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Bar and Bat Mitzvah: A formative moment you'll never forget

BY SAM SERBY

For our Bar/Bat Mitzvah issue, The Jewish Voice asked several Rhode Island rabbis and a state senator to reflect on that most special day in every Jewish child's life. Here are excerpts:

Rabbi Jeffrey Goldwasser
Temple Sinai, Cranston

Date of your Bar Mitzvah?

Monday, May 31, 1976 (Memorial Day!).

Where?

Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, in Rye, New York (Reform).

What was most challenging about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and what was most rewarding?

I remember weekly tutoring lessons with a very sweet woman – Mrs. Wolf, I think I remember – who kindly tolerated my every effort to divert the conversation away from my Torah reading, but who managed to get me to learn it. That was both the hardest part and the most rewarding part. I do not have many memories of the service itself.

What was your *haftarah* portion?

Since my service was on a Monday, I did not read the *haftarah* that goes with the Torah portion *Bamidbar*. If I had, it would have been Hosea 2:1-22, which is not G-rated.

I am grateful that I was spared the experience of reading about adultery and harlotry as a 13-year-old boy!

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Special guests visit the Sukkah

Children enrolled in the David C. Isenberg Family Early Childhood Center and the Eides Family J-Space afterschool program were visited during *Sukkot* by PJ Library author Laya Steinberg, who shared her story "The Best *Sukkot* Pumpkin Ever." After the reading, they counted and tasted pumpkin seeds, and discussed many different ways to cook with pumpkin. Next month, children will be visited by Paws and Sox from the Pawtucket Red Sox in conjunction with the upcoming "Chasing Dreams" baseball exhibit at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center in Providence.



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Large audience eats up 'Noshing Around Rhode Island'

BY RUTH BREINDEL

More than 60 people attended "Noshing Around Rhode Island," a lecture sponsored by The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and the Rhode Island Historical Society on Oct. 17 at Aldrich House, in Providence.

Speaking at the free program were Alisha Rudacevsky and Audra Mena, of Rudy's Delicatessen, Murray Kaplan, of Rainbow Bakery, and Rabbi Raphie Schochet of Rhode Island Kosher.

Rudacevsky and Mena said their grandparents first opened Rudy's Place on Broad Street in Providence, "across from the fire station and Martinique" (as we say in Rhode Island), and later moved to Garden City in Cranston. After the death of their grandfather, the family continued to run the restaurant until the 1980s, when the family sold the business.

Having grown up hearing stories of how much fun it was to run a restaurant, in 2015 the sisters opened Rudy's Delicatessen, first on Dyer Avenue, in Cranston, and now in the old Tasca building at 1300 Pontiac Ave. They use

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THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"A person cannot take out what they didn't put in."

Happenings at the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island

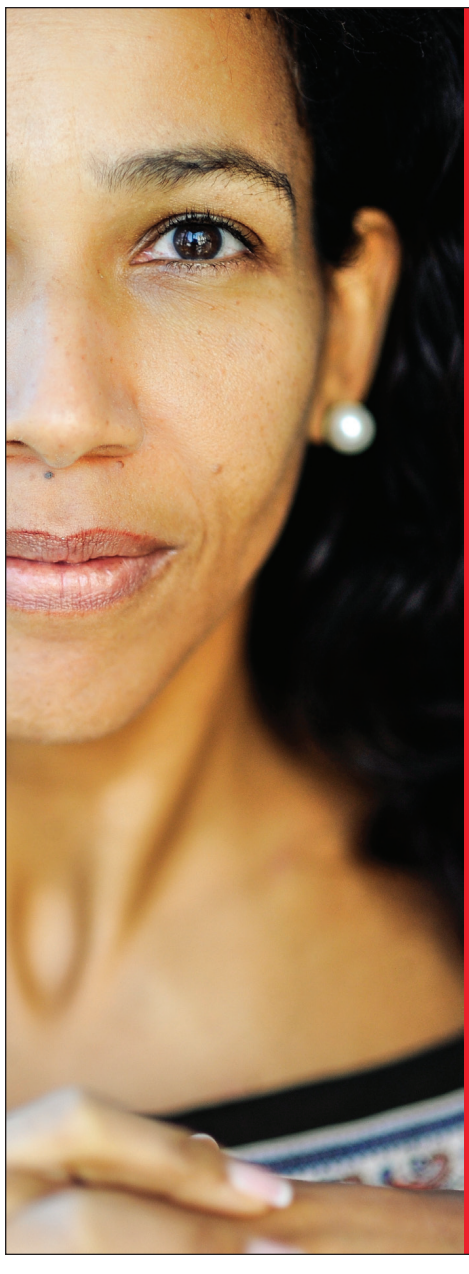


Above and lower right, parents and staff worked together to create a sukkah to be used by the entire community.



Music teacher Mike Murdock working with a first-grade student during class. Music and art are an integral part of JCDSRI providing joyous and creative experiences for all of our students.





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AN EVENING WITH

Jennifer Teege

author of

MY GRANDFATHER WOULD HAVE SHOT ME:
A Black Woman Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past

Sunday, November 5 • 7:00pm
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The New York Times bestselling memoir hailed as "UNFORGETTABLE" (Publishers Weekly) and "A STUNNING MEMOIR OF CULTURAL TRAUMA AND PERSONAL IDENTITY" (Booklist).

When Jennifer Teege, a German-Nigerian woman, grabbed a library book off the shelf, she had no idea that her life would be irrevocably altered. Recognizing photos of her grandmother in the book, she discovered a horrifying fact: Her grandfather was a vicious Nazi commandant chillingly depicted in *Schindler's List*. Ultimately, Teege's resolute search for the truth leads her to the possibility of her own liberation. Join the Jewish Alliance of as we hear Teege's life-changing story, depicted in her memoir, *My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: A Black Woman Discover's Her Family's Nazi Past*.

This event is free of charge with a donation of any amount to the Alliance Annual Campaign. ***Space is filling quickly!***
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Live, from Providence, 'Saturday Night Flavor'

On Nov. 18, the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island is hosting a tasty evening of local foods and study for the Rhode Island community. "Saturday Night Flavor" will feature workshops on everything from eco-kashrut to the spiritual dimensions of eating, as well as a marketplace that includes dozens of local food producers and farmers. There will also be a cash bar with local Rhode Island beer and whiskey, and a coffee bar with locally roasted java.

The rabbis, along with co-sponsors Hope & Main, the R.I. Community Food Bank, Farm Fresh Rhode Island and the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, are seeking to highlight the many ways that food is central to our lives, and to the growing R.I. food economy. Workshops will be moderated by area rabbis and will feature local experts, including Kathleen Gorman, of the URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America; Mark Huang, economic development director for the City of Providence; Mike Araujo, of Jobs for Justice; and Rob Yaffe, of Garden Grill.

Workshop topics are:

Rituals of Dinner: Food as hospitality, community builder, culture-shaper, and conveyer of hospitality; blessings for food.

Just Food: Food access, food as a political weapon and food banks.

Growing Rhode Island's Economy: How local farmers and local food businesses can help revive the state's economy.

Food Justice: Eco-kashrut and certification, agribusiness, treatment of workers and environmental concerns.



Connecting to the Source: Local food movements and resources, spiritual dimensions of agriculture, food preparation and eating.

Eating Vegetarian: Is this God's Ideal?

Vendors will include Halvah Heaven, Just Like Nana's Rugelach, Seconds First, Savory Fare, Kosher Catch, Beautiful Day – Providence Granola Project, and Harvest Kitchen.

In addition to the vendors, over a dozen local organizations will have tables with information about their food-related work. Participants include the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, The Compost Plant, Southside Community Land Trust and Mazon.

Rabbi Sarah Mack, president of the Board of Rabbis, points to "the burgeoning food economy in Rhode Island and deep reservoir of local knowledge, businesses and organizations" as a catalyst for the program.

"The multifaceted economic, environmental and access questions surrounding food compel us, as Jews, to explore the politics and ethical dimensions of the subject," Mack said.

Rabbi Alan Flam said: "In choosing food as the focus, we hope to capture the broad and deep interest in the subject and to reach out to a younger, and perhaps unaffiliated, Jewish demographic. We also, of course, hope to provoke Jewish thinking and learning on a subject many people don't necessarily view through a Jewish lens."

"Saturday Night Flavor" will be held Nov. 18 at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

The marketplace will run from 6:30 to 10:45 p.m. The workshops will kick off at 7:15 p.m. with brief remarks by Lisa Raioli, founder of the Hope & Main food incubator, and Rabbi Jonathan Brumberg Kraus. Workshops will run from 8 to 9 p.m. and 9:15 to 10:15 p.m.

Because of the generous support of the Rabbi William G. Braude Fund at the Jewish Federation Foundation, there is no cost to attend this event.

Submitted by the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis

Baseball at the JCC

The details

Exhibit: "Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American"

Dates: Nov. 6 to Dec. 15, during regular business hours of the Dwares JCC

Location: Dwares JCC, in the Gallery

Cost: Free

Opening Night: Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Film: "Jews and Baseball," Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Talk: "On Women and Baseball" Nov. 27, 7 p.m.

The exhibit will be available for viewing on Nov. 6. The official opening takes place Nov. 9 at the Alliance's Dwares JCC and features a talk by Rhode Island College Prof. Robert Cvornyek, who has researched early African-American involvement in baseball. On Nov. 15, "Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story," narrated by Dustin Hoffman, will be screened. It features Sandy Koufax, Yogi Berra, Shawn Green and other ballplayers, as well as Larry King and Ron Howard. On Nov. 27, local baseball historian and collector Richard Harris will discuss the contribution of women to the sport.

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Shabbat Hallelu celebrates 10 years of song

BY JOHN LANDRY

In 2007, Judy Seplowin had an idea. The cantor of Temple Beth-El in Providence noticed the growing popularity of instrumental bands in religious services. Instead of voices accompanied by piano or organ, churches were trying out an array of musicians to better engage people. Some Reform Jewish congregations, which had long allowed instruments on Shabbat, were now trying this out. How about Temple Beth-El?

Her colleagues at the temple encouraged her, but there were two big hurdles. The first was figuring out the music. Guitar-based songs from Jewish camps were getting lots of attention, and the temple had hosted some Jewish rock bands for its Hanukkah concerts. But Seplowin wanted a repertoire broader than rock in order to appeal to older adults as well. She had experience in musical theater before entering cantorial school. She wanted melodies that were rich enough to please the ear, easy enough for people to sing along with and spiritually satisfying.

Assembling the band was the bigger challenge. She spread the word by temple communications and called a few people. Within a few months, she had someone for clarinet, flute, guitar and bass, to be accompanied on piano by the temple's longtime organist Philip Martorella.



The Shabbat Hallelu band in a recent photograph.

The clarinetist turned out to be the key. Stanley Freedman, a retired schoolteacher who had played at some temple events, helped with auditions and conducting. He also did much of the arrangement of music for the instruments.

Once the band was in place, Seplowin worked with the temple's other clergy and the executive director to adjust the Friday evening service. They moved the starting time from 7:30 to 7, and added a 6:30 nosh substantial enough to serve as a light dinner. To encourage informality and participation, they moved the service from the grand sanctuary to the meeting hall. They converted much of the liturgy to song, and freed up time by shortening the sermon into a brief d'var Torah on the weekly portion. The plan was to offer "Shabbat Hallelu" once a month, except in the summer.

The service was a hit, and has become a calendar staple. Seplowin mixes familiar music with new versions of the blessings, such Rabbi Joe Black's Brazilian beat for Yism'chu.

"I've always enjoyed balancing music genres in planning a service," she said. "Congregants seem to enjoy it as well. We mostly use contemporary tunes for Hallelu, but we include a variety of melodies to help express the text. I try to choose music to lift the spirit and celebrate the joy of Shabbat."

The musicians have changed a bit over the years, some committing only a season; others several years. On any given Hallelu the band can range from five members to a dozen. But Seplowin and Freedman continue to lead the group, with Rabbis Howard Voss-Altman and Sarah Mack leading the rest of the liturgy.

While the band is largely made up of adults, some high school students have joined for a time, and last spring a middle-schooler joined. In addition to the core instruments, at different times they've had a violin, a harp and even a euphonium.

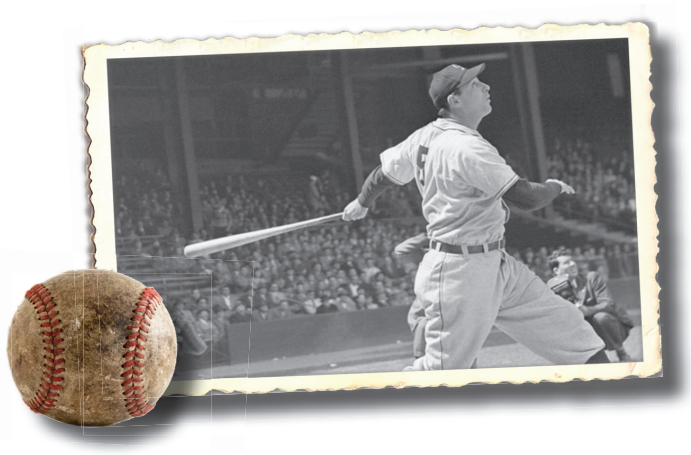
Shabbat Hallelu celebrated its 10th anniversary on Oct. 20 at Temple Beth-El. It takes place next on Nov. 17, and then every month on the third Shabbat evening through May 2018, at 7 p.m. Check the website at www.temple-beth-el.org for updates.

JOHN LANDRY lives in Providence and is a congregant at Temple Beth-El.

Chasing Dreams

BASEBALL & BECOMING AMERICAN

A national traveling exhibit that celebrates the history of baseball



On exhibit at the Jewish Alliance's Dwares JCC from NOV. 6 - DEC. 15

The exhibit depicts the story of how Jewish and other minority players navigated American culture and faced the ongoing challenges of life in the United States. It features historic photographs and memorabilia including local archives and personal collections. Learn more about well-known Jewish heroes such as Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax, iconic baseball players like Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio, and Ichiro Suzuki. Discover how our national pastime shaped vendors, team owners, scouts, broadcasters, journalists, novelists, and especially fans.

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 9
Drop in as early as 5:30pm; Program at 7:00 with a presentation by Robert Cvornyek, Professor of History at Rhode Island College, specializing in sports history.

Film: Wednesday, November 15 | 7:00pm
Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story
Narrated by Dustin Hoffman

Presentation: Monday, November 27 | 7:00pm
Women and Baseball: A Short Story?!
Presented by Rick Harris, MSW, LICSW, National Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island Chapter.

Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American is organized by the National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia.

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Celebrating Rosh Hashanah with Rebbe Nachman in Ukraine

BY SHAI AFSAI

Normally, about 50 Jewish families, or about 250 individuals, make their home in the Ukrainian city of Uman. Prior to Rosh Hashanah, however, this number explodes as some 30,000 Jewish men and boys (and a few women and girls, too) make their way to the vicinity of the tziyun hakadosh, the resting place of Rebbe Nachman (1772-1810), founder of Breslov Hasidism. Most of these pilgrims are from Israel, though a large number are from the United States. A good percentage, perhaps as many as half, are Sephardim/*Bene Edot Hamizrach*.

