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## News At A Glance

- Prime Minister Ehud Barak returned to Washington on July 18, following his stay in New York City. That evening, he was the guest of honor of a state banquet following which he and President Bill Clinton met for a second multi-hour face-to-face meeting. The prime minister, during his stay in the United States, repeatedly expressed his optimism — stating that agreements could be reached with Arab neighbors within 15 months. He added that he did not believe U.S. peace-making forces on the Golan Heights would be required in a deal reached with Syria.
- The United States government, anxious to have Israel implement its Wye Memorandum land withdrawals from areas throughout Judea and Samaria, has pledged \$1.2 billion in aid to absorb the costs involved. According to the Yediot Ahronot report, President Bill Clinton, in his talks with Prime Minister Ehud Barak, pledges to release the necessary funds as the withdrawal gets underway. The monies were put on hold by the United States when former Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu stopped the planned withdrawal in light of the PLO Authority's failure to comply with its portions of the agreements. Responding to questions pertaining to the security zone in southern Lebanon and the Syrian front, Barak stated on CNN's "Late Edition" on July 18, "We fully realize that on the way to peace we will have to make compromises, but it is too early to define what kind of compromises," Barak said. "We will define it once we realize what President Assad is ready to give."
- Turkey could remedy Israel's chronic water shortage by sending enormous water-filled plastic bubbles hauled by tug boats across the Mediterranean Sea, Turkish President Suleyman Demirel suggested recently, *Ha'Aretz* reported. Demirel said a plan already in place could supply Israel with 6.3 billion cubic feet of water per year, and a new effort could yield 140 billion cubic feet annually in the future. That would meet Israel's needs "several times over," Demirel said. "Israel should take into consideration that we can supply water."

## Jewish Resistance Fighters Honored at The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

by Marshall Cohen

When I recently received a call from one of my photo agents to cover an event at the Holocaust Museum, I assumed that it would be a routine assignment with a few speakers, and perhaps an award or two. I should have known better. Nothing that occurs at the Holocaust Memorial Museum is ever "routine," and the June 15 event, sponsored by the Miles Lerman Center for the study of Jewish Resistance of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, was no exception. In fact, it was so charged with extraordinary tales of selfless heroism, and so emotionally draining that at times I forgot that I was present to record the event as a professional photographer. But I would have been made of stone had I not been extremely moved by the lives of each of the following three awardees earning the Medal of Resistance — honored posthumously for their heroism — during this remarkable evening in June.

Hannah Szenes was one of more than 30,000 Jewish from Palestine volunteering for missions in British units during World War II. Szenes, a poet, had immigrated to Palestine in 1939. She left the comfort of her kibbutz to parachute behind Nazi lines in Yugoslavia, and cross into Hungary to aid fellow Jews and Allied pilots shot down. She was soon captured by the Nazis after crossing into Hungary. Imprisoned and brutally tortured, she refused to give the interrogators a code for a transmitter which she carried. Szenes was executed on Nov. 7, 1944 at the age of 23.

Chaim Yelin was a commander in an underground unit of the Ghetto in Kovno (Kaunas), Lithuania, organized by Zionists and Communists after the German invasion of the Soviet Union. Yelin's unit smuggled arms and ammunition into the Kovno ghetto, and was dedicated to sabotaging the German war effort. Under Yelin's leadership, approximately 300 ghetto fighters joined Soviet partisans in the Lithuanian for-



RUTH B. MANDEL, left, vice chairperson of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council with Robert Maistriau, center, accepting the Medal of Resistance in honor of George Livchitz, and Miles Lerman, right, chairperson, United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

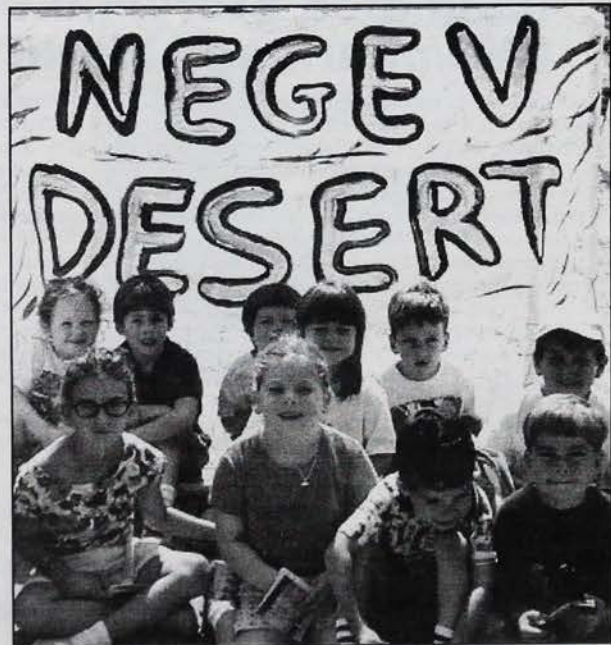
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ests to clash with German troops. On April 6, 1944, Yelin was captured during a clash with German police, and was executed (or committed suicide) several weeks later, never giving information to the Germans, even under torture. Com-

mander Yelin was 32 years old at the time of his death.

George Livchitz, a young doctor, was a member of the CDJ, the Jewish Defense Committee organized in 1942 as part of the Belgian underground

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### Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Rhode Island?

Recently the entire day camp of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island went to Israel. The fields at the Jewish Community Center were transformed into the Negev Desert, the Western Wall in Jerusalem, the Tel Aviv Beach, and the Kibbutz Degania. The children started their tour at the Ben Gurion Airport where they showed their passports before proceeding to each of the attractions. At each stop the children learned about the past and present of Israel and had their "passports" stamped.

The campers will continue to explore Israel by hearing stories and singing songs about Jerusalem in commemoration of Tisha B'Av.

## Neo-Nazi Stabs Jewish Activist at Moscow Synagogue

A young neo-Nazi, displaying a large swastika on his chest and screaming "We will kill all of you," stormed into the Moscow Choral Synagogue on July 13 and stabbed the business manager of the Moscow Jewish Arts Center. The victim, Leopold Kaimovsky, was in serious condition in a Moscow hospital, sustaining wounds to the face, stomach and chest, and having lost a large amount of blood. Moscow police arrested the 20-year-old attacker, who was identified as a Moscow law student.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has been in contact with Chief Rabbi of Moscow Pinchas Goldschmidt, Russian Ambassador to the United States Yuri Ushakov, and officials at the United States National Security Council and State Department. In consultation with Russian Jewish community leadership, NCSJ has urged the Russian government to condemn this act, fully prosecute the alleged assailant, and provide round-the-clock security for Jewish institutions in Moscow.

"NCSJ strongly condemns this hateful, violent act," said NCSJ chairman Denis C. Braham. "We wish Leopold Kaimovsky a speedy recovery." NCSJ President Howard E. Sachs said, "this is the unfortunate result when ultra-nationalist, neo-Nazi groups go unchecked, and are allowed to spew a message of hate."

NCSJ Executive Director Mark B. Levin added, "We will continue to work with the United States and Russian governments to stop the spread of this xenophobic, bigoted behavior."

In recent months, Moscow has witnessed a surge in neo-Nazi demonstrations and activities, including neo-Nazi rallies and the spread of anti-Semitic propaganda. In May, two identical bombs exploded simultaneously near Moscow's two main synagogues, and a disconnected bomb was found inside the Shalom Jewish Theater several weeks later. All of these incidents have occurred amidst a climate of economic and political uncertainty.



# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment For Children

The Providence Children's Museum, 100 South St., Providence announces the following activities. Call 273-KIDS.

### July

- 22 Play & Learn.** From 1 to 3 p.m., children ages 2 to 4 explore the cozy environment of *Littlewoods*, an enchanting woodland environment designed especially for infants and toddlers. Kids stretch their developing skills with games and activities designed for their ages and needs.
- 23 Preschool Friday. Scienterrific.** From 9:40 a.m. to 12 noon, preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, explore triangles as they build geometric-shaped towers out of wee marshmallows and toothpicks.
- Free at Five on Fridays.** The Museum is open from 1:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free for everyone from 5 to 8 p.m. courtesy of Metropolitan Life Foundation. Explore the museum free of charge!
- 24 CVS World of Stories.** At 1:00, 1:45 and 2:30 p.m., children ages 5 and up listen to the story of Raven, a Native American tale told by acclaimed storyteller Diana Jackson. Afterwards, kids use papier-mâché and cardboard props to retell the story. This celebration of America's storytelling traditions is the first in a year-long series sponsored by CVS pharmacy.
- 25 Balloon Badminton.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids 3 and up use tiny racquets and play a silly version of the beloved game.
- 26 Creative Studio.** From 10 a.m. to noon, kids ages 3 and up use their artistic talent to create amazing works of art using reusable materials that might otherwise be thrown away.
- 28 Animals at Work.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up meet a police dog and learn how he helps apprehend criminals.
- Pet Pals Story Reading and Activity Program.** From 3:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., children ages 4 through 7 listen to a story about pets and people and afterwards do a related activity. This is the first in a series of story readings exploring thoughtful pet adoption, responsible pet care and animal behavior. This series is presented in cooperation with the Providence Animal Rescue League and is free with regular museum admission. Tickets can be picked up at the front desk.



## Calendar: July 22th thru July 26th

- 22 The Barn Summer Playhouse** Roger Williams University Arts Center, Bristol, presents "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" (abridged). Three actors race along in this fast-paced slapstick romp through 37 plays in two acts. Tickets \$10 general; \$5 students/seniors. Call 254-3666.
- Country music great Reba McEntire** gets the Warwick Musical Theatre jumpin' at 8 p.m. Call 821-7300 for tickets.
- Providence Health Center and Harvard Pilgrim Health** sponsor a Stop Smoking Workshop, July 22 through Aug. 26. The six-week series is based on behavior modification. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Members \$70; non-members, \$140. Call 331-4034.
- 23 19th annual East Providence Heritage Festival.** July 23 through 25. Fri., 6 to 11 p.m.; Sat. 3 to 11 p.m.; Sun. 3 to 10 p.m.; Pierce Memorial Field, 200 Mercer St.
- 21st annual South County Hot Air Balloon Festival.** July 23 through 25. Fri. noon to 8 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 9 to 5 p.m. Athletic Field, U.R.I. Kingston.
- It's a evening with Al Martino and Jerry Vale** at the Warwick Musical Theatre. 8 p.m. Call 821-7300 for tickets.
- 24 9th annual New England Reggae Festival.** July 24 and 25 at Stepping Stone Ranch, Escoheag Hill Road, West Greenwich. 10 to 8 p.m.
- K&S Ballroom Dance** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1047 Park Ave., Cranston. Mambo/Salsa lessons. 7 to 8 p.m. Dancing until midnight. Coffee and pastry. Smoke-free. \$10 per person. Call 821-4108.
- Funny Man Gallagher** brings his unique style of comedy to the Warwick Musical Theatre, 8 p.m. Just don't forget to bring a change of clothes! Call 821-7300 for tickets.
- 25 7th annual Antique Auto Show.** More than 100 antique cars on display at Sprague Park, Narragansett Avenue and Mumford Road, Narragansett. Also featuring jonnycakes, clam fritters and South County clam chowder. 10 to 4 p.m.
- The hidden Gardens of Wickford Garden Tour.** 1 to 5 p.m. A self-guided tour featuring 17 area gardens. Begins at Wickford House, 68 Main St., Wickford. Call 294-1502.
- Disco diva Donna Summer** heats up the Warwick Musical Theatre at 8 p.m. Call 821-7300 for tickets.
- 26 The All-East Goaltending Hockey Program** will take place at the Aleixo Ice Arena, Taunton, July 26 through 30. Ages 6 to 17. For information, call (603) 929-4967.

## Mango Blue Redefines World Music

Mango Blue, a nine-piece, high-powered original music ensemble based in Boston, Mass., will rock at Waterplace Park on July 23. The show starts at 7 p.m. as part of Lifebeat's Picnics in the Park summer concert series. Mango Blue uses a number of different musical influences to create a unique new sound in Afro-Latin and World Music.

The refreshing new music of Mango Blue reflects a wide array of influences from rhythm and blues, jazz and funk to Caribbean roots, with a strong Afro-Cuban rhythmic base. The diversity in the music is a reflection of the diversity of the band members. The members of Mango Blue are from all over the world (Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico, Spain and Israel) and some of the best musicians in region. The sound of Mango Blue consists of vocals, keyboards, bass, electric guitar, Latin percussion, drums, alto and tenor saxophones.

The music of Mango Blue is both tastefully arranged and composed as well as inviting and engaging, and suitable for audiences of all ages!

