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## Swiss Talks Reach 'Critical' Stage as Unofficial Deadline Approaches

by Daniel Kurtzman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As negotiations to settle Holocaust-era claims against Switzerland reach a critical stage, there is no clear indication that efforts to reach an agreement will succeed.

Facing an unofficial June 30 deadline, one source close to the talks cautioned against both "false hopes" and "undo pessimism," saying the negotiations are at a "very critical singe."

It is against this backdrop that conflicting reports have emerged about whether Switzerland's three largest private banks have made a firm offer to Jewish negotiators.

One source familiar with the negotiations said the Swiss banks — Union Bank of Switzerland, Credit Suisse and Swiss Bank Corp. — offered a settlement totaling more than \$1 billion to resolve claims brought by Holocaust survivors who charge that the banks failed to return their assets after World War II.

The banks denied that an offer had been put forward, as did a reliable source, who characterized the negotiations as "tenuous." Another source said a "chasm" of differences remained between the two sides.

The World Jewish Congress, lawyers representing Holocaust victims and the Swiss banks have been holding settlement talks in recent weeks under the aegis of the U.S. State Department. The negotiations are be-

ing held under rules of strict confidentiality.

A key sticking point in the talks involves the question of what exactly an agreement with the banks would cover.

The WJC, which has spearheaded international efforts to pressure Switzerland to confront its wartime past, has been pushing Switzerland to reach a global settlement that would resolve all claims stemming from Swiss actions during World War II.

Such a settlement would presumably address the claims being pursued in a multibillion class-action suit brought by Holocaust survivors.

The Swiss government, together with its central bank, the Swiss National Bank, has ruled out using taxpayers' money to pay into any settlement.

"Switzerland will not participate in such settlements," Swiss President Flavio Cotti said over the weekend.

In a move that could increase pressure on the Swiss government to reach a settlement, lawyers representing Holocaust victims are planning to sue the Swiss National Bank for its role in accepting the vast majority of gold looted by the Nazis, including gold stolen directly from Holocaust victims.

The suit was postponed earlier this month amid attempts to first reach a settlement with the private banks.

A spokesman for the Swiss National Bank, Werner Abegg,

said, "We believe that there are no grounds for class action suits against us, and we will use every legal option to defend ourselves from such justified claims."

One source said the disconnect between what some Jewish negotiators are seeking and what the banks are willing to negotiate has further complicated matters.

There are some who feel that if the Swiss National Bank doesn't join in with the other banks in a global resolution, "they don't want any resolution," the source said.

Another source said, however, that such an assessment is "flat-out wrong."

The reported settlement offer from the banks was said to have come just days before the New York State Banking Department decided to approve a merger between Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp. The U.S. Federal Reserve gave final approval to the deal recently, which will form the world's third largest bank.

The WJC made no objection to the move, which some took as a sign that progress had been made with Swiss banks toward reaching a settlement of Holocaust-era claims.

On a related front, lawyers involved in the negotiations met this week with an advisory group of Jewish organizations to consult them about the current status of the negotiations.

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### PHDS Celebrates Pre-School Graduates!

Providence Hebrew Day School recently held graduation ceremonies for preschool and kindergarten students. Maureen Sheehan, general studies principal, and Rabbi Nissel, dean, award special certificates to students. (See page 9).

Herald photo by Tara V. Liscianaro

## German Chancellor Visits Boston Holocaust Memorial

by Michael Gelbwasser  
The Jewish Advocate

WALTHAM, Mass. (JTA) — Members of Brandeis University's Class of 1998 were pleased with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's remarks during their commencement last month.

After the ceremony, David Weisman said in an interview he appreciated Kohl stressed that strengthening Germany's ties to the Jewish community and Israel were priorities for him. Brandeis presented Kohl with an honorary doctor of letters degree.

Addressing the graduates in German, with a simultaneous English translation, Kohl said he was "cognizant" that his appearance at Brandeis would

have been "almost inconceivable 30 years ago."

The chancellor praised Brandeis officials for their work in this area so far.

Prior to the commencement, Kohl and Brandeis president Jehuda Reinharz presided over the opening of the Center for German and European Studies at Brandeis. The German government last year committed \$1.5 million over five years to the project.

"He has reminded his countrymen that the past must never be forgotten," Reinharz said in introducing Kohl during the commencement.

Following the commencement, Kohl laid a memorial wreath at the New England Holocaust Memorial on Boston's

Freedom Trail. Presented during a special ceremony of remembrance, the wreath honored the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

"I was very pleased that he represented Germany and he's willing to come to peace with the Holocaust and acknowledge it," Pauline Keshishian, who received a bachelor of arts degree, said after the commencement.

Shana Brickman, who received a bachelor of science degree, said she found Kohl's speech "very inspirational and uplifting" considering that "the Germans and the Jews have been on stressful terms for a while."

She said she hoped Kohl's message would "bring peace and good relations between Germans and Jews in the future."

## News at a Glance

The following news items have been supplied by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York.

- A delegation from Israel's Peace Now movement met in Egypt with members of a newly formed peace movement there. In a joint statement issued after the talks, the two groups called on their respective governments to continue working to advance the peace process. The statement also said a comprehensive peace would be impossible without the dismantling of Jewish settlements. The two groups are planning to meet again this September in Jerusalem.

- Internet-access firm America Online announced that it purchased a Tel Aviv-based Internet chat and messaging firm for \$287 million in cash. The purchase gives AOL access to Mirabilis' more than 12 million users. Mirabilis also has a free Web-based program called ICQ — or "I Seek You" — that lets users know when their friends are online and then exchange messages.

- The U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives gave final approval to legislation aimed at forcing Russia to stop exporting ballistic missile technology to Iran. The House approved the measure by far more than the two-thirds majority required to override a presidential veto, as the Senate did late last month. The move sets up a confrontation with the Clinton administration, which has argued that the bill would undermine efforts to address the issue with Russia through diplomatic channels. Most Jewish activists are backing the measure.

- Auditors investigating accounts in Swiss banks that have remained dormant since the end of World War II will need the rest of the year to complete their work, according to the independent committee overseeing the search. The delay comes as a result of the "widely disbursed and incomplete documentary record" remaining from the war years, said the Volcker committee, named for its chairman, former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

# HAPPENINGS

## Midsummer Meltdown '98

Midsummer Meltdown '98 will be held at the Astors' Beechwood, Newport, On June 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. to benefit the A-T Children's Project. (100% of the money raised from the event will go towards finding a cure and therapy for the fatal, genetic disease which attacks children).

This year's event will be chaired by Billy Andrade and Brad Faxon. Enjoy an evening of dancing, live entertainment, fun and laughter, with a summer buffet, and an extraordinary silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$85 per person. Black-tie optional. Advanced tickets required. For more information or tickets, call 682-2198 evenings and weekends or 1-800-5-HELP-A-T.

## Surf's Up For The 1998 Summer Reading Program

School's out... summer is here... but reading and learning continue with the Providence Public Library's Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Ride the Reading Wave." The program will begin June 29 and conclude on Aug. 14, and registration is underway NOW for families with children ages 4 to 14.

Games, arts and crafts, computer activities, puzzles and storytellings are just some of the many summer reading activities... all centered around a nautical theme. This year's featured storytellers are: Joan Bailey, Tom Callinan, Sparky's Puppets, Carolyn Martino, Keith Munslow, Melodie Thompson and Save the Bay.

Once registered in the program, the youth will receive a personal reading log to be filled out as they read the books. If a child reads one book a week for the entire six-week program, or spends one hour a week reading for the six-week program, he/she receives coupons to local favorite cultural attractions, like the Roger Williams Park Zoo, the Museum of Natural History, Providence Children's Museum, South County Museum, R.I. Fishermen and Whale Museum, Quonset Air Museum, the Planetarium at the Museum of Natural History, Newport & Old Colony Railroad, the Museum of Work and Culture in Woonsocket and the Newport Aquarium. Eligible participants will be included in a special drawing for home-game tickets for the Pawtucket Red Sox.

Ronald McDonald will visit several of the Providence Public Library branches, including the Washington Park branch on June 24 at 1:30 p.m., the South Providence branch on July 14 at 1:30 p.m., the Knight Memorial Library on July 29 at 11:30 a.m., and the Mount Pleasant branch on July 29 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit or call your local public library.

## Calendar: June 18th thru 28th

- 18 **JVS & Career Moves**, Boston, "Using the Internet for a Job Search," workshop, 6 to 7 p.m. Call (617) 451-8147.  
**Newport Art Museum** offers a host of interesting art and craft classes, now through August. For complete schedule, call 848-8200.
- 19 **14th Annual Secret Gardens Tours**, June 19 to 21, benefits arts education in Aquidneck Island school system. Call 847-0514.  
**Stars of David**, support network for Jewish adoptive families, hosts annual summer Shabbat barbecue, 5:30 p.m., Highridge Swim and Tennis Club, Lincoln. Enjoy outdoor activities and swimming with other families. Call 431-0728.
- 20 **11th annual Thayer Street Art Festival**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Providence. (See pages 10 to 11).  
**R.I. Rivers Day** statewide celebration honoring Rhode Island's precious resources. Call for more information, 724-2200.
- 21 **Happy Father's Day!** First day of summer.  
**Congregation Ohawe Shalom** installation dinner, 5:30 p.m., Rabbi Brody will be the guest speaker. R.S.V.P. at 722-8867.  
**Summer evening benefit** for museum concerts, 5 p.m. at the Allen House. Reservations required. Call 245-6347.  
**Father's Day** at the Providence Children's Museum, free for dad and grandads. Call 273-KIDS.
- 23 **Providence Washington Plaza** lunchtime concert series, noon to 2 p.m., S. Main St., Providence. Call 751-1177.
- 24 **Rosh Chodesh Tammuz**  
**Scleroderma Support Group meeting**, 7 p.m., Roger Williams Hospital, Providence. Call 781-5013.  
**Pajama Storyhours Series** begins at Books on the Square, Providence; storyhours for children runs through Aug. 19. Call 331-9097.  
**Silver Sneakers**, 10 to 11 a.m., YWCA, Providence. Exercise class for seniors emphasizing motion and stretching. Call 831-9922.  
**Jewish InterAction Beacon Hill: A Twilight Tour**, enjoy a walking tour of Boston's Beacon Hill, 6:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to (617) 457-8666.
- 25 **R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum** first annual meeting, 7:30 p.m., JCCRI, Providence.  
**R.I. Jewish Herald** special feature "Women in Business." For advertising information, call 724-0200.
- 26 **Picnic in the Park Concerts**, 7 to 11 p.m. Enjoy an eclectic mix of music at Amphitheater Stage, Waterplace Park, Providence. Call 751-1177.
- 27 **Zoobilee '98** — Feast with the Beast, 7 p.m. to midnight. Annual fund-raiser for the R.I. Zoological Society, features dancing, dinner, auction and more. Call to reserve tickets, 941-3910.  
**Bel Canto Opera**, 8 p.m. Puccini's "Suor Angelica" and "Gianni Schicchi" at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, Providence. Call 942-6440.  
**"Summer Spectacular,"** outdoor craft fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wickford Place, Inc., N. Kingstown. Call 294-4177.
- 28 **"Between Illusion and Reality: Israel at Fifty,"** June 28 to Aug. 30, Starr Gallery, Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center. Exhibit explores Israel's past, present and future through photographs. Call (617) 558-6485.  
**Swinging Seniors Festival**, sponsored by Diabetes Foundation of R.I., 3 to 8:30 p.m., Providence Marriott. For reservations, call 431-1900.  
**Sunday in the Park**, tours noon to 1:30 p.m. Join National Park Ranger for tour of Cogswell Clock Tower and Blackstone River Valley, followed by concert. Call 727-7474.  
**Jewish InterAction: Community Farming Project**; spend a day working on cooperative farms that donate food to shelters, 10 a.m. in the Waltham Fields Community Farm R.S.V.P. (617) 457-8666.

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## Meet the Harbor Seal

Save the Bay will present "Meet the Harbor Seal" at the Auburn Branch of Cranston Public Library on June 22 at 11 a.m. Their performance is part of the 1998 Summer Reading program "Ride the Reading Wave" sponsored by Cranston Public Library, the RI Office of Library and Information Services, Rhode Island McDonald's restaurants and Cranston branches of Citizens Bank.

Meet a model of this appealing marine mammal — with surprises inside. Find out about seal adaptations and migrations. Try on a blubber glove to see if it keeps you warm in icy waters. Learn how a healthy Narragansett Bay means a good food supply for seals.

Children completing grades one to three may sign up to attend by calling 781-6116 or visiting the Auburn Branch Library at 396 Pontiac Ave., Cranston.

If you have an event you would like featured on our Happenings Page, please send it to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940 or fax to 726-5820.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## 'Forty Years of Bad Road' is a Trip

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

The trek from Egypt to Canaan may have been tough on the ancient Israelites, but "Forty Years of Bad Road," Jules Gelade's musical parody of the event, was pure fun for its modern Jewish audience.

Written and directed by Gelade and performed by The Jewish Theater Ensemble at the

dren; a 12-piece orchestra; 22 songs arranged by musical directors Shelly Katsh and Kendra Haggerty; elaborate choreography by Lisa Bergman, and an imaginative set designed by Laura Mernoff.

Gelade, a Rhode Island lawyer who has achieved local fame for writing Temple Emanu-El's Purim spiels for 15 years, also received assistance in his direc-

Road" script, created to mark Israel's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was as funny as anything he ever created for the Purim crowd.

Attaching his yiddishkeit humor to sacred events and figures, Gelade presented a unique, if somewhat irreverent, perspective on Moses (Ron Rathier), Miriam (Vita Smith), Aaron (Don Kieffer) and Joshua (D. Toby Marwell).