They are drawn to Uman by Rebbe Nachman's exhortation to go to him for Rosh Hashanah. In the work "*Chayei Moharan*," his leading disciple, Rabbi Natan of Nemirov (Reb Noson, 1780-1844), records some of Rebbe Nachman's pronouncements on the importance of the New Year pilgrimage: "And he said to us, 'What can I tell you? There is nothing greater than this: that is, being by me on Rosh Hashanah'… And all this was when he spoke with us in Uman during his last Rosh Hashanah." Accordingly, his followers understood Rebbe Nachman's request to journey to him in Uman – where he resided in the final months before his death from tuberculosis at age 38 – as applying even after he passed away.

The shared goal of answering Rebbe Nachman's call to join him for God's coronation on Rosh Hashanah creates a quick feeling of brotherhood among the joyous pilgrims. At the same time – for those not used to very large crowds – eating, learning, praying and sleeping (or not sleeping) in close quarters with so many new brothers can require a mental adjustment.

As in the previous year, I was again in Uman this Rosh Hashanah with my friends Daniel and Yaniv, who both traveled from Israel. At the end of Friday evening services, as we planned to leave the packed Ashkenazic synagogue where we had prayed, Yaniv and I found the aisle obstructed by two friends who were embracing each other. Rather than stepping aside when the two friends realized they were blocking our exit, they drew Yaniv and me into their hold. At the end of this group hug, one of the young men said in Hebrew, "Now let us see us do this is in Israel!" Indeed, one of the challenges posed by intense religious or communal experiences is how to carry that energy from a specific time and place into day-to-day living.

While in Uman, it sometimes helps to keep in mind that though the current number of Rosh Hashanah pilgrims far exceeds the several hundred of Rebbe Nachman's day, some of the basic challenges of space and accommodation have not changed. Rabbi Natan records that when one of Rebbe Nachman's followers asked if he might instead come to the Rebbe at a different time, when it would be less crowded, it would be possible to get better room and board and there would be fewer distractions, Rebbe Nachman replied: "Whether you eat or do not eat, whether you sleep or do not sleep, whether you pray or do not pray [with intention] – just be by me on Rosh Hashanah, come what may."

In addition to the easy friendship of Uman, another striking aspect of Rosh Hashanah there is *mizug galuyot*, the integration of different Jewish communities once separated by the Diaspora. The early Hasidic rabbis of Europe drew on the Sephardic/*Edot Hamizrach* mystics who preceded them. But in the last 70 years there has been a dramatic exchange of customs and practices among different Jewish ethnic groups. Chabad and Breslov Hasidism, in particular, have strongly resonated with Sephardim/*Bene Edot Hamizrach*.

I embody this national *mizug* (integration). My mother's family came to Rhode Island from the Pale of Settlement, including areas of that are now in Ukraine. My father's family came to the state of Israel from Kurdistan and Iraq. And I have cousins on both sides of my family who identify with Chabad Hasidism or with Breslov Hasidism.

As so many of the Rosh Hashanah pilgrims are now Sephardim/*Bene Edot Hamizrach*, it made sense that at midnight on the eve of Rosh Hashanah they took charge of the main hall of the *tziyun hakadosh* for a special *selichot* service led by a popular Israeli cantor. Ashkenazic Jews joined hundreds of Jews whose families once dwelt in Ethiopia, Morocco, Yemen or Iraq for an exuberant chanting of Sephardic *selichot*.

An additional feature of Rosh Hashanah in Uman is the diversity found in the types of Jews who join the pilgrimage. "The gathering at Uman draws everyone from Hasids to hippies – from people who come for a Jewish happening to others seeking spiritual depth. Rebbe Nachman's appeal today mirrors his efforts 200 years ago – to reach seekers," according to Rabbi Gil Bashe of the Breslov Research Institute, whom I met and spent time with in Ukraine.

"Uman has something for everyone and Rebbe Nachman guaranteed that those who come for Rosh Hashanah would experience something unique and personal. That's why the gathering grows every year, with old-timers and newcomers finding a connection across religious practice and approach," he explained.



PHOTOS | SHAI AFSAI

Pilgrims enter and exit the tomb of Rebbe Nachman on the eve of Rosh Hashanah.



A welcome banner outside the tziyun urges pilgrims to enjoy choice food and sweet drinks for the joy of God is their strength.

With more and more Jews encountering Hasidic teachings – and with the number of pilgrims increasing from one Rosh Hashanah to the next – new inns, hostels, apartment buildings and synagogues continue to rise in the vicinity of the *tziyun hakadosh*. Last year, Chabad had a modest-sized prayer tent situated near Chazon Ovadiah, a relatively large Sephardic/*Edot Hamizrach* synagogue (named for the late Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Ovadiah Yosef) that was nonetheless too small to accommodate its worshippers. This year, Chabad moved into Chazon Ovadiah's former space, and the latter relocated to a newly-built and much larger synagogue – though even this new edifice was insufficient. During services, worshippers stood inside Chazon Ovadiah and poured out into the street.

Fortunately, I was able to find a place to stand inside Chazon Ovadiah during the first night of Rosh Hashanah. As one fellow worshipper observed, rather than being a prayer service directed by the cantor, it was spontaneously led by the crowd, which danced and clapped in the aisles. I also attended Chabad services. What Chabad in Uman lacks in air-conditioning (it has none), it makes up for in comfortable chairs (available to those who arrive early enough). For services that can span six hours, a comfortable chair is no small thing.

More importantly, Chabad in Uman also exemplifies *mizug galuyot*. Its synagogue was full of Jews from many countries and backgrounds, including a large contingent of French Jews of North African origin, with their requisite holiday uniform of skinny jeans and black or white T-shirts. These men had come to Uman with a young French rabbi who read the Torah portion for the congregation with a thick *Edot Hamizrach* accent, properly pronouncing the Hebrew letters *ayin* and *chet*. His reading, preceded and followed in the prayer service by powerful Chabad *nigunim* (melodies), did

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Carol Beagan, "Maxwell Mays Refuge," oil



Ann Kelsey Thacher, "Cranberry Bog," monotype collage on suminagashi



Susan Gallagher, "Salt Water Taffy," photograph

Three artists offer their view of the world around us

The November/December 2017 show in the Bunny Fain Gallery at Temple Habonim features three talented artists who view our surroundings with a heightened awareness. The show opens with a wine and cheese reception on Nov. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. It continues through Jan. 4, 2018.

Ann Kelsey Thacher collects plant life to incorporate in her work. She selects a leaf or a bud as an element of her design. Her collages are rich in color and texture; her monotypes with *chine-collé* and her encaustics give the viewer introspection into the environment.

Photographer Susan Gallagher is a master. Her images bring are artist's view of our surroundings. Each piece makes the usual an image in abstraction, with a heightened awareness of color and form.

With her masterful use of color and composition, Carol Beagan uses bold strokes to open our eyes to the beauty that is around us. Her oils and pastels show an expertise in technique and evoke an emotional response.

The Bunny Fain Gallery at Temple Habonim is at 165 New Meadow Road in Barrington. Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 401-245-6536 or email gallery@templehabonim.org.

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Let's rethink how we do B'nai Mitzvah



RABBI BARRY DOLINGER

Let me be frank; the way in which our community views the concept of B'nai Mitzvah is entirely broken. But first, let's turn to the moment when Abraham, our forefather, chose a path of responsibility and autonomy.

It might be tempting to think of Abraham as an obedient messenger, following the dictates of a commanding deity. That view, however, is distorted by the language of the text. "The Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth (*lech lecha*) from your native land and from your birthplace and from your ancestral home to the land that I will show you'" (Genesis 12:1).

Many of the commentators question the addition of the Hebrew word, "*lecha* – for yourself," in this verse. The *peshat* (plain meaning) is that it is added for emphasis. Rashi, among others, is unsatisfied, and prefers a symbolic understanding. He explains the meaning as, "for your own benefit, for your own good." True, God is doing the commanding; the journey, however, is for Abraham, not God.

Another striking feature of this text emerges. Abraham departs his homeland for a different destination and a different destiny. Normally, when a person decides to travel, the destination is likely the most important feature. Here, however, the destination remains unknown, "to the land that I will show you." Put yourself in Abraham's shoes. He's leaving, but has no idea where he's going; he's simply on a journey, guided at each moment by the sublime presence of the divine spirit.

Frequently enough, folks come to me and ask if they can pray in the synagogue where I serve as rabbi. I usually reply, "why not?" "Because I wasn't Bar Mitzvah'd" comes the inevitable reply.

So let me say it clearly and once and for all. The Bar Mitzvah is not a ceremony nor the Bat Mitzvah a graduation. It's not something that occurs or doesn't; it's a legal status that always instates. The Hebrew words have real meaning, and have nothing to do with a ceremony; they denote being a son or daughter of the commandments, respectively, meaning that one is now in the class of people who are individually responsible, who are commanded. It occurs with knowledge, maturity and in the context of people and community; it has nothing to do with paper certificates, Kiddush cups, DJs or invitations.

And that's just the beginning of the mistaken conceptual framework that leads us awry. Usually, the ceremony is thought of as a requirement, often burdensome, requiring the satisfaction of externally imposed demands. Yes, they are imposed, as codified rules, by synagogues. But the climate is also imposed by parents, seeking children who will affirm, to some substantial degree, a Jewish identity that comports with the way they grew up. To be clear, I'm not critiquing individual synagogues or parents doing God's holy work. I am calling out a system that demands conformity to an often unsatisfactory past as a means of satisfying (unsuccessfully, in most cases) anxiety about the future.

A Bar or Bat Mitzvah ought to be celebrated, for sure, but for the thing it ought to be. It's not a graduation from Hebrew school, the temporary end of Jewish engagement, or a ceremony celebrating nostalgia. It's the beginning of a journey, new walking shoes, critical awareness, faith in one's ability to shape destiny, license and even requirement to take ownership of one's own Jewish destiny.

My suggestion is practical. To redeem the idea of B'nai Mitzvah, let us explicitly change the ways in which we frame the celebration. We're celebrating the beginning of an individual path, inherently different from any previously traveled, destination still unknown. Let our charge be *lech lecha*, you must do it yourself, for yourself; there is no other choice. As the poet Thomas A. Clark muses in his poem, "In Praise of Walking:"

"Convictions, directions, opinions, are of less importance than sensible shoes. / In the course of a walk, we usually find out something about our companion, and this is true even when we travel alone."

BARRY DOLINGER is rabbi of Congregation Beth Sholom in Providence. He is vice president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Rhode Island.

Help – and get help – through JFS

Every holiday season, Jewish Family Service has the good fortune to connect those who need extra support with those who want to give.

In preparation for Thanksgiving, JFS provides Kosher food and Stop & Shop gift cards to those struggling to provide a holiday meal; and during Hanukkah donors are connected with families who need financial assistance for purchasing gifts for their children.

Gift cards for both holidays are much appreciated as they allow families to shop on their own and choose appropriate gifts and food.

Many families need a little help from time to time. If your family could benefit from support this holiday season, please call the case management team at Jewish Family Service, 401-331-1244. If you would like to donate for either of these holidays, you can also call the same number. The deadline for both donors and families requesting assistance is Nov. 6.

Candle Lighting Times

Greater Rhode Island

October 27	5:28
November 3	5:20
November 10	4:10
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Daylight saving time ends November 5, 2017



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not feel out of place.

On Saturday afternoon I went on a walking tour of historic Jewish Uman with Rabbi Bashe, who is a former Israel Defense Forces paratrooper and who fought in the First Lebanon War. He led a group of mostly-American pilgrims on a 2 1/2-hour trek through the roads, hills and valleys of Uman, and even the younger pilgrims found it difficult to keep up with him.

"When Rebbe Nachman came to Uman, most residents were 'enlightened Jews' (*maskilim*) and not Breslov Hasids. They welcomed Rebbe Nachman into their homes, and he welcomed them into his heart. They connected with him and found his 'rabbi of the soul' approach spiritually meaningful," Rabbi Bashe explained. "Uman remains that vestige of welcome to all Jews. *Shtreimel*-wearing Hasids and baseball cap-seekers eat, pray and dance together. Uman Rosh Hashanah is about inclusion and acceptance. Rebbe Nachman was a great leader – a leader who unified people during his time and across the generations – and his words and approach remain powerful and speak to our needs today."

Jewish life in Uman, as in the rest of Europe, was punctuated by discrimination, massacres, pillaging, attempts at forced conversion to Christianity and pogroms. Nonetheless, a vibrant Jewish community took hold, and Rebbe Nachman specifically chose to be buried in Uman alongside some of the thousands of Jews martyred there for their faith.

The next day, at 4 a.m., I accompanied Rabbi Bashe on a visit to Breslov, the town from which Breslov Hasids got their name and where Rabbi Natan of Nemirov is buried. From there, after praying *shacharit* in a small structure near Rabbi Natan's tomb, we continued to the old and vast Jewish cemetery of Berditchev, burial place of Rabbi Levi Yitzchak, the Hasidic master famous for his vindications of the Jewish nation before God. By the afternoon we reached the capital city, Kiev, and I made my way back to Providence.



Inside the tomb of Rebbe Nachman, pilgrims pray and recite psalms.

SHAI AFSAI'S "Uman: Pilgrimage and Prayer," an article on his first visit to Ukraine, was published in the Summer 2017 issue of the Reform Jewish Quarterly. He will speak on Jewish pilgrimage to Ukraine at Providence's Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, Nov. 19, 4-5:30 p.m.

Here's to families and celebrations



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

This may be our annual Bar Mitzvah issue, but my mind is on another life cycle event right now.

This week, I am the proud mother of the groom. By the time some of you read this, the wedding that's been in the planning for months will be a happy memory. The bride and groom will be married and life – at least my life – will return to some semblance of normalcy.

I know many of you can relate.

Like many young people today, the couple decided to plan and implement the wedding themselves. I have a lot of respect for the job they've done. It hasn't been easy. They both work full time. And the bride was in school during much of the past year as well.

Planning a wedding is like managing a business. There are plenty of financial decisions, timelines to be met, vendors to be hired, hard decisions to be made. But there are plenty of emotional issues, too, involving size, family traditions and even the menu. Each decision is discussed, scrutinized (and maybe criticized by some), discussed again, and, even after it's finalized, discussed again. The entire process is a good lesson in compromise, balance and mediation.

I can't imagine my husband and I going through this process for our wedding, more than 30 years ago. We lived thousands of miles away from the wedding venue, and relied on my mother to do the planning. Was it exactly what we wanted? Not necessarily. But we are still happily married and we have the same shared memories that our children will have.

My husband and I have made ourselves available for advice, if asked. But for us, the bride and groom's planning has been an affirmation of our belief that our grown children should make decisions on their own.

Behind the scenes, I have received some advice.

Mother of the groom? Wear beige.

I want to believe this advice was not really serious, but more than one person offered it, and I read it in several wedding articles. I look terrible in beige. Why would I do that? I chose the high road and asked my daughter-in-law-to-be what color she'd like to see me wear. She gave me a few parameters. I chose a beautiful dark blue.

Another bit of advice: Don't worry. You won't have much to do.

Well, in our situation, that hasn't really been the case. We have a large extended family who all live out of town. In an attempt to take pressure off the bride and groom, we've tried to coordinate their comings and goings. I hope we've been successful. I'm glad I have unlimited cellphone data.

And, finally, this tidbit: make sure nobody stays with you.

This advice I've taken to heart. My house is usually the center of all family activities, with half a dozen relatives staying overnight. Not this time. The person offering this advice was adamant. "You need somewhere to go to be by yourselves." I imagine I will thank her after the weekend is over.

