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Hasbro Family Donates \$1.5 Million to URI

Gift is largest ever to
URI's College of Business
Administration

The Hasbro Inc. family and company executive Alfred J. "Al" Verrecchia last week contributed \$1.5 million to the University of Rhode Island's capital campaign to benefit the university's College of Business Administration. Hasbro chairman and CEO Alan Hassenfeld announced the donation at a news conference in the company's Pawtucket headquarters. "This gift will help the university continue its leadership positions among schools of business and compete more aggressively for the best students, faculty and resources," said Hassenfeld.

The gift, the second largest single donation to the university and the largest in the business college's history, will establish the first endowed chair in the college and give a major boost to the newly announced \$12 million campaign to transform the College of Business' current home in Ballentine Hall.

Of the total gift amount, \$1 million will establish the Alfred

J. Verrecchia-Hasbro Inc. Leadership Chair in Business, and the remaining \$500,000 will be applied to the building fund.

Verrecchia, president of global operations for Hasbro, the second-largest toy maker in the world with more than \$3 billion in annual sales, is making a \$250,000 donation as part of the \$1.5 million total.

"This gift from the Hasbro family and Al Verrecchia reinforces their faith in the university and our College of Business Administration to serve our students and the state of Rhode Island as a whole," said URI President Robert L. Carothers.

"This gift will help us address critical needs as the College of Business Administration prepares for the next millennium."

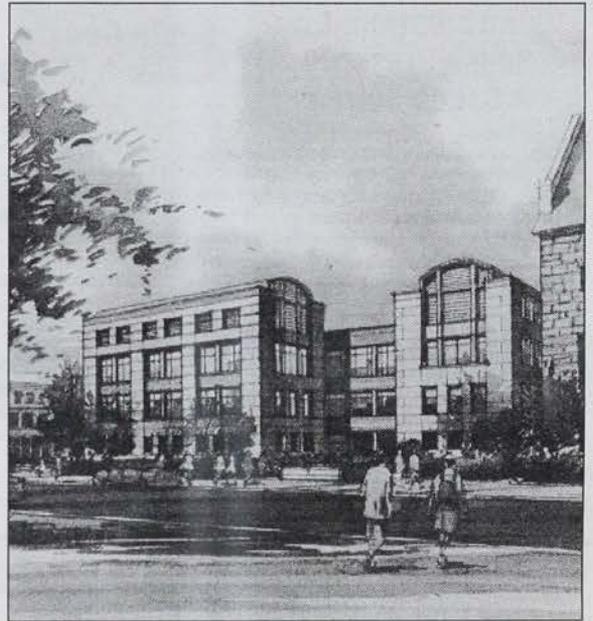
In discussing his commitment to URI and the College of Business Administration, Verrecchia recounted warm memories of URI faculty who helped him get a start and his early days at Hasbro. He remembered gifted classmates who went on to outstanding careers. Through a faculty member, he landed a job at Hasbro two years before he graduated in 1967. He

worked on the books, but was also no stranger to the factory floor. "I would go into the classroom and talk about real problems with the faculty," Verrecchia said. "My Hasbro experience certainly made my education more enriching."

He wants to see today's young people get the same chances. "By far the most important thing we can do as a society is educate our population. If we educate our young people, they'll not only be in a better position to get good jobs, but be in a position to create new businesses and create new jobs," Verrecchia said.

The \$1 million gift to establish the leadership chair will provide funding to enhance the position of dean in the College of Business Administration with both a salary supplement and discretionary resources, which could fund new programs, faculty development and outreach to businesses in the state. The goal is to attract an individual of national stature in university-level business education so that the university can continue its leadership position among schools of

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ARCHITECT'S RENDERING of transformed Ballentine Hall on URI Kingston campus. Photo courtesy of URI

Reeling From Shock and Anger, Israelis Ask: 'When Will This End?'

by Michael S. Arnold

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Dan Vered had planned a nice Thursday evening in downtown Jerusalem: a meal at his favorite restaurant one block from Ben Yehuda Street, a cigar from a nearby tobacconist and then a stroll up and down the pedestrian mall that is the heart of the city's commercial area.

Vered's evening did not turn out as pleasantly as he had planned.

A trio of suicide bombers, standing roughly 11 yards apart in the shape of a triangle, had turned "the salon of Jerusalem" into a scene of carnage and destruction.

As the casualty toll reached at least seven dead, including the suspected bombers — and more than 180 injured — residents, shopkeepers and spectators on the scene tried to make sense of the bombing as they watched police and burial-society workers clean glass, charred flesh and bits of merchandise from the street.

Teen-age girls sat on doorsteps, crying and consoling one another. A group of Orthodox Jews stepped off a bus near downtown and began praying.

Stunned civilians talked aimlessly, hands pressed to their chests. And shopkeepers on the streets adjacent to Ben Yehuda

engaged in heated arguments about the political process.

"If the Israeli powers don't go inside to the territories, there will be no peace in this country," said Efi Hasut, standing in the doorway of his Charisma hair salon 30 feet from the site of the bombing.

"If they don't kick Arafat out of the country it will be a disaster for this generation and the next generation."

Outside Hasut's shop, nervous spectators strained from behind police barricades to catch a glimpse of Ben Yehuda Street, which was littered with overturned cafe tables and chairs, broken glass and random pieces of clothing.

Workers from the Chevra Kadisha, the religious burial society, picked remains of human flesh from sewer grates, iron grills and tree branches.

Police gingerly cut a green shirt from the torso of one of the alleged suicide bombers, pulling back an orange sheet to reveal the man's black curly hair and a face half blown away by the powerful bomb.

Policemen occasionally stopped to pick up 2-inch nails, packed inside the bombs, from the sidewalk.

"Who did we make peace with? With garbage, with the

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National Boy Scout Jamboree Creates Jewish Experience to be Remembered

Providence Native
Leads Workshop for
Hundreds of Scouts

Jewish troops who attended the 16th National Boy Scouts Jamboree this year did not have to choose between going to church on Sunday or twiddling their thumbs. Instead, they flocked to a workshop on Jew-

ish tradition, sponsored by Tzivos Hashem and guided by a Providence, R.I., native, Yossi Laufer.

Surrounded by mounted heads of elk, buffalo, and mountain goats, the Scouts learned of the significance of the shofar in Jewish life. They then sawed, drilled, sanded, and shellacked their own rams' horns to trans-

form them into shofars. The Scouts also studied a replica of the menorah that stood in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Afterwards, they crafted their own menorahs out of wood.

Throughout the activity, chaplains and Scouts helped the Scouts don tefillin, a first-time experience for many of them. "This is great!" enthused Life Scout Marc Rogol, 15, of E. Brunswick, N.J. "This is the biggest gathering of Jewish Scouts I've ever seen!" Josh Bendel, 14, of Melbourne, Australia, echoed these sentiments and said he was having a wonderful time.

Rabbi Piny Gniwisch of Montreal and Zev Wineberg of Kansas City were dispatched by Tzivos Hashem to work together with the National Jewish Committee on Scouting in catering to the religious needs of the 1200 Jewish Scouts attending the 11-day national extravaganza. Five more Tzivos Hashem leaders arrived to lend a hand on the weekend including Yossi Laufer. "The Jewish presence at the Jamboree is larger than ever

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Yossi Laufer with leaders of Rhode Island's Troop 114.

Photo courtesy of Tzivos Hashem

HAPPENINGS

Pioneer Women/NA'AMAT Hosts Opening Meeting

Dvora Dayan Club of NA'AMAT/USA will meet on Sept. 15 at 7:45 p.m. at Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence.

Programs and meetings for the coming year will be outlined and suggestions from our group will be encouraged. Committee reports will be presented to bring membership up-to-date on happenings.

International House Presents A Czech Soirée

International House of Rhode Island, Providence, will present a "Czech Soirée," on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. The evening will feature a dinner of beef soup with little dumplings, smoked meat, goulash, baked mushrooms, potato dumplings, potato pancakes, Czech cakes, and more prepared by International House member Dr. Yitka Persinova. The meal will be followed by a slide presentation on Prague by Barbara Persinova.

Seating is limited to 40 people and reservations will be accepted on a first-paid basis by Sept. 29. The fee for the event is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, and \$10 for students. For further information, call 421-7181.

The program for the evening will be guest speaker Dr. Blossom Kirschenbaum from Brown University Department of Comparative Literature. She will discuss the novel *How Arturo Cohen Became A Murderer and a Jew*, by Rosetta Loy (a novel written in Italian — not yet translated into English).

Members and friends are invited to the meeting for a pleasant evening and refreshments.

South County Hadassah Meets

The South County Chapter of the Rhode Island Group of Hadassah will hold a meeting on Sept. 17 at 7:15 p.m. at a private home in Kingston. A screening of the documentary "Visionaries" is planned. This award-winning series, produced for PBS, focuses on individuals and organizations around the world devoted to helping others.

Hadassah was the first Jewish organization featured in this series and was chosen from more than 2,000 organizations to be spotlighted.

All are welcome. For further information and/or to reserve a place, call Rose at 783-4018.

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Calendar: September 11 thru 20

- 11 **Gerda Klein**, "Her Story," author, historian and Nazi concentration camp survivor speaks at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, New Bedford, Mass., at 7:45 p.m. Call the Jewish Federation of New Bedford at (508) 997-7471.
The Krause Gallery at Moses Brown School, Providence, exhibit of paintings by local artist Frank Gasbarro, Sept. 11 to 25. Free and open to public. Opening reception (Sept. 11) from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 831-7350, ext. 112.
- 12 **Wickford Art Association Exhibit**, Sept. 12 to 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Member oil-based show and sale, Wickford. Call 294-6840.
- 13 **French Farmers Market and Heritage Day**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music and dancing from Quebec, arts and crafts, pie contest and more; River Island, Woonsocket. Call 769-9846.
Celebration and Journey by Riva Leviten. "All That Matters," Sept. 13 to Nov. 15 in Wakefield. For further information, call 782-2126.
- 14 **Temple Shalom**, Middletown, hosts open house, 10 a.m. to noon. Call Rabbi Jagolinzer at 846-9002.
Apple Social, 1 to 4 p.m. Variety of homemade apple desserts served at a 17th-century farmhouse. Tours available, Smithfield. Call 231-7363.
Annual History Day, 1 p.m. Lecture on history of transportation in South County at South County Museum, Narragansett. Call 783-5400.
Temple Torat Yisrael open house, 9 a.m. to noon; first day of Sunday School. Call 785-1800.
Historic Walking Tour, 1:30 to 3:30 (3 walks). An interpretive walk discovering the farms and factories heritage of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Lincoln. Call 762-0440.
- Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Open House**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Providence. Features Jewish Heritage Video Collection, kick-off brunch, new courtyard opening, art gallery, games and more. Call 861-8800 for complete schedule.
Temple Emanu-El Open House, 10 a.m. to noon. Call 331-1616 for information.
- 15 **UMass Dartmouth Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture** presents "Reflections by Ten Portuguese Photographers" in University Art Gallery, Sept. 15 to Oct. 11. For information, call (508) 999-9270 or (508) 999-8555.
- 16 **Art Spiegelman** speaks at the Rhode Island School of Design at 8 p.m. on *Comix 101*. The author is best known for *Maus I and II*, the story of his father's survival of Auschwitz. Call 454-6604 for tickets.
Cranston Historical Society Meeting, 1351 Cranston St. Guest speaker, William McKenzie, "What's Historical and Why Should We Care?" Brief business meeting will precede at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call 944-9226.
Basic Hebrew class at Congregation Ohave Sholam, Pawtucket. Classes will be led by Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner on Tuesday nights, 8 to 9 p.m. All are welcome. Call 722-3146 or 725-3886.
- 17 "Arabs and Jews as Seen Through the Eyes of Each Other," Ida and Morris A. Freedman lecture, 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth El Schneierson Vestry, 385 High St., Fall River. Call (508) 674-3529.
- 18 **The Social Seniors** of Warwick trip to Foxwoods. Contact Sally Goldman.
Israeli Brigadier General Baruch Spiegel examines Mid-East peace prospects at noon at Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence. Admission is free and public is welcome. Call 863-2476.
- 20 **20th Annual Heritage Day Festival**, noon to 6 p.m. Traditional music and dance performances, ethnic food and craft demonstrations, State House lawn, Providence. Call 277-2669.
Harvest Fair and Crafts Festival, Sept. 20 and 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Old-fashioned family fair with music, magic, hay bale toss, pony rides, crafts and more. Coggeshall Farm Museum, Colt State Park, Bristol. Call 253-9062.
Celebrity Auction to Benefit Hamilton House Community Center for Seniors, 276 Angell St., Providence. Silent auction begins at 2 p.m. Call 831-1800.

Eden Garden Club Welcomes Fall Season

Members of the Eden Garden Club will welcome the fall season by participating in the next club meeting which will be held on Sept. 18 at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard St. in Providence at 1 p.m.

The meeting is planned as a "hands-on" program. Member participation will help to make this meeting an enormous success. Each participating member will be allocated one-third of a

round table to arrange a table setting of her/his own choice.

Since this is an Eden Garden Club meeting, a centerpiece is a required element of the arrangement. Other than that one requirement, members can do whatever they wish — informal, formal, or anything in between — to create a beautiful place setting. Member participation will make the meeting both fun and educational.

Members can decide the theme for their place setting at any time. The club needs to know the number of people participating so that everyone will be accommodated.

The chairwoman for the meeting is Gertrude Gordon and the hostesses are Anita Stein and Shirley Schreiber.

Members must reserve their section of a table by calling Bertha Goldberg at 942-4488.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Day That I Got Married

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

Despite more than 10 months of planning and countless words of advice, nothing really prepared me for my wedding day.

When August 16, 1997 finally arrived, I awoke in my childhood bedroom thinking about my fiancé, Steven Shalansky, and an endlessly repeated warning from the bridal magazines.

"Make sure you eat at least something," article after article had needlessly admonished me. "It's going to be a long day."

The clock said 10:30 a.m., and when I heard the Weather Channel blaring, anxiety washed over me again. I headed down to the kitchen.

Mom and Dad were waiting there. They looked at me the way that they had right before I left for sleep-away camp or went off to take a final exam — I realized it was about to happen.

"Good morning," Mom said. "There's cream cheese and lox. And there's fresh tomato."

She was standing very straight at the kitchen counter, looking out the window. Since my engagement, she had worked endlessly on the wedding, which was to take place in Newport on the lawn at Beechwood. According to the forecast, there was a chance of showers.

"Great sleep, bride," Dad

said. "I feel like we've signed contracts for everything but the weather."

I slathered cream cheese on a bagel and reached for another one, relishing the fact that no matter what I ate, I'd still look the same that night.

I tried to be a little more romantic when I went upstairs to shower.

"This is your wedding bath, so remember it," I said to myself as I adjusted the faucets, forcing images of mikvot and scenes from famous wedding preparations into my head.

But instead of feeling like I was taking part in tradition, I was just glad there was plenty of hot water.

After months of worrying about flowers, guests, menus, hotel arrangements and countless other details, I felt numb. Everything that could be done was done. I wanted Steve, and I wanted to be with my friends, who were blissfully free from the pressure my parents were under.

I went over the plans as I schlepped a cooler to my car — I would pick up my friends Alison and Sarah, and we would drive from Providence to the Viking Hotel in Newport. There, we would meet my friend Michele. We'd check in, wait for the beauticians and spend the afternoon getting ready.

Also, I had long planned to

hit a candy store in Newport that had wonderful fudge — after all, everyone said I'd be too busy to eat from the menu we had planned so carefully.

"We'll see you tonight," Dad said as I left.

The belly laughs started as soon as Alison and Sarah jumped into the car.

"That's why I eloped," said Alison after asking how I was.

I looked out the window as we bantered. The day I had waited for all my life was hazy and very humid. I realized how much I missed my distant friends, and I realized how much I missed all four of my late grandparents, who would have been wild with joy over the wedding.

Out the window, buildings turned to trees and then bridges. We were in Newport, and in Jazz Festival traffic as well. But I wanted that fudge.

Finally, Sarah waited in my illegally parked car while Alison and I sprinted over to the candy store.

Fudge in hand, we sped towards the hotel, and Michael, the hairdresser and Janice, the make-up artist, arrived soon afterwards. The warmth of both the blow-dryer and the cherished, familiar company soothed me. So did the fudge, which all of us gleefully wolfed down.