## Acclaimed Storymaker Kicks Off CVS/pharmacy World of Stories

Diana Jackson, renowned storymaker and sculptor, will create magic on July 24 when she spins the tale of Raven, a trickster tale from the Pacific Northwest, at Providence Children's Museum. Artful props bring the story to life as children take part in the story. This is the first in a series of monthly *World of Stories* programs sponsored by CVS/pharmacy celebrating stories from around the world. Raven, a clever character popular in Native American tales, tricks the Sky Chief, steals light and brings it to the people of the world. Jackson combines her talents as a storyteller and sculptor by crafting large papier-mâché props especially for the program.

Performances of Raven will take place at 1:00, 1:45 and 2:00 p.m. This program is free with the price of regular admission to the museum and is recommended for children ages 5 to 10 years old and their accompanying adults.

CVS/pharmacy *World of Stories* continues on one Saturday each month with a story reading and a hands-on activity at the Children's Museum. Upcoming story programs include:

- Aug. 28 — *The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story* by Pegi Deitz Shea
- Sept. 25 — *Brother Rabbit: A Cambodian Tale* by Tony Johnson
- Oct. 23 — *The Hatseller and the Monkeys* by Baba Wague Diakite
- Nov. 27 — *Stranded on Plymouth Plantation: 1626* by Jean Van Leeuwen
- Dec. 18 — *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco

The Providence Children's Museum is located at 100 South St. in Providence's Jewelry District. The museum is open daily in the summer, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.50 per person, museum members free. \$1.00 off admission coupons for the museum are available at your local CVS/pharmacy.

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# SOCIETY

## Dr. Giselle Saulnier Weds Dr. Peter Sholler

Dr. Giselle Linda Saulnier, daughter of Hubert and Louise Saulnier of Montreal, Canada, was married on June 12 to Dr. Peter Frederick Sholler, son of Dr. Robert and Carol Sholler of Barrington, R.I., at Linden Place, a historic home in Bristol, R.I.

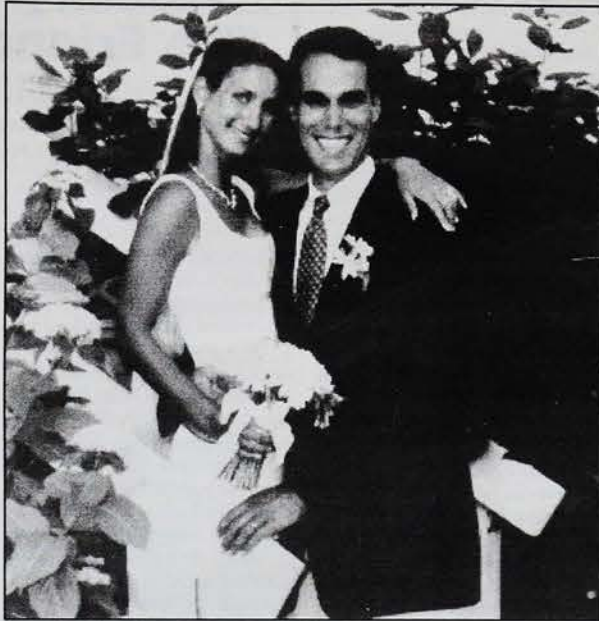
Maja Sholler, sister-in-law of the bride, Real Saulnier, Daniel Saulnier and Eric Saulnier, brothers of the bride, were honor attendants. Daniel Sholler, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were Jeffrey Martin and Jonathan Reidel. Readers were Darren Yesser and Karina von Byern.

The couple received their M.D.s. from New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., this past May. The bride, who will be known as Dr. Saulnier Sholler, 29, graduated from Concordia University in Montreal and received a master's degree in Immunology from McGill University. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical school honor society, she will start her residency in pediatrics in June at Hasbro Children's Hospital at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Dr. Sholler, 30, graduated from Moses Brown School in Providence and from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He will begin a residency in internal medicine at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, R.I.

As a final rotation at medical school, the couple worked at Moi University Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya, under the auspices of a Brown University program.

The couple will make their home in Providence.



Dr. Giselle L. Saulnier Sholler and Dr. Peter F. Sholler

## Junette Olkon Marries Michael Idlis

Junette Olkon and Michael Idlis were married May 30 at the home of the bride's parents in Minnetonka, Minn. Rabbi Martin Zinkow officiated at the 11 a.m. garden wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Sandy and Sheldon Olkon of Minnetonka, Minn., and the bridegroom is the son of Carol and George Idlis of Cranston, R.I.

The parents were the attendants for the bride and bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is employed in property management.

The bridegroom has a bachelor of science in communication from Emerson College, Boston, Mass. He is self-employed as a record company consultant with Idlis Communication.

The couple honeymooned in Italy and have made their home in New York.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Idlis

## Jamie Robinson Weds Dr. Garrett Berman

Jamie Robinson and Dr. Garrett Berman were married on June 20 at Ocean Cliff Resort in Newport, R.I.

Rabbi Michael Cahana officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Robinson of Warwick, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Berman of Lauderhill, Fla.

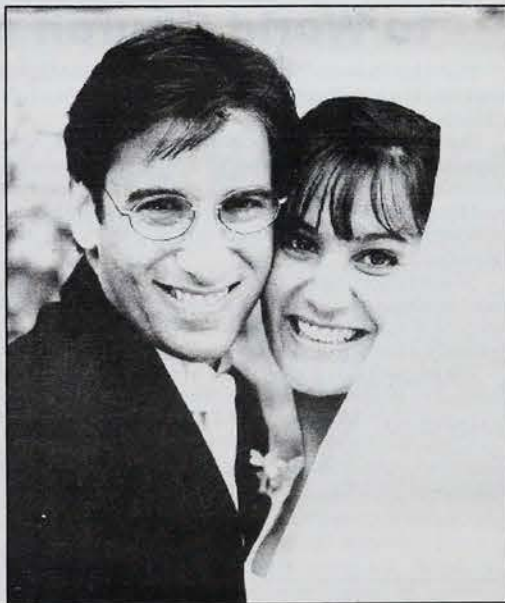
The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Honor attendant was Jennifer Pelletier. Bridesmaids were Mara Robinson, sister-in-law; Natalie Robinson, sister-in-law; Debra Addressi, Dana Coutoulakis, and Tara Martin.

Best man was Mitchell Berman, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Gary Robinson and Michael Robinson, brothers of the bride; John Turim, Jim Manos, and Anthony Rudan.

The bride is a graduate of Lasell College, Newton, Mass. She is a teacher and is attending Rhode Island College graduate school. The bridegroom has a Ph.D. from Florida International, Miami, Fla., and is a professor of psychology at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I.

The couple visited Sandals, St. Lucia, and will make their home in Providence, R.I.



Dr. and Mrs. Garrett Berman

## Joan Kay Marries Jeffrey Bookbinder

Joan Susan Kay and Jeffrey Glenn Bookbinder were married May 30 at the Quonset O Club in North Kingstown. Attorney Mitchell Riffkin officiated at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Norman Levine of Providence, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Dorothy and Richard Bookbinder of Boca Raton, Fla.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Jennie Ann Kay, daughter of the bride.

Best man was Richard Bookbinder.

The bride is a graduate of Northeastern University and is employed by Colfax, Inc., Pawtucket, R.I. The bridegroom is a graduate of Clarkson University and is employed by Delta Mechanical.

They have made their home in Warwick, R.I.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Glenn Bookbinder

## Emily Schreiber to Wed Jonah Half

Mark and Karen Schreiber, of Harrisburg, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily, to Jonah Half, son of Fred and Cherie Half of Palo Alto, Calif. Emily is the granddaughter of Eva and Eugene Schreiber of Charleroi, Penn. and Shirley and Richard Pomerantz of Boca Raton, Fla. Jonah is the grandson of Eleanor and Edward Gershman of Pawtucket, R.I. and Madeline Half of Pittsburg, Penn. The wedding is scheduled for June 11, 2000.

She will be starting her second year as a graduate student in English Literature at Penn State University, where she also serves as a graduate teacher of freshman English. She graduated with honors from Bucknell University. Jonah will start his senior year at Bucknell in the fall. He is majoring in business management with a concentration in marketing.



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## Hillel Ezra Gershman

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gershman of Baltimore, Md., announce the birth of their first child and son, Hillel Ezra Gershman, on May 31.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Taragin of Baltimore, Md. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gershman of Gaithersburg, Md. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed and Louise Chesler of New London, Conn., and Mrs. Susan Taragin of Baltimore, Md., and the late William Taragin. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed and Eleanor Gershman of Pawtucket, R.I.



# OPINION

## What Might Have Been

by Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie  
President, Union of American  
Hebrew Congregations

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is to be congratulated for his vigorous pursuit of peace. Peace with security is Israel's first priority, and it is understandable that Barak assembled his coalition with an eye toward gaining support for his peace efforts.

But make no mistake. The cost was high, and Israeli society will be paying the price for generations.

During his campaign, Barak addressed religious issues with unprecedented candor. He focused not on conversation and other matters of interest to Diaspora Jewry, but on the issue that is most sensitive for average Israelis: the drafting of yeshiva students into the Israeli army.

For 50 years, a *de facto* arrangement has been granted an exemption from army service to those who declare that Torah study is their occupation. Upwards of 30,000 young men now take advantage of this exemption, which keeps them in yeshiva until their 30s, supported by the public dole. Last year, Barak made a widely applauded proposal to end the exemption for all but 750 exceedingly gifted Talmud scholars.

Yet in the agreement reached with the three Orthodox parties in his coalition, Barak not only abandons his initiative but proposes a new arrangement that is even worse than what exists now. According to the coalition documents, ultra-Orthodox men who enter a yeshiva at age 18 will be granted a legal exemption from army service when they reach the age of 24. The advantage of this proposal is that at age 24 young men will be able to enter the workforce and support their families; the disadvantage is that after 6 years

of yeshiva study, ultra-Orthodox Jews will receive a permanent, lifetime exemption from army service — or, for that matter, from any other form of national service. What has existed *de facto* will now become *de jure*. In virtually every case, ultra-Orthodox young men will attend yeshiva for the requisite six years and then be free, formally and legally, from assuming the most basic obligations of citizenship in the Jewish state.

Incredibly, some have described this deal as a major concession by the ultra-Orthodox leadership. It is nothing of the sort. What is being proposed is discriminatory law granting special legal status to a defined group of people, while other citizens of the same age are called upon to risk life and limb in defense of their homeland.

Such a law would be profoundly unfair. The principle of universal army service, the most important pillar of national solidarity in Israel's contentious democracy, would be further undermined. And, most critical of all, a major blow would be dealt to the hope that Barak's election would lead to a significant lessening of tensions between Israel's secular and religious populations.

For secular Israelis, there is no religious issue on Israel's national agenda which generates as much anger and resentment as the failure of ultra-Orthodox youth to serve in the army or do appropriate national service. Average Israelis who care little about the ongoing religious wars and do not even know what the Conversion Law is are acutely aware that their sons go off to the army at age 18 while the young men of B'nei Brak do not. The fact that so many modern Orthodox men serve with distinction while maintaining the strictest levels of religious observance only heightens their

sense that those who refuse to serve are slackers or worse. It was precisely for this reason that Barak offered his initial proposal, and suggested that an equitable draft was the first step towards national reconciliation in the religious realm.

And never has national reconciliation been so desperately needed. The recent election featured an unprecedented level of name-calling and anti-religious rhetoric. And it is a serious mistake to think, as some American Jews do, that Reform and Conservative Judaism will be the beneficiaries of this rhetoric. Quite the opposite is true. Secular Israelis outraged by ultra-Orthodox Jews who avoid the army are not likely to be drawn to liberal Judaism; they are far more likely to conclude that Torah is a refuge of the scoundrel, exploited by self-serving elites for narrow purposes. If the Barak government passes into law the permanent exemption that it has promised, cynicism will grow and Jewish religious tradition will further be discredited in the eyes of Israel's populace. All those who see Torah as the foundation of Jewish life can only be saddened by such developments.

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## Hillary Clinton: "No Friend of Israel"

American Jewish Organization Rejects  
Stance on Jerusalem

Americans for a Safe Israel, a national and international pro-Israel Jewish organization, recently released the following statement in response to Hillary Clinton's new-found support for Jerusalem as Israel's eternal, undivided capital.

"We reject Hillary's convenient reversal of policy on Israel. Her new words belie her longstanding embrace of enemies of Israel. We know that clear-thinking Americans will not be taken in by her pandering to the Jewish community," stated Herbert Zweibon, chairman of AFSI.