As I write this, we are looking forward to a wedding filled with people meaningful to the bridal couple and their families. This is, after all, a time for two families to get to know each other and to celebrate the bride and groom. It's also an opportunity for my family and my husband's to get together again – a real treat. They say you don't just marry your partner, you marry the entire family. I have to agree with that since it is certainly the case in my marriage. And both our families have been loving, supportive and fun.

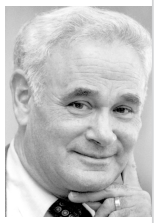
I hope that the newly married couple will find that both families will come together to bring them support and comfort in the years to come.

We'll work hard to do our part. Here's to families and all the good things they can bring to our lives.

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In search of a Jewish self



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

George Prochnik's "Stranger in a Strange Land: Searching for Gershom Scholem and Jerusalem" (New York: Other Press, 2016) is a difficult book to categorize: part biography, part autobiography, part intellectual history. For me, the book's mixed genre is part of its considerable charm.

As the subtitle suggests, "Stranger in a Strange Land" is a biography of Gershom Scholem (1897-1982), one of the most acclaimed Jewish scholars of the 20th century, who almost single-handedly pioneered the academic study of Jewish mysticism. His numerous works include "Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism" (Schocken, 1946), "On the Kabbalah and its Symbolism" (Schocken,1965), "The Messianic Idea in Judaism" (Schocken, 1971), and the monumental "Sabbatai Sevi: The Mystical Messiah" (Princeton University Press, 1973).

While I have pondered many of Scholem's writings, I knew almost nothing about his life until reading Prochnik, who portrays Scholem's adult life and thought as a rebellion against his upbringing in a deeply assimilated Jewish neighborhood in Berlin. It would seem that Scholem despised his bourgeois parents. As he moved into his young adult years, he became a dedicated Zionist and considered Theodore Herzl one of his heroes. An overt sign of his mother's insensitivity to Scholem's anti-assimilationist world view was her choosing to place a portrait of Herzl among the wrapped gifts under the family's Christmas tree.

Scholem's response to his family's extreme assimilation was to move to Palestine in 1923; for Scholem, Zionism was "the destruction of the reality of Exile."

In Palestine – Israel, after May 14, 1948 – he established himself as the preeminent scholar of Jewish mysticism, based at Hebrew University, which officially opened on April 1, 1925. Politically, he became known as an outspoken critic of the more reactionary forms of Zionism; he joined Brit Shalom, a small group, founded in 1925, that was devoted to the pursuit of peaceful Jewish-Arab coexistence.

Another of the many strands of Prochnik's biography of Scholem concerns his friendship with the German-Jewish thinker Walter Benjamin (1892-1940), a mutually enriching relationship that began in 1915 and continued, with many ups and downs, until Benjamin's suicide. While a number of writers have explored the intellectual complexities of their written and in-person exchanges, Prochnik adds telling detail to the ebb and flow of their emotional intimacy, their profound connection and their equally profound disillusionment with each other over time.

At times, Prochnik's biography of Scholem morphs into his own autobiography. Early in the book, Prochnik confesses that he, who had converted to Judaism in his mid-20s, went to Jerusalem with his Jewish wife, Anne, "in search of a guide to religious anarchy." Prochnik was hoping that Scholem, who had defined himself as a "religious anarchist," would be such a guide. While in Jerusalem during much of the '90s, Pruchnik read widely and deeply of Scholem's works.

During their years in Jerusalem, the Prochniks became the parents of four sons. Despite financial worries and Prochnik's mounting frustration in pursuit of a doctorate at Hebrew University, the couple seemed to be taking on the identity of Hebrew-speaking Jewish Israeli citizens – true Jerusalemites, in particular. As Prochnik comments, "We sought to receive our Jewishness in Jerusalem in selective osmosis."

Despite their plans, the Prochnik family returned to the United States as the decade drew to a close. It turns out that George and Anne wanted different things from Jerusalem, different things from Judaism, and different things from each other. They were soon divorced.

While I have been wrestling with the thought of Gershom Scholem for several decades, Prochnik's "Stranger in a Strange Land" has come to me as a revelation: He has demonstrated how the facts of Scholem's life, especially his childhood in an assimilationist home, laid the foundation for his "religious anarchy" – his understanding of the mystical elements of Judaism as the resurgence of emotionally powerful myth within the heart of a rabbinical Judaism that had grown stale and rigid. One might well wonder how Scholem would have approached the major trends of Jewish mysticism had he grown up in a traditional Jewish home in Eastern Europe.

After Scholem's death in 1982, his second wife, Fanya, is quoted as saying, "Everything that he did in his life in Israel derived from a search for himself." Whether he ever found the self that he was seeking is a question that can never be answered.

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Israel's centrist leaders vie to replace Netanyahu – by taking his side

BY ANDREW TOBIN

JERUSALEM (JTA) – The Israeli political scene has always been one of stark contrasts between the two most iconic, if not always most successful, parties: dovish Labor vs. hawkish Likud. While Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu drew huge numbers of settlers in his most recent election as prime minister, uprooting Jewish homes in the West Bank was taken for granted in multiple Labor-led peace efforts since party leader Yitzhak Rabin signed the Oslo Accords in 1992.

But the head of the reliably pro-peace Labor Party defied that dynamic in an interview broadcast Tuesday [Oct. 17], saying he would not evacuate settlements as part of a final status agreement with the Palestinians.

Avi Gabbay told Channel 2 that the notion this is necessary was mistaken.

"I think the dynamic and terminology that have become commonplace here, that if you make peace, evacuate, is not in fact correct," he said. "If you make a peace deal, it is possible to find solutions that don't require evacuating."

Various Labor leaders and others in the opposition distanced themselves from Gabbay's comments after they were aired Monday [Oct. 16] in a preview. Under prime ministers Rabin, Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak, Labor pushed for peace based on the premise that settlers would have to move across Israel's new border.

Tzipi Livni of the center-left Zionist Union said Gabbay's statement does not reflect the position of her party, which is allied with Labor. While Israel would of course retain the major settlement blocs, she said, unfortunately "you can't promise everyone they can stay in their homes."

Gabbay's comments seem to move his center-left party rightward at a time when he is vying with Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid to be the centrist alternative to Netanyahu. Both men are adopting or withholding criticism of some of the prime minister's positions in the process.

And with some exceptions, Gabbay and Lapid have refrained lately from seriously attacking the prime minister, even as police investigations swirl around Netanyahu, his family and associates.

According to Abraham Diskin, a political science professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, both Gabbay and Lapid hope to reach rightward and win over some of the prime minister's traditional Likud supporters, which is why they can sound like him.

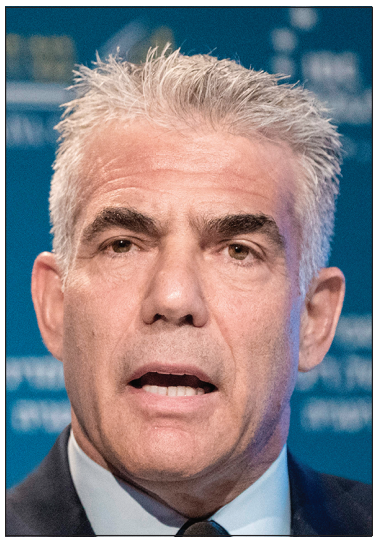
"You really have to control the arithmetic center in the Knesset," Diskin said. "That means attracting defectors from the right wing, including the Likud."

Gabbay first made headlines this week at a Shabbat event in the southern city of Beersheba when he declared that unlike other Labor leaders in the past, he would not join a governing coalition with the Arab parties that make up the Joint List – of which Netanyahu is a frequent critic.

On Sunday [Oct. 15], Gabbay told a crowd in Dimona that he is not sure there is a Palestinian partner for peace. Netanyahu has said repeatedly he is sure there is not.



Avi Gabbay



Yair Lapid

In the interview Tuesday, Gabbay made two other surprising statements in addition to the one about settlements. He said Netanyahu should only step down if indicted on allegations that he took bribes – allegations Netanyahu denies. Other figures on the left have called for the prime minister's head in the wake of the corruption allegations.

Asked how his position on settlements differed from that of Netanyahu, who has said that uprooting settlers would amount to ethnic cleansing, Gabbay said he was committed to reaching a deal – unlike the prime minister.

"There is a huge gap between those who at least want to get there and those who don't want to get there," he said.

On Monday night, Gabbay reportedly backtracked in a text message to Zionist Union members. He assured his associates that he is committed to pursuing a peace agreement based on the two-state solution, but said "there is no point in committing to [evacuating all the settlements] as a starting point for talks."

Lapid remained silent. But in an essays in the Atlantic magazine last week, the Yesh Atid leader supported Netanyahu's hawkish views on Iran. Lapid accused Tehran of lying to the West and using the nuclear agreement to move toward becoming a regional nuclear power. Iran has denied it seeks nuclear weapons.

"I don't often agree with Prime Minister Netanyahu," Lapid wrote, "but his description of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani as a 'wolf in sheep's clothing' is right on the money."

In fact, Lapid has found consensus at times with Netanyahu since the start of his political career. After his upstart party's surprising election showing in 2013, Lapid ruled out trying to form a government with the Joint List. He called its members "Zoabis" in reference to the anti-Zionist Arab-Israeli lawmaker Hanin Zoabi, whom Netanyahu has repeatedly sought to silence. Instead, Lapid became Netanyahu's finance minister.

Lately, Lapid has struck a statesmanlike pose. In January, he reminded Israelis that Netanyahu is «innocent until proven guilty» and criticized Gabbay for attending a rally demanding the prime minister be brought to justice. In February he expressed hope that Netanyahu would not be indicted.

Stronger opposition has come from Barak, who has called for Netanyahu to resign and relentlessly flogged him from outside the political arena as a "feeble lackey of a prime minister."

Gabbay and Lapid have so far held their fire against each other, too. And when Lapid did attack his rival, shortly after Gabbay won the chairmanship of Labor in July, Lapid subsequently took back his comments.

Yohanan Plesner, the head of the Israel Democracy Institute and a former director-general of the now-defunct center-right Kadima party, predicted that in the next election – it's slated for November 2019 but could come sooner – voters will rally around the most credible centrist. He said left-leaning voters and leaders will forgive the candidate some Netanyahu-like rhetoric in the interest of ousting Netanyahu himself.

"What will really determine Gabbay's fate is whether he will be seen as a real competitor for power," Plesner said. "If he is, whether he said this or that won't really matter."

Letter

More on 10 Commandments

I read Russell D. Raskin's reaction to "10 Commandments of the Religious Reasonable" (Oct. 13) with great interest, albeit not agreement. Just like the millions of people of faith he mentioned, I am most sincere, thoughtful and serious in my religious beliefs – which surely cannot mean accepting them without question. I strive to follow Jewish moral principles such as respecting the dignity of every human being, avoiding cruelty to animals and giving charity whenever possible; I observe ritual *mitzvot* such as fasting on Yom Kippur, studying Torah and observing Shabbat. Yet I absolutely reserve the right to oppose traditional commandments, which violate my God-given sense of right and wrong. I refuse to discriminate against LGBT individuals; if I ever saw anyone try to apply the literal, explicit teaching of Leviticus by murdering gay men with stones, I would fight that person to the death; would any Jew do otherwise?

Throughout history, blind faith has brought about countless atrocities: when colonial Salemites hanged "witches"; when the Inquisition tortured suspected "heretics"; when medieval Christians burned Jews alive inside a synagogue – all claimed to be following their religious teachings. Don't we wish those people had been willing to "reject [those] tenets" because they "[did] not pass [their] personal ethical code"?

Whether we admit it or not, none of us really follow "the Judaism of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (and the unjustly unmentioned Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah), whatever that might have been: ours is, thankfully, a living, evolving, and therefore ever-relevant faith. As for creating God in our own image, we all do that, every time we speak of Its "strong hand and... outstretched arm," limit the infinite, disembodied Deity with a male pronoun, or confidently crown ourselves the pinnacle of Creation over, say, the delightful dolphin or endlessly loving and innocent Golden Retriever. It's just our nature, our path to approaching and loving the Divine.

And my message? Only a hope that we can unite faith and reason, soul and brain. Finally, Mr. Raskin, thank you for your thoughts; I appreciated reading them.

Yekaterina Ginzburg-Bram
Providence

Flyers found at Cornell: 'Just say no to Jewish lies'

JTA – Anti-Semitic flyers with swastika-like symbols were discovered on the campus of Cornell University in upstate New York.

The posters, which read "Just say no to Jewish lies!" and urged students to "join the white gang," were discovered Monday [Oct. 23] morning and taken down the same day. They promoted the "Solar Cross Society," but there is no such group at Cornell and it does not have an internet presence.

The Ivy League school's president, Martha Pollack, denounced the flyers.

"Whoever is responsible for these flyers is hiding under the cover of anonymity, having posted them overnight," she said in a statement. "Whoever they are, they need to ask themselves why they chose our campus, because Cornell reviles their message of hatred; we revile it as an institution, and I know from many personal conversations that thousands of Cornellians deplore it individually."

Police were investigating the matter and increasing patrols around Jewish buildings on campus, the Cornell Hillel said in an email to the Jewish community.

"We are deeply concerned that a poster of this nature was placed on our campus, as these sentiments run counter to the spirit of diversity and pluralism that our university works to uphold," Hillel Executive Director Rabbi Ari Weiss said in a statement.

Ongoing

Alliance Kosher Senior Café. Kosher lunch and program every weekday. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove 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 November 2

Artists with Experience. Bunny Fain Gallery at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and by appointment. Three artists featured: Mary Snowden and watercolors; James E. Allen and oil paintings; and Roberta Segal and two-dimensional mixed media. Information, 401-245-6536 or gallery@templehabonim.org.

Friday | October 27

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

Saturday | October 28

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

Children's Shabbat Program & Kiddush. 9:30-11:15 a.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Weekly program and Jr. Kiddush Club for children. Activities include prayer, parashah, play time and a special Kiddush just for kids. Three age groups: Tots, Pre-K thru 1st Grade and 2nd Grade & up. Located in Kids Room, Social Hall and Chapel on the lower level. Big kids of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to join in prayer services in the main sanctuary. Information, officebethsholom-ri.org.

Cape Cod Synagogue presents "Simply Diamond." 7 p.m. Barnstable High School Performing Arts Center, 744 West Main St., Hyannis, Mass. Neil Diamond Tribute Band Concert to benefit Independence House and the Cape Cod Synagogue. Special guest appearance tributes by John Lennon, Johnny Cash, Billy Joel and others. Cost: $25 advance purchase, $30 at door, $20 groups of 10 or more. Information, Linda Arnowitt at president@ccsynagogue.org or 508-542-4830.

Sunday | October 29

Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer. 9-11 a.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Breakfast and a discussion on understanding the risks for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. A light breakfast is followed by a presentation from Dr. Kathryn Dalton, medical director and general surgeon at Cape Cod Women's Health Program and High Risk Breast Cancer Program, as well as a clinical speaker for Myriad Genetic Laboratories on topics related to genetic counseling and testing. Question-and-answer session follows. Co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Alliance of Greater RI, Jewish Family Service and the Gloria Gemma Foundation. RSVP to 401-331-1616 or teprov.org/form/womenshealth.

