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BAKST FAMILY: A circa 1913 picture of Michael's wife, Katie Levy Bakst, includes their son, Lester, and their daughters. Next to Lester is Dorothy. In front of him is Florence and next to her is Hazel. On the other side of Katie is Tillie. Katie died in 1958. Charlie Bakst's daughter, Diane's middle name is Kathryn, in her honor.

The pull of the plaque

Following the twists and turns of family history

BY M. CHARLES BAKST

Heading to lunch recently with a friend, I suggested we dine at Sagres Restaurant on Columbia Street in the heart of Portuguese Fall River and its many tenements.

The chitchat was great and the food was fabulous. But I also was feeling another vibe. This was once a Jewish part of town, and, in the early years of the 20th century, my grandfather Michael Bakst lived on Columbia Street with his wife, the former Katie Levy, and their growing family.

I'd been thinking about Michael, who came from what is now Belarus. He owned men's clothing stores and was the uncle of celebrity gossip columnist Walter Winchell. Michael died in 1946 when I was only 2, and now he'd suddenly jumped back into my life.

And so had several long-departed relatives from my mother's side, Fall River's enormous Horvitz family.

This is the pull of history across the decades, by something as simple and as powerful as a rectangular brown and gold memorial plaque, typically metal, fashioned for display in synagogues as a reminder of

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Writer's poignant story highlights campaign event

BY FRAN OSTENDORF

Nearly 350 people turned out to hear writer Jennifer Teege tell her compelling personal story on Nov. 5 as the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island celebrated the importance of philanthropy at its Annual Campaign event.

Teege's message was one of hope. And her personal story, detailed in her book, "My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me," brought a hush to the newly renovated Gussie and Victor Baxt Social Hall.

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Teege began by saying that she was placed in an orphanage at 4 weeks old and adopted at the age of 7. But the part of her life story that truly captivated the audience was about her birth family and how she learned, at age 40, the family secret kept from her for so long.

Her birth mother, who had given her up at such a young age, was the daughter of Amon Goeth, commandant of the infamous Plaszow concentration camp, near Krakow, Poland. He was a central figure in the movie "Schindler's List."

This discovery was made by sheer chance one

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Jennifer Teege

5 Jewish takeaways from Election Day

BY RON KAMPEAS

WASHINGTON (JTA) – The big post-Election Day headline is the stunning Democratic sweep in Virginia's gubernatorial and House elections, coupled with the predicted Democratic win of the governor's mansion in New Jersey.

Republicans are wondering what this says about the train that was Trumpism.

In Virginia, Ed Gillespie was an establishment Republican who ran a campaign modeled after President Donald Trump's shocking win a year ago. Gillespie focused on social hot-button issues like preserving Confederate statues and the alleged proliferation of illegal immigrant gangs. And the GOP candidate lost, big-time.

Democrats, meantime, are marveling at a unity they had believed was dissipating following last year's contentious primaries clash between Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Hillary Clinton, who defeated Sanders but came up short in the general election to Trump. Sanders' pick in Virginia, Tom Perriello, lost

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THIS ISSUE'S QUOTABLE QUOTE

"Let the remembrances you share be monuments to your family's storied heritage."

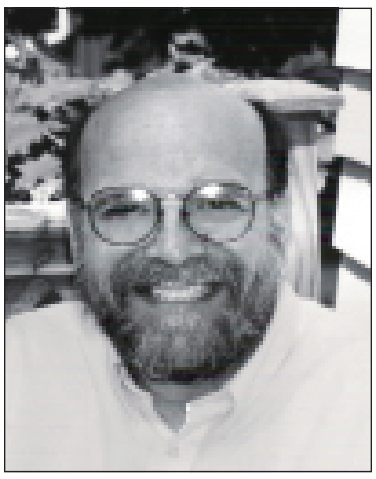
Baseball season continues at the JCC

BY LARRY KATZ

The baseball season is still in full swing at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, where two programs are scheduled this month as part of the "Chasing Dreams: Baseball & Becoming American" exhibit.

"Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story" will be screened on Nov. 15, and Rick Harris will present "Women and Baseball: A Short Story?!" on Nov. 27, both at 7 p.m. The exhibit itself continues through Dec. 15 at the JCC, at 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

The documentary "Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story" celebrates the contributions of Jewish major leaguers and the special meaning that baseball has had in the lives of American Jews. It is narrated by Dustin Hoffman and features Sandy Koufax, Larry King, Kevin Youkilis, Shawn Green, Yogi Berra, Ron Howard and many others. Ken Burns, the well-known documentary filmmaker, remarked, "This is an insightful, moving film that helps to shatter stereotypes and preconceptions, and reminds us of the power of this seemingly simple stick-ball game to bring us all together."



Richard Harris

Richard "Rick" Harris will present an illustrated lecture and discussion about the role of women in baseball. Harris has also prepared a supplementary exhibit to "Chasing Dreams" that features some of his postcards from the late 19th and early 20th centuries depicting discrimination against women and African-Americans, as well as their early participation in the sport.

Harris is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and the Rhode Island Historical Society and an adjunct professor at Rhode Island College and Salve Regina University, where he teaches social work, as well as courses on the sociological, historical and cultural aspects of baseball in America. He is also the author of "Rhode Island Baseball: The Early Years" (The History Press, 2008); "Brown University Baseball: A Legacy of the Game" (The History Press, 2012); "Newport Baseball History: America's Pastime in the City by the Sea" (The History Press 2014); and four self-published books on baseball. Some of these books will be available for purchase at the JCC.

Highlights of the "Chasing Dreams" exhibit include an interactive baseball card database and a TV monitor that plays three original short films, each a few minutes long, in a continuous loop. Featured in the films are Charles Steinberg, president of the Pawtucket Red Sox, and the presidents and/or owners of a number of major league teams, including the Blue Jays, Giants, Nationals, Phillies, Rays, White Sox and Yankees.

A fully illustrated, 256-page companion book to the core exhibit is available for purchase. The book has original pieces by more than 40 notable authors, including John Thorn, the official historian of Major League Baseball, who often appears on ESPN, MLB, The History Channel and other television outlets as a sports authority and commentator; Ira Berkow, a former New York Times sports columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner for national reporting; and Doug Glanville, a retired major league player for the Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers, an ESPN baseball analyst and a regular contributor to ESPN.com and The New York Times.

Other exhibit-related merchandise is also available for purchase, including a set of baseball cards developed by Jewish Major Leaguers, Inc., and children's books about baseball legends. A family guide to the exhibit is available for free.

School and religious groups are encouraged to reserve times for tours of the exhibit. Lesson plans are available for educators.

For more information about the exhibit and related programing at the Alliance's Dwares JCC, email ChasingDreams@JewishAllianceRI.org. The free exhibit is open during regular JCC business hours.

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Meet Mark Elber, Jewish educator turned rabbi

BY SAM SERBY

Mark Elber, the rabbi at Temple Beth El, in Fall River, Massachusetts, grew up in New York City and was a Jewish educator for many years. He taught rabbinics in a Solomon Schechter school, and adult education, mostly in Kabbalah and Jewish meditation, as well as training B'nai Mitzvah students in many synagogues. He also devoted time to writing poetry and songs, and has published two books: "The Sacred Now: Cultivating Jewish Spiritual Consciousness" and "The Everything Kabbalah Book."

Elber, 65, was ordained in January 2012 through ALEPH: The Alliance for Jewish Renewal. He and his wife, Shoshana, have two children. They live in Fall River, just around the corner from their synagogue, where Shoshana is the cantor.



Rabbi Mark Elber

Q: Favorite Jewish food?

A: Matzo ball soup and my mother's latkes.

Q: Favorite Jewish holidays? Why?

A: Pesach and Yom Kippur. Because of the intensity of Yom Kippur and the food of the seder during Pesach.

Q: Favorite Jewish musicians?

A: Israeli musicians Danny Sanderson, Shalom Hanoch, Rami Kleinstein, the Israeli band Kaveret, nicknamed "Poogy," and Bob Dylan.

Q: Favorite Jewish movies?

A: "Annie Hall" and "The Seven Tapes – Poet Yona Wallach," a documentary about Israeli poet Yona Wallach.

Q: Favorite poets?

A: Yehuda Amichai, early Allen Ginsberg, Philip Levine, Gerald Stern, Jacob Glatstein and Dahlia Ravikovitch.

Q: Favorite Israeli city to visit and to live?

A: I would want to spend Shabbats in Jerusalem and live the rest of the week in Tel Aviv. I love the vibrant, contemporary Israeli culture, as well as the sea, in Tel Aviv.

Q: Favorite Hebrew word?

A: Shalom, because this word shares the same root as the word "shalem," meaning perfection, wholeness and completeness.

Q: Favorite Yiddish word and why?

A: "*Gottenyu*," which is a word that's an affectionate way of addressing God. It's similar to "*mamenyu*" and "*tatenyu*," which are affectionate ways of addressing "mother" and "father," as though there's a "dear" implied in the word. I think it's a great word because it evokes an affection and intimacy in relationship to the eternal one which is part of that rich, emotional world of Yiddish language and Yiddish culture.

Q: Best part of keeping Kosher, worst/most difficult part?

A: Best part: It sanctifies the act of eating, which is so central to our existence – sanctifying that part of our life is wonderful.

Most difficult part: When you're somewhere where there's just no place to eat. But, usually this is solvable and not an insurmountable problem.

Q: Favorite part of being a rabbi?

A: Being able to share the traditions that I love with other people – giving them access to what I find so meaningful, and giving them the tools to develop their own relationship with Jewishness.

Q: Favorite Jewish memories?

A: First arriving in Israel in 1960, when I was 8 and a half, on an Israeli ocean liner called the SS Zion. I traveled for 15 days and met my aunts and uncles at the dock. Also, I have very strong memories of seders and being in shul with my father, which was very important to me. Lastly, I went to concerts in the Roman Amphitheatre in Caesarea, Israel. I saw a reunion show of the Israeli band Poogy, and a Rita [an Israeli singer] concert, as well as John Birks, Dizzy Gillespie.

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

A: The greatest piece of advice someone gave to me, I would say, was more advice given by example than vocalized. From my father's example, I always believed it was crucial to try to choose one's life's work and employment based on something you love and what was most meaningful to you.

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

A: Baal Shem Tov, because he was the founder of Hasidism. Isaac Luria, because he was a great Kabbalist in Safed, Israel, from 1534 to 1572. Moses, because of his spiritual intensity.

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sunny day in August 2013 at the Central Library, in Hamburg, Germany, where Teege lives — and it sent her into a deep depression. A wife and the mother of two children, she was no longer able to function, she said. And she became obsessed with her past and the Holocaust.

So great was the shock, she said, that she was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

With help from her husband, friends and a therapist, Teege has come to terms with her past and learned that she has nothing to fear from it. Eventually, she traveled to Krakow, she told the audience, to the memorial at the site of the death camp.

Why is this a story of hope for a non-Jewish German-Nigerian woman speaking to donors at a campaign event? Before she learned about her past, Teege told the audience she lived in Israel for five years and is a fluent Hebrew speaker. Perhaps the hope comes from the lessons she has learned.

"Only if you look at it [the Holocaust] can you learn about it. We have to teach about it," she said, so it will never happen again. Holocaust education is now mandatory in Germany.

"Today I am rational again," Teege said. "Family secrets are toxic. If you have them, it's time to lift them."

Before Teege's talk, attendees were welcomed by the evening's co-chairs, Michael and Susan Eides, as well as James Pious, philanthropy co-chair with Susan Froehlich, and Mitzi Berkelhammer, chair of the Board of the Alliance.



(Back, left to right) James Pious, Faye Wisen, Mitzi Berkelhammer, Susan Froehlich, Adam Greenman and Ralph Posner. (Front) Michael and Susan Eides.

Adam Greenman, president and CEO of the Alliance, also greeted the crowd, and discussed the mission of the Alliance in Rhode Island and around the world.

He thanked everyone for the warm welcome he and his family have received since he arrived at the Alliance three months ago.

"I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and working with all of you to build community," he said.

Pious announced that, thus far, the campaign has received $1.5 million from 900 donors. "We are off to an exceptional start," he said, "but there is much work to be done."

All remarked on the size of the crowd, one of the biggest in recent memory, according to Dan Hamel, CFO of the Alliance.

Two donor receptions were held prior to the main event. A reception for Pacesetters and Lions of Judah was held in the Nelson & Sapinsley Families Gymnasium, chaired by Ralph Posner and Faye Wisen. Participants heard a musical performance by Luba Agranovsky and Dmitri Kasyuk, who moved to Israel from Russia in 1990 with help from the Jewish Agency For Israel. The duo played classical duets on flute and piano, intermingled with tales of anti-Semitism in Russia, their transition to life in Israel and their deep appreciation for the support of the global Jewish community.

There was also a reception for the Double Chai Society, the next generation of Alliance philanthropists and leaders, which was chaired by Bethany and Rich Sutton.

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Michael and Susan Eides open the event.



(Left to right) Barbara and Benjamin Mer, Tslil Reichman and Aharon Afsai at the dessert reception.



(Left to right) Barbara Levine, Dorothy Lampal and Gary Lampal.



(Left to right) Cara Mitnick, Jocelyn Kaplan, Marisa Garber and Dan Gamm with Jennifer Teege's book.



(Left to right) Mira Eides, Susan Eides, Jennifer Teege, Rachel Eides, Ilana Eides, Gordon Eides, Michael Eides and Alexander Eides.



(Left to right) Robin Engle, Sharon Gaines, Alan Gaines, Judy Mann, Robbie Mann, Mark Feinstein. (Back row) Jason Engle, Jessica Engle, Mitzi Berkelhammer and Jim Engle.



The Duo Dmitri perform at the Pacesetter reception.



(Left to right) Bethany Sutton, Lisa Shea, David Shea and Michelle Cicchitelli at the Double Chai reception.