Helen Freedman, executive director of AFSI adds, "In fact, through the years Hillary has been quite active in helping Arabs and their claim to Israel. In the 1980s she sat on the board of the New World Foundation as they funneled money to the PLO. In Feb. 1996, she hosted a reception at the White House that was attended by the American Muslim Council, leading apologists for Hamas terrorists. In Jan. 1998, she hosted a reception at the White House to mark the end of Ramadan where organizers in-

cluded the Director of the Muslim Public Affairs Committee, Salam-al-Marayati, and his wife, head of the Muslim Women's League. (Interestingly, al-Marayati was just removed from the newly formed National Commission on Terrorism because of the outcry after his appointment.) Both organizations according to terrorism expert Steven Emerson have a long history of supporting terrorism, and issuing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic statements. The Jewish community feels very strongly about Israel, and in this case agrees with James Zogby of the Arab American Institute in Washington who accuses her of making "a desperate play for votes."

AFSI, founded in 1971, boasting thousands of members, is protesting Hadassah's decision to give their 1999 Zionist award to Hillary Rodham Clinton. Hadassah has obviously forgotten its commitment to its "historic homeland, Eretz Israel," part of its membership pledge. The card burning demonstration was held on July 14, at Hadassah headquarters, NYC.

## ADL Pleased With Reno's Response to World Church of the Creator

The Anti-Defamation League recently praised Attorney General Janet Reno for her prompt response to a league request seeking a full-scale federal investigation of the violent hate group World Church of the Creator.

During her weekly press availability recently, Attorney General Janet Reno indicated she was cognizant of concerns raised in a letter by Howard P. Berkowitz, ADL national chairman, and Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director. In response to a question about the league's request, she said the Justice Department will be reviewing the issues, but stressed there needed to be a "reasonable indication of criminal conduct on the part of the hate group" before the investigation could be launched.

"We are encouraged that the Justice Department views these violent, unprovoked hate attacks as most serious, coming on the heels of similar manifestations of hate and violence of others identifying with the World Church of the Creator and its leader, Matt Hale," said Berkowitz and Foxman. "There is clearly a history of violence associated with this group that should be investigated."

The league's July 6 letter came in response to last weekend's deadly shooting spree in Illinois and Indiana by Benjamin Nathaniel Smith, a follower of the World Church of the Creator, an anti-Semitic and white supremacist group ADL has monitored for nearly a decade. The league called for a national "full field investigation" as defined by the 1989 Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic Security / Terrorism Investigations in light of the group's massive Internet presence, history of violence and aggressive leafletting and recruitment drives in various US cities.

## The Word

This week we begin *D'varim*, the fifth book of Torah. The title *D'varim* means "words" and so it seems to be a good time to discuss the words themselves, the language itself as distinct from the concepts it conveys.

Torah is written, of course, in Hebrew, dating back to Moses' time.

But the words of the first four books and those of *D'varim* have an important difference. *D'varim* is considered to be in the words of Moses directly, as inspired by G-d, whereas the other four books were transmitted through Moses: they are in G-d's words.

What is the distinction of this difference? It does not mean that Moses "invented" the fifth book on his own, but that he used his own words to communicate holy ideas. This brings the concepts a little closer to earthly

discourse, and more accessible to the people reading or hearing them.

But it also means something important to us today. Just as the Hebrew language is not restricted merely to holy texts, so the precepts and morals of Torah are not meant to be restricted

language like that in daily speech, you can also frame the idea in your own words.

Just as the language your parents spoke is your language; just as a language you have studied becomes your language; just as the Hebrew of Torah is your language to understand; so the meaning of Torah is yours to read, to grasp, to use, to pass on.

*D'varim* is a bridge. It takes us from the core of our literature, the Torah, to the rest of the Bible, the Prophets and the Writings. It also takes us from the quoted words of the Lord himself to the more human words of Moses. It is a signpost of continuity. G-d's words, and ideas, are yours, and they live through you. Learn them...and use them.

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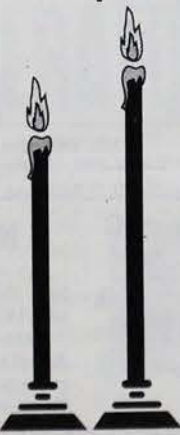
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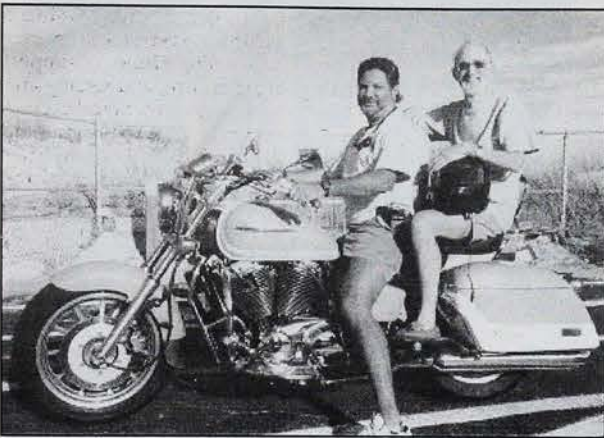
# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## A Friend on The Spot

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

It's a good day when you make a new friend, and a fine spot where it happens. I ran into Lewis Bosler at that tiny dune where you park a power bike and enter the Canonchet pavilion. His roomy turquoise motorcycle shone in the afternoon sunshine. He handed me an immense helmet and told me how to wear it.

First, you take off your glasses. Lew held them for me.



Lewis Bosler and Mike Fink  
Herald photos by Mike Fink

Then, you pull down the straps and buckles, lift the visor and re-install your specs. We put my camera in the side compartment, within the rear fender guards.

Smoothly and swiftly we made our way along the shoreline, up the street of Victorian houses and front gardens, and over to the wonderful setting

for the new Jewish South County Collaborative. It came as a surprise, an alley off the rotary where highways whisk you north or south at top speed. Suddenly, you are in the still woods with giant pines and maples, silent walkways by a wetland pond with lilies, and with birds calling out unseen from forest or mudflat.

Lew and I both admired the still, shadowy barn, like the prospect of a summer stock show in an MGM musical.

The stone house has the regal rocky walls and wide windows of a depression or early prewar '40s structure. With a bit of paint and patience this place could prove a stunning center for the arts and culture of the Jewish community and those friendly to it. Lew and I kept up a steady conversation about our own

families, our past, and our hopes for the future.

"I'm living here in Narragansett, just behind this property, with both my mother and my daughter. Three generations, like in the old days. We look out for one another. It's quite peaceful. My daughter and I are very close. She graduated from U.R.I. and has plans for further study. I myself am pursuing another degree. I do therapy based on eastern beliefs and practices." Lew's gentle composure inspires confidence and good will. Like the entrance to the relief of the beach boardwalk with its benches and breathtaking surf view, this astonishing resource forms the ideal environment for a lively tête-à-tête in helmets. "I'm not sure if I can make it for the dedication on Sunday, because you never know if a funeral may cut into your calendar. But I'll try." We climbed into the saddle once again and cruised silently back to the North Club where the scooters and other two-wheelers beam and gleam brightly. We asked a family leaving the lot, towels and folding chairs in hand, if they'd snap a shot of the two of us and the mammoth, Indian robin's egg machine we drove and rode. "Is it an antique from the '50s?" the mom of the group asked.

"No, actually it's nearly brand new," said Lew. We smiled past the camera and you. "Let's do this soon and risk a longer voyage through the world of South County," Lew put in. I went off home content with the day's inevitable chassidic treat.

## Sea Scrolls Live

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter



Right there in the country library at the shore, Roger Williams appeared. At least, a marble bust of his likeness stands and looms and poses above a bookcase.

You get a little tired of noon sunshine and seek a shady nook and a book to take home for

ries by Denton Welch, to add to the pile of other volumes, including yet another portrait of the late Duchess of Windsor.

Copland, not Kaplan, scored a number of Hollywood movies, including "The Heiress" and "The Red Pony," adapted from stories by Henry James and John Steinbeck, and created American music though he was a Brooklyn boy with Russian roots. Not to mention, openly gay. This odd but charming man ages in photos and quotes on the pages of a handsome edition.

Not everybody recognizes the name Denton Welch. He got hit by a car on his bike as a lad and died young. He left a group of delicious tales of his boyhood in China, his postwar adventures as a talented visual undergraduate in Britain, and descriptive and suggestive paragraphs guaranteed to delight me over iced tea or coffee for an idle hour or two or three.

The shocking revelations about Wallis came out of a bargain bin at Walden's in the Wakefield Mall. Written by Michael Bloch along with Maitre Suzanne Blum, her personal lawyer, it questions her gender but still and all presents her as a softer and more loving figure

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Roger Williams

under your umbrella. Like Moses, Roger set a fine example for the Canaan of South County. The rock where he signed a treaty to buy, not take, house lots for the settlers hides just across from my summer retreat. Under the sculpture of his likeness I choose a biography of Aaron Copland and a collection of sto-

## Biking By The Beach

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Some summertime pleasures play a very minor key. "What did you do today?" my wife may well ask. My son puts it this way, "How's it going down?"

Well, I got air in my bike tires. A trucker neighbor on the next street keeps a huge compressor, like an ancient giant snake, in his barn-garage. Dave gladly pumps up my sagging tubes and my boy's limp basketball into the bargain. This big guy is sort of packing up to move along. The bank foreclosed on him, and his house and yard hoard some treasures.

A library of videos shares space with reference tomes. Weeds and wildflowers, with birdfeeders and birdboxes among their stands, almost hide a sun-yellow canoe and a moon-

silver skiff. All this will go by the wayside. But I have lots of healthy pressure around my wheels, and I bike back as if I were floating over the road. In return for the free oxygen, I offer Dave a nice big breakfast the next day at the block cafe.

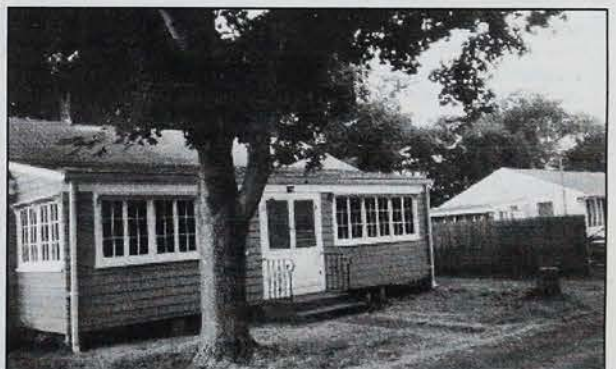
Yes, my mountain bicycle gives me short spells of cool relief and open space for what the French call a "quart hour." Isling my camera over my shoulder to snap some of the wee quarters on the riverbank. A next-door-nik told us once that a single-room cabin was built by a rogue for his lady, his "kissy," as the swamp people used to say. I compare this minimal tent to the grand châteaux the kings of France built on the Loire for the royal *franions*. That term means "regal companion." Life is more direct and less frilly around Middlebridge.

I can smell a mixed aroma of tar, apple, honeysuckle, and plain grass as I loop and pedal among tiny adventures. A lost dog gets rescued and returned. I cruise past the house my parents once owned. It's for sale once again. The past keeps me company. Eons ago, I recall waving to classmate Michael Silverstein, now a courthouse judge, then just a boy on break near the surf. I stop by to check in with Rose Epstein, who lives tucked off Riverside Drive off Pettaquamscutt Road. She writes editorials for a local paper and edits the tourist magazine. She keeps me notified of events of interest—the *mezuzah* ceremony at the nearby community center, the dilemmas of regional Hadassah. "You zip off so fast," she declares. I'm just doing my rounds.

I move along back to my gazebo bikeshed and lean my vehicle, which has no kickstand, against its wall. I sit on a wicker armchair, and a tiny companion, a sort of *franion*, comes to join me. It is a titmouse, a tiny, crested and crowned olive-grey bird related to the chickadee.

It shows no timid fear whatever. It perches on the reedy arm of my throne and even makes so bold as to hop down and land on the rungs underneath the seat. Why? Whatever for? Bugs and mites, or just friendly curiosity?

I sit still and smile to myself



Orioles nest in this sweet maple.

at yet another perfect, miniature moment. Then I go back indoors for something, a glass of spring water or a bowl of cherries. I scribble a note about my next project and plan. Mmm, let's see. I have an appointment to go for a ride on a friend's motorcycle. There are a couple of old videos I have ordered, and a book on reserve for me from the nearby library. I have to install another *mezuzah* on the bedroom, once Mr. Adler comes by to set for a while on our deck. Don't forget the new lamp, *ze-or*.

Every good moment brings its bad one in the wake. The seeds that bring in the angelic birds also feed the mice that nest in every nook and cranny all through the winter. And some of those poor feathered friends get trapped in the chimney and lose their lives in the cage of our sealed cabin come fall and win-

ter. Of mice and titmice. It's at Myron Waldman's nearby bikeshop residence that I find the field guide that gives me a label for my fair weather visitor with the eager beak and bright eye.

The deer that charm the banks of the stream leave ticks that keep you away from the trail. Dessert brings ants that eat your house right up and take it down.