Social Action Gathering. 10 a.m.-noon. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. The social action committee will meet to make and pack lunches for distribution to Be the Change Sunday Meals in West Warwick. All are welcome. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

Rhode Island Jewish Museum Open House. 1-3 p.m. 24 Douglas Ave., Providence. Tour and learn the museum's history, and rediscover a treasure, housed in the Sons of Jacob Synagogue. Standing for more than a century, this synagogue is on the National Register of Historical Places and on the Providence Preservation Society's 2016 Most Endangered Properties list. Light refreshments. Open to all. Free. Information, rhodeislandjewishmuseum.org or call Shelley at 401-935-9740.

World Series of Tailgate Favorites. 4-5:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Taste favorite chicken, dairy or vegetarian tailgate recipes from 25 chefs. All proceeds benefit the Rabbi Leslie Yale Gutterman Religious School. Admission: Adults $10 | Children over 5 $5 (younger free) | Max. $30 per family. Raffle Tickets: $10 each or 3 for $25. Step up to the sponsorship plate, and help with the fundraising goal: $2,500 Grand Slam Sponsor | $1,000 Home Run Sponsor | $500 Triple Sponsor | $250 Double Sponsor | $100 Single Sponsor.

Monday | October 30

Canasta. 7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Learn how to play. Open to all; coed. Free. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Monday Night Meditation. 7:45-8:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Meditation instruction for all levels. If you are looking for accessible spiritual practices to help transform your life, consider this class. Series (thru 12/11) focuses on little-known classic and modern Jewish meditation techniques. Open to all. Free. Advance registration required; spots limited. Information, rabbi@bethsholom-ri.org.

Tuesday | October 31

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

Tuesday Night Talmud. 7:45-8:45 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Talmud study with Rabbi Barry Dolinger, finishing the fifth and fourth chapters of Berachot. Free. No class 11/21 or 12/5. 12/12 Chanukah Mesibah & Siyum. Information, officebethsholom-ri.org.

Wednesday | November 1

Purposeful Play. 10-11 a.m. Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence. This hands-on class is for 3- to 4-year olds and their caregivers. Open exploration through senses with music, art and play with Ruth Horton, an early childhood educator with over 30 years of experience working with children and families. Each class is unique. Participants are invited to sign up for one or all sevem weeks. Last class 12/20. No class 11/22. $15 per class | $90 for all sevem weeks. Information, Naomi Stein at nstein@jcdsri.org or 401-751-2470.

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman. Noon-1 p.m. Silverstein Meeting Hall, Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Live streaming is available. Please visit our website at temple-beth-el.org for streaming details. Information, lwhite@temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

An Evening to Celebrate the Art of Samuel Bak. 6-8 p.m. Jackson Arts Center, Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree St., Fall River, Mass. The BCC Holocaust Center is sponsoring an exhibit of the art of Holocaust survivor and world-class artist Samuel Bak from Oct. 26 through Dec. 4 in the BCC Art Gallery. In association with the exhibit, the Center is sponsoring this fundraiser featuring the noted Bak scholar Lawrence Langer. Information, Dr. Ron Weisberger, director, at 508-333-7946 or ron.weisberger@bristolcc.edu.

"From Countries to Cloud Nations: The Upcoming Shift of Power." 7 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Dr. Roey Tzezana, a Future Studies researcher from Tel Aviv University and author of "Rulers of the Future," will discuss the shift of power we have witnessed in the last decade. Topics include forces that cause the digital industry to converge around a few "big winners," how they can damage democracy and leaders' using digital tools to influence voters' choices. Information, Tslil Reichman at treichman@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 121.

Mah Jongg. 7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Open to members and non-members. Bring your 2017 Mah Jongg card. Free. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Friday | November 3

Family Shabbat Dinner. 6 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Led by grade 6. Cost: $18/$10. Information, Temple Beth-El, 401-331-6070.

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

Saturday | November 4

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Sunday | November 5

Creative Hands Art Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Now in its third year, Creative Hands features a wide variety of unique items in many media and materials, including jewelry, glass, wood, textiles, painting and Judaica. Whether you are looking for something beautiful, whimsical, practical or just a bit different for yourself or for a gift, you won't want to miss it. Admission and parking are free. Information, Margie Pelcovits at mapelcovits@gmail.com or 401-351-2111.

RI Wind Ensemble. 2-4 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. The RI Wind Ensemble, a 50-piece wind orchestra playing popular music, performs a free concert. Open to the public. Refreshments served. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

RIJHA Fall Meeting. 2-4 p.m. Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. Join us for a panel talk, including panelist Shai Afsai, discussing Rhode Islanders who have made aliyah (immigrated) to Israel, and view a photography exhibit. Following the talk, refreshments will be served. Information, info@rijha.org.

Alliance 2018 Annual Campaign Event: An Evening with Jennifer Teege. 7 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. When Jennifer Teege, a German-Nigerian woman, grabbed a library book off the shelf, she had no idea that her life would be irrevocably altered. Recognizing photos of her grandmother in the book, she discovered a horrifying fact: Her grandfather was a vicious Nazi commandant chillingly depicted in "Schindler's List." Ultimately, Teege's resolute search for the truth leads her to the possibility of her own liberation. Teege speaks about her life-changing story, depicted in her memoir, "My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me: A Black Woman Discovers Her Family's Nazi Past," at the annual campaign event. Information, Michele Gallagher at mgallagher@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 165.

Monday | November 6

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 group welcomes you. Free. Information or to sign up, Susan Adler at susana@tamariskri.org or 401-732-0037.

Canasta. 7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Learn how to play. Open to all; coed. Free. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Monday Night Meditation. 7:45-8:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Meditation instruction for all levels. If you are looking for accessible spiritual practices to help transform your life, consider this class. This series (thru 12/11) focuses on little-known classic and modern Jewish meditation techniques. Open to all. Free. Advance registration required; spots limited. Information, rabbi@bethsholom-ri.org.

Tuesday | November 7

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

(401)j D'var in the Bar: Approaching Political Discussions with Rabbi Sarah Mack. 7-9 p.m. The Malted Barley, 334 Westminster St., Providence. D'var in the Bar is a collaborative conversation on contemporary Torah topics that takes place periodically throughout the year. Each conversation is led by a different speaker on a different theme. This year's theme is "Being Millennial, Being Jewish," with a focus on issues concerning Jews in postmodernity, such as work-life balance, privacy and social media, and online dating. Ages 21+. Information, Dayna Bailen at dbailen@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 108.

Tuesday Night Talmud. 7:45-8:45 p.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Talmud study with Rabbi Barry Dolinger, finishing the fifth and fourth chapters of Berachot. Free. No class 11/21 or 12/5. 12/12 Chanukah Mesibah & Siyum. Information, officebethsholom-ri.org.

Wednesday | November 8

Purposeful Play. 10-11 a.m. Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence. This hands-on class is for 3- to 4-year-olds and their caregivers. Open exploration through the senses with music, art and play with Ruth Horton, an early childhood educator with over 30 years of experience working with children and families. Each class is unique. Participants are invited to sign up for one or all seven weeks. Last class 12/20. No class 11/22. $15 per class | $90 for all 7 weeks. Information, Naomi Stein at nstein@jcdsri.org or 401-751-2470.

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman. Noon-1 p.m. TBE Silverstein Meeting Hall, Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Live Streaming is available. Please visit our website at temple-beth-el.org for streaming details. Information, lwhite@temple-beth-el.org or 401-331-6070.

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

Thursday | November 9

"Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American" Exhibit Opening Reception. 5:30 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. National

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traveling exhibit celebrates the history of baseball. At the Dwares JCC from 11/6-12/15. Drop in as early as 5:30 p.m.; presentation by Robert Cvornyek, professor of history at Rhode Island College specializing in sports history, at 7 p.m. The exhibit depicts the story of how Jewish and other minority players navigated American culture and faced the ongoing challenges of life in the United States. It features historic photographs and memorabilia including local archives and personal collections. Learn more about well-known Jewish heroes such as Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax, and iconic baseball players like Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio and Ichiro Suzuki. Discover how a national pastime shaped vendors, team owners, scouts, broadcasters, journalists, novelists and especially fans. Information, Larry Katz at lkatz@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 179.

Touro Fraternal Mini Open House. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Touro Fraternal Hall, 45 Rolfe Square, Cranston. Open house for Jewish men ages 18 and older. Come and learn about the exciting social events, friendships and wonderful community service this 100-year-old association offers. Talk to current members and committee groups while having a nosh. Free. Information, Barry Ackerman at bjackerman@cox.net.

Friday | November 10

Beth-Elders "One Man's Journey." 5:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Wine and cheese with Arthur Richter as guest speaker; 6 p.m. Catered Shabbat dinner; 7 p.m. Shabbat service; 8 p.m. Dessert Oneg. Cost: $18. Additional funding for Shabbat dinner provided through the generosity of Temple Beth-El and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Information or to RSVP (by 11/1), call 401-331-6070.

Saturday | November 11

Children's Shabbat Program & Kiddush. 9:30-11:15 a.m. Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence. Weekly program and Jr. Kiddush Club for children. Activities include prayer, parashah, play time and a special Kiddush just for kids. Three age groups: Tots, Pre-K thru 1st Grade and 2nd Grade & up. Located in Kids Room, Social Hall and Chapel on the lower level. Big kids of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to join in prayer services in the main sanctuary. Information, officebethsholom-ri.org.

Kids' Night Out: Take Me Out to the Ballgame. Ages 5-12: 5-10 p.m. Ages 2-5: 5-8:30 p.m. (extended times available). Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Kids' Night Out is a chance for children to spend the evening with friends in a fun and safe environment...and a great opportunity for parents to have a night out, "kid free." Children will be entertained with a variety of themed activities including sports, crafts, swimming and more. A pizza dinner and snacks are served. For ages 2-5, make sure to send your child with PJs as we end each evening with a movie. Price: $35 | Members: $25 | Siblings: $15. Information for ages 2-5, Jo-Anne DeGiacomo Petrie at jpetrie@jewishalliance.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 180. Information for ages 5-12, Shannon Kochanek at skochanek@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 147.

Sunday | November 12

Men's Club Breakfast with M. Charles Bakst. 9-10:30 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. M. Charles Bakst, retired Providence Journal political columnist, will speak on everything from his travels to Facebook to food critic to baseball, or just reflect back on a long career when newspapers were still newspapers and he got to see a lot of history on the run. Charlie goes back to the days when journalists used manual typewriters, and he has covered all the most interesting people of our times. Open to the community. Information, David Talan at DaveTalan@aol.com or 401-862-7519.

Family Style Dinner. 4-6 p.m. The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. Join us for a family style dinner with chicken, pasta, French fries, salad and dessert. Limited seating. Adults: $18; Children (12 and under): $12.95. Information or to RSVP (by 11/1), Jen Feldman at jennf@tamariskri.org or 401-732-0037.

"Celebrating the Harvest and Building Bridges in Our Community." 5:30 p.m. Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA. Second multicultural event. Jewish and Muslim women, side by side, will cook and prepare delicious Kosher vegetarian dishes in Tifereth Israel Congregation's Kosher kitchen. Female guests should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy the fruits of the women's collaborative efforts. There will be music, dance, discussion, laughter, camaraderie and henna hand painting. Women of all ages and cultural backgrounds are invited. This free vegetarian dinner is co-sponsored by The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) – New Bedford Section and The Women of the Islamic Society of Southeastern Mass. Information or to RSVP (by 11/7), Isha Kharrubi at 791-639-5481. If you would like to assist in kitchen preparation, please let Isha know.

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Bloody Mary features harissa

BY RON and LEETAL ARAZI



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(The Nosher via JTA) – Like Italians with their tomato sauce, home cooks across North Africa and the Middle East are serious about their harissa. Each cook has his or her own special method for grinding the chiles and blending in oil, garlic and spices. That's why our harissa is bound to family tradition.

Thick, vibrantly red and lusciously textured, our piquant chile condiment recipe is inspired by Ron's mother, Linor, who was taught how to make it by her mother after their family emigrated from Morocco to Israel.

The name harissa comes from the Arabic word meaning "to break," which likely stems from the mashing of the chiles. We blend three chile varieties into every batch of our harissa. But even more than heritage, what really sets our harissa apart is its pure flavor and composition. We want the chiles to speak for themselves, and want you to find ways to put harissa on everything, even in a classic Bloody Mary.

A few notes about this recipe:

• If you like your Bloody Mary really spicy, add more harissa.

• If you like your Bloody Mary a bit on the saltier side, add a pinch more salt or celery salt.

• If you like your cocktails more on the sour side, add a squeeze of fresh lemon juice.

• And if you like a more classic Bloody Mary, add 1 teaspoon of jarred, prepared horseradish.

Harissa Bloody Mary Recipe

Ingredients

2 cups tomato juice
1/4 cup harissa such as New York Shuk Preserved Lemon Harissa (or New York Shuk Signature Harissa)
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons preserved lemon, finely chopped to a paste; don't worry if you get few bigger pieces in there (Preserved lemon can be found at specialty food stores and some Trader Joe's stores.)
2 tablespoons olive brine
1/3 cup vodka
Pinch of salt (according to how salty the preserved lemon, and your taste, you might need more)
Celery stalk for serving

Directions

Combine the tomato juice, harissa, Worcestershire sauce, preserved lemon, olive brine and vodka. Taste it and adjust seasoning to your taste (see notes above).

Garnish with the celery stalk and serve chilled.

RON AND LEETAL ARAZI are the founders of New York Shuk, whose mission is to keep our edible heritage alive by sharing the vibrant Middle Eastern Jewish cuisine of their families. They have a line of harissa and spice products that can be found online. The Nosher food blog offers new and classic Jewish recipes and food news, from Europe to Yemen, from challah to shakshuka and beyond. www.TheNosher.com.

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A lovely cheesecake for your sweet table

BY TRACEY FINE and GEORGIA TARN

(The Nosher via JTA) – This cheesecake recipe was inspired by new and old flavors and our love of baklava and cheesecake. After all, who doesn't love these desserts?

We felt that the smoothness and creaminess of cheesecake needed a modern crunch. *Kataifi* – shredded phyllo dough that is used to make baklava and other Middle Eastern pastries – was just the ingredient to try.

While we were at it, we experimented and added nuts. And then to finish off this special cheesecake and give it a little more Middle Eastern flair, we added a rosewater syrup.

The resulting cake is similar to *kanafeh*, a Middle Eastern cheese pastry. It was so amazing, we surprised even ourselves.

This cheesecake has layers of flavor and texture that equal heaven on a plate: crunchy from the combination of almonds and pistachios, chewy from the *kataifi* pastry, smooth and creamy from the cheese and brought together with the slight perfumed taste of the rosewater syrup.

The best thing about the recipe is that it is simple to make, but looks quite impressive.

This recipe is excerpted with permission from "The Modern Jewish Table."

Kanafeh Cheesecake

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups superfine sugar
7 fluid ounces water
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon rosewater
7 ounces butter, melted
12 ounces kataifi pastry (shredded phyllo dough, which can be found in Greek or Middle Eastern markets, or online via Amazon)
9 ounces mascarpone cheese
9 ounces cream cheese
2 large egg yolks
1/4 cup superfine sugar
1 cup blanched almonds

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, place 1 1/2 cups sugar, water and lemon juice. Bring to a boil and then simmer on low heat for approximately 10 minutes or until the liquid has become a syrup. Remove from heat and leave to cool.

When the syrup has cooled, add the rosewater and set aside to be used later.

