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## Corporate America Buys Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

The Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, an East Side facility which has served the Rhode Island Jewish community since the mid-1970s, has been sold to Service Corporation International, a Houston-based company that is the largest funeral service enterprise in the world.

On Nov. 6, SCI spokesperson Margaret Adams confirmed that her organization had acquired Mount Sinai, but was unable to divulge the date of the sale.

SCI is an international corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange. It has 35,000 employees and nearly 3,700 funeral service locations, cemeteries and crematoria worldwide. In 1997, the company grossed more than \$2.5 billion in total revenues and in the United States alone, through its affiliated funeral homes, handled one out of every nine funerals.

The concept behind SCI, which has dramatically altered the funeral industry, was developed by its founder and CEO Robert L. Waltrip, a former funeral director.

Recognizing that the funeral business was a traditional and very fragmented industry that usually involved independent and family businesses, Waltrip

believed that by sharing facilities, vehicles, equipment and personnel, several funeral homes within a given area or "cluster" could operate more efficiently and lower combined overhead costs.

In 1962, Waltrip tested his idea by founding Southern Capital Company, and the organization began to acquire funeral homes across the U.S. and Canada.

In 1969, the firm changed its name to Service Corporation International and in the ensuing years began to trade first on the American and then the New York Stock Exchange. They then expanded into an international market that today includes Australia, Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, the Czech Republic and Singapore.

Prior to its sale, the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel was owned and operated by Mitchell Sugarman and his family.

Mitchell Sugarman, the grandson of Max Sugarman, who opened the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel to serve Rhode Island's Jewish community during the 1800s, founded the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel in the mid-1970s.

As of press time, staff at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel did not immediately return phone calls regarding the sale.

## Israelis Commemorate Rabin Amid Warnings of Political Violence

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel marked the third anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with memorial ceremonies, as political leaders made renewed warnings about the dangers of political incitement.

After the Oct. 23 signing of the Wye River Memorandum, the latest Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been the target of slurs and posters similar to those directed against Rabin during anti-government demonstrations preceding his death.

Indeed, during a recent official state ceremony at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Cemetery, hecklers jeered Netanyahu when he laid a wreath at Rabin's grave, shouting that Netanyahu had incited the murder.

Police dragged two protesters from the ceremony, during which Rabin's widow, Leah, did not shake hands with Netanyahu.

Leah Rabin had been among those in the immediate aftermath of the assassination who maintained that Netanyahu, then the opposition leader, had contributed to the atmosphere of incitement that made the assassination possible.

On Oct. 31, some 200,000 people took part in a memorial rally in Tel Aviv.

In an address to the gathering, Labor Party leader Ehud Barak had mild words of praise for the Wye agreement, which he described as "late, hesitant and full of contradictions, but

Knesset held a special session to remember Rabin's slaying at the hands of Yigal Amir, a right-wing extremist opposed to the transfer of any West Bank lands to the Palestinians.

Former army chief of staff Amnon Shukah, speaking at the state ceremony, lashed out at those who still engage in incitement.

"Forgive us, Rabin, for not understanding what we see," he said. "And forgive us because there are those among us who do not know how to ask for forgiveness."

"They cannot differentiate between legitimate, ideological debate and the three bullets of a stupid fanatic," Shukah added, referring to the shots fired by Amir. "We must take an unbending position against those in the margins, to eradicate brutality."

At the special Knesset session, Barak called for a united effort to fight political incitement.

Netanyahu appealed to the legislators to overcome political rivalry and put an end to the sharp rifts in Israeli society.

"I hope we can extend hands and together put out the fire of hate," the premier said. "Peace is made first with brothers."



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

better than pointless bloodshed."

In addition to the Mt. Herzl ceremony, flags across the country flew at half mast and the

## U.S. Jewish, Arab Groups Slow to Support Wye Agreement

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — When Israel and the Palestinian Authority signed the Wye agreement last month, many Jewish groups flooded fax machines with statements praising the breakthrough in the peace process.

One, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, jumped the gun and sent congratulations before the land-for-security deal was struck.

Hoping to capitalize on the positive mood, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright asked many of the same Jewish groups to work with Arab American organizations to build a constituency for peace and set an example for the people of the Middle East by working in concert.

What better way than a joint Arab-Jewish statement, one Arab participant suggested at a meeting recently that Albright hosted for a small group representing the American Jewish and Arab American communities.

At the meeting, Albright ap-

pealed for joint Jewish-Arab action in lobbying Congress to support the hundreds of millions of dollars in additional aid to Israel and the Palestinian Authority that is part of the Wye accord.

But one week after the 90-minute meeting with Albright, the fax machines remain silent.

This would not be the first indication that the two communities are failing to come together on the peace process. Builders for Peace, a group of Arab and Jewish businessmen founded after the 1993 Oslo peace accord signing at the White House to help business development in the Palestinians self-rule areas, shut down operations last year.

State Department officials hoped that the Albright session would lead to regular meetings between Arab and Jewish groups. Dennis Ross, the U.S. Middle East peace envoy, tried to work some of his trademark negotiating magic as the session wound down by urging

the sides not to leave the room until they set a date for another meeting.

But the gathering broke up — and, almost as quickly, prospects for a joint statement dimmed.

Most of the Jewish groups do not seem interested in the joint statement.

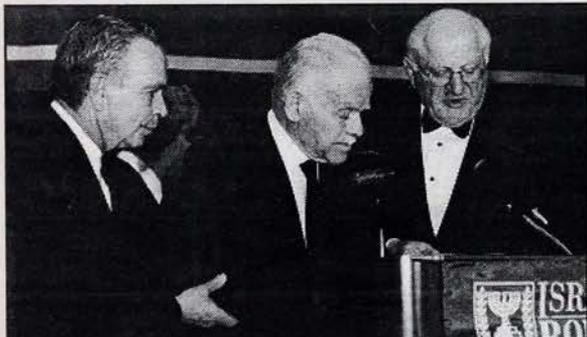
"At the present time, we're not doing anything with any other group," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"Arab American groups have not demonstrated any support — at the State Department or in statements — in support of the Wye agreement," said Hoenlein.

While Hoenlein stopped short of saying that it is up to the Arab American groups to make the first move, he did say, "They have not found the need to come forward and support the Wye agreement."

But that's simply not true, according to James Zogby, presi-

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### Shamir Honored by Israel Bonds

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who welcomed hundreds of thousands of new arrivals from the Soviet Union after President Mikhail Gorbachev changed his country's emigration policy to permit mass immigration to Israel, was honored by Israel Bonds at its recent gala dinner at the New York Hilton as a "fighter for Israel's freedom, courageous leader, wise statesman" whose "life and achievements are a proud chapter in the saga of Israel's rebirth." Standing with him (left to right) are Israel Bonds President and CEO Gideon Patt and National Campaign Chairman Irwin Hochberg. The proceeds from sales of Israel Bonds have been crucial in making possible the absorption of the new immigrants, who have transformed the country's economic, political and cultural life.