But as I steer the handlebars of my fabulous Fuji over, under, around, and through my warren of a world at the pier, I get away from trouble for a while and smile. I have my coffee just a few alleys away and catch up on gossip and touch base with handymen and fix-its.

Mike on his bike, which my boy admires, and borrows. Next to a burro, it's the most contemplative way to travel far and wide and be back before anybody even realizes you've gone.



A chateau on the river of sweet return.



# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Gone But Not Forgotten

*Rabbi Levy Remembered  
at CHAI Center*

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

They wanted to remember Rabbi Eliezer Levy the way he would have wanted to be remembered. So, on July 16, Rabbi Levy's first *yahrtzeit*, some 70 people gathered at the Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center to enjoy a lively Shabbaton organized to pay him tribute.

"When I was planning this program, I asked many people for suggestions," explained Rabbi Yossi Laufer, the late rabbi's good friend and successor. "Most of them did not want a solemn or sad event. Rabbi Levy, was a person who liked a good time, and who also wanted people to be enthusiastic about their Judaism. That's why we decided on a Shabbaton that would make his *neschama* (soul) proud."

Last year, the Jewish community responded to Rabbi Levy's death, at the age of 31,

with shock and grief. Shortly thereafter, the late rabbi's wife, Chanie, and their five children returned to Crown Heights, New York.

Despite the tremendous loss, a small group of people touched by the late rabbi were determined not to let his work die with him. They kept the CHAI Center open on Shabbat and on Sundays for many months until Rabbi Laufer agreed to come back to Rhode Island in August. "People are still very sad and they do miss him very much," said Rabbi Laufer. "But on his *yahrtzeit* people want to remember him as he was, with a lot of spirit, a great sense of fun, and a desire for people to practice their Judaism in an exciting way."

The CHAI Center's function room was packed well before the Shabbat service began, and spirits seemed nearly as high as the temperature.

"It's wonderful that people are finally coming back," said Bayla Sklaroff, as she watched

the final preparations. "We miss him terribly, but life must go on. The Laufers are a beautiful couple."

Others recalled Rabbi Levy's warmth and good nature.

"He had a twinkle in his eye, a sparkle that these people were fortunate enough to see," said Ian Jacobson.

"I think he would have that special twinkle if he could see everyone here tonight."

Rabbi Laufer welcomed Shabbat by leading the prayers, and his wife, Shoshana, taught female guests how to bless the flickering Shabbat candles.

Guests helped to serve the large traditional meal, sang Shabbat songs, and laughed at Rabbi Laufer's quirky jokes.

After the main course, the room fell silent as the rabbi explained the meaning of *yahrtzeit*. "Mysticism explains that up in heaven, there are different chambers," he said. "On each *yahrtzeit* the soul goes through judgment by G-d and is elevated to a higher level. That is why on *yahrtzeits*, people get together and do *mitzvahs* — to give the soul extra merit so that it can go even higher than it was before. That is why I wanted to get together on Shabbat (a *mitzvah*), so that Rabbi Levy's soul will be elevated even higher."

Rabbi Laufer then encouraged the group to share their feelings about Rabbi Levy.

Howard Rabinowitz remembered how he had brought Judaism to Southern Rhode Island with "amazing gusto," and also recalled Rabbi Levy's humor by reminding the group how Chanie once had to get him down off a tabletop where he was dancing one Purim night.

"My son used to answer the phone saying, 'Talk, I'll listen,'" said Rabinowitz. "Once Rabbi Levy called and he answered the phone. Rabbi Levy said, 'Fantastic! Now I have someone to try my sermons out on!' My son never answered the phone that way again."

Cheryl Gilman made an emotional statement about how deeply the rabbi had touched her life.

"He made me realize that a piece of me was missing, and he helped fill it," she said.

Others discussed the way that Rabbi Levy welcomed all Jews and exposed them to Judaism without pushing them to observe the faith the same way he did.



RABBI YOSSE LAUFER and his wife, Shoshana. In the background hangs a picture of the late Rabbi Eliezer Levy.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

### My Dearest Friends,

Shabbat Shalom! I really wish I could be with you now in person, but my personal life and obligations don't allow me to be at the Shabbaton. Of course, I'm with you in spirit. I'd like to share some of my thoughts and feelings with you at this auspicious time.

I want you to know that a miss and love you all and I think of you very often. It was truly an honor, a privilege, a challenge and a joy for Lazer and myself to have served as directors of the CHAI Center for the time that we did. I'm sorry that we're not there to tend the garden but I'm sure that under the enthusiastic direction of Rabbi Yossi Laufer and his lovely wife Shoshana, the seeds that were planted will flourish and grow, with the love and the support of the community.

I'm sure you don't expect me to send greetings and omit a report on the children. Thank G-d, they're happy, blooming and doing very well. They're a lively bunch, challenging as children are, and great fun. Baby Laibel is a big boy of almost two, a mighty terror and the hands-down champion of cute. He keeps the whole family laughing.

Let me share one final thought with you. When Lazer met another Jew, or was told that someone started putting on Tefillin or lighting Shabbat candles, it always put a big smile on his face. I ask of you at this time to please think of one or more *mitzvah* that you can do, however small, for no *mitzvah* is really too small, and do it for the merit of Lazer's soul. In the merit of these *mitzvos*, we will bring the redemption closer, with the coming of Moshiach, and then we will be reunited with our departed loved ones.

I wish you all a wonderful Shabbat, enjoy each other and I hope to see you at happy occasions.

With heartfelt wishes for health and happiness to all,  
Chanie

Rabbi Laufer then read the guests a letter from Chanie that expressed her love for and gratitude to them. In her letter, Chanie asked them to continue to do *mitzvahs* for the late rabbi's soul, and also reported that the children were doing well.

Guests later gathered to talk in small groups.

"I'm very sad, because I have many memories of the events of a year ago," said Ian Jacobson.

"At the same time, I'm feeling very warm about the fact that the congregation is back — I think it would make his *neschama* very happy. His *bittul*, or self-nullification, would have made him pooh-pooh the fact that all these people were here in his memory but he would have said that it was very nice that we were welcoming Shabbat the way it should be welcomed every week."

## BJE RI to Help Burned-Out Sacramento Library to Rebuild

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

In the early morning hours of June 18, arsonists attacked three synagogues in Sacramento, Calif.

At the relocated Shabbat services that followed the blazes, Poshi Mikalson, librarian at Congregation B'nai Israel, the hardest hit of the three temples, raised a vial of ashes and said, "Rabbi brought me these ashes

from our library, I promise you these ashes will rise again."

Toby Rossner, of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and president-elect of the Association of Jewish Libraries, has said that the BJE/RI and other Jewish libraries will be able to help Mikalson adhere to her vow.

Recently, Rossner learned that B'nai Israel uses the same catalogue system and Jewish Heritage Video Collection as the BJE/RI, and Rossner intends to share her data base with B'nai Israel in an attempt to make it operational as soon as possible.

According to JTA reports, the attacks were launched on B'nai Israel and Congregation Beth Shalom, both Reform synagogues, and on the Orthodox Keneset Israel Torah Center.

Leaflets that blamed the war in Kosovo on the "International Jew World Order" and "International Jews Media" were found at the site.

Total damages were estimated at close to \$1 million.

"There was tremendous damage," said Kathleen Kahrl, campaign coordinator of the

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## Levine Receives RIC Alumni Staff Award

Sandra Levine has served with skill and panache as secretary to seven successive directors or deans of admissions, and has served effectively as the "operations manager" for the somewhat complicated systems and processes which comprise the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Former Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Bill Hurry stated, "Sandy is among the most capable, dedicated, and loyal of the truly wonderful staff which Rhode Island College is so fortunate to have. She has provided the glue which has held the office operations together and the oil which has kept the admissions processes running smoothly and efficiently." The Alumni Association acknowledges her contributions to the campus community by awarding her the 1999 Alumni Staff Award. Sandy is a resident of Cranston and has been married to Marvin Levine for 44 years.



Sandra Levine

## Adult Education at Temple Sinai

An exciting array of classes and seminars is being planned at Temple Sinai for the coming year. The adult education program will offer a variety of studies designed to accommodate your busy schedule, as well as your inquisitive mind. The following courses/study groups will be led by Rabbi Lipman:

**Daily Study of Jewish Text** — Join with the rabbi as he studies a daily page of the Talmud each morning (Mon. through Fri.) from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. No previous background is necessary.

**Torah Study** — Each Shabbat morning at 9:30 a.m.

**Ongoing Slide Show of Jewish History** — 2nd and 4th Monday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning in October. Call the temple office to register.

**Lunch and Learn** — 1st Monday of each month.

**Lunch with Text** — 1st Thursday of each month. Look at an interesting piece of Jewish text each month.

**"Reserve a Rabbi"** — Rabbi Lipman will be available on seven weekday evenings and Shabbat/Sunday afternoons. Simply call the temple office to reserve your date. Then invite 10 other Jewish friends/family/neighbors to join you at your home for a "Jewish Experience with the Rabbi" on any topic of your choice.

**Introduction to Judaism** ("Judaism 101") — Learn about the basic tenets of our faith.

Classes will be held on six consecutive Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. beginning on Sept. 29.

A second section of this course will run on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning on Sept. 30. Call the temple to reserve a seat. There will be a book fee for this class.

**See the World Through Jewish Eyes** — To be held on Sunday mornings once a month during religious school hours beginning in October. Watch the *Scroll* and the Temple Sinai Web Site for more information.

**Tri-Generational Movie Night** — Join the rabbi at his home for entertaining, thought-provoking movies and discussion. Parents and teen-agers (10th grade and older) are encouraged to attend. These Saturday evening events will take place once a month beginning on Oct. 2. The first movie will be "Whose Life is It Anyway?" The Lipmans provide the popcorn!

In addition, the following classes will be offered:

Beginning Hebrew  
Prayer Hebrew  
Conversational Hebrew  
Jewish Cooking  
Israeli Dancing  
As well as trips to:  
New York — Jewish Museum and Ellis Island  
Washington, D.C. — National Holocaust Museum

Please call the temple to register for the courses where noted. Call Karen Ostrowsky at 884-6716.

## Maintaining Memory

by Rabbi Avi Shafran  
Director of Public Affairs for  
Agudath Israel of America, and  
American Director of Am Eched

The conversation—a real one—took place a number of years ago on the outskirts of a non-religious *kibbutz* to the Galil, on a hill overlooking a lush valley.

The teen-aged cousins, one born and the bred on the *kibbutz*, the other an American newcomer to the Holy Land on a short visit before the start of his yeshiva's academic term, had first met only days earlier.

They had been speaking about family, personal experiences, and sundry things their very different lives, nevertheless, had in common. And then, the observant boy mentioned, entirely *en passant*, the imminence of the Jewish fast day known as Tish'a B'Av.

"We don't observe that holiday on the *kibbutz*," his cousin pointed out. "The Temple's destruction just isn't relevant to our lives here."

The American boy hesitated for a long moment before asking, "Do you observe any Jewish day of mourning?"

"Sure," came the reply. "Yom HaShoah."

Another pause, this one longer. The yeshiva student knew that the national day of Jewish mourning, Tish'a B'Av, on one level encompassed every tragedy in Jewish history, that not only was the first Jewish Holy Temple destroyed on that day 2,419 years ago, and the second one, 1,929 years ago, on the very same day, but that the rebel Jewish forces at Betar were annihilated by the Romans on it as well. And that the expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290, and from France in 1306

and from Spain in 1492 all happened on Tish'a B'Av too. He also knew that what was quite arguably the true genesis of what would accumulate in Germany's "Final Solution"—the First World War—began on Tish'a B'Av. But somehow it didn't seem the right time for a history lesson.

So, instead, he asked his cousin, "Is your commemoration of the Holocaust really important to you?"

"Absolutely," came the reply. "The Holocaust underlies our very identity as Israelis and as Jews."

The American weighed the wisdom of saying what he actually wanted to say. He decided the blood-bond was strong enough to handle it.

"Will you expect your children to pay its memory the same respect that you do?"

"Of course."

"To feel the same sorrow, to have the same determination that you do?"

"Of course," the Israeli replied. "My generation will see to it that our children recognize the importance of the Holocaust, how it defines their identity, how important it must continue to be to all Jews."

"And will you expect them, in turn, to transmit the same conviction to their own children—and theirs to theirs?"

"Absolutely. Forever. To us it is that important."

The American swallowed hard, then spoke.

"Like the first attempts to destroy our people and its faith were to our own ancestors."

Nothing else was said for the moment. The two young men walked back to the *kibbutz* in silence.