Use a little of the butter to grease an 11-inch springform pan.

In a large bowl, break apart the *kataifi* pastry until all the shreds are loose. Mix in the rest of the melted butter, using your hands, so the pastry is well coated.

Beat together the mascarpone cheese, cream cheese, egg yolks and 1/4 cup sugar until smooth.

Sprinkle blanched almonds over the bottom of the pan. Take half of the *kataifi* dough and place over the almonds, pressing it down.

Spread the cheese mixture over the *kataifi*, using a palette knife so you have an even layer.

Take the other half of the *kataifi* dough and press over the top. Bake for approximately 30 minutes until golden.

Remove from the oven and sprinkle ground pistachios on the top. Pour the rosewater syrup evenly over the cake. Leave to cool and remove from pan.

TRACEY FINE and **GEORGIE TARN**, both of London, created their brand, the Jewish Princesses (TheJewishPrincesses.com), in 2005 to promote Jewish food and lifestyle. They have published three books. The Nosher food blog offers new and classic Jewish recipes and food news, from Europe to Yemen, from challah to *shakshuka* and beyond. www.TheNosher.com.



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Apples: Did you know?

October is National Apple Month. Originally founded in 1904 as National Apple Week it was later expanded to last a month. The purpose is to raise apples sales and awareness.

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- In 1603, Jamestown settlers grew apples for cider.
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If you could describe the moment when you finished reading Torah at your service in one word, what would it be?

I don't remember, but I imagine that I was relieved.

How did it feel to have the support of family and friends to celebrate this joyous occasion with you?

It felt wonderful. My grandfather (may his memory be a blessing) was particularly pleased about his only grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah. He loved telling me stories about his experience as a 13-year-old in Hungary.

How was the party? Was there a theme? Memorable moments?

The party was in our backyard. My parents rented a tent for the occasion. I remember a large number of relatives whose names I did not know! (I have a very large extended family.) The only theme was "Jeffrey is a Bar Mitzvah," and that was all I wanted.

I remember being handed more envelopes than I could fit into the pockets of my light-blue polyester suit. (It was the '70s ....) This was in an era before today's over-the-top Bar Mitzvah parties. I don't remember any of my friends having "themes" at their parties, either, and the backyard reception was not unusual in those days.

Did your Bar Mitzvah change your life in any way or influence your decision to become a rabbi?

Not in any way that I noticed at the time. I did not even think about becoming a rabbi until I was about 30 years old. However, the things I learned in preparing for my Bar Mitzvah service – Jewish values and morality, the Hebrew language and love of Torah – stuck with me and influenced my later life.



The White Shul, Far Rockaway, New York.

Rabbi Marc Mandel,
Touro Synagogue
Newport

Date of your Bar Mitzvah?

June 29, 1974.

Where?

The White Shul, Far Rockaway, New York (Orthodox).

What was most challenging about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and what was most rewarding?

There was a lot of Torah reading to prepare, but I started a year in advance, so it went smoothly, and it felt great to read the entire *parashah*.

If you could describe the moment when you finished reading Torah at your service in one word, what would it be?

Injured – the rabbi who taught me my *parashah* was squeezing my hand so tight during my reading if I went too fast.

How did it feel to have the support of family and friends to celebrate this joyous occasion with you?

It really was a fun time to celebrate with family and friends. It brought people together.

How was the party? Was there a theme? Memorable moments?

The party was great! Lots of delicious food and treats!

Did your Bar Mitzvah change your life in any way or influence your decision to become a rabbi?

I think it did influence me to become a rabbi, because we had so many speeches, and I thought to myself, I can do that!

Gayle Goldin,
Rhode Island state senator

Date of your Bat Mitzvah?

July 7, 1984.

What synagogue?

Ahavath Achim, in Atlanta (Conservative).

What was most challenging about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and what was most rewarding?

I believe I was the first woman to read from the Torah at my synagogue. It was both terrifying and incredibly powerful for me.

I constantly pushed for a more gender-inclusive and egalitarian synagogue in my youth, so it was deeply meaningful to me to read from the Torah.

What was your haftarah portion?

I believe that my *parashah* was *Pinchas*, which was also my father's Bar Mitzvah *parashah* (and his Hebrew name), which is what connected the day to me.

My father's parents had escaped Eastern Europe during the pogroms and made their way to Canada. Even at 13, I think I understood the importance of maintaining that connection to my Jewish ancestors by reading that *parashah*.

Ultimately, it wasn't so much what I read, but the act of reading it – of being a woman reading Torah and *haftarah*, which would have not been possible for my mother's generation – that was the most meaningful part of it all.

If you could describe the moment when you finished reading Torah at your service in one word, what would it be?

It was a long time ago, but I'll go with relieved, given that I very clearly remember that morning, feeling terrified.

How did it feel to have the support of family and friends to celebrate this joyous occasion with you?

I am the youngest of three daughters, and the first to have a Bat Mitzvah, so it was a particularly moving experience for my family. My parents were very proud.

We lived in Atlanta at the time of my Bat Mitzvah, but almost none of our family lived there, so many people traveled a long distance to attend.

How was the party? Was there a theme? Memorable moments?

We had a party in our house. My dad and I hung pink paper that we bought in large rolls on the walls of our unfinished basement, where the kids danced to a deejay. The adults mingled on the first floor of our house.

The thing I remember most was that the caterer made puff-pastry swans, filled with pareve cream, that were delicious, and that my mother looked beautiful.

Did your Bar Mitzvah change your life in any way?

I wanted to grow up to be a rabbi. At the time, there were no women rabbis in the Conservative movement (Amy Eilberg would be ordained a year later, in 1985). I think the experience of studying for my Bat Mitzvah, and breaking a gender barrier in my own synagogue, made me feel more like Judaism could be something for women, too.

I think my Bat Mitzvah – as well as years of study – gave me the foundation to grapple with the complexity of the role of gender in Judaism, to fight for an egalitarian religion and to value the importance of breaking glass ceilings.

Later in life, I came to realize it isn't just the first person who shatters the ceiling that is important, it is all the women who come afterward who continue to shape who we are.

Rabbi Elan Babchuck
rabbi entrepreneur and director of innovation at Clal, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

Date of your Bar Mitzvah?

June 18, 1995.

What synagogue?

Newton Centre Minyan, in Newton, Massachusetts, which met at a Lutheran church in Newton. In fact, I read Torah under a 25-foot cross.

What was most challenging about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and what was most rewarding?

Challenging: The fact that my voice was stuck in the liminal space between boy and man, and cracked at least every minute or two while I was trying to chant and teach in front of the community.

Rewarding: My father had taken me out to buy my first suit – an olive green three-button from the husky section at Simon & Sons – and he made sure I felt like a million bucks when I put it on. I'll never forget that experience.

If you could describe the moment when you finished read-



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ing Torah at your service in one word, what would it be?

Hungry.

How did it feel to have the support of family and friends to celebrate this joyous occasion with you?

It was an indescribable experience to be surrounded by people who – not once – said "Good job!," but instead shared gratitude for the Torah I taught that morning.

How was the party? Was there a theme? Memorable moments?

The party was ... awkward, but lots of fun anyway. You know the drill – Coke/Pepsi, Snowball dance, Electric Slide and so on. But the highlight was my cousin Dave, who was obsessed with Michael Jackson, doing the entire "Beat It" dance and then getting a standing ovation from the party guests. It was amazing ....

Did your Bar Mitzvah change your life in any way or influence your decision to become a rabbi?

Not quite. But it did ultimately change the way I would go on to officiate them.

In our world, there are so few opportunities to be blessed, and to truly feel it. Yes, sure, there are plenty of rote, pre-formulated ways to give blessings in Jewish life, but how many of them leave the recipient actually feeling blessed, transformed in some way by the moment?

When my parents blessed me that day 22 years ago, I understood in the depths of my being what it meant. And when I stand with B'nai Mitzvah in that exhilarating moment after they've read scripture and taught Torah, I do everything in my power to personalize the words, craft the sacred moment, and convey to each of them just how much light they bring into the world by being their true selves in all moments. And my hope is that they can walk away from that moment with an authentic, honest-to-God feeling of being blessed.

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Zoey Joering and friends.

Bat Mitzvah lives on in friends we keep

BY ZOEY JOERING

I remember standing on the bimah reading from the Torah, almost one year ago. The moment was so special, with a feeling I will never forget. Preparing for my Bat Mitzvah was an exciting time – practicing my Torah portion, *haftarah* and all of the blessing and prayers night after night; meeting with my tutor, rabbis and cantor.

One of the most special parts was the connection I made with my Hebrew school friends. We had always been close, but the process of everyone preparing for and having their Bar and Bat Mitzvah during the same time period made us even closer. We all understood exactly what we were going through and could even talk about and compare our different experiences. We could all relate to our nervousness and excitement at the big day.

Only four kids left Hebrew school after their bar or bat mitzvah, but we all still have a close bond. The kids who stayed have a special relationship. We stay in touch by texting, and we are excited when we will all be at Sunday school. We love to see each other and we all plan on continuing at Sunday school

Our Hebrew school teacher really helped us to form this strong bond. In fifth and sixth grade, our teachers were Joie Magnone and Erin Moseley, and they did everything they could to not only teach us, but to make Hebrew and Sunday school a fun experience.

We all go to different schools and live everywhere from Attleboro to South County in Rhode Island, but Temple keeps us close. We can go to Starbucks after Sunday school or just stay and hang out, eating the Brotherhood breakfast. But no matter where we go, we always have a fun time!

ZOEY JOERING is in the eighth grade at the Wheeler School in Providence.

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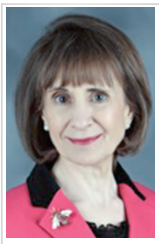
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A Bar or Bat Mitzvah changes everything

BY PATRICIA RASKIN

This was a fun and fascinating column to write, as I had the opportunity to interview members of one of my favorite families: Rabbi Yossi Laufer, his wife, Shoshana, and two of their children, Bluma and Dovber. Together, they shared their experience of becoming a Bat and Bar Mitzvah.



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"The Bar Mitzvah, meaning 'son of the commandment,' is used to denote both the ceremony itself as well as the celebrant. The Bat Mitzvah ('daughter of the commandment') is the counterpart for girls who have just turned twelve," writes Lisa Mirza Grotts in "Bar and Bat Mitzvahs," an article in the Huffington Post (www.huffingtonpost.com).

Rabbi Laufer talked about the training to become a Bar and Bat Mitzvah. He said, "Here's the analogy. There is the animal soul and the godly soul, which we call the horse and the rider. The horse is in control and the rider is going along for the ride until the age of 13 for boys and age 12 for girls. During those early years, the child is training to take the reins so that when the time comes, he or she can take control of making decisions."

He went on to explain that in Judaism, this coming of age ritual is often followed by a joyous party with family and friends.

I asked the Laufers' son Dovber, who recently became a Bar Mitzvah, how life is different now. He said, "Now I can be part of a *minyan*, and put on *tefillin*. I can now lead parts of the services. I was practicing before. Now I can step into the role, and I really like it. It is very special."

Shoshana Laufer added, "Now Dovber feels special because he can participate and lead parts of the service. He is enjoying the privilege of being a Bar Mitzvah boy."

Bluma, Dovber's sister, said, "Now, I have more responsibility and an obligation. I am now an employee of God. Everything I do is part of the job. Before, it was practice."

Grotts summarizes this well in her article: "This coming-of-age ceremony celebrates a child's acceptance as an adult member of his or her congregation. This means that he or she is now responsible for his or her own actions, and for following the Jewish commandments and rituals as detailed in the Torah. Prior to the ceremony, the boy or girl goes through a long period of religious instruction in preparation for the event."

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My kid's huge event is over – now what do I do?

BY AMY FORMAN

(Kveller via JTA) – Just three days after my son's Bar Mitzvah, it felt like it had been a lifetime. I didn't sleep. I couldn't eat.

After the service – it was beautiful, natch – my sister-in-law literally pulled me away from a conversation I was having to sit at the table and eat.

As I sat there with my family, I said, "One down, two to go."

Not two more kids; two more weekend events.

I have been planning to write this article for quite some time. These were the last words that I said to myself at night, and the first that popped into my head in the morning: "The party's (almost) over. Now what?"

I'm not going to write about all the preparation on my son's part that went into the day. Nor am I going to write about how proud I am of him or how happy I am that my husband and I are still married – that was not a given toward the frantic end of the Bar Mitzvah planning.

No, this story isn't about them. It's about me.

A few months ago, when talking to a friend, I said, "After the Bar Mitzvah, I will never have to plan another event."

And it's true. I have one child. For the past 13 years – 14 really – I have dedicated my life to him. School, parties, lunches and snacks.

And I have enjoyed every second of it. Most seconds, anyway.

I would be lying if I didn't admit there was, and is, something very appealing about the end of the preparation. Planning something like this doesn't come easy to me, and it's been in the back of my mind since the day he was born.

So now we have reached the other side. No Sunday school. No trope tutoring. No extra classes with the rabbi. Literally hours of my life back each week.

Now what?

I don't think of myself as a helicopter parent. I don't think of myself as a smothering Jewish mother. Yet I am having a hard time finding my way back to an identity that is all mine, one that doesn't involve being a mother or a wife, but just being me.

It's hard to even remember what my interests were before my son was born. I will find them now that I have the time. I will even pursue some new ones. I certainly will have more time to write.

I cannot deny that the idea of pulling back, of giving my son more space to grow on his own, is painful. But on the other hand, after all, it is just another step in the parenting process – and many of those steps have been as painful as they are lovely.

So I am excited to embark on this new path of our journey together. I'll still be his mom, but we'll be walking side by side more often. We'll have new things to talk about as I rediscover my own interests.

What do I mean the party's over? Maybe, for me, a new one has just begun.

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11 inspiring Jews who died in 5777

BY GABE FRIEDMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) It's always difficult to whittle down the list of influential Jews who died in a given year, but this year the task seemed to be especially tough. The number of Jews who left historic marks on their fields – and, more broadly, on Jewish culture – was remarkable.

Here are some members of the tribe – representing areas as diverse as pop culture to politics – we've mourned since last Rosh Hashanah.

Carrie Fisher, 60

Most know Carrie Fisher because of her iconic role as Princess Leia in the original "Star Wars" films, but her tumultuous career extended beyond that. The actress, who struggled with addictions to cocaine and prescription medications, also wrote four novels and three memoirs along with acting in dozens of other films. Fisher landed the "Star Wars" role as a relative unknown despite being the daughter of Jewish singer Eddie Fisher and movie star Debbie Reynolds. After she died of a heart attack in December, her only child pointed out that Fisher's real cause of death was her substance abuse issues.

Leonard Cohen, 82

The grandson of a rabbi who grew up in an Orthodox home in Montreal became one of the most beloved folk artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. Leonard Cohen launched his musical career late, releasing his first album at 33 after writing multiple books of poetry. But he would go on to release 13 more records and often incorporate Jewish themes into his meticulously crafted songs. His song "Hallelujah" became one of the most covered and revered songs in pop music history. Just weeks before his death in November, Cohen released his final album, which included a track featuring a chorus saying "I'm ready, my Lord."