Steve called, and I wanted to talk, but there was too much

going on.

I looked in the mirror and then I looked at Janice, hoping she would transform me into the photogenic vision our children would gasp at several decades down the road.

I felt her hands on my face.

"You look beautiful," said Michael at the end of the after-

noon. It was time to leave. We went straight to the bridal suite where my wedding dress was hanging.

The blue sky that showed through a window behind it made it look even whiter. It was not raining.

Soon, all bridesmaids were present and ready.

But I wanted to wait for my mother, who was outside on the lawn where the pictures were beginning. I knew she'd be very tense, but I wanted her to be the one to help me dress.

Soon I held my arms up for her, and I felt the skirts fall over my hips.

"Hello," said Rick, the photographer, and the clicking began.

Mom fastened my late grandmother's pearls around my neck. Click. I desperately wanted my bridesmaids, who looked beautiful, to have a good time. Click.

I raced over to Steve, who was outside on the porch. He looked gorgeous and elated, and his arms felt wonderful. Clickety-click.

Even though there were people with cameras, no one else could hear what he was whispering to me.

I was glad to see him, glad to touch him, glad to see his parents, glad to see my brothers, glad that it was sunny, I was just glad, glad, glad. I thanked G-d for the day.

We posed and posed. Click. Click. Click.

Afterwards, we hurried back to the bridal suite for the ketubah signing. Rabbi Leslie Gutterman said the prayers.

"Okay, each parent take a corner of the ketubah and give your children your blessing," the rabbi said.

The four parents held the ketubah that Steve's father, Len, an artist, had designed for us. The document that joined us in marriage seemed to bind them. It was spell-like. My mother was the last one to speak.

"It's all been said," she said

when her turn came, for all the others had spoken of the wonderful fit between me and Steven and between the two families "I wish you mazal, lots of mazal, tons and tons of mazal. And I'm gaining more than just a son — what a machistanista I'm getting!"

A Beechwood staff person came in to organize us for the

ceremony, and the sacred feel fell away. Things seemed to speed up and blur.

"Is this really my wedding?" I wondered.

At the rehearsal dinner, most of the jokes had been about how, after years of few events, mine was the third family wedding to take place that summer. I had just seen many of these people, been to weddings, hadn't really gotten a chance to see the arrangements I had discussed with the florist.

It was time to go downstairs. We watched what we could see of the procession.

Then Mom and Dad each grabbed one of my arms. I could hear the crowd turning as we walked to the front. I was moving closer to Steve, and the chuppah was for us.

As was rehearsed, Dad lifted my veil, but he had trouble getting it back down. I felt the veil falling, and I heard the audience laughing behind me.

"Hold hands and enjoy," the rabbi whispered to us.

Steve's hand felt warm in mine. His eyes were the color of chocolate. I wondered if it could still rain.

Crunch! We cheered even harder than our guests and grabbed each other. I felt his breath on my neck.

At the cocktail hour, I felt slightly less frantic when Steve was next to me. There wasn't going to be enough time to say hello to everyone. I wanted to be with him, to be with our parents, our brothers, our friends, our guests.

I looked around. I was one of the only women who was not wearing black.

I smiled, socialized, met and explained. I took hands, brushed cheeks, and smelled different perfumes.

Somehow, we found ourselves alone outside as our guests filed into the ballroom. We talked quietly about how lucky we were to have each other. Steve reminded me that there was no

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Mr. and Mrs. Steven Shalansky

Past Meets Present at National Yiddish Book Center

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky
Jewish Community Reporter

Nu, will the *mame loshen* vanish along with its last generation of speakers, or will the revival of interest in Jewish culture help to preserve the language and its institutions for future generations?

After taking part in an expedition to the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., sponsored by the Rhode Island

Bureau of Jewish Education on Sept. 7, 47 more adults are likely to believe the latter.

"It's wonderful," said Warwick resident Mark Sweberg on Sept. 7. "It seems like they are at the forefront of a revival of the language and the culture."

The visitors disembarked on the Hampshire College campus and saw what appeared to be a cluster of little wooden buildings nestled in an apple orchard. But these roof-

tops, designed to recall the shtetls of 19th-century Europe, actually formed a single ceiling over 36,000 square feet of interconnected modern space that houses exhibitions, research and teaching facilities, a performance center, book processing operations, a resource area, and of course, thousands of books. In Yiddish.

The Book Center, which opened its doors on June 15, was founded in 1980 by Aaron Lansky, its current president.

Lansky's efforts to rescue Yiddish, which he sees as a vital link to a vanishing intellectual and cultural tradition, from trash cans, basements, and general disregard have made him a folk hero to scholars, collectors, the Yiddish-speaking elderly, and numerous young North American Jews seeking information about their heritage.

According to Visitor's Center Director Myra Fein, Lansky's 18-year-long effort began when he was a Montreal-based graduate student in Yiddish studies who was shocked by the paucity of primary sources.

"Lansky and other students in the program had to go knocking on doors to get the texts they needed," Fein said. "People were discarding family libraries because they couldn't read the books. But those books were the last link to a 1,000-year-old way of life."

On leave from McGill University, Lansky tried to enlist the support of Jewish organizations in his efforts to collect Yid-

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RUTH PAGE, adult education coordinator at The Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education, and a fellow trip participant examine sheet music at The National Yiddish Book Center on Sept. 7.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

OPINION

The Feinstein Chronicles

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A recent *Providence Journal* front-page story showed many needy people in Rhode Island. We cannot let them go hungry... 200 were waiting in the rain for food at a local food pantry recently — many elderly and children. Tufts Center on Poverty and Hunger reports it's worse in other states.

Philanthropy alone can never replace the many millions of dollars taken away by the federal government from relief for the poor. WHAT WILL? A bill is coming before Congress ("Hunger Has A Cure"). Most Democratic senators support it. Several Republican senators say they would, too, if one of them took the lead.

I invited Senator Chafee to my house. When he came, I asked him to be the champion we need. We'll see...

We've been awarded six Vista volunteer positions to help us. Would you like to join Vista and us? Call 826-3073.

RI Food Bank's warehouse is dangerously low on food supplies. Johnson & Wales' auction to benefit them is on Sept. 20. Over 200 great items. Call 598-2989 for details.

Another auction is on Sept. 22, including an all-expense-paid package to Super Bowl. Call 351-6700. It's for Meals on Wheels, to feed housebound elderly. (Special thanks to Alan Hassenfeld for matching an emergency \$25,000 donation to them.)

So many people doing so much to help... Karen Wright, B.J. Batchelder, Aram Garabedian, Ed Hastings, Arpin Van Lines, the Rhode Island College baseball team. Hundreds of teachers and students. Many more...

The Good Deeds Program goes out in October. Over 80,000 Rhode Island elementary teachers and youngsters will participate. And our middle schools, high schools and colleges are doing thousands of hours of volunteer service.

We need an Angel with \$30 million to \$40 million to share costs for teaching new immigrants the English they need to get jobs. Call 467-5155.

All young authors, poets, "33 Plus" Club members: This is YOUR year. We'll meet in the Convention Center this spring! Details next month.

Know anyone needing food assistance? Call 1-800-HUNGRY2.

Can we really make Rhode Island hunger free? Many good people here working for it... The next few months should tell...

Alan Shawn Feinstein

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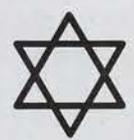
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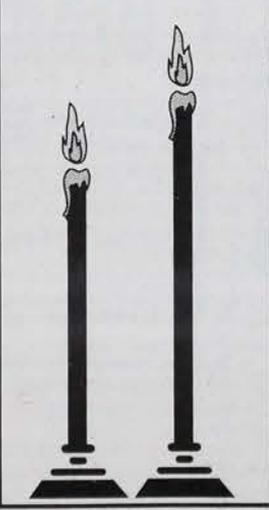
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Princess Diana's Legacy

by Cindy Halpern

I admit that I had been a faithful Diana watcher since the days of her fairy-tale marriage to Prince Charles in 1981. At first, the glimmer and the glamour of the young princess wearing gowns made of satin and silk, accented with exquisite lace, was what caught my eye.

But then, the fairy-tale princess became a mother who tried to protect her sons from unwanted publicity. She became bulimic from her husband's neglect and wanton affair. She became a victim. I felt sorry for her, wishing there was some-

one to rescue her. Someone did.

Princess Diana learned how to become her own rescuer. She overcame her self-doubts despite whatever her husband was doing behind closed doors with his lover. She reached out to many in need of a word of encouragement including AIDS victims, the poor, the weak, and the aged. She championed children's causes and spoke out against injustices.

Then, she took her life back by divorcing a man who had merely used her to obtain male heirs to the throne. She could have just become a private citi-

zen again, with the money she inherited from her late father, Lord Spencer, and her money from her divorce settlement. But she still reached out to others who needed her help.

I don't wish to dwell on her death, for then I will become depressed that my heroine died too soon. What I want to remember is that this non-Jew did mitzvahs because it brought joy to her heart to do it. It brought a smile to her face and that of those she helped. That is what I will remember of Princess Diana. I hope her soul will know shalom. Amen.

Giving and Receiving

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler

As we enter the month of Elul, we are called upon to explore our innermost thoughts in preparation for the process of T'shuvah, repentance. This is an opportunity to review the events of the year that's concluding and to determine which areas of your life can be improved. Look deeply into giving: what you gave and how you can make life better by surpassing your performance.

Giving is not necessarily donating money; we can be generous in other ways. We can be there for others in time of emotional crisis, we can give our expertise to those who need our help, we can invite dinner guests to share in our bounty or visit someone in a nursing home or hospital. No doubt you can think of more ways to share your abundance with others. Tzedakah goes beyond simply giving. It is a spiritual tool that brings our consciousness beyond that of ourselves and connects us with the fabric of reality, oneness. It focuses on others, rather than on ourselves. It enables us to transcend the ego, to become bigger than our ordinary personalities and to participate directly in the process of creation.

The Kabbalah describes creation as the ongoing process

through which G-d bestows his life-giving energy to all living matter. If creation should discontinue for even a split second, we would all cease to exist. In order for us to fulfill our role of being created in G-d's image, we would need to exist in the process of giving rather than receiving. Opening up earnestly to the process provides a joyous, spiritual existence far beyond anything we could know from everyday experiences.

Jewish law categorizes a number of sacrificial rituals and in each instance we are required to offer a sacrifice. It could be a choice animal from the herd or, for the less affluent, a bird or some grain. We learn that in these matters, giving is a sacred act. In our lives we can offer sacrifices

in many ways. We can delay gratification, sacrificing some momentary pleasure for the good of another only to regain the delight at a later time. We could consume a little less food so that those needier than ourselves could have a little more. By sacrificing a bit of extra time we can recycle our trash and make this earth a cleaner place to live. As we learn to give more, realizing the needs of others, we can come to appreciate what we have, be thankful and better understand the nature of gratitude. In realizing the needs of others we can empathize with their predicaments and as such become more caring and loving individuals.

Velvel "Wally" Spiegler is a certified polarity therapist, a student and teacher of Jewish Mysticism.

THE NEW YEAR IS COMING!

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The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* will be publishing its annual Rosh Hashanah Greetings Issue on September 25, 1997.

Please submit editorial copy or schedules for services soon! Deadline for submissions is Monday, Sept. 15.

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Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers

by Judy Shanks

The *Midrash Devarim Rabbah* 3:5 relates the story of wayfarers who leave two measures of barley for safekeeping with Rabbi Pinchas ben Yaiur. They travel on, leaving no word as to the anticipated date of their return. Seven long years pass, and the itinerants finally come calling on the rabbi. He leads them to a large granary filled with the pounds and pounds of barley produced from the original two measures; the rabbi has planted, harvested, and stored the grain as part of his sacred covenant with the men to safeguard their holdings.

"If you see your fellow's ox or sheep gone astray, do not ignore it; you must take it back to your fellow. If your fellow does not live near you or you do not know who he is, you shall bring it home and it shall remain with you until your fellow claims it; then you shall give it back to him." (Deut. 22:1-2) No "finders keepers, losers

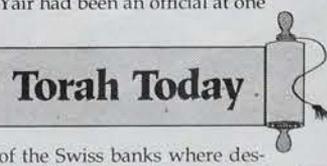
weepers" axiom at work here! The Torah and the rabbis take seriously the moral obligation upon each of us to insure the safe return of lost or lent objects, even if the finder has to incur some cost or effort to store or maintain them until the rightful owner makes claim.

Imagine if Rabbi Pinchas ben Yair had been an official at one

of the Swiss banks where desperate Jews deposited money and valuables during the years of World War II. We recoil at the stories of those who managed to survive the horror only to return and find not Rabbi Pinchas but cold and stubborn officials who disputed their rights and denied their claims. Such suffering heaped upon suffering is finally, thankfully, being somewhat mitigated by the courageous efforts of those committed to redeeming the deposits.

In our lives today we infrequently find lost objects or hold onto another's valuables for a time. Our consciences confirm the wisdom of the mitzvah to do everything possible to return them to the owner. Most often, though, what we find and hold in trust are the feelings, the shared dreams, or the confidences of friends, co-workers, and family. These, too, we must guard carefully and return with the accrued interest of our friendship, our honest praise, and our commitment always to nurture these vital human connections.

We have entered the month of Elul. In our preparations for the High Holy days, let us pick up the lost strands of connection with those who mean most to us. When we find the rightful owners, we will return to them and ourselves the invaluable treasures of trust, love, and companionship. We can then enter the New Year in Peace.



Judy Shanks is associate rabbi at Temple Isaiah, Lafayette, Calif.



Tomatoes Talk

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

The moon makes the new year seem late this year. But the sun still ripens the fruits of the earth. The warm soil widens the girth of the cucumbers. Leaves look weary but the gifts the plant bears shine in the full light.

Like memorial or sabbath candles the produce from our yards must tow the line of time, the lifetime. Tomatoes, cucumbers and grassy herbs are coming at and to us from all four corners.

From Westerly Joe Luzzi brought us a large paper bag of the love apples, half green and half red like the apples in Snow White. In Italy you greet such multicolored slices on your salad platter, drenched in excellent olive oil. Joe's mom Yolanda, born in Calabria, where tomatoes taste better than anywhere else on good dirt, brought them forth and sent them on to us along with cukes and potatoes, the apples of the loam, as the French call them. Joe's Yale classmate Amy, a granddaughter of Orthodox rabbis, has just come back from Brazil, where she visited Recife, once home of the Marrano Jews who came to found the Touro in Newport. We sat in our yard among our tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, basil, mint,

lemon grass, and bee balm. You have to keep your eye steady upon your vegetable and fruit charges, as colors shift from greens to purples and reds, and shapes twist and swell. As soon as you wink and turn away, they get too fat, out of hand, and lose the name of taste.

Some among us have grand gardens, and others have only small patches in the beams and light shadows. Ernie Aucone drops off a couple of juicy red globes that go right away into the insalata among the onions and parsley, on the table, around from plate to plate. He has a wee space in the North End, but he tills and keeps vigil.

Jimmy Verde delivers boxes and baskets of his plenty from his plantation south of us. I whine that he lets his zucchini go. It turns from elf to giant and all you can do is sneak the unwelcome guests into somebody else's car trunk! It's a mean Rhode Island gesture.

From the East Side come paper sacks of fine stuff, red and green, cucumbers and tomatoes (which keep kibbutzniks content throughout the Holy Land among four seasons) from grandma and grandpa. Or rather from their gardener, who

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A Lyric For Laura

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

The name Laura really suited her. Lyrical like the pleasantly eerie ballad that matched the almost mystical role Gene Tierney played in the old Otto Preminger noir mystery movie.

This Laura works as a hostess in a lunchroom. She greets me with a good-natured and genial smile from behind the entrance lectern. She seemed to come from somewhere else with her otherworldly lightness of tone, delicate sweetness, flowerlike fragility from another time and place. She wears neatly tailored outfits in soft pastels, a classy look.

Little by little I learned one or two things about Laura. She had come to J&W from her native California—but with a father, a pilot, in Manhattan. I gather she was raised in Europe, with a staff of nannies. At least I think this is a true account. I got my facts in bits and pieces.