As the curtains opened, the Israelites were rejoicing over the parting of the Red Sea with comic lyrics set to a pulsating reggae tune.

Shortly thereafter, hilarious sniping between the biblical sibling figures Moses, Miriam and Aaron began as Moses undertook the arduous task of leading, or "schlepping" the Israelites toward Canaan.

Although all actors were impressive, Vita Smith's impeccable comic abilities glowed as she traded insults with her brothers and expressed exasperation over the fact that the trip to Canaan took 40 years rather than the few days initially promised.

As the cast burst into frequent musical numbers set to popular and Broadway tunes, the play created intimate and very funny connections between modern Jewish culture and the ancient traditions that spawned it.



DURING "Forty Years of Bad Road," a kicking chorus line of ancient Israelites gives thanks. Herald photos by Emily Torgan-Shalansky



BIBLICAL FIGURES Moses (Ron Rathier), Aaron (Don Kieffer) and Miriam (Vita Smith) trade less-than-sacred barbs in Jules Gelade's, "Forty Years of Bad Road."

Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island five times this month, the production featured a cast of 20 adults and 11 chil-

torial debut from Producer Karen Kerzner Gelade and Assistant Director Deb McGowan. His "Forty Years of Bad

To the melody of Lennon and McCartney's "Sargeant Pepper," the cast declared themselves "marching schleppers bound for the holy land," a number thanking G-d for mun was set to "One" from "A Chorus Line" and featured the requisite high-kicking dancers, and Israelites wandering the dessert were depicted as leather-clad bikers singing about their plight to Mars Bonfire's "Born To Be Wild."

The strong lyrics were further enhanced by the elaborate set, which included a rock that really spouted water when Moses struck it and a mock Mount Sinai that the actors could actually climb.

Although Gelade, a found-

ing member of The Jewish Theater Ensemble, said he was glad to see the last shows sell out, he admitted that he was concerned about poor attendance at the earlier performances.

"People came because word spread that the show was good, but the all the Jewish Theater Ensemble shows cannot be this good," he said. "There will be some clunkers, and the community has to support the [newly created] Jewish Theater Ensemble if this is going to fly."

The Jewish Theater Ensemble is a program of the JCCRI with partial funding provided by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Lola Schwartz Cultural Arts Fund.

## Leaders Emphasize Change at Hadassah Board Meeting

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Hadassah is not what it used to be, and Western New England Regional President Rickie Leiter wants the public to know that.

"We are more than blue-haired ladies with tzedakah boxes," said Leiter after a regional board meeting held at Warwick's Inn at the Crossing on June 9 and 10. "It's not our grandmother's organization anymore — it has to meet the needs of women who are dealing with a different world."

At the regional board meeting, the first one ever held in Rhode Island, Leiter, representatives from National Hadassah and 30 local leaders discussed the importance of change as they participated in seminars on membership and strategic planning.

As part of the venerable 300,000-strong, 85-year-old women's Zionist organization whose name once symbolized the singular commitments of generations before, participants discussed present-day challenges such as engaging career women and impressing the im-

portance of Israel upon those who have never known the world without it.

Between workshops, Ellen Hershkin, a national vice president, explained that Hadassah recognized a need to modernize after Voices for Change, a series of focus groups conducted by the Hadassah Institute and Brandeis University in the mid-1990s, indicated a widespread desire for flexibility and diversification.

"In the olden days, we had a model of what women were expected to do," admitted Hershkin. "We learned that Hadassah has to adapt to as many women as possible on their own terms. We need to make involvement feasible and meaningful for today's women."

On a more local level, Leiter, a wife and mother who works as a secretary at Boston's Dana Farber Institute, said that she stepped into her position with the gap between the needs of older and younger members very much on her mind.

"Most of our members are college-educated women who work and have families. There are lots of things pulling at them in terms of involvement. I felt a need to involve different people at many levels," Leiter said.

In order to determine the best course of action, Leiter contacted National Hadassah and requested an assessment of New England's 10 chapters.

"We conducted a series of focus groups with past leaders

and members," said Leiter. "Another was about ages and interests."

According to Leiter, the surveys revealed that while many members felt distant from Hadassah and even from organized Judaism, the geographic closeness of the New England chapters could be utilized to instill a new efficiency and sense of cohesiveness.

"We found that we needed more of a lot of things," Leiter said. "We needed more training, more resources and more information."

In an effort to reconnect the local chapters and groups with their resources, Leiter decided that board meetings should rotate through various sites across

the region rather being called solely in Sturbridge, Mass., where they had been held for years.

"The board is a resource for local units," Leiter said. "When the units need ideas, support and training, they need to have access."

Leiter hopes to develop stronger connections between the regional board and its local installations.

"The regional board is able to plan large-scale events that the local chapters cannot because of more limited finances and manpower," Leiter said.

Upcoming events include an August hands-on fundraising workshop in Worcester, Mass.,

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# OPINION

## Nazi Gold and The Swiss The Anatomy of a Mitzvah

Let Us Be Tough, But Let Us Be Smart

by Abraham H. Foxman  
The issue of Switzerland's behavior during and after World War II persists and is joined in public attention by the roles of insurance companies and art museums, the depths of the dilemmas facing the Jewish community became ever more apparent.

We want and deserve justice. This means that families that put money in Swiss banks during the Nazi period and were not able to recover their funds must be allowed to. It means that others who had insurance policies with European companies that were never redeemed because the Nazis took them over must have the opportunity to claim their funds. It means that works of art stolen from Jewish families and later found should be returned to their rightful owners.

Yet we who look to the future have other responsibilities. We are concerned about how this ever-lengthening search for justice will distort a new generation's understanding of what the Holocaust was all about. Day-after-day, month-after-month, year-after-year stories about material things and loss can easily lead to a false perception that 6,000,000 Jews were murdered for their possessions, that the Holocaust was about old-fashioned greed. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. Jews were murdered by the Nazis and their cohorts simply because they were Jews — money did not save them, money did not cause their death. Do we endanger society's fundamental understanding of this moral horror through the continuing focus on financial retribution?

And then there is the question of how we as a community conduct ourselves to get to truth

and justice? We know that without pressure, nothing would have been achieved. For 50 years, the Swiss did as little as they had to in order to come to grips with the past. It was only in recent years, with the public exposure by the World Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations, as well as members of Congress and the administration, that commissions and funds were established.

However, it is neither wise nor accurate to say that *only* pressure works. At all times, it is essential that the community evaluate whether continued pressure is called for, or whether it ought to be modulated either because of the responsiveness of the party being pressured or because of the possible counterproductive impact of pressure at a given time.

In the case of Switzerland, it is a tough call. There is ongoing concern that despite some important steps by Swiss government and banking officials, the Swiss still don't get it. The most recent U.S. report issued by Stuart Eizenstat deepens our awareness of the culpability of the Swiss National Bank, i.e., the Swiss government, during the war years. Going back more than a year, our message to Swiss leadership was that it was critical for them to take initiatives and not merely react or appear to react to external pressure. Initiatives would have the dual purpose of persuading external parties that there really was a recognition of the magnitude of the problem and a true change of heart by the Swiss; and would serve to persuade the Swiss public that the reason for the soul-searching and steps is not "international Jewry," but the need for Switzerland to take a hard look at itself and its past for its own sake.

Still, important steps have been taken. The historical commission, the Volker Commission investigating accounts, the bank fund which is already distributing money to Holocaust survivors, and a proposal for government-based funds which require approval through referendum. We believe the balance may have tipped toward lowering the pressure and focusing on cooperation and encouragement. The last thing we need to do is make ourselves the issue rather than Switzerland's need to act justly. By ignoring or minimizing the significant efforts that have already been made, we risk losing the support of the many good people in Switzerland who have come to understand that this process is vital for the nation's future. By working together and showing appreciation for the difficult task of the Swiss to relearn their past, we can accomplish several things.

A comprehensive settlement can be achieved the Swiss know it is in their interest to do so; the true lessons of this whole experience can be preserved — that justice must be served and that the Holocaust was about the murder of Jews simply because they were Jews; it will provide an opportunity to reinvent Swiss relations with its own Jewish community, which has been the target of rising anti-Semitism during the last few years; and, finally, it will enable Switzerland to move forward on necessary education programs so that young people understand what really happened during the War and how responsibility in combating hatred and savagery falls on all of us.

This kind of an approach can be instructive in dealing with other Holocaust-related matters. Exposure of inaction and pressure from American and other sources is critical. Don't

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by Velvel 'Wally' Spiegler

When I last worked in Rhode Island, about 12 years ago, I took on the task as the Jewish chaplain at the ACI (Rhode Island's prison system). It was a volunteer job which I served for about two years until I no longer worked in Rhode Island and, at that same time, a rabbi, new to the area, wanted the position. One of the responsibilities, that came with the job of counseling prisoners about to be released, was to help them find employment outside the prison walls. One day, on one of my regular visits to minimum security, one of the guys said, "I'll be out of here in about three weeks and if you can get me a job, it'll be a mitzvah." I replied, "I'll do what I can, but that's not a mitzvah."

Judaism makes a clear distinction between good, kind, loving actions and mitzvot. We all do — or think we're doing — kind deeds and favors for other people, and you know when you're doing it. A special sense of delight, gladness and joy seems to prevail. You feel proud of yourself. We all had the experience of someone asking us for a favor: "pick up a few things for me at the store" or "drop me off at the dentist." Helping an old or blind person cross the street also is an example, but these are not mitzvot.

A mitzvah is something different. Mitzvot are — if properly performed — bonafide spiritual practices. Every culture that ever existed had practices which enabled them to commune with the Divine: the sun dance of the American Indian, the tea ceremony of the Japanese and so on. Mitzvot, the Jewish route, provide not only a conduit to G-d, they also enhance the power to transform and to heal. If you are as skeptical as I am, then you will want some evidence, some assurance that you are performing tasks that have purpose.

In as much as the system of

mitzvot date back to pre-antiquity or to the revelation at Sinai depending on your slant in the matter, they seem obscure on one hand but analyzable on the other in the light of modern transpersonal psychology. Most rabbis will tell you that there are only two kinds of mitzvot: mishpatim, those commandments that are clear to the intelligent mind, and chukim, the vast majority, whose meaning can't be conceived through rational thought.

The Jewish mystical literature, on the other hand, provides us with a technology that explains how mitzvot work. Mitzvot are actions that we do here on earth that effect the heavenly spheres. We don't know which ones have what effects, so, in order to leave no stones unturned, we do them all, all 613 of them. We can influence the heavens with our mitzvot and with our prayer. One distinct feature is that mitzvot consist of positive and negative commandments: shoulds and should nots, male energy and female. An ordered universe demands demands justice to balance what has gone askew. We delicately offset the negativity with our mitzvot to sustain joyous living.

What's most important and most often overlooked is that these holy actions need to be performed with kavannah, a Hebrew term meaning both attention and intention. This is a focusing of our awareness, a complete concentration on the performance of the mitzvah, and on its intended purpose. On Yom Kippur we observe its particular mitzvot and we intend to influence the future by nullifying the past. Directed thought actually restructures spiritual energy towards its intended purpose; the Talmud is quite clear on kavannah by emphasizing the expression 'if he directed his heart' (Berachot 13a).

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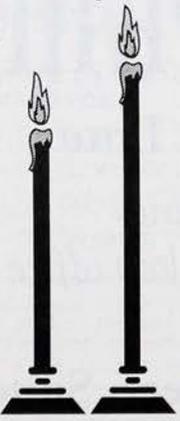
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## Nothing by Chance

This week's Torah portion, *Shelach* (literally "send") narrates the story of the 12 spies who were sent on a special *shlichut* (mission) to the land of Israel.

The spies had been instructed to scout out the land in order to determine the optimal strategy the Jews should employ to conquer it. Indeed, when they returned from their mission they gave their report on the land and its inhabitants.

Their sin, however, consisted in going one step further. In addition to providing the information, they were requested to obtain, the spies insisted on venturing their own opinion about the mission itself: "We will not be able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we!" they declared.

G-d hadn't asked the spies whether or not they thought conquering the land was possible. Their *shlichut* was solely a fact-finding mission; thus, adding their own opinion and dis-

couraging the Jewish people from fulfilling G-d's request was a grave transgression.

In principle, a *shlich* (emissary) is required to carry out his mission to the best of his ability, no more and no less. Altering that mission to accommodate

### Torah Today

his own thoughts and feelings is a distortion of the very *shlichut* with which he was entrusted.

In truth, every Jew is an emissary of G-d, Who caused him to be born into this world in order to fulfill a unique mission. For the mission of every Jew is to transform his surroundings into "the land of Israel" — a "dwelling place for G-d" — through the performance of Torah and *mitzvot*.

As G-d's emissary the Jew is required to "scout out the land" — to determine the best possible method of fulfilling his as-

signment. Each individual's circumstances in life will determine the answer, be it through strengthening his observance of Shabbat, keeping the laws of *kashrut* more carefully, lighting Shabbat candles or putting on *tefillin*.

G-d doesn't task the Jew if it's possible to attain his goal; the very fact that he's been sent on his mission to bring G-dliness into the world indicates that the "land" can indeed be conquered. Furthermore, no matter how difficult the mission may seem, a Jew must never arrive at the conclusion of the spies and despair of ever being victorious.

Yes, a Jew is entrusted with a special *shlichut*, but G-d has given him the power and capacity to fulfill his mission. Bearing this in mind is the key to being successful.

Adapted from *Hitva'aduyot of the Rebbe, 5743-1983*. Submitted by Rabbi Laufer, Chabad House, Providence.

# JEWISH COMMUNITY



Providence Hebrew Day School students and Rabbi Nissel



Alperin Schechter Day School students anxiously gather together. Herald photos by Tara V. Liscandro

## Herald Donates Books to ASDS and PHDS

The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* recently donated more than 60 new Jewish-related books to the Alperin Schechter and Providence Hebrew Day Schools.