Simone Veil, 89

Fewer than 70 people have been awarded France's Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor – Simone Veil, a Holocaust survivor who became a pillar of French politics, was one of them. After making it out of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, Veil became a lawyer and served as France's minister of health and later as president of the European Parliament. She also was one of the few female members of the prestigious French Academie Francaise and spearheaded the legalization of abortion in France in the 1970s. Veil died in June, less than a month before her 90th birthday.

Jerry Lewis, 91

Don't let the funnyman's stage name fool you: Jerry Lewis was born Joseph Levitch to parents who performed on the Borscht Belt hotel circuit. Lewis, who died of cardiac disease in August, rose to prominence as part of a duo with Dean Martin, with whom he made over a dozen wacky comedy films from 1949 to 1956. He would go on to star in dozens of other films, including "The Nutty Professor" (yes, the original one, well before Eddie Murphy's 1996 remake) and Martin Scorsese's "The King of Comedy."

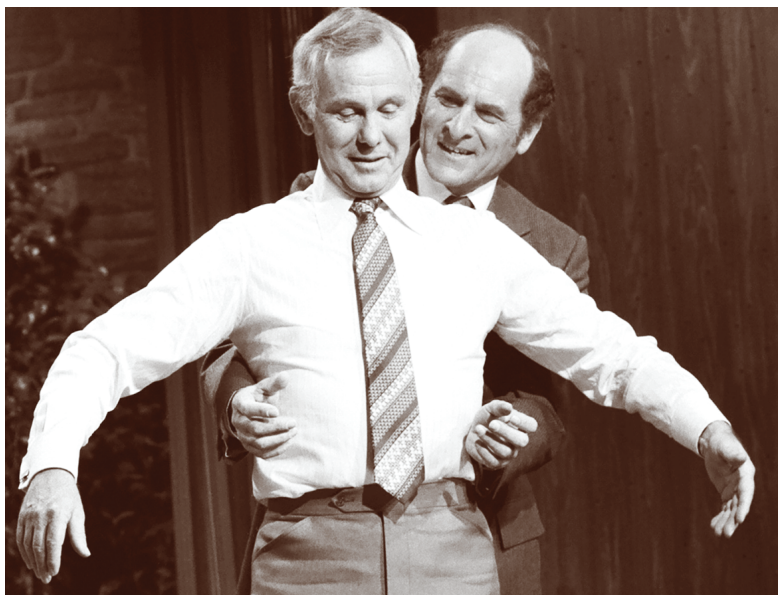


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Dr. Henry Heimlich demonstrating his famous eponymous maneuver on Johnny Carson, April 4, 1979.

Zsa Zsa Gabor, 99

Though this legendary Hollywood socialite and sex symbol was buried in a Catholic cemetery, she had Jewish roots. Born to Hungarian Jewish parents in Budapest, Sari Gabor (her real name) was married nine times and appeared in films such "Moulin Rouge" and "Lovely to Look At." Her love life was a tumultuous public affair, and she has been called the first celebrity to be famous for being famous. Zsa Zsa Gabor died in February, less than two months before her 100th birthday.

Don Rickles, 90

The well-known comic nicknamed "Mr. Warmth," who loved to hurl insults at his audience members, was also a serious actor trained at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He appeared in countless TV shows, performed standup into his 80s and acted alongside legends such as Clark Gable and Clint Eastwood on the silver screen. Younger audiences know him as the voice of Mr. Potato Head in the "Toy Story" series. He passed away in April from kidney failure.

Vera Rubin, 88

Without this groundbreaking scientist, we still might not understand what 27 percent of the universe is made up of: dark matter. Rubin, an astronomer from Philadelphia, discovered that galaxies don't rotate the way previous scientific models led us to believe, which led to the proof of the invisible, undetectable stuff that makes up nearly a third of our world. Rubin, who passed away in December, once said that science was separate from religion: "I'm Jewish, and so religion to me is a kind of moral code and a kind of history," she said. "I try to do my science in a moral way, and I believe that ideally, science should be looked upon as something that helps us understand our role in the universe."

Otto Warmbier, 22

After being held in North Korea for more than 17 months for allegedly tearing down a propaganda poster during a student tour, Otto Warmbier was released, comatose, in June. Warmbier died a week after being returned to the United States. JTA reported that he was an active member at the University of Virginia Hillel, but North Korea's narrative said that Warmbier stole the poster for an American church. So his Jewish identity was kept under wraps so as not to embarrass North Korea during negotiations for the release of the student – "if that's what their story is, there's no point fighting it if your objective is to get him out," the family spokesperson explained – who had been sentenced to 15 years at hard labor.



Sara Ehrman in 2016

Ruth Gruber, 105

Among the impressive accomplishments on Ruth Gruber's resume: a pioneering reporting stint in the Soviet Arctic, a trip ordered by President Franklin Roosevelt to comfort post-Holocaust Jewish refugees, and reportage of the Nuremberg trials and Operation Moses. The writer, who will go down as one of the 20th century's most important journalists, Jewish or not, began her career at the New York Herald Tribune in 1947. She lived to 105.

Henry Heimlich, 96

Yes, that Heimlich – the person who invented the famous Heimlich maneuver that has saved countless numbers of choking people since its inception in 1974. Dr. Henry J. Heimlich was a thoracic surgeon born to Jewish parents in Wilmington, Delaware. Besides the famous life-saving method, he also invented the chest drainage flutter valve, known as the Heimlich valve. He died last December from complications following a heart attack.

Sara Ehrman, 98

This longtime Democratic Party activist, adviser on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and friend of the Clintons described herself as "first a Jew, second a Democrat and above all a feminist." Sara Ehrman may be most famous for advising Hillary Clinton not to move to Arkansas to marry Bill, though she worked on George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign and later advised President Clinton on Israel-Arab peacemaking. She also helped organize Bill Clinton's first trip as president to Israel, served as AIPAC's political director and later worked with J Street. She died in June, more than 50 years after her entree into politics.



Ride2Remember raises over $45,000 for Holocaust education

BY LEV POPLOW

"Incredible!"

"Jewish Motorcycle Clubs, who knew?"

"Rhode Island's Jewish community has never seen anything like this before!"

"It never occurred to me that raising money for Holocaust education could be so much fun!"

These were a few of the comments about June's Ride2Remember. Now that the event is in the rearview mirror, the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center (SBHEC), in Providence, has announced that the ride raised over $45,000, making it one of the largest fundraisers in the center's history.

SBHEC Executive Director May-Ronny Zeidman said, "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."

The ride brought hundreds of Jewish motorcyclists to Rhode Island to rally in support of Holocaust education and help the SBHEC raise funds to participate in the USC Shoah Foundation's New Dimensions in Testimony (NDT). NDT is a hologram-based education program that provides students with an interactive experience with survivors. This technology will help keep the memory of the Holocaust alive by bringing students into a real conversation with a survivor, even if that survivor is deceased.

The SBHEC is looking forward to bringing NDT to Rhode Island students in the near future.

R2R is an annual program of the Jewish Motorcyclist Association, a worldwide organization with about 6,000 members. Many of this year's riders felt that this was the best ride ever.

The route they took through the state was beautiful, but what really differentiated this year from past rides was the police escort. The escort was coordinated by the Providence police but brought in motorcycle officers from towns across the state.

Rider Ken Reese, of the Haverim Club, from Philadelphia, said, "This year was the most enjoyable ride. Thanks to our police escort, we didn't stop once from the time we left Precision Harley-Davidson [in Pawtucket] until we parked in front of the Bornstein Holocaust Center."

The escort was so appreciated by the riders that they invited the police to join them for lunch at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center after the ride.

When the police entered the meeting hall, they were greeted by a standing ovation. The officers were visibly touched. Providence patrolman Scott Keenan said, "We do these types of events all the time. Usually when the ride is over, we just pack up and leave. But this group has made us feel really appreciated and a part of the event, not an afterthought."

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Riders approach the Dwares JCC in Providence.

RIJHA on the move

On Oct. 25, the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association (RIJHA) finished moving their office, library and archives from their space at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center that houses the David C. Isenberg Early Childhood Center, to the former location of the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center in the lower lobby, next to the back entrance to the building. This custom-designed space is the first time since 1975 that the RIJHA is in a location specifically designed to fit its needs. With brand new archive and library shelving, and a newly furnished office, the RIJHA looks to the future. Hours are Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Life lessons from my father

BY MAY-RONNY ZEIDMAN

My dad had some hard and fast rules. When he said, "Stop!" he expected us to stop dead in our tracks. His reasoning was that perhaps he could see something my brother and I could not, and stopping might save our lives.



MAY-RONNY ZEIDMAN

Another of his favorites was, "If we get separated in a crowd, do not move from the spot where you are when you realize we are not together. Two people looking for each other may never find each other. However, if one person stays in place, there is a good chance they might be found by the other person."

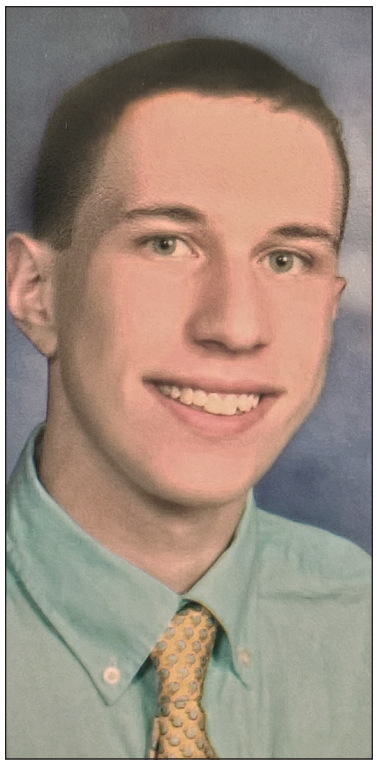
Here's another: When driving with dad in foul weather, no matter how much the car might slip and slide, do not yell, scream or cry: Distracting the driver could cause a major accident.

Another lesson was one he first learned himself – the hard way. When dad was a teenager, he once came home in the wee hours of the morning. My *zayde* was waiting up for him and said, "Nathan, why are you home so late?" Dad responded, "I had a flat tire and had to leave the car at the gas station and walk home." Oh, said my *zayde*, and the two of them went to bed.

In the morning, my dad told his father that he had to go see about the car. Zayde said, it's a nice day, I will walk with you to the car. Dad began walking with his father toward the gas station, knowing that he had made up the story and was really out all night with his friends. The closer they got to the station, the more my dad began to panic. He finally had to tell his father the story was all a lie. This is what my dad liked to call, "Being given enough rope to hang yourself." Many times when my brother or I were trying to get away with a "tall story," my dad would look at us and say, "Tell me when you have enough rope."

But my favorite father story involves my sons. My boys spent a great deal of time in my dad's workplace. Every so often, one of them would say, "Pop, could you loan me $10?" Pop said of course, but when you are ready to pay me back, do not give the money to me, instead put the $10 in the bottom drawer of my desk. Time would pass and they might find themselves in need of another loan. Asking Pop for another 10 spot, he cheerfully answered, "Of course. Just go into my bottom drawer and take the first 10 you borrowed." What a wonderful life lesson: a person cannot take out what they didn't put in.

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



Noah Cohen



Noah Levin



Joshua Brandes

Touro Fraternal Association awards scholarships, loans

CRANSTON – Ten young men and women have been selected to share a total of $30,000 in scholarships and loans from the Touro Fraternal Association.

Three of the recipients received $3,000 scholarships, and seven shared a total of $21,000 in interest-free loans from Touro's Leo Greenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship recipients for the 2017-18 academic year are all from Cranston.

Noah Levin, son of Michael and Katie Levin, is a freshman at George Washington University, where he is studying international affairs. Noah was captain of his high school cross country track and tennis teams, and was an academic All-State in his senior year.

Noah Cohen, son of Richard and Marcy Cohen, is a freshman at Boston University, where he studies computer science. Noah was a member of the Cranston West Academic Decathlon Team each year of high school, and was a co-captain his senior year.

Joshua Brandes, son of Jed Brandes and Carolyn Tick, is a freshman at Lehigh University's College of Business and Economics. During his high school years, he focused on community service, volunteering on two medical service trips to the Dominican Republic, and at the Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry, in Providence. Joshua was also a member of the varsity basketball and track teams.

Since the Leo Greenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1981, approximately a half-million dollars has been distributed to students. Regular Touro members, their children, and children of deceased Touro members enrolled full time in an accredited institution of higher learning are eligible for the grants and loans.

For more information about Touro Fraternal Association, go to www.tourofraternal.org, e-mail to info@tourofraternal.org or call 401-785-0066.

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Bernhardt Foundation seeks applications for grants

Are you affiliated with a Jewish nonprofit organization in need of grant funds? If so, please consider submitting a grant request to the Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation.

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Since its founding, the Foundation has distributed over $4 million to such nonprofit organizations as Temple Beth-El, the Jewish Alliance/JCC, Jewish Family Service, Hillel, Jewish Seniors Agency and many others. In addition to these old favorites, the Trustees are always on the lookout for new opportunities.

This year, the Trustees expect to award approximately $400,000 in new grants, distributing the funds next May.

To receive the guidelines and application form for the grants, contact Samuel Zurier, secretary of the Foundation, at 55 Dorrance St., Suite 400, Providence, RI 02903 or sdz@om-rilaw.com .

The deadline to submit applications for the current grant cycle is Dec. 1, 2017.



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Teens on the field at McCoy Stadium.

BBYO, JORI forge a winning partnership

BY AARON GUTTIN

Every summer since 2011, Camp JORI has partnered with BBYO's program Passport Israel to send JORI's teens to Israel for an immersive six-week program featuring archeology, hiking, sightseeing, ritual, community, *tikkun olam*, religion and experiential education. The JORI-BBYO partnership is also strong at home in the United States because BBYO and Camp JORI share the same pluralistic views and strive to welcome kids from all streams of Judaism.

On Oct. 14, BBYO New England and Camp JORI joined at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket to kick off the fall BBYO season. In attendance were 134 teens from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Teens were able to take swings in the Pawsox batting cages, play games on the field, hang out in the clubhouse and visit with friends from the summer. Campers from JORI enjoyed catching up and making new friends with teens from BBYO.

The New England Region of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization includes 10 chapters from Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Samantha Walsh, regional director, said, "The teen leaders of BBYO always amaze me because of their creativity and insight into what makes a great event. The teens really are the driving force of what types of events we create and staff ensures these ideas become a reality, not only by doing for but by doing with the leaders. I've seen this region grow in size since I first became regional director and it's inspiring to see more than 130 teens decide to attend an event with other Jewish teens on a Saturday night."

Julia Keizler, a senior at Classical High School in Providence, has seen it grow.

"When I first joined BBYO, I attended the Regional Kickoff Dance of 2014. That dance had no more than 60 kids at it, and I left thinking how much more fun it would have been if there were more people in attendance. Now, four years later, we have doubled attendance and filled our events with passionate teens that are helping provide meaningful, Jewish experiences all across New England. I could not be more proud of the growth that this region had seen in such amount of time and I'm so excited to help us continue to grow and prosper."