It could well be argued that a large part of what characterizes "Orthodox" Jews is a heightened sense of history. Not only vicissitudes and tragedies for our people, but, most importantly, of its seminal Jewish moment, the unequalled event that bequeathed us our mandate to cherish, study and observe the Torah—the revelation of G-d to His people.

Whether a Jew, G-d forbid, willfully rejects the divine origin of the Torah or simply lacks the background to have given the issue much thought, what he denies, or is oblivious to, is an historical fact—the mass-witnessed and painstakingly transmitted event at Sinai that lies at ground-zero of the Jewish people and the Jewish faith.

All who aspire to the appellation "observant" are, in essence, the keepers of the Jewish history, recent and ancient, and are entrusted with the mission of sharing the memory of the Jewish past—both its nadirs and apogee—with all these fellow Jews.

Should the Messiah tarry further, G-d forbid, a day may well come when all the testimony of the events of a half-century ago will be indirect, arriving only through books and films, or third-hand accounts.

The facts, though, of what happened during those years, the horrible details of Jewish Europe's destruction, will endure, because there will always be Jews determined to hold fast to the entirety of our history, to maintain the memory of what happened 50 years ago.

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And 3,111 years ago, in the Sinai desert.

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## 'Carpe Diem' — Seize The Day

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

It is a test of endurance, of will and desire. Pushing you to your outermost limits and beyond, the Iron Man Triathlon events are not for the timid. To succeed, an athlete needs to be in top physical and mental condition; she needs stamina to endure the daylong event but most importantly she needs the passion and desire to see her way through to the finish line—Lisa Cournoyer has all of that and more.

On Aug. 28, Cournoyer, the

Unlike the Iron Man held in Hawaii, which puts an athlete out on a road by himself, this event will allow family and spectators to watch Cournoyer and cheer her on. All of the proceeds generated, through sponsorships and generous community donations, will be given to the JCC to improve the facility. Cournoyer felt that by doing so, it would be a positive message to bring both the center and the community together. She hopes that it will be a motivating force to the fitness end of it, letting people know that you don't have

ish the race, which includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run, within 13 hours. According to Cournoyer, a top male athlete will finish the event in 8 hours, a female in 9. She, however, is just concerned with finishing in a respectable time. But, the more the community rallies in her support, the more determined she becomes to place.

One may say, "Why would anyone want to put their bodies through such a grueling event?" For Cournoyer, she compares it to someone going through an additional 4 years of schooling to obtain their doctorate—"to improve themselves."

"After I participated in the Boston Marathon, I felt I could complete the Iron Man," said Cournoyer, sitting in her office at the JCC sporting a baseball cap given to her by J. Elliott's, along with a generous \$100 donation. "So, I made a decision last year, after my brother completed the event, that I was going to do it." Her brother, the head swim coach at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa., continues to be her biggest supporter and greatest source of insight.

To get to the triathlon, Cournoyer trains an average of 5 hours a day, a minimum of five to six times per week and will have a special diet designed for her by a nutritionist. Her training includes swimming, running and biking, using a custom-made bicycle designed to her physical specifications, interval sprints and time trials



WEARING A BASEBALL cap given to her by one of her corporate sponsors, J. Elliott's, Lisa stands proudly next to the tote board at the JCC Fitness Center. There's still time to help her reach her goal!



LISA WORKS WITH a group of seniors at the JCC going through simple exercises to increase circulation and strengthen muscle.

Herald photos by Kimberly A. Orlandi

fitness director at the Jewish Community Center, will put her physical condition to the test as she participates in the Esprit Triathlon in Montreal, Can.

to "go as crazy as me, but there's something for everyone's ability."

An avid athlete and fitness guru, Cournoyer hopes to fin-

ish the race, along with her job responsibilities at the JCC, which include weight training, aerobic and kick-boxing classes. Also, part of her training is learning to eat and drink while on the run. It will be very important for Cournoyer to keep herself hydrated during the event and to keep her salt intake and electrolytes up, so to get used to that she has incorporated eating and drinking into her regular training routine. Twelve hours before the event, Cournoyer will stop eating heavy carbs, waiting 2 to 3 hours before the event to eat something light enough to feed her muscles.

"At night I do give myself 30 to 40 minutes of personal time," she laughs, "where I take the phone off the hook, set up some candles and soak in a hot bath. Anything to get myself away from the hectic nature of training and focus on me."

Just as important as the physical training, Cournoyer is training herself mentally—to focus on the goal and task at hand and not let her mind get the best of her, something her brother is also advising her on. Cournoyer believes that 70 percent of the battle will be mental, visualiz-

ing herself in the race and feeling good while doing it. There will be no time for anything negative, says Cournoyer. "Negativity is a weight on your ankle that just keeps you down."

And it's that attitude which has drawn overwhelming community support on Cournoyer's behalf.

Within the first 48 hours of fund-raising efforts for Cournoyer last week, members of the community donated more than \$1,500 to the cause, including members of the

day maintenance crew at the JCC and a 15-year-old girl who unselfishly took a \$10 bill from her pocket and gave it to Cournoyer. The whole thing makes Cournoyer very proud.

"Words can't explain," said an emotional Cournoyer. "It just makes everything seem more important and it really pumps me up knowing that every mile I complete is for the JCC."

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For those individuals and corporations in the community who are looking to donate to a non-profit organization, one that will keep the money in the community at the Providence Jewish Community Center, call 861-8800, ext. 152.



## Tell Us What You Think!

The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* wants to hear from you and asks for the community's input. We would like to know what you like and dislike about the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, your community newspaper. Your opinions are important to us and we appreciate your ideas and comments.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief questionnaire and feel free to add any comments at the bottom, then mail it back to: Attn.: RIJH Comments, RI Jewish Herald, PO Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940.

1. What do you enjoy the most/least about the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*?
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10. Please feel free to add an extra sheet for additional comments, ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your time!

## Shabbat is "Hot" at Temple Sinai

Services are bouncing at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, on Friday nights at 5:45 p.m. Cantor Remmie Brown and Rabbi David Lipman have created a Shabbat experience which attracted more than 40 Temple Sinai congregants recently.

"It's a surprise to me," admitted Rabbi Lipman, "I was told that my congregants didn't come during the summer."

This past Friday, the service had to be temporarily stopped as congregants went to get more books, open the doors of the chapel to make more room, and set up more chairs.

"The service is dynamic," explained Phyllis Solod. "It's wonderful to see the Torah and actually see the words up close and learning about what these words being to the Jewish people."

"I've never felt so energized," agreed Pam Manekofsky.

"It's my kind of Friday Shabbat service," added Paul Miller, "And Torah too!"

"The cantor (Remmie Brown) and the rabbi harmonize so beautifully together," noted another excited participant.

To celebrate the service rejuvenation, Debbie Gerstenblatt baked challah for the congregants. "I thought there would be plenty," she said, "but there was barely enough. I've learned so much about Judaism and enjoyed it. Next time I'll have to bake two loaves," she enthused.

Shabbat evening services are from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday morning Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning services are from 10:45 to 11:40 a.m.



## FEATURE

## Forty Years Later — ORT Returns to Cuba

ORT and the Cuban Jewish community have concluded an agreement that will bring the Jewish high technology leader back into Cuba for the first time in 40 years.

Robert Singer, director general of the World ORT Union, visited Cuba in late June at the invitation of the Cuban Jewish community. He was accompanied by Dr. Gaby Meyassed, director of ORT Mexico, and Dr. Miguel Jusidman, who is a leader of the Cuban sector in the Mexican Jewish community.

Following their meetings with leaders of the Cuban Jewish community, including its President Dr. Jose Miller Fredman, ORT agreed to provide a fully equipped computer laboratory and set up a computer training program for children, teens and adults. The objective of the adult program is to improve employment opportunities and salaries for Cuban Jews. In addition, a CD-ROM library of Hebrew language instruction and Judaica will be available at the computer laboratory to encourage young Cuban Jews to study Hebrew and Judaism.

ORT traces its history in Cuba back to 1935 when an ORT committee was established there. An ORT school was opened in 1943 to help meet the needs of recently arrived refugees from Europe. It closed in 1945 when the war ended and many of the refugees left the country to seek new homes elsewhere. In 1947, following a visit by former American ORT Executive Director Philip Block, an ORT Vocational Center was founded in Havana to teach watchmaking, dressmaking, and leather work. Although the program proved popular, political changes and a dwindling Jewish population led to its closure in 1959.

ORT's new Cuban program will be funded by ORT Mexico. The World ORT Union will also explore the establishment of ORT International Cooperation projects in the country to assist other segments of the population.

American ORT and Women's American ORT raise funds to support technical and technological training for 262,000 students in 60 countries around the world. ORT is the Jewish world's leader in technology education and the world's largest non-governmental education and training organization.

The largest ORT network of schools is in Israel, where 100,000 students attend 140 junior and senior high schools, colleges, and training programs. One in four members of Israel's workforce was educated in an ORT institution.

ORT has established schools and resource centers in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Odessa, and 13 other cities in the former Soviet Union. ORT schools of long standing are also found in France, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, South Africa, India, and elsewhere.

More than 15,000 students are currently being served by ORT in the U.S. ORT's three U.S. schools are Bramson ORT Technical Institute in New York, Zarem/Golde ORT Technical Institute in Chicago, and Los Angeles ORT Technical Institute (LAOTI). ORT Computer Technology Centers in Atlanta, Cleveland, and Miami are connecting Jewish day school students to Jewish education with a computer link, and the ORT Resource Center in New York is helping to bring Jewish education into the computer age.

## The National Society of Collegiate Scholars Inducts Jay M. Brenner

Jay Brenner of Woonsocket has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at The George Washington University.

The NSCS is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

Jay is entering his third year in the seven year B.A./M.D. program at George Washington. He is the son of Gerald and Marjory Brenner of Woonsocket, R.I. He was a 1997 Woonsocket High School graduate and was class salutatorian.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Jay, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Liflin, NSCS executive director. "Jay will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

## Researchers Study Effects of ALS Drug on Parkinson's Disease

Memorial Hospital Takes Part in Worldwide Study

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

For more than half a million Americans, it is the most debilitating disease they could ever be stricken with. Effecting the part of the brain that controls movement and balance, Parkinson's Disease progressively destroys nerves controlling muscle movement, causing the patient to develop tremors in their fingers and hands—visible when the limb is at rest—resulting in the loss of dexterity which causes them to have problems manipulating small objects. Over time, Parkinson's can increasingly worsen, ultimately robbing a person's ability to function normally. Although conventional methods of treatment are successful in masking the symptoms of Parkinson's, a new study being conducted around the world may offer insight into slowing the progression of the disease.

Dr. Joseph H. Friedman, chief of neurology at Memorial Hospital, professor of clinical neuroscience at Brown University School of Medicine and one of the study's investigators, hopes that this study will provide concrete answers as to the effects of riluzole, a medication currently being used with ALS patients, on Parkinson's.

"We know that riluzole is a very well tolerated medicine, so we expect very few side effects," said Friedman. "In ALS patients, the drug slows the progression of the disease to only a minor extent—prolonging life only 2 to 3 months. With Parkinson's patients, we hope to actually slow the disease and its effects. Using current medications, a patient can live a fairly normal life well into their 70s and 80s."

"It is hoped the drug riluzole will stall the progression of Parkinson's in affected patients and extend mobility much longer," said Margaret Lannon, RN, MS, coordinator of the study and the research manager of Memorial Hospital's neurology division.

Unlike ALS where the disease affects not only muscle function but vital organs—shortening the lives of those effected, Parkinson's patients may live 20 to 30 years following diagnosis. Memorial Hospital is one of only 100 study sites throughout the world studying this riluzole as a treatment for Parkinson's. The medication will be examined in two study groups; one consisting of patients diagnosed with Parkinson's within the last five years who are receiving treatment, the other consisting of patients diagnosed with

Parkinson's who are not currently receiving treatment. The study will last for two years and conclude after the last patient enrolls, followed by a six-month analysis of the data. Friedman and his staff are not expecting any concrete answers for another few years. The study is open to adults ages 40 to 80. Physical exams, tests, medication, and follow-up visits are provided free. Participants are also eligible for a travel stipend.

"In the study, one third of the patients will get a placebo, who exactly no one knows. Another third will get the normal dosage of the drug and the remaining third will receive a higher dosage. We will then follow them for a period of time recording each participant's progression then taking the 'average' progression," said Friedman.

Very often, when diagnosing cases of Parkinson's, it becomes difficult to differentiate normal aging with neurological symptoms. According to Friedman, the best way for any doctor to diagnose cases is to become educated about the warning signs.

"Frequently, doctors can't tell the difference between signs of getting older and Parkinson's. Patients will often say 'I'm shuffling when I walk' and the doctor will say, 'What do you expect, you're 79 years old,'" said Friedman.