Fascinating film shines light on daring American pilots in 1948 Arab-Israeli War

BY LARRY KATZ

A film about Israel by Spielberg? Yes, but by Nancy, Steven's sister.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., the Israel Desk of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island will screen "Above and Beyond: The Untold True Story" at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center, in Providence.

Nancy Spielberg says the "untold true story" in her documentary feels like some of her brother's movies – a combination of "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Band of Brothers" and "Catch Me if You Can."

Would you risk everything – your future, your citizenship, even your life – to help a brother in need? In 1948, a group of American World War II pilots did just that. They volunteered to fight in Israel's War of Independence. This motley group of heroes helped prevent the destruction of the new nation while establishing the framework for the Israeli Air Force. But more than a retelling of the '48 Arab-Israeli War, "Above and Beyond" is filled with heart, heroism and high-flying chutzpah.

Through the personal stories of the young pilots, whose experiences in Israel were life-



PHOTO | GIDEON LEWIN

Nancy Spielberg



PHOTO | ABOVE AND BEYOND

Pilots Len Lenhart, Gideon Lichtman and Modi Alon.

altering, the movie examines the motivations of the foreign volunteers and mines the tensions between the Israelis and the Americans, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

"Above and Beyond" also reveals how under-equipped and isolated the Israelis were, how desperately they needed planes and pilots, and how critical the actions of these young American men were for the country's survival.

Sheri Linden observed in the Los Angeles Times that the film, "Soars with true adventure! Eye-opening. Indispensable. A fascinating chronicle of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war through the eyes of a daring group of men. Their enterprise [was] spearheaded … with all the intrigue of a spy novel. The twinkle in their eyes is unmistakable as they describe rambunctious younger days."

Filmed in the United States, Israel and the United Kingdom, "Above and Beyond" is produced by Nancy Spielberg ("Elusive Justice") and directed by Roberta Grossman ("Blessed Is the Match"), with cinematography by Harris Done ("The Last Days"), special effects by Industrial Light & Magic and an original score from Hans Zimmer's Studio.

The screening is the second in a series that takes place on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the JCC. For more information about any of the Alliance's programs celebrating Israel's 70th birthday, go to www.jewishallianceri.org/israel-70 or contact Tslil Reichman, the Israeli *shlichah* (emissary), at treichman@jewishallianceri.org.

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Film wins RI award as 'Best Documentary'

"Etched in Glass: The Legacy of Steve Ross" premiered recently at the Rhode Island International Film Festival where it received the "Audience Choice - Best Documentary" award. Now the fully completed film will be screened as part of the Roving Eye International Film Festival at Roger Williams University on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

"Etched In Glass" tells the true story of Steve Ross, a boy who endured five horrific years in 10 concentration camps during World War II. He was rescued by an American soldier, who showed him kindness and gave him a little American flag. This sparked his resilience, propelling him to dedicate his life to helping disadvantaged young people for more than 40 years as a youth worker in Boston.

Steve Ross then became the driving force behind the creation of the iconic New England Holocaust Memorial in Boston. All the while, he searched tirelessly for the soldier who saved him, and inspired him to save the lives of hundreds of teenagers in Boston. Ross wanted that soldier to know that he had dedicated his own life to helping at-risk youth just like that soldier had helped him in 1945. The powerful and uplifting story takes a dramatic turn in Saunderstown, leading to the climactic ending.

The film's director, Roger Lyons, and members of the Ross family will be present for an audience question-and-answer session after the film.

The screening will be on the Bristol campus of Roger Williams University at the Global Heritage Hall, Room 01. It's free and open to the public.



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Abraham's actions are a model even today

Chayei Sarah



RABBI HOWARD VOSS-ALTMAN

In the book of Genesis, a book whose first words are "In the beginning," almost every experience is new: the first human beings (Adam and Eve), the first murder (Cain murders his brother, Abel), and the first blessing (God blesses our patriarch, Abraham). But as the Torah continues on, we also observe events that lead to the first expressions of human emotions: God mentions Abraham's love for his son, Isaac, in the *akedah*, the binding of Isaac, and in this week's portion, *Chayei Sarah*, Abraham mourns the death of his beloved Sarah, the first association of death and grief.

Although the Torah introduces abstract concepts of love and grief for the first time, the narrative voice does not dwell on Abraham's inner feelings or thoughts surrounding his emotions. Abraham does not express his paternal love through a hug or a kiss, or any physical acts of tenderness. Nor does Abraham tell his son that he loves him. Indeed, it is God who tells Abraham to sacrifice the son he loves. And when Sarah dies, the Torah does not describe Abraham's tears, or the loneliness or sorrow he might be experiencing. There is also no mention of Abraham sitting shivah or observing the *sheloshim*, which would only be introduced later as rituals of mourning.

Rather than explore our patriarch's interior life, the Torah teaches us about what one does in response to a loved one's death. In this case, Abraham goes to his neighbors, the Hittites, and negotiates to buy the cave of Machpelah, which will become the family's formal burial site. The first response to death is a practical one: now that a loved one has died, how shall we handle the body?

Abraham's pragmatic example has been a model for thousands of years. During those first few hours after a loved one has died, we must engage in the *tachlis* – the details – of arranging for a funeral. Perhaps we'll speak with the funeral home, or with the rabbi. We'll set a date, a time and a place, based on our family's needs and desires. In this day and age, when family and friends often live far away, funeral services are scheduled not based on the Jewish legal requirement of timeliness but on the availability of airline flights from distant places. And, like Abraham, we'll meet with people – usually the funeral home representatives – to discuss all of the costs of the services they provide. It's almost paradoxical that at a time when we are experiencing our most profound loss, when we are riding an emotional roller-coaster, we must also negotiate costs, sign contracts and conduct a complicated legal and financial transaction.

These circumstances are, in part, dictated by our ever more complicated world. In generations past, virtually everyone we knew lived nearby, or at least within a reasonable distance. And caring for loved ones – the mitzvah of mourning – was a communal obligation. In our great-grandparents' world (and beyond), everyone in the *shtetl* was a neighbor.

But regardless of life's complexities, the Torah's practical approach to death offers both wisdom and compassion. At a time of such emotional upheaval, when we might be tempted to turn away and isolate ourselves, our tradition requires that we engage in the world. In those first hours, when the intensity of the grief threatens to overwhelm us, we must instead put those emotions aside and deal with the ongoing, quotidian business of life. Surely, the rabbis knew that the period of shivah would create a time and a place for grief and remembrance. But such a time would only begin after the funeral, when a community of support was fully in place, ready to offer comfort and solace.

As we mourn, or as we support family and friends who mourn, let us recall our patriarch, who intuitively understood that death – and all of its ramifications – is never disconnected from life. Indeed, Abraham's relationship with his neighbors shows us that in times of sadness, it is our surrounding community, both the intimate and the distant, that will give us the strength to move forward and find our lives again.

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Medieval Jewish cemetery uncovered in Bologna, Italy

JTA – Authorities in Bologna, Italy, have announced the discovery of the site of the city's medieval Jewish cemetery, which was destroyed in 1569.

They said archeological excavations in 2012-14 uncovered 408 graves, making the cemetery the largest medieval Jewish cemetery known to date in Italy.

The discovery announced by the Bologna and regional superintendence for archaeology was presented Tuesday [Nov. 7] at a news conference by Bologna Mayor Virginio Merola and other officials, including Bologna's chief rabbi and Jewish community president.

"It is a unique discovery," Merola said. "It is an enrichment of the cultural story of our city and of the presence of the Jewish community in Bologna."

In a statement, the superintendence said the graves discovered included those of women, men and children, and some "included personal ornaments made of gold, silver, bronze, hard stones and amber." It said the cemetery was discovered during excavations being carried out in relation to the construction of a residential complex.

The area, which is in and around via Orfeo, was used as a Jewish cemetery from the 1390s, but it was destroyed in 1569 after Pope Pius V banished Jews from everywhere in papal territories except Rome and Ancona. In November 1569, Pius handed over the cemetery to the nuns of the nearby cloister of St. Peter the Martyr and gave them permission "to dig up and send, wherever they want, the bodies, bones and remains of the dead: to demolish, or convert to other forms, the graves built by the Jews, including those made for living people: to remove completely, or scrape off the inscriptions or epitaphs carved in the marble."

Four ornate Jewish gravestones now displayed in Bologna's Civic Medieval Museum are believed to have come from this cemetery.

The superintendence statement said the 408 graves uncovered by the excavations were "perfectly aligned in parallel rows, with ditches dug in an east-west direction and the heads of the dead on the west end." It said no trace of tombstones had been found, but 150 graves showed clear signs of deliberate desecration.

At Tuesday's presentation, Rabbi Alberto Sermoneta underscored that the recovered remains needed to be given a dignified burial.



Members of Sanctuary.

Sanctuary: An Interfaith Concert of Support

On Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m., the musical group, Sanctuary, will hold a concert at Temple Habonim in Barrington to help support the University Pediatric Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Cantorial soloist Jodi Blankstein, guitarist Adam Dehner, cantorial soloist Lisa Marcus Jones, vocalist Anne Kalis, bassist Warren Olsen and percussionist Mitch Gordon – who call themselves Sanctuary – will offer an evening of inspirational and soulful songs to support those still suffering in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

Sanctuary's music brings people together. These six musicians have felt called to share their circle of support and positivity with the larger community, using what they know best: music. Temple Habonim member, and architect, Jay Litman, has been coordinating a local effort to collect and transport critical medical supplies that will help to restock the University Pediatric Hospital in San Juan. Members of the community are asked to bring an item or two from the following group of items: Hand Sanitizer, Iodine/Betadine Swabs, Exam Table Paper, Sterile Water Bottles, Fever Thermometers, Glucometers with strips, Otoscope with disposable tips, Biohazard Bags, Barrier Creams: Zinc Oxide, and Mosquito Repellent/Nets.

Submitted by Sanctuary

Candle Lighting Times

Greater Rhode Island

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Relax and make some memories



EDITOR

FRAN OSTENDORF

How do you relax?

We all have hobbies – activities that make us forget the stress and strain of everyday life. Perhaps we need them now more than ever. Our 24/7, connected lives seem very stressful at times.

We play golf, hike, knit, bake, garden, collect things or read. Even those of us who don't have much free time usually find an hour to commit to some sort of hobby. It helps us cope, although sometimes our hobbies themselves can cause some stress!

My father loved to tinker with radios. He got that bug early in life. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy, as did many of his generation. They sent him to radio school at Great Lakes Naval Base, north of Chicago. But World War II was nearing its end, and my dad never served beyond his training period. However, for the rest of his life, he had his amateur radios to keep him busy during down periods. I still remember sitting with him as he spoke to people all over the world. And I was fascinated by the postcards he received from people he talked to via the radio. I still have his framed license in my den.

He played golf too. Started that as a youngster. But you can't play golf at night or in the snow. The radio was always there.

According to my not-so-scientific internet research, the most popular free-time activities in the United States include reading, gardening, photography, jewelry-making, hiking, sewing, crocheting, writing, painting, coin collecting and fishing.

Each hobby industry gathers its own information so it's difficult to get into specifics. For example, there's an association for crafters that is separate from the organization for those who love radio-controlled cars and airplanes, while there are other groups for video games, golf, gardening and photography enthusiasts. You get the picture.

In January 2016, Ask Your Target Market polled Americans about their hobbies. Of those surveyed, 66 percent wished they had more time for hobbies, 56 percent had multiple hobbies, and 24 percent had only one pastime they participated in regularly.

None of this takes into consideration the answer to a question about how Americans actually spend their free time. Hobbies, as we know them, didn't get high rankings here. Screen time is the winner, with 54 percent of respondents choosing to watch television most often during their free time. Other top activities that people use their free time for are playing video games and social networking.

Now, I don't know about you, but I don't consider watching TV a hobby. Ditto for playing video games or social networking. Sometimes those things help us reduce stress, but often they do not. And it certainly does not get you out of the house or result in creating anything.

The coming cold weather will keep us at home and indoors more. What will you do with that time? Do we really want to sit in front of the television?

Maybe this winter, we should consider something beyond staring at a screen. What hobby do you wish you had more time for? Maybe you would have the time you need if you just turned off the TV or closed the computer for a while.

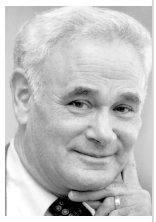
All of this information has put me in the mood to find something more to do with what little free time I have – something beyond screens. I get plenty of screen time right in my office. My father and those of his generation had more active hobbies. And that made for some wonderful memories.

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'The Girl with Four Last Names'



IT SEEMS TO ME

RABBI JIM ROSENBERG

"The Girl with Four Last Names" is the title of an essay written last spring by Sophie Schaerf in fulfillment of an assignment in her seventh-grade class in American history at Barrington Middle School: Interview a person who was involved in a war or conflict involving the United States. Sophie chose to interview her grandfather's cousin, Dr. Sophie Turner Zaretsky, who managed to survive the Holocaust.

Dr. Sophie Turner Zaretsky began her life in Lvov, Poland, on Sept. 2, 1937, with the name Selma Schwarzwald. Schaerf writes that her grandfather's cousin "remembers very little from before the war, because she was so young when it first began, but she would never forget the feeling of being in her grandmother's kitchen, and how much her grandmother spoiled her because she was the first grandchild."

On Sept. 2, 1939, the day after the Nazis invaded Poland, Selma turned two. By 1941, the Nazis had advanced to Lvov and forced the Jewish population into a ghetto. Zaretsky "has distinct memories of the ghetto getting smaller and smaller as more people were taken to concentration camps. But above all, the worst part of her stay in the ghetto was when her father was taken, and didn't come back … her 'worst memory.' "

Selma's father was taken by the Nazis on the night of Sept. 1, 1942. Shortly thereafter, she and her mother, Laura, managed to escape the ghetto. They threw away the yellow stars that identified them as Jews and assumed the identities of church-going Polish Catholics. Selma Schwarzwald became Zofia Tymejko.

Their new names, along with the fact that the two of them "looked Polish," enabled mother and daughter to stay alive in the midst of Nazi occupiers who would have murdered them on the spot if they discovered that they were Jews.