And then once she drove by a Wickenden cafe, stopped and sat with me and my little dog. She has a special place in her heart for my pup, slim and mild like Laura. You can't bring a pet into her lunch domain, but she always asks after my mascot. I show her pictures. I would describe Laura as an angelic and benign creature.

One day a week ago Laura stopped by my counter stool and stood by me for a few moments.

I came up with one of my pompous spiritual speeches. "Do the dead really want us to remember them?" I asked her.

"Yes," she replied, "we want our lives to have meaning, to be worthwhile. The dying still want to do something with the time they have. I know what I am talking about. I died and I came back."

I was startled at the sudden turn the brief encounter had taken. "I went blind and deaf. My life was fading. The pain went away. I felt peace. And distance. I heard without fear the doctor tell my dad that I was going to die. I no longer cared about that."

Laura had had a burst appendix. She had gone to doctors, clinics and emergency rooms. The experts found only flu symptoms. Then, her entire system failed, broke down, turned off from spreading poison. The family gathered to say goodbye.

"There was a physician who happened by and figured, why not operate? Maybe his motive was just to pick up an extra fee, but of course he saved my life. I came back, and we're friends now."

"Everybody treats me very well, partly from fear I may sue. I may never be fully well again. But I'm thrilled just to be alive. I have no terror of life or of death."

I'm sure I'm not the only per-

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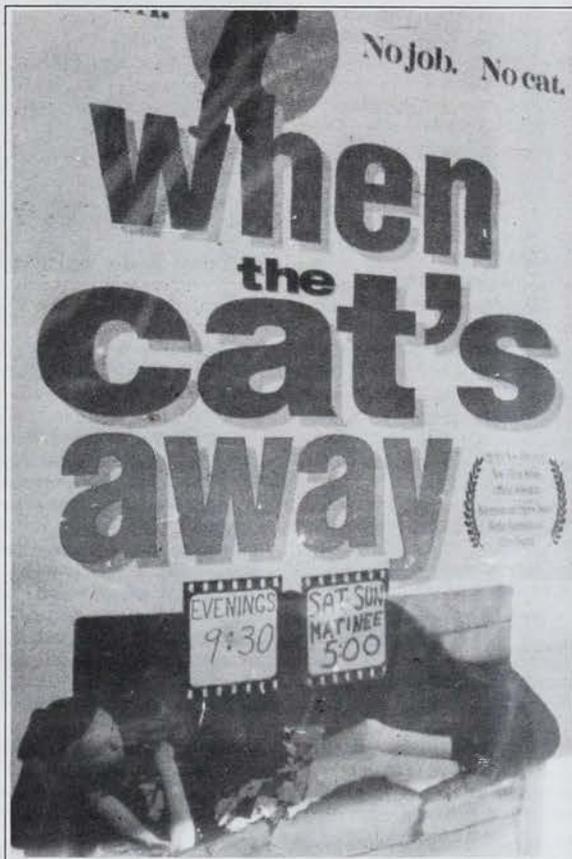
Hollywood, Rhode Island

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter
You scour the movie section. Nothing worthwhile. But if you scan the small print, you may come up with a small treasure. Like, "When the Cat's Away." Paris sent this charm-

movietime. You get to know every nook and cranny of a quarter of Paris called La Bastille, a poor neighborhood of blacks, Arabs, and also hoodlums. Our heroine is not alluring or glamorous, chic or witty. Mostly, she's lonely and awkward. Talk

called "Star Maps." It packs some power. An illegal boy immigrant stays with his mad, bedridden mom, and his streetwise creep of a loser dad. This father from Gehenna puts his boy out with tourist charts to the homes of the rich and famous in Beverly Hills. But he also sells himself. "Star Maps" surprises with its delicate touches. The bed scenes have irony, restraint, and poignancy. They have non-prurient interest. And the acting is superb, and disturbing. The hero is a short, compact person who goes into trances of indifference, masking his hurt and his hope, his secret pride. The villain, a great bluff lout, nevertheless in his very failure as a human being brings out your pity, not your smug contempt.

You have to make an effort to find a motion picture to spend your time, money and effort to go see. But they're there for the talent scout. And now that Hollywood has up and moved to this boomtown, we may not even have to stand around and wait.



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ing import to the inner sanctum of the Cable Car Cinema. It stars a young person named Garance Clavel. She plays a plain Jane who shares digs with a gay chum. She has rotten luck with guys. She really loves her black cat named Gray, fondling him upon the worn red sofa.

The cat gets out through a window, and the fun begins. French cities have a network of old ladies who babysit cats. They come to the rescue of Gray, and it takes an hour and a half of

about understatement. But the flick is a total delight just the same.

There used to be a popular ballad about a working girl who gives her lunch to the pigeons and sparrows. She gives more than she gets from life. "Et voila, Mademoiselle de Paris," went the finale. That's what I said to the French couple in the sofa next to mine at the Cable Car.

Meanwhile, over the bridges to East Providence, Mexico inspired a small masterpiece



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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

JFS's Adoption Options Adds Innovative Resource Center

Adoption Options, a program of Jewish Family Service, recently established an innovative Resource Center to provide up-to-date, accurate information and resources on adoption to the community. The new center will make available books, videos, periodicals, magazines and Internet connections.

Adoptive parents, potential adoptive parents, birth parents, attorneys and social workers are invited to participate in the development of the new resource center and the community is encouraged to donate any relevant materials, new or used. Adoption Options will recognize gifts with bookplates.

The expanded Adoption Options program has also added two new clinical social workers, Elizabeth Alper and Shelley Katsh. Both bring extensive experience with them to their positions. Alper will work mostly with birth parents and Katsh will spend more time with adoptive families. Katsh will also be working in the Adoption Op-

tions Resource Center.

Alper has been a social worker for 10 years, focusing on children and families. For the last four years, she has worked with families in an early intervention program and has specialized in early childhood development. Expressing enthusiasm at being part of the Adoption Options team, she said, "The adoption field is really changing and Jewish Family Service is on the cutting edge."

Katsh has been a counselor for 15 years. She is trained as a music therapist, has worked extensively with children and also focused on helping individuals who are coping with trauma. She said, "The sense of teamwork at Jewish Family Service was attractive to me, building families, building connections. I relish the idea of helping babies to find the right families."

For more information on Adoption Options, call Toby Zaitchik, adoption coordinator, at 331-5437.



Dressler Family Honored

In recognition of many years of leadership, State of Israel Bonds honored the Dressler family at the 1997 Rhode Island Community Dinner. The tribute took place at the Ledgemont Country Club on June 17. Irving Wiseman was the chairman of this event. The guest speaker was John Loftus.

Stephen Yarlas, Rhode Island Israel Bonds chairman, stated "We are very fortunate that the Dressler family has been so generous with its time, energy, and resources in our effort to strengthen the economy of the State of Israel."

For more information on Israel Bonds and current interest rates, call Michael Shuman at (800) 752-5651.

From left, Gary Klein; Sheri Klein; Gary Dressler; Brett Dressler; Stephen B. Yarlas, Rhode Island Israel Bonds chairman; Ralph Kaplan, New England Israel Bonds chairman; Phyllis Dressler; Abbott Dressler; Yvonne Dressler; Amy Dressler; and Lawrence Dressler.

Photo courtesy of State of Israel Bonds

Survivor Presents 'Holocaust Remembered'

The Cumberland-Lincoln Rotary presents "Holocaust Remembered" by Heinz Sandelowski, president of the R.I. Holocaust Survivors Association and a Holocaust survivor. The presentation will be held at Sher-Le Mon Restaurant, 2703 Mendon Road, Cumberland, on Sept. 22 at 6:15 p.m.

This will be an evening no one will forget. Sandelowski has lived through one of the most terrible times in history and is able to share his experience with the community.

For reservations, call Providence Physical Therapy at 521-2214. Seating is limited. The cost for the evening is \$12 and includes dinner and a donation to the R.I. Holocaust Survivors Association.

Arab-Jewish Dialogue at Temple Beth El

by Rabbi William E. Kaufman

Two professors of literature at Brown University, Kamal Abdel-Malek, assistant professor of comparative literature, and David C. Jacobson, associate professor of Judaic studies, will speak at Temple Beth El at 385 High St. in Fall River on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be: "Arabs and Jews as Seen Through the Eyes of Each Other." This is the Ida and Morris A. Freedman Memorial Lecture.

These two Brown professors of literature, one an Arab, the other a Jew, have joined together

to explore the struggle between Arabs and Jews over the land the Arabs call Palestine and the Jews call Israel. In their program, they will discuss the different attitudes toward Zionism and Arab nationalism with which they were raised, report on their recent joint trips to the Middle East, and present works of Arabic and Hebrew literature that portray encounters between Arabs and Jews.

Professors Abdel-Malek and Jacobson met in 1992, the year they both joined the faculty of Brown University. Their first collaborative effort was to es-

tablish a new course: "Arabs and Jews: Their Encounters in Contemporary Israeli and Arabic Literature." The two professors are currently editing an anthology of Israeli and Palestinian literature in English translation.

Kamal Abdel-Malek is the author of three books: *A Study of the Vernacular Poetry of Ahmed Fu'ad Nigm, Muhammed in the Modern Egyptian Popular Ballad and Celebrating Muhammed* and a number of articles about classical and vernacular Arabic literature. His current research interests focus on the portrayal of the Israeli Jew as well as the American in Arabic literature.

David C. Jacobson is the author of two books: *Modern Midrash: The Retelling of Traditional Jewish Narratives by Twentieth Century Hebrew Writers and Does David Still Play Before You?: Israeli Poetry and the Bible* as well as other studies in the field of modern Hebrew literature. He is currently working on a book on the image of the hero in modern Jewish literature.

The evening is open to the public. It will be held in the Schneerson Vestry of Temple Beth El. Refreshments will be served.

Hadassah Hosts Patinkin

The Kent County Group of Hadassah's Nurses Council hosting an evening with Mark Patinkin at the Sockanosset Library at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22. Tickets are \$5. Refreshments will be served. Contact 884-0157 or 946-5225 for more information.

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CJP Sends Special Gift To Elderly In Former Soviet Union

Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Boston's Jewish Federation, sent \$300,000 over and above its '97 campaign allocations as part of a national effort by American Jewish Federations and the United Jewish Appeal to feed frail, elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union. The money will support an emergency food-relief program managed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The multi-million dollar effort—the largest undertaken since the years following World War II—will provide hot meals and household staples for thousands of Jewish men and women over 65 unable to survive on meager pensions in a post-communist economy. Many of these people are isolated, infirm and too poor to

afford basic necessities, such as food, fuel and medicine.

"Malnutrition is a huge problem among the elderly there," said Avram J. Goldberg, chair of CJP's Overseas Committee. "Our help is essential in making sure that those who are hungry get enough to eat."

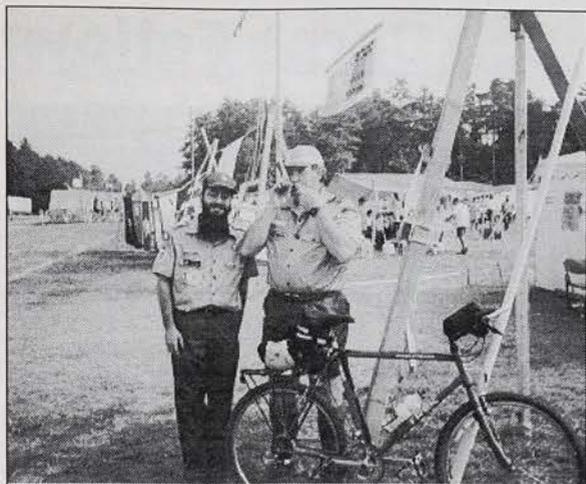
Currently, JDC delivers food packages of beans, rice, pasta, cooking oil and other staples to only 30 percent of the Jewish population needing provisions. According to Michael Schneider, executive vice president of JDC, "while more than a million Jews have left the former Soviet Union for Israel and the United States, many frail elderly remain."

Alan J. Leifer, associate treasurer of CJP and a member of CJP's Committee on the Endow-

ment Fund, recently resigned as assistant director of research at Fidelity Investments to help lead the JDC food-relief effort. "At present, there is no safety net in the former Soviet Union," he said.

"These men and women are the last remnants of their generation, and they have endured countless hardships," explained Leifer. "We want to help them live out their lives with dignity."

Barry Shrage, president of CJP, agreed. "The mission to ameliorate hunger and poverty among frail elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union is one of the great challenges facing the Jewish community and the Jewish people. It will take an outpouring of volunteer energy and resources to help them."



Yossi Laufer with Tom Feldman, director of security at the Jamboree, tries his hand at blowing a shofar instead of his usual whistle.

Photo courtesy of Tzivos Hashem

Boy Scout

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before," said Laufer. "Our job is to help each one of them."

Since 1989, Tzivos Hashem has worked closely with the NJCS, the coordinating body for Jewish Scouts, and sent chaplains to Boy Scout camps, as well as national and international Jamborees. Most Jewish Scouts were scattered over a five-mile radius of the Jamboree's northeastern region. Rabbi Pinny of Tzivos Hashem rode a bicycle over the rugged terrain in order to visit each of the boys. He put on tefillin with some, learned Torah with others, and just schmoozed with some more, but Rabbi Pinny made sure to invite personally each scout to the grand event—the forthcoming Shabbat services and meals.

Prayer services were held at a chapel in the center of the Northeastern region's sub-camp, where Shabbat-observant Troop 406 and 446, organized by veteran Jewish Scout Master Howard Spielman of Sharon, Mass., pitched camp. Two large tents were set up as a synagogue and wired for electricity—the only electricity in the entire five-mile Jamboree radius. Lights were set on timers and the area

surrounded by a rabbinically approved "Eruv" line, making it permissible to carry objects within the immediate domain on Shabbat. Spielman's troops brought vacuum-packed Kosher meals, and the food stations (four-legged wooden boxes used for food preparation at Boy Scout camps) were specially designed with separate sides and color-coded utensils for meat and dairy foods.

Through their involvement in a requisite number of Jewish activities during the Jamboree the Scouts were able to earn the 1997 Jewish Jamboree Achievement Award created by the NJCS. Among the activities were: going to services, creating their own jamboree kippa, keeping kosher, and putting on tefillin.

"This brought home to Scouts the important lesson," said Laufer, "that Jewish observance earns you awards in Scouting. The 12th scout law is 'A Scout is reverent,' you are not only allowed to practice your religion but you are encouraged and rewarded for your involvement."

Yossi Laufer will be leading the Shofar Factory Workshop at the Providence Jewish Community Center on the 14th of September between 1 and 4 p.m.

Hadassah Organizes New Year

Cranston-Warwick Hadassah will hold its first membership meeting on Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library on Sockanosset Road, Cranston. The speaker will be Attorney Larry Berren, an accomplished lecturer and estate planner. His subject is entitled "When A Will Won't: An Estate Plan For The Living." Through the use of slides, audience participation and, maybe, a surprise or two, Berren makes a serious topic come alive. The afternoon promises to be informative and entertaining.

The Cranston-Warwick Hadassah Special Gifts Committee has completed plans for its annual luncheon to be held on Nov.

2 at the Squantum Club, East Providence, R.I., with entertainment provided by Cantor Robert Lieberman. The luncheon this year is even more special because it initiates Cranston-Warwick's yearlong celebration of the founding 85 years ago of Hadassah by a group of visionary Jewish Women led by Henrietta Szold.

General membership meetings will be held on the following dates:

Nov. 16: Paid-up membership brunch, Shalom Apartment 10 a.m.

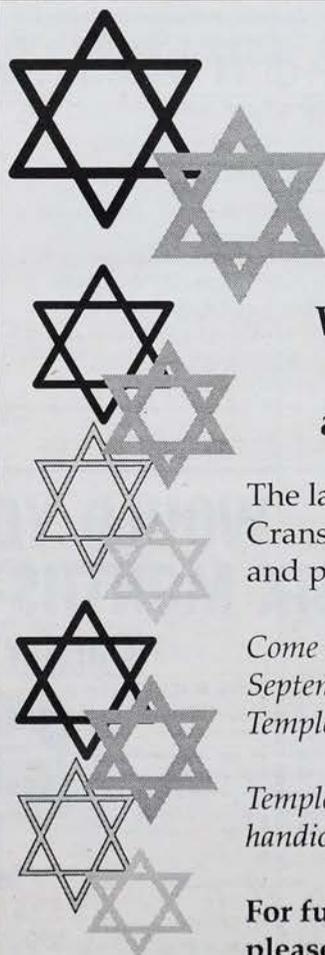
Dec. 22: Chanukah party, Warwick police station, 1 p.m.