For more information on BBYO contact Samantha Walsh at swalsh@bbyo.org. For more information on Camp JORI or to secure a spot for 2018, contact Aaron Guttin at aaron@campjori.com

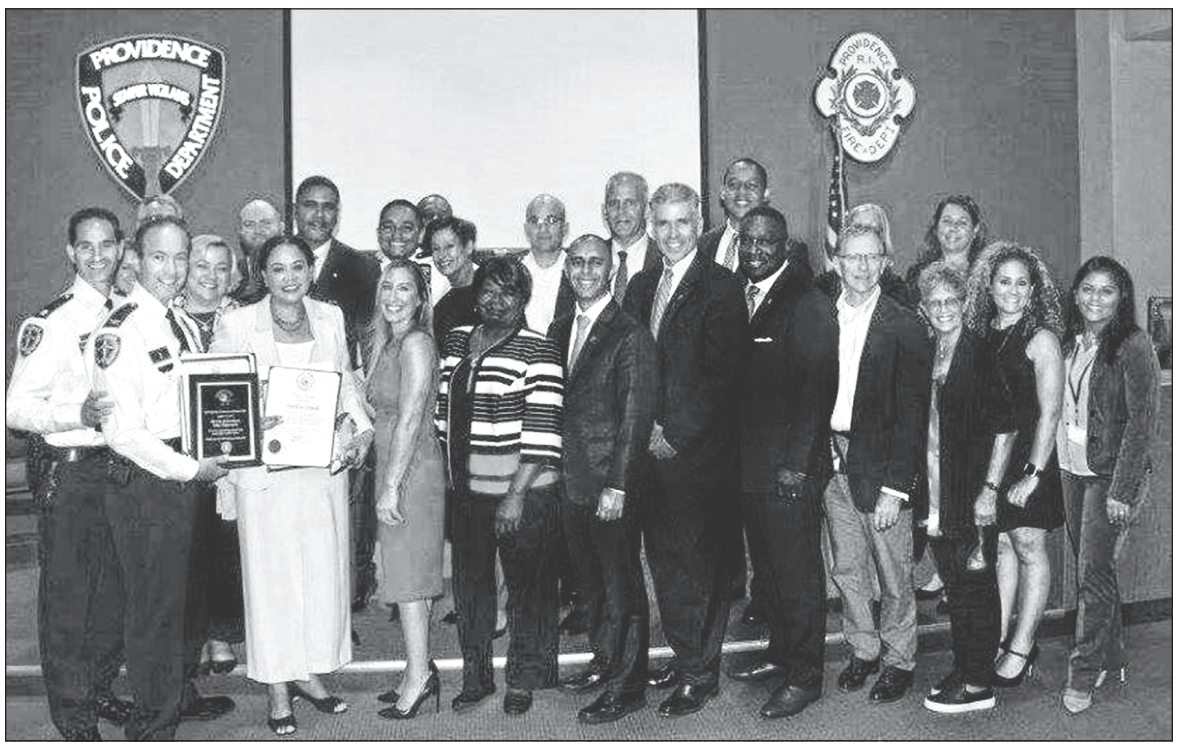
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New campaign to support security in the community



Award recipients with dignitaries at Oct. 4 recognition event.

BY JENNIFER ZWIRN

In response to countless recent acts of hate, including in Charlottesville, Virginia, and closer to home, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island has embarked on a Community Security Campaign. In addition to this special campaign, the Jewish Federation Foundation and an anonymous donor are supplying funds to support this critical undertaking.

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The precise amount of funding available will be determined by how much is raised in the Community Security Campaign. A grants process is also underway to help finance the comprehensive plan for strengthening security and safety communitywide.

The plan includes providing no-cost risk assessments to Jewish institutions, agencies, cemeteries and synagogues within the catchment area; MIR-3, a security communications system for communitywide use; a security liaison to foster relationships and coordinate ongoing communications with local and national law-enforcement agencies; a community security consultant to provide training, education and guidance to all agencies; and ongoing lobbying and attention to federal funding for ongoing maintenance of said security and safety measures.

Over the last year and a half, Wendy Joering, director of community engagement and security liaison at the Alliance, has built a solid relationship with local law enforcement agencies. In recognition of her work, the Providence Police Department honored Joering with a Community Appreciation Award on Oct. 4. Other community recipients of the annual award included Toby Ayers, of Rhode Island for Community & Justice, and Jodi L. Glass, of the Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice & Bias.

"I am grateful to the Providence police for our strong partnership in assuring that our community is safe," Joering said. "They have guided us during these turbulent times and continue to be supportive of and attentive to our needs."

She added, "I am proud to know that we, as a community, are investing in safety for today and tomorrow. It supports the values we stand for both as Jews and humans."

Jewish agencies applying for security assistance are required to participate in a mandatory facility risk assessment (at no cost to the agency); demonstrate an unmet security need; and provide a portion of the project's funding. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently available; all facility risk assessments must be completed upon submission of the RFP.

For more information on the Community Security Campaign, contact Trine Lustig, vice president of philanthropy, tlustig@jewishallianceri.org.

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Cranston Seniors set meeting

Cranston Senior Guild's next meeting will take place Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m. at Phyllis Tamarisk Assisted Living Residences, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. A short meeting will be followed by bingo, refreshments and a raffle. All men and women age 55 years plus are welcome to join. Cranston residency is not required. The holiday luncheon is set for Dec. 6 at Mesa Café.

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their grandmother's recipes for traditional holiday foods, such as rugelach, noodle pudding, hamantaschen and much more. They also cook their own deli meats, including corned beef and New York-style pastrami, and make their own chopped liver, as well as offering catering and delivery in the Cranston area.

Murray Kaplan explained that his great-grandparents came to the United States around 1907 from Europe, where they had been millers. His grandfather opened a bakery on Black Street in Providence's North End in 1917, but was forced to move when Route 95 and a Marriott were built. The bakery relocated to Prairie Avenue.

Over the years, some family members retired while others left and then rejoined the business. In 1954, the formation of a partnership, and an homage to "The Wizard of Oz," led to the business being renamed the Rainbow Bakery. After the partnership was dissolved, it became Kaplan's Rainbow Bakery, but most people continue to call it Rainbow Bakery.

Kaplan uses the same recipes as his father did, which he learned as a child, when working at the bakery before and after school. He explained how important it is to keep the dough at the proper temperature and humidity. While rye bread is Rainbow's specialty, they also make bagels that are chewy and crusty, unlike mass-produced bagels. On holidays, they bake honey cake, kichel and round challahs. Only Kosher ingredients are used, although they do not have a heksher. Rainbow Bakery also distributes to Rudy's Delicatessen, Eastside Marketplace and Dave's Marketplace.

Many Kaplan family members also ran bakeries. The former Kaplan's on Hope Street in Providence was run by Murray's half-brother, Stanley; when he died, the family decided to shutter the shop. Barney's, on East Avenue in Pawtucket, was run by a brother, and used the Kaplan family's bagel recipe.

Rabbi Schochet is the *mashgiach* of Rhode Island Kosher (formerly Vaad Hakashrut of Rhode Island), which certifies about 25 businesses in Rhode Island as Kosher. He said that the Kosher food industry is big business, with three nationwide certifying companies: OU Kosher, the biggest, which works with food producers as far away as China and India; STAR-K, in Baltimore; and OK Kosher Certification, in New York.

Schochet emphasized that Kosher is "the consumption of food according to Jewish legal sources; it has nothing to do with healthy." It was mentioned that Muslim *halal* dietary laws are satisfied by Kosher laws, but not vice versa.

Schochet discussed bugs – while Sephardim eat a type of locust, Ashkenazi Jews are prohibited from eating all bugs, including those lurking in herbs and vegetables such as parsley, leafy lettuce, Brussels sprouts and asparagus. He also cautioned that some food coloring can be made from a non-Kosher animal: purple food dye, for instance, is often made from snails.

In answer to a question, Schochet explained that "*glatt* Kosher" refers to the health of an animal. *Glatt* means smooth, and after an animal is slaughtered, the lungs are inflated and checked for lesions and bumps; if there are none, the animal is considered *glatt* Kosher.

After the presentations, the audience enjoyed samples from Rudy's Delicatessen and Rainbow Bakery.

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

Maryland bars state contracts for companies that boycott Israel

JTA – The governor of Maryland signed an executive order that prohibits state agencies from entering into contracts with companies that boycott Israel. Gov. Larry Hogan signed the order in a ceremony Monday [Oct. 23] with state Jewish leaders on hand.

The order appears to be largely symbolic, since there are not any current state contractors who boycott Israel, the Baltimore Sun reported.

Hogan, who is up for re-election in 2018, also called on the state pension system to divest itself of companies that have participated in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

"Israel is a robust democracy with many rights and freedoms that don't exist in neighboring countries, or across much of the world," he said in a statement. "The shameful BDS movement seeks to undercut those rights and freedoms, using economic discrimination and fear, by boycotting Israeli companies and prohibiting them from doing business in the United States.

"The goals of this movement run counter to the strong economic relationship that Maryland has sustained with our friends and partners in Israel."

Some 23 states have enacted legislation or have executive orders against boycotting Israel.

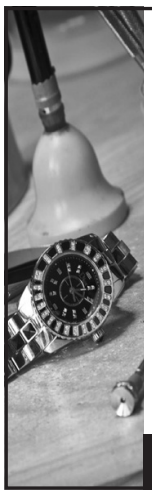
Last year, the Hogan administration sent a letter to the state chapter of the American Jewish Committee reaffirming its support for Israel against proponents of the BDS movement, and Hogan joined governors from all 50 states in signing the American Jewish Committee's Governor's Pledge against BDS.

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Brown University's Iron Men

BY GERALDINE S. FOSTER

Brown University dedicated its new stadium, then known as Brown University Field, in 1925. The football team now had a permanent home on a large parcel of what had been undeveloped land bounded by Elmgrove Avenue and Sessions Street. Stilled by this new structure were the hum of insects and the call of birds that had once made their home in the woods and among the wild flowers there. Now, on Saturday afternoons in fall, cheers and crowd noises would echo through the East Side neighborhood.

The following year, in a fitting celebration of its new home, the Brown football team, for the first time in its history, won the Ivy League football championship. The players themselves earned the sobriquet The Iron Men Team. Twice they had played for an entire game, with no substitutions, and nearly accomplished the same feat against Harvard: As a gift to the second squad, so they too could earn letters, Coach Tuss McLaughry sent them all in to play in the last two minutes of the game. They even managed to score a touchdown in that short interval!

Three members of the second squad and three of the Iron Men were Jewish, and one of the Iron Men, a sophomore defensive guard and offensive tackle, grew up in Pawtucket. His name was Louis Farber, and he was nicknamed Tarzan for his speed, toughness and agility.

Farber graduated from Pawtucket High School, where he played football, baseball, track and basketball. In his senior year, he was named an All-State guard for his football ability. He spent the next year at Moses Brown, and once again achieved All-State honors. At Brown, Farber captained the freshman football team before moving on to his varsity career.

Farber was offered a pro contract with an NFL team, but decided to remain in Rhode Island. For a few years, he worked in the family sheet metal business. Farber then found his career niche as a high school teacher and football coach, at which he excelled. He taught English and math at East Providence High School and was the school's assistant football coach and later its head coach for 16 years.

In 1950, Farber and his family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where he continued his career as a teacher and coach.

In recognition of his accomplishments, he was inducted into the Brown Hall of Fame in 1972. Louis Farber died in 2001.

Another 50 seasons would pass before Brown won the Ivy League football championship again. To those who derided Brown's football teams, fans would sniff, "Football does not make a university great. Brown has a higher, intellectual purpose."

And on Saturday afternoons each fall, the city's faithful fans still trudge up Sessions Street, past the throngs of youngsters seeking tickets or a way to sneak inside, to join the procession of students and alumni entering the stadium to cheer. Come what may, we are, after all, ever true to Brown.

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

Inspiring teachers I have been blessed to know

BY GEORGE M. GOODWIN

A retired art teacher and I recently discovered that we have a mutual friend, Mike Fink. Although well known to readers of The Jewish Voice and Jewish Historical Notes, he is even better known for teaching literature and film courses at the Rhode Island School of Design. Indeed, for more than half a century! As a confidant to legions of students, faculty and alumni – and its presidents and custodians – Mike has gracefully earned the title "Mr. RISD."

Another artist friend remembers encountering Mike in 1968, when she was a sixth-grader at a Providence parochial school. Having been invited to briefly discuss the boundaries of human imagination, he jumped up on a table and urged the girls to "rock the status quo." This St. Margaret's alumna saw Mike's presentation as a pioneering example of performance art.

So, I asked myself whether I ever had such an unforgettable educational encounter. Such a question may sound academic, but I taught art history for many years and still lecture occasionally. Some of my best students were only in grade school; alas, some of my worst were earning masters' degrees. Go figure!

Yet, if most students feel fortunate to have been touched by one or two wonderful teachers or professors, I have been truly blessed. More than a dozen intrigued, uplifted and inspired me.

For example, I stayed in touch with three of my favorite high school teachers for decades. Don't ask me why, but I still have textbooks and papers from their classes. I also saved a few of their hand-written epistles.

In college, I felt close to many professors, including one art historian with whom I've remained in touch for 47 years. We've corresponded, spoken occasionally by phone, and visited each other in at least four states. He has autographed some of his books for me. Once, I was thrilled to arrange for him to lecture at Brown.

When attending my 40th college reunion, Franz and I once again *schmoozed* about current art world thrills and disasters. I later decided that I wouldn't want to attend my next landmark reunion unless I could see him. Then, to show my abiding admiration and respect for him, I helped organize a campaign among fellow alums to endow a scholarship in his honor. He told me, in turn, that he loved me and that I was his best student. My reply: no, I was merely his most loyal.

A decade after completing my doctoral studies, I earned a master's degree in Jewish communal studies at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. I quickly discovered the brilliance, dedication and eccentricity of many rabbinic professors, including several who treated me as a junior colleague – much to my surprise.

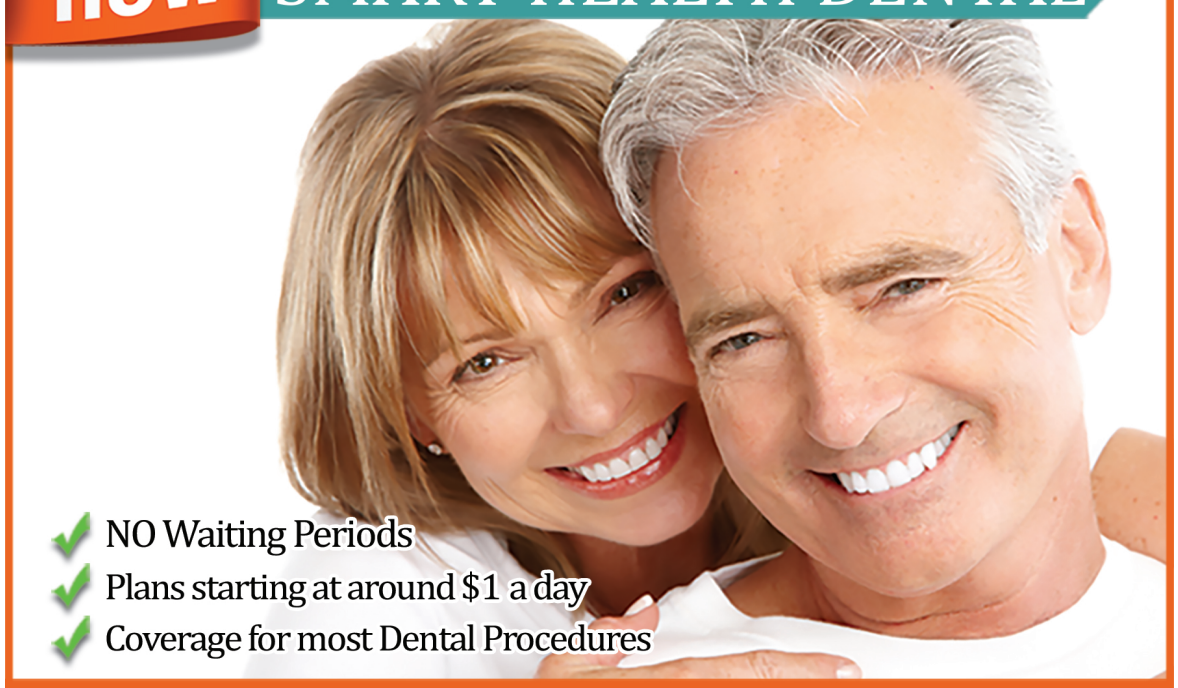
In a required course on medieval Jewish history, for example, I remember asking a professor what I thought was a simple question. It was something like, "But how does textual study lead to or enhance faith?" It merited a 45-minute response, which my classmates resented. Michael later served as one of my thesis advisers, and he attended the dedication of a historical exhibition I organized at my family's temple. Sadly, soon after joining the faculty of Notre Dame, he was taken from us.