Looking back on those war years, when both she and her mother had to live false lives in order to survive, Dr. Zaretsky to this very day expresses great admiration for her mother, whose strength and bravery kept them out of harm's way.

In addition to providing the two of them with food, clothing and shelter, her mother – ignored by the Nazis as just another faceless Polish woman – managed to provide valuable intelligence to the underground resistance.

In 1948, the two Tymejkos made their way to England, where, at age 11, Zofia at last learned of her long-buried identity as a Jew. Her new identity led to yet another change of name: "The name Zofia was easily changed to Sophie, and her mother put her finger in a phone book and the name it landed on was Turner. So with her new name, Sophie Turner, Sophie went to high school and medical school in England and was able to earn a medical degree."

Dr. Turner moved to Manhattan in 1963, where she has resided ever since. When she married David Zaretsky, she took on yet another last name – her fourth. In time, she became the mother of Jeffrey and Daniel, and eventually the grandmother of Jeffrey's children, Emily and Jack.

Schaerf reports that her grandfather's cousin fully understood the unique difficulties faced by the children of Holocaust survivors: "She … says that the experience may have affected the way that she parented her children because, as much as she tried to avoid it, she thinks her anxiety rubbed off on her children."

I don't know who impresses me more, the girl with the four last names (and three first names) or the girl who told her story. Sophie Schaerf, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Habonim, in Barrington, last May, has written about her grandfather's cousin with extraordinary sensitivity and grace; it is hard to believe she was only a seventh-grader when she wrote it.

It seems to me that there is a certain poetic symmetry in the fact that the young writer and her elderly relative share the same first name. As the young Sophie puts it, "I used to think of her as the nice cousin who sent me gifts with my name on it and had the same name as me, but now I think of her as a strong and inspirational woman."

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Rabin rally stresses national unity

JERUSALEM (JTA) – An estimated 85,000 rallied in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv to mark the 22nd anniversary of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The rally Nov. 4 was controversial for stressing national unity over peace. The rally, organized by two centrist organizations: the Darkenu movement and Commanders for Israel's Security, was held under the slogan "We are one people," and did not include national politicians on its list of speakers.

Banners and flags of the left-wing Labor and Meretz parties flew throughout the crowd, as did the banners of the anti-settlement group Peace Now and the Palestinian human rights group B'Tselem.

Oded Revivi, mayor of the West Bank settlement of Efrat, was booed by the some in the crowd before he started to speak. Several lawmakers from right-wing parties attended the rally, apparently for the first time.

Former IDF General Amnon Reshef, the head of Commanders for Israel's security, in his speech at the rally called for "separation" from the Palestinians into two states in order to keep Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was shot to death by Yigal Amir, an Orthodox Jew and right-wing extremist, on Nov. 4, 1995, as he left a peace rally in Tel Aviv. The annual rally is held in the Tel Aviv square where he was shot, which has been renamed after the late prime minister.

Rally organizers were criticized for neglecting to call Rabin's death a murder or mention peace in promotional materials.

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Larry David's Holocaust joke was an offense – against comedy

BY ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) – In a famous episode of "Seinfeld," Jerry is upset that his dentist, a recent convert to Judaism, is already telling Jewish jokes. He complains to the dentist's former priest.

"I wanted to talk to you about Dr. Whatley," Jerry says. "I have a suspicion that he's converted to Judaism just for the jokes."

"And this offends you as a Jewish person," the priest says.

"No," Jerry says. "It offends me as a comedian."

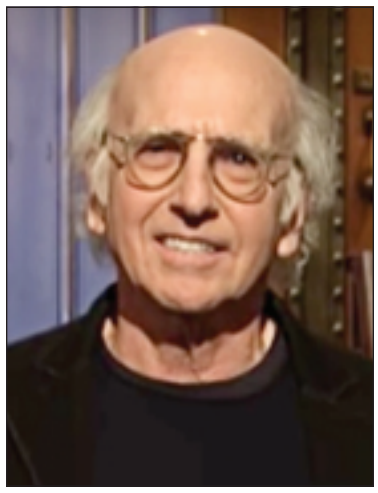
Larry David, the co-creator of "Seinfeld," did a Holocaust bit on "Saturday Night Live" over the weekend [Nov. 5], and a lot more Jewish persons than comedians were offended. In his opening monologue, David wonders if, as a prisoner in a concentration camp, he would have continued to hit on women.

"I think I would!" David says, and then imagines the dialogue with a woman in the neighboring barracks.

"How's it going? They treating you OK?" he asks. "You know if we ever get out of here, I'd love to take you out for some latkes. You like latkes? What? What did I say? Is it me, or is it the whole thing? It's because I'm bald, isn't it?"

The "SNL" audience was ... polite. Twitter less so. The Anti-Defamation League's chief executive, Jonathan Greenblatt, summed up the disapproval: "He managed to be offensive, insensitive and unfunny all at same time. Quite a feat."

Every audience member has every right to decide what is or isn't offensive. And there is perhaps no subject that can't be joked about. But it is always a question of intent. A Labour Party veteran in England is being ridiculed there for telling an old Holocaust joke; she was trying, she said, to give an example of a truly offensive joke. And she was right about the



Larry David

joke anyway – it's obscene because it mocks Hitler's Jewish victims and takes delight in their suffering.

Normally I'd say that's the test of whether a Holocaust joke should be told: who's the butt of the joke? Both Ricky Gervais and Sarah Silverman have told jokes in which the teller seems to minimize the horrors of the Holocaust. But the audience is meant to laugh at, not with, the comic personas they have created. You are meant to understand that Gervais and Silverman are stand-ins for the self-confident morons who like to share their opinions about things they don't understand.

On those grounds, David's joke was fair game. The "SNL" joke wasn't "about" the Holocaust at all – it was a joke about the male libido, as personified by the "Larry David" persona: glib, self-involved, wildly inappropriate. "Larry David" is the butt of the joke, so lustful that he can't turn it off in a death camp.

The comedian Judy Gold tells a similar – and to my mind, much better – joke: "If I was standing in line naked for the gas chambers ... would I hold my stomach in?"

That's a one-liner about women's vanity, not the Shoah. And it succeeds where David's fails because it is better constructed and, well, shorter: she makes her point, lets gasps turn into uncomfortable laughs, and she moves on. But David lingers on the conceit and makes you picture the scene – the barracks, the other victim, the shaved heads. The comic idea collapses under the weight of the images he is drawing.

David has used the Holocaust as punchline much more effectively – and humorously – in the past. There was the "Seinfeld" episode where Jerry is caught making out with a date during "Schindler's List." In David's follow-up series, "Curb Your Enthusiasm," a Holocaust survivor gets into a debate about suffering with a contestant on the reality show "Survivor."

Those bits succeeded where the "SNL" one failed because they were about something, or at least something more interesting than sex. The "Seinfeld" episode was puncturing pieties about Spielberg's film and reminding viewers, through black humor, that there is a difference between a Hollywood movie and the actual experience of the Holocaust.

The "Curb" segment had a similar thrust: the faux suffering on "Survivor," it suggested, had inured us to actual suffering and debased the notion of what it means to be a "survivor." Both of these bits were about the Holocaust and how it is talked about.

Perhaps David could have pulled off his Holocaust pick-up routine in a club, where audiences are ready for raunch and edge. The present-day "SNL" may feel more politically relevant than it has in a long time, but it hasn't felt particularly edgy for years. An occasional host – Louis C.K. and Dave Chappelle come to mind – may come along to shake things up, but the humor, even the political satire, tends to be safe, even tame. Perhaps David deserves kudos for squirting a little bile into the bathwater, but a Holocaust joke – especially a lame one – seemed bound to spoil the party.

I'd also argue that the Holocaust joke wasn't even his edgiest Jewish joke of the night. That would be the one about Harvey Weinstein in which noted a "very, very disturbing pattern" among the high-profile figures being accused of sexual harassment and assault: "Many of them are Jews."

"And I have three words to say to that: *Oy vey iz meer*. I don't like it when Jews are in the news for notorious reasons," David continues. "What I want: Einstein discovers the theory of relativity, Salk discovers a cure for polio. What I don't want: Weinstein took it out."

I guess that's an admirable assertion of Jewish pride. In the face of a lot of bad "Jewish" headlines that might in another era have led to anti-Semitic grumblings, David reminds us about the good Jews out there. But the idea that there is something "Jewish" about the wave of sex scandals has been the stuff of neo-Nazi websites (and the rare Jewish "think" piece), not the mainstream discussion. Well, not anymore. Thanks, Lar!

What may be most interesting about David's monologue is how completely he embraces his Jewishness – as a comedian, that is. "Seinfeld" was a show by Jews, but not necessarily for or about them. David's "Curb" character is conflicted, to say the least, about his Jewishness. But taking to live TV on a major comedy stage, David fully embodied the character of the Jew by broaching the two hot buttons of defensive Jewish identity: the Holocaust and anti-Semitism.

Which leads us back to Jerry and Dr. Whatley in that you see the seeds of David's defense, if he were to offer one, of his "SNL" performance: "Jews have earned the right to tell Jewish jokes. Our DNA, our culture, our history give us a pass, even when it comes to ridiculing one another or milking our sacred cows."

That's absolutely true. But that doesn't mean you can't be offended as a comedian.

ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL is JTA's editor in chief.

Israeli company sues Apple

JTA – An Israeli company filed a lawsuit against Apple claiming the tech giant is using its patented phone camera technology in two iPhone models.

Corephotonics, a Tel Aviv-based startup founded in 2012 by Tel Aviv University Professor David Mendlovic, filed its suit on Monday [Nov. 6] involving the iPhone 7 Plus and iPhone 8 Plus.

According to MacRumors, the lawsuit alleges that Apple has infringed on four Corephotonics patents: two on mini telephoto lens assembly, one on dual aperture zoom digital cameras and one on high-resolution thin multi-aperture imaging systems.

The lawsuit describes how Corephotonics reached out to Apple to license its technology and received initial praise before relations turned sour.

"Apple's lead negotiator expressed contempt for Corephotonics' patents, telling Dr. Mendlovic and others that even if Apple infringed, it would take years and millions of dollars in litigation before Apple might have to pay something," the complaint reads.

Corephotonics is seeking an unspecified amount to cover its legal expenses and additional damages. It also wants Apple to stop using its patented technology immediately.

Apple just released its latest model, the iPhone X, but it is not included in the lawsuit because the complaint was prepared before the release in stores last week.

Education based on Jewish values will help us build a better world

BY ANDREA KATZMAN

A few weeks ago, I awoke to find my inbox overflowing with emails from colleagues around the country. They were all sharing a letter written by John Allman, the head of the independent preparatory Trinity School, in New York City, to his students' families. What struck me about his letter, and the subsequent article about him in The New York Times, was not his fierce critique of cultural norms (including the troublesome focus on consumerism, an increasing sense of entitlement and a weakening of social connections), but his reliance on Jewish values and vocabulary in his search for a solution.

Echoing the teachings of British philosopher and theologian Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who in turn uses the language of generations of Jewish scholars and students, Allman described the kind of school community he seeks to build – one that sounds remarkably like what we have at the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island. Rejecting a transactional model in which priority is given to the exchange of fees for "educational skills and credentials," he longs to build covenantal relationships in which "we educate our students so that they leave us with a commitment not just to advance their own educational interests, but also serve the common good and to give generously to others for the rest of their lives."

Allman acknowledges that his vision of a "covenantal relationship" is a uniquely Jewish one. Its origins are found in the relationship between God and Israel – one that is built on a sense of obligation, interdependence and loyalty. As Allman suggests – and we know to be true at the JCDSRI – this model can serve as a paradigm for human relationships in which respect, mutuality and compassion are foundational.

Allman's letter, and the resulting dialogue, highlights the value of Jewish education – whether it is at a Jewish day school, at a synagogue supplementary school or at a Jewish summer camp – and its capacity to inspire us to be more ethical, more empathic and more committed to our communities.

I personally feel blessed to be leading an exceptional organization in which covenantal relationships are a natural outgrowth of our school's identity. Unlike Allman, we don't need to search for external models for how to create a loving community; at the JCDSRI we have, in Rabbi Sacks' words, "a shared destiny and an acceptance of responsibility to and for one another …. What matters is that we build something none of us could make alone."

As the JCDSRI prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary next year, I feel grateful for all those who have helped in constructing and maintaining this exceptional community

May we continue to find value in Jewish education – in all its forms – in the years to come.

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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 January 4

World Views. 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 and their views of the world around them are featured: Anne Kelsey Thacher mixed media; Susan Gallagher photographs; and Carol Beagan oils and pastels. Information, 401-245-6536 or gallery@templehabonim.org.

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 Temple Beth-El and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Information, call 401-331-6070. RSVP deadline was Nov. 1.

Friday Night Live Honors Our Veterans. 6-9 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. A musical celebration of Shabbat. Menu: soup, salad, roasted chicken, potatoes and dessert. Fish option also available. Cost: adults and children over 12 $20; 12 and younger free; family max. $60. Information or to RSVP, Torat Yisrael office at 401-885-6600.

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. 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 prayer services in the main sanctuary. Information, officebethsholom-ri.org.

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

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.

Monday | November 13

Canasta. 7-9 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Learn 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 | November 14

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Aaron Philmus. Noon-1:30 p.m. T's Restaurant, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich. Topic: The Jewish Way of Aging Well. Each participant orders from the menu. Open to all. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

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 15

Purposeful Play. 10-11 a.m. Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence. Hands-on class 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 seven weeks. Last class 12/20. No class 11/22. $15 per class | $90 for all seven 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. Explore Reform Judaism: Where have we been? Where are we going? Bring your lunch; coffee and tea provided. Future dates: 11/29, 12/5, 12/13. Live streaming available. Visit temple-beth-el.org for streaming details. To RSVP, call 401-331-6070 or email Jenn Thomas at jthomas@temple-beth-el.org.