April 20: annual elections, Cranston Senior Center 7 p.m.

Ohawe Sholam Offers Hebrew Classes

A basic Hebrew class covering alphabet, basic vocabulary and basic grammar will be led by Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner on Tuesday nights from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning Sept. 16. Classes will be held at Congregation Ohawe Sholam, East Avenue, between Glenwood and Lowden, Pawtucket.

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URI Hillel Welcomes New Service Corps Fellow

by Tara V. Liscianadro
Herald Editor

By the appearance of the small office in the Christopher House, home to URI's Hillel, no one would ever think that Marc Schoenfeld, the new Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow, has only been there for two weeks. His walls are decorated and the office is furnished. As he walks through the wooden corridors of the little house, a typical New England-style campus, Schoenfeld chats and jokes with his friends and co-workers, feeling at home.

However, living in New England will be quite new to a Long Island, N.Y., native. This is the first time Schoenfeld has visited New England and already finds it, "more peaceful." He also finds that, "the people are friendlier and it's more relaxed up here." Schoenfeld graduated four months ago from York University in Pennsylvania with a degree in leisure and recreation. He comes from a Conservative background and attended Hebrew school regularly. A few years after he was bar mitzvahed, Schoenfeld began to work and then attend college. He found it difficult to attend frequent religious services.

However, he still remembers Hebrew and the many lessons learned from his family and Hebrew school.

Schoenfeld joined the URI Hillel staff recently as the new fellow for the upcoming scholastic year. Using the Internet Schoenfeld downloaded and sent his resume to various organizations, offices and schools, as he searched for a new job. "The Internet is amazing, you can do anything," said Schoenfeld. Guy Bermler, URI Hillel director, selected Schoenfeld during the summer. Schoenfeld then attended a leadership conference which was held during the summer for new fellows who would begin working at various Hillels on college campuses throughout the United States.

As URI Hillel fellow, Schoenfeld is responsible for organizing social and cultural events and engaging Hillel students in a variety of activities. Creating leadership experiences for students is also important to the new fellow. Schoenfeld will work with Bermler, Hillel Board President Amy Lefkowitz and other board members to organize events for the year. Schoenfeld said that the first URI Hillel event of the year, an ice

cream social, was already a success. "It was an opportunity to meet with the students and get to know them," said Schoenfeld. An evening cruise around the harbor was also planned by the URI Hillel which assisted in gathering and meeting new students interested in joining Hillel. "Today students are looking for a way to socialize with those of their own religious faith and background," said Schoenfeld. By organizing more social events and meetings, Schoenfeld hopes to get to know the students better and understand their needs. "Students know what students want," said Schoenfeld. The new fellow also said that he sees Hillel as a growing organization and with the help of new students, their ideas and their involvement, URI's Hillel can become even larger. He hopes to involve URI's Greek system and gain their support in order to assist the co-sponsoring of Hillel events throughout the year. Tentatively Schoenfeld has planned a late spring social which may include a water/skiing rafting trip as well as a visit to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Schoenfeld also stated that the URI Hillel would at-



MARC SCHOENFELD, the new Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow, at the University of Rhode Island Hillel.

Herald photo by Tara V. Liscianadro

tempt to work and coordinate activities for the year with the Hillel students at Roger Williams University.

As a recent graduate and member of York College Hillel, Schoenfeld understands the pressures of college students, such as a new environment, making new friends, meeting new scholastic challenges and finding organizations and clubs

where they can feel comfortable. "It may be that someone is invited to go out on a Friday night with some new friends, so they skip services because they feel pressure," said Schoenfeld. "I want them to feel comfortable here so I'm hoping students will come to events and bring their friends, even if they aren't Jewish. Hillel is fun, everyone should know it."

JCCRI Open House Schedule

September 14 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10 a.m. — All day	Jewish Heritage Video Collection, featuring more than 200 films and programs
10 a.m. — All day	Traditions on Wheels, an interactive cultural exhibit
10 a.m. — All day	Tours of the Early Childhood Department
11 a.m. — noon	Hi/Lo Aerobics Class
Noon	Perspectives "Welcome Back Kick-Off Brunch," welcomes graduate students and young Jewish professionals of Rhode Island (sponsored by the JCCRI, Hillel and JFRI)
Noon to 12:45 p.m.	Parent Tot Gym
Noon to 2 p.m.	VNA Blood Pressure Screening and Free Nurse Consultation, including giveaways and a raffle
1 to 2 p.m.	Water Aerobics Class
1 to 2 p.m.	Motor Medley/Preschool Gym (ages 3 to 4)
1 p.m.	A Celebration of Culture, featuring a one-hour interactive presentation of rhythms, stories, and dance
1:30 p.m.	Mayor Vincent Cianci hosts the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new courtyard and draws winners' names of Providence Gondola Raffle
2 p.m.	Theater Games, "Telling the Jewish Story through Song, Drama & Action"
2 to 4 p.m.	Gallery 401 grand opening, featuring Trudy Rafferty's "Summer Garden"
2 to 6 p.m.	Open swim
3 p.m.	Classical piano concert with Boris Nosovsky

Wedding Day

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reason to be so nervous.

Then the dinner began. The crowd roared when the band introduced us as "Mr. and Mrs. Steven Shalansky."

The band played our song. We messed up the dance we had practiced, but we didn't really care. Our brothers made toasts.

Seated at our own table, we took in a few bites of veal and many congratulations. We wondered how we were going to greet all the people, and we agreed that the veal was great.

We tried to make our way to each table, briefing each other on greeting strategies.

When we were told it was time to cut the cake, we were shocked.

"Both of you hold the knife," said the Beechwood staffer.

Then, then strains of the very lively hora medley we had selected pulled us towards the dance floor, and most of the guests followed.

It was long, exuberant and exhausting. There was circle after circle, and we headed towards the middle. The curve of Steve's elbow sweated in mine.

Then he spun off. I could hardly see single faces in the crowd before me that was full of family and friends.

But somehow, I called out to Michele, and we swung around in circles. I danced crazily with our brothers and our mothers and some of our aunts. It was dizzying.

Steve stood inside the ring and clapped, but I kept losing sight of him.

Then I noticed a group of men pulling chairs onto the dance floor.

"Oh G-d, those are for us!" I thought as I saw a cousin press a napkin into Steve's hand.

Then I got a feeling I had never had before. It was a sense of soaring and fighting for balance. I saw Steve's chair rising, and I felt myself being lifted. I grabbed at the napkin as I saw the dance floor, then the tops of heads.

Despite the motion of the chairs, Steve and I were able to look right at each other for a few seconds.

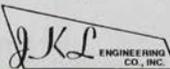
Our eyes met and locked. We held our gazes, for we both realized that then, we were as high as we were going to get, and that we were up there together.



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Back in the ACT

Elizabeth Gutterman of Brookline, Mass., and Providence, age 23, will be co-hosting the 10th birthday celebration of the All Childrens Theatre Ensemble, Sept. 19 at the Providence Biltmore. The celebration — an evening of music, dancing, and festivities — is a special tribute to the ensemble's artistic director, Wrenn Goodrum of Providence.

Gutterman's role in the tribute includes hosting and introducing the evening's events, singing, and running part of the silent auction. Her co-host, 20-year-old Nathan Scoggins of Warwick, is a '95 Ensemble graduate.

Gutterman joined the All Childrens Theatre at the age of 13 in 1987, the year of the ensemble's inception. She remained with the company for five years until her 1991 graduation from Classical High School in Providence. Gutterman is also a '95 graduate of Sarah Lawrence College in New York, where she studied playwriting, directing, and theatre education. Gutterman has worked in the education department of Boston's Huntington Theatre, and currently works as a waitress, stand-up comedian, and a teaching assistant at the Ivy Street School in Brookline, Mass., a school for children with brain injuries.

Gutterman, who calls Goodrum "inspirational," views the tribute as a "chance to tell her (Goodrum) what all her guidance has meant to me and how I've implemented those lessons in my life."

The All Childrens Theatre is a non-profit organization devoted to the fostering and development of creative talent, mutual respect, and self-esteem in young people through theater arts. Founded in 1987 by Wrenn Goodrum as a spin-off



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ACT Party hosted by (from top) Michael Richardson, Elizabeth Gutterman and Nathan Scoggins.

Photo by Ira Garber

of the Trinity Repertory Conservatory Extension, ACT's growth in prestige and membership is reflected in the vitality and enthusiasm of its directors, performers, and staff.

The 1997 birthday will not only be a celebration of ACT's past but also for its future. The ensemble will hopefully continue its mission to bestow the gifts of theater arts and global awareness to members of the group and to the surrounding community.

Tickets are \$75 for the entire

evening, \$25 for dessert and dancing only. Proceeds from the event will support ACT's efforts in bringing the arts to children.

For information, call 331-7174 or e-mail <ACTinProv@aol.com>.

Local NCSY Appoints New Advisors

The Providence/Pawtucket Chapter of the New England Region of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth announces the appointment of Miriam Esther and Shammai Weiner as chapter advisors.

The Weiners, who relocated to Providence from New York this past January, have experience in working with youth on a professional and voluntary basis. Mr. Weiner earned a masters' degree in public administration from Brooklyn College and a bachelors degree in political science from Touro College. He served as the director of Touro College's men's dormitory facility from 1993-95 coordinating educational, religious, and cultural functions within the residence hall.

Mrs. Weiner received a masters's degree in secondary education from Hunter College and a bachelors degree in elementary education from Touro College. She also attended the Rika Breuer Teachers Seminary.

She served as the administrator of a Jewish high school in Manhattan from 1993-96. Mrs. Weiner has worked as an advisor for both the New England and New York Regions of NCSY and is a member and former chair of NCSY's National Honor Society, Ben Zakkai.

NCSY, the largest Jewish youth group in the world, is the youth organization of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Locally the chapter is sponsored by Congregation Ohave Shalom of Pawtucket and Congregation Beth Shalom of Providence. NCSY is open to all Jewish youth regardless of synagogue affiliation or religious observance. The chapter is divided into Junior NCSY for kids in grades 5 through 8 and Senior NCSY for teen-agers in grades 9 through 12.

For more information about NCSY and its local, regional, and national programs, contact the Weiners at 273-0613 or by e-mail at <Weiners21@juno.com>.

Jewish War Veterans Meet

Congressman Robert A. Weygand, D-R.I. Dist. 2, will be the guest speaker at the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. membership breakfast to be held on Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Weygand will speak about his recent visit to Israel and he will also discuss his 1998 legislative agenda.

Also invited to the breakfast is State Rep. George A. Castro, D-Dist. 20.

Department Commander Irving H. Levin, said both will be honored for their many years of support for veterans' issues during their terms in the General Assembly. R.S.V.P. to your post commander.

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Memory Loss and Aging

Whether young or old, everyone occasionally forgets things like people's names, where they put the car keys, or what they wanted to get from the refrigerator. When forgetfulness happens to older people, it sometimes triggers hidden fears about Alzheimer's Disease or instills feelings of helplessness and worries about the potential loss of independence.

"Although researchers have identified some memory changes that may occur with normal aging, the majority of older people will not face severe memory loss," says Carol Cober, an expert on mental health issues at the American Association of Retired Persons.

Sixty-seven percent of Americans claim they experience memory loss, according to Barry Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., head of the Johns Hopkins Division of Cognitive Neurology. "The truth is, however, that only a small proportion of people develop significant memory problems due to brain disease."

Some normal age-related memory changes are:

- **Slower Thinking** — Requires more time to learn something new or to remember where you put something.

- **Concentration Difficulty** — Helps to minimize interruptions and distractions, which may cause forgetfulness.

- **Requiring More Memory Cues** — Remembering where you met someone helps to recall their name.

Many common causes of memory loss have nothing to do with aging. Clinical depression, imbalances in the body's fluid medications, malnutrition, low

blood sugar and poor blood circulation are a few causes. Anxiety, fatigue and stress can also affect memory.

People can learn to improve their memory by following a simple three-step guideline recommended by a number of memory experts throughout the country:

1. Since stress can cause memory loss, it helps to reduce anxiety about forgetting. Relax, take frequent breaks, give yourself permission to sometimes forget things.

2. Choose what to remember and what to forget. We don't need to remember everything, so avoid trying to remember trivial and irrelevant information. Use lists if you feel you need them.

3. Build memory skills both internally and externally. Internal strategies include improving listening skills, composing mental pictures, or making up rhymes to remember things. External strategies include keeping a daily calendar, keeping items like keys and glasses in a specific place, or using a timer as a reminder.

Scientists have found that, barring illness or disease, our minds can stay healthy and strong well into old age. It's comforting to know that long-term memory seems to remain intact with advancing age, and intellectual capacity can expand.

For a free brochure on understanding and improving memory, ask for a copy of "Now Where Did I Put My Keys?" by calling AARP's Northeast Regional Office at (617) 723-7600 or write to AARP, One Boston Place, Suite 1900, Boston, MA 02108.

Keep Rhode Island Smoke Free

The following is a list published by the American Cancer Society of smoke-free dining in Rhode Island.

Adesso Cafe, 1235 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence; Al Forno, 577 S. Main St., Providence; Amigo's Mexican Restaurant, 254 Market St., Warren.

Bagels East, 135 Elmgrove Ave., Providence; Bagels, Etc., 259 County Road, Barrington; Baked Expectations, 2166 Broad St., Cranston; Balerna's Soup and Sauce, 1500 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston; Barnaby's Great Food & Ice Cream, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich; Barney's Bagels, 727 East Avenue, Pawtucket and 870 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston; The Bay Voyage, 150 Conanicus Ave., Jamestown; Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt, 253 Meeting St., Providence; Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria, 70 Narragansett Park Drive, East Providence and 1946 Post Road, Warwick; Boston Neck Pizza, 1814 Boston Neck Road, Saundertown; Boston Submarine Sandwich Shop, 192 Gansett Ave., Cranston; Brickway on Wickenden, 234 Wickenden St., Providence; Brown & Hopkins Country Store, 1179 Main St., Chepachet; Brown Street Deli, 85 Brown St., Wickford; Bob & Timmy's Grilled Pizza, 57 Depasquale Ave., Providence.

Cafe Luna, 10 Midway Road, Cranston; Cafe La France, all locations; Cafe Zog, 239 Wickenden St., Providence; Chez Pascal, 944 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett; The Coffee Bean, 1255 Reservoir Ave., Cranston; Coffee Cafe, 257 South Main St., Providence; Coffee Exchange, 207 Wickenden St., Providence; Come to Think of It Gourmet Deli, 353 S. Water St., Providence; Connie's Restaurant, 526 Pawtucket Ave., Pawtucket; Cool Cat's Cafe, 1388 Westminster St., Providence; Countryside Restaurant, Old Hartford Pike, North Scituate; Crazy Burger Cafe, 144 Boon St., Narragansett; Culinary Affair, 808 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston.

Dad's Place, 142 Boon St.,

Narragansett; D'Angelo's, all locations.

East Ferry Market & Deli, 47 Conanicus Ave., Jamestown.

Fantastic Bagels, all locations; Foodworks, 2461 East Main Road, Portsmouth; Fortuna's Italian Deli & Caterers, 140 Franklin St., Westerly; Four Corners Grille, 3841 Main Road, Tiverton.

Garden Grille, 727 East Ave., Pawtucket; Geoff's on Benefit, 163 Benefit St., Providence; Geoff's on Thayer, 178 Angell St., Providence; Gil's Place, 7415 Post Road, North Kingstown; The Golden Goose Delicatessen, 365 Hope St., Bristol; Green Tea, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich; Greenhouse Restaurant, 110 Mineral Spring Ave., Pawtucket; Gourmet House Restaurant, 787 Hope St., Providence.

Hail Caesar, 31 Gansett Ave., Cranston; Heffy's Ice Cream 1820 Boston Neck Rd., North Kingstown; Horton's Seafood, 803 Broadway, East Providence; High Street Deli, 14 High St., Westerly.

Italian Village Restaurant, 195 Main St., Wakefield; India, all locations.

Java, 901 Post Road, Warwick; Jigger's Diner, 145 Main St., East Greenwich.

Kam Shing, 15 Gooding Ave., Bristol; Kentucky Fried Chicken, 420 Broad St., Providence and 767 Airport Road, Warwick; Kingston Pizza, 19 Briar Lane, Kingston.

Lai Lai Restaurant, 99 Fortin Road, Kingston; Little John's Pizza, 625 Warwick Ave., Warwick.

Meeting Street Cafe, 220

Meeting St., Providence; Mexico Restaurant, 948 Atwells Ave., Providence; Mrs. Powell's Cinnamon Rolls, 300 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

The Newport Creamery, all locations; Nancy's Snack Shop, 222 Quaker Lane, Warwick; Nick's Place, 1633 Warwick Ave., Warwick.

Olive's Park Avenue Deli, 840 Park Avenue, Cranston.

Pastiche Fine Desserts, 92 Spruce St., Providence; The Pastry Gourmet, all locations; Phantom Farm, 2920 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland; Pizza Hollywood, 238 East Main Road, Middletown; Provender, Tiverton Four Corners, Tiverton.

Restaurant Fuji, 351 Atwells Ave., Providence; The Riptide Restaurant, 271 Wood St., Bristol; Rojelio's Railway Cafe, 196 B Shannock Road, Shannock.

Sandwich Hut, 1253 North Main St., Providence; Sea-Fare Inn, Route 138, Portsmouth; Silver Palace Restaurant, 623 Reservoir Ave., Cranston; The Sunflower Cafe, 162 Mayfield Ave., Cranston.

T's Restaurant, 1057 Park Ave., Cranston; TJ Cinnamon's Bakery, 226 County Road, Barrington; Tito's Cantina, 651 East Main Road, Middletown; Turchetta's, 312 Wickenden St., Providence.

Village Cafe, 1050 Main St., East Greenwich.

Walt's Roast Beef, 1800 Post Road, Warwick; Walters, 265 Atwells Ave., Providence; Wings To Go, 272 Thayer St., Providence.

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The Arthritis Foundation recommends wearing shoes with flexible, non-sticky soles that absorb shock. Shoes should also have good arch supports, cushioned insoles and roomy toe boxes. Walkers get the same health benefits from three ten-minute walks a day as from one 30-minute walk.

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Prostate Cancer in the Years 2000 and Beyond, Sept. 13 — Co-sponsored by American Cancer Society, Man to Man, and Lifespan. 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., George Auditorium, Rhode Island Hospital.

Healthwise® Program, Sept. 16 — This program teaches how to improve the care you provide for yourself and your family. \$5 fee per family for the Healthwise® Handbook, 10 a.m. to noon, Rhode Island Hospital.

Eating For Good Health Lecture Series, Sept. 17 to Oct. 15 — Focuses on basic nutritional requirements. \$20 per session, 5 to 6 p.m., The Miriam Hospital

AARP 55 Alive, Sept. 18 and 19 — Two-part driving refresher course for adults 50 and older. \$8 fee, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Eating For Good Health, Sept. 25 — An expert provides hints for a healthy diet. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Barrington YMCA.

Free Prostate Cancer Screenings, appointments required.

Sept. 22 to 25 — 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Miriam Hospital

Sept. 23 and 25 — 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Rhode Island Hospital

Sept. 27 — 9 a.m. to noon, Rhode Island Hospital

Memorial Hospital Offers The Following Classes

Healthy Aging, Sept. 16 — Community Wellness Program. Learn about common health issues, living wills and durable power of attorney for health care. 7 p.m. Memorial Hospital. Call 729-2459 to register.

Infant CPR, Sept. 16 — Class is for all parents and will teach participants how to administer CPR in an emergency situation. \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 729-2510 to register.

You Are Not Alone, Sept. 17 — Support group for persons living with cancer and their caregivers. Meets first and third Wednesday every month. 6 to 7 p.m., Call 729-2789 for information.

Look Good... Feel Better, Sept. 22 — Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, this program is designed for cancer patients undergoing radiation or chemotherapy treatments. 6:30 p.m. Call 729-2789 for details.

Prepared Childbirth and Parenting Classes, Sept. 24 — Educational program offered during last two months of pregnancy. 6 p.m. Call 729-2510 for details.

Keeping Well in Mind and Body, Sept. 25 — Educational session of I Can Cope series co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society for people with cancer, their family and friends. 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial Hospital. Call 729-2789 to register.

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While it's true that osteoporotic women must be especially careful to prevent falls which can easily fracture thin bones, there are some simple safety measures that everyone can take to weed out mishaps in the garden.

• Warm up stiff muscles by walking around and gently stretching before and after you garden.

• Design garden walkways to be at least three feet wide with non-slippery surfaces.

• Use a stool in the garden to avoid constant stooping or bending.

• Build raised beds and design beds to include a place to sit for weeding.

• Garden in containers, such as pots or boxes, that can be dragged away, not lifted.

• Select plants that require minimal care.

• Grow climbing and rambling plants on trellises and other structures that allow tending without bending or stooping.

• Use long-handled and curved hand tools with comfortable grips.

• Paint garden tool handles in bright colors to avoid tripping over them.

• Work at a table whenever possible to prevent excessive bending. After cutting flowers, carry them to a nearby table to finish trimming.

Most importantly, women who have or are at risk for developing osteoporosis need to educate themselves about the disease, diagnosis and treatment options. Healthcare providers can prescribe medications to treat postmenopausal osteoporosis when used as part of an overall plan that includes exercise and a calcium-rich diet.



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Albright Goes Ahead With Visit Despite Triple Bombing in Israel

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will go ahead with her trip to the Middle East despite a triple terror bombing here.

At least seven people were killed Sept. 4, including three suspected bombers, and more than 180 wounded in the near-simultaneous explosions that rocked Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall in the heart of the capital.

The blasts occurred less than a week before Albright's scheduled arrival and little more than a month after 15 Israelis were killed in a July 30 twin suicide bombing at the nearby Mahane Yehuda market.

The military wing of Hamas claimed responsibility for the latest attack and vowed to carry out more attacks if its members held in Israeli jails were not released by Sept. 14.

Jerusalem Police Chief Yair Yitzhaki said that injuries on three of the bodies showed "signs of being very close to the impact, which leads us to believe that they were the bombers."

Israeli security officials were quoted as saying that at least one of the bombers was disguised as a woman.

Security officials said the bombs used in the blasts appeared to have been nearly identical to those in the Mahane Yehuda bombing.

The way in which the bombers positioned themselves within sight of each other and detonated their explosives at a pre-arranged signal also mirrored the July bombing.

Israeli investigators have yet to positively conclude who was responsible for the July attack.

Israel's Channel Two news, quoting a senior security source, said the nails and screws used in the two terrorist attacks were identical and that officials had reason to believe the bombs were assembled in the Gaza Strip.

President Clinton, who condemned the bombings as an "outrageous and inhumane act," said Albright would stress the need for security when she makes her first visit to the region as America's top diplomat.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian officials condemned the attack.

Israeli officials holding recent talks in Washington prior to Albright's trip informed their American counterparts that the negotiations could not move forward unless Arafat cracked down on Islamic militants — a point underscored by the recent blasts.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that Israel would crack down on terrorists if the Palestinians did not do so themselves.

"We are reiterating that the

Palestinian Authority is not fighting terrorism, is not dismantling their infrastructure. If someone needed to be reminded of this, they were — in blood," Netanyahu said during a visit to the wounded at Jerusalem's Sha'are Zedek Hospital.

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*Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister*

Referring to Arafat's meetings last month with Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders for "national unity" talks, Netanyahu said Arafat was "kissing and hugging Hamas instead of fighting them."

"The Palestinian Authority is signaling to [Hamas] that they can hurt us. We are not going to continue in this way."

Netanyahu met with the heads of the security establishment and planned to convene the Inner Security Cabinet to discuss Israel's next steps.

President Ezer Weizman called on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to use his influence to press Arafat to take action against Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Israel resealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip immediately after the blasts.

Israel had recently partially lifted the closure it imposed on the West Bank and Gaza after the July 30 attack.

Netanyahu spokesman David Bar-Illan linked the partial easing of the closure with the latest attack.

"Obviously, the lifting of the closure could have had something to do with the ability of the bombers to do what they did," Bar-Illan told Israel Radio.

The three loud explosions occurred one after another around 3:15 p.m. The blasts took place about halfway up the pedestrian mall, which was crowded with shoppers and people sitting at cafes.

The force of the blasts sent debris and body parts flying in all directions. The explosions also caused extensive damage to property, shattering windows and doors, and scattering furni-

ture from restaurants in all directions.

Many of those at the pedestrian mall were tourists.

At least two Americans were among the injured, according to news reports — Abie Mandelson, 18, of Los Angeles, and Gregg Salzman, 25, of East Brunswick, N.J.

Police and rescue crews arrived at the site almost immediately after the blasts and began evacuating the wounded. Ambulances shuttled the injured to Jerusalem hospitals.

Doctors said most of the victims suffered light to moderate injuries. One person was listed in critical condition; eight were in serious condition.

Authorities said the fact that the explosions occurred in an open area limited the extent of the casualties. Israeli, Palestinian and American security officials were scheduled to meet last week to discuss the bombings.

Palestinian Scholar and Activist Discusses Possibilities for Peace

Prominent Palestinian political philosopher Sari Nusseibeh, one of the first Palestinians to publicly espouse a peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, will spend a week at Brandeis University from Sept. 22 to 26.

Nusseibeh is the first Distinguished Visitor sponsored by a newly created International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life based at Brandeis and in Jerusalem.

Born in Jerusalem and educated at Oxford and Harvard, Nusseibeh taught philosophy at Bir Zeit University on the West Bank before his appointment as president of Al-Quds University in Jerusalem in 1995.

He is most widely known for co-authoring *No Trumpets, No Drums: A Two-State Settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, which outlines the components

of a peace agreement between the two sides.

Events on campus during the week-long visit will include two lectures by Nusseibeh and a panel discussion which are free and open to the public: "Does Peace Exist?" Sept. 22, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and "On Respect: Cultures and Value Conflicts," Sept. 23, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

A roundtable discussion will follow the lecture and will involve six leading thinkers on issues of values and politics.

"The Media and the Middle East — What's Fair," Sept. 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m. A discussion of the role the media plays in the Middle East with Sari Nusseibeh and a panel of journalists, moderated by John Yemma, reporter and former foreign editor of *The Boston Globe*.

For more information, call (617) 736-8577.

Anti-Semitism on Campus: ADL Provides Guidelines for Combating Extremism

A new Anti-Defamation League report documents incidents of anti-Semitism on American college and university campuses and provides guidelines to aid faculty, staff and students in combating extremism. *Schooled in Hate: Anti-Semitism on Campus* has been shared with presidents of all colleges and universities in the United States.

"In recent years, campuses have become a new proving ground for the tactics of all manner of extremists, forcing some colleges and universities onto the frontline in the fight against anti-Semitism and anti-Semitism," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director. "Racists and demagogues have ably exploited schools' commit-

ment to free speech, cloaking their propaganda in the guise of academic freedom. *Schooled in Hate: Anti-Semitism on Campus* helps those oppose racism and discrimination to unhesitatingly and effectively use their own right of freedom of speech in a productive manner."

The report provides an overview and a detailed list of anti-Semitic incidents on campus and examines the Holocaust denial movement, anti-Semitism among student groups, and anti-Zionism as anti-Semitism. The league offers recommendations for maintaining a tone of civility on campus by demanding and enforcing a policy of zero tolerance towards all forms of bigotry including extremist speakers on campus, Holocaust-de-

nial advertisements, racist vandalism and graffiti, intimidation and harassment. Because each case is different and needs to be handled individually, ADL staff are available to work with students, faculty, staff and administration on campuses where acts of hate have occurred or are threatened.

Among those to whom the report will be sent are the deans of students affairs, Hillel directors, campus ministry/chaplains and college newspaper editors.

Schooled in Hate: Anti-Semitism on Campus is available on the World Wide Web at <www.adl.org>.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry. For more information, contact ADL Media Relations at (212) 885-7749.

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Brandeis President Serves on Panel Investigating Nazi Activity

Brandeis University President Jehuda Reinharz is one of a select group of influential historians and public figures chosen by the Embassy of the Argentine Republic to oversee the investigation of alleged Nazi activities in that country during World War II and the post-war period.

In signing Executive Order 390/97, Argentine President Carlos Saúl Menem established the International panel of the Commission of the Clarification of Nazi Activities in the Argentine Republic. The commission will look at how Nazis gained entry into the country as well as the property and assets they confiscated from their victims.

"I applaud Carlos Menem for appointing such a commission. The true extent of Argentinian involvement in giving asylum to the Nazis has not yet been told. I hope that this commission will bring us closer to the

truth," Reinharz said.

Born in Israel in 1944, after his parents fled Nazi persecution in Germany, Reinharz holds bachelor's degrees from Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, a master's degree from Harvard University, and a doctorate from Brandeis in 1972.

Reinharz joined the Brandeis faculty in 1982, serving as the Richard Koret Professor of Modern Jewish History, and as director of the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry. In 1990, Reinharz was the first recipient of the President of Israel Prize, awarded annually by the Israeli Knesset for outstanding scholarly work in the field of Zionism.

Reinharz was named the seventh president of Brandeis University in 1994 and currently serves on more than two dozen national and international boards.

Reactions to Recent Terrorist Attacks in Israel...

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island strongly condemns the terrorist bombing in Jerusalem that killed and wounded innocent civilians in the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian Mall. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Israel, as they once again fall victim to cowardly bombers who pray on men, women and children.

This latest bombing comes days before the arrival of Secretary of State Madeline Albright to the region, and can be seen as the latest attempt by the enemies of the peace process to prevent a just settlement between Arabs and Jews.

We call on Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to stop embracing Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists and cooperate with Israeli Security forces, as required by the Oslo Accords, to prevent the deaths of innocent people.

Representative Bob Weygand

Dear Chairman Arafat:

I am writing to you with disappointment. At our meeting on August 21, 1997, you gave me the assurance that you would do all you could to keep radical terrorist groups from needlessly taking the lives of innocent people. You asserted that, in fact, you had already taken such steps. When I asked about those responsible for the Mahaneh Yehuda market bombing, you clearly placed the blame on Hezbollah and not Hamas. You said you could do nothing to prevent their actions. I visited Mahaneh Yehuda Marketplace the next day hoping that your words were true and that these meaningless attacks would cease.

This morning, there was another terrorist attack on unsuspecting civilians and tourists, just a short distance from the Mahaneh Yehuda market. Moments after, Hamas took responsibility for the bombing. This is the same group you embraced recently at a "unity" meeting. The attack at the Ben-Yehuda Street pedestrian mall indicates to me that you are not taking the necessary steps to prevent these types of events from occurring. Those of us who are sincere advocates of peace in the Middle East, understand that these terrorist attacks further dismantle the peace process. I urge you to recognize the vital nature of the Oslo Peace Accord and take immediate and decisive action against all radical groups. You must prove to the Israeli people, and to the United States, that you are truly a proponent of peace and an opponent of violence.

In my opinion, Mr. Arafat, you must move yourself miles from the actions of groups like the Hamas and take strong action against them. Otherwise, I will find it very difficult to continue to support efforts to supply your organization with funds and support. I look forward to your reply, which I hope to be actions and not words.

Sincerely,
Bob Weygand
Member of Congress

Ronald S. Lauder, president, Jewish National Fund

Once again, terror has ripped through the heart of Jerusalem. Once again, we are filled with anguish and outrage at the senseless carnage. Once again, we grieve with the people of Israel. Once again, we condemn the horror and the madness that have taken hold in the City of Peace.

Several weeks ago, I was in Jerusalem, walking the vibrant streets of Ben Yehuda. Those who were killed and wounded today were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. It could have been any one of us. We grieve so deeply because they are our family.

The steel and fire that ripped through their bodies also tore through the fabric of civilized life. So much progress has been made in the pursuit of peace, yet today's bombing shows us how far we are from our cherished goal. Peace is powerful and will benefit so many; hatred is powerful too, but no one wins when held in its sway. What is left in its wake is the loss of innocent lives and scars that will forever remain.

The Jewish National Fund grieves for the victims. We extend our condolences to the families of those who were shopping on a beautiful Jerusalem afternoon and who are now gone. Our thoughts are also with those who were wounded in today's attack.

Against those who choose the path of murder and terror, we choose life. We will be true to the tenets of our people, our past and our Jewish homeland. We will continue the mission that we set forth at the beginning of this century: to plant, to replenish, and to make life possible.

Consulate General of Israel to New England

Why is the Peace Process Facing Difficulties?

1. On Aug. 20, 1997, Arafat held a "National Reconciliation Conference" with the leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. During this meeting, in response to a statement by Hamas' leader that "violent struggle in all its forms is the effective way," Arafat declared, "All options are open," then embraced the Hamas leader for the television cameras. What kind of message does this send to his people?

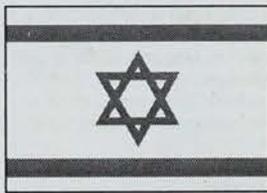
2. There is continuous Palestinian incitement to violence against Israel in mosques, Palestinian newspapers, radio, and television with no response or actions from Arafat or Palestinian Authority representatives to halt this incitement.

3. Arafat stated: "I will not apprehend members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad" in an August 1997 speech to the Palestinian Legislative Council. (*Hatsofeh* newspaper, Aug. 10, 1997)

4. The Palestinian Authority and Arafat have not provided sufficient security cooperation with Israel, refusing to arrest and turn over to Israel suspects involved in severe terrorist activities. Such suspects have been released or they escape from custody.

5. Arafat and the PA have avoided disarming terror organizations within the PA territories and have made no effort to destroy the infrastructure of terror organizations.

6. Israeli flags are burned publicly by incited Palestinian mobs.



National Council of Young Israel

"The terrorist bombing of the Ben Yehuda mall in Jerusalem yesterday, should prove to the world that when Yasser Arafat kissed the leader of Hamas last week, it was really the kiss of death for innocent Israeli civilians," said Chaim Kaminetzky, national president of the National Council of Young Israel. "By permitting Hamas and other terrorists to recruit, train and build an infrastructure unhindered in the territories under its control, the Palestinian Authority has made itself a willing accomplice to their crimes," the Young Israel president declared.

"Cynical disclaimers of responsibility by PA leaders for this latest atrocity ring hollow in the face of their deeds. Arafat continues to praise and embrace the terrorist leaders who plan and carry out these atrocities, instead of imprisoning them or turning them over to Israel for trial and punishment. By declaring "national unity" with the terrorist organizations, Arafat has made it clear he was embracing not only their leaders, but also their continued use of violence against the Israeli people. Despite repeated Israeli protests, PA officials and official media have continued to conduct a vicious campaign of incitement and race hatred directed against the State of Israel and the Jewish people, disseminating anti-Semitic propaganda, and the big lie of Holocaust denial.

"These policies and actions by Arafat and his corrupt, despotic regime belie their protestations of commitment to the peace process. The rest of the world, and the United States in particular, cannot expect the State of Israel to continue to bargain in good faith with such a regime, which refuses to disassociate itself from the leadership and goals of those movements which are dedicated to Israel's destruction, and which prefers to carry out its fundamental responsibility to suppress terrorist activity to the limits of its ability."

Orthodox Union

The Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, representing nearly 1,000 Orthodox Jewish synagogues nationwide, expresses its outrage at the deadly terrorist attack perpetrated by suicide bombers in Jerusalem.

Again, acts of terrorism and murder against innocent civilians in Jerusalem streets have been committed, including the wounding of American youth studying in Israel. This latest atrocity once again makes a mockery of the Palestinian Authority's solemn commitments to fight the terrorists organizations, their infrastructure and prevent violence and incitement to terror, the condition upon which the late Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin and Israeli Knesset agreed to the Oslo process.

Arafat's embrace of Hamas, the release from prison of Hamas terrorists, the incendiary statements made by Arafat and other Palestinian officials have given the terrorist organizations a virtual green light for terror operations in Israel. Ironically, the Palestinian Authority dares to use this failure to combat terrorism as a means of pressuring Israel into making concessions, a tactic which completely negates the peace negotiations. The hope for success of any peace negotiations in the continuing atmosphere of terrorism, death and ongoing calls for Jihad, is dramatically and sadly diminished. The recent *New York Times* photo of Mr. Arafat embracing Hamas leaders is not an isolated instance but illustrative of an apparent agreement between Hamas and the PA to countenance terrorism provided it did not emanate from areas controlled by the PA. In essence, Hamas is acting as an adjunct of the PLO, clearly demonstrating that Mr. Arafat views terror as an instrument of diplomacy.

Israel's first responsibility is to the safety and security of its people. Israel cannot move forward in the peace process unless the threat of terror and violence that is part and parcel of the Palestinian policy is permanently eradicated.

The Orthodox Union grieves with the families of the murdered victims of this horrendous, senseless attack. May they be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Reeling From Shock

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devil," said taxi driver Yoav Zaken, gesturing animatedly to his friend Itzhak Shabbat.

Asking Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to provide security for Israelis, he said, "is like asking the cat to guard the milk."

"This will never end," Shabbat responded. "They don't want us here in this land."

Hours after the bombing, police still were working to clean up as a crowd of people stared dumbfounded at the area.

Normally bustling in the evening hours with families strolling and tourists sipping cappuccino, Ben Yehuda was lit up by television spotlights and the sound of glass crunching underfoot.

"For hours afterward, I couldn't get out of my chair. I was shaking — like this," a woman who identified herself only as Yaffa said, fluttering her hands. "My heart is broken."

Yaffa's friend Aviva Shako sat in her jewelry store, three shopfronts from the deadly intersection, and pointed out objects broken in the blast.

A broken bronze menorah lay at her feet. The ground outside her store had been littered with severed body parts, Shako said, shuddering at the memory.

Across the street, Sam Henke continued serving a trickle of customers at his sweets-and-tobacco shop.

In the minutes after the blasts, Henke said, dazed victims had flooded into his store, ducking behind counters, seeking any kind of shelter. He had dispensed water and food to calm them and

was now trying to come to terms with the catastrophe himself.

"We're still in shock. We're still not thinking straight," Henke said, pointing out a dark stain on the sidewalk that he said had come from a chunk of bloody flesh that landed outside his store.

"Business will suffer a lot, but we'll stay open; if we close, they win."

Outside the store, Vered, a regular customer, said he would follow through with as much of his evening plan — dinner and a cigar — as he could.

"This is my lawyer's office here, this is my bank, this where I set and drink coffee and read the paper. This is really my area," Vered said. "The reason I came down here is to prove that they're not going to kill Jerusalem. They can't kill our plans, that's the bottom line."

Others, however, said the psychological fallout from the attack was more severe.

American Leah Colmer, who was eating lunch a few blocks from Ben Yehuda and reached the scene just after the bombings, said she would never be able to look at the area in the same way.

"I said to myself, this is happening, this is really happening. I couldn't pretend that I was living at Disneyland just because I have an American passport," said Colmer, who had rushed to Ben Yehuda, where she helped comfort dazed survivors.

To walk down the lively pedestrian mall "usually is a fun and social scene," she said. "Today it wasn't — it was a life and death experience. It cost people their lives."

FEATURE

Growing Up in a Small Town

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

Jews in Small Towns: Legends and Legacies
Dr. Howard V. Epstein
Literary Legends 1997,
760 pages.

While many Jews coming to North America in the past century were naturally drawn to urban areas where they could find others to share their immigrant experience, some ventured out to more rural spots to make a better life for their families. These pioneers settled

Jews in Small Towns: Legends and Legacies, by Dr. Howard Epstein, tells the stories of people who grew up in rural areas without a sizable Jewish community. Epstein, a licensed clinical social worker and former chair of the Social Work Department at Georgia State University, spent five years compiling the stories of the lives of small-town Jews in North America (defined for his purposes as towns with general populations of 25,000 or less). The idea for the book grew out of Epstein's own interest in exploring what life in a small town meant to Jewish Ameri-

questing information about North American Jews who have lived all or part of their lives in small towns. Epstein received 550 responses. About a third of the respondents submitted written personal histories, 140 of which were to be included in the book with a minimum of editing. As a result, the vignettes speak out to readers in simple and clear voices that intimately portray small-town Jewish life in the 19th century.

Although separated by great distances, (from Athens, West Virginia to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan) the stories contain many similar themes. Throughout the book there is a strong sense of families trying to hold on to their Judaism in whatever way possible to pass on some meaning to their children. One writer tells of living in a town where no kosher meat was available so the family did the best they could to keep their plates separate, another remembers her mother buying a baguette for their Shabbat meal because no challah was available. Other stories tell of makeshift Hebrew school classrooms in old box-cars and modest shuls in the back of old buildings.

There are also tales of childhood anti-Semitic experiences that made deep impressions on the writers, including numerous references to having been called a "dirty Jew" (an experience obviously not unique to rural Jews). What emerges from many of these reminiscences, however, is the sense that for all the harassment by schoolchildren and ignorant teachers, the experience of growing up in a small town made them stronger people. Because of their close knowledge of (which can eventually lead to persecution), many expressed a strong identification with Israel and a clear understanding of the need for it to exist.

Although each vignette is only a few pages long and therefore rather easy to read, the book unnecessarily reaches a clumsy 760 pages. Cutting some of the accounts in favor of more photographs would have brought the residents to life for the reader and made the collection feel a bit less like a sociology project. Overall, *Jews in Small Towns: Legends and Legacies* is an enjoyable portrait of an overlooked part of the Jewish experience in North America.

Rural Roots

by Sara Wise
Herald Editor

After reading Dr. Epstein's introduction and a sampling of the 140 stories in Jews in Small Towns: Legends and Legacies, I was prompted to write down my own story of growing up Jewish in a small town. If you have a similar experience of Jewish life in a rural area that you would like to share with our readers, please send it to the Herald.

When I was growing up, we were the only Jewish family in Chilmark, a rural town of approximately 600 on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Although I was never made to feel different from the rest of the children in our two-room schoolhouse, I also never knew what it was like to have a Jewish friend. Looking back I doubt that the other kids in school even knew what the word Jewish meant.

Their parents were aware, however. Each year the local Methodist Church, which as the only church in town serves as a catch-all for various Christian denominations, would invite the graduates from our tiny elementary school to a church ceremony and give them each a New Testament. When my brother's class of six students graduated, they invited him as well, but gave him a copy of Elie Weisel's *Night* in place of their bible. That's pretty much the way things went in town. People knew we were different and might observe different traditions, but being a small town, based on the principles of tight community bonds and looking out for one's neighbors, they didn't want to leave us out either.

At Christmas, the volunteer fire department would purchase a gift for every child in town (one of their largest expenses of the year, funded in part by an annual auction). Each young Chilmark resident, from the littlest toddler to the most gangly preteen, got a lovingly wrapped, age-appropriate gift with their name on it from a fireman Santa who sat on the stage of the community center and called out names at the annual Christmas party. We were always included and got gifts along with the other kids, with a tacit acknowledgment that they did know we were Jewish, but still wanted us to get our goods.

In terms of the rest of Jewish community on the island, a borrowed rabbi would come over

from "off island" to our small "Hebrew Center" for the High Holidays, but that was about it. Hebrew School was always on an off-again, on-again basis, depending on whose parent could be talked into teaching us a few stories and Hebrew letters on Sunday mornings. With the five towns combined, I think we had eight kids on a good year (this included three pairs of siblings). Some years there were no classes, so I have only vague memories from that time of coloring fruits and sticks (etrog and lulav) and once getting to dress up like Queen Esther and make a lot of noise.

Other than that, our Jewish upbringing was confined to visits to my grandparents house in New York where we would be immersed in a typical "bubie" scene. Smells of chicken soup, matzah balls and brisket greeted and teased us since we couldn't eat until candles were lit and my grandfather read prayers from his funny little backwards book. To me, this took forever as I squirmed in my seat, anxious to plunge my spoon beneath the wide egg noodles suspended in Grandma's glistening soup.

It took me a while to realize that Shabbat was a weekly holiday, not just something that coincided with our visits (usually on weekends) to their house. And every time the blessings come to an end before a Shabbat meal I am always amazed at how brief they seem, compared my memories as an impatient child.

In addition to the obvious things we lacked, also absent was that intangible sense of belonging that comes from being with other Jews. I attended a fairly heterogeneous rural college populated mostly by middle- to upper-class WASPs from the mid-Atlantic states, so it wasn't until just a few years ago, when I was sitting around with a group of my boyfriend's high school chums that I had any idea what that was like. (He grew up in the midst of a large Jewish community in Dallas, full of JCCs, BBYOs and other acronyms that were foreign to me). I suddenly realized that it was the first time I'd been in a room with more than six or seven Jews that weren't related to me (aside from being in temple of course). It felt like a small-scale version of how American Jews often describe a visit to Israel: a sense of being part of something larger than just yourself and your immediate family.

On a recent trip home I visited the Hebrew Center, now in a new building at least twice the size of the little converted white house where my brother was bar mitzvahed. The Center membership now includes more than 250 families and there is a thriving Hebrew School that even offers activities during summer vacation. The bulletin board is full of local activities: Shabbat services on the beach, lectures and concerts by visiting Jewish notables. Things have certainly changed and I'm sure that Jewish kids growing up on the island today have a much different experience.

Keepers of the Flame in North America

Jews in Small Towns

Legends and Legacies

By Howard V. Epstein

in places where they were often the only Jews for miles and had to adapt to their non-Jewish surroundings.

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cans, a topic close to his heart, as Epstein himself grew up in Logan, Ohio, a town of 6,000.

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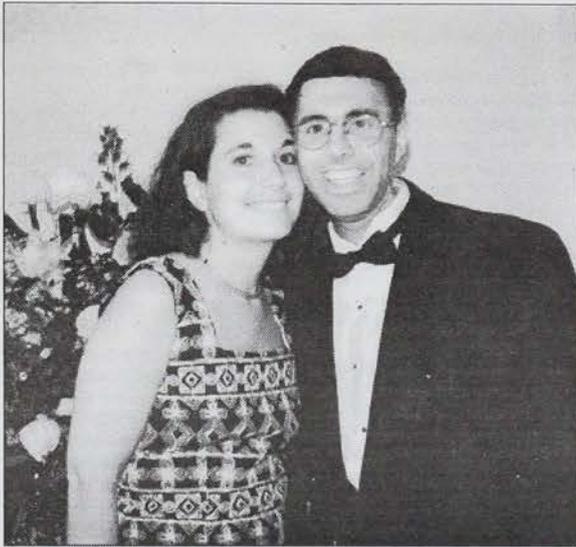
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Resnick to Wed Silverman

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Resnick of Cranston and Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Silverman of Warwick announce the engagement of their children, Dr. Staci M. Resnick and Scott A. Silverman.

The bride-to-be graduated from Brown University and Brown University School of Medicine and is currently completing her residency in pediatrics at the New England Medical Center in Boston. Her fiancé graduated from Bentley College. He is the plant manager at Annex Plating in Quonset Point and is currently pursuing a degree in manufacturing engineering at the New England Institute of Technology.

The wedding is set for May 24, 1998.



Dr. Staci M. Resnick and Scott A. Silverman

Angel Ricci Weds Mitchell Ellman

Angel Marie Ricci and Mitchell B. Ellman were married August 24 on the Monsoon yacht off the coast of Aruba. The bride is the daughter of Patricia Ricci of North Providence, R.I., and Norman A. Ricci of Lincoln, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Betsy and Sheldon Ellman of Warwick, R.I.

The reception was held at the Hyatt Hotel in Aruba.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was her mother. Attendants were Linda Ricci, stepmother of the bride, Suzanne Lomas, Christine Tarvis, Rachael D'Amico and Jackie Gaipo.

Best man was Scott Ellman, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Thomas Tarvis, John D'Amico and David Gaipo.

The bride graduated from North Providence High School and Chamberlayne School of Design. She is employed as an outerwear designer for Aldo Studio in New York City.

The bridegroom graduated from Pilgrim High School and is the commercial maintenance manager for Pfister Roofing Co., New Jersey.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba. They have made their home in North Bergen, N.J.



Angel Marie Ricci Ellman

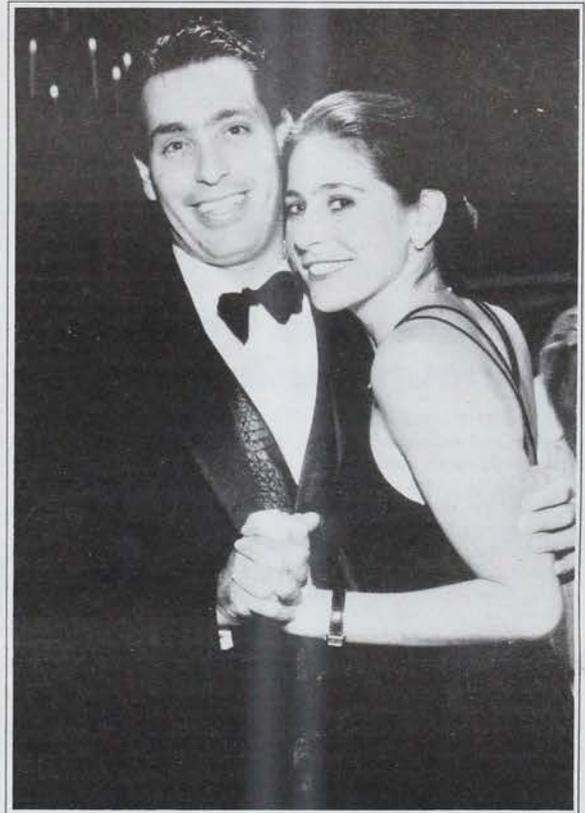
Amy Lynn Bedrick to Wed Charles Kantor

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bedrick of Providence, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to Charles Claude Kantor, son of Dean and Mrs. Brian Kantor of Cape Town, South Africa.

The bride-to-be graduated from George Washington University and Tufts University Graduate School. She is currently an occupational therapist at the Rusk Rehabilitation Center at New York University Hospital.

Her fiancé graduated from the University of Cape Town with a B.S. in economics. He is currently vice president with Stern Stewart Consulting Firm in New York City.

A Nov. 15 wedding is planned.



Charles Claude Kantor and Amy Lynn Bedrick

Matthew Morgan Fownes



Jodi and Ian Fownes of Cumberland announce the birth of their second son, Matthew Morgan, on Aug. 4. He is the brother of Thomas Scott.

Maternal grandparents are Max and Rona Dressler of Warwick and Lake Worth, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Jean Fownes of Tipton, England.

Matthew is named in loving memory of his great-grandmother Mollie Snyder and his great-uncle Morton Hamer.

Sarah Jagolinzer Awarded National Service Scholarship

Sarah Jagolinzer, of Portsmouth, has been named a 1997 National Service Scholar and awarded a college scholarship of \$500 by the Corporation for National Service in recognition of an outstanding record of community service.

The award matches a local scholarship of \$500 provided by Public Education Fund. Launched last fall by President Clinton, the National Service Scholars program challenges communities and local organizations to raise at least \$500 for a junior or senior in their local high school, which the federal



Sarah Jagolinzer

government then matches. School principals select scholarship recipients.

Jagolinzer is among 1,690 first-year scholarship winners announced by President Clinton in his recent radio address on community service. "Next year it will be even bigger," he said. "Our goal is to make this program available in every high school."

Jagolinzer graduated from Portsmouth High School and plans to attend Brandeis University.

High schools and local organizations interested in next year's National Service Scholars program may call (202) 606-5000, ext. 293.

The Herald welcomes photos for the Milestones page.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Klezmer Musical Opens in Cambridge

The American Repertory Theatre, under the artistic direction of Robert Brustein, presents the klezmer musical "Shlemiel the First" based on a play by Isaac Bashevis Singer that was taken from several of his children's folk tales. The show runs from Sept. 9 through 28 at the Loeb Drama Center in Cambridge.

"Shlemiel the First" was conceived and adapted by Robert Brustein and directed and choreographed by David Gordon. Its music was composed, adapted, and orchestrated by Hankus Netsky with musical arrangements and additional music by Zalmen Mlotek, lyrics by Arnold Weinstein, editorial supervision by David Gordon, and music direction by Zalmen Mlotek.

Shlemiel, a beadle in the town of Chelm, is sent out into the

world by the town's "wise" elders to spread their wisdom. A rascal he meets on the road turns Shlemiel around, and as he returns to Chelm he is convinced he has found another town exactly like his own! Soon he is guiltily falling in love with a woman who looks just like his own wife. Confusion and mayhem ensue, until all is finally resolved in a climax of merriment, song, and reconciliation.

Since its world premiere in 1994 "Shlemiel" has delighted audiences from Lincoln Center in New York, to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and numerous cities in Florida. This charming and hilarious musical fuses the folk tales of Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer with a rousing, authentic score played by members of the Boston-based Klezmer Conservatory Band, in

the perfect marriage of music and theatre.

Performances run Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., with weekday, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$22 to \$52 depending on the day of the week and seat location. Discounts are available to students and seniors, including rush tickets before the curtain at \$12. Group discounts are also available. Call (617) 547-8300.

The American Repertory Theatre is located at the Loeb Drama Center in Harvard Square at 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, and is accessible to persons with special needs and to those requiring wheelchair seating or first-floor restrooms. Deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons can also reach the theater by calling the toll-free N.E. Telephone Relay Center at (800) 439-2370.

Hamilton House Holds Celebrity Auction

Hamilton House, a community center for active seniors invites the public to a Celebrity Auction with Salty Brine on Sept. 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hamilton House, 276 Angell St., Providence. Tickets are \$10 each, which includes admission to the silent and live auctions, hors d'oeuvres, wine or punch, and a \$5 credit toward any auction purchase. Rhode Island's best-loved radio and TV personality, Salty Brine, will be the celebrity guest of honor.

The silent auction (2 to 3:45 p.m.) features a variety of antiques, artwork, jewelry, quilts, furniture, gift certificates from local businesses including restaurants, travel and recreational opportunities, and services.

A live auction follows the silent auction and features several exciting gifts including a first class deck chair from the Queen Mary, an oriental

rug, a Maxwell Mays framed print, an antique Victrola radio, an overnight and dinner at Foxwoods Casino, and a beautiful hand-made, queen-size quilt.

Hamilton House is a non-profit community center for active senior citizens. Housed in a beautiful mansion donated by George Champlin and his daughter, Florence Hamilton, Hamilton House was incorporated in 1973 "to provide a program center for older persons, without discrimination on grounds of race, creed, color, or gender, and to offer a wide variety of activities that enhance the meaning, pleasure, and health of retirement years."

The House provides social, recreational, educational, and travel activities and offers a hot meal or soup, salad, and sandwiches Monday through Friday at very low cost.

State Arts Council Announces Deadlines

Oct. 1 is the deadline for Rhode Island individual artists, arts organizations, educational and non-profit organizations to apply for funding to support arts projects, according to an announcement from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

The State Arts Council, celebrating its 30th year this season, provides financial support to individual artists, arts organizations, schools and educational organizations and for community arts activities and arts in education projects taking place throughout the state.

Oct. 1 is also the deadline for the State Arts Council's Folk Arts apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship program ensures the survival of folk and traditional art forms by supporting master artists passing on skills and traditions to talented apprentices. Cultural traditions from klezmer music to Hmong tapestry weaving have been preserved through this important program.

Grant guidelines, application forms and further information may be obtained at the council offices at 95 Cedar St., Suite 103, Providence. Guidelines are also available at a number of libraries and other locations throughout the state. Application material can be provided in alternate formats for people with disabilities. For further information, contact RISCA at 277-3880 (Voice/TDD).

The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts is a state agency, supported by appropriations from the Rhode Island General Assembly and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. RISCA provides grants, technical assistance and staff support to arts organizations and artists, schools, community centers, social service organizations and local governments to bring the arts into the lives of Rhode Islanders.

Victoria Court Hosts Art Opening

Victoria Court, Cranston's distinctive assisted retirement living community, will be hosting an Art Opening for Complements Art Gallery of Warwick, which features a variety of internationally and locally acclaimed artists. Original oils and original works on paper, which will include etchings, serigraphs, aquatints, watercolors, etc., will be on display. All works are framed by Complements Art Gallery.

The opening reception will be on Sept. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Additional gallery hours will be Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. from Sept. 18 to Oct. 12.

Many Rhode Island business professionals and art lovers are expected to attend. The event is open to the public and all are welcome.

For more information about Victoria Court Art Gallery, call 946-5522.



City Nights Opens New Season

City Nights Dinner Theatre opens its 14th season with the outrageous comedy "Home Is Where Your Clothes Are." The show is produced by David Jepson. It opens Sept. 19 and runs all Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct. 5. There will be an evening performance on Oct. 2, a Sunday brunch on Sept. 21 and Sunday matinees on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5.

The show is directed by Bruce W. Lackey and stars Michael Jepson, Lee Rush, Hilary Rogers, Andrew Turner, Mark Silberstein, Robert Ciresi, Jr., Kimberly Reagan and Catherine Sadlier.

Our hero is the Major. When his wife Elizabeth leaves him for Ronald, he solves his financial problems by renting the basement flat to a girl who only uses it on weekends and a lawyer who only uses it weekdays.

Neither tenant is aware of the other until one outrageous day.

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange St., next to the Pawtucket Times Building with easy access from Route 95 by exit 29. The theatre is at the intersection of Exchange and Broad streets on the left hand side.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$23 per person. The meal is a complete boneless stuffed chicken dinner with tossed salad through dessert and coffee and is served family-style.

Seating is from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Curtain is approximately an hour after serving time.

Tickets for City Nights are by reservation only. For reservations or other information, call 723-6060.



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Jazz Concert in Wakefield

The South County Center for the Arts Performance Series opens on Sept. 21 with a jazz concert starring pianist Roger Kellaway. He will be joined by the Gene Bertocini Duo featuring Michael Moore.

Guitarist Gene Bertocini has performed with several notables including Tony Bennett and Lena Horne. Also playing will be bassist Michael Moore, another veteran of the jazz scene.

The concert is at 4 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the South Kingstown High School Auditorium, 215 Columbia St., in Wakefield. Tickets are available at Wakefield Music, at Saywell's and at the arts center. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for center members, \$13 for senior citizens and \$7 for students and children. Call 782-1018 for more information.

Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder

Betty Jean Steinsouer, well known to Rhode Island audiences for her series of popular one-woman shows on great women authors, is returning this fall to the Barrington Public Library to perform her latest character, Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Her one-woman show, "Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder," will be given at the library on Sept. 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Wilder wrote a series of children's novels first published in the 1930s. Later the novels became the basis of the television series, "The Little House on the Prairie," starring Michael Landon. Steinsouer said that her research on Wilder has been a lifelong pursuit, considering that she was born in Springfield, Mo., about 20 miles from where Laura and Almanzo Wilder lived on Rocky Ridge Farm, near Mansfield, Mo. The Little House books were a standard part of

Steinsouer's early education, and she recalls several trips to the house where Wilder wrote all eight volumes. "Laura Ingalls Wilder has always been part of my consciousness, like the 23rd Psalm. It's great to finally bring her to life," Steinsouer said from her home in St. Augustine, Fla. "This is not the TV version—it's the real Laura."

"Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder" is intended for children and adults, and Steinsouer requests that children be accompanied by an adult. It is an evening for the entire family to enjoy. She said she deliberately places Wilder at an old age because Little House in the Big Woods was not even written until Laura was 65.

This performance is sponsored by the Friends of the Barrington Public Library and is free and open to the public. Seating in the library's auditorium is limited.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



RIC Offers Fall Chamber Music Series

Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series will present seven Wednesday performances this semester, all in Roberts Hall 138 beginning at 1 p.m. All the performances are free of charge and open to the public.

John Gibbons, a member of the Boston Museum Trio and an active soloist and collaborative artist, will perform on harpsichord Sept. 24; soprano Joanne Mouradjian, a frequent recitalist and oratorio soloist who performs weekly at temple Beth-El in Providence and is a member of the voice faculty at RIC and Wheaton College, Oct. 8.

Soprano Marlies Kehler will present a recital in celebration of the Bicentennial of the Birth of Franz Schubert, Oct. 22; Amazon Brass Quartet, a unique ensemble that consists of four fe-

male double-bass players who will perform works by Telemann, Schubert, Brumby and Joplin, Oct. 29.

Pianist Jason Hardink, a senior at the Oberlin Conservatory, native Rhode Islander and winner of the Byrd Scholarship from the state of Rhode Island, performs Nov. 12; music faculty member Stephen Martorella, minister of music at the First Baptist Church in America and organist for Temple Torat Yisrael, performs Nov. 19.

The multi-cultural ensemble No World Improvisations, featuring four traditionally trained virtuosi from Africa, Asia and America perform new works and improvisations emanating from the roots of these cultures on Dec. 10.

For more information, call John Pellegrino at 456-8244.

Fall Foliage Train Trip

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council is sponsoring a round-trip Fall Foliage Trip on the Providence and Worcester Railroad, Oct. 18, departing from Cumberland at 10 a.m. traveling to Worcester, Mass., and returning to Cumberland at 2 p.m.

Tickets for this popular train tour are being offered at a cost of \$27.50 per person. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check payable to the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Fall Train Excursion, P.O. Box 7663, Cumberland, RI 02864. Tickets can also be purchased at the BVTC Visitor Center, 171 Main

St., Pawtucket, which is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy spectacular fall foliage along the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, with historical narration during the train trip. Passengers are strongly encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch on the train trip.

Tickets cannot be reserved without full payment and must be purchased in advance of the train trip. Tickets and detailed information will be sent upon receipt of check.

For further information on the train excursion, call Donna Houle at BVTC, 724-2200.



The 'Imperial Presidency'

The "Imperial Presidency," a free lecture, reading and discussion series will be sponsored this fall at the Barrington Public Library by the Friends of the Library.

In the post-war era President Eisenhower noted that "the demands of modern life and the unsettled status of the world require a more important role for government. The "Imperial Presidency" explores the powers and limitations of the American Presidency through biographies of Roosevelt, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. Lectures will be given, and discussions led by Professor Ron Dufour of Rhode Island College.

Programs will run every two

weeks on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

Oct. 6 — Roosevelt: The Lion and the Fox, by James MacGregor Burns

Oct. 20 — JFK: The Presidency of John F. Kennedy, by Herbert Parmet

Nov. 3 — Big Daddy from the Pedernales: Lyndon B. Johnson, by Paul Conkin

Nov. 17 — Nixon: The Education of a Politician, 1913-1962, by Stephen E. Ambrose

Registration for the series begins on Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at the library's reference desk in person or by phone. Biographies to be read for the series will be held at the reference desk for participants.

Artisans Dress Up Wells in Blackstone Valley

Three English artisans from the Amber Valley will introduce the ancient art of Well Dressing to America at the Slater Mill Historic Site on Sept. 21.

Slater Mill Historic Site in downtown Pawtucket, birthplace of America's Industrial Revolution, will be the site of America's very first well dressing to be built by the British artists during their visit.

The general public is invited to be part of this unique craft. The well dressers will be assisting and instructing people in this community, family partnership activity. Blackstone Valley Tourism Council hopes other well dressings will spring up on the banks of the Blackstone River and other valley waterways.

The well dressing artisans that will be coming to the Blackstone Valley, were chosen by the Amber Valley (England) Borough Council and are funded through the New England Foundation for the Arts and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

The artists' visit is part of an ongoing "twinning" established

between Rhode Island's Blackstone Valley and England's Amber Valley, begun in 1993. The connection between the two global regions is that of Samuel Slater, father of American textile manufacturing, who was a native of Derbyshire, Amber Valley, the birthplace of world textile manufacturing.

Well dressings are an art form common only to the Amber Valley of England. BVTC officials hope that having well dressings throughout the Blackstone Valley region will serve as a way to celebrate the heritage of the Blackstone River and become a new attraction for visitors to discover.

Well dressing is the art of decorating wells or springs with natural objects to form symbolic pictures and designs as a thanksgiving for the gift of water, especially in times of drought. The colorful and often eclectic monuments can be found in the Amber Valley of England in unique areas like street taps and stand pipes, or where wells and taps used to stand. To-

day, many of the eye-catching designs serve as a centerpiece to identify villages.

Reflecting the environmental aspects of true well dressing, these markers are crafted from clay, moss, twigs, flowers, berries and other earth-grown materials. The craft of making a well dressing is labor intensive, but the results are of lasting significance reflecting a people and community effort. They are 6 feet by 6 feet in dimension.

Slater Mill historic site was chosen because of its location by the Blackstone River. The American well dressing will honor the cleanup of the Blackstone River.

The public is strongly encouraged to meet and join with the British artisans and to take part in this unique design craft during their Sept. 15 to 22 visit on the grounds of the Slater Mill Historic Site.

For information on this presentation, and for those wanting to take part in the well dressing, call the BVTC at 724-2200.

Withrow Cabaret Closes Summer Season

Ocean State Light Opera closes its eighth summer season at Wheeler School Theater with the Withrow Cabaret, a concert-style program of popular scenes and arias from operas and Broadway musicals. The cabaret, an annual benefit for the Withrow Endowment Fund, was started in memory of OSLO's founding music director, Scott S. Withrow, who died of cancer in 1993.

This summer's leading performers will headline the program, including (from "Princess Ida") Joanne Mouradjian, Norma Caiazza, Stephen DeCesare,

Loriana DeCrescenzo, Deirdre Donovan, Mark Conley, Edmund Graziani, and (from "The Mikado") Mary Beth McGrath, Barbara Youmans, Thomas Lehmkuhl, Krishan Oberoi, Michael Popowich, and Robert Lieberman.

Other well-known OSLO vocal talents who will be performing include Georgette Ross Hutchins, Cecelia Schiano Rodi, Jeanne Maciel, Julibeth Andrews, and Eric Bronner.

Performances will be held on Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. For information or tickets, call 331-6060.

O. Henry Award Winner Speaks at Wheaton

A winner of the prestigious O. Henry short-story award will lecture and read from his work at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Woolley Room in Mary Lyon Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Thomas Glave won a 1997 O. Henry Award for his story, "The Final Inning," which was pub-

lished by *The Kenyon Review*. He is the first African-American male to win the award since James Baldwin received it in 1959. His story is the first work with a gay theme to have been honored with the award in its nearly 80-year history. The story will be published in *Prize Stories 1997: The O. Henry Awards* edited by Larry Dark, in October.

Highland Court Hosts Scone Challenge

In celebration of 10 years of assisted living with the royal touch, Highland Court has invited area restaurants, bakeries, bed and breakfast inns, and caterers to participate in a Scone Challenge that will benefit the programming that airs on Rhode Island public television, Channel 36. The event will take place on Sept. 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Highland Court in Providence.

Those participating include: Bagel Gourmet and Down City Food of Providence; Baked Expectations, Carol's Bakery and Barney's of Cranston; Food Works Restaurant of Portsmouth; Past & Presents of Tiverton; Shelter Harbor Inn of Westerly; Bagel Station of Johnston; and Bushberry Ltd. and Greenville Gourmet of Greenville.

The judging of the scones will take place during a gala event that will feature non-stop music, strolling entertainers, storytellers, clowns, magicians, bagpipers, beefeaters, and more.

Admission to the Scone Challenge is \$4 for adults with children under 12 free. Scones, tea and other refreshments will be available for all. Tickets can be obtained from Susan Dolan of Highland Court at 273-2220 or Lois Taylor, development director at Channel 36, 277-3636, ext. 220.

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OBITUARIES

ALAN BERGER

WARWICK — Alan Berger, 46, of 56 Maple Ave., an employee at Ann & Hope in Warwick for five years, retiring in 1994, died Sept. 6 at Kent County Memorial Hospital.

Born in Providence, a son of Frances (Freeman) Berger of Cranston and the late John H. Berger, he lived in West Warwick since 1975.

He attended the University of Rhode Island.

Besides his mother, he leaves two sisters, Nancy Riffle of Providence and Wendy Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.; and three nieces.

The funeral was held Sept. 10 in the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JENNIE D. LEWENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Jennie D. Lewenberg, 97, of Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., died

Sept. 2 at home. She was the wife of the late Maurice Lewenberg.

Born in Portland, Maine, a daughter of the late Morris and Sarah (Berman) Sacknoff, she had lived in Providence since 1987, previously living in Newton Center and Brookline, Mass.

She was a 1923 graduate of Simmons College.

She had been a Gray Lady at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston during World War II, and after the war.

She was a life member of Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline, and a member of the temple's board of directors and Sisterhood.

She was a life member of Hadassah and was a member of the Brandeis University Women's Association.

She leaves a daughter, Eleanore "Ellie" Frank of Providence; a son, Richard Loring of East Sandwich, Mass.; a sister, Rheta Smallwood of Washing-

ton, D.C.; a brother, Edward Sacknoff of Portland; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 3 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL 'SID' PULNER

DUNWOODY, Ga. — Samuel "Sid" Pulner, 69, of 2204 Saffron Way, Dunwoody, Ga., formerly of Providence, a representative for several jewelry manufacturing firms for many years, retiring 10 years ago, died Sept. 4 at home. He was the husband of the late Margaret Pulner.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Sophie (Mellion) Pulner, he moved to Georgia 38 years ago.

He was a member of Redwood Masonic Lodge.

He leaves a son, Louis M. Pulner of Cranston; five daughters, Pamela Pulner of Washington, D.C., and Kathy Karsten, Angela Gonzales, Joy Young and Jamie Mautz, all of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Fred Pulner of East Providence; and eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Bernice Weiner.

A graveside service was held Sept. 5 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial followed. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Holocaust Awareness Lacking in Former Communist Nations

by Lev Krichevsky

RIGA, Latvia (JTA) — Fifty years after the Holocaust—and six years after the fall of communism—the tragic fate of local Jewish communities during World War II remains a repressed issue in many of the countries that comprised the former Soviet Union.

Local collaborators, often with passionate zeal, helped the Nazis kill 800,000 Jews in Belarus, more than 200,000 in Lithuania and 75,000 in Latvia. Indeed, more than 90 percent of Lithuanian and Latvian Jews perished in the Holocaust, the highest percentage in Europe.

During the years of Soviet rule, the government largely ignored the specific Jewish nature of the tragedy, preferring instead to focus memorials and educational lessons on all of the "victims of fascist crimes."

And since the demise of communism, several former Soviet republics have sent conflicting signals about their willingness to come to terms with the Holocaust.

Some steps have been taken to acknowledge their complicity in the Holocaust.

Indeed, during a visit to Israel in 1995, Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas publicly apologized for his country's involvement in the Holocaust, and both Lithuania and Latvia have established national days of mourning for Holocaust victims.

But local Jewish leaders say that little has been done to educate people about the extent of local participation in the Holocaust.

The event is given only a brief mention in Belarussian, Lithuanian and Latvian history textbooks.

In Lithuania, no legal action has been taken against several alleged war criminals who were stripped of their U.S. citizenship and deported to their homeland in recent years.

Since the fall of communism, the Lithuanian government has pardoned more than 50,000 citizens who were convicted as war criminals by the Soviet courts after World War II, including persons suspected of participating in the Holocaust.

Lithuanian and Latvian ultranationalists who participated in the mass killings of Jews are now glorified in books and articles, as well as in public ceremonies honoring Nazi collaborators as anti-Soviet fighters.

Last month, a delegation from the Anti-Defamation League visiting Belarus, Lithuania and Latvia spoke about one such case to a high-ranking Lithuanian official.

On the eve of the Nazi invasion of Soviet-occupied Lithuania, Kazys Skirpa, Lithuania's prewar ambassador to Germany, called on Lithuanians to liberate their land "from the long-standing Jewish yoke." From Germany, he coordinated the operations of Lithuanian fascists who took an active role in brutally murdering Jews.

Recently, a street in Kaunas, the nation's second largest city, was named after Skirpa—who is considered a national hero by many in Lithuania.

Neris Germanis, the foreign affairs adviser to the Lithuanian president, explained to the ADL delegation that Skirpa "also did some good things for his country" as a diplomat and a member of the prewar cabinet.

Soon after the Baltic republics gained their independence six years ago, nationalism flourished along with a desire to settle historical accounts for the 50 years of Soviet occupation.

As has often been the case in this part of the world, Jews were made the scapegoats, accused of collaborating with the Communists, especially in the 1940-1941 Soviet campaign to exile thousands of residents of the Baltic republics to Siberia.

This charge served as a thinly veiled justification for the collaboration of local residents with the Nazis.

While the wave of nationalism has diminished in the last few years, "there is a need to come to grips with the painful past," said Abraham Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

The ADL offered to involve these countries in several ADL-sponsored programs, including a project honoring Righteous Gentiles and an educational seminar aimed at reducing prejudices.

Another Jewish organization, B'nai B'rith, teamed up with the Lithuanian Ministry of Education last year to organize Holocaust awareness programs in Lithuanian schools.

The ADL mission was assured that the Baltic states and Belarus will continue to support local Jewish organizations.

Authorities in these countries do not hinder organized Jewish activities, even those aimed at encouraging immigration to Israel.

But Foxman maintains that the governments have to be more vigilant in opposing anti-Jewish prejudice and condemning anti-Semitic acts.

Jewish communities here, for example, expect the return of communal property that was nationalized during the Communist regime.

Belarus does not have a law regarding restitution. As a result, the 100,000-strong Jewish community has been able to reclaim only five synagogues out of several dozens of former communal buildings across the country.

In a meeting with the ADL delegation in Minsk, Ivan Pashkevich, deputy head of the Belarussian presidential administration, said the major obstacle to restitution is the reluctance of local officials to give up the property.

In Lithuania and Latvia, Jewish communities have been relatively successful in reclaiming synagogues. However, other communal property has been difficult to reclaim.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Amos House: 415 Friendship St., Providence, 272-0220. Volunteers are needed for meals. Breakfast is served from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers' assistance works best when they can stay for both meals on a particular day. Also, men and women are needed to stay overnight in the shelter. Training is provided and a sleeping area is available. Food contributions are accepted until 4 p.m. Contact: Adrienne Marchetti.

International House of Rhode Island: 8 Stimson Ave., Providence, 421-7181. Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help teach English. Contact: Joyce MacMillin.

Literacy Volunteers of America: 95 Cedar St., 861-0815. Volunteers are needed to spend about two hours a week tutoring in basic literacy and conversational English. Contact: Sandra Blakmon, 351-0511.

The Network Volunteer Program: The Network is an innovative statewide partnership among agencies dedicated to ending violence against women, with the goal of serving the needs of survivors in Rhode Island through collaborative strategies. It is comprised of the R.I. Rape Crisis Center and the R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence and its six domestic violence member agencies. The

Network project will train and certify all advocates working on issues of domestic violence or sexual abuse. All advocates working with women who have experienced domestic violence or sexual abuse will be required to apply to the program, pass a screening and criminal background check, and participate in the 36-hour training curriculum. Upon completing of this program and with the recommendation of their supervisor, they will be eligible for certification. The training is offered three times a year. The next training will be: Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 22 at 6 to 10 p.m., Sept. 24 at 6 to 10 p.m., Sept. 25 at 6 to 10 p.m., Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 29 at 6 to 10 p.m., and Oct. 1 at 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, contact The Network at 421-4100.

Old Dartmouth Historical Society — New Bedford Whaling Museum is seeking applicants who wish to become volunteer guides or library aides. Applicants must successfully complete a 14-week course beginning mid-September through the end of January, given by the museum staff. This course covers the economic, political and social history of the Old Dartmouth area, local art history, as well as the story of whaling and other industries. Volunteers will then be able to

conduct tours of the museum, give talks to school groups and other organizations, and assist on special projects. A pre-interview is required. For an appointment, call Patricia Altschuller at (508) 997-0046, ext. 23, or Laura Pereira at ext. 14.

Providence Animal Rescue League: 34 Elbow St., 421-1399. Volunteers travel to classroom programs, civic organizations, public fairs and more. Training is available.

Self Help Inc., Senior Citizens are sought to participate in the Retired Senior Citizens Volunteer Program. Contact: Bridget Kelly, 437-1000, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers in Providence Schools are looking for new volunteers. Sign up to be a VIPS volunteer and teach a student to read, tutor a child struggling with math or science, help a student learn English or foster a student's curiosity in technology. You can also volunteer to share other unique skills with Providence students. To volunteer, contact Volunteers in Providence Schools at 274-3240.

Volunteer Services for Animals needs volunteers to work at the Providence Animal Shelter Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in two- or four-hour shifts. For information, call 941-6830.

Help The Homeless With AmeriCorps

The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless and Rhode Island Housing announce the availability of two positions for AmeriCorps*VISTA members to assist with a project to help residents in emergency and domestic violence shelters and transitional housing locate permanent affordable housing. The project is sponsored in cooperation with the National Alliance to End Homelessness, a national nonprofit organization that addresses the long-term problems of homelessness.

The AmeriCorps*VISTA members will assist with the implementation of a computerized rental referral system for residents of shelters and transitional housing; develop a manual to help shelter case managers and residents conduct a productive search for permanent housing; and create a public awareness campaign about homelessness. The job sites are in Providence.

The AmeriCorps*VISTA

members will receive training from the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the state VISTA office as well as training and supervision at the job site. AmeriCorps*VISTA members receive a basic subsistence allowance covering housing, food, and incidentals. The allowance does not affect Social Security, veterans, or welfare benefits, but is subject to taxes.

Members also are eligible for a \$4,725 education benefit after 12 months of service which can be used for higher education or vocational training. In place of the educational award, members may receive an end-of-the-year stipend of \$95 for each month served. Members also are covered by health insurance.

The positions begin in late October. For more information, contact Judy Jones at Rhode Island housing, 457-1285 or Tanja Kubas-Mayer at the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, 421-6458.

Local Girl Scouts Hold Sign Up

The Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc., Fall Sign Up Week will be held Sept. 13 to 18 at 47 locations. Those interested in joining may call the council office at 331-4500 or (800) 331-0149 for the location and date in their community.

All girls ages 5 to 17 not currently members who wish to join Daisy, Brownie, Junior,

Cadette or Senior Girl Scouts are invited to attend with their parents or guardian. Local Girl Scout leaders and Girl Scouts will provide information about the Girl Scout program.

Girl Scouting gives girls opportunities to increase their self-confidence, develop leadership skills, make new friends and get involved in their community

while participating in a variety of activities designed specifically to meet the needs of girls. Girl Scout activities this fall include backpacking, museum camp-ins, theater workshops, service projects, leadership training, hands-on experiences in science and math at Brown University and the University of Rhode Island, and special theme weekends at Camp Hoffman. Adult help is always needed and interested volunteers may come to the Sign Up or call the council headquarters.

Serving 13,600 girls annually in all of Rhode Island and adjacent towns in Massachusetts and Connecticut, Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc., aims to meet the needs of all girls from diverse racial, ethnic, socio-economic and religious backgrounds and those with special needs.



A Walk in the Park

Two Asian elephants (and their trainers) made a surprise visit to the park in New Bedford last week. They reside at the New Bedford Zoo.

Herald photo by Tara V. Liscianro

Join the Wild Flower Walks

Wild flower walks are held on the Nettie Jones Nature Preserve, a 70-acre area on the W. Alton Jones Campus, University of Rhode Island. Thanks to the diverse habitats on the preserve, which include meadows, sugar maple forest, red maple swamp, white pine forest, freshwater ponds and steams, and oak-beech forest, a fine variety of plants are seen on each walk.

The pace of the walks are leisurely, but because the walks are along woodland trails, long pants, sturdy shoes, and socks are recommended. During warm weather, you may want to bring a hat and insect repellent. The walks last a little over two hours. In the event of very bad weather,

an indoor program is given.

The walks are led by naturalists Lisa Gould and Anne Wagner. Participants should arrive at 10:15 a.m. for check-in; walks begin promptly at 10:30. For those walks that include lunch, the meal is at 1 p.m. The following dates are available:

Sept. 13 — walk without lunch, \$12 per person.

Sept. 24 — walk with lunch, \$25 per person.

Sept. 27 — walk without lunch, \$12 per person.

Oct. 1 — walk with lunch, \$25 per person.

For information and to register, call Whispering Pines Conference Center at the W. Alton Jones Campus at 397-3361, ext. 6056.

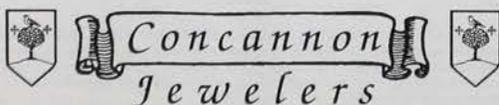
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