to translate and digitize the diaries of Nazi victims and survivors.

Funds from the 31-day campaign, which started on Anne Frank's birthday – Monday, June 12 – to commemorate the renowned teen diarist, would allow the museum to translate its collection of over 200 diaries into English and catalog them. The museum only gets the funds it if meets its goal.

The campaign is being promoted on social media under the hashtag #SaveTheirStories.

The diary collection will expose an array of experiences to the public, including the struggle of life in the ghettos.

ASK THE DIRECTOR

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

Shalom Memorial Chapel

QUESTION: Are there specific prayers that are said at an unveiling and do we need a rabbi to officiate?

B.D., Cranston

Dear B.D.,

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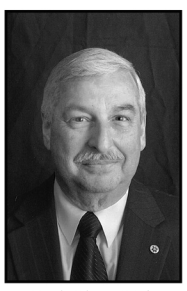
The second part of the question depends on whether or not a member of the family or a close friend would officiate or if the family would be more comfortable with a rabbi. We have booklets available to families with the prayers previously mentioned.

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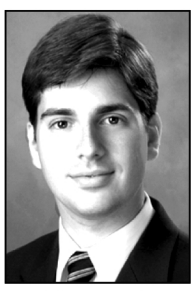
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New digs for new agency

Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island is on the move. Not only has it merged with Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island to create a new agency, but the 88-year-old social services agency is moving to a new building, one that it owns outright.

"An extraordinarily generous gift from The Grace K. and Wesley S. Alpert Foundation allowed us to buy the three-story building at 1165 North Main St., in Providence," said JFS CEO Erin Minior. "With their gift, which covers the purchase of the building and the buildout and future maintenance, we are able focus on fulfilling our mission rather than worrying about rent or mortgage expenses."

Though staff members at the Jewish Community Services of Greater Rhode Island, the likely name of the merged organization, are eager to move into the 10,000+ square foot building, renovations and build-outs are essential to make the space compatible for our needs, added Minior. "We're working with an architect, Tom Lonardo, to evaluate and identify the best use of the space."

Although most of JFS' programs occur in the community, rather than in the office, the new building will host JSA's Kosher Food Pantry, as well as clients of JFS' Adoption Options and its Counseling Center."

Unlike JFS' current leased office space, also on North Main Street in Providence, the new handicapped-accessible facility will have plenty of parking and is easily accessed from Route 95.

"Grace and Wesley Alpert have always been so committed to helping us help our clients, many of whom are Rhode Island's most vulnerable residents," said Minior. "We miss them deeply, but we know that their legacy of sustained philanthropy will have a lasting impact on all who knew them and those who have been helped by their generosity."

Once occupied, the agency will host a community celebration at The Grace K. and Wesley S. Alpert Building, which still has naming opportunities available.

Submitted by Jewish Family Service. Contact Erin Minior or Sara Goodwin at 401-331-1244 for information about naming opportunities.

Touro Fraternal begins centennial year celebration

Touro Fraternal Association, the largest independent Jewish fraternal order in New England, is proud to announce the commencement of its centennial year.

Founded by the Honorable Jacob A. Eaton, Rhode Island's first Jewish member of the General Assembly, Touro was granted its charter by the state legislature in 1917 and organized a year later. The association offers its members a sense of fraternalism, community and belonging with a tradition of philanthropy. It supports many Jewish and other charitable causes, both in and out of Rhode Island. With headquarters at 45 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Touro has more than 500 members.

The centennial year will be marked with special events for its members, highlighted by a gala weekend celebration Sept. 16 and 17, and a focus on significant charitable works. Touro will be sponsoring Oneg Shabbats at synagogues throughout the state on the same weekend to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

A Centennial Committee has been planning activities over the next year, including the collection of materials to be included in a time capsule that will be opened at the 150th celebration in 2067.

For more information about Touro Fraternal Association go to the website, tourofraternal.org, email info@tourofraternal.org or call 401-785-0066.

Books on the Beach is back

BY JEWISH VOICE STAFF

It wouldn't be summer without books and the beach. And, once again, Hadassah Rhode Island is holding its Books on the Beach luncheon and author presentation.

Members and friends are invited to attend the 7th annual event on Aug. 9 at OceanCliff in Newport. This year, attendees will have an opportunity to meet award-winning authors Joanna Rakoff, author of "My Salinger Year" and Alyson Richman, author of "The Velvet Hours."