The books will be housed in the schools' libraries.

This is the second year the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* has donated books to the local schools.

### Jewish Outreach Program

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For information, call Rabbi Leo Abrami at 463-7944

## A Special Father's Day Tribute

by Cary Eichenbaum  
A Father is many things... A smiling face from your earliest recollection — his extended arms waiting for you to run into them when he comes home from work.

A father is a breadwinner, an engineer, a doctor, a chemist, a lawyer, a good husband, a mechanic, a salesman, a good son or grandson.

A father is a bridge player, a sports fan, a dog lover, a waltz dancer, a coffee drinker, a steak eater, a lover of the finer things of life.

A father is a shoulder to cry on, a sympathetic ear to listen to your problems, somebody to tell you your adventures with women to, an inspirational motivator.

A father is funny, charming, eloquent, garrulous, outspoken, intense, foreign-language speaking, a lover of the arts.

A father who survived the Holocaust is, for the son, a badge of honor, a badge of shame, a badge of distinction.

A father who survived the world's largest hate crime, Man's greatest inhumanity toward his fellow man, and never once hated blindly, Germans or otherwise, is a wonderful man.

A father who was shot at in a killing field and then went back

to the same country 10 years later; where he met his future wife and raised future generations free of hate and full of love, is a father to thank G-d for.

A father, who lovingly and gently spoke about the world not forgetting its past and was loved by thousands of Rhode Islanders, is a man to honor.

A father can be loved, kissed, hugged, bragged about to others, viewed as a mentor or role models.

A father can be cursed at, spat at, unloved, not spoken to for 20 years, hung in effigy.

A father who survived back surgery, open-heart surgery, a paralyzing nerve disorder, and many years of aggravation from his younger son, is someone to be remembered fondly.

A father who absorbed every blow the heavyweight champion of the world dishd out and still got up for more — and still had an everlasting smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes to greet you — that is a father to be cherished.

A father is many things — But above all, never-forgotten.

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Just as I praised many of Rhode Island's finest Jewish mothers in a Mother's Day piece

last month, I now feel it is time to do the same for some of R.I.'s greatest Jewish fathers as their day approaches June 21. With the friendly coaxing of my revered mother Alice, I have decided to pay tribute to the many dads who have made an indelible impact in my life before and after my beloved father Ray's death four-and-a-half years ago.

Happy Father's Day to my good friend Saul Martin — the worrying father with three globe-trotting children — who always has a compassionate ear for me and never fails to put up with my shenanigans.

Happy Father's Day to Lester Ageloff and Burton Fischman, fathers I am sure made their kids — and many other people — laugh throughout the years.

Happy Father's Day to Norman Sadler, a quiet but dignified and well read dad who is always on call for his two sons.

Happy Father's Day to Maurice Glicksman, a gently intelligent father of three wonderful children whom I always remember being there for my family in a moment of crisis.

Happy Father's Day to Joe Katz, a truly devoted father and delightful man who always has a captivating story about his past or a humorous joke, and also a kind word about everybody.

Happy Father's Day to Irwin Levy, a dedicated family man and hard worker who is also no slouch in keeping up a conversation in a particular favorite subject of mine — sports.

And happy Father's Day to *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* Contributing Editor and good family friend, Mike Fink, whose passion for quality writing is matched only by his burning love for his children and family.

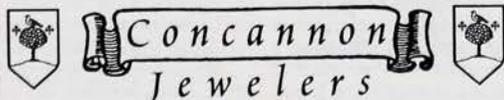
Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there who taught their kids how to throw a ball, tie their shoes, look both ways before crossing the street, fold a newspaper, shave, and above all, taught them that they should be treated with respect and respect others. My beloved father epitomized all these qualities.

Cary Eichenbaum, Providence

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Student Summer Adventures

*Congratulations to Julie Bernstein of Warwick, another "Summer Adventures" winner!*

Summer is a noun, the warmest seas of the year. Summer has a simple denotation, yet a complex connotation. Summer is a great deal more than just a hot season during the year. It is hot days spent at the beach, sipping Dels Lemonade, and swimming in the ocean. It is riding in a car with the windows rolled down and allowing oneself to be permeated by the cool breeze.

On cold, snowy days in January, I often find my mind wandering back to the warm memories that I made during the summer months. I remember the countless journeys down Route 4 to Narragansett Beach. Often, I found it difficult to sit through the smoggy beach traffic! I could not wait for the fun in the sun that the beach always promised. I loved running down the sand, feeling mud squish between my toes, and jumping right into the salty bath that the Atlantic Ocean provided. Somehow, the routine walks down the beach toward Narrow River always provided a varied form of entertainment.

It was always a disappointment when the beach day came to a close. I always managed to carry parts of the beach home with me. I often found sand located in every crevice in my body for days.

Through the winter, I journey back to daily outings I took during the summers past. It is hard to believe that such a small state could hold so many great things to see during one summer. Traveling across the ocean to block Island and smelling the salty air paints vivid summer portraits in my mind. I can almost feel the gentle rocking of the Block Island Ferry. The crowded Wickford Art Festival was a must see every summer, as were the doughboys topped with powdered sugar that I purchased on the corner. Summer recollections always consisted of the annual Saturday trips to Newport spent shopping on Thames Street, eating outside at a small café, and ending the day with a Havdalah service at Touro Synagogue. The tradition kept my reformed family linked to Judaism.

My memories of summer always returned back to my days spent as a young camper at Camp JORI, and later at Camp Tevya. My nostalgic thoughts were not of campfires or of canoeing in a lake; rather, they were of the Shabbat services held weekly at both camps. I always looked forward to the poignant services each Friday evening and Sabbath morning. These memories were a special summer tradition because my family never visited temple on a weekly basis. I enjoyed the songs and prayers the congregation of campers and counselors alike sang together. Summer would not be the same without the calling to mind the times spent evoking my Jewish heritage.

*Julie Bernstein is in the 12th grade at Toll Gate High School.*

## Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club Hosts Film Festival

Temple Emanu-El's leisure club presents its second annual summer film festival. The festival is open to all leisure club and Temple Emanu-el members free of charge. The schedule is as follows:

• **June 18 — "Fictitious Marriage"** A Jerusalem high school teacher in the midst of a mid-life crisis goes off to Tel Aviv, where his is mistaken for an Arab laborer and is asked to join an Arab work force on a construction job.

• **July 2 "Nest Time Dear G-d, Please Choose someone Else"** A survey of the history and definition of Jewish humor, with numerous examples and interviews of famous comedians.

• **July 16 "Weapons of the Spirit"** and a Bill Moyers interview with the filmmaker, Pierre Sauvage A small Huguenot village in France, Le Chambon, successfully defied the Nazis and saved the lives of thousands of Jews.

• **July 30 "The Music Box"** An intense courtroom thriller about a Chicago attorney who defends her Hungarian immigrant father charged with war crimes.

All films will be shown on a large screen video projector. Showings will be on Thursday, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry.

For more information, call 274-0725.

## Newport Havurah

### Summer Events

**Book Discussion**, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sue and Jim Klau, 36 Cliff, Faxon Hall extension, Newport, 849-9061. Klau will be holding a book discussion about *Stones From the River*, by Ursula Hegi. Paperback copies of this book are available at local bookstores for about \$13. Local libraries also have many copies available. A potluck dinner will be served.

**Havdalah Picnic**, July 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Lynne Glickman and Mark Kanter, 13 Harborview Road, Portsmouth, 849-9197. Join in a fond farewell to Lilian and Leslie Green before they return to Edmonton, Canada. Bring a salad or dessert.

**Business Meeting**, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Howard and Mary Newman, 55 Farewell St., Newport, 846-4784. The meeting will focus on High Holidays program planning.

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## Theatre Résumés Wanted

The Jewish Theatre Ensemble, which has emerged this year as Rhode Island's premier performing arts ensemble dedicated to portraying the breadth of Jewish culture through dramatic, musical, and comedic works recently announced a call for theatrical résumés.

This year, the JTE presented "Milk & Honey," once described by the *Wall Street Journal* as "...a sort of Israeli Oklahoma," and "Forty Years of Bad Road," a musical parody written and directed by Jules Gelade. Both shows played to sold-out audiences and galvanized incredible volunteerism and community participation.

Interested directors, musical directors, choreographers, and technical specialists interested in applying for next season should forward their résumés as soon as possible to the Jewish Theatre Ensemble at the following address: JTEc/o, JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906-3400.

Next season will include a November production of "Crossing Delancey," the romantic comedy by Susan Sandler wherein East Side meets West Side on the sidewalks of New York, and a May production of "Two by Two," Rogers and Hammerstein's musical version of the story of Noah's Ark. There will also be a children's production.

All are encouraged to apply and all résumés will be reviewed. Applicants can also leave a message for the JTE, requesting more information, at 861-8800, ext. 108. All calls will be returned. The JTE is a program of the JCCRI with partial funding provided by the Continuity Commission of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Lola Schwartz Cultural Arts Fund.

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## Temple Shalom Installs Officers

The annual installation of officers and trustees of Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, will take place on June 19 at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will conduct the worship and formally install the following newly elected officers and trustees, assisted by temple musician Laura Berkson:

President, Joseph Dannin; vice presidents, Ruth Ziegler/Ron Silberman; treasurer, Gail Silechnik; financial secretary, Leslie Saunders; corresponding secretary, Cindy Weininger; recording secretary, Jay Lasky; trustees, Linn Freedman, James Gilmore, Bruce Lang, Michael Mendell, and Mark Nemtsov; and immediate past president, Dr. Steven Freedman.

Following the service and installation, there will be an Oneg Shabbat to which all are invited, sponsored by the congregation in honor of their newly elected and installed leaders.

Temple Shalom is an active Conservative Congregation which strives to meet and fulfill the spiritual, educational and social needs of the membership. For further information, contact Rabbi Jagolinzer at 846-9002 or Dr. Freedman at 847-0109.

## Touro Fraternal Hosts Dinner

It's time for Touro Fraternal Association's annual steak fry on June 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Touro Hall. After dinner, members of the Harmony and Friendship lodges will travel to Camp Anytown, to see their scholarship dollars at work.

R.S.V.P. to Touro Fraternal in Cranston or call 785-0066.

## Student Summer Adventures

### Deadline Extended to June 25!

The warm weather of summer is upon us and it's time for students to start thinking of summer plans. Many will be attending camp while others take on summer jobs, vacations abroad or other interesting adventures.

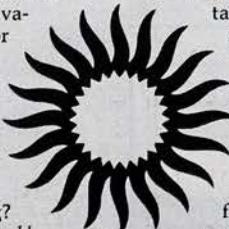
What will YOU be taking part in this summer? Why not try your hand at creative writing? The *RI Jewish Herald* will publish the winning entries throughout the summer.

Students from grades 7 through 12 may enter any "Summer Story," and students in grades 1 through 6 may enter any "Summer Poem." The theme for all stories and poems must

be "Summer Adventures." All entries are due by **June 25**. "Summer Stories," must be at least 400 words and no longer than 650. "Summer Poems," can take any poetry form and must not be longer than 100 words.

All works will be judged by *Herald* staff and community members. Don't forget to include your name, address, phone number, school and grade on the first page of your entry. All entries remain property of the *RI Jewish Herald*.

For more information, call Tara at 724-0200 or mail entries to: Attn: Summer Stories, RIJH, PO Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940.



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## Celebrating the Ninties

by Tara V. Lisciandro  
Herald Editor

The tables were set with beautiful linens and shiny silverware. Tables were filling up quick and the room was getting crowded. "So when is the mayor coming?" asks Etta Scone, an anxious party guest. A dark red carnation with ribbon adorns her pretty floral sweater. Scone, along with a little more than 20 other guests who are also wearing carnations, was celebrating her 90-something birthday. Some guests were accompanied by their chil-

moved here to Providence." Her three sisters and one brother have since passed away; however, she receives visits from her step-children and is surrounded by friends. "I like to be occupied, keep busy, you know?" she asks with a gentle smile. Schaffer goes on to tell me that she used to be a pro at knitting and sewing. "My family never bought a sweater," she said proudly.

"Herald for years!" she adds and makes me laugh. I move over to one of the tables where another anxious woman awaits the grand party to begin. Sara Schaffer is 96 and dressed in a dapper royal blue suit. Her eyes are clear and filled with excitement. "Hello!" she exclaims. I note a bit of an accent. "I was born and raised in Liverpool, England," explains Schaffer, one of the oldest residents who has been at Summit and The Pavillion for almost seven years.

"I lived through both wars

Soon enough the first 90's luncheon of Summit and The Pavilion began when Lt. Governor Bernard Jackvony entered the room and greeted each guest with a smile and a handshake. He then spoke briefly and awarded each guest over 90 a special certificate of recognition.

"I expect to see you all at our centenarian lunch in a few years!" said Susan Sweet, assis-



DR. WILLIAM FAIN, 91 (left), and Sara Schaffer, 96 (right), celebrate their birthdays during the "90's Luncheon" at Summit and The Pavilion.  
Herald photos by Tara V. Lisciandro



LT. GOVERNOR BERNARD JACKVONY presents a special award to Summit and The Pavilion residents.

dren, others came with friends and staff from the Summit and the Pavillion.

At 94, petite and still beautiful, Scone moves around freely with only the help of a walker. She resides with the other "90's" guests at Summit and The Pavilion. "I was born and bred in Providence," Scone says with pride and a charming smile. "I've been a subscriber to the

and we left afterwards. It wasn't easy. I can't describe how terrible those years..." Schaffer stopped short. She quickly changed thoughts and began to talk about her life in the United States. After having seen more than 90 years of history, Schaffer is still sharp and witty. She enjoyed moving to the United States and living here. "First we went to New Bedford, then we



MAYOR VINCENT CIANCI speaks with residents and acknowledges their outstanding contributions.

tant director at the Department of Elderly Affairs. "You are examples of living life to its fullest," added Carolyn Sclama, activities coordinator at Summit and The Pavilion. After they

addressed the guests, a large cake was rolled into the middle of the floor and a round of "Happy Birthday" was cheerfully sung by everyone. It seemed to bring a few tears of joy to me, and even some of the staff, as well.