Film "Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story." 7 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. This special film is narrated by Dustin Hoffman and features Sandy Koufax, Larry King, Kevin Youkilis, Shawn Green, Yogi Berra, Ron Howard and many others. Shown in conjunction with "Chasing Dreams," a national traveling exhibit that celebrates the history of baseball. Information, Larry Katz at lkatz@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 179.

Mah Jongg. 7-9 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Open to members and non-members. Bring 2017 Mah Jongg card. Free. Information, Stephanie Reinsant at stephanie@toratyisrael.org or 401-885-6600.

Friday | November 17

Shababa Friday/PJ Library Story Time. 10-11 a.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Welcome Shabbat with singing, dancing, jumping and celebrating as a community. Children and their caregivers are invited to listen to music, gather for stories, play games, create a craft, eat a snack and make new friends. New-and-improved PJ Library Story Time incorporates more music and movement as Dayna Bailen, Shababa song leader, and Shlomo, the sloth puppet, entertain children ages 5 and under. Guest readers bring PJ Library books, and open art studio time is be available. All are welcome. Free. Information or to RSVP, Dayna Bailen at dbailen@jewishallianceri.org or 401-421-4111, ext. 108.

K'Tantan. 5:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Shabbat celebration for children aged newborn to five. Joyful singing and community dinner. All are welcome. Information, Temple Beth-El office at 401-331-6070.

T.G.I.F. Thank G-D It's Friday. 5:45-7 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. Shabbat songs and story with Rabbi Aaron Philmus followed by a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner. Donations welcome. Information or to RSVP, Torat Yisrael Office at 401-885-6600.

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Kabbalat Shabbat Service. 7:30-9 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.

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

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Sunday | November 19

Sisterhood Early Bird Hanukkah Sale. 9:45 a.m. -1 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Providence. Annual sale. For information, contact Elaine Dickstein 401-521-4998.

"A Happy You," Tichyeh Schochet Memorial Conference for Jewish Women. 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Jewish women gather for a day of study, reflection and dialogue. Special guest speaker is Mrs. Yaffa Palti of San Diego. Sessions cover a wide array of topics, including health, genealogy, parenting and food design as well as personal improvement and Torah study. Kosher lunch and dessert reception included. $50. Sponsored by the women's division of the Providence Community Kollel. For information or registration, 401-273-3923 or providencekollel.org.

The Gloria Gemma Hope Bus. 1-4 p.m. Brown University Stadium Parking Lot across from the Dwares JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. The Gloria Gemma Hope Bus is the backbone of the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation's community outreach program. It delivers the Foundation's programs, services and resources across Rhode Island and into Massachusetts with the goal of reaching all Rhode Islanders of all ages. Information, Tel Gingras at 401-861-4376 or Tel@gloriagemma.org.

Chorus Thanksgiving Service Performance. 2-4 p.m. St. David's on the Hill Episcopal Church, 200 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, Cranston. Shireinu, the Temple Sinai chorus, will participate with four other choruses in this community event. Information, Dottie at 401-942-8350.

"Uman: Pilgrimage and Prayer." 4-5:30 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. The Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies Lecture Series at Temple Emanu-El presents Shai Afsai, who will speak about Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, Breslov Chassidic teachings, his personal pilgrimage experiences, and the palpable power of pilgrimage and prayer. Free; with suggested donation of $5 per person. Information, Paul Stouber at pstouber@teprov.org or 401-331-1616.

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Rabbi Steven Jablow and Ada Winsten



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Chicken stew and vegan buffalo bites are winners

BY CYNTHIA BENJAMIN

Gary Leib, of Bristol, hit a homerun and scored a touchdown with his recipe for Chicken Stew with Walnuts and Pomegranate Sauce on Oct. 29 at Temple Beth-El, in Providence.

A panel of three judges named Leib's tasty dish the "Best Tailgate Recipe" at a competition for the best football foods, called "The World Series of Tailgate Favorites." So there you have it – Leib's recipe is in an entirely different league than nachos and hot dogs.

And winning this title was no small feat – the competition was stiff. The 200 people who attended the annual fundraiser for the Leslie Y. Gutterman Religious School also sampled two dozen other snacks, from the simple, such as Saul Kaplan's Cracker Snacks, to the elaborate, including Hal Weiner's Potato Wontons with Sweet and Sour Dipping Sauce.



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Judges Russell Morin, Neath Pal and John Aukstolis inspect one of the offerings.

Crowds clustered around Robert Sandy's Duck Sliders with Gribenes Chips, and ate up Jenny Gold's Turkey Taco Cups. The 13-year-old was making her first "World Series" appearance, but she had expert guidance from her grandmother, Adrienne Uffer, of Cranston, a winner last year for her pumpkin cheesecake.

Across the room, Brendan Weiner, 13, of Providence, created a sensation with his easy-to-eat sliders and spunky celebrity chef presentation.

Brendan explained how trial and error led him to create a turkey slider encased in a tender bread shell and served with a colorful slaw and a *schmear* of a spicy sauce – all of which the teen made himself, right down to the mayonnaise.

Others went a more traditional route, such as Judy Moseley, who rifled through the family recipe files for cocktail meatballs – before giving it a modern twist that turned it into Sweet-Hot Cocktail Meatballs. Ethnic foods – mostly Israeli – were also represented, as were a few vegan dishes and desserts.

After nibbling their way across the room, everyone had a personal favorite.

"Delicious!" Mark Schneider, of Providence, said of Judi Labossiere's Maple Chicken Wings.

"Amazing!" Rosemary Ciccone, of Warwick, said of Faye Stolzman's Chicken Sausage Pinwheels.

But when the People's Choice ballots were counted, the winners were:

First: Barbara Barry's Vegan Buffalo Bites with Ranch Dip

Second: David Cicilline's (yes, that David Cicilline) and Debbie Blitz's Black Bean and Mango Salsa

Third: Judi Labossiere's Maple Chicken Wings

And then it was the judges' turn. After they finished looking, sniffing and chewing, Russell Morin, of Russell Morin's Fine Catering, in Attleboro, and Johnson & Wales Chefs Neath Pal and John Aukstolis put their heads together – and then declared:

First: Leib's Chicken Stew with Walnuts and Pomegranate Sauce

Second: A tie between Tara Demyan's Mediterranean Sliders and Hal Weiner's Potato Wontons with Sweet and Sour Dipping Sauce

Third: Emily and Mia Shalansky's Bourbon Balls

Here, for your snacking pleasure, are two of the winning recipes.

Chicken Stew with Walnuts and Pomegranate Sauce

Gary Leib's recipe was based on Elise Bauer's recipe for a classic Persian dish called Fesenjan.

Ingredients

3 cups yellow onions, chopped
2 tablespoons butter, divided

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WINNERS

5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of excess fat, cut into chunks
2 cups chicken stock
3/4 pound (about 2 cups) toasted walnut pieces, finely ground
5 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
1 16-ounce bottle of pomegranate juice, divided
2 tablespoons of sugar
3/4 teaspoon turmeric
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Salt and pepper to taste

For the pomegranate molasses
1 cup pomegranate juice

For the garnish
1 cup fresh pomegranate seeds (arils) (optional)

Make the pomegranate molasses by simmering 1 cup pomegranate juice until it reduces to 5 tablespoons (or buy it).

Heat 1 tablespoon of butter and 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large, deep pan over medium-high heat. Pat the chicken pieces dry and place in the pan, working in batches so as not to crowd the pan. Cook until golden brown on all sides.

Remove the chicken from the pan, set aside. Add 1 tablespoon butter and 2 tablespoons of oil to the pan. Lower the heat to medium low. Add chopped onions to the pan in batches and sauté until translucent, stirring on occasion to release the browned bits from the bottom of the pan.

Return the chicken pieces to the pan with the onions and add 2 cups of chicken stock. Bring to a boil then reduce the heat and simmer gently for 30 minutes.

Add ground walnuts, pomegranate molasses and remaining juice, sugar, spices. Cover and cook on very low heat for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes or so to prevent the walnuts from sticking to the bottom of the pan. When a thick gravy has formed and chicken is fork tender, remove from heat. Cool slightly and adjust sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with pomegranate seeds. Serve hot over rice.

Yield: 6-8 servings or 25 small plates.

Vegan Buffalo Bites with Ranch Dip

2 garlic cloves
1 celery stalk, coarsely chopped
1 15-ounce can white beans, rinsed, drained
4 ounces button mushrooms
2 tablespoons arrowroot mixed with 2 tablespoons water
1 cup panko breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon Kosher salt, divided use
5 tablespoons vegan butter, such as Earth Balance
1/2 cup hot pepper sauce, preferably Frank's Red Hot
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 cup vegan mayonnaise, such as Vegenaise
Dash garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon tahini
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
1/4 block extra-firm tofu
Celery sticks, to serve

Arrange a rack in center of oven and preheat to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or oil.

Pulse garlic in a food processor until finely chopped. Add celery, beans, and mushrooms and pulse until coarsely chopped. Transfer to a large bowl.

Stir in arrowroot and water mixture, panko and 3/4 teaspoon salt. Using your hands, roll tablespoonfuls of bean mixture into balls. Transfer to prepared baking sheet.

Roast veggie balls, turning halfway through, until firm and cooked through, 25-30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook vegan butter, hot sauce and maple syrup in a small saucepan over medium heat until butter is melted. Stir until smooth; set aside.

To make the ranch dip: Mix vegan mayonnaise, garlic powder, tahini, lemon juice and vinegar until it has a smooth consistency. Add crumbled tofu and stir until combined; set aside for serving.

Transfer veggie balls to a large bowl. Toss with hot sauce mixture.

Serve with ranch dip and celery sticks.

Makes about 24.

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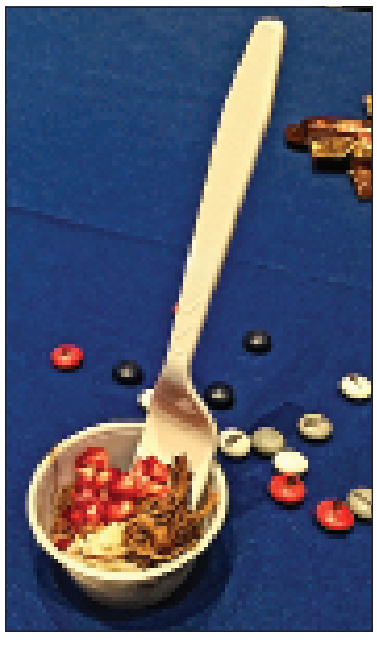
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Saul Kaplan prepares one of his Cracker Snacks for a young fan.



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Brendan Weiner with his turkey sliders



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FAMILY HISTORY



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those who came before us.

But what if those synagogues fold or retreat to smaller premises?

This summer, I read an article in the New Jersey Jewish News about rescuing and relocating old plaques there, and it got me thinking about Fall River. . .

Almost five years ago, the once-flourishing but now shriveled Congregation Adas Israel, chartered in the 1890s and the last of several Orthodox *shuls* that once dotted the city, sold the building that had been its home since 1959 when it moved from Pearl Street, near Columbia, just below downtown. The more modern building, now a church, is in the city's upscale Highlands section, to which large numbers of Jews had gravitated over the years.

The few remaining Adas Israel members moved into rented space in Conservative Temple Beth El on High Street, where I grew up. In fact, they moved into what had been the board room, with a picture of my late father, Lester Bakst, a temple president, still on the wall.

The Adas Israel folks dismantled and moved their memorial plaques along with those of the old Quarry Street *shul*, which was a Horvitz family preserve that, in the end, threw in with Adas Israel. In fact, there were also memorial plaques from the old Union Street *shul*. Jeffrey Weissman, current Adas Israel president, has always held out hope that the various plaques would be reassembled and displayed at Beth El.

It bothered me to think that plaques memorializing relatives close to me could be sitting in the obscurity of boxes or plastic crates in storage somewhere at the temple. Indeed, it turned out that several more cartons were languishing in a cinder block shed at an Orthodox cemetery amid boxes of old prayer books and dinnerware, near a table piled with old photos.

Weissman generously joined me in sifting through the plaques stored at the temple and, for this occasion, hauled into the vestry for our perusal. And out popped a plaque for Michael Bakst. I was delighted but not surprised. I'd always understood that he had belonged to Adas Israel in its old Pearl Street days.

At the cemetery shed, we found a cache of Horvitz plaques, though not for my maternal grandmother, Dora Horvitz, who died in 1955 when the Quarry Street *shul*, in the city's Flint section, was still in business. Neither did we find a plaque for my maternal grandfather, Morris Horvitz Sr. When Quarry Street folded, he joined Adas Israel. His funeral was held there in 1963.

I would later discover that plaques for both Dora and Morris are mounted in Temple Beth El's sanctuary, presumably years ago on the initiative of my parents or other close relatives.

When I told my cousin Cynthia Resnick Schwartz that I'd seen a plaque for her great-grandfather, Mendel Horvitz, at the cemetery shed, she immediately wanted to rescue it.

With permission, we went and retrieved it along with plaques of several other relatives to give to descendants who we knew wanted them. They included those of my grandfather's brother, Solomon Horvitz, and their sister, Gertrude Horvitz Sacknoff, and her husband Osher. In 1900, Solomon and Gertrude – to me she was (Great) Aunt Gitell – were among the first Horvitzes to immigrate from the Ukraine.

Three other Horvitz-related plaques we brought out went to cousin Linda Smith Kessler, who has installed them at her Pawtucket synagogue, Congregation Ohawe Sholam.

I had Michael Bakst's plaque installed at my own Temple Habonim in Barrington, and I have asked that one be made and displayed for my Grandmother Bakst, who died in 1958 when I was pushing 14 and who apparently has no plaque anywhere.

My father, Lester, looked exactly like Michael. Lester also looked very much like his cousin, Walter Winchell, son of Michael's sister, Jennie.



Michael Bakst and Katie Levy Bakst, taken in 1945, the year before he died. Arthur Bakst (brother of Charlie) named his son Michael after the grandfather. The photos came from Dorothy's daughter, Margery Feldman Kelly, the only granddaughter of Katie and Michael.