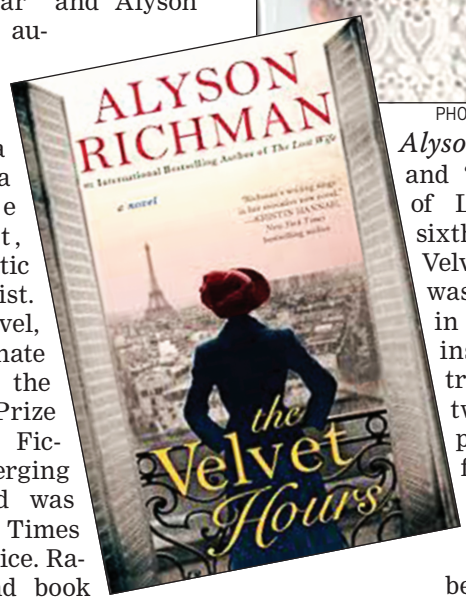
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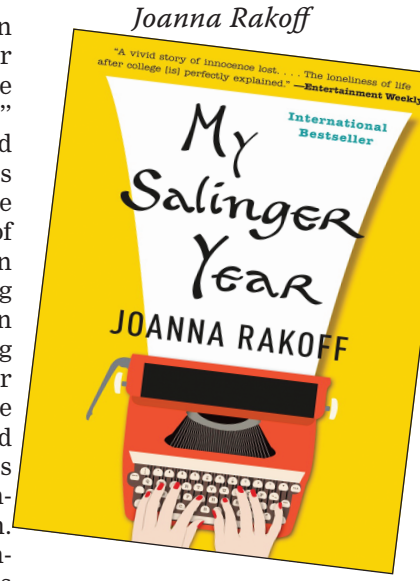
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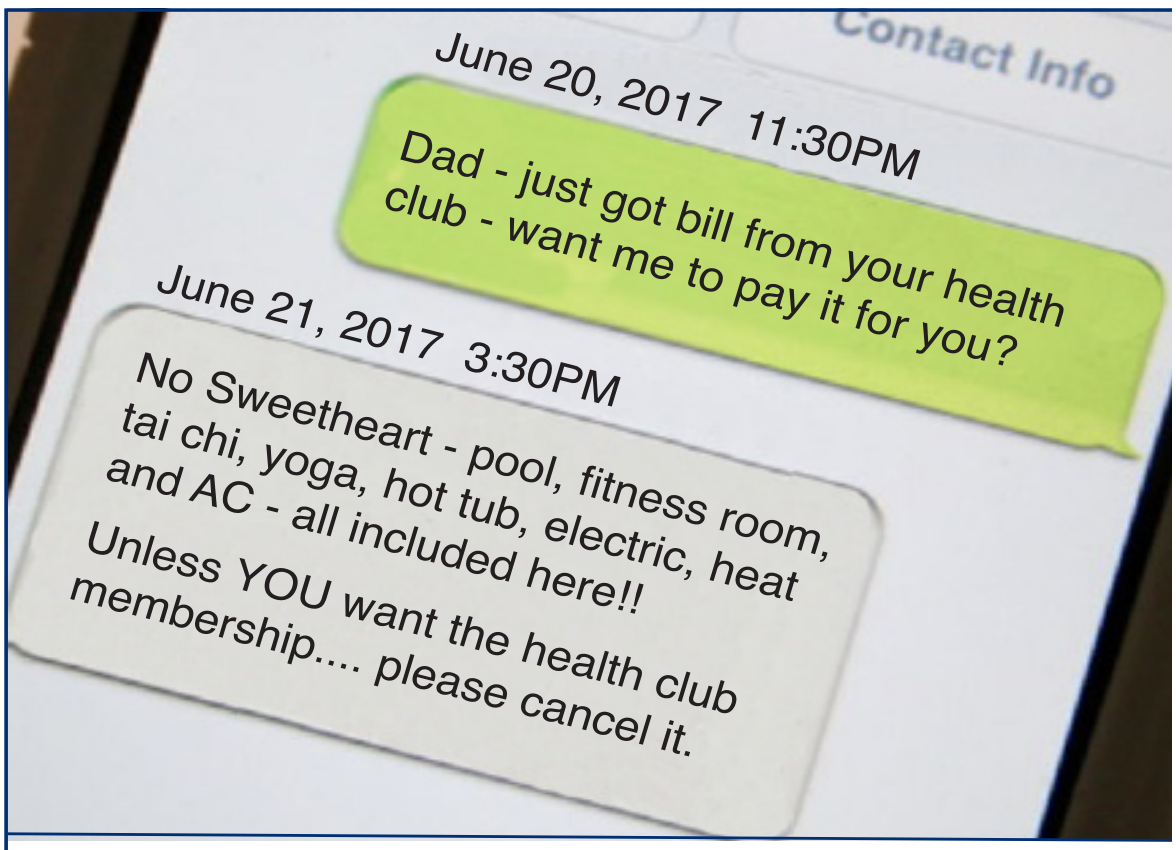
Joanna Rakoff is a freelance journalist, poet, critic and novelist. Her first novel, "A Fortunate Age," won the Goldberg Prize for Jewish Fiction by Emerging Writers and was a New York Times Editor's Choice. Rakoff's second book and memoir, "My Salinger Year," was published in 2014 and is about a year spent answering J.D. Salinger's fan mail. "My Salinger Year" earned a GoodReads Choice award, an Amazon Best Book of the Month and an Oprah.com award.