Mayor Vincent Cianci then entered the room and was welcomed with a loud round of applause by the guests. The mayor informed the group that there were many new changes, programs and improvements being made for the elderly throughout Providence as well as the state of Rhode Island in general. Afterwards, he acknowledged the guests individually.

When the greetings were complete a special lunch was served to everyone present and the 90's celebration came to a close.

"I think it's wonderful," said Schaffer about the day's events. The rest of her friends seemed to agree as they smiled, chatted and enjoyed everyone's company on their special day.

## USY Summer Programs Set to Depart

By the end of June, nearly 850 teen-agers will have departed for the summer with United Synagogue Youth's summer programs, Israel Pilgrimage and USY on Wheels, many in new or expanded travel groups.

The success of USY on Wheels can be seen in the expansion of the program from four to five full buses. The trip is the only

bus tour for Jewish teens which crosses the entire continent and observes both Shabbat and kashrut. Program participants visit sites such as the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, Mount Rushmore, and Washington, D.C., while sharing a unique Jewish experience.

For the first time, USY Israel Pilgrimage is offering a four-week

Israel travel program in cooperation with Israel Experience, Inc. The program is designed for teens who can't participate in the full six-week program, and includes many of the same educational and touring components.

As in recent years, USY's trips to Israel and Europe remain extremely popular. Eastern Europe Israel Pilgrimage begins with two weeks in Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic and then travels to Israel by boat, simulating illegal Jewish immigration into British Mandate Palestine after the Holocaust. Heroism and Hope — Italy/Israel Pilgrimage includes a similar boat trip but begins with touring in Italy. USY Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar explores the Jewish history of Poland before flying to Israel.

Etgar! The Ultimate Israel Challenge is USY's unique experience for returning travelers to Israel. Participants go beyond the souvenir stands, seeing the land and culture of Israel in ways they may not have done on previous trips.

Shabbat and kashrut are also observed on Israel programs, and daily prayer services are held on all trips. For more information about any of these tours, contact the USCJ Department of Youth Activities, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010 or call (212) 533-7800, ext. 2311.

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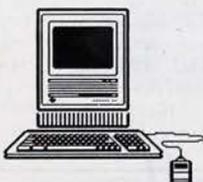
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# SCHOOLBEAT



## Brown Offers Sports Camps

The Brown University Basketball Camp, under the direction of head coach Frank "Happy" Bobbs, will have two big weeks of day camp for boys, ages 7 through 18, and a new Youth Fundamentals Camp for boys and girls, ages 4 through 10. The two camps will run from June 29 to July 2, and July 26 to July 30. The Youth Fundamentals Camp will run from July 12 to July 16. Each session costs \$195 per camper. All sessions will be held on the Brown campus at the Pizzitola Sports Center and the Olney Margolies Athletic Center.

Each camp will receive a free basketball and t-shirt and a written evaluation at the completion of camp. For more information, call the Brown basketball office at 863-2529.

The Brown Soccer Camp, under the direction of Mike Noonan, the head coach of Brown's 1997 Ivy League Champion men's soccer team, has openings for its day camp and high school team camp programs. All sessions are held at the Brown Athletic Fields in Providence.

The one-week Brown Soccer Camp, for boys and girls, ages 6 to 15, will run from June 29 to July 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The cost of the full week camp is \$235, or attend a half day session for \$100.

A high school team pre-season training camp session, designed to simulate the demands of a college pre-season, will be held August 10 to 14, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The team fee is \$1,000, limited to 12 teams, or \$125 for an individual.

For information, contact the Brown soccer office at 863-2910.



## PHDS Celebrates Preschool Graduates

During a special ceremony, preschool students at Providence Hebrew Day School celebrated their graduation with teachers and parents. Together they sang a host of melodies, including "I Had a Little Challah," and students also presented their lessons about safety through music. Afterwards, each student received a special award from Maureen Sheehan and Rabbi Nissel.

*Herald photo by Tara V. Liscianro*

## Mazol Tov Graduates!

Send your graduation photos, along with your name, school, special awards and/or honors and a brief explanation of any future plans you have for this summer and fall to:

Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940, Attn: Graduation '98. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned. All photos will be used in a special section in the June 25, July 2 and July 9 issues.



## YMCA Offers Summer Camps For Teens

The Pawtucket Family YMCA will offer three summer day camps/programs for teenagers: arts camp, summer intern program and leaders in training camp.

Arts camp is for teens ages 11 to 15. The camp runs for four two-week sessions starting on June 29. Teens will spend time with professional artists, learning about their craft as they create their own artistic piece. Drawing, mural painting, creative dance expression, music exploration and storytelling are some of the workshops that will be offered.

The summer intern program, for 13 to 15 year olds, will teach teenagers about community service, volunteerism, CPR,

water safety and caring for younger children. Each participant will receive a CPR certificate, water safety certificate and certificates for working with children.

This program is also offered for four two-week sessions beginning on June 29.

Leaders in training camp will develop leadership skills in 13 to 17 year olds. The camp runs for nine weekly sessions, starting on June 22. Sessions include aquatic safety, environmental awareness, cooperative games, behavior management, problem solving, communication and camping skills.

For more information, contact Senior Program Director Bob Cioffi at 727-7900.

## ASDS Student Wins Second Place in Providence Journal-Bulletin Competition

Ari Savitzky, an eighth-grade student at Alperin Schechter Day School, won second place in the writing category of the Providence Journal-Bulletin middle school newspaper competition for his feature article in the Alperin Herald, the ASDS middle school newspaper.

The article profiled Richard Walter, middle school Jewish history and social studies teacher, who was new to Alperin Schechter this year.

Savitzky's trophy was presented at the Providence Journal's annual awards ceremony.

the class," commented 8th grader Rita Golubkyh and Beata Goldberg. But not only students applauded the notion. "I'm 100% for it," exclaimed Dr. Halley in an exclusive interview. "Get rid of social studies books altogether. Use them only as supplements."

But Walter's charisma goes beyond his innovative thinking. "His joking makes the class more fun and helps learning," agree several anonymous sources. His casual demeanor and one-on-one, equal relationships with students are renowned and his playful attitude towards learning is contagious among students.

But Water, 25, didn't always want to teach. The Sharon, Mass., native, who received a masters from Brandeis University in '97, wanted to be president, and one could certainly tell by his dapper attire that he still retains that "presidential" taste in clothing. In fact, he was even an acquaintance of Dr. Halley 15 years before he became a teacher here.

And how does he react to these rave reviews? Modestly. "I just thought of it this summer," he admits, although he's already planning for next year. "I wish Holocaust was a full year course... students must understand the richness of pre-Holocaust Jewish life."

But are his booming voice and idealistic views just a product of naivete? Will they succumb to bitterness and cynicism in time? Retorts the effervescent Dr. Halley: "Am I bitter and cynical?" Enough said.

The text of the article from the Alperin Herald follows:

### Mr. Walter's New Teaching Methods Draw Rave Reviews

by Ari J. Savitzky

The jeopardy game ends and students leave the room, giddy with "fun learning" akin to that acquired by younger children from "Sesame Street." Rich Walter, rookie teacher and Simpsons aficionado, reclines briefly. But behind that debonair smile lie the radical new concepts and teaching styles which have revolutionized the way students are taught at ASDS, a blueprint for teaching in the 21st century.

"Students must work with all sources... even those they can't comprehend." This is Walter's brief explanation of course packs, a pseudo-collegiate teaching method which incorporates new sources of information: newspapers, novels, maps, press releases and fact sheets to provide a broader level of learning. Thus, textbooks leave their revered position as sole dispensers of knowledge.

And what do the critics think? "They're great!" exclaims middle school president Elana Snow. "They add a lot of fun to



Ari Savitzky



## ASDS Class of '98

Standing left to right: Michael Sorkin, Artem Stavitskiy, Vlad Eidelson, Amanda Werber, Sanda Budinsky, Brooke Odessa, Alisa Reikhrud, Elana Snow, Margarita Golubkyh, Anna Acable, Vicki Bronshteyn, Lymor Ringer, Alexander Berezin, David Weinschel, Beata Goldberg, Shoshana Miller, Mychal Feingold, Paige LaMarche. Seated: David Rotenberg, Heri-Martin Engle, Michael Rosenstein, Ari Savitzky, Adam Beraha.

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# Thayer Street Shopping



## Twelfth Thayer Street Art Festival

The twelfth Thayer Street Art Festival will take place on June 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. along colorful Thayer Street on the east side of Providence. Last fall's Thayer Street Art festival was a smashing success with nearly 12,000 people in attendance and more than 80 artists exhibiting. This spring's festival will include a showing and judging of work presented by 75 professional, amateur, and student artists from throughout New England in all media including painting, sculpture, drawing, crafts, and photography.

"We decided to hold the art festival in June this year so we could tie in the Convergence Art Celebration throughout Providence," said Josh Ablett, the director of the Thayer Street Business Association. "Usually we hold it in mid to late-May."

All exhibitors will be eligible for \$700 in prizes awarded by a panel of judges. All prizes will be donated by Thayer Street area merchants. The festival is sponsored by the Providence *Phoenix* and OOP! Gift Gallery and is organized by Jennifer Neuguth, co-owner of OOP!, and Josh Ablett, the director of the Thayer Street Business Association. It is completely self-supporting and receives no city funds.

A real festival atmosphere will be created by closing Thayer Street to traffic between Bowen and Angell streets, allowing the general public to browse freely through the festival to view the artwork and sample a variety of food from local restaurants including Thai, Indian, Tex Mex, Greek, Italian, French and Middle Eastern.

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by Tara V. Lisciandro  
Herald Editor

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# FEATURE

## Risking All For Brotherhood

*Summer Travels and Jewish Journeys*

by Dr. Maria Lombardo

The following article, "Risking All For Brotherhood" was published in Italy Italy magazine in Sept. 1995.

For all its horror and tragedy, the story of the Holocaust contains some chapters of great human solidarity, many of them written by the caring Italians who put their own safety at risk in order to lend support and assistance to their endangered neighbors, members of Europe's oldest Jewish community, established in Rome 2,000 years ago.

With the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the topic of the Holocaust is being examined in a perspective cen-

tered in southern Europe. Due in part to the success of Spielberg's "Schindler's List" and other media coverage, much of the world has been informed of efforts to rescue Jews in northern Europe from the horrors of the death camps. Oscar Schindler, for instance, was an individual working within the bureaucracy to save Jews. The entire Danish population was involved in a massive rescue effort, while Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg worked virtually alone, achieving noteworthy results.

Not many are aware, however, of the rescues effected in southern Europe. There, in contrast, we see not only civilians

helping both neighbors and strangers, but also bureaucrats working within the bureaucratic framework to save Jews. Efforts of this kind were carried on in Italy as well as in Italian-occupied territories in southern France, Albania, Croatia and Greece. The Italian experience also is unique both because Italy was officially allied with Nazi Germany until 1943 and because the Italians were concerned not only about the fate of Italian Jews but also about that of foreign Jews as well.

Italian bureaucrats and diplomats defied orders to save Jews. The Italian army saved Jews in Croatia by taking them into Italy and in southern France by hiding them in hotels. Many Jewish survivors, including Imre Rochlitz, whose son produced "Righteous Enemy," a documentary film on the subject, and historians and survivors Menachem Shelah of Israel and Ivo Herzer of America, have attested to the fact that when the Ustachi in Croatia were rounding up Jews and sending them to death camps, Italian army officers and soldiers organized an efficient effort to save the Jews by getting them to safe haven in Italy.

Giorgio Perlasca, an Italian businessman posing as a Spanish diplomat, falsified exit papers for more than 10,000 Jews in Budapest. Guelfo Zaroboni, the Italian consul in German-occupied Salonika, in Greece, in 1943, saved more than 280 Jews from being deported by doggedly exerting his waning official diplomatic powers.

But there were many heroic, ordinary Italian citizens, including priests and nuns, who helped rescue 85 percent of Italy's Jews. In her book *The Italians and the Holocaust*, Susan Zuccotti points out that in 1942 there were about 37,100 Italian Jews and about 8,100 foreign Jews in Italy, making a total of 45,200. Only after 1943, when Italy was occupied by the Nazis, 6,801, or about 15 percent, were deported to the Nazi death camps.

During the period from World War I to 1938 the Jews



A MEDIEVAL SYNAGOGUE in Rome's Trastevere district, the center of the Jewish community in the ancient city.



PORTICO D'OTTAVIA, ancient Roman ruins in the heart of Rome's ghetto. Photos by Rocco Spragnol, Italy Italy Magazine, Sept. 1995, Washington, DC

had little reason to feel at risk in Italy. Many Jews had served with honor and attained high rank in the Italian army in World War I, and they were thoroughly assimilated in Italian society. In fact, while Jews in other European countries were concerned about Hitler's official anti-Semitism, the Jews in Italy seemed to have been little affected. It was during this period that many foreign Jews immigrated to Italy. The Jews were further assured by Mussolini's repeated public statement that there was no Jewish "problem" in Italy. One can only imagine the shock that ran through the community when Mussolini took two measures against the Jews to prove to Hitler that he was his comrade and ally.

The first measure was the Racial laws of 1938 which stated that the Jews of Italy no longer

enjoyed the rights and privileges of ordinary citizens. Consequently, Jews had to leave their professions and Jewish children were forced to leave school.