Somehow, I became close to another HUC professor, Stanley, in whose classroom I never sat. A few years after my graduation, I sought his advice, which he generously provided. He also offered his encouragement on numerous occasions. Even after his passing, I feel our friendship.

Now, almost all of my HUC professors are deceased. Fortunately, the youngest, only a year older than I, is still with us. David Ellenson later served as the college's dynamic president, from 2001 to 2013. He was kind enough to write a praiseworthy blurb for "The Jews of Rhode Island," an anthology I coedited in 2004. Although David denies that he made much of a difference in my education, we have been able to visit and correspond on a few occasions.

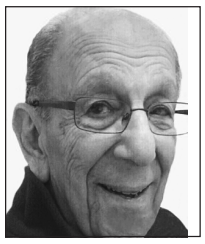
Do good students inspire and empower good teachers? Most likely, but I keep returning to my buddy, Mike Fink. Neither of us has much patience for scholarly showmanship and even less for pedantry. We're mostly fascinated by what cannot be easily grasped: beauty, irony, humor, wisdom and spirituality. Accordingly, Mike is drawn to gypsies, faded movie stars, Hasidim, outcasts and winged creatures. He teaches best when he is not even presuming to teach – when, for example, we gather for coffee.

GEORGE GOODWIN, a member of Temple Beth-El, is editor of "Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes."

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Joseph S. Bazar, 76

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Joseph S. Bazar died Oct. 10. He was



the husband of Ann (Goldsmith) Bazar; they were married for 45 years.He was born in Providence, a son of Banice and Beverly (Wishnevsky) Bazar.

He was the principal of Bazko Inc., which sold supplies to military post exchanges worldwide.

Joseph (Joey) was appointed to the Mayor's Crime Commission in Providence by Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr. in 1976 and served in that capacity for more than 40 years. He also served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children Kerri Brennan and her husband, Michael, Todd Bazar and his wife, Barbara; by his brothers Peter Bazar and his wife, Charlotte, David Bazar and his wife, Susan and his sister Karen Bergel and her husband, Alan; and by grandchildren Erin Gavin, Dayna Gavin and Cecilia DeRosa. He was the father of the late Dayna Bazar.

He brought life and love to all he encountered. He was known for his charismatic personality and elevated the spirits of those around him.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Comprehensive Cancer Center at RI Hospital, 593 Eddy St., Providence, RI 02903 or Hope Hospice, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904.

Anne T. Berger, 102

Anne T. Berger, wife of the late Edmund Z. Berger, died on Aug. 16. She was born in Providence, one of six girls, and was predeceased by all of her sisters – Gladys Galkin, Rita Tanenbaum, Eve Tanenbaum, Celia



Tanenbaum and Ruth Lewis. She was a member of Temple Beth Israel in Providence and Torat Yisrael in Cranston, a life member of the Cranston Senior Guild, and a volunteer at Hasbro Children's Hospital and Hadassah.

She was a graduate of Central High School. During her career, she worked as a bookkeeper for various companies. In 1960, she started working at Natco Products in West Warwick. After 20 years she retired as the human resource manager, office manager and treasurer of the corporation.

She and her sisters are remembered for putting on shows at Temple Beth Israel, and often for servicemen during WWII. She loved dancing, traveling and cruises. She made lasting friends wherever she went.

She moved to Herndon, Virginia, in 2002 to be near her daughter Risa (Berger) Bernstein; son-in-law Bruce Bernstein; and grandson Colin James Bernstein. When her daughter and family moved to California in 2003, she too moved to California.

Anne is survived by Risa, Bruce, and grandson Colin, who came to us from Korea, and was loved and taken care of by his "Nee" as if he were her own – which of course he was.

Robert M. Fryefield, 92

WARWICK, R.I. – Robert M. Fryefield, died Oct. 18. He was the husband of the late Cecile (Roth) Fryefield. Born in Rochester, New Hampshire, a son of the late Benjamin and Ruth (Andelman) Fryefield, he was a resident of Warwick, previously living in Cranston and Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a WWII Army Air Corps veteran, serving in the 424th Bomb Squadron in the Philippines.

He was the father of Andrew Fryefield and his wife, Lauren, of Holmdel, New Jersey, Wendy Fryefield of Stoughton, Massachusetts, and Karen Liner and her husband, Richard, of Coventry. He was the dear brother of Cynthia Folit of Sarasota, Florida, and the late Warren Fryefield of Jacksonville, Florida. He was the loving grandfather of Jamie, Sarah, Alexandra, Matt and Rachel.

Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd, #3004, Warwick, RI 02886.

Eileen Landsman, 90

Eileen Landsman died in her Manhattan, New York home on Oct. 8. Eileen was the mother



of Rhonda Sabo (Naftali) of Newport and Andrea Landsman (Malcolm Holzman) of New York. She was the grandmother to Eitan Sabo (Aimee), Samuel Holzman and step-grandson Maxwell (Melissa) Holzman. She was the great-grandmother to Noah Sabo and David Sabo, and step-great-grandmother to Griffin and Trudy Holzman. She also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Mimi Landsman, nephews Spencer and Joshua Landsman and Blair Schwartz and nieces Karyn Levy and Gail Schwartz.

Eileen was predeceased by her husband Robert Landsman and his brother Warren, her son Eric Landsman, and her brother Burnett Schwartz.

The daughter of Judge Edward K. Schwartz and Sara M. Schwartz, who worked tirelessly on behalf of the young state of Israel, Eileen was born and raised in University City, St. Louis, Missouri. She received a BFA in fashion design from Washington University. After college she married Robert Landsman, a Chicago attorney, and raised her family in the St. Louis and Chicago (Lincolnwood and Niles) areas. In Chicago she had a long and successful career in marketing, business and design, at a time when women in the business world were rare. She and and her husband retired to Manhattan, a lifelong dream.

Donations may be made to Congregation Jeshuat Israel at Touro Synagogue, to Hadassah at hadassah.org, or to a charity of your choice.

Inga B. Mann, 94

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Inga B. Mann died on Oct. 20. She was the wife of Leon S. Mann for 56 years and was predeceased by her first husband, John Werner Basch. Inga was born in Germany and immigrated to the U.S. in 1936. She was a daughter of the late Herman and Bertha (Rosenau) Freudenberg.

She was an avid golfer, and served on the Clinical Research Review board at The Miriam Hospital, the Women's Association at the RISD Museum of Art, and a volunteer at the United Way of Southeastern New England.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her children Joan (Lou) Chesner of La Jolla, California, Susan (Bill) Fink of Boston, Massachusetts, Carol Mann of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and Robbie (Judy) Mann of Providence, and sister, Helen Grossman of Providence. She is also survived by grandchildren Jonathan and Michael Chesner, Lauren and Andrew (Amelia) Fink, and Max and Zack Mann; and great-grandson Teddy Fink.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Miriam Hospital, Development Office, PO Box H, Providence, RI 02901.

Elaine T. Pesce, 75

WARWICK, R.I. – Elaine T. Pesce died Oct. 22 at Rhode Island Hospital. Born in Providence,



a daughter of the late Herman and Rose Riffkin, she was a longtime resident of Warwick. She was the director of Channel One, a drug abuse prevention program for kids in Warwick. In 1975 she established VOWS, Volunteers of Warwick Schools, a program which today provides over 1,000 volunteers in schools throughout the City of Warwick. Elaine was also active in local politics. She was a devoted dog lover who volunteered at local animal shelters.

She was the mother of Peter Pesce and his wife, Christine, of Ridgefield, Connecticut and Allen Pesce and his wife, Fran, of Scituate. She was the sister of the late Steven Riffkin. She was the grandmother of Rachel and Maxton. Contributions in her memory may be made to the animal welfare charity of your choice.

Charles T. Robinson, 55

Charles Turek "Chip" Robinson, 55, died Oct. 14. He was



born in Providence and was a resident of Rehoboth, Massachusetts for 45 years. He was the son of Bea Turek Robinson and the late Dr. Mendell Robinson.

He attended the Gordon School, Moses Brown School,

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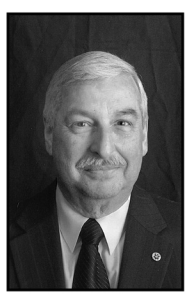
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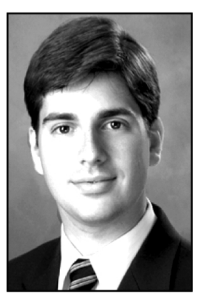
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Two pieces of his work from his award-winning poetry collection were published in The Alembic, which is published annually by Providence College.

He was the author of "Asleep Beneath the Meadows: The Indian Archaeology of Rehoboth," "Massachusetts; True New England Mysteries, Ghosts, Crimes, and Oddities;" "Native New England – The Long Journey;" "The Turn-of-the-Century Rehoboth Memoirs of Anna (Hass) Morgan;" and "The New England Ghost Files," which was a New England Best Seller. These books were illustrated by his mother, Bea Turek Robinson. He also co-authored "Rehoboth," "Swansea," and "Dighton" for the Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing.

He wrote columns for Yankee Magazine and the Rehoboth Reporter and published stories in the Providence Journal.

He was a talented artist, played piano by ear/memory, and also played the trumpet.

He loved all animals from his fish and turtles to his cats and ferrets.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his sister Anna Robinson; uncle Stephen and his wife (Judy) Turek; aunt Lila Winograd; cousins and friends.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Providence College – The Alembic, 1 Cunningham Square Providence, RI 02918.

RABBI MARC S. JAGOLINZER

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer died peacefully at his home on Oct. 22. He was 68.

Rabbi Jagolinzer is survived by his mother, Hinda Jagolinzer of Middletown; his loving and devoted wife of 41 years, Barbara Jagolinzer; his three children, son Charles Jagolinzer of San Diego, California, and his wife, Rachelle, and their two sons, Max and Sam; daughter, Sarah Kabat of Potomac, Maryland, and her husband, Andrew, and their two daughters, Julia and Jamie; and son, Jonathan Jagolinzer of Vienna, Virginia, and his wife, Jennifer; and his younger brother, Robert Jagolinzer of New York, New York. He is preceded in death by his father, Harold Jagolinzer.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was born on March 23, 1949, in Providence to Harold and Hinda (Tesler) Jagolinzer. He graduated from Columbia University in 1971 with a degree in English before becoming an ordained rabbi in 1975. Upon completing his studies, Rabbi Jagolinzer returned to



Rhode Island to become the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom in Middletown. He served with distinction at Temple Shalom from 1975 to 2016; the congregation recently named him Rabbi Emeritus.

In the summer of 1975, Rabbi Jagolinzer met Barbara Richman and proposed to her eight days later. The couple has been married since Jan. 1, 1976. His children remember him as a hands-on and engaged father, who was kind, patient and gentle, but above all else, selfless.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was an accomplished spiritual leader who had a passion for teaching students of all ages. As he used to say, "In any given week, I teach people from age 3 to 93."

Rabbi Jagolinzer was particularly passionate about building interfaith communities in Aquidneck Island and in Rhode Island. As a newly ordained rabbi, Rabbi Jagolinzer founded and orchestrated the community-wide interfaith Thanksgiving service for Aquidneck Island, which has been held the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving for more than 40 years.

Rabbi Jagolinzer served as the president of the Aquidneck Island Clergy Association; a Convener of the Interfaith Leaders of Rhode Island; and a member of the Diocese of Rhode Island's Child Protection Advisory Board. He was chosen in 2015 by the Diocese to receive the prestigious "Lumen Gentium Award" as a Friend of the Diocese of Providence. Rabbi Jagolinzer was the first Jewish clergyperson to preach from the high pulpit of the historic Trinity Episcopal Church in Newport.

Rabbi Jagolinzer served with distinction on numerous Jewish and secular nonprofit boards including serving as president of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis; chair of the Principal's Council; chair of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education; secretary of the Newport Hospital Board of Trustees; chair of the Hospital's Ethics Committee; president of the Board of the Rhode Island Chaplaincy Center; and president of Island Hospice. For many years, he also served as chair for the Interfaith Committee of the Conference for Community and Justice.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was the university chaplain at Roger Williams University and at Johnson & Wales University. He served as an adjunct faculty member at Salve Regina University, where he taught a popular course, "The Jewish Experience." He taught Hebrew courses at the University of Rhode Island for more than three decades. He also taught at and served as principal of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School at Temple Shalom.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was the recipient of numerous awards from the United States Navy, the National Conference for Community and Justice, and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island who presented him with the prestigious "Never Again Award" for his dedication to fighting for human rights and ending discrimination. In 2011, Rabbi Jagolinzer was honored by the Women's Resource Center as one of the "Men Who Make A Difference."

Rabbi Jagolinzer had a wonderful sense of humor and created a popular program at Temple Shalom called an Evening of Jewish Humor. Throughout his lifetime, Rabbi Jagolinzer left a positive imprint on many individuals.

Contributions in his memory may be made to San Diego Jewish Academy, where his two grandsons attend school, located at 11860 Carmel Creek Road, San Diego, CA 92130 or http://www.sdja.com/support-sdja/ways-to-give/.

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WEDDING – Emily Gold, daughter of Bonnie and Jerry Gold of Central Falls, and Ian Rosenblum, son of Shelley Ruck Rosenblum and the late Harold Rosenblum of Merrick, New York, were married on Oct. 14.

The ceremony was held at Barge Canal Market in Burlington, Vermont, with friend of the groom Scott Matza officiating. A Jewish ceremony was held at Merrick Jewish Centre in Merrick, New York, with Rabbi Klein officiating, on Sept. 23.

The couple reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



WE ARE READ IN PROVIDENCE – The newest generation reads The Voice: Sally Rotenberg with Dahlia Rotenberg and Marjorie Pelcovits with Oliver Naumann.



WE ARE READ IN SAN DIEGO – Summer *shlichah* Noam Spector continued her post camp travels with a trip to San Diego. Happy to have The Voice travel along!



V – Monika Curnett, of Cranston, recently traveled to Lake Como, Italy.



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COMMUNITY LECTURE

On a beautiful fall Sunday afternoon, approximately 100 people listened to Carl Feldman deliver the annual Baxt lecture at the Cranston Public Library. Feldman spoke about the historical and religious roots of anti-Semitism in Europe and how it laid the groundwork for the Holocaust.



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