He has had several instances where patients were first diagnosed by their ophthalmologist and, in one instance, a gynecologist. Many times, too, a friend or family member who is familiar with Parkinson's, may say "Listen, you have the same symptoms by aunt did and she was just diagnosed with Parkinson's." According to Friedman, warning signs include softening of speech, developing astute posture and the shortening of their walking stride.

"They may appear hunched over and shuffle their feet when

they walk," said Friedman. As the disease progresses, all of their problems worsen and they may become severely impaired. However, not everyone gets to the point of requiring a walker or cane for assistance, but a good number do."

Parkinson's affects men slightly more than women and usually develops in older people. Although no one knows of an exact cause of the disease, there is currently a study being conducted to determine whether or not there is a gene which causes a person to be more prone to Parkinson's than others. Along with the other two research studies, Friedman is currently looking for siblings who suffer from Parkinson's in the hopes of finding that gene. Parkinson's, however, is not limited to the older population. According to Friedman, half of the people who develop it are under the age of 60, the rest are over 60 with less than 5 percent of the people developing Parkinson's under the age of 40. Actor Michael J. Fox, of "Family Ties" fame and "Spin City," developed Parkinson's at the age of 31 and although it's very uncommon, it's not rare. Friedman's youngest patient, now in her 30s, developed Parkinson's at the age of 21.

"We really need patients for the study who haven't been diagnosed yet," pleaded Friedman. "It's the new patients, the ones I haven't seen yet that need to be in the study. And of course the ones who are newly diagnosed are the ones who are left not knowing about the disease and the ones who will benefit most from these findings. If it wasn't for those participants of the previous studies, we would have the current medications and technology we have now to treat these patients."

For those interested in participating in any one of the three studies, contact Margaret Lannon at 729-3750.

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## FEATURE

### WWII Memorial Design Moves Forward

The National World War II Memorial that will honor the sacrifice and achievement of America's World War II generation successfully completed the second of a three-phase design approval process.

The National Capital Planning Commission recently approved Friedrich St. Florian's preliminary design. Earlier, the Commission of Fine Arts gave its approval, calling the design "an eloquent... statement worthy of the subject and the site."

The design concept was approved in the summer of 1998. The American Battle Monuments Commission hopes to return to the CFA and NCPD for final design approval by the end of this year.

"We are obviously pleased with these results," St. Florian said. "The design is still a work in progress, but it has achieved a greater sense of clarity and unity, and a greater degree of integration into the national mall. It was gratifying to have that confirmed by the commissions. We are eager now to move the design process forward to final approval."

The memorial will pay tribute to the 16 million Americans who served in uniform, the more than 400,000 who gave their lives and the millions more who supported the war effort from the home front.

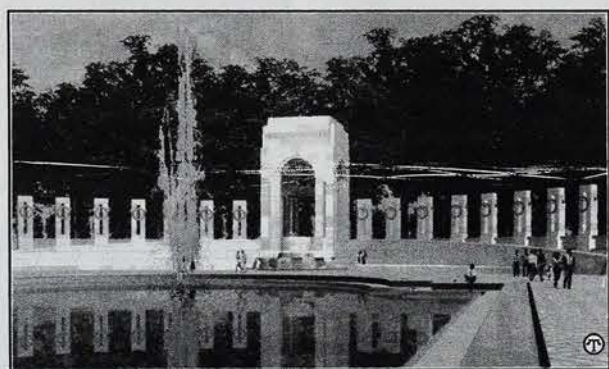
The design features a lowered plaza surrounding the Rainbow Pool; two 41-foot gran-

ite arches at the north and south ends of the plaza, within which bronze American eagles hold laurels memorializing the victory of the WWII generation; and 56 stone pillars that embrace the plaza.

Individually, the 17-foot pillars represent the states and ter-

ritories that comprised the United States during World War II; collectively they are symbolic of the unity and strength of the nation.

A sacred area at the western side of the plaza will memorialize those Americans who gave their lives, commemorate the sacrifice of America's Allies and all of humankind, and celebrate, with a light of freedom, the triumph of light over darkness.



Haydn Williams, chairman of ABMC's site and design committee, called the design "a stron-

lion needed to complete the project has been raised.

Information on how to help build the World War II Memorial can be obtained by visiting its website at <www.wwii-memorial.com> or by calling the toll-free customer service line at (800) 639-4WW2.

Tax deductible donations in honor of living or deceased members of the World War II generation may also be sent to: World War II Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 96766, Washington, D.C. 20090-6766.

### Foundation Undertakes Initiatives to Insure Relevance of Holocaust Studies in the Millennium

Will the memory of the Holocaust remain firmly etched in Jewish consciousness after its survivors have perished?

Insuring the preservation of the lessons and significance of that monstrous catastrophe has become a growing concern to Jewish Scholars, religious leaders and Jewish communal leadership.

Now a major international organization, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, has announced a series of programs and educational initiatives aimed at perpetuating awareness and knowledge of the Shoah in the new millennium.

Meeting in Italy for the first time since the Foundation's birth 35 years ago, its executive committee approved the following projects:

- Convening of a conference next year at which a wide spectrum of views concerning "Religious Faith After the Holocaust," will be presented by authorities in the field of Holocaust studies;

- Publication of an anthology of sources representing diverse theological religious perspectives on the subject;

- Creation of school syllabi and other educational materials regarding "Faith After the Holocaust" for the use in public schools, Hebrew school and Yeshiva day schools.

Outlining the Foundation's new initiatives, Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive vice president, said: "Holocaust curricula previously developed in the United States and Israel tended to focus on the past, rather than the future. They often failed to take into such significant changes as the passing of the generation of survivors; the increased polarization in Jewish

life; the rampant passing of the generation of survivors; the increased polarization in the Jewish life; rampant assimilation, and the growing cultural gap between Diaspora communities and Israel."

Noting that one of the Memorial Foundation's primary mandates since its inception has been to document and perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust, Hochbaum told the meeting in Florence, "The time has come to integrate the Holocaust into Jewish thought, philosophy and theology and establish its integration as a new priority for the foundation's work on the Shoah."

Dr. Steven T Katz, director of the Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University, echoed these sentiments. "The foundation will draw upon the most talented persons in our community, including scholars of Jewish thought and rabbinics," he said. The teaching materials that will be developed from these efforts "will seek to convey how the Shoah has been important in forging Jewish identity, Jewish continuity and the links between Israel and the Diaspora and balance the Holocaust's unique Jewish nature with its universal ethical lessons and meanings."

The three-day Memorial Foundation executive committee also served as a forum of Jewish leaders from six continents. Papers by Professor Eliezer Schweid of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Professor Gershon Greenberg of the American University of Washington, D.C. on "Faith after the Holocaust," which focused on the Jewish theological approaches and perspectives that emerged from and after the meeting.

### Pollard in Poor Health

Jonathan Pollard's health is deteriorating. He is serving a life sentence in a Butner, North Carolina prison for spying on behalf of Israel. He was taken last week to Duke University Medical Center for a CAT-Scan. Pollard continues to suffer from physical symptoms related to unbiopsied growths in his sinus cavities, and complains of nausea, dizziness, and blinding headaches.

In a recent interview with Artuz-7's Ron Meir, Pollard's wife Esther said that she was "disappointed and heartbroken that we have not had contact with the Barak government. We

are hoping that this is a forgivable lapse, but we are flying in the dark at this point—and that is not fair after 14 years of incarceration on behalf of the State of Israel."

She also confirmed Binyamin Netanyahu's claim that in the hours prior to the signing of the Wye Accord, President Clinton executed a "double-cross" when he suddenly backed down on his explicit commitment to free Pollard in exchange for Netanyahu's signature on the Wye Accord. "Mr. Netanyahu's account is 100 percent correct," she said. "We were able to verify it at the time, and not just from

the Israeli side, but from both sides of the table."

Meanwhile, Middle East News Line reported that Clinton "seems to have dismissed the effort of Prime Minister Ehud Barak" to win Pollard's release. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said that the president has commissioned a panel to examine the Pollard case, and that it is still deliberating. Lockhart said that the panel had collected information, but that "no final recommendation has been forwarded to the president, (nor do I) expect that recommendation to be forwarded in the near future." MENL also reported that Barak will not seek Pollard's release, but rather a commitment from Clinton to reduce Pollard's sentence—which the Justice for Jonathan Pollard organization explains is likely to mean public relations victories for Barak and Clinton and many more years in prison for Jonathan.

### Window Stickers for Veterans

Men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces can now proudly display their military service involvement with VetSignia Window Stickers.

The unique stickers are 2 inches by 4 inches, black on shiny silver metalized film, with an American flag background. Thirty-three different stickers are available; for WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Expeditionary, Peacetime; and services, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine.

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WWII Marine who handles requests for the stickers. "We were brainstorming about how we could help fellow veterans get recognition on more than just a few special holidays. The stickers let veterans say, 'I did it when it had to be done and I'm proud of it.'"

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## "A Celebration of Craftsmanship" at Old Sturbridge Village

At Old Sturbridge Village, history interpreter David Proulx crafts reproductions to early 19th-century standards, makes buckets watertight by fitting wood staves closely together, and has hewed beams for exacting historical reconstruction.

During "A Celebration of Craftsmanship" at the re-created village on July 31, he will "lock in" the shape of a flour barrel by firing it, and as a village cooper he takes pleasure in not knowing how long that will take.

"If I let it get too cold, it will crack. If I let it get too hot, it will burn. The moisture content of the wood and the weather will also be factors. A process like this doesn't work by the clock," said Proulx.

Proulx learned the coopering trade at the village, making wooden buckets and barrels in the cooper shop near Freeman Farm. A history interpreter at the village for more than 25 years, he now trains other coopers. Proulx and other Old Sturbridge Village staff also teach hands-on workshops in coopering, tinsmithing, blacksmithing, hearth cooking, and other early 19th-century crafts.

During "A Celebration of Craftsmanship" on July 31,

craftsmen and women throughout the village will demonstrate their most challenging skills. Proulx will fire a barrel from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and another from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Many other demonstrations are related to "Picture of Health," a new exhibit in the Old Sturbridge Village Visitor Center Galleries on Early American health care. Throughout the day, potters will be making chamber pots, blacksmiths will be making tools for shoeing horses, and tanners will be making nurse lamps. In the print shop, the printer will be using an Acorn Frame Press to make a dentist's broadside.

From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., village women will show visitors how to use a brick bake oven in the Freeman Farmhouse, how to use a tin baker in the Fitch House, and how to roast chicken on a string in front of a fire in the Bixby House.

Visitors ages 12 and older can try their hands at making a tin scone. Small group workshops, for a \$15 fee, will be held at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Other demonstrations include shoemaking, spinning or weaving, and dyeing wool using medicinal herbs. Families can "Meet the Oxen" at 1:15 p.m.



Coopers will fire a barrel as one of the highlights during "A Celebration of Craftsmanship," July 31, at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass. Old Sturbridge Village® photograph by Thomas Neill

and "Meet Tilly the Calf" at 3 p.m.

Old Sturbridge Village, in Sturbridge, Mass., is located off Route 20 near Exit 9 of the Massa-

chusetts Turnpike (I-90) and Exit 2 of I-84. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 31. Admission, which is valid for two consecutive days, is \$16 for adults,

\$15 for seniors, \$8 for youths (ages 6 to 15), and free for children under age 6. For information, call 1(800)SEE-1830 (TTY: 1(508)347-5383) or <www.osv.org>

## Avishai Cohen Brings His Jazz Sextet to the Odeum

With an international flair, Israeli-born bassist Avishai Cohen, a member of Chick Corea's band, brings his own sextet to the Greenwich Odeum, 59 Main St., East Greenwich. The group appears at 8 p.m. on Aug. 7.

"Bassist Avishai Cohen is one of the early arrivals in a generation of jazz players whose musical visions reach beyond the familiar American jazz arena," wrote Don Heckman in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Tickets are \$17 day of show, \$15 in advance and can be purchased at the Odeum box office 885-9119. Tickets are also available at two outlets on Main Street in East Greenwich, the Chamber of



Avishai Cohen

Commerce, 591 Main St., and Seribe Studio and Gallery, 26 Main St.

Born and raised in Jerusalem, Cohen was exposed to a variety of music in a household where art and music dominated, and was exposed to the bass when the family moved to St. Louis when he was 14. A few years later the family moved back to Israel.

In 1992 he moved to New York, playing with the likes of—Joshua Redman, Roy Hargrove, Leon Parker and Wynton Marsalis, before joining pianist Danilo Perez for two years. After completing his first recording,

"Adama," Cohen was invited to join Corea, with whom he has been playing since, and developing his own sextet.

## Israeli Bass Player Avishai Cohen



Known as Chick Corea's bass player, he is making a name for himself with his own sextet.