Winchell's Sunday night radio broadcasts were the soundtrack of our family's life. Winchell later also was on television, and when he was launching a new show in 1956 my father bought my grandmother a new, large television to watch it.

The search for the plaques prompted me to dip into family history. I saw that Michael was born in 1873 and may have landed in New York by 1890. Fall River city directories began listing him and the first of his businesses in 1897.

Initially he was a boarder. Then he and Katie lived in tenements on Columbia Street, then near St. Anne's Hospital and eventually had private homes in the more upscale Highlands neighborhood.

He died of cancer on June 24, 1946. His funeral was held in the house, with a rabbi from the Union Street *shul* officiating. This could mean Michael was a member there or, perhaps more likely, the rabbi was filling in.

Michael was buried in the Temple Beth El Cemetery in a plot undoubtedly purchased by my father. Katie and my parents eventually would join Michael there.

So many recollections, and now here I was, in 2017, with Adas Israel's Jeffrey Weissman, sifting through these loose, lonely Orthodox plaques that had wound up at the temple.

I was so happy to extricate Michael's and bring it to Temple Habonim, which my wife Elizabeth and I joined when we arrived in Barrington in 1968 and still belong to even though we now live in Providence.

At Yom Kippur services, Elizabeth and I were walking around, looking for seats. We wandered over toward the wall now bearing the plaque, and I said lightly, "Let's sit here with Grandpa."

So we did. And the services started, and then a remarkable thing happened. A calm washed over me, and it felt good.

Grandpa had come home.

M. CHARLES BAKST is a retired Providence Journal political columnist.

WRITER'S NOTE: Building on earlier research by Stuart Liss and Edward Kaplan, with a fresh boost from my brother, Arthur, and assistance from David Davies, I learned much more about Grandpa Bakst, who died when I was 2, than fits here. But I also found maddening gaps or contradictions. On both sides of my family, I regret I spent so little time drawing out grandparents or other relatives I did know, about their earlier days. Don't make this mistake. I resolve to volunteer more to my own daughters or granddaughters about my life and our family – and to write a detailed memo as a resource.

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The big move to the suburbs



MAY-RONNY ZEIDMAN

I was born in Providence and moved to Pawtucket when I was 8 years old. Except for leaving my grandparents, an aunt and uncle and cousins, I was happy to leave. I went to the same elementary school as my dad and, beginning in the fourth grade, I was going to have the same teachers that he had had. I do not want to say the school was old, but the auditorium on the top floor was not safe so we never went there.

We moved to a first-floor six-room apartment. What a joy! My mother had a dining room and two 9-by-12 wool carpets (one for the dining room and one for the living room). Since we now lived in the suburbs, (only in Rhode Island could moving from Providence to Pawtucket be considered a move to the suburbs), we became a two-car household. I remember my parents talking about how nice the landlords were, a Mr. and Mrs. Horvitz.

Years later, while talking to a woman at a Jewish Federation of Rhode Island meeting, I found out that not only had her parents been our landlords, but she had once slept in the same bedroom as I. From that day on, whenever I saw the late Pearl Shein, I was reminded that we both shared a little of the past on Waltham Street.

The street had tons of children of all ages. We moved in the summer so all the kids were outside playing. The first girl my age that I met was Arlene Fishman. Although she did not go to my elementary school, we became good friends. Arlene joined me in junior high and high school.

After college, Arlene moved to California and then Virginia. When she retired, she moved back to Rhode Island. During all these years, we have remained friends.

My brother and I were enrolled at the East Avenue Elementary School. From there, we would go to Sayles Junior High and then to West Senior High. All three schools were housed in the same building.

I had never been in such a beautiful school. The auditorium was on the main floor and was gorgeous. The halls were white with aqua tile, and the classrooms were bright with venetian blinds. Actually, the school was not that new. But coming from my old school, I was in heaven. Better still, none of the teachers had taught my dad.

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

Hanukkah Pop-Up store is in a piece of history

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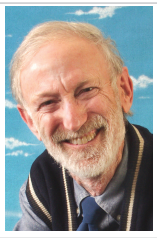
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SKETCHBOOK

MIKE FINK

I like to link all our holidays, major and minor, to the seasons of each year and to our life in general. As sure as the months rush by like traffic on Route 95, Hanukkah is coming, and I look forward and backward. We're still in autumn, with our recent harvest festival, perhaps agricultural or maybe historic, our holy days involving the creation of a purposely flimsy hut to which you can invite mythical figures such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, or your personal ancestors, or your friends who have passed away. It has a memorial purpose as well as offering a chance to study the stars and enjoy the moonlight and feast on the produce of nearby farms or your private garden.

It happens that we often wish to thank somebody when it's too late. We try anyway. The late William Braude, the longtime rabbi at Providence's Temple Beth-El, often welcomed me to his Friday evening Sabbath suppers 60 years ago, when I first taught at the Rhode Island School of Design. His wife, Pearl, had designed the curtains at that then-new sanctuary on Orchard Avenue. I had come home after my travels far and wide, and my "bright college years," a bit crestfallen – even forlorn at first – and was grateful for the Braudes' hospitality.

My hosts regularly brought to the table an arrangement of three red roses. I think they were symbols of their trio of sons. My hostess's nickname, derived from her Hebrew name Penina, was simply "Pen." She once copied a scriptural passage in her personal calligraphy and installed the crafted letters on to the Styrofoam packaging of some supermarket product and used it as a wall hanging. I understood her role in the sacred family: She added imaginative and innovative "fun" to the more solemn tone of the pastoral dwelling. Pen used her own "pen of light."

In Octobers past, on the occasion of Sukkot, she gathered boughs and branches from the trees of fall, wherever she might find them, to use as a loose roof for the hut: it is important to see the sky, day and night.

It was Rabbi Bill Braude, William G. Braude, who first urged me to visit Jerusalem, the Holy Land, and to start out on a *kibbutz*, then make my way to Tel Aviv to teach some English lessons to new *olim*, immigrants, and then to "cover" the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem and report my impressions in a series of letters to The Providence Journal. While in Israel, I also wrote a travel journal for the RISD alumni magazine, and later wrote a book review for The Journal on Rabbi Braude's "*Pesikta Rabbati*," a double volume collection and translation of folkloric tales that was published by the Yale University Press.

Bill and Pen met me in Tel Aviv in August and treated me to a most welcome iced coffee at a steaming sidewalk cafe. They introduced me to their son Joel, who was studying in Israel for a semester and who took me on his motorcycle throughout the Holy Land. And they listened with patience and forbearing tactful courtesy to my naive thoughts and questions.

But the best-loved memories I keep of my friendship with Rabbi William Braude is of the short hikes and treks from the Braudes' home on Arlington Avenue to the "*shul*," or "temple" or "synagogue" (designed by Percival Goodman), with its tall, clear glass windows etched with a few words and dancing figures. Although I was quite young, he would ask me for my opinions on such serious matters as the connection between Genesis and the environmental movement on campuses, the value of ritual, the participation of Jewish representatives at the Martin Luther King Jr. speeches and gatherings in the nation's capital. Or my opinion of his joining the marches with such notables as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. He would take me more seriously than I merited or deserved! And he warned me to never take lightly any insult to our faith.

I had been born into an Orthodox family that gradually shifted to the Conservative movement. I was always somewhat suspicious of the timidity of the Reform style of modern American Judaism, with its over-emphasis on justice for others to conceal shyness about demanding justice specifically for Jews, its distaste for old-style practices and fetishes, its excessive regard for fame and fortune, and its condescension toward the Hasidic concern for the "losers" of the bourgeois world of suburban and urban values and drives. And yet, it turned out to be the distinguished Reform Rabbi Braude who taught me the importance of such things as proper amulets and head coverings, memorial customs, and respect for sincere scholarship and Jewish historical research.

At the Bar Mitzvahs of the Braudes' sons, or the marriage of their eldest, Joel, I was so deeply moved by the rabbi's gestures and words that I would taste my tears and have to repress my sighs and sobs.

This friend, who had known his own trials and tribulations as a minister in this sometimes controversial land of Roger Williams, had married me and my bride in my own homestead. He had more than earned my respect and affection, he had imprinted himself upon my essential identity, and I compose these words as a belated thank you to him. I thank him for showing me the value of the holiday of huts, with its ancient memories and cheerful glimpses of the beauty of a New England fall. I think him for the elegance of their menorah and teaching me about Hanukkah's connection not to Yuletide, but to Zion, the fight to bring Judaism to the land of its birth.

Zionism came somewhat late to the Reform movement, but Rabbi Bill embraced it and imbued it with bonds to each and every holiday of our lunar calendar.

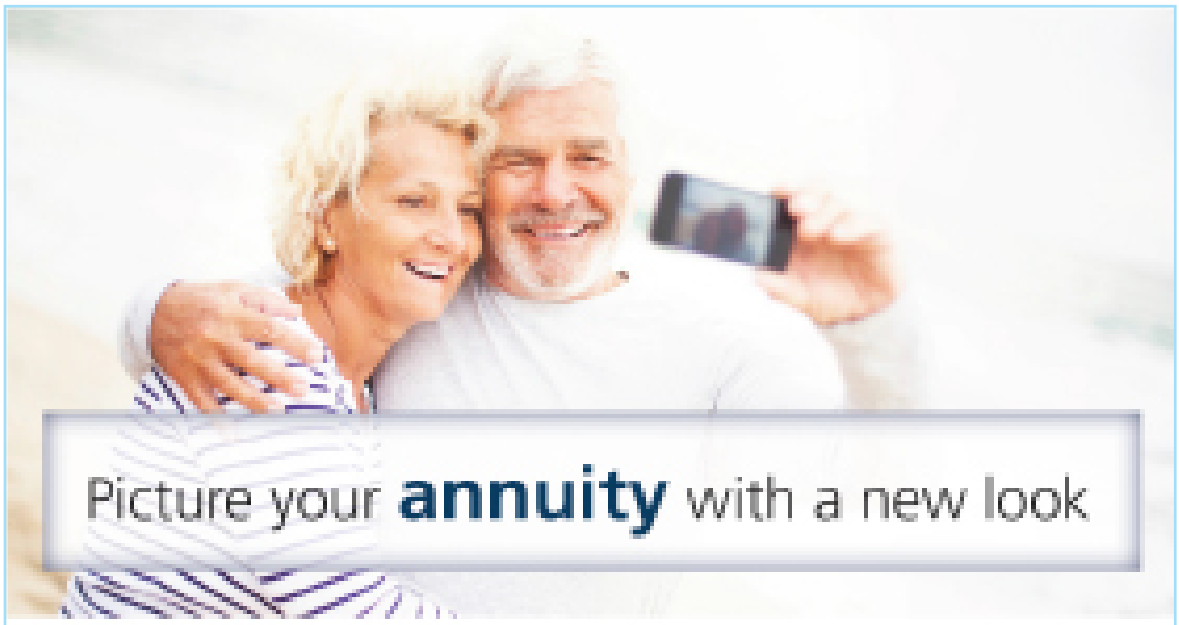
And once upon a time, Rabbi Bill Braude dared to wear a *kippah*, a skullcap, a *yarmulke*, facing a congregation that had abandoned this item of separatist clothing, to cover his head honorably and in the tradition. He explained that in his native Russia, the Cossacks would use their swords to knock off this identification of the Hebrew faith and practice.

For such a daring challenge, Rabbi Braude earned the contempt of the then-director of Judaic studies at Brown University. But for me, that very gesture sealed my high regard for a clergyman who brought genuine belief and courageous disregard for mere popularity to an audience, to an altar, to the beautiful interior of a sociable, lyrical and lovely structure dedicated to diversity and to protecting differences, instead of being exclusively concerned with assimilation.

After his passing, Bill's son took the rabbinic degree on his own, yearning finally to take his place in the tradition of serving the community. In time to come, Joel would adopt a daughter from the Philippines – who was actually an Israeli *sabra*, strange as it may seem: she was born in Israel to a visiting Filipino mother. She happened to have a superb and splendid singing voice, and she performs proudly and beautifully at Temple Emanu-El – my longtime Conservative temple.

Her adopted father Joel has passed, and these days I also welcome his *neshama* – soul or spirit – to my celebrations of our sacred days under the skies and to this multiple, seasonal salute to the Braudes in my memories, in these words, and in my heart.

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A Jewish Voice reader says ...

I learn about educational Jewish programs, book reviews and information about local organizations by reading the Jewish Voice.

Determining portfolio withdrawal rate is a key retirement decision

During your working years, you probably set aside money for retirement in an IRA, 401(k), and other workplace savings plans, as well as in taxable accounts.


BARBARA KENERSON

Your challenge during retirement is to convert those savings into an ongoing income stream that will be adequate for your needs throughout your retirement years.

Your retirement lifestyle will depend not only on your assets and investment choices, but also on how quickly you draw down your retirement portfolio. The annual percentage that you take out of your portfolio, whether from returns or the principal itself, is known as your withdrawal rate. Figuring out an appropriate initial withdrawal rate is a key issue in retirement planning – and presents many challenges.

If you take out too much too soon, you might run out of money in your later years. Take out too little, and you might not enjoy your retirement years as much as you could.

Your withdrawal rate is especially important in the early years of your retirement, as it will have a lasting impact on how long your savings last.

So, what should your withdrawal rate be? One widely used standard states that your portfolio should last for your lifetime if you initially withdraw 4 percent of your balance (based on an asset mix of 50 percent stocks and 50 percent intermediate-term Treasury notes), and then continue drawing the same dollar amount each year, adjusted for inflation. However, this rule of thumb has been under increasing scrutiny.

Some experts contend that a higher withdrawal rate – closer to 5 percent – may be possible in the early, active retirement years if later withdrawals grow more slowly than inflation. Others contend that portfolios can last longer by adding asset classes and freezing the withdrawal amount during years of poor performance. By doing so, they argue, "safe" initial withdrawal rates above 5 percent might be possible. Still other experts suggest that our current environment of lower government bond yields may warrant a lower withdrawal rate, around 3 percent.