Alyson Richman is the best-selling author of five novels, including "The Lost Wife" and "The Garden of Letters." Her sixth novel, "The Velvet Hours," was published in 2016 and was inspired by the true events of two women pursuing freedom in Paris during WWII. Her novels have been published in more than 15 languages and have received both national and international acclaim. Alyson Richman is an accomplished painter, and her novels combine her deep love of art, historical research and travel.

Lunch is quiche or grilled salmon. Copies of the novels will be available for purchase.



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Rabbi Sid Schwarz speaks to Rhode Island Jewish community leaders.

First leadership initiative offers food for thought

Leaders of more than a dozen agencies and congregations of the Rhode Island Jewish community met June 15 in the renovated Victor and Gussie Baxt Social Hall as part of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's renewed Leadership Initiative. Speaking to the more than 80 people at the evening program, Mark Feinstein, head of the organizing committee, announced that this is the first of a series for current community leaders, and that a Yesod (foundation) course will be offered to upcoming leaders in the fall.

Rabbi Sid Schwarz, author of "Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future," spoke about the differences in the generations as influenced by events in America and Israel, and the implications for the future of the community. Each agency and synagogue group then met to explore how they should plan their futures in light of the four megatrends Schwarz proposed.

BBYO New England celebrates year of success

As the programming year comes to an end, BBYO New England Region (NER) reports that the year has been one with many high points. BBYO NER teens, parents, community supporters in the Friends and Alumni Network (FAN), advisors and staff are celebrating monumental growth, outstanding programs and prestigious awards.

Over the course of the 2016-2017 programming year, BBYO NER experienced significant growth, increasing in membership by 15 percent. The region held several noteworthy programs, including our largest Kickoff: Neon Night Club with DJ and games like ping pong, foosball, and arcade games.

Winter Kallah 2017: Free to be You and Me, a weekend-long convention with BBYO Connecticut Valley Region featured special guest speakers, Joshua Nelson and the Kosher Gospel Singers, Dawn Ennis, award-winning journalist and transgender advocate, and Pamela Schuller, Inclusion Advocate and Stand-Up Comic. Aaron Cooper, 92nd international president, spoke to teens about leadership and diversity. Saturday evening teens participated in Stomp It Out! A night to end the stigma of mental health, sponsored by several organizations including USY and organizations that work with mental health issues to host an interactive mental health fair and dance with DJ Earworm.