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Auditioners, who would like to be considered for a principal role, should prepare a musical selection. All others will be taught music from the show and will be auditioned in groups. Come dressed to move. All roles are open.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ACT Issues Free Admission Passes

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**Storybook Theatre Performances, audience-participation plays for ages 3 to 11.** "Alice in Wonderland," Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 a.m., Vartan Gregorian School Theatre, 455 Wickenden Street, Providence. Regular admission prices are: \$4 for children, \$6 for adults.

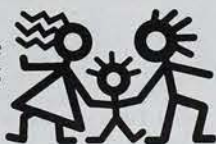
**Mainstage Series Performances, "Bunnica,"** — this musical story classic recommended for ages 6 and older,

Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. Regular admission prices are \$6 for children, \$8 for adults.

"Scapino!" — The former Broadway hit show filled with music, dance and vaudeville, recommended for ages 8 and older, Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. Regular admission prices are \$6 for children, \$8 for adults.

Storybook Theatre Creative Arts Theatre — the hands-on creative experience where participants create their own props to use during the performance, is not included under the library pass offer. CAT participants must register in advance for each session and the cost is \$1 per person.

Reservations, required for library pass use and Creative Arts Theatre and recommended for all performances, may be made by calling 331-7174 or by E-mail at: <ACTinRI@aol.com>. Group rates are also available.



## Brown Summer Theatre Concludes a Successful Season

Star of the 1997 Humana Festival of New Plays in Louisville, Ky., "Private Eyes," by Steven Dietz is a comedy of suspicion, where nothing is quite what it seems. Is Matthew's wife having an affair with her director, or is it all part of the play? Or is Matthew making the whole thing up for his therapist? And who is the mysterious woman who keeps following everyone?

Dietz was last at the Actors' Theatre of Louisville in 1989 as director of his award-winning play, "God's Country," which has been widely produced across the United States as well as in Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa.

"Private Eyes," directed by Brown alumnus John Warren, has enlisted a cast comprised of Ennalls Berl, Algernon D'Amassa, Susan Deily-

Swearingen, Jill Blythe Riemer, and Ben Steinfeld to tell this tale of a play within a play within a play.

Performances days are Tuesday through Saturday. All performances are at 8 p.m. in Leeds Theatre. Tickets are available at the Leeds Theatre Box Office. Box office hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 3 to 9 p.m.; the box office is closed on Sunday and Monday. Tickets prices are \$14, regular admission, \$10 senior citizens (65 & over), Brown employees, and students with a valid ID. Tickets may also be purchased by phone with VISA/MasterCard. Leeds Theatre Box Office is located at 77 Waterman St., Providence, in the Catherine Bryan Dill Center for the Performing Arts. Box office phone: 863-2838.

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Proceeds from the Best of Rhode Island Party benefit the Rhode Island Chapter of the March of Dimes. Tickets to the Best of Rhode Island Party are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door [group discounts are also available]. Tickets are limited, so get yours early by visiting any BankRI branch or by calling 781-1611. VIP reception tickets are \$100 each (including admission to the party and complementary parking), and will only be sold in advance.

## 'The Most Happy Fella' at Mill River Dinner Theatre

The Mill River Dinner Theatre presents "The Most Happy Fella" on July 22 through Aug. 8, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. Sunday matinee at 1 p.m.

Frank Loesser's "The Most Happy Fella" uses soaring melody and popular song classics to sing the story of a middle-aged grape grower, Tony, who falls in love with a young waitress, to whom he has never spoken.

Cost of dinner and show is \$25. Reservation required, 721-0909. Mill River Dinner Theater is located at 499 High St., Central Falls, R.I.



Front row, left to right: Melanie Amaral and Cap Rego. Second row, left to right: Paula Rego, Laurence Cagle, Angela Nash-Wade, Ron Shemick, and Dr. Bruce Hookway.

Photo courtesy of Mill River Dinner Theatre

## Katz Band Will Rock Downtown

"Imagine what the blues would sound like if the Mississippi River flowed through New York City..." Get Ready for some good, old-fashioned rhythm and blues when the Bruce Katz band comes to town on July 27 at noon. The show is part of the Providence Washington Lunchtime Concert Series and will take place in Providence Washington Plaza on South Main Street. The boogie-woogie sounds of the Bruce Katz Band will have audiences of all ages on their feet dancing to the beat.

Led by the renowned pianist and Hammond B-3 organist, Bruce Katz, the Bruce Katz Band plays original blues that is both traditional and adventurous, one that incorporates New Orleans rhythm and blues, gospel-influenced roots music, boogie-woogie and the deep soul of blues into a startling, fresh musical gumbo. The group is lead by New England premier pianist and organist, Bruce Katz, formally of Ronnie Earle and the Broadcasters. Rounding out the band is drummer Ralph Rosen, guitarist Julien Kasper, acoustic bassist Mark Poniatowski, and saxophonist Tom Hall. With the release of their latest CD, "Mississippi Moan," the band has received rave reviews and has broken into the top 20 national Radio Blues Charts.

## Rhode Island Metropolitan Championships

The 35th annual RI Metropolitan Tennis Championships will be held July 28 through Aug. 1 at the Todd Morsilli Tennis Center in Roger Williams Park, Providence.

The 'A' event is sanctioned by the USTA and the RI Tennis Organization and is run by the organization. Players may enter the MET A in men's singles and/or

doubles; men's B in singles and/or doubles; mixed doubles and men's and women's C singles play.

Players may choose any level of competition, but as a guideline, the B division usually fields 4.0 and 4.5 rated players, while C is usually for 3.0 to 3.5 rated players.

Mayor Vincent Cianci of Providence will present his Mayor's Trophy to the men's A winner after the final.

The men's A winner will receive \$400 and the runner up, \$200.

MVP SPORTS of Warwick and Attleboro will supply free T-shirts to each entrant.

Deadline for singles entries is 6:00 p.m., July 26. To enter division, please contact Dick Ernst at 785-0532.

To enter the B or C divisions, call Anthony Bugge at 823-7475.



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If you don't want to swim but would like to support Save the Bay, volunteer your time for the event or sponsor a swimmer! Swimmers must collect a minimum of \$175 in sponsorships to be eligible and will win great prizes for their efforts, based on how much they raise. All event proceeds go toward Save the Bay's clean water advocacy programs.

For more information, please call Mary Heath at 841-5970.

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## RI International Film Festival Announces 'KidsEye'

How do young people see the world? How is that different from what adults perceive?

When filmmaker Stephen Spielberg gave his own children camcorders to document their lives, he opened up to them a new opportunity to communicate with others about how they saw their world. He also presented an opportunity for their parents, and adults in general, to cut through a lifetime of conditioning and see the freshness of the world through a child's eye.

With that thinking in mind, the Flickers Arts Collaborative, producers of the upcoming Providence/Rhode Island International Film Festival has created a program to encourage young filmmakers in the region to exhibit their work. Simply called "KidsEye™" the program is designed to allow kids from 8 to 15 to tell their stories, share their world, and use the language that has developed from moving still images to speak for them.

Flickers is announcing an open call for entries for young people in the Southern New England area, with a deadline of Aug. 2. To encourage participation, the entry fee for 1999 has been waived. Applications can be obtained online at the film festival website: <www.film-festival.org> or by calling 861-4445.

Organizers are working in collaboration with the New England Institute of Technology, Providence CityArts for Youth Program, and Hasbro Children's Hospital. During the course of this year's film festival (Aug. 11 through 15), a special workshop will be held in downtown Providence with Flickers' staff and visiting guest directors. The "KidsEye™" shoot will take place behind the scenes while noted director Robert Downey Sr., father of actor Robert Downey Jr., takes charge of a master class on production called "Filmmaking with the Pros." Participants will see how a professional production is undertaken and have an opportunity to create a mini-documentary of the shoot.



At the close of the festival, a first round of screenings from films submitted during this year's "KidsEye™" will take place at a prime location in downtown Providence on Aug. 15. The afternoon affair will feature large screen projections of the "KidsEye™" entries. Finalists will be chosen among top award-winners selected. There will be an Audience Best of Fest and theme-oriented prizes. A celebrity host will present the videos and a special film industry celebrity will be on hand to award prizes.

## The 4th Annual Jazz and Blues Concert at the Pier

A free outdoor concert of jazz and blues at the historic towers, Narragansett Pier will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 featuring:

**Groove Dog** — An all-state high school jazz ensemble from S. Kingstown, Cranston East, Barrington, Mt. St. Charles and Woonsocket High School.

**The Shawn Montiero Quartet** — Internationally known R.I. native will sing her versions of great Jazz standards and originals with the Kent Hewitt Trio.

**The Dan Moretti Group** — On the heels of Dan's new national release, "That's Right" which is receiving great reviews throughout the country, the five-piece group will perform energy-filled jazz, funk, and Latin-jazz.

**Dave Howard and The High Rollers** — Down-and-dirty blues from the winner of the *Phoenix* readers poll, Howard has brought many a house to its knees.

The rain date is Aug. 9, a R.I. holiday. For more information, please reply to GinnyShea@aol.com or call 944-2053.

**If there is event you would like featured on our Arts & Entertainment pages, please send it to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940 or fax to 726-5820.**

## Get Ready to Jump, Jive and Wail with the Jump Crew



Mickey Bones & Jump Crew from Boston, Mass., will rock your socks off on Aug. 3 from 12 to 2 p.m. in Providence Washington Plaza.

Step up all you dancin' cats to Boston's hippest swing combo, Jump Crew. House swing band for the past five years at Somerville's famed Johnny D's, these guys were swingin' hard before everyone else was and can boast more than 900 swing dances under their belts.

The quartet is led by singer-drummer extraordinaire Mickey Bones and features Barry Fleischer on tenor and baritone sax, Mike Dibari on guitar and vocals and Timo Shanko on upright bass. Jump Crew cranks out high energy dance sounds that run from classic rock 'n' roll to jump jivin' swing.

Take a stroll down to Providence Washington Plaza, enjoy lunch and the hot sound of Jump Crew. For more information, go to <www.caparts.org>

## Golf for a Good Cause

*Ryder Cup Tickets and a BMW!*

Providence Children's Museum invites all golfers to hit the fairways at Agawam Hunt Club on Aug. 10 for the 16th annual Allen H. Chatterton, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament.

In addition to a fun-filled day of friendly competition and fabulous food and beverages, the event offers chances to win spectacular raffle and silent auction prizes that include a pair of tickets to the Ryder Cup held at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., in September. Plus, in conjunction with Inskip Autocenter, a one-year lease on a brand-new BMW will be the tournament hole-in-one prize.

A shotgun start at 1 p.m. will begin an afternoon of challenging golf at this premiere golf course. The tournament format will be "best ball" of the foursome and will include prizes for longest drive (men's and women's), "closest to the pin" and "double or nothing" betting followed by a 6 p.m. social hour, a bountiful buffet and awards ceremony.



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## Bruce Kalver Magic Show at the Barrington Public Library

"Magic that Bugs You!" will be presented by Bruce Kalver at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, on Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. His show is a part of the 1999 Summer Reading Club "Don't Bug Me — I'm Reading!"

Only veteran magical entertainer Kalver can come up with a magic show that uses insects! A magician for more than 30 years, Kalver involves the audience in colorful, visual illusions and comedy that will thoroughly entertain. Don't miss a special appearance by Kalver's trained fleas performing an incredible feat of magic.

For children ages 5 and up, the program lasts 45 minutes. Call the library at 247-1920 ext. 4 for information.

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# OBITUARIES

## LEE AIKEN

**PEMBROKE PARK, FLA.** — Lee Aiken, 97, of Pembroke Park, Fla., died July 16 at Vencor Hospital, Hollywood Fla. She was the wife of the late Max Aiken.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Rose (Egolnick) Wolfman, she had lived in Providence most of her life, before moving to Florida several years ago.

She leaves two sons, Herbert and Alan Aiken; two sisters, Seddy Elis and Ann Kash; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four great great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral was held July 18 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## OSCAR Z. DASHEF

**LINCOLN** — Dr. Oscar Dashef, 86, of Kirkbrae Glen, Old River Road, a Woonsocket area pediatrician for 40 years until he retired, died July 18th at home. He was the husband of Selma (Flaschner) Dashef. They were married 61 years.

Born in Boston, he was a son of the late Samuel and Tillie (Lasovick) Dashef.

Dashef opened his private practice in 1946 and was the first board-certified pediatrician in the Woonsocket area. He was chief of the department of pediatrics at Woonsocket Hospital from 1951 to 1967 and was president of the hospital staff from 1967 to 1968. He was president

of the Woonsocket Medical Society from 1969 to 1971 and served as a chairman of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics from 1966 to 1971. He was appointed to two terms of the Rhode Island Board of Medical Examiners from 1969 to 1976 by Governors Chafee and Licht.