Don't forget that these hypotheses are based on historical data about various types of investments, and past results don't guarantee future performance.

The rate of inflation is an important factor and should figure into your decision. An initial withdrawal rate of, say, 4 percent may seem relatively low, particularly if you have a large portfolio. However, if your initial withdrawal rate is too high, it can increase the chance that your portfolio will be exhausted too quickly, because you'll need to withdraw a greater amount of money each year just to keep up with inflation and preserve the same purchasing power over time.

In addition, inflation may have a greater impact on retirees than the overall population. That's because costs for some services, such as health care and food, have risen more dramatically than the Consumer Price Index (the basic inflation measure) for several years. As these costs may represent a disproportionate share of retirees' budgets, they may experience higher inflation costs than younger people, and therefore might need to keep initial withdrawal rates relatively modest.

The bottom line is that there is no rule of thumb. Every individual has unique retirement goals and means, and your withdrawal rate needs to be tailored to your particular circumstances. But be sure to keep in mind that the higher your withdrawal rate, the more you'll have to consider whether it is sustainable over the long term.

For additional views and insights into setting a withdrawal rate, see:

- "Determining Withdrawal Rates Using Historical Data," William P. Bengen, Journal of Financial Planning, October 1994.
- "Decision Rules and Portfolio Management for Retirees: Is the 'Safe' Initial Withdrawal Rate Too Safe?" Jonathan Guyton, Journal of Financial Planning, October 2004.
- "Low Bond Yields and Safe Portfolio Withdrawal Rates," Blanchett, Finke, and Pfau, Journal of Wealth Management, Fall 2013.

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Cranston Seniors plan holiday luncheon

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at noon at the Mesa Café & Grill, 100 Rolfe St., Cranston.

The luncheon will include a choice of chicken Marsala or baked fish, rolls, chicken escarole soup, salad, pasta, green beans and carrots. For dessert choices are tiramisu or fresh fruit cup and coffee or tea. Cost is $25 including tax and tip. Stan Freedman and Sounds of Simcha will provide entertainment. A raffle will be held. Men and women 55 or older are welcome to join the Cranston Senior Guild. You do not have to live in Cranston to become a member.

Payment must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 21. Checks should be made to Cranston Senior Guild with the choice of entrée and dessert included on the memo line.

For more information call Lois 401-944-2761 or Sylvia 401-944-6812.





Skilled cancer surgeon thrilled to be operating at The Miriam

BY RICH SALIT

If Anna and Leonid Gershman hadn't decided to escape anti-Semitism and seek a better life by leaving the Soviet Union nearly 30 years ago, their son might not have become the up-and-coming surgeon he is today in Providence – and at a hospital founded and supported by the Jewish community.

Boris Gershman was only five when he and his parents emigrated from St. Petersburg, known then as Leningrad. Now, many miles and many years later, he's an expert in urologic oncology and the newest member of the team of physicians at the Minimally Invasive Urology Institute (MIUI), based at The Miriam Hospital.

It's a journey that has spanned continents and cultures, but which has also brought Dr. Gershman right back to Rhode Island, where he graduated from Barrington High School and Brown University.

Gershman says that coming to work at The Miriam in 2016 has brought him closer to his Jewish roots.

"This is the first Jewish hospital that I've trained or worked at," he said. "When I walk in the doors, it certainly feels familiar."

Referring to the plaques on the hospital walls listing the many Jewish benefactors, and having attended this year's hospital gala, he says, "You can tell the community is incredibly connected and has been for many, many years. You can feel the rich tradition and devotion as you walk through the hospital."

In the Soviet Union, Gershman's parents endured discrimination and found few opportunities to improve their lives, so they took advantage of an opportunity to legally leave the country in 1988. They weren't permitted to go directly to the United States, but eventually made their way here after obtaining refugee status.

They moved often after arriving in the United States, but ultimately settled down in Rhode Island. His parents were eventually able to resume their careers, but it didn't come easy. For example, his father, a physician, worked construction jobs and delivered pizzas to support the family early on before repeating his medical training.

Meanwhile, the Gershmans did everything they could to provide opportunities for their only son. After graduating from Brown, Gershman attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. That led to a residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, followed by a prestigious fellowship in urologic oncology at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minnesota. He had extensive training in both laparoscopic and robotic surgery – which allow for quicker recovery, fewer complications and reduced blood loss — as well as open surgery.

Dr. Gershman was thrilled at the opportunity to not only return to Barrington with his wife, Shanna, and their two children, but to join the Minimally Invasive Urology Institute. Established in 2015, its veteran team – including Doctors Dragan Golijanin, Joseph Renzulli and Gyan Pareek – has quickly earned a reputation for expertise in treating cancers of the kidney, prostate and bladder, as well as kidney stones and urinary dysfunction from enlarged prostates. When doctors elsewhere in the state have difficult cases, the patients are often referred to the MIUI.

An avid researcher, Gershman led a study, published in the Journal of Urology in July, that found that conducting a high volume of robot-assisted radical prostatectomies (removal of the entire prostate and some surrounding tissue) was associated with improved outcomes.

Little did he know that his skills were in such high demand in Rhode Island.

"Growing up here, I didn't have much of an appreciation for the health-care environment or the needs of the state," he says. "I didn't know that we had the highest per capita incidence of bladder cancer in the nation. So it's fitting that I went into urologic oncology and fell into this opportunity here in Rhode Island.... There are a lot of urologic oncology needs here."



Boris Gershman in the lobby of The Miriam Hospital.

Now, he says, "My biggest satisfaction is when I can connect with my patients – to help them understand their cancer diagnosis, to help them make treatment decisions, to help them through surgery, and to maintain relationships with them for years to come. It's rewarding – it's why I went into medicine."

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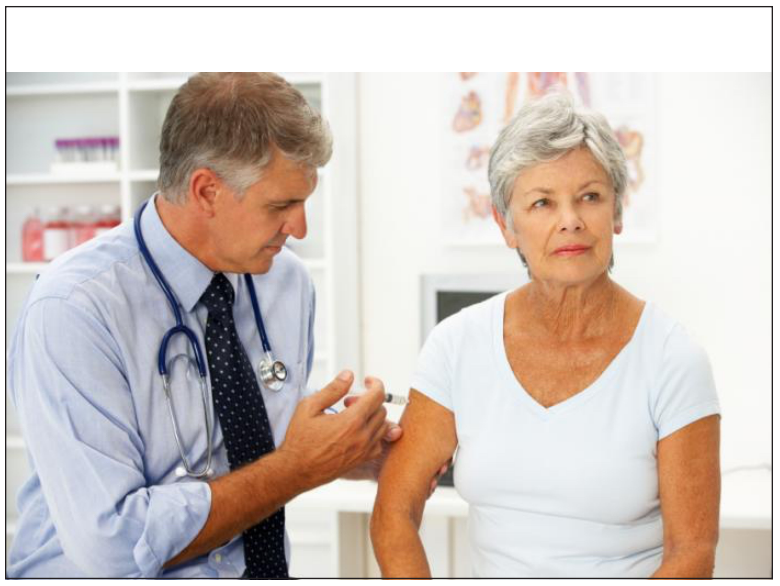
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(StatePoint) While getting vaccinated is important for people of all ages, it's especially important for adults with heart disease. They are more likely to have serious complications from common diseases such as influenza (flu) or pneumonia that vaccination can help prevent.

Common diseases can become serious in adults with heart disease; they can increase the risk of another heart attack. The protection that vaccines provide helps reduce these risks, and while adults may know they are at increased risk for a heart attack, they may not know they need vaccines throughout their lives to help protect them from serious illness.

Bill Zeigler, 70, didn't realize he had coronary artery disease (CAD) until 2016, when he began to feel winded after regular exercise and went to his physician's office for a stress test.

It was then that he learned he had CAD, one of the most common forms of cardiovascular disease. After his diagnosis, he knew he had to make important lifestyle changes, including adopting a healthier

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Honoring our heritage and the wisdom of our seniors

In my book "Pathfinding," I write, "Our heritage holds the key to the historical us, but it also helps define the present us and even the future us. Recognizing and understanding our roots helps connect us with who we are and where we come from.



PATRICIA RASKIN

"Our lineage is the basis for our individuality, potential. Understanding our ancestral connections, our family's genealogical roots and our predecessor's stories constitutes the foundation of our very being. To truly appreciate where we're going we need to know and appreciate where we've been."

An article titled "Growing Old With Dignity: What The Torah Says," posted on jewishjournal.com, states, "The Torah has interesting things to say to the young and old about His views on aging. In *Pirke Avot* 5:24 and Psalms 90:10 God lays out His plan for how people are supposed to prepare for their life's work.

"Through the teen years, the Jew should study the Bible, *Mishnah*, the Commandments, and Talmud. By twenty, the Jew's life work begins, but he does not take positions of authority until age 30. Age 40 brings discernment, and by 50 the Jew is ready to counsel others. Not until age 60 is a man considered an elder, and is endowed with special strength at age 80."

Each generation has important lessons to learn from the previous one. A willingness to learn from each other and apply family lessons will produce the dividends of sound family values and philosophies. In this way, each generation creates its own legacy.

The article in the Jewish Journal continues, "Many of the most important biblical characters did not do their true work until an advanced age. Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born. Moses was 80 when God sent him to deliver the Israelites out of Egypt. Noah was 600 when he built the ark. God gave these men many formative years in which to build the knowledge, wisdom, and skills necessary to fulfill their important tasks.

"The wisdom and knowledge that only decades of life experience brings is the only way for the next generation to build on what has come before …. Remember, the Torah encourages respect and admiration for the aged, and encourages the aged to use their wisdom for the benefit of their [descendants]."

Knowing our family heritage often helps us lead better, richer lives.

I encourage you to honor the heritage and legacy that is yours and yours alone. Share family stories. Allow your common family history to draw you closer together. Let the remembrances you share be monuments to your family's storied heritage.

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diet and maintaining his exercise routine. And while Zeigler had stayed up-to-date with his flu vaccinations, his physician explained that getting these and catching up on his pneumococcal vaccinations was more important now than ever because of his diagnosis.

Vaccines are one of the safest and easiest ways to protect your health, even if you are taking prescription medications, say experts. Fortunately, getting a vaccination is easy – most doctors' offices, health care centers and local pharmacies offer vaccines, and many are covered by health insurance.

If you have heart disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following:

• An annual flu vaccine to protect against seasonal flu.

• Pneumococcal vaccine to protect against pneumococcal disease between the ages of 19 and 64. All adults will need additional doses once they turn 65.

• Td and Tdap vaccines to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough.) Td is recommended every 10 years for all adults. Tdap vaccine adds protection against whooping cough. All adults need Tdap vaccine if they haven't received a dose.

• Zoster vaccine to protect against shingles, if you are 60 years or older.

Your healthcare professional may recommend other vaccines as well, based on factors such as your job, lifestyle and travel habits. Be sure to ask what vaccines you need.

"If I were to give advice to anyone else with cardiovascular disease, I would tell them to make sure to follow all the instructions given to them by their physicians, including getting vaccinated," says Zeigler. "I make sure to get my flu vaccine every year, and any other vaccines that I'm due for."

To learn more about recommended vaccines and find a location to get vaccinated near you, visit cdc.gov/vaccines/heart.

Getting vaccinated is an important step you can take to protect your health. Talk to your healthcare professional to make sure you have all the vaccines you need.

EDITORS NOTE: Rhode Islanders can get a flu shot at a doctor's office, community clinic, or at a pharmacy (adults only). More information including a list of community clinics can be found by visiting health.ri.gov/flu/

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Butler Hospital doctor at forefront 'in the war on Alzheimer's'

BY BARBARA HOROVITZ BROWN

"A tsunami of Alzheimer's" is occurring across the world today, Dr. Stephen Salloway told the audience packed into the Sopkin Auditorium during The Miriam Hospital Women's Association meeting on Oct. 19.

The likelihood of being diagnosed with the disease doubles every five years after age 65, and then reaches 30 to 50 percent after age 85. Women are affected by Alzheimer's disease at a slightly higher rate than men, and are two times as likely to be caregivers to someone with the disease.

As people continue to live longer, it is predicted that there will be 125 million cases worldwide by 2050, Dr. Salloway said in his address, called "Breakthroughs in the War on Alzheimer's and What We Can Do in the Face of this Diagnosis."

Salloway is chief of neurology and director of the Memory and Aging Program at Butler Hospital, and a professor of neurology and psychiatry at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He is an internationally recognized leader in clinical trials for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's, as well as being the author of more than 300 scientific articles and abstracts on the disorder and lecturing widely about early diagnosis and treatments.

During his lecture, Salloway commented on how Jewish values affect his work, including *tikkun olam*, and relying on *tzedakah* from private donors. He also said he was inspired by his paternal grandmother, who experienced pogroms in Ukraine, and lived with his family after she got dementia, influencing his career choice. His maternal grandmother, he said, was also an inspiration, and encouraged him to become a doctor.

The costs associated with Alzheimer's now exceed those of cancer or heart disease, Salloway said. People fear Alzheimer's more than cancer, because they don't want to lose their independence. Yet much more money is allocated for research into cancer and heart disease.

One of the few things Congress can agree on, he said, is that Alzheimer's is a scourge, and lawmakers have launched a national plan to develop treatment breakthroughs by 2025.

Salloway's research team is helping to build a worldwide research infrastructure. Part of this is the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, funded by the National Institutes of Health and private support, with a goal of developing new tests to identify people at risk. Butler Hospital is one of the leading centers in the world in this effort to slow down memory loss and move towards prevention. But, in addition to technical and financial help, they need people to participate in studies. Salloway said he is inspired by such volunteers because they are affecting future outcomes for Alzheimer's patients.