Photo by Sharon Faulkner

# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment For Kids

November

- 12 **Providence Children's Museum**, 100 South St., Providence, hosts Play & Learn in Littlewoods. Kids 2 to 4 years play games designed for their blossoming skills. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call 273-KIDS.
- 13 **Providence Children's Museum**, 100 South St., Providence, welcomes, "Preschool Fridays: What Color Day?" Children ages 3 to 5 celebrate the color brown. Create collages to accommodate a special brown animal. 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Call 237-KIDS.
- 15 **Rhode Island School of Design Museum**, 224 Benefit St., Providence, hosts a family workshop, "Fabric Designs." Children ages 5 to 12 and their parents look at Japanese stencils used for patterning textiles and make their own. Free with museum admission. 3 p.m. Call 454-6342.
- 17 **Providence Children's Museum**, 100 South St., Providence, hosts "Bookmaking." A guest from College Hill Bookstore teaches kids 5 and up the bookmaking basics. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call 273-KIDS.
- 18 **Providence Children's Museum**, 100 South St., Providence, presents "Pets & People." Children ages 3 and up meet a real live dog and discover the joys and responsibilities of dog ownership. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call 273-KIDS.

### Jewish War Veterans Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Deptment of R.I. plan to build a Memorial Wall of Honor in the Jewish War Veterans Cemetery, within Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I.

A special general membership meeting will be held to inform the membership regarding this important project at a free breakfast meeting on Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. to be held at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, R.I. For reservations, call Irving Levin at 467-3434, Charles Abrams, 944-0539 or Eli Leftin, 941-3093.

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## Calendar: November 12th to November 18th

- 12 **Rhode Island College** presents Open Dance Company class with Cornelius Carter. Nov. 12 through 14. Recreation Center Annex. \$6 per class. Call 456-8090.  
**Rhode Island School of Design and Museum**, 224 Benefit St., Providence, presents a slide lecture, "Korean Ceramics: The Great Tradition." Free with museum admission. 2 p.m. Call 454-6342.  
**AS220**, 115 Empire St., Providence, presents "The Turtle Picnic; a writers circle" If you have some work to share come and speak with other writers. 7 p.m. Call 831-9327.  
**The Sandra Feinstein Gamm Theatre**, 31 Elbow St., Providence, welcomes Bill Harley, "Get Lost Rules for Travelers." Nov. 12 through 15. 8 p.m. Tickets \$13 and \$15. Call 831-2919.  
**Pawtucket Memorial Hospital**, 111 Brewster St., Pawtucket, will sponsor a cancer support group for persons living with cancer and their caregivers, 6 to 7 p.m. Nursing classroom, sixth floor of the Hodgson Building. The group meets regularly on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Call 729-2512.  
**UMass Dartmouth** presents a concert with tenor William Hite and pianist Harry Jensen. Recital Hall, room 153 of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Free admission. 12:30 p.m., call (508) 999-8568.
- 13 **Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum** continues their film series with, "Enemies, A Love Story." 10:30 a.m. Call 453-7860.  
**The Cranston Y's Owl Nursery School Harvest Family Dance**. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. YMCA, 1225 Park Ave., Cranston. Call 943-0444.
- 14 **Waterfire Providence**. Waterplace Park, Providence. Sunset. Weather permitting. Call 272-3111.  
**Northeast Regional Women in Business Conference**. Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin St., Providence. Call 351-1131 for information.  
**South County Center for the Arts** presents "A George Gershwin Centennial Concert." 8 p.m., South Kingstown H.S. Auditorium, 215 Columbia St., Wakefield. Tickets \$7 to \$15. Call 782-1018.  
**Borders' Bookstore**, Garden City, Cranston, presents "Retirement Planning for Women," with Beth Rosenberg King and Heidi Hanson of Prudential Securities. 2 p.m.  
**Books on the Square**, 471 Angell St., Providence, hosts a poetry reading with Richard Fein. 1 p.m. Call 331-9097.  
**Temple Am David** and The Diabetes Foundation of Rhode Island present the fourth annual "International Gala," charity auction and international buffet. 7 p.m. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. \$10 advance, \$15 door. Call 463-7944.
- 15 **The Rhode Island Hadassah** welcomes Jenny Klein to the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove St., Providence. Call 463-3636 to register.  
**Providence Art Club Main Gallery**, 11 Thomas St., Providence, presents an exhibit by Nancy Hart, Claudia Cockerill, as well as photographer Philip Liberman. All three exhibits run Nov. 15 through Dec. 4. Call 331-1114.  
**Barnes & Noble**, Rte. 2, Warwick, celebrates Jewish Book Month with Eleanor Horvitz and Geraldine Foster authors of *Jews of Rhode Island 1658-1958*. Book signing 2 to 4 p.m.  
**South County Hebrew School Holiday Bazaar**, University of Rhode Island, Kingston campus, White Hall, 2nd floor. 9:30 to noon.  
**Rabbi Mark S. Bloom** will be at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. He will discuss his book, *Out of the Mouths of Babies — What Children Can Teach Us About Spirituality, Jewish Issues and the Jewish People*. 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
- 17 **Cranston Senior Guild** of Temple Torat Yisrael, goes to Foxwood, Ledyard, Conn. Call Goldie Green at 738-6956.  
**Moses Brown School**, 250 Lloyd Ave., Providence, features a mixed media display and an exhibit of paintings by Merleann Mainelli-Poultan. Nov. 17 to Dec. 4 at the Krause Gallery. Call 831-7350.  
**Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island** will sponsor a free community wellness program, "Managing Stress at Home and at Work," by Sheldon Levy, PhD., M.P.M. 7 p.m., 111 Brewster St., Sayles 1 Conference Room. To register, call 729-2459.
- 18 **Borders Bookstore**, Garden City, Cranston, welcomes author, photographer and Rhode Islander Kim Levin. Levin will sign copies of her new book, *Why We Love Dogs*. 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Touro Fraternal Association** open house. Welcoming new members, 6:30 p.m., Touro Hall. \$1 or 1 Bagel Buck in advance, or \$6 or 6 Bagel Bucks at door. Enjoy a deli dinner and hear sports radio talk hosts Scott Cordischi and Jersey Red.  
**Pawtucket Memorial Hospital**, 111 Brewster St., Pawtucket, will sponsor a Discovery Toy Fair, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A collection of award-winning toys, books, games and computer software will be available. Call 245-3174.  
**William Hall Library**, 1825 Broad St., Cranston sponsors a college financial aid seminar with authors Leonard Martin and Jeffrey Massey, "How to Give Your Child a Four-Year College Education Without Going Broke." 7 p.m.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## JTE Opens Second Season With 'Crossing Delancey'

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Although there are hundreds of highway miles between the east side of Providence and the lower east side of New York, the Jewish Theatre Ensemble's production of "Crossing Delancey" showed that when it comes to Jewish heritage and humor, the two East Sides are actually quite close.

As it kicked off its second season with Susan Sandler's romantic comedy on Nov. 5 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, the JTE bounced its audience between New York's unassimilated Lower East Side and its ultra-trendy Upper East Side. During the uptown/downtown journey, Sandler's dialogue gently explores the clashes and connections between modern and traditional Jewish life in America.

Sandler's story, which was made famous by the "Crossing Delancey" film starring Amy Irving and Dustin Hoffman, goes like this: Bubbie (Cathy Taitz), who schmoozes in Yiddish and makes teiglach in her Lower East Side apartment, is worried about her granddaughter, Izzy Grossman (Deb McGowan).

Although the JTE's "Crossing Delancey" lacked the professional slickness of the film, director Vita Smith and producer D. Toby Marwill managed to infuse the play with the warmth and Yiddishkeit that originally made it famous.

The play also marked a new direction for the JTE, for unlike its first two productions, "Milk and Honey" and Jules Gelade's original "Forty Years of Bad Road," which were both musicals with large casts, "Crossing Delancey" relied on strong dramatic acting.