The second measure was the establishment of internment camps throughout Italy for the confinement of the foreign Jews who had arrived in Italy. One such camp was built in 1940 by the Fascist regime in Calabria, near Ferramonti Tarsia, in an area infested by malaria-carrying mosquitoes. But unlike similar camps in northern Europe, in this camp the interned were allowed to set up a cooperative kitchen, library, schools, medical care and recreation center and even a synagogue.

Carlo Spartaco Capogreco, who has documented the camp extensively, notes that the camp's official policy was based on tolerance and respect so long as the Jews maintained discipline and order. Eventually the inmates of the camp were freed by the allies. Other Italian internment camps, such as Fossoli in northern Italy, were not so fortunate. When the German death machine swept through to occupy Italy in 1943, the Jews there were sent to Auschwitz.

There are many theories as to the Italians' motivation in rescuing Jews. Some have concluded that they may have been moved to act for reasons other than altruism: that is, because of their hatred of the Germans or a desire to assert their sovereignty, or as a political maneuver to win favor with the Allies should they lose the war.

Another possible motivation may be that the Jews were an important component of Italian society. The history of the Jews in Italy dates back to ancient Roman times. The Popes never

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## Risking All For Brotherhood

Summer Travels and Jewish Journeys (continued from previous page)



CHARACTERISTIC HOUSES make Rome's ghetto one of the city's most picturesque acres. The ghetto was the scene of tragic World War II round-ups of Jews for mass deportation.

expelled the Jews from Rome, which was the home of the oldest Jewish community in Europe, dating back two thousand years. Although Jews were forced to live in ghettos in Italy for centuries, in 1870 they were "emancipated" and could aspire to positions of high rank. Jews had served in the Italian army as generals, and Italy had had a Jewish prime minister. This may in part

gaining power in Europe or later, to Italian-occupied territories in southern Europe, their stories are somewhat different from those of native Italian Jews, but the theme remains the same.

Ivo Herzer of Washington, D.C., tells of having seen his relatives, then living in Zagreb, Croatia, rounded up by the Ustachi for the Nazis, who sent most of them to Auschwitz. His

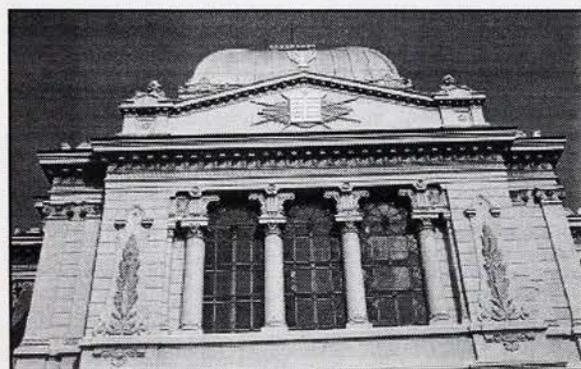
Rome, she was left behind, pregnant, when her husband was sent away to an internment camp. The Giustini family took her in and helped her with her baby. She recalls that the Giustini grandfather slept on the floor so that she could rest with her child on his bed. The family watched over her for two years.

There are many such stories, of Jewish children hidden in convent schools, where they learned all the Latin prayers, and of entire families being taken into Italian households.

These survivors are living testimony that the people of Italy reached out to help save their lives. They all declare that they had no money or jewels to give in exchange. The Italians saved them out of love for their fellow human beings, and for no other reason.

These stories have remained untold until now, partly because most of the Italian rescuers themselves do not feel that what they did was remarkable. As many put it, "It was just the right thing to do."

Dr. Maria Lombardo is the director of education at the National Italian American Foundation in Washington, D.C. Since 1986 more than 20 conferences on the Holocaust and Southern Europe have been conducted throughout the United States with support from NIAF. For more information about NIAF and their programs and conferences write to: 1860 19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-5501.



MAIN SYNAGOGUE in Rome, where a Jewish community has existed since the 2nd century B.C.

explain the widespread benevolence and sympathy toward Jews on the part of the Italian army. Another reason may lie in the fact that many Jews worked as doctors, teachers and government officials, and the non-Jewish Italian public related to them as neighbors and friends.

The Jews in Italy referred to themselves simply as "Italians," and they felt instinctively that their Italian neighbors would not just stand by in case of persecution but would reach out a hand to help. And so they found the fortitude to resist or, at least, to hide. And the Italians helped not only their Italian Jewish neighbors but foreign Jews as well. Many Jewish survivors in America come from families who immigrated to Italy from other countries as Hitler was

immediate family was saved because an Italian soldier took pity on them. He took them to his commanding officer who hid them in an army truck and took them overland into Italy, saving their lives.

Helen Deutsch of Chicago relates that as a young German woman living just outside of

## Italian List of Policyholders May Include Survivors' Names

by Avi Machlis

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Italian insurance firm has given Israeli museum officials a list of life insurance policies that may include unclaimed policies belonging to many Holocaust victims.

Assicurazioni Generali recently gave officials from the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial a CD-ROM containing more than 300,000 names of Jews and non-Jews who bought life insurance policies from Generali in Eastern and Central Europe before the war. Yad Vashem praised the firm for its cooperation.

Last year, a group of Knesset members accused the company of concealing information on policyholders who died in the Holocaust.

The lawmakers threatened to block Generali's acquisition of a controlling stake in Migdal, an Israeli insurance group, for more than \$300 million if Generali did not agree to compensate families.

While insisting it was not liable for the claims, the company agreed in response to establish a \$12 million compensation fund last June and pledged to open its archives to the public.

"Generali has cooperated with Yad Vashem and carried out its promise," said Amihud Ben-Porat, Generali's representative in Israel. "We have compiled more than 300,000 names in six months."

But after hearing that the CD-ROM contained 300,000 names, one Israeli lawmaker accused the company of deceiving the Knesset.

"They concealed information," said Michael Kleiner, a Knesset member from the Geshar Party and chairman of the parliamentary subcommittee on insurance.

"We assumed there were hundreds of claimants at the time we agreed to the fund. We never dreamed there were more than 300,000 names."

Kleiner believes some 80 percent of the names are Jewish Holocaust victims and estimates the dormant insurance policies could be worth billions of dollars.

But Ben Porat rejected Kleiner's claim, saying the database contained names of every person who took out a policy in Eastern Europe between 1920 and 1945.

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Michael Kleiner

The company has "no idea" how many were Jews or Holocaust victims, he said.

Last year's dispute began after Knesset members learned that Generali's warehouse in Trieste, Italy, contained thousands of files of dormant insurance policies.

Generali has insisted that it is not liable because its prewar assets in Eastern Europe were nationalized by Communist governments after World War II.

In addition to the fund, the company has set up an information center for queries regarding claims.

The current deadline for requests for compensation is July 7, but Generali says it plans to extend the deadline by three to six months.

Meanwhile, Kleiner has asked the Israeli government to match a \$5 million U.S. government grant for researching Holocaust property-related issues.

He wants to create an Internet site which, in addition to listing all the names listed on the CD-ROM provided by Generali, would provide a database of all Holocaust victims.

## Summer Travels and Jewish Journeys

Traveling during the summer months is one of the most popular pastimes. For many, it's the perfect time to get away. Kids are out of school, work slows down a little, etc. We find a few days, a weekend and even a week or two here and there to get-away every summer.

Throughout this summer the Rhode Island Jewish Herald will feature a new and special section entitled, "Summer Travels & Jewish Journeys." This section will include information, travel guides, stories and photos about a variety of Jewish sites throughout the United States and around the globe.

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald invites the community to share their Jewish Journeys this summer. Did you keep a

travel journal while you were away? Take any interesting photos? Why not take some time this summer to write about your travels then send them to us? Feel free to include any photos along with your travel stories. Don't

forget to include your name, address and daytime phone number with your materials.

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# FEATURE

## Christie's Hosts Exhibit of Works by Reuven Rubin

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel, Christie's of New York will host an important exhibition of works of art by the renowned Israeli painter Reuven Rubin. The exhibition, which is from the collection of the Rubin Museum in Tel Aviv, will be on view at Christie's beginning June 20 through July 2.

Rubin arrived in the land of Israel (then Palestine) for the first time in 1912 to spend a year at the Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem. He continued his studies in Paris where he attended L'Ecole des Beaux Arts and later traveled to New York. His first exhibition in New York was sponsored by Alfred Stieglitz at the Anderson Galleries in 1921. The following year, Ruben returned to Israel and settled in the burgeoning town of Tel Aviv, where he quickly became a leading figure in the artistic community.

In 1928, Rubin began exhibiting his Israeli landscapes in the United States. Through his evocative depictions, many American Jewish art lovers first acquainted themselves visually with the sites of their ancient homeland. The paintings carried with them a strong Zionist message for the new Jewish life taking shape in Palestine. Rubin depicted the old and the new, Arab villages and workers, Jewish pioneers, the sparkling blue sea, the silvery olive groves and camels. These canvases conveyed the emotions



Reuven Rubin, "Dancers of Meron," 1926.

Photo courtesy of Christie's of New York

of both the historic past as well as confidence in the future.

Following the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel in 1948, Rubin was appointed Israel's first ambassador to Romania, giving him the opportunity to represent Israel not only through his art but also in person.

Rubin rapidly became recognized as Israel's national painter, depicting the landscape of his chosen homeland especially the rocky hills of the Galilee dotted with olive trees. Rubin's works have been exhibited worldwide and are included in famous public and private collections. "The Glory of the Galilee," a mural by Rubin, hangs in the Knesset, Israel's House of Parliament.

Rubin died in 1974, leaving his home and studio in the historic part of Tel Aviv to his beloved city. In 1983, this house became the Rubin Museum and an art education center managed by the city of Tel Aviv and the artist's family.

For more information, call (212) 546-1189.

## Anne Frank as a Martyr?

by Ruth E. Gruber  
ROME (JTA) — Ann Frank as a martyr in the Catholic Church?

Reports that an Italian Catholic Church official wants the Vatican to recognize Anne Frank as part of an "ecumenical commemoration of new martyrs" for the year 2000 have raised Jewish concerns that the church might attempt to appropriate the Dutch Jewish girl, known for the diary she kept as she and her family hid from the Nazis, as a Catholic symbol.

The Italian media reported that Monsignor Antonio Pace of Naples had formally submitted the request to the Vatican. But a spokesman at the Vatican's office told the JTA that no such formal request had arrived. He said the Vatican's proposed new martyrs would all be Christians.

"It seems to be just a proposal floated by the priest in question as a means of widening the discussion," the Vatican

official said of Pace's remarks.

The Vatican announced recently that it would honor 20th-century witnesses and martyrs in a ceremony at Rome's ancient Colosseum in May 2000.

Pope John Paul II has declared 2000 — which begins the third millennium of the Roman Catholic Church — a holy year.

Pace urged that the list be widened to include Frank as well as Iqbal Masih, a 12-year-old Pakistani Muslim boy who was killed because of his activities protesting the exploitation of child laborers.

These moves, Pace told the news agency of the Italian Bishops Conference, would be a means of "promoting interreligious dialogue and reiterating that martyrs are an example and a patrimony for all religions."

The Vatican has received some 4,000 suggestions for the new martyrs from all over the world.

## AOL Pays Record Price For Israeli Software Company

by Avi Machlis  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The world's leading online service has turned three young Israeli software programmers and a venture capitalist into multimillionaires.

In the biggest-ever foreign acquisition of an Israeli software company, America Online recently announced that it would purchase Mirabilis, a small Israeli company that develops technology for the Internet, for \$287 million in cash. According to the deal, Mirabilis could earn another \$120 million after 2001.

Mirabilis is the manufacturer of ICQ — or "I Seek You" — which allows users to chat or exchange files with friends all over the world. The program has become immensely popular on the Internet because it instantly notifies users when a friend comes online.

Yossi Vardi, a venture capitalist and the current chairman of Mirabilis, and the three pro-

grammers — who are aged 24 to 27 — founded the company with an investment of \$3.2 million nearly two years ago. As a result of the sale, each of the four principal founders will receive approximately \$60 million of the \$287 million price.

Today, Mirabilis has 70 employees but no revenues since the program is distributed for free on the Internet. But Steve Case, AOL chairman and chief executive, said ICQ has "one of the fastest growing and most loyal communities in Cyberspace."

Indeed, Israeli technology analysts said AOL made the acquisition because it was able to "buy" millions of ICQ users, enabling AOL to use ICQ Web sites as a springboard for selling advertisements and offering new services.

According to Vardi, ICQ has been downloaded by nearly 13 million people since its launch in November 1996 — even though the company has not spent any money on advertising or public relations.

Vardi said the company never tried to generate revenues, and instead focused on increasing the numbers of ICQ users.

He said ICQ's successful penetration of Cyberspace can be attributed to an "unconventional" distribution strategy he calls "word-of-mouse."

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## Grandma's German Ghosts

by Cindy Halpern

During the past few years, my mother has been more willing to talk about her experiences during the Holocaust. Maybe it's because time marches on and she fears her memories will die with her. But I have to wonder whether her new openness is redefined by her changing relationship with her only grandchild, my daughter, Robin.

With her bat mitzvah fast approaching, Robin reminds all of us that she is no longer a baby. As proof, her long hair was cut to shoulder length. I must admit that such external changes aren't easy to accept, but they merely reflect how Robin feels about herself and interacts with the world.

After Robin accompanied me to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, she came back with the idea that she wanted to share the story of the Holocaust with her classmates. Robin responded, "Since Grandma is a survivor, she should tell my class about how she survived the Holocaust."

My mother responded, "I wouldn't do it for anyone but you, Robin." I was surprised, pleased, and a bit confused as my mother began to collect stored away pictures I had never seen before. She wrote a summary to present to the class. She asked me to type it out on my word processor.