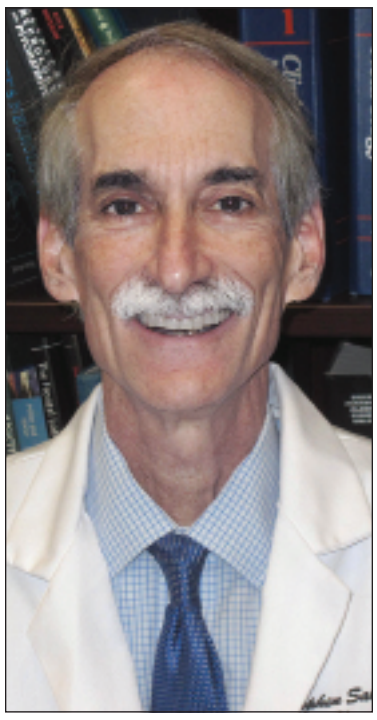
It was in 1906 that German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer described the tangles (made of tau protein) and the plaques (made of amyloid protein) that are the hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease.

Advances such as molecular brain imaging and PET scans now allow doctors to detect the buildup of plaques before dementia becomes evident. (People often think Alzheimer's and dementia are the same thing, but they are not: Alzheimer's is one of the diseases that leads to dementia. Dementia refers to cognitive impairment that interferes with daily functioning.) This buildup of plaques can begin 15 to 20 years before symptoms of dementia occur.

There have also been major advances in genetics, allowing for identifying a major risk gene (APOE4) and gene mutations that can cause early-onset Alzheimer's.

Interestingly, Salloway said, changes in the retina may also show amyloid, and this could become a cost-effective way of diagnosing the disease. In earlier years, a diagnosis wasn't possible until dementia was evident. Today, it is possible to diagnose a pre-clinical phase, mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's, and finally Alzheimer's disease/dementia.

People often wonder if "senior moments" are an Alzheimer's indicator, but things like misplacing items, finding it harder to memorize or find words, and slower reaction times are a normal part of aging. In contrast, real warning signs include frequently being repetitive, not coming up with words (even later), not recalling conversations and not realizing there is a memory problem.



Dr. Stephen Salloway

What can you do to lower your risk? Dr. Salloway advocates a healthy lifestyle, specifically:

- Staying mentally and physically active
- Staying engaged socially
- Controlling cardiovascular risk (blood pressure and cholesterol)
- Not smoking
- Sleeping well
- Controlling depression
- Eating a well-balanced, Mediterranean-type diet

For those at higher risk, medications are being tested to reduce the amyloid plaques and tau tangles. Prevention trials have begun for people, age 60-85, with normal memory but at a higher risk of Alzheimer's disease based on APOE4 testing or an amyloid PET scan. The goal is to delay memory loss.

Finding out about your Alzheimer's risk is a personal decision. Fortunately, 70 percent of people who screen for these studies learn that they are at low risk for Alzheimer's.

If you're interested in taking part in the Butler study, call 401-455-6403 or sign up for the Butler Hospital Prevention Registry at www.butler.org/memory.

As Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop used to say, "Not participating in medical research could be hazardous to your health."

The committee that organized The Miriam Hospital Women's Association's event includes members Sherry Cohen, Marilyn Myrow, Barbara Horovitz Brown, Marianne Litwin, Cynthia Schwartz, Lori Elias, Sharon Gaines and Robin Kauffman.

To learn more about TMHWA, contact Association Administrator Vickie Scott at vickie.scott@lifespan .org or 401-793-2520.

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in the primaries but went all in for the establishment-backed winner, Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam. Both the party establishment and the leftists who buck it were hailing the close post-primaries cooperation between Perriello and Northam as a model for the Democrats ahead of next year's midterm congressional elections.

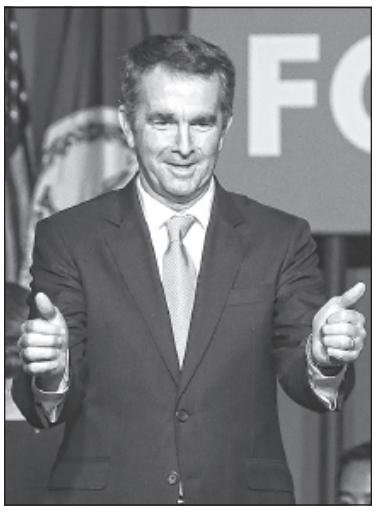
No Jews won major contests – but there are Jewish takeaways in this off-year election. Here are five:

NOVA rocks – the vote

Virginia over the last couple of decades seems to have transitioned from Republican red to Democratic blue, with the Democrats close to taking the House of Delegates in a result no one anticipated.

A big reason for the flip? The professionals crowding into Northern Virginia – NOVA to initiates – attracted to the Washington suburbs because of the proliferation of jobs in government, lobbying and the high-tech sector, and to Virginia's D.C. suburbs, particularly because of the high-quality schools and bucolic settings.

The influx of blue voters is also a result of a sharp growth in the Jewish population. (Non-Orthodox Jews overwhelmingly trend center-left and left.) Synagogues report burgeoning membership growth. Ahead of the 2012 elections, an official of the Washington-area Jewish federation told JTA that Northern Virginia's Jewish population grew to some 100,000 in 2010 from about 60,000 a decade earlier.



Ralph Northam

Did white supremacists get out the vote?

Virginia's Albermarle County was closely watched this election: It includes Charlottesville, the home to the University of Virginia and a liberal enclave in conservative central Virginia. Democrats are notoriously tough to get out in off-year elections, and Albermarle was seen as a bellwether of the party's get-out-the-vote operation. Get the vote out here, the thinking went, and Democrats have a shot.

The vote got out. Northam carried the county with a 12,000-vote majority, compared with Terry McAuliffe, the incumbent Democratic governor, who won it by 6,500 votes in 2013.

We can't know why Democratic polling surged unless and until the county's voters are polled. But it's not a stretch to conclude that the Aug. 12 march in Charlottesville by white supremacists and neo-Nazis, which culminated when a suspected one of their number rammed his car into a crowd of counterprotesters, killing one, galvanized liberal turnout.

A virtual poster, in Yiddish

In Mea Shearim, a haredi Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem, the best way to take the political pulse is by looking up – at the stone walls, where densely written posters break down the issues in Yiddish.

Not so much in 21st-century New York City. The battle between two Orthodox Jewish candidates for the Borough Park seat on the City Council there was fought on WhatsApp, the messaging app. And the issues in Brooklyn were not the esoterica that often drives divisions among the fervently Orthodox in Israel.

The virtual barbs in the Borough Park race, the Forward reported, were sharp and prosaic. Loyalists to Yoni Hikind, son of

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With Alliance support, JAFI helps Israel's 'lone soldiers'

BY JENNIFER ZWIRN

Abe Wasserberger, the Jewish Agency For Israel's vice president for Israel and global philanthropy, recently made a presentation to the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island on JAFI programs that the Alliance supports through its Annual Campaign.

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Wasserberger was accompanied by Tony Raichler, a former Israel Defense Forces soldier who received help from JAFI's "Wings" program, which assists lone soldiers in making the transition to civilian life after service in the IDF. A lone soldier is defined as a serviceman or woman without immediate family in Israel.

In the 2015-2016 program year alone, Wings helped 551 lone soldiers with financial support, counseling and many other services. JAFI also places lone soldiers with sponsor families so they have a safe, friendly place to observe Shabbat and spend weekends.

"We are given an instant family when there is not one. I am very grateful," Raichler said.

"I was all alone when I arrived in Israel," he added. "JAFI helped support me making *aliyah* and offered me programs so I could learn Hebrew."

Raichler was placed on a kibbutz, which helped him make friends and transition into Israeli life.

At just 20 years old, Raichler had witnessed his commander lose all four limbs while fighting. He also lost three friends in his unit during combat.

"I've seen a lot – too much," he said, while adding, "I am very proud to be Jewish, and to have served Israel and the Jewish people."

Raichler, 25, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, grew up in a Conservative Jewish home.

"My parents wanted a life for me far better than what Venezuela could offer," he said of his decision to make *aliyah*.

Raichler served in the Golani Brigade – the frontlines of the IDF – and is now studying international trade and diplomacy at Bar Ilan University. He will graduate in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Without programs such as Wings, many lone soldiers are forced to return home after their service to Israel. Raichler was one of the lucky ones.

Wings provides immigrants with information on benefits, entitlements and legal rights when they leave the Israeli Army, in addition to guidance on careers and academics; job-seeking skills; counseling to transition from traumatic events and develop emotional strength; and personal financial management support so they can become self-sufficient.

"Because of Wings and JAFI, Tony has been given the support to strengthen his skill sets well beyond his studies. He is just one of the brave lone soldiers working to bolster the Jewish people of Israel and around the world," Wasserberger said in his presentation to the Alliance's Board of Directors.

JAFI has worked for over 85 years securing a Jewish future with a strong Israel at its center, and was instrumental in founding and building the state of Israel, as well as companies such as Zim International Navigation and El Al airlines. Today, JAFI serves as the link between the Jewish state and Jewish communities worldwide, bringing Jews to Israel and Israel to Jews.

"Because of the grants from the Jewish Alliance, JAFI is able to serve a range of ages and meet needs in Israel, Poland, Ukraine, Cuba and many other [nations]. We work hard to leverage those funds to assure Jews are taken care of around the world," Wasserberger said.

In addition to Wings, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island supports many other JAFI programs, as well as unrestricted core funding to meet the needs of Jews around the world.

To contribute to the Jewish Alliance's Annual Campaign, contact Michele Gallagher, senior campaign operations manager, at 401-421-4111, ext. 165, or by email at mgallagher@jewishallianceri.org.

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Giving PTSD the Jewish treatment

BY ANNA SELMAN

A recent study by the Department of Veterans Affairs found that the number of American veterans who commit suicide each day has decreased to 20, from 22 – a small improvement, but a step in the right direction.

The leading cause of veteran suicide is post-traumatic stress disorder, which causes intense and sometimes disturbing thoughts about a past traumatic event. PTSD is common in combat veterans, including those deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan over the past two decades.

In a shocking discovery, researchers have also found that only 30 percent of PTSD treatments are effective.

In their search for better treatments, researchers would do well to look at how the Jewish community has helped Holocaust survivors.

Jews have a long history of treating PTSD – even before the term came into use. According to some researchers, the prevalence of PTSD in Holocaust survivors is between 46 and 55 percent, while some 2 to 17 percent of Vietnam combat veterans suffer from the disorder. About 15 to 20 percent of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans meet the criteria for a PTSD diagnosis.

The Jewish community's track record in treating PTSD provides lessons for treating our veterans today. Jewish researchers have found that survivors deal with their PTSD in one of three ways – some victimize themselves, some become defensive and some become numb.

One of the leading medical professionals in treating survivors during the post-Holocaust period was Viktor Frankl, who wrote "Man's Search for Meaning." Frankl's approach was to give meaning to everything, even the survivor's most painful trials. A neurologist and psychiatrist – as well as being a survivor himself – Frankl would often talk to survivors to help them discover their own reasons to live.

Some survivors found meaning just in telling their stories. They told their stories to their families and friends, and at synagogues and schools and museums. By telling these stories, survivors' experiences became a part of the Jewish experience, which made them feel less alone.

However, some survivors were reluctant to tell their stories, perhaps because we did not want to hear them when they first arrived in America. Survivors were told to move on – and it seemed they did. They built families and careers – and kept their experiences bottled up for a decade or more. Meanwhile, they often experienced the nightmares and intense flashbacks associated with PTSD. But once they finally did tell their family and friends about the traumas they experienced, the survivors reported a decreased number of symptoms and an increase in quality of life.

So what can be learned from the Jewish treatment of PTSD? There are many veterans coming home who feel like no one wants to hear about their story, but we now know that it is good for these men and women to talk about what happened "over there." And this is not only for our veterans: We as Americans can bridge the military-civilian divide and make the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan a shared American experience. This can make our veterans feel less alone.

So, this Veterans Day, invite your local veterans to speak at your synagogue. Organizations such as the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. and the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council can help connect you with veterans in your area. Together, we can help them overcome their problems – and they can teach us about what it means to serve something greater than themselves.

ANNA SELMAN works in communications for the Jewish War Veterans of America.

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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.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. 7 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Temple Beth-El and St. Martin's Church celebrate a shared American heritage. Following the service, Elizabeth Burke Bryant, executive director of KIDS COUNT, will speak. Donation of canned fruit or vegetables requested. Information, Temple Beth-El office at 401-331-6070.

Wednesday | November 22

Mah Jongg. 7-9 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 24

Kabbalat Shabbat Service. 7:30-9 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 25

Taste of Shabbat. 9-11 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich. 9 a.m. Torah discussion; 9:45 a.m. Shabbat service followed by a light Kiddush. 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. 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 prayer services in the main sanctuary. Information, officebethsholom-ri.org.

Sunday | November 26

Ocean State Clarinet Choir. 2-4 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. This 12-piece chamber ensemble consists of various types of clarinets. This free concert is open to the public. Refreshments.

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Contact editor@jewishallianceri.org with any questions.

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ELECTION

the veteran state lawmaker Dov Hikind, alleged, without proof, that his rival, Kalman Yeger, had ties to pro-Palestinian activist Linda Sarsour. Hikind, in turn, was dinged for being single.

Some political traditions die hard, though: The WhatsApp messages, like those Mea Shearim posters, were more often than not anonymous. And in Yiddish.

Yeger, handpicked by the incumbent, David Greenfield, who is leaving the post, trounced Hikind.

The Jewish marathoner running to lead Minneapolis

Jacob Frey, 36, a marathon runner, supposedly faced a hurdle in his bid to become mayor of Minneapolis because he wasn't born in Minnesota. (The native Virginian fell in love with the city a decade ago, when he ran in the Pan American Games held there.)

His Jewish Democratic credentials are impeccable, however: At the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, he befriended Ron Rapoport, a politics professor, and did the Jewish holidays with his family. Rapoport's dad was the legendary Democratic Party kingmaker – and Texan Jew – B. Rapoport. (Former President Bill Clinton delivered the eulogy at B. Rapoport's funeral in 2012.)