He served on the boards of the northern Rhode Island Mental Health Association and the ROAD Counseling Services for treatment of drug addictions.

He received the Man of the Year award in 1964 from the Kiwanis Club for setting up clinics in northern Rhode Island to control poliomyelitis through immunizing 95 percent of the population with the Salk or Sabin vaccine. When he retired Dashef was honored by the Family and Child service organization for his pediatric contributions.

He graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Boston University 1934 and from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1937. He served a rotating internship at Brockton Hospital, did pediatric training at Boston City Hospital and advanced training in infectious disease at Willard Parker Hospital in New York and in pediatric neurology at Presbyterian Hospital of Columbia University. Dashef became a diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics in 1946 and was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics in the same year.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served with the rank of major in the 26th American

Division in the South Pacific, where he was a commanding officer in charge of medical personnel and field hospital operations of his division during the battles of Guadalcanal, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands. He was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944 for his studies of malaria, nutritional problems and psychiatric problems affecting troops in the South Pacific. After he retired he participated in student-run seminars at the Brown Learning Community and participated in Elder Hostel programs in Israel, Brazil, Alaska, New Zealand and Australia.

He received the B'nai B'rith Greater Woonsocket Man of the Year award in 1987 for his medical and Jewish community contributions. Dashef served Congregation B'nai Israel as chairman of the Jewish Adult Education Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors. He chose to have a second bar mitzvah ceremony at age 83 where he read from the Torah at Congregation B'nai Israel.

Besides his wife, he leaves his son, Dr. Stephen S. Dashef of Northampton, Mass.; a daughter, Jane Dashef Weinstock of Newton Mass.; and five grandchildren.

A funeral was held July 20 in Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery, Mendon Road, Woonsocket.

Arrangements were under Chevra Kaddisha and the Holt Funeral Home, 510 So. Main St., Woonsocket, RI.

## SHELBY GERALD LUBER

**CALIFORNIA** — Shelby Gerald Luber, 83, formerly of Providence, R.I., died on July 10.

Born in Washington, D.C., he was a salesman and singer.

He is survived by his former wife, Miriam (Sheinberg) Luber; two sons, Arnold and Bruce; two daughters, Paula and Abbie Joy; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Eternal Home Cemetery on July 12.

Donations in his memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

## EVELYN MELLION

**CRANSTON** — Evelyn Mellion, 81 of 189 Park Row West, owner and operator of a former scrap metal business, Harry Goldberg Co., retiring in 1969, died July 14 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center. She was the wife of the late Jack Mellion.

Born in Pawtucket, a daughter of the late Harry and Ida (Goldstein) Goldberg, she lived in Pawtucket for most of her life, moving to Providence four months ago.

She attended Bryant College. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, the Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Association, Hadasah, Miriam Hospital, the Jewish Family Service, and a life member of Brandeis Women's Association. She was a member of Metacommet Country Club for 40 years.

She leaves two sons, Dr. Douglas Mellion of Cranston and Robert M. Mellion of South

Burlington, Vt.; two daughters; Enid Koffler of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and Sybil R. Mellion of Paris, France; three sisters, Anne Goldfine of North Providence, Gertrude Hak of Pawtucket, and Myrtle Silverman of Beachwood, Ohio; and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late William Goldberg.

The funeral service was held July 16 at Temple Emanu-El, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

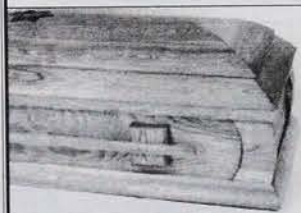
## NELLIE MOSEFF

**CRANSTON** — Nellie (Levine) Moseff, 90, died July 16 at the Scalabrini Villa in North Kingstown, R.I. She was a resident of Cranston since 1971 and formerly of Providence. For 27 years, she was co-owner of the former Dixie Cleaners of Providence. For 15 years she worked as a seamstress at Hudson Services of Providence until her retirement in 1974. Affiliated with Temple Torat Yisrael of Cranston for many years, she was also a member of Ladies Auxiliary of United Commercial Travelers and the Majestic Seniors Guild. A well-known line dance teacher, she was the treasurer and tour coordinator of the Arlington Manor Tenants Association.

Daughter of the late Morris and Minnie (Tolchinsky) Levine, she is survived by her children Lois Antio and Barbara (and Richard) Moitoza; her brothers Hyman, Samuel, Abraham and

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## Jewish Resistance

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during the German occupation, whose mission was to aid and rescue that nation's Jews. During the spring of 1943, the CDJ conceived of a heroic plan to stop a deportation train carrying 1,500 Jews to Auschwitz. Livchitz, along with his brother Alexander, and his comrades Robert Maistriau and Jean Franklemon, stopped the train, forced open several doors enabling about 650 Jews to escape. Sadly, about half were eventually caught by the Nazis. After several weeks, both Georges and his brother were captured, and both were executed at the Breendonck concentration camp in February 1944. Livchitz was 27 years old.

One of the most dramatic moments of the evening was the presence of a most remarkable man. Emerging from one of the front rows in the auditorium to accept the award on behalf of Georges Livchitz was his comrade Robert Maistriau. He limped slowly toward the stage, looking more like an Ivy

League professor than a former resistance fighter, wearing a European Community necktie, a blue blazer and khaki trousers. His acceptance speech, in French, told details of that remarkable rescue operation. The train's engineer was held at bay with a pistol while the doors to the cars were pried open. Prisoners ran for cover, fired upon by Nazi guards taken by surprise; and Maistriau told sad, sad stories of prisoners in the cars who did not believe that they were being transported to a death camp and wouldn't attempt escape. Maistriau's presence was itself a miracle, contradicting every known law of probability that anyone could survive such a heroic mission as he did, and 56 years later come to the Holocaust Memorial Museum to tell the story.

*The author is grateful to Andy Hollinger, assistant director of Media Relations, The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., for providing material for this article.*

## Obituaries

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Matthew Levine and grandchildren G. Marc and David Antio.

Funeral services were held July 18 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Burial was in the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Temple Torat Yisrael, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02905 or The Scalabrini Villa, 860 N. Quiddnesset Road, N. Kingtown, R.I. 02852.

## Sea Scrolls

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than any prior portrait and perusal. She comes across less as a bigot and traitor and more as a person of pathos and even pity.

Sometimes in this season the setting changes the flavor of everything. They may get the text from a city branch, but you read it with sand and salt and mark your place with a mint leaf. When I drive to town, the familiar streets have taken on a foreign tone. Roger Williams landed near my office and wandered past my dwelling place. But he was down here among the plantations by the Atlantic surf as well. Do your own thing, but don't get in the way. Live and let live. Hillel wouldn't put it much differently.

## Library

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Jewish Federation of Sacramento. "People felt very vulnerable and threatened. No one could believe this had happened in the state capital, it just reverberated throughout the city and across the country."

Sadly, B'Nai Israel's library was gutted in the attack. 5,000 books, a \$12,500 Jewish Heritage Collection of movies and documentaries with Jewish themes and characters, and numerous out-of-print videos of Holocaust survivors were destroyed, Mikalson said.

"The whole thing burned," said Fred Isaac, a consultant to Mikalson and a librarian at Temple Sinai in Oakland, Calif. "Her computer is gone, her records are gone, and so are the books on the shelves. As far as I am aware, there were no significant libraries in the other synagogues, although there were probably books."

Rossner was attending an Association of Jewish Libraries conference in Boca Raton, Fla., when Mikalson called AJL President David Gilner at the conference.

"She called at 5 a.m. her time," said Rossner. "She said everything was gone, even her catalogue records, because she had been in the process of changing them over."

## What Might

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We hope that Prime Minister Barak's peace initiative will bear fruit and produce the secure peace for which we all pray. We hope, too, that once peace is achieved, Barak will return to his original demand that religious and secular Jews share equally in the burdens of Israeli citizenship. Only in this way will peace among states lead to peace among Jews; only in this way will Torah someday become the precious possession of all the residents of Zion.

The fire was the first thing the librarians discussed at their next meeting, said Rossner.

"We wanted to know how we could be of help," she said. "We took up a collection and made over \$1,000."

Someone in the organization will coordinate a duplicate book collection and will send them to her." According to Rossner, it is very difficult to replace a library because at present books go out of print very quickly.

"Poshi put up a note on our list serve, and from that note I learned that B'Nai Israel had had the same Jewish Heritage Video Collection and the same catalogue system, and I volunteered to share the database with her," Rossner said. "I suspect she'll take up the offer when she's ready."

Several Jewish libraries have gone to her library to help her make a plan, said Rossner. "Librarians help one another," said Rossner. "This group of people is the most helpful, forthcoming group you could ever work with."

According to Kahrl the entire Sacramento community has rallied in support of the synagogues. "We had 4,800 at a very moving interracial service on June 21," she said. "There were 150 clergy members of all different faiths and denominations on the stage, and Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, attended as well. The Unity Fund, which was set up to help restore the synagogues, already has more than \$300,000 in it. This is a very diverse community, and there was an outcry." Brothers Benjamin Matthew Williams and James Tyler Williams are being investigated in connection with the synagogue fires and the slaying of two gay men.

As reported by the *Los Angeles Times*, the brothers may have been influenced by a group called Christian Identity, a fringe faith that considers Jews and people of color subhuman and which regards homosexuality and abortion as sinful.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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Thursday, September 2, 1999

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### Standing Proud

Jacob Stark in goal for the Day Camp at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

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### Permit Sought for E. Greenwich Restaurant

Aud-War Realty, Inc., is seeking permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to authorize all existing structures, including wooden decks and pile-secured floats, and to establish a marina perimeter limit at its restaurant in East Greenwich, RI. Under the reconfiguration plan the number of transient vessels that can raft at the facility would be reduced from 44 to 28 and new structures would include a 9 x 25 foot wooden deck, two 4 x 16 foot floats, and an 8 x 25 foot float. An existing main line of floats would be extended by 8 feet and an existing 8 x 32 foot float would be relocated.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the engineers in compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 which provides for federal regulation of any work in, under or over the navigable waters of the United States.

To assist in evaluating the proposed work, the Engineers are soliciting public comments. Written statements should be forwarded to their office no later than Aug. 21. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Michael Elliott at the New England District, US Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

### Volunteer Center of RI Brings Grantsmanship Training to RI

The Volunteer Center of Rhode Island will host the Grantsmanship Center's world-famous Grantsmanship Training Program at the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education/URI in Providence, Rhode Island, from Aug. 2 through Aug. 6. Staff, volunteers and board members from nonprofit organizations and others interested in the grant seeking process are invited to attend.

This intense and comprehensive five-day workshop, conducted by The Grantsmanship Center provides both novice and experienced grant seekers with an opportunity to develop and polish the skills they need to compete for limited resources in a changing environment. The training will combine personalized instruction with practical exercises and will take the participants step-by-step through all the stages of writing a grant proposal. In addition, TGCI will provide free follow-up support, including proposal review and critiques and access to TGCI's on-line services, to all graduates of the workshop.

The cost of the five-day workshop is \$595. To insure personal attention, registration is limited to 25 participants. Meeting space has been graciously donated by URI.

For more information, call the Volunteer Center of Rhode Island at 421-6547, or call Joan Sullivan at TGCI at (800) 421-9512.

### Providence High School Students Can Earn Scholarship Money to Study Abroad

The American Institute for Foreign Study is pleased to offer Providence area high school students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study/travel abroad and earn scholarship dollars toward their trip by hosting an Academic Year in America high school exchange student arriving this August.

AYA is sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. This nonprofit foundation promotes intercultural exchange by sponsoring high school exchange students from around the world to live with American families and study at local high schools for five or 10 months. Families who host an AYA exchange student with good English skills and motivation can learn about the coun-

try, its customs, culture and language. Most importantly, if the American student decides to study/travel abroad, the family and student will have made a special friend in the country before he/she even begins his/her adventure.

Providence families can earn up to \$1,000 toward exciting study abroad programs in France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, or earn up

to \$500 on summer or winter travel/study programs to Austria, Brazil, Chile, France, Spain or Germany by hosting an AYA student this August.

If interested in studying/traveling abroad and/or know of someone who would, call Andrea at (800) 322-4678, ext. 6078.



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Submissions to

Attn.: Kim Orlandi  
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### Celebrating Summer

Ninety seniors from the Jewish Community Center of RI enjoyed a day recently at Colt State Park. The day included a delicious chicken barbecue catered by Izzy's Kosher Catering, bingo, raffles, dancing and entertainment. The picnic was in conjunction with the Providence Mealsites' annual outing. In addition to the JCCRI nearly 700 senior from across the city made it a special event. For information on the JCCRI's senior adult programs, including trips, meals, bridge club and more, contact Sue Robbio at 861-8800.

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