As Izzy, Deb McGowan was both infuriatingly uppity and deliciously vulnerable, and Cathy Taitz got Bubbie's motherly intentions and manipulative scheming just right.

In their less complicated supporting roles, David Epstein made Tyler Moss wonderfully condescending and contemptible, Lee Rush turned Hannah into a standout howl, and Shawn Rouillard portrayed Sam as what he's supposed to be... sincere.

Working within the understated and very realistic set that recreated the bookstore and the confines of Bubbie's apartment, the cast and crew members suc-



IN BUBBIE'S KITCHEN — In the JTE's Nov. 5 performance of "Crossing Delancey," (left) Izzy (Deb McGowan), Sam (Shawn Rouillard), Bubbie (Cathy Taitz) and Hannah (Lee Rush) gather around the kitchen table for a snack and a schmooze.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky



LOOKING TO THE MATCHMAKER — In "Crossing Delancey," matchmaker Hannah (Lee Rush) beams at Izzy (Deb McGowan) and Bubbie (Cathy Taitz).

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

Izzy's uptown snob whose life revolves around managing an intellectual bookstore and fantasizing about writer Tyler Moss (David Epstein), who repeatedly comes into the shop to badger Izzy about where she places his books but barely remembers her name.

On one of Izzy's weekly visits downtown, she is mortified to find out that Bubbie has been cooking up more than kugel, for she forces her granddaughter to meet Hannah (Lee Rush), the Lower East Side matchmaker.

Izzy soon learns that Hannah has a huge appetite, a huge mouth, and huge plans for a match between her and Sam (Shawn Rouillard), a hunk with a mind, a heart, and an occupation as the local pickle man.

cessfully brought their audience back to Delancey Street and showed how the JTE is maturing.

Additional performances will take place on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 15 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the JCCRI box office or by calling (401) 861-8800.

### NEWBO Seeks Candidates For Business Woman of the Year

New England Women Business Owners announces that it is seeking candidates for its 1998 Business Woman of the Year Award. According to Janet Jordan, chair of the award committee, NEWBO is searching for candidates who meet the following criteria:

- represent a business that is at least 51 percent women-owned
  - have been in business for five years or more
  - generate annual revenue of at least \$250,000
  - contribute to the advancement of women in business
- contribute to her community
- possess high ethical standards

Candidates do not have to be members of NEWBO. For information about how to nominate a candidate, contact Janet Jordan, NEWBO, P.O. Box 67082, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02469, tel. (617) 566-3013, fax (617) 975-0124. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Dec. 20, 1998.

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# OPINION

## A Shabbat in Jerusalem

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler  
 "What are you doing for Shabbat?" he politely asked. It sounded like I was about to receive an invitation. "I haven't given it much thought yet," I replied, "maybe I'll davven at Heichel Shlomo (that's the Great Synagogue on Keren HaYesod) and have dinner afterwards at my hotel." "No, No, No," he responded adamantly, "on your first Shabbat in Jerusalem, you must go to the Kotel (The Wailing Wall)."

Itzhak was behind the counter of a religious book shop off King David Street when I walked in that Friday morning. "Where are you from?" he asked. "I just got here a few days ago from the U.S., from Massachusetts" to be more specific, "but originally from New York." "Where in New York?" he asked in a tone only another Jew would understand. "We used to live in Brooklyn." "I'm from Brooklyn, too," Itzhak admitted with pride, I used to be the rabbi at the shul on Ocean Parkway and Avenue R. "What a coincidence," I confided, "my wife comes from that area and my brother-in-law became a bar mitzvah in that shul years ago."

The sun began to set, traffic lessened, pedestrians dwindled and you knew Shabbat was close at hand. I made my way into the Old City through the Jaffa Gate. I took the only route I knew to the Wall via Chain Street: the exotic Arab bazaar. But now, as the Friday sun dissolved, the shuk was deserted. A few beggars crouched in the doorways of closed shops. I had the distinct feeling that I was about to be grabbed by a sinister hand from behind a dark corner. I was scared. A thought arose: "This is going to be it." My fear subsided as I beheld singing and dancing by children and yeshiva

students at the Wall. I was determined, however, not to leave the same way I came in; I was going to exit with the crowd. A Hassidic figure appeared beside me. "Which way are we going?" I asked. "We're headed towards the Damascus Gate, just a short way from Mea Shearim." "That's great," I responded, "from there I can easily find the way back to my hotel."

About two weeks before leaving for Israel I met Avi Ravitsky, a visiting professor from Hebrew University, for lunch at Brown. I wanted his advice on how to locate enclaves of practicing mystics in Israel. He didn't know much about it, but suggested I locate a group known as Reb Arele's Chassidim whose whereabouts were uncertain.

Mea Shearim was in total darkness except for the glow of candles coming from apartment windows and the bright starry night. The streets were filled with families exquisitely dressed, slowly promenading in every direction as if they were wandering with nowhere in mind. My eye caught an old man entering a narrow street and I felt an unusual compulsion to follow him. He turned a corner and soon I lost him in the darkness. I noticed, however, a strange luminosity coming from a building up ahead; several boys were playing outside. I hesitantly entered to find before me a throng of Chassidim, wearing gold caftans with white knitted yarmulkes, springing, whirling, tumbling in frenzied prayer. It was an astonishing sight, one you might never think as Jewish. One Chassid, dressed in black Shabbat garb, approached me and politely asked, "You're from the States, right?" "Right, I replied with a smile." "Hi, my name is Benjamin Falk and I'm from Monsey, N.Y. A moment

later he asked, "Won't you join me for dinner tonight at the home of my host?" How could I refuse? "By the way, I asked, "where am I?" "Why you're at the shul of Reb Arele's Chassidim."

Coincidences like these should not be taken lightly. They show up at unexpected moments as gentle reminders that a purposeful blueprint for our universe exists. Somehow, through what appears to be a coincidence or what Jungian analysts call synchronicity, the Holy architect is revealed at that very moment.

Benjamin introduced me to his host, Dov Patkin, a Reb Arele's Chassid. The Patkin apartment at Shomrei Emunim was aglow for Shabbat with myriad flaming candles. Dov began with the blessings for the children. He placed both hands on the heads of each one of their eight offspring, and recited the

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## 'Titanic' Obsession

To the Editor:

I am devoted, loyal and completely dedicated and proud of my Jewish heritage, and will not tolerate any unjust criticism by either Jew or non-Jew.

However, I was thoroughly disgusted to read the following in an area newspaper recently.

"A 13-year-old girl 'obsessed' with 'Titanic' got the bat mitzvah of her dreams when a hotel ballroom was transformed into the luxury liner, with 12-foot steaming smokestacks at the buffet table, phosphorescent artificial icebergs and a "steerage" section for the children." The newspaper reported that the celebration was rumored to cost one half million dollars. Her father would not confirm the price.

One half million dollars could feed the hungry or clothe the naked for an indefinite period of time or could be utilized for some other worthwhile project.

In the same vein, the moronic fiasco in our capitol, where Ken Starr has spent \$40 million, and our Congress has already spent \$22 million on the impeachment follow up.

What this country could do with this \$62 million! For that amount it could reasonably be possible to institute research and mayhaps find a cure for cancer or some other terminal illness.

Stupid, stupid people of all races, religions and creeds!

Harry Kolodney  
 Pawtucket, RI

The above mentioned article appeared in the Oct. 29 issue of the Providence Journal.