B. Rapoport recognized talent: He told Frey when he was still in college that the young man had the gift for politics, according to a Star Tribune profile of the city councilor.

The child of ballet dancers, Frey may prove his late mentor right: He finished first in the voting on Tuesday and likely will unseat incumbent Mayor Betsy Hodges. (The election uses the preference system, in which second and third choices are tallied; the final result might not be known for days.)

Frey, who was endorsed by the Star Tribune, is an attorney and a member of the board of the of the Jewish Community Relations Council: Minnesota and the Dakotas.

How a Jewish woman paved the way for New Jersey's first Sikh mayor

Dawn Zimmer made headlines when she became mayor of Hoboken, New Jersey, in 2009: She was Jewish, and a woman, in a city on the Hudson River known for a large Italian-American community and its views of the New York City skyline. As president of the City Council, she became acting mayor when her predecessor resigned in a corruption scandal, then was elected in her own right in a special election.

Five years later she made headlines again when she revealed that the administration of Gov. Chris Christie tried to make Superstorm Sandy recovery funds contingent on her backing a real-estate project favored by the administration. Coming soon after reports that the governor's aides blocked access to the George Washington Bridge to punish another Democratic mayor, Zimmer's 2014 allegation prompted an FBI investigation.

This year, the popular Democratic mayor surprised her constituents by opting not to run again, saying she preferred to focus on climate change. Instead, she endorsed City Councilman Ravi Bhalla.

Bhalla won, becoming the state's first Sikh mayor.

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Morton Abowitt, 85

WARWICK, R.I. – Morton "Mort" Abowitt died Oct. 25. He was the beloved husband of Beverly (Chorney) Abowitt for 59 years. He was born in Providence to David and Rebecca (Zwiebelson) Abowitt.

He was the father of two adored daughters and sons-in-law; Lisa and Ron Freeman of West Warwick and Dana and Eric Falk of Providence, and five cherished grandchildren; Justin and Daniel Freeman, Rachel, Audrey and Leah Falk. He was predeceased by his 11 siblings and leaves behind numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, Mort worked at Hasbro for 23 years. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association. He enjoyed sailing, golfing, puttering and painting, but most of all, time spent with family.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Perkins School for the Blind, Perkins Trust, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Ruth S. Berkowitz

PROVIDENCE , R.I. – Ruth S. (Korn) Berkowitz died Oct. 25. She was the wife of the late Norman Berkowitz. Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Lewis and Fannie (Brodsky) Korn.

She is survived by her children, Gary Berkowitz (Andrea) of Barrington; Leonard Berkowitz (Sheryl) of Easton, Massachusetts; Alan Berkowitz (Carolyn) of Burke, Virginia; and Eric Berkowitz (Jill) of Parkland, Florida; and her siblings, David Korn of Cranston, Leahbelle Chernob of Sarasota, Florida, Herbert Korn of Lexington, Massachusetts and Gloria Janavitz of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; her grandchildren Ian, Bram (Jackie), Ari, Leslie, Josh, Jenna, Kyle, Nina and Reid; and her great-grandchild Dustin.

Ruth was the star of her bridge club, a world traveler, a Cape Cod enthusiast, and a dear friend to so many that loved to laugh with her.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Eleanor Carreiro, 87

WARREN, R.I. – Eleanor "Ellie" Louise (Kelman) Carreiro of Warren, died peacefully on Oct. 18.



She is survived by her husband Joseph ("Joe") Carreiro and younger brother David Kelman; her children, Steven Pearlman, Stuart Pearlman, Joel Pearlman, Lauren Pearlman-Sugita; and her stepchildren, Jane Carreiro, Peter Carreiro and Amy Carreiro. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Adriana Pearlman, Casey Pearlman, Matthew Pearlman, Brianna Pearlman, Rachel Pearlman, Josh Pearlman, Hannah Pearlman, Alessandra Carreiro, Nicholas Carreiro and Brent Carreiro, as well as her great-grandchildren Jace Pearlman Telhu and Ellie Pearlman Telhu.

Ellie was born in Providence, the daughter of Anna (Gubernick) and William Kelman on March 22, 1930. She grew up in Cranston (Edgewood) and witnessed the construction of the Edgewood Port shipyard. She attended Syracuse University, where she received an interior design degree in 1951. Ellie used her design skills to construct or renovate many residential and commercial properties in and around Rhode Island.

As a mother of four children in the early 1960s, she pursued a painting degree at the Rhode Island School of Design. She also co-founded The Arboretum, an East Providence restaurant that combined gourmet dining with an art gallery and folk-art store.

Ellie was everyone's cool mom; she could tell a captivating story sprinkled with humorous quips and rhymes. With no hesitation, she could intellectualize about race, religion, politics and art. She was open to and promoted diversity and strongly believed in standing up against all forms of discrimination.

Ellie's artistic talents were undisputable, and she will live on in her design work, paintings, drawings and many other creative projects. Her entire home embodies her life as an artist and designer.

A memorial-celebration for Ellie will be held at noon at her home in Warren on Sunday, December 10 (potluck contributions welcome). RSVP to elliesmemorialcelebration@gmail.com.

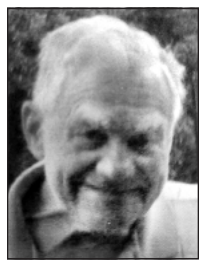
Cheryl Lynn Gilstein, 69

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Cheryl Lynn Gilstein of Berkshire Place died, Oct. 31 at Roger Williams Hospital. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late William and Rosalie (Chernick) Gilstein, she was previously a longtime resident on Sargent Avenue in Providence.

She was the loving sister of Gayle Nevins and her husband, Jerry, of Scottsdale, Arizona. She was the dear niece of Warren Chernick and his wife, Marsha of Bradenton, Florida, and Doris Reffkin of East Providence. She was the cherished aunt of Traci Green and her husband, David. She was the adored great-aunt of Nevin Green. She was a beloved cousin to many cousins. Contributions in her memory may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 2348 Post Road, #202, Warwick, RI 02886.

Mort Gray, 89

CRANSTON, R.I. – Mort Gray died Oct. 24 at Sunny View Nursing Home. He was the beloved husband of Joan Temkin (Gabar) Gray for 27 years. Born in Bronx, New York, a son of the late Abraham and Rose (Lehrer) Grabowsky, he was a longtime resident of Cranston.



Mort was a WWII Army Air Corps veteran, serving in the European theatre. He graduated from Long Island University, Class of '47. Mort was a member of Temple Sinai, Touro Fraternal Association and the Beth-El Bowling League.

He was the devoted father of Linda Klaen of Germany, Aaron Gray of Vienna, Virginia, Lois Johnson of Cranston and the late Steven Gray and Robert Gray and his surviving wife, Denise. He was the dear stepfather of Bruce Temkin and his wife, Karen, of Newton, Massachusetts, and the late Susan Cutler and her surviving husband, Jeffrey of Cranston. He was the loving brother of the late Blanche Paleg. He was the adored grandfather of Sarah Thomas, Judith Klaen, Stephan Klaen, Hannah Klaen, Melissa Gray, Allisyn Gray, Adam Gray, Naomi Burt, Kaia (Beth) Sanderby, Joseph Gray, Steven Gray, Robert Cutler, Melissa Bouchard, Charlie Temkin, Emily Temkin and the late David Gray and Marissa Gray. He was the cherished great-grandfather of 11.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Salvation Army, 34 Commercial St., Cranston, RI 02905 or the charity of your choice.

Murray Edward Miller, 94

DELRAY BEACH, FLA. – Murray Edward Miller died on Oct. 21, in Delray Beach, FL, after a brief illness. He was born in Providence to the late Harry and Eva Miller.

Following his graduation from the Massachusetts College of Optometry, Murray spent 40 years as an optometrist, maintaining two offices in the Providence area. He and his family were members of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

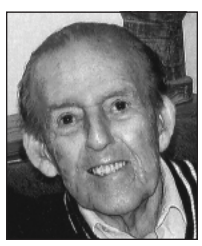
Murray enjoyed collecting antique and vintage watches and attended watch shows throughout New England.

Murray was predeceased by his son Steven. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara Cohen Miller of Delray, and his daughter Judith G. Miller of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Donations in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Lawrence E. Nulman, 93

CRANSTON, R.I. – Lawrence "Larry" E. Nulman died Nov. 1 at Kent Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Shirley (Snell) Nulman for 70 years. Born in Norwich, Connecticut, a son of the late Nathan and Lottie (Zais) Nulman, he lived in Cranston for 56 years and was a winter resident of Pompano Beach, Florida, for 20 years.



He was the owner of Barnes' Cleansers in Pawtucket for 41 years. Larry was a Purple Heart WWII Army veteran, serving in Europe where he was wounded during the Battle of

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The Great Rhode Island Challah Bake is an annual event for women and girls in Rhode Island. This year, close to 200 gathered Oct. 30 at the Alliance's Dwares Jewish Community Center in Providence to bake challah as part of the international Shabbat Project. They joined almost 1,000 groups around the world in baking challah at the same time. Devorah Raskin led the group in the mixing and braiding while explaining the meaning and significance of challah. The RI bake was sponsored by the Alliance, Kollel: Center for Jewish Studies and Project Shoresh.













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the Hurtgen Forest. He was a member of the former Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association. He enjoyed biking, dancing and golfing. Larry was a kind, hardworking family man, and always had a smile on his face.

He was the devoted father of Lee Nulman of Cranston, Patti Simpson (Noel) of Narragansett and Nancy Persons (Tim) of St. Louis, Missouri. He was the dear brother of the late Saul and Samuel Nulman, Shirley Coleman, Gertrude Gordon and Evelyn Katz. He was the loving grandfather of Nicole and Mitchell Berman and Alyssa and Kyle Persons.

Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd, #3004, Warwick, RI 02886 or Operation Stand Down RI, 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919.

Dr. Claudia Yellin, 52

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Dr. Claudia Faith Yellin, of Providence died on Oct 31. Dr. Yellin devoted her career as a psychologist to the to the mental health and well-being of young children and their families, as well as adolescents, college students, and adults.

She grew up in Wyoming, Ohio, and moved to New England for her education at Brown, Harvard and Boston Universities. Most recently, she was in private practice in Providence and held a position at Bradley Hospital. She held leadership positions in several professional organizations, and was an avid reader and member of her book club and canoeing community. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, and an active parent leader in the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island. She loved folk music, appreciated fine food, wine, and chocolate, and delighted in the outdoors.

She leaves her spouse, Navah Levine, and her son, Ari Lev Yellin-Levine; her sister, Pamela Yellin of Boston, Massachusetts; her parents Dr. Wilbur and Carole Yellin of Naples, Florida; her stepbrother David Winkler and her nephews, Zach Cox and Zane Winkler of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was predeceased by her original parents, Lila Slavet Hersh Yellin, in 1976, and Dr. Norman S. Hersh, in 1968.

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Temple Emanu-El program features Jewish classical music

BY PAMELA HANZEL

I had the distinct pleasure of sitting down with Sam Zerin recently to discuss the St. Petersburg Society for Jewish Folk Music. It is a fascinating topic. Since Temple Emanu-El has a musical performance on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m., featuring compositions from this group of Jewish-Russian musicians, I wanted to know more about them. Zerin, a Ph.D. candidate in historical musicology at New York University and a visiting lecturer in music theory at Brown University, is completing a dissertation related to this subject.

According to Zerin, the St. Petersburg Society for Jewish Folk Music was formed in 1908 by a group of Jewish students who wanted to compose Jewish classical music. Among their activities were organized concerts and published Jewish sheet music, mostly violin music, piano solos, and vocal songs. They also met once a month to share their latest compositions and discuss what constituted Jewish music.

There were two major schools of thought, according to Zerin. One was promoted by Joel Engel (1868-1927), a Jewish composer, critic and ethnographer known as "The Father of Jewish Music," who began arranging Jewish folk melodies in the 1890s. His lectures and compositions were a major inspiration for younger musicians to compose their own classical works inspired by Eastern European Jewish folk music. Counter to this thought was Lazare Saminsky (1882-1959), one of the Society's most polemical members, who claimed that most Jewish folk melodies are not authentic, but rather imitations of non-Jewish music. He urged his fellow Jewish composers to write music inspired by Jewish Biblical chant, or trope, which he viewed as the most pure and authentic form of Jewish music.

There will be a multi-talented cast of musicians performing "Jewish Art Music: From St. Petersburg to Palestine and Beyond" at Temple Emanu-El. The program features songs and choral music by Engel and Saminsky, in addition to works composed by other prominent members of the Society for Jewish Folk Music: Joseph Achron (1886-1943), Moshe Milner (1886-1953), Ephraim Shklar (1871-1941), and Mikhail Gnessin (1883-1957). Achron was a prodigy violinist-composer who is most famous for virtuoso Jewish violin pieces. Milner composed Yiddish art songs, as well as the first Yiddish opera. Shklar was a founding member, whose choral arrangements of Jewish folk songs were among the Society's first publications. Gnesin was also a founding member, whose works forge together Russian symbolism and Jewish folklore. The concert will also feature works by Joseph Ness, cantor at Temple Beth El in West Hartford, Connecticut, whose own compositions have been deeply inspired by the Society for Jewish Folk Music. Ness has collaborated with Temple Emanu-El on numerous occasions, including the 2008 "Shining Through Broken Glass: A Kristallnacht Concert," narrated by Leonard Nemoy.

The concert will be performed by Kol Arev, the chamber choir of Hebrew College. Conductor Amy Lieberman is an accomplished choral music conductor who, for five years, was director of choral activities at the New England Conservatory of Music. Cantor Lynn Torgove, co-organizer of the concert, has been the head of vocal arts at Hebrew College's School of Jewish Music since 2012. Maayan Harel, who grew up at Temple Emanu-El, will perform a solo and sing with the choir. Musicologist Zerin will guide concertgoers through the program with historical commentary. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. For tickets: teprov.org/form/salon. For more information, contact Temple Emanu-el at 401-331-1616.

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Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story
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