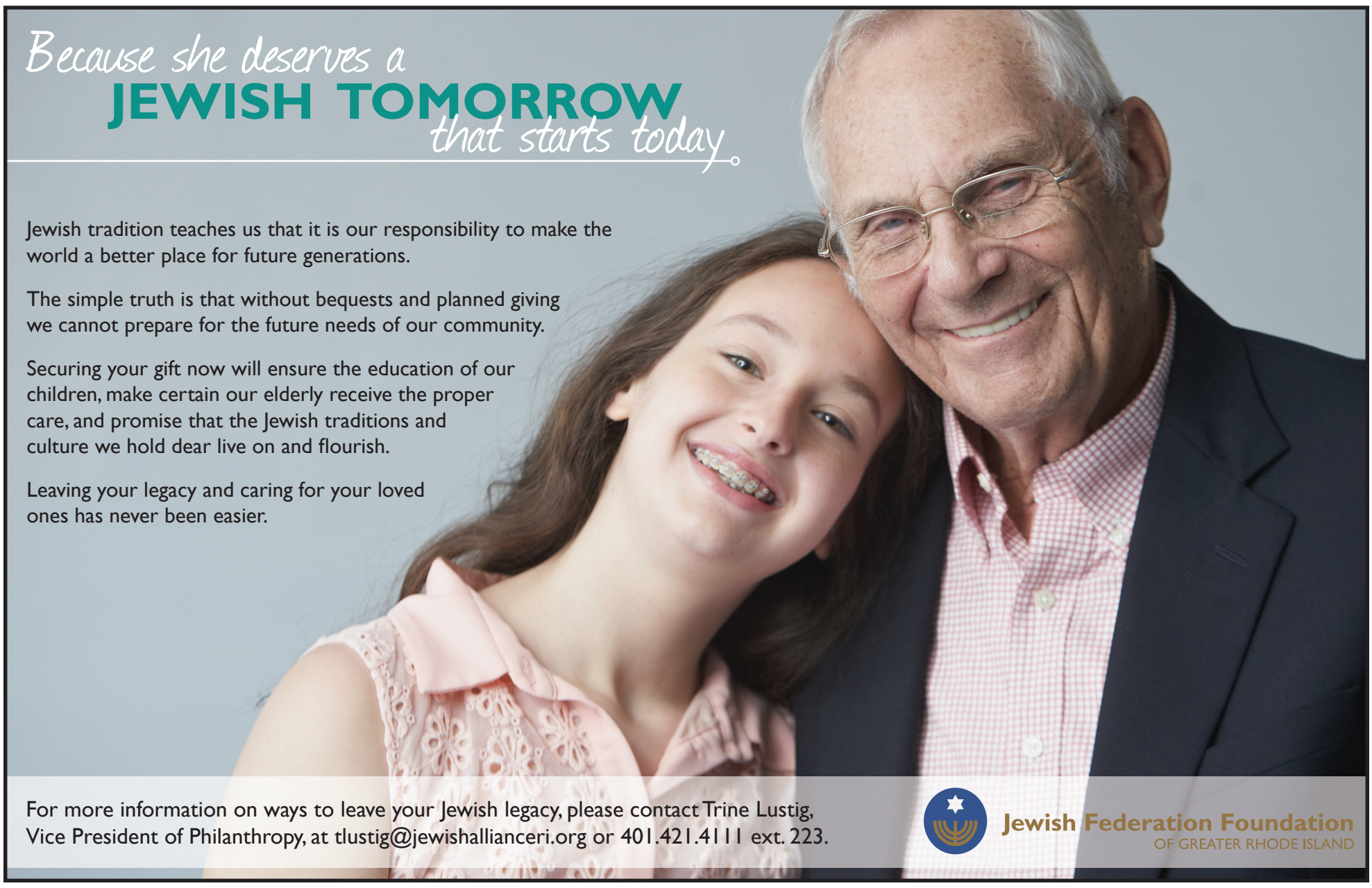
J-Serve 2017 was planned by various chapters around the region, including Rhode Island and Eastern Massachusetts. Teens from Rhode Island participated in a local project, creating birthday boxes for Birthday Wishes that helped 14 teens celebrate their birthdays.

One final highlight was Spring Convention 2017 where half of BBYO NER members came to elect the 2017-2018 regional board, participate in Senior Traditions, various sports activities and creative Shabbat services.

BBYO NER congratulates the region's graduating seniors! Congratulations also go to the outgoing regional board members: Andrew Bikash, Will Cummins, Julia Keizler, Reuben Kittrell, Jenna Rachman, Lauren Robinson, Maddy Selsberg, Melissa Starr and Isaac Wolfson.

To learn more about BBYO in New England Region, please contact Samantha Walsh, LCSW, regional director at swalsh@bbyo.org or 401-490-1030.

Submitted by BBYO





WE ARE READ IN JAPAN – Charlotte Powning and her father John in Kyoto, at Sanjusangendo Temple, in March. She recently returned from a year spent teaching English just outside of Kyoto.



WE ARE READ IN NEWPORT – The members of Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer's Torah study group at Temple Emanu-El in Providence spent the day recently visiting Touro Synagogue and the Loeb Visitors Center in Newport. Pictured are: Maybeth Lichaa, Bonnie Hirsh, Toby London, Rabbi Kaunfer, Susan Leach DeBlasio and Robyn Furman. Other class members are Cheryl Teverow, Kit Haspel, Susan Odessa, Jane Jacober and Paula Sigal.

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Jamie Moscovitz and Jordan Karmel

ENGAGEMENT – Wendy and Terry Moscovitz of Coventry announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Moscovitz, to Jordan Karmel, son of Laurie and Arthur Karmel of Marlboro, New Jersey.

Jamie received a doctorate in toxicology at Rutgers University and is employed at Pfizer Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Jordan completed an MBA at Monmouth University and is employed at KPMG, LLP in New York, New York.

A fall 2018 wedding is planned. The couple resides in Boston, Massachusetts.



MAZAL TOV – Melanie and Doug Stark of Barrington welcomed with joy their first child, Benjamin Hunter on April 27. Benjamin is named for Melanie's paternal grandfather, Benjamin Farkas, and Doug's maternal grandmother Hannah Goodman. Paul and Esta Farkas of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and Alan and Marjorie Stark of Washington, D.C. (formerly of Holyoke, Massachusetts) are proud grandparents.



WE ARE READ AT PRIDEFEST – The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island had a table at 2017 PrideFest in Providence. Director of Community Engagement Wendy Joering and Donna Cole of the membership team made sure The Voice was there, too!

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