## Remembering A Hero

by Cindy Halpern

In these days of fallen heroes, it is easy to overlook the people who lived their lives according to high moral standards. One person in particular followed a strong yet less than popular conviction that Jews and Catholics should enter into dialogue about the painful past that divided them.

Father Edward Flannery began this dialogue by writing a book called *The Anguish of the Jews*, a history of anti-Semitism in western Christian civilization. After having completed a great deal of research, Father Flannery honestly traced the church's philosophy of anti-Semitism and showed how that translated into political intolerance within Christianity.

He was truly a pioneer in his efforts to tell the truth about the church's role in centuries of anti-

Semitism. But he did so with a higher purpose in mind than simply asking the Jews for forgiveness. He wanted Christians and Jews to develop a constructive, working relationship with one another. He believed that the values of Judaism offered Christians a solid foundation for their own beliefs.

Father Flannery wasn't satisfied with just being an author of words. He was a man of action. He served on interfaith committees as an ambassador of good will to strengthen bonds with the Christian-Jewish community. At first, he encountered resistance from both communities. But he used gentle diplomacy to convince critics that centuries of intolerance could only end if people were willing to work out their differences and realize that they could have common goals.

I had the great privilege of serving with Father Flannery on the Yom Hashoah Committee that meets yearly at Temple Emanu-El under the leadership of Rabbi Wayne Franklin. Each year, our committee seeks to create a Yom Hashoah service for the interfaith community to participate in. Father Flannery paved the way for other Christian clergyman to participate with Jews in such a format.

Even with Father Flannery's passing, our committee and other committees involved with interfaith projects will continue to meet. We will truly miss our good and loyal friend, Father Edward Flannery, but because he took the time to skillfully build a solid foundation, his mission will continue to evolve well into the next century.

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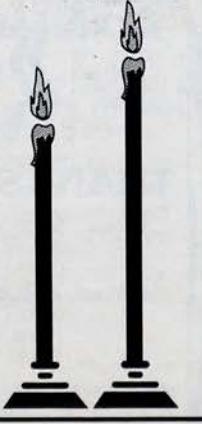
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### Candlelighting

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## Before We Happened

What if there were no Judaism?

What if no one had ever heard of Torah, the Commandments had not been given, the whole ethos of the Jewish approach to life had not been overlain on the world? What kind of place would this be?

It would be the kind of place Avraham finds himself in: Babylonia, a highly developed city-state of its time, but devoid of the concept of an omniscient G-d, and subject to the shifting mores of that time and the whims of the secular ruler under whom you lived.

When G-d comes to Avraham and tells him to leave his country, his family, his father's house and go without question to an unspecified land, it is a wonder that Avraham packs up and takes off. We are not told if he has ever heard the voice of the L-rd before, or has any idea why he's being asked to do all this. He just hears and obeys.

Of course, the promise held

out is that "I will make of thee a great nation... And I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee I will curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Not a bad contract. But there was no Jewish community or culture at the time. Could it be that Avraham thinks this is one of the many deities people then

worshipped, promising him a better deal?  
 Why does Avraham tell his beautiful wife Sarah that she should pose as his sister, so he wouldn't be killed by someone desiring her? When Pharaoh takes Sarah to his household, why does a plague descend on him (in an eerie foretaste of what happens to a later Pharaoh)? And why does he interpret this plague to be a curse related to his taking Sarah? When he finds

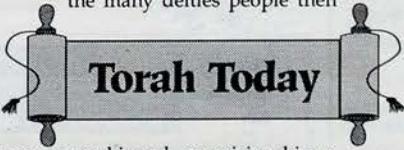
out that she is indeed Avraham's wife, he sends her back and admonishes Avraham. But why does he also shower them with wealth?

What we are seeing in this story is the dawning of a new awareness. No human is yet able to articulate it, but you can sense their awe as they realize that there is something different and powerful happening.

What is also notable is that G-d does not appear to be pushing these people about like chess pieces. All of them, including Pharaoh, act on free will, in response to their perception of the aura of the L-rd.

You live in the post-Judaism, post-Torah world. You have awareness of the greatness of our bounty, and its Source. How much more incumbent it is on you, then, to act on your own free will... and joyfully indulge in the mitzvot.

Submitted by Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center.





## Between Us

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

We sat at a tiny table on a narrow sidewalk with our small cups of coffee. We hadn't seen one another for quite a while. There was a lot to catch up on. We had stared into the flames on my hearth and gone over our losses eons ago. Her first husband had died in a dreadful accident that was written up in the papers. My mother had passed away and left the parlor forlorn.

Over the seasons of life my

union furlough brunches in an oven-warm, sweet-smelling kitchen. All families hold some discord. Mine was no exception. I don't dwell on the high drama, only the scenes I can put on a stage or upon a pedestal. My mother is doing something wise, gentle, helpful. My father is gluing something, squeezing an orange, speaking with caution but backing you up all the time.

I put away the quarrels until somebody brings back the ech-

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Sometimes you go to the malls, one after the other, and it's like a vision from a fairytale sprung to real life. You can get almost anything within the magic borders of these never-never lands of consumer items — except maybe the right fit, or the price range you remember, or some small fetish you have on your mind.

The Lincoln Mall features some fabulous toys, funny jokes and masks and puppets, or soft sculpture inspired by the characters in South Park. At the Warwick Mall you can get your favorite breed of dog embossed on a jacket with a full account of its origins and best traits. At Emerald City bins of classic movies on video include lost masterpieces from long ago, features with Stanwyck, Greer Garson, and lesser-known roles by Audrey Hepburn that reassured me like a happy dream where the dead return to daily routine.

One of the things I could not lay my hands on was simple straightforward luggage. The baggage they show is all cluttered up with straps and fancy locks, folding compartments

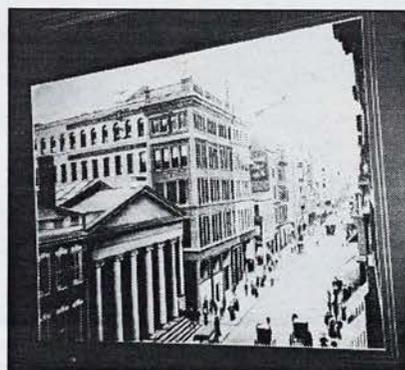
and hideaway pockets. It's too complicated. I could never figure out how to use it! Plain is out of fashion.

The Pet Store there keeps glass cases full of puppy ferrets, and cages that mix cockatiels with pigeons and ringneck doves. A small Eden of crea-

popular decades ago. The peasant pattern plays with the apple along with its branch and leaf. My mother furnished our breakfast nook with these platters and saucers, and a real-life orchard in the back yard made it all harmonious. At Rosh Hashana the barucha over the fruit with its honey suited these ceramic. Out of the blue, my wife took an interest in this china, and where but upstairs in a department store were these outdated trays and glasses, bowls and mugs to be found? It was almost mystical. I had dreams of glory.

"I can hear a story brewing," my wife said with a trace of suspicion. "No," I said, and I meant it. But once we unpacked the boxes and poured the tea into the lovely little containers, it was as poetic as the figure of

speech, the Container for the Thing Contained. These little ivory, rose and nutbrown vessels are as sweet and deep as memory and love. The malls have a bad rep as fake portable downtowns landed on potato fields like alien invasions. But they are also our dreams come true on an ordinary evening when you have nothing better to do than to shop for happiness.



Our First Mall Herald photo by Mike Fink

tures for the human crowd to gape at, including me with my mouth agape and eyes squinting in wonder.

You can counter the barnyard odors of this place with a spraying on of perfume at the scent counter as you browse or take an escalator or stairway to other sorts of goods. Tonight we did not leave empty-handed. There was a line of dishes that was

## The Still of The Night

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

If I wanted to have a bath, I had to go down cellar and light the Vulcan, with a match. The shining copper water tank loomed above me in a basement corner, a cocoon shape that seemed to grow from nature. That container also captured the deco elegant tone and note of the depression era with its paradox. Times were tough and tight, but things were fancy and enduring.

And then one day the gleaming golden can burst apart. Plumbers took it down and propped it up like some fabulous debris. They piped down a new system, automatic and undistinguished. They did try to swipe the valuable item of flotsam, but I put a stop to that in time to save the copper, but not the stand and burner gadget. Now this jewel of a relic lay beached and absurd until I got it in my head to find it a new fate. Thus begins my report.

A colleague who researches bootleg history asked if he could use my antique as a still. After all, it might very well serve to brew something nostalgic, bathtub gin or ritual wine. I didn't want to let it go from out of my estate. A florist my daughter works for thought he could fix some pots to its brackets and make a stand-up garden from the gimmick. I tried to envision a goldfish pond, a cactus planter,

a bookcase or figurine case — they called them whatnots in the old times — but then one day an artist said, "Just leave it alone where it is, it adds a little class to the foundation of your house."

Freud compared our houses to our souls. The attic holds the letters, pictures and wedding trinkets of your super-ego, your spiritual realm and domain. The parlor shows off your best con-

tucked round the corner from my favorite lunchspot, and commissioned the studio artisans to wreak a miracle. I asked them to turn my junk into treasure, a conversation piece for the salon, a coffee or cocktail table with feet, a top of glass or slate, and a polished body to hold the emptiness of dreams past and lost.

This little dimlit hole in the whitewashed wall has a seven-dwarf power of its own. Workers from the four corners of the earth, from Armenia to Syria, Italy to the Caribbean, port of recall to harbor of refuge, armored in navy uniforms, goggles, bearing blowtorches throwing off eerie sparks from the underworld, having finished their lunches of exotic sandwiches and thermos cups of teas, encircle my creative chamber-barrel, hands on chins, trying to figure out how to go ahead with the project, dwarfed by grander tasks in their cave. A neat clutter of impressive designs rises from around my little fetish. Auto parts rust at the entrance, but blind lanterns guard the indoor sacred zone of repairing.

Some day hence, I'll be comin' round that corner to take my Aladdin's lamp of nostalgia home to my birthplace. I'll push it upstairs, not downstairs, and place a plant, a vase, a book, a teapot, a stack of letters upon its surface. In time and space, I belong to its ovoid oblong.

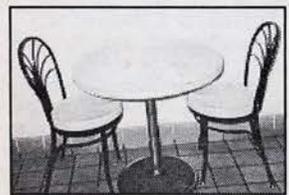


Table for a Tête à Tête

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friend and I had sent a few messages back and forth from her houses in various states to my steady local homestead. Her handwriting always struck me as beyond neat: careful and graceful. I kept a group of black and white candid photos of her in a fur coat, in an open-topped sedan of my parents, with my grandfather regal in a fedora in the back seat, as we cruised to the country on a Sunday drive in search of winter jellies and fresh air.

Her kindly but ironic smile has not changed, nor her slim but somehow stately figure. Once upon a time, I thought she



Interlude on Hope Street

Herald photo by Mike Fink

might join our family, my first sister-in-law. Our dining room sported new linen and tea service for grand occasions of welcome. My brother her suitor was in Korea, and so I played host for weekend pastimes. But this is a story without surprise or suspense, no punchline, only mood.

"I remember you used to say things that made your mother laugh and your brother wince," was the way she recalled re-

oes like a dream half forgotten. I don't dig deep into ancient history with my charming guest. The morning light and breeze are fair and mild with a brisk hint of later fall. I greet a couple of passersby with a lift or tilt of my cap. It's today, not yesterday, Now, not Then. We show off snaps. I point out my children's faces. "Do they look like anybody you knew?" She fills me in on the kids she raised, her own and the ones from her second husband's first marriage, which had ended in a death in childbirth. "My husband died in synagogue. I just retired from a career teaching in Hebrew school. Now you write for a Jewish newspaper. We weren't religious in our youth, but our careers and our households brought us into our traditions." Twice widowed, my fellow Hope alum now drives not around this town and countryside but with fellow widows across other lovely cities and landscapes along our nation. I hope and believe that she has a good, full, and comfortable life. I am deeply grateful for the marvel of our alliance, the mitzvah of chaverim, of friendship. It is a very great gift, goodwill. We share an era. In that enchanted interlude on Hope Street she gave new glow to the dim but treasured photograph from long ago, to the memory of the lunchrooms and corridors of Hope High School that I can share here, to my own mantel, and to the magnet of meaning between us.



Vulcan's Villa — The Studio on Charles Street.

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duct to visitors, your personality. But the place where your furnace roars, your coal, wood, oil gather, your laundry waits for the faucets to pour cleansing liquids — the fire and water of your energies.

So one fine day I lifted my penny-bright cylinder, shoved it into the back of my jeep, dragged it to a welding garage

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Center Singers Takes The Show on The Road

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Center Singers recently performed for an enthusiastic audience at the Summit Nursing Home. The Center Singers meets at the JCCRI every Thursday for an hour of song and fun and occasionally they have the opportunity to take the show on the road.

"We have such fun," said musical director Anne Dupre, "that sometimes we just have to go out and share it with the community." The Center Singers is open to everyone... regardless of musical ability. "All we require is a love for music and life." Members of the JCCRI can join for free and non-members are welcome for a \$1 donation.

"We are very proud of the singers," said Vivian Wiseman, executive director of the JCCRI, "they have such fun and they overflow with enthusiasm." The Center Singers is just one of the many programs for seniors. Others include coffee talk, line dancing, bridge, brown bag lunches and the new Tai Chi for seniors classes.

Members of the community are encouraged to call or stop by for more information on the great programs available for seniors. The JCCRI is located at 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, 861-8800.



JCCRI CENTER SINGERS Sylvia Ziman, Naomi Goldberg, Leonard Altman, Shirley Lappin, Florence Spooner, Miriam Snell and Anne Dupre, group leader.

## JFS to Celebrate Family Week

Jewish Family Service will join with the Alliance for Children and Families and more than 1,000 other organizations in North America in celebrating National Family Week, Nov. 22 through 28.

The campaign, "Children and Families Together," recognizes the role of families as the basic building blocks of society and encourages the support of healthy family life and family values. It will focus on the everyday issues and occurrences central to the core health of the family, such as the importance of family tradition, raising an awareness of how to keep families strong, encouraging family and community interdependence and addressing work and family issues.

The campaign will also encourage families to find renewed

strength and inspiration in celebrating daily family life and provide practical information to help individuals cope with normal life stress.

Last month, JFS presented awards to three local families selected as "Families of the Year," and exemplifying the best in Jewish family life in Rhode Island. The Mervin and Rosalind Bolusky family of Pawtucket; the Kenneth and Leah Ehrenhaus-Hersh family of Providence and the Mark and Anita Steinman family of Attleboro were chosen from the many families in the state who were nominated.

Throughout the year, JFS works to sustain, nurture and strengthen the emotional well-being and stability of families and individuals throughout the life cycle, with emphasis on Jew-

ish traditions and values. The agency offers counseling to individuals of all ages, couples and families; Adoption Options, a comprehensive, non-sectarian adoption service; a continuum of services to the elderly including the JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston, Kosher Meals on Wheels, Lifeline RI, Home Care Service, Registered Nurse Consultant, outreach, assessment and referral; and the annual Moes Chitim Passover appeal. JFS is also the coordinating agency for the resettlement of Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe and other countries.

National Family Week is organized by the Alliance for Children and Families, a Milwaukee-based national non-profit group representing 500 child- and family-serving organizations across the nation. Alliance for Children and Families is dedicated to strengthening family life through services, education and advocacy.

For more information, call JFS at 331-1244.

## Congregation Beth Shalom to Honor Joe and Roberta Winkleman

Joe and Roberta Winkleman will be honored at the annual awards dinner of Congregation Beth Shalom on Jan. 3, 1999. Life-long members of the Rhode Island Jewish community, both have volunteered in a variety of areas for years and continue to work together to enhance the Orthodox Jewish community. The Winklemans manage to combine active family, professional, synagogue and volunteer facets of their daily lives and have a positive and lasting effect on the many whose lives they touch.

The annual awards dinner will take place on the first Sunday of 1999, at the synagogue,

located at the corner of Rochambeau Avenue and Camp Street on Providence's east side. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. A special journal will be printed to honor the Winklemans. The award dinner promises to be a most enjoyable evening and an important opportunity to honor the many good deeds performed by Joe and Roberta Winkleman. The deadline for submitting an ad or greeting in the dinner journal is Nov. 25. For information about this or dinner reservations, you may contact the synagogue office at 621-9393, or the dinner coordinator, Sharon Groh-Mintz at, 751-1251.

## Jewish National Fund Holds National Conference

The Jewish National Fund held its National Conference in Phoenix, Az., Oct. 18 through 20. Two hundred and fifty delegates from across the country and Israel attended this exciting conference. The theme was "breathing new life into the desert."

The land of Israel is held in a trust and the Jewish National Fund is the guardian of that trust according to Jeffrey Davis, executive vice president of JNF New England Region. He said, "Our priority project now is to create lasting peace in all of the Middle East by finding and developing alternative water sources. Without water, the land and its people will not survive another 20 years." Therefore, the JNF is building dams and reservoirs and cleaning polluted waters to insure Israel and her neighbors entry into the new millennium and beyond.

The New England region delegation included Stephen Hochberg, president; Jeffrey Davis, executive vice president; Moshe El'Ad, emissary from Israel; Jay Pabian, planned giving and endowment chair; Audrey Pabian and Sandra Rosen.

For more information, contact Jeffrey David CEO-MAGE at (617) 731-1604.



THE NEW ENGLAND Region delegation includes left to right: Zevi Kahanov, chief Israel emissary; Jeffrey Davis, executive vice president; Stephen Hochberg, president; Moshe El'Ad, KKL emissary from Israel.

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## Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

The Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will hold their Sunday meeting on Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry. The guest speaker will be Dr. Stanley M. Aronson, professor of science and dean of medicine emeritus at Brown University. His topic will be "Moral Issues in Medicine."

An erudite scholar whose column is published each week in the *Providence Journal*, Aronson has a particular interest in Jewish hospital.

Aronson graduated from City College of New York and the medical school of New York University. He also holds master's degrees from Brown and Harvard Universities. In R.I., he is on staff at The Miriam, Rhode Island, Butler and Veterans Administration Hospitals.

A social hour will follow.

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## November is Jewish Book Month

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, Torat Yisrael School announces the annual book fair. This year's extended fair begins on Nov. 15, and will continue through Nov. 19. The fair will feature a wide selection of paperback and hardcover titles for children and adults, as well as cassettes of Jewish musical favorites and folk tales.



The public is invited to browse in the synagogue's library and school resource center where selections will be housed. This is the ideal opportunity to expand your home library, or to purchase gifts for holiday giving or for special occasions.

Rabbi Mark Bloom will be

leading a special discussion about his recent book, *Out of the Mouths of Babes — What Children Can Teach Us about Spirituality, Jewish Issues and the Jewish People* on Nov. 15 at 10:45 a.m. You are invited to come and bring a favorite anecdote or story about your own child, grandchild, or relative. The rabbi will be happy to personally inscribe any books purchased.

Book fair hours are Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to noon; Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to noon; Nov. 17 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 18 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Torat Yisrael is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Further information is available at the synagogue office 785-1890.

## Grants for JVS Entrepreneur Services to Aid Refugees, Welfare Recipients

This month, Jewish Vocational Service of Greater Boston will offer two new programs to entrepreneurs with low incomes, with a focus on services for refugees and welfare recipients. JVS, a non-profit, non-sectarian agency, is launching the programs through its Microenterprise Division as a result of three new grants totaling over more than \$5 million.

A two-year Small Business Mentorship Program, awarded a \$350,000 grant by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services through its Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals Program, will provide business and employment opportunities to two groups of participants. Entrepreneurs with low incomes, many of whom will be welfare recipients, will get help generating business income that supplements conventional employment or replaces welfare benefits. These participants will receive business start-up training, technical assistance, access to capital, and economic literacy training, and will receive job search assistance if necessary. A second group, established en-

trepreneurs who wish to expand their business, will receive mentoring and expansion assistance while creating jobs for welfare recipients. JVS also received \$50,000 from the JOLI Program in continuation funding, to complete similar business start-up activities started under a 1995-98 JOLI grant.

A second two-year program, this one supported through a \$190,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants, will allow JVS to continue to expand its business services for refugees. The MORI project will help refugees start and expand businesses by providing free business training, technical assistance and access to loans. As part of the project, JVS will collaborate with Vietnamese-American Initiative for Development of Dorchester to provide intensive support to Vietnamese refugees. The two organizations will conduct specialized seminars and provide one-on-one assistance in Vietnamese, particularly to Greater Boston refugees living in Dorchester, Brockton, Malden and Quincy.

For more information on becoming a JVS Microenterprise Division volunteer or participant, please call Liora Beer at (617) 451-8147.

## Polonsky Lectures on Polish Jewry

The lecture "Polish Jewry Between the Two World Wars," presented by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, will be at the Holiday Inn, 1200 Beacon St., Brookline on Nov. 15 at 1:45 to 5 p.m.

The lecture will feature professor Antony Polonsky of Brandeis University, art historian Halina Nelkin, and singer Daniela Harpaz. There will also be a lecture and workshop on genealogical research by Warren Blatt and Patti Couture. This program is being held in association with the Workmen's Circle, Boston University Hillel, and the American Association for Polish-Jewish Studies.

This lecture is free and wheelchair accessible. For more information call (617) 796-8522.

## Jewish National Fund Women Launch Sapphire Society

Quality-of-Life programs in Israel have received a half-million dollar boost through the establishment of Jewish National Fund's Sapphire Society, which was launched at the JNF National Conference on Oct. 19. Seventy women pledged at least \$5,000 each to JNF to become society members.

"Our goal is to raise \$2 million a year," said Marcy Lefton, chairperson of the Sapphire Society. "We'll use it to directly fund projects in Israel. Although we have not decided on the specific project yet, we expect many of them to deal with parks and water conservation."

The name "Sapphire Society" was coined by Ruth Popkin of New York a former JNF national president and former president of the Hadasah Jewish women's organization.

Members of the society receive a gold pin designed by Lefton. Its background is a Star of David, representing Jewish commitment. A teardrop-shaped sapphire signifies tears shed due to the persecution of the Jews before the State of Israel was established and the importance of JNF's current water conservation efforts. Also on the pin is a tree, commemorating the more than 200 million trees that JNF has planted in Israel since the organization was founded in 1901. There is space

for 18 diamonds, each representing a \$5,000 contribution.

The idea for a women's major gifts divisions, with a special pin, was proposed by supermar-

Among the attractions of the society is that it allows the women to meet in a cabinet to decide on programs to fund, according to Diane Scar, Sapphire Society national director.

The first cabinet meeting is expected to be held in the spring in either New York or Los Angeles. Afterwards, society members will travel to Israel to identify potential projects. While in the Middle East, they will present pins to Sarah Netanyahu (wife of Israel's Prime Minister) and Princess Savrath El Hassan (wife of the Jordanian Crown Prince), who are honorary members of the society.

The Jewish National Fund is the American fund-raising arm of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, which is the official land agency in Israel on behalf of all Jewish people everywhere. Through its fund raising and education efforts, JNF supports KKL in the reclamation of land for planting and forestry, environmental concerns, water conservation, recreation and agriculture, employment of new immigrants, tourism, and research and development. To plant trees for all occasions, call the JNF National Donor Relations Center at (800) 542-TREE (8733).



ket magnate Shirley Klein of Baltimore, Md., three years ago. "I wanted a pin because many women philanthropists have no more room on their walls for plaques," Klein explained. "And I also wanted something to help us pass our commitments to JNF on to our grandchildren, by leaving them the pin."

"Although the idea of the diamonds was to encourage women to give \$5,000 per year, several women at our founding meeting gave \$95,000 for the pin and all 18 diamonds," Lefton explained.

## Sons of Jacob Meeting Held

Congregation Sons of Jacob held its annual meeting on Nov. 1.

Re-elected were the following officers: president, Harold Silverman; vice president/financial secretary, Melvia Fleischer; treasurer, Isadore Friedman; recording secretary, Gerald Friedman.

Also elected to serve 3 years on the board of directors were: David Seidman, attorney Thomas Pearlman, David Toback and Harold Labush.

Congratulations and may all have a successful year.



## Taking Over

Alperin Schechter Day School kindergarten students enjoyed a trip to the Rochambeau Fire Station in observance of Fire Safety Week.

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# HEALTHWISE

## Frequent Workouts Better For Heart

If you don't have time for a 30-minute workout each day, it may be just as good to divide the exercise time into several shorter duration episodes a week of at least 10 minutes or longer, according to the American Heart Association.

That message comes from an evaluation of exercise habits of more than 22,000 men involved in a 12-year study of health behaviors of physicians. Researchers found that the risk of heart attack and death from heart disease declined steadily as the frequency of vigorous exercise increased from one to five times weekly. However, the benefits of physical activity did not increase further after 24 minutes per exercise period, said Claudia Chae, M.D., a research fellow at Brigham and Women's, who presented the findings at the meeting.

Physical activity has long been known to reduce the risk of heart disease and heart attack, but the relative importance of exercise frequency versus duration has remained unclear, said Chae.

In the study, men who exercised five or more times a week had 46 percent fewer heart attacks and a 44 percent lower risk of heart attacks and deaths due to heart disease, compared to men who exercised less often than once a week.

During 12 years of follow-

up, 716 non-fatal heart attacks occurred in the study, and 297 men died from heart disease, including fatal heart attacks. Chae and colleagues compared heart attack rate and heart disease deaths with the men's self-reported physical activity habits at the study entry and after three years.

Physical activity was defined in practical terms. "Literally, the men were asked how often they exercised vigorously enough to work up a sweat, and how long each exercise episode lasted," explains Chae.

The men were separated into four categories of exercise frequency: less than once a week, once a week, two to four times weekly, and five or more times a week. They also were separated into four categories of exercise duration: 10 minutes or less per episode, 11 to 24 minutes, 25 to 40 minutes, and more than 40 minutes per episode.

The risk of heart attack decreased by 36 percent among those who exercised one to two times a week, 38 percent for those who exercised more than three to four times a week, and 46 percent among men who exercised five or more times weekly. The combined risk of heart attack or death due to one or more heart attack decreased about the same amount.

The effect of exercise duration was greatest among men

who worked out for 11 to 24 minutes per exercise episode or longer. Men in that duration category had a 46 percent lower risk of heart attack and 35 percent lower combined risk of heart attack or death from heart disease, as compared to the men whose physical activity lasted 10 minutes or less. These benefits did not increase significantly for men who reported longer periods of physical activity.

"While frequency and duration of exercise both contribute to health benefits, these data suggest that how often a person exercises is a more important factor in terms of reducing the risk of heart disease," she said.

Since the study included only men, Chae said the specific results of the study are "not able to be generalized to women." However, the AHA recommends that men and women engage in physical activity on a regular basis.

The investigators calculated the benefits of exercise after statistically controlling for the effects of other factors, such as blood pressure, cholesterol level, smoking, alcohol consumption and use of aspirin. However, one limitation of the study is that it is based on self-reported information. The participants didn't actually time each workout.

Chae said the findings are consistent with recommendations of the American Heart Association which encourage frequent workouts that last 30 minutes or longer for three-to-four days per week, or more often. The Physicians' Health Study initiated in the mid-1980s, has been accumulating data on the health and health behaviors of 22,071 male physicians, ages 40 to 84 years old when the study began. All the men were free of heart disease and cancer at the study's outset.

## Exercise Your Way To A Healthy Heart

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

It's not easy to set aside time to exercise, especially when there are kids to pick up from school, dinner to make, a house to clean, and a 40-hour work week to contend with. But, by putting it off, chances are you'll never start and that can have a detrimental effect on your health.

According to Lisa Cournoyer, the fitness director at the Jewish Community Center, taking 20 minutes out of your day for a brisk walk, at least three days a week, is a wonderful way to begin a cardiovascular workout. If you don't have a 20-minute block, break up your workout, maybe 10 minutes in the morning, 10 minutes at night, eventually increasing your program to 30 minutes a day with more vigorous activity.

"People think, 'Oh I have to work out five days a week, I don't have that much time.' What they don't realize is any activity which raises your heart rate is good for you," said Cournoyer.

Gardening, walking the dog, golf, dancing, jogging, aerobics, biking, all of these activities are a wonderful way to strengthen the heart muscle and increase your circulation thus burning fat and calories. The trick is to find an activity that you enjoy. Exercising, and good health in general, is a lifelong commitment—not something that you'll participate in now and then.

"For that reason, exercising should be fun," said Cournoyer. "It shouldn't be something you dread doing each week."

Before planning a physical

activity, you should always consult your physician, especially where there is a pre-existing medical condition. That, is something Cournoyer and her staff insist upon. Once your physical abilities are determined, a personal trainer can assist you in developing an exercise regime that is right for you. Not everyone will need the full service of a personal trainer, but for those people who enjoy working out with someone or need the extra push that many personal trainers can provide, it is something to look into. At the JCC, there is no extra fee for the

services of a personal trainer, it is included within the price of membership. Other fitness centers will charge anywhere from \$25 to \$75 per hour.

Cournoyer

suggests that everyone incorporate some weight training into their program, starting light and working your way up. The common myth many have about weight training is "I don't want to look muscle bound!" That, according to Cournoyer, is impossible if you do not have the muscle mass to begin with in which to build upon.

"The trick is to keep the weight low and to complete more reps," said Cournoyer. She suggests 1 to 2 sets of 10 to begin with using light weights, maybe 5 to 8 pounds.

Whether you're walking or biking, remember to always warm up before, 3 to 5 minutes, beginning your workout. Stretching your calf muscles, back and hamstrings will assure you don't cramp during your walk. At the conclusion of your workout, take another 3 to 5 minutes to cool down, once again slowly stretching and getting your heart rate back to its normal rhythm.

The American Heart Association, Rhode Island Chapter, offers the following suggestions when it comes to living healthier and exercising:

- ♥ Start slowly, regardless of the activity you choose.
- ♥ Gradually increase the amount and frequency of exercise over time.

- ♥ Listen to your body. If you're exhausted after exercise, do less the next time.

- ♥ Warm-up and cool-down.

- ♥ Drink plenty of water before, during, and after exercise.

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# HEALTHWISE

## Low-fat Jewish Recipes

### Chickpea Cutlets

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- 6 cups pre-cooked chickpeas, drained (three 19-ounce cans)
- 4 carrots, peeled and grated
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped finely
- 4 stalks celery, chopped finely
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- 1 Tbsp. oil

Mash the chickpeas, then mix all the ingredients together, except the oil. Form 18 3-inch patties and fry in oil in pan over medium heat until brown on both sides. Serve warm with tomato sauce over pasta.

Total calories per serving: 258  
 Fat: 4 grams. Total fat as percent of daily value: 6 percent. Protein: 10 grams. Iron: 2.8 mg. Carbohydrate: 48 grams. Calcium: 73 mg. Dietary fiber: 8.5 grams.

### Israeli Stuffed Grape Leaves

Serves 9 — 6 per person

Grape leaves can be found in many supermarkets and natural food stores today. This dish is wonderful to serve at a party, along with hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabouli.

- 16 oz. jar grape leaves in brine
- 4 cups boiling water
- 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 1/2 cups brown rice
- 4 cups water
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

- 3 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 2 tsp. dried mint
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup pinenuts chopped (optional)

Remove grape leaves from jar and place in a large bowl. Pour boiling water over grape leaves and allow to sit 20 minutes. Drain and rinse leaves twice with cold water. Set aside.

Stir-fry onion with oil in a large frying pan over medium heat for 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 45 minutes until rice is done.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stuff grape leaves with 1 tablespoon of rice mixture per leaf. Fold ends of leaves under and place with folded ends down on a lightly oiled pan. Sprinkle top of leaves with a little water. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Serve warm.

Total calories per serving: 125  
 Fat: 2 grams. Total fat as percent of daily value: 3 percent. Protein: 3 grams. Iron: 1.9 mg. Carbohydrates: 23 grams. Calcium: 131 mg. Dietary fiber: 3.3. grams

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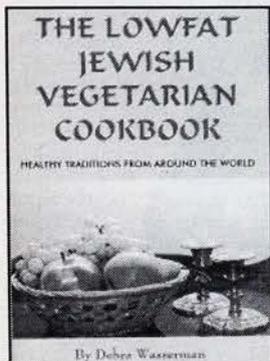
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Call the high school or university in your area to ask if their track is open.

For a free pamphlet, *Physical Activity Resource Guide of Rhode Island*, contact the American Heart Association Rhode Island Affiliate, 40 Broad St., Pawtucket. 728-5300.



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# FEATURE

## Getting to the Heart of the Matter

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

**D**o you have high blood pressure? Is your cholesterol too high? Do you smoke? Are you a couch potato? Do you suffer from diabetes? Are you overweight? Does your job put unnecessary stress on your life? Do you have a problem with alcohol? Do you have a family history of heart disease? If you can answer yes to one or more of these questions, chances are, you are at risk for heart disease.

According to the American Heart Association, more people die from heart disease than any other cause—and each year in this country nearly 500,000 people suffer a stroke, 150,000 of them die as a result. Heart disease is probably the most preventable disease, provided you know the warning signs and the risk factors involved.

"When you talk to most patients, they usually do not complain of chest pain," said Dr. Kenneth Korr, cardiologist at Miriam Hospital. "They say they have chest pressure, tightness or heaviness, but not the typical grabbing-of-the-chest kind of pain."

Korr tells his patients to be aware of any discomfort they may experience after they complete or during any physical activity, like walking up the stairs or carrying bundles. If the pain lingers for 10 or more minutes after the activity and it occurs often, then you should visit a doctor immediately. Other warning signs of a potentially fatal problem are blurred or loss of vision, usually in one eye, dizziness, severe headache, feel-

ing weak or numb on one side, or the inability to speak clearly.

For people who answered yes to one or more of the above questions, you are at a higher risk for heart disease than someone who answered no to all of the questions. Knowing what your risk factors are and either curtailing them or cutting them out of your daily routine all together, will decrease your chances of heart disease and improve your quality of health. According to Korr, one of the biggest contributors to heart disease is high cholesterol. For men, cholesterol levels increase 10 points per decade. Women will remain stable and then skyrocket, 2 to 3 years after menopause, up 50 points—equaling that of the men that age.

"I'm not sure if women are at a higher risk than men, I just think that heart disease was always thought of as a male-dominated disease until recently," said Korr.

According to data presented by the National Center for Health Statistics and the American Heart Association, more than one out of five women have some form of cardiovascular disease and the disease kills more women than all forms of cancer, chronic lung disease, pneumonia, diabetes, accidents and AIDS combined. It has further been assessed that estrogen, the female reproductive hormone, may protect against heart disease in pre-menopausal women, as may the hormone prostaglandin, which is secreted by the uterus. For these reasons, according to Korr, it is important to evaluate the symptoms of a woman differently than

those of men because those symptoms will present themselves differently from patient to patient.

Once you have recognized your risk factors, and have been evaluated by a physician, the next step is treatment. More than just the traditional medications given for high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and the modification of risk factors, treatment of heart disease involves a total life-style change—checking your blood pressure and cholesterol level annually, and in some cases 2 to 3 times a year, a change of diet, and most importantly an exercise program.

"There are good studies out there that support the belief that lowering one's cholesterol level will decrease the chances of a cardiac event," said Korr.

According to Korr, about one third of his patients bring their level under control by changing their diet, but most will not. That is where the medication comes in, but most doctors will try to lower the level by changing your diet first. Changing your eating habits isn't as difficult as it may sound. Today, you don't have to compromise taste in order to lower your cholesterol intake. It's all a matter of substituting this for that.

Items which are high in fat are bakery products, breads, fried food and whole milk products, like butter, cream and cheese. Cut whole milk out of your diet and drink skim or 1 percent fat milk; believe me, there is no taste difference between 1 percent and whole milk.

Eating a diet of steamed fresh vegetables, fruits, and bakery items of whole grain is a good place to start. Eat fish and chicken without the skin or fat. The debate over red meat, according to Korr, is a continuing one, but by cutting down on your red meat intake and only eating the leanest quality meats, will certainly help lower your cholesterol level. There are items on the supermarket shelves which are "low-fat," "low-cholesterol," and according to Korr they are true to their label, but you have to read the label.

What may be low in cholesterol may be high in something else.

For many of his patients, Korr prescribes an aspirin a day. According to Korr, low doses of aspirin decrease