As I printed what she wrote, I couldn't help but wish that she had spoken before my classmates. But she wasn't ready then to do so. She had two sick sons to care for and two healthy daughters to keep her thoughts focused on the present.

Mom must have felt that Robin's request took on a greater

importance. Past, present, and future became strangely linked with her outliving three of her four children. As her only surviving child, I have brought one daughter into the world to connect what was with what is yet to be. It is indeed a heavy burden for Robin as an only child to carry the responsibility of an entire family's fate on her small shoulders.

At John Brown Francis, Tina Koerner Chernick Jordan sat before her audience of two sixth grade classes, two teachers, her daughter and granddaughter. My mom faced her German ghosts with great courage. She spoke of her Viennese childhood when she wore her dark hair up in braids in a typical school girl's fashion for those days. She had humor in her voice in explaining, "I was the spoiled youngest child of a large Jewish family. My older brother played soccer and one of my sister's skied, but I wasn't allowed to participate in sports because I might skin my knee!"

But the amusement in her tone quickly faded as she told how her world was destroyed when the Nazis ruled Vienna. "Jewish stores, synagogues, and homes were burned to the ground as the streets were barricaded. It was against the law for Jewish children to return to school or even play with non-Jewish children."

Her brother was taken away in the night. She had to leave her childhood home forever, less she disappear into the dark night as well. Where beautiful buildings surrounded her daily life in Vienna, she had to escape to Italy, to face an unknown fate. But fate was kinder to her than to her aunt, uncle and four cousins who became victims to the deadly gas of Treblinka.

Robin and her classmates listened attentively to Grandma's recollections. Then when she finished speaking, the questions came. "What did you do while you were in hiding?" "Did you ever see a German soldier?" "Why did Hitler hate the Jews?" "What happened to your brother who was in the concentration camp?"

The answers didn't come easy to my mother's lips. How does one describe to a child the feelings of another child? What my mother felt then is edited by how she feels now. Yet, she answered all of their questions to best of her ability. "Once, my father had a high fever and a doctor had to verify that he was sick... There wasn't much we could do in hiding. We avoided German soldiers as much as possible. We only saw them when they first marched in Vienna... My brother survived the camps, but we didn't know it until much later."

Robin answered for Grandma about why Hitler hated the Jews, "The Jews were scapegoat for everything that went wrong." Then she asked Grandma her own questions, "Grandma, did the fog that hid your ship make you cough too?" Grandma answered, "No, but a 6-month-old baby died as a result."

Suddenly, Robin got out of her seat and hugged her. It was an emotional moment for two people separated by two generations to share. Crossing an ocean of tears to remember a childhood and youth that was destroyed by Hitler and his millions of followers is no small feat. But to create a bridge of understanding between a grandmother and her granddaughter is truly wonderful. It is like a rainbow after the storm.

## Banks In Germany Deny They Knew About Looted Gold

by Deidre Berger

FRANKFURT (JTA) — What did they know and when did they know?

That's the question confronting two of Germany's largest banks, which were named in an \$18 billion class-action suit filed in New York recently by three Holocaust survivors.

Two of the claimants, Harold Watman, 77, and Michael Schonberger, 69, are charging that the banks dealt in stolen goods — bars they purchased from the Nazis during World War II.

Another claimant, 85-year-old Ruth Abraham, says Dresdner Bank confiscated her father's bank account and never returned the money.

The suit was filed one day after the U.S. State Department published the second of two reports about the extent and importance of trade in gold and war materiel that Nazi Germany engaged in with six neutral nations during the war.

The report charged that the two banks sold gold to Turkey that had been looted from concentration camp victims in order to supply Germany with the hard currency needed to purchase war supplies.

Deutsche Bank counters that a group of historians it has commissioned to investigate the bank's activities during the war has come to the preliminary conclusion that the financial institution was unaware of the origin of the gold it bought from the Nazis.

The historians, who are trying to trace the bank's gold transactions, expect to finish their report in the fall, according to the bank.

One German historian, however, attached the bank's stance.

Christopher Kopper, who has done extensive research on German banking activities during the war, said in the issue of the news magazine *Der Spiegel* that the bank's managers must have known the gold was stolen property because the Reichsbank had used up its own gold reserves to finance the war.

Nazi Germany looted gold both from the central banks it overran and from death camp victims.

The so-called Melmer Ac-

count — named for the SS officer in charge of the gold that was stripped from concentration camp victims and resmelted at the German metal refinery Degussa — is worth more than \$40 million in today's dollars, according to the State Department report — double the amount of earlier estimates.

Two months ago, Deutsche Bank admitted that gold reserves it sold in 1995 possibly came from Holocaust victims, and subsequently donated the more than \$4 million in proceeds to Jewish institutions that support Holocaust victims.

Some German lawyers have expressed skepticism that the class-action suit against the banks will be successful because of the difficulty in tracing the origins of the gold bars purchased by the banks during the war.

However, the suit could focus attention on bank cooperation in the so-called Aryization process when the Nazi regime forced Jewish property owners and businesses to sell their belongings at bargain prices.

Both Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank earned money on these transactions by facilitating and financing the sales and, in some instances, by buying the property outright.

Although some Jewish property owners were able to reclaim their property after the war, others were prevented from doing so.

Many pre-war Jewish-owned businesses, including some major department stores and hotels, were never returned to the rightful heirs.

The role played by German banking and industry during the Nazi regime has begun receiving more academic and public attention during the past years.

Deutsche Bank only began to acknowledge the bank's role during the Third Reich in 1995, during the company's 125th anniversary.

Both it and Dresdner Bank, as well as the Degussa refinery, set up historian commissions last year after Swiss banks came under widespread international criticism for their role in purchasing gold looted by the Nazis.

## Russian Jews Flock to Events Celebrating Israel's 50th Birthday

by Lev Krichevsky

MOSCOW (JTA) — Isaak Shpiz has never been to Israel, but the Jewish state has still been an important part of his life.

"I remember that my father told me it was a historic day when Israel proclaimed its independence," said the 66-year-old retired engineer. "Since then, what's going on in Israel has always been significant to me."

During the Six-Day War in 1967, Shpiz said, his "heart ached when I thought that Israel wouldn't survive."

For most of his life, Shpiz says he has kept his feelings about the Jewish state to himself. "I wouldn't tell anyone except for my family — and G-d forbid at work — how I felt about our state."

It is different for Shpiz's granddaughter Sonya. For her, a student at one of Moscow's Jewish day schools, Israel is a part of daily life. Her school curriculum includes such subjects as Israeli history and geography.

Israel is also the country where she spent a few weeks with her friends last summer and the place "where I will probably live after I finish school," said the 13-year-old.

Both generations joined some 6,000 Muscovite Jews at a central Moscow park to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary.

The daylong event in Moscow, just one of several jubilee celebrations for Israel that have been held throughout Russia in the past few months, was organized by the Russian office of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

It offered a variety of events: entertainment for children; a lottery for a free 10-day trip to Israel; and dancing, singing and fashion shows on three different stages in Moscow's hermitage park.

Those who wanted a more quiet way of spending the day could enjoy a photo exhibition about the history of the Jewish state in a secluded corner of the park as well as non-stop showings of documentaries about Israel.

On a more practical side, those interested in moving to Israel could find out about job opportunities there by talking with representatives from Jerusalem, Beersheba and Haifa.

And Israeli and Russian music pulsated at a late-night disco at the park — which is located directly across the street from

the once-feared Moscow police headquarters.

The healthy turnout for the event demonstrates the pride that many Muscovite Jews feel for Israel. Shpiz, for example, refers to the Jewish state as "our state."

Avraham Burg, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel — who flew to Moscow to address the gathering — said that just a few years ago most people would reluctantly admit they were Jewish. "Now, everybody's saying, 'I'm Jewish and I'm proud of it,'" he said.

Alla Levy, chairwoman of the Jewish Agency in Russia, noted that the scale of the commemorative events in some cities had exceeded the Jewish Agency's expectations. She said that many of those who took part in the celebrations had never previously participated in anything Jewish.

Indeed, Levy said that many Russian Jews appeared to be more enthusiastic about the Jewish state's jubilee than Israelis themselves.

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## Borscht Belt Conference at Summer's End

What happened to the 1 million people who annually took Catskills vacations in the 1950s and 1960s? What happened to the tens of thousands of workers who served them? Where are the many hundreds of hotels and bungalow colonies they stayed in? Do the comics' jokes still reverberate in abandoned casinos? Do the singers' voices pierce the mountain air? Have the sweet romances made there continued?

Answers to these and other questions will be given on the weekend of Aug. 28 to 31 when the fourth annual History of the Catskills Conference opens at the Sunny Oaks hotel in Woodridge, N.Y. Novelists Steve Stern and Eileen Pollack will read from their fiction while scholars will examine the role of black workers in the resort industry and local religious leaders will discuss current and past spiritual life in the area. In addition, comparisons will be made between the experiences of Jewish resorts in the Adirondack and Catskill Mountains. Old hotel owners, veteran tumblers, middle-aged waiters and busboys, and former guests will participate, along with interested academics.

For the last four years, a devoted band of Catskills veterans has been pursuing the area's legacy, beginning with the first conference in 1995. Each sum-

mer has seen this modest hotel as the setting for a wide range of such topics as food, farmers, entertainment, religion, sports and architecture. Programs have included screenings of documentary and feature films, slide shows of hotel postcards, ping pong tournaments, classic midnight suppers, and klezmer concerts. There is even a pushcart where a Judaica dealer sells records, books, and memorabilia.

Interest in preserving the story of the Jewish resorts of Sullivan and Ulster Counties in New York resulted from their decline and almost complete passing from the summer vacation world. Once the center of vibrant communities, the area was hailed as the playground of New York Jews for a large part of the 20th century. For families of East European descent a vacation there enabled them to become Americanized while preserving much of their Jewish origins, culture, and milieu.

Many resorts were miniature societies, where people knew each other intimately and created intricate relationships in a neighborhood and family atmosphere. Incorporating music, humor, vaudeville reviews, culinary customs, language, and world views, the American Jews created a resort culture unmatched by any other ethnic group.

The Catskills Institute, sponsor of the conference, was created to preserve the memories, artifacts, and documents of that era. It has collected a growing archive of materials which will be placed in the collections of the American Jewish Historical Society. Currently, the institute publishes a newsletter, maintains a website, coordinates research activities, and publicizes the role of the Catskills in the development of the American Jewish community. As a result

of this newfound interest, a number of recent volumes have been published on the Catskills experience and there even has been the inauguration of the first college course on the subject, taught at Brown University by Phil Brown, co-founder and current president of the institute. Born to a Catskills hotel family, Brown is author of the soon-to-be-published *Catskill Culture: A Mountain Rat's Memories of the Great Jewish Resort Area*.

The fourth annual History of the Catskills Conference will also feature:

- Steve Stern (Skidmore College) — author of *Lazar Malkin Enters Heaven, A Plague of Dreamers, and Harry Kaplan's Adventures Underground*
- Eileen Pollack (University of Michigan) — author of *The Rabbi in the Attic*
- Myra Armistead (Bard College) — *Black Life in the Catskills*
- Amy Godine — *"From Haimishe to Highbrow: The Adirondack Alternative" (comparing Adirondacks and Catskills Jewish resorts)*
- Klezmer concert
- Films — "The Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt," "Sweet Lorraine," "Let's Fall in Love — A Single's Weekend at the Concord," and more.

For more information visit [http://www.brown.edu/Research/Catskills\\_Institute/](http://www.brown.edu/Research/Catskills_Institute/).

Conference fees are \$50 for the whole weekend, single day \$25; single event \$10 — payable at the conference or by mail to Phil Brown, 4 Goodman Road, Cambridge, MA 02139 (checks payable to Catskills Institute). Catskills Institute members pay one-half the rate. For more details: <phil\_brown@brown.edu>.

For room reservations, call: Sunny Oaks Hotel, Box 297, Woodridge, N.Y. 12789, (800) 679-4387 or (914) 434-7580 <sunnyoaks@aol.com>.

## Trinity Rep Host Shakespeare Summer Project

Students from the Trinity Rep Conservatory proudly announce the launching of the inaugural season of the Shakespeare Summer Project. The brainchild of Trinity students Stephan Wolfert and Max Vogler, this project has been designed as a performance and educational resource for the City of Providence. "The response we've gotten to this idea has been overwhelming — it really feels like the time is right to introduce this kind of summer entertainment to the city of Providence. The whole point is to make Shakespeare more accessible," said Trinity students.

The summer season will kick off with a performance on June 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Waterplace Park, just prior to that evening's WaterFire celebration. The group's first production will be a streamlined version of "Twelfth Night," Shakespeare's eternal tale of love, loss and riotous laughter. This group of Trinity-trained actors will perform in area parks and recreation centers throughout the summer.

"Twelfth Night" is the tale of Viola and Sebastian, twins separated by a tragic shipwreck. Arriving in Illyria, Viola disguises herself as a man and

woos Olivia at the behest of Count Orsino. Things move into high gear when the missing and believed-dead Sebastian appears in Illyria, and confusion reigns supreme in a classic case of mistaken identity. Add to this mix Shakespeare's special blend of comic foibles and saucy servants, and the results are madcap comedy and romantic entanglements suitable for the whole family.

With strong influence from the Trinity Rep style, this hour and a half version of "Twelfth Night" provides a fresh look at one of the bard's most beloved comedies. Focusing on the text in new and exciting ways, the production actively engages the viewer's imagination with whimsical staging and lively characters. This is Shakespeare as you've never seen it before.

Sponsored in part by the City of Providence, Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., mayor, and the Providence Parks Department, "Twelfth Night" will be performed on June 20, 27 and July 11 at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the city's renowned WaterFire celebrations, and at other area parks throughout the city. Admission is free. Call Stephan Wolfert at 455-3402 for information.

## PPAC Prepares For New Season

J.L. Singleton, president of the Providence Performing Arts Center, announces the 1998-1999 BankBoston Broadway Series: "Master Class," Oct. 27 to Nov. 1; "Show Boat," Nov. 20 to Dec. 13; "Victor/Victoria," starring Toni Tennille, Jan. 26 to 31, 1999; "Fame," Feb. 23 to 28; "Sunset Boulevard" starring Petula Clark, March 23 to 28; "The King and I," April 27 to May 2 and two shows to be announced. Subscription prices for the eight-show Broadway series range from \$117.75 to \$349; new orders are now being accepted and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis upon completion of the renewal process for current subscribers.

In addition to the Broadway Series, several special presentations are also on the schedule. Smokey Joe's Cafe will return for two performances on Feb. 18 and 19; ticket prices for this show

range from \$30.50 to \$42.50. "The Chieftains" will return on March 9 for one concert; prices range from \$25 to \$37.50. Stomp will be back by popular demand; the four-show engagement will run from April 9 to 11; prices range from \$27 to \$37. Subscribers may advance order tickets to these shows now.

Subscribers receive a number of special benefits including exchange privileges and the opportunity to advance order tickets to special shows presented by the Providence Performing Arts Center prior to the public sale dates.

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## Get Out Your Grills!

by Daren Bulley

It's summer time in Providence and the grills are out, but I rarely see people grilling pizza. Folks are driving to Lincoln Woods and setting a blaze for their turkey burgers and their barbecue chickens. A big hit this year is the veggie burger. There are as many varieties of vegetable burgers out there as barbecue sauce recipes, and most of them are kosher, but it is always a good idea to check the ingredients before flopping one down on the grill. Many veggie burgers are dairy. Several brands use cultured whey for flavor and texture, making it great for a mock cheeseburger.

To grill pizza or a dairy veggie burger depending on what type of grill you have, you may be able to simply purchase a new grate for dairy products. You may have to purchase a new grill if you want to keep the menu kosher. Remember the grill surface only needs to be as big as the pizza you want to make. You also want to have a cover, to trap smoke and heat.

Pizza dough is not a sticky subject and it can be great fun for kids and adults. Here is a simple pizza dough recipe which makes enough dough for four 10-inch pizzas.

### Pizza Dough

1 package active dry yeast (1/4 oz.)  
1/2 tsp. sugar  
1 cup semolina flour  
1 3/4 cup all purpose flour  
1 tsp. salt  
Olive oil

1. Use a thermometer, and place 1 cup of 80 to 90 degrees water in a bowl with the yeast, and sugar. Mix and set aside for a few minutes. It should get foamy on top.

2. In a large bowl mix the flour, salt, and yeast mixture together until smooth.

3. Lightly flour a flat surface. Knead dough for about 10 minutes. The dough should be smooth and elastic. Test by taking the dough in both hands and gently stretching it. If the dough rips easily, continue kneading until it stretches smoothly.

4. Oil a large bowl and place dough in the bowl. Flip the dough to cover evenly with oil.

5. Let the dough rest for about 45 minutes, it should just about double.

6. Separate into four equal portions and round each by smoothing with both hands from the top and coming together on the bottom until each forms a perfectly round smooth ball.

The dough can be kept in a sealed container in the refrigerator for a few days prior to use.

Get your toppings together. Be creative! Here are some to try: smoked salmon, grilled eggplant, fried butternut squash, artichoke hearts,

chopped olives, pesto, and sundried tomato.

On a flat surface spread the oily dough to about 10 inches. Use your oily hands to place the dough on the hot cooking surface.

The yeast will respond to the heat by making small bubbles in the dough, just press them down with your spatula, and cook until the bottom is golden brown and crusty. Brush top with olive oil and flip. Brush again with olive oil and place your choice of cheeses, then sprinkle your sauce around over the cheese, and place your favorite toppings. When the bottom is browning and almost crusty put the cover on to trap the heat and the great smoky flavor. This will melt the cheese and cook the toppings. (You may want to precook any toppings that have a long cooking time.) Then simply slice and eat.

If you want a grilled pizza but don't want to spend this much time, ask at Kaplan's when and if you can get uncooked dough. Davis dairy has a large selection of cheeses and other possible toppings, and The Lower East Side Deli will help out with items such as pesto, olive spread, and pre-cooked ingredients. All three stores mentioned are located on Hope Street in Providence.

Bulley is a culinary arts student at Johnson & Wales University.

## Brown Summer Theatre Presents 'The Glass Menagerie'

Brown Summer Theatre opens its 30th season with the American classic, Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie," now through June 27. A poignant play revolving around Amanda Wingfield, her alcoholic son, Tom, and her crippled in-body-and-mind daughter, Laura, is set in the dingy St. Louis apartment they inhabit.

Amanda lives a life of illusion about her circumstances and her son and daughter, trying to make her dreams reality. When a Gentleman Caller comes for dinner, the family faces illusion versus reality. Tennessee Williams' most touching and lyrical play has enthralled audiences with its haunting poetry since its premiere in Chicago in late 1944. It was the first of Williams' plays to be filmed (1950) and has since been filmed again and broadcast on television a number of times. Despite these versions, "The Glass Menagerie" remains a play to be truly savored only in a live performance.

Directed by Brown alumnus, John Warren '92, the case is comprised of local professional actress Anne Brady, a Summer Theatre regular, playing Amanda, Christina Nicosia, a recent Brown graduate playing Laura, Ada Arian, a current Brown student, playing Tom, and McCaleb Burnett, another recent Brown graduate, playing the role of Jim, the gentleman caller.

Performance days are Tuesday through Saturday. All performances are at 8 p.m. in Leeds Theatre. Tickets are available at the Leeds Theatre box office. Ticket prices are \$14 regular admission, \$10 senior citizens (65 & over). Leeds Theatre box office is located at 77 Waterman St., Providence, in the Catherine Bryan Dill Center for the Performing Arts. Leeds Theatre is air-conditioned and handicap accessible. To charge your order or for more information, call 863-2838.

## Enjoy Summer Evening Music

Museum Concerts announces an elegant evening of classical music on June 21 at 5 p.m. performed in the intimate setting of a historic East Side home to benefit Museum Concerts and its concert series, Early Music at St. Martin's. In its 31st year, Museum Concerts is the only presenter in Rhode Island devoted to early music performed on period instruments, or with historically appropriate vocal techniques, by musicians who have immersed themselves in the aesthetics of an earlier time. The music performed in any given season may range from medieval (as early as around 1100) to classical (up to around 1800), with an occasional foray into the romantic era. Originally located at the Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art since 1991, the concert series has been held at St. Martin's Church on the east side of Providence.

Drs. Elizabeth E. Wheele and Richard L. Wagner will be hosting the fund-raiser at the historic Allen House on the east side of Providence. A program of sonatas and variations by Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert will be presented by Museum Concerts founder Mary Sadovnikoff on fortepiano, and longtime Museum Concerts performer Scott Metcalfe on violin. Last year's benefit sold out, and seating is limited, so patrons are encouraged to call 245-6347 for reservations.

## International House Travels to Tanglewood

International House of Rhode Island in Providence is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to Tanglewood on Aug. 2. The bus will leave from International House at 9:30 a.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. The musical program for the day is Brahms Symphony No. 2, Saint-Saens Piano Concerto No. 2, Bernstein Symphony No. 1, "Jeremiah" and features performances by Pianist André Watts and Mezzo-Soprano Florence Quivar, with James DePreist conducting. Shed tickets have been purchased and are included in the fee, but, weather permitting, participants may prefer lawn seating. The fee for the trip is \$45 per person for members of International House and \$50 for non-members and includes the bus fare, a continental breakfast at International House before departure, and shed tickets for the concert. Participants may bring along a picnic lunch if they wish. Reservations are limited to 46 people and will be accepted on a first-paid basis by July 1. For further information, call International House at 421-7181.

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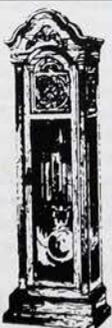


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# OBITUARIES

## BEN ABRAMS

PROVIDENCE — Ben Abrams, 84, of 36-B Eagle Run, East Greenwich, a retired jewelry manufacturing executive with Arden Jewelry Co., Johnston, and a lifelong athlete and sports enthusiast, died June 13 at Miriam Hospital in Providence. He was the husband of Pearl (Nordstrom) Abrams.

Mr. and Mrs. Abrams had been married for 62 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Celia (Rice) Abrams, Abrams lived in Pawtucket before moving to East Greenwich 13 years ago.

He was a 9-letter man at Hope High School, and later played football for Providence College and the Providence Steamrollers. He was a major supporter and fan of P.C. basketball for many years. He and his brothers, Al and Fred, founded the first Little League in Rhode Island in the early 1950s. The Arden Jewelry Co. was the longest continuing corporate sponsor of a Little League team in the country.

He was elected to the Collegiate All-American Jewish Football Team, the Providence Gridiron Club Hall of Fame, and the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the Metacomet Country Club, the Providence College Alumni Association, Temple Sinai and Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Gail Deutsch of Sands Point, N.Y.; a son, Stanton

Abrams of Brookline, Mass.; a brother, Alfred Abrams of Warwick; and five grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Fred Abrams and Sadie Saltzman.

The funeral service was held June 16 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## HELENE FRANCES BERNHARDT

PROVIDENCE — Helene Frances Bernhardt, 91, of 112 Elton St., the first president of the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, died June 13 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Bertram L. Bernhardt.

Born in Providence in the family home on Broad Street, the daughter of the late Daniel and Helen (Moss) Donig, she moved to Elton Street in 1920. She was a graduate of Hope High School. She frequently played golf at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk.

She and her husband participated in amateur theatrical productions. She was a lifelong member of Temple Beth-El, having been confirmed there in 1921. She was a past president of the temple's Sisterhood, and chaired several committees.

She and her husband chaired the temple's 125th and 135th anniversary celebrations. In 1989 the temple's new history gallery was named in their honor. She supported the Talking Books Fund, established at

Beth-El in her mother's memory.

She was active on behalf of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Women's Committee of Brandeis University, the Red Cross, and Insight.

She donated the wedding dresses worn by her maternal grandmother and her mother to the museum of the Rhode Island School of Design.

She leaves her husband.

The funeral service was held June 16 at Temple Beth-El at 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## SELMA BERNSTINGLE

PROVIDENCE — Selma Bernstingle, 78, of 54 Barnes St., a teacher at Oaklawn School, Cranston, for more than 20 years before retiring in 1992, died June 14 at home. She was the wife of the late Arthur Bernstingle.

Born in New Britain, Conn., a daughter of the late Alexander and Mary (Davidson) Leventhal, she lived in Providence for 55 years.

She was a graduate of Wellesley College, and earned a master's degree from the former Rhode Island School of Education, now Rhode Island College.

After retirement, she became a docent at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, where an annual lecture will be given in her honor. She was a member of Temple Beth-El. She

was an ardent bridge player and supporter of the symphony.

She leaves a daughter, Alix Smullin of Swampscott, Mass.; a son, Frederic Bernstingle of Littleton, Mass.; a brother, David Leventhal of Hartford, Conn.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held June 17 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard at Butler avenues. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## ADA FRIEDMAN

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Ada Friedman, 96, of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Newport, died June 13 at home. She was the wife of the late Dr. Bernard C. Friedman, D.D.S.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Applebaum, she moved to Newport in 1930 and to Florida 10 years ago.

She leaves a son, Dr. Charles Friedman, D.D.S., of Hollywood; a daughter, Elizabeth Friedman of Richardson, Texas; a sister, Celia Chertoff of Warwick; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held June 15 at Beth Olam Cemetery, Wyatt Road, Middletown. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## SYLVIA GOLDBERG

HARTFORD, Conn. — Sylvia Goldberg, 86, of the Hebrew Home, Hartford, Conn., formerly of Fall River, died June 11 at home. She was the wife of the late Leo Goldberg.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Isadore and Bessie Liebowitz, she had lived in Palm Beach, Fla., and Fall River most of her life before she moved to Hartford in 1995.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood and Hadassah. She was a past president of ORT in Palm Beach, whose members honored her as Woman of the Year in 1991. She was a volunteer for United Cerebral Palsy in Fall River and Florida.

She leaves a son, Stanley Goldberg of Newport; a daughter, Ellen Levy of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held June 14 in Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## DR. BERTON J. KESSLER

WARWICK — Dr. Berton J. Kessler, 70, of 130 Sandy Bottom Road, Coventry, died June 9 at Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick. He was the companion of Carla Ann Stewart.

Born in Providence, a son of the late S. Louis and Sara (Rosenfeldt) Kessler, he lived in Coventry for 35 years.

He was a graduate of Brown University, the University of Rhode Island School of Pharmacy and the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Des Moines, Iowa.

He maintained a family medicine practice in Coventry.

He served in the Coast Guard and Navy during World War II,

partly in the Central Pacific Theater of Operations.

He was a member of the Rhode Island and New England Osteopathic Societies. He was a member of the National and American Rifle Associations, and the West Greenwich Elks. He was a member of a Masonic Lodge and the Palestine Shrine. He was a former member of Temple Beth-El.

He leaves two sons, Scott Kessler of North Providence, and Mitchell Kessler of North Kingstown; two daughters, Sherri Quagliari of Woonsocket, and Ronni Bermudez of Warwick; a brother, Roy Kessler of Warwick; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held June 12 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

## GERTRUDE 'TRUDY' ROTENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Gertrude "Trudy" Rotenberg, 80, of 309 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, a bookkeeper for the accounting firm of Jarcho, Schwartz, Yaras & Santilli before retiring 15 years ago, died June 7 at Miriam Hospital in Providence. She was the wife of the late Joseph "Josh" Rotenberg.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a daughter of the late Louis and Sadie Himelfarb, she lived in Cranston before moving to Warwick in 1986.

She was a member and active volunteer at Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood. She was a life member of Hadassah and treasurer of Cranston Senior Guild.

She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, Social Seniors of Warwick, and Miriam Hospital Women's Association. She was a life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Auxiliary, and a member of the Jewish War Veterans' Auxiliary.

She leaves three sons, Mark Rotenberg of Warwick, Barry Rotenberg of Cranston, and Bruce Rotenberg of Litchfield, N.H.; a brother, Burton Himelfarb of Warwick; and three sisters, Rose Gordon of Plantation, Fla., Sara Adler of Worcester, Mass., and Ada Maidman of Hollywood, Fla. She was a sister of the late Gloria Meyers.

A graveside funeral service was held June 10 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## DANIEL SADWIN

PROVIDENCE — Daniel Sadwin, 78, of 25 Morse Ave., North Smithfield, a partner in the former Sadwin Mfg. Co. and founder of Stitchers Inc., in Woonsocket, died June 11 at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence. He was the husband of Ruth (Kilberg) Sadwin.

Born in Woonsocket, a son of the late Louis and Edythe (Feinstein) Sadwin, he had lived in North Smithfield since 1954. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater.

He was a partner for many years with his late brother

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## Judge

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And surely the three amazing young women who shaped the festival, Christina Schomer, Nancy Donahoe and Maude Chilton could not have been more accommodating. Still, of course, there was a slant. There was an investigation of the murder of a cross-dresser, called "The Brandon Teena Story." Another doc, "Out of the Past," dealt with the history of lesbians and gays with some thorough and thoughtful character close-ups. "Angel on my Shoulder" traces the illness and death of the filmmaker's starlet friend with haunting intimacy. "Baby It's You" tells about the youthful abortion and middle-aged, futile efforts at fertility, of the moviemaker herself. "Hands on a Hardbody" simply visits a town in Texas where a competition and endurance contest is held to win a truck. You have to stand with your hands on the vehicle. Whoever can stick to it longest drives the hardbody home. It's a long, long reel to sit through, but a surprisingly successful experiment in patience! I like this category. I respected all these entries. I thought my colleagues were too quick to put them down for their opinions. I wish there had been a woman on my panel. On the other hand, I hate the villainization of white fathers and the tearjerking tyranny of chick flicks. So I straddle two worlds of thought.

I wound my way home on Sunday morning after a week of viewing and chatting over champagne, nibbling and hobnobbing. And then what did we do that very night? We went off eastward again to watch Jim Carrey in "The Truman Show." What did I think?

"It would have made an absolutely terrific Twilight Zone half-hour fantasy!"

## Obituaries

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Sherwood Sadwin in the former Sadwin Mfg. Co., a curtain manufacturing company in Woonsocket, until 1957, when he founded Stitches Inc., Woonsocket, a curtain manufacturing company that is still in business today.

He was a former member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket.

He was a supporter of the Narcology Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Leisa Winrich of Menomonee Falls, Wis., and Sharon Felch of Springfield, Mass.; three sons, Alan Sadwin of Wantagh, N.Y., on Long Island, Sheldon Sadwin of Millville, Mass., and Brian Sadwin of North Smithfield; a sister, Thelma Shulins of Claremont, N.H.; two brothers, Dr. Arnold Sadwin of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Dr. Robert Sadwin in Israel; and five grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Sherwood Sadwin.

The funeral was held June 14 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. A private burial took place in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

## Abba

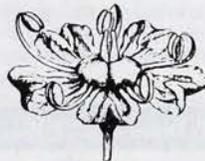
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at the start of the era of electronics and high-tech gadgetry. They taught everything I was never good at: how to fix things, take them apart, understand how they fit and work, macho mysteries. The only student I ever knew who graduated from this secret society was Anon (short for Aharon).

And any time that he came by our house, with or without his offspring in tow, he would put his hand like a physician on the ailing items in our house and make them whole and well again. A deaf telephone with a loose wire, a blind television set with a bleary-eyed tube, or a mute computer, like sick dogs in the hands of a good vet, came to life in the presence of my friend. His power as a papa extended benevolently to all our props.

Isn't it a shock, common though it is to us all, how swiftly time doth fly and our nestlings flap away from home? When I greet my friend on the street I see a person with a past by now. The cheerful smirk of a new proud pop has turned into a musing expression of memory and concern for the future of his heirs. They come to town and stay with him under a roof they knew as small fry.

Aharon Afsai has made the East Side his own domain. He watches over it. He cares for it. It shelters him as he builds and repairs its by now familiar spaces. He brings out its best aspect. Our world brings out his strengths as well. A father's day message of respect and regard for a great guy.



**IRVING B. SILVERMAN**  
CRANSTON — Irving B. Silverman, 66, of 181 Belvedere Drive, owner of Irving Silverman & Co., died June 8 at home. He was the husband of the late Marilyn "Lynn" Silverman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Herman and Rosie (Bass) Silverman, he lived in Cranston for many years.

He was a certified public accountant. He was a 1951 graduate of Bryant College.

He was a member of Temple Sinai and the Touro Fraternal Association. He was a member of the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He leaves two sons, George Silverman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Daniel Silverman of Manchester, Conn.; a daughter, Donna Sternbach of Marlboro, N.J.; two brothers, Robert Silverman of Cranston, and Alan Silverman of Warwick; a sister, Gloria Kirwin of Coventry; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held June 10 in the Max Sugarman Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Mitzvah

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I know this all sounds rather esoteric and you may ask "what does this all have to do with my life?" The answer is everything! Kabbalah, Jewish metaphysics, is deeply concerned with life, yours and mine, and teaches that our destiny emanates from the heavenly spheres; how we effect the spiritual energy with our mitzvot determines how our lives emerge. I share my thoughts, my feelings and my understanding of Torah with you because that too is mitzvah.

*Spiegler is a Certified Polarity Therapist and a student and teacher of Jewish Mysticism. Call (508) 252-4302 or e-mail <DSpieg541@aol.com>.*

## Nazi Gold

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overreach and miss out on positive responses. Don't miss the forest for the trees. The goal is that this generation and future generations understand the horror that was the Holocaust and moral responsibility of those who not only committed it, but either helped the Nazi machine or acquiesced in its destructiveness.

In a civil manner, the still festering wounds of the barbaric acts perpetrated more than half a century ago need to be brought to a closure, not just to receive an equitable and just resolution, but to strengthen mankind as we enter the next century. Let us be tough, but let us also be smart.

*Abraham H. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League.*

## Swiss Talks

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Like the participants in the settlement talks, those who took part in the advisory group signed strict confidentiality agreements and declined to discuss the meeting.

The June 30 date was set by U.S. public finance officers, who want a progress report on the negotiations to avert the threat of sanctions against the banks.

"A lot of time has been spent with almost no progress, and the need for progress has certainly telescoped itself," the sources said.

"It's got to get done and the longer it doesn't get done, the greater the potential it will never get done."

*(JTA correspondent Fredy Rom in Bern contributed to this report.)*

## Utrillo

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York, and again in St. Thomas. But his European period is perhaps captured, or at least deeply glimpsed, in the picture I gazed upon. Paintings like songs have a way of carrying us into enchanted realms. Perhaps the nostalgia in that white castle has something for the venerable artist of Iberia, of King David, of his whitewashed St. Thomas, which I mix together with the inevitable longing and belonging of the viewer.

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## Hadassah

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and an October Shabbat weekend in Burlington, Vt., for both men and women.

"The speaker will be Carol Diamant, author of *Jewish Women Living the Challenge*, and we will offer a series of workshops on the challenges we face as Jews living in America," Leiter said. "We will also offer a second outreach program for Jewish lesbians and their families at Brandeis University."

Leiter is enthusiastic about the Rhode Island Chapter's plans to reconfigure in a manner that will place more emphasis on the chapter as a whole than on individual units.

"Rhode Island has looked at the needs of its members and decided to move on, and that takes courage," Leiter said.

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# Celebrate Rhode Island Rivers Day

Governor Lincoln Almond has proclaimed June 20 as Rhode Island Rivers Day, joining with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council to celebrate the historic Blackstone River in a series of events.

"Rhode Island's rivers and streams are one of our most important natural resources," said Almond. "We have literally hundreds of miles of waterways, and they need to be preserved, both for recreation and as a critical part of our natural environment."

Robert D. Billington, BVTC president, said the day-long celebration is designed to draw attention to the sometimes overlooked natural resource. "Every Rhode Islander lives within walking distance to a river or stream," Billington said. "There are 650 linear miles of rivers and streams in our state. If we counted river miles the same way as our state's coastline miles, Rhode Island would have 1,328 miles of riverfront, compared to 1,328 miles of oceanfront."

BVTC has teamed up with the state's Rivers Council, the department of environmental management, the Sierra Club, the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, Friends of the Blackstone, the Blackstone River Valley Watershed Council and Baer's River Workshop in planning the day's events, in honor of National Rivers Month.

"This one day provides the opportunity for environmental and community groups to create public participation events, such as cleanups, river festivals, special recreational activities," Billington noted.

For its part on June 20, BVTC

plans several Rivers Day events, with emphasis on Rhode Island's mighty and historic Blackstone River.

R.I. Rivers Day Celebration will take place at Central Falls landing at the corner of Broad Street and Madeira Avenue (near Central Falls-Cumberland line).

At 10 a.m., Almond, along with other federal, state and local dignitaries will proclaim R.I. Rivers Day.

The BVTC invites residents and visitors to take part in several recreational activities during the afternoon. Events include:

- Free riverboat tours aboard the Blackstone Valley Explorer, with historical interpretation from National Park Rangers, courtesy of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

- Rick Ensner, director of the Rhode Island National Heritage Program, will speak about the ecology of rivers.

- BVTC river ecologist Michele Coutu leads a riverwalk along the Blackstone River.

- Canoe and kayak rentals from Baer's River Workshop. Call 453-1633 for details on rentals.

At 11 p.m., the day wraps up with a dazzling Rivers Day fireworks display. Sign up for a one-hour fireworks cruise aboard the Blackstone Valley Explorer. The cruise runs from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Fireworks can also be viewed from the Broad Street bridge.

Most events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the BVTC at 724-2200.

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In honor of R.I. Rivers Day, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has developed an educational brochure. The following information has been taken from the brochure:

### Interesting Facts About Our River

1. We are in the largest national park area in New England. The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor was established by an act of Congress in 1986.

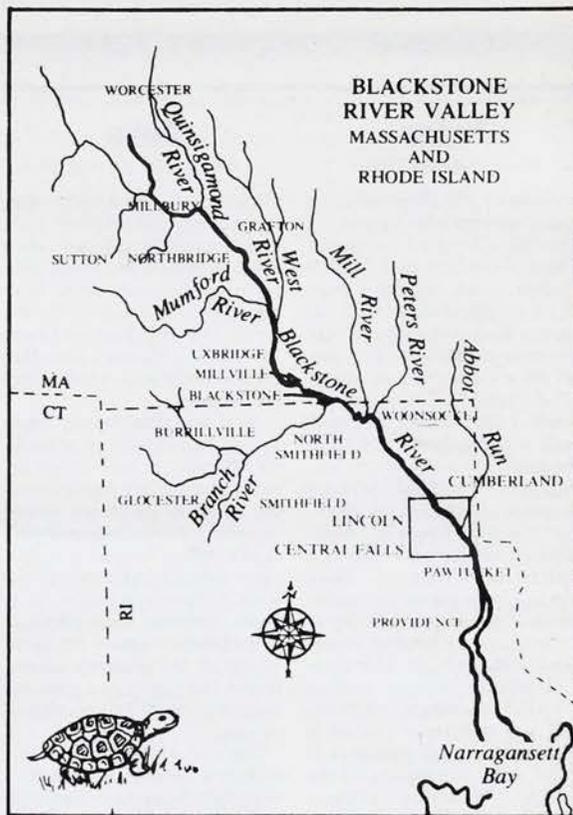
2. The Blackstone Valley Explorer was launched on Aug. 19, 1993, and is the first passenger boat on the river in 150 years. The Lady Carrington was the first passenger barge along our river. It was towed by horses between 1828 and the 1840s.

3. The Blackstone Canal was dug in the 1820s to provide inland water transportation from across the Port of Providence, R.I., to Worcester, Mass. There were 49 locks to life the boats to get around the dams and rapids.

4. The Blackstone River travels about 46 miles from the hills of central Massachusetts to the tidal water below the Pawtucket Falls. The river drops 438 feet, about 10 feet for each mile, which provides the power for a variety of industries during the past 300 years.

5. The American Industrial Revolution began in this valley in the 1790s with Samuel Slater's first successful water powered cotton spinning mill. The Blackstone has been called the "Hardest Working River in America."

6. The Valley was named after Rev. William Blackstone, the first European to settle along the great river. He arrived in 1635, one year prior to Roger Williams' founding of Providence.



7. The river divided Wampanoag and Narragansett territory. The Nipmucks were the Native Americans that lived around and fished the fresh waters of the upper valley.

8. The watershed was formed more than 10,000 years ago from the melt waters of the last glacier.

### River Activities For Kids

1. Make a booklet with pictures and facts about the wildlife that lives along the Blackstone River. Use science books and an encyclopedia for accuracy.

2. Interview a person who once worked in a mill along the Blackstone River. Make a list of questions to ask, record the in-

formation (on tape if you wish), and write a story.

3. Investigate the various kinds of transportation used along the Blackstone River. Make a booklet with pictures.

4. List the various ways the Blackstone River's water power has been used throughout history, from the days of the Native Americans until the present.

5. Visit the Slater Mill in Pawtucket, R. I., to learn about mill life, the use of water power, and machinery.

For more information about Rhode Island Rivers Day or activities, call 724-2200.

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### Roadside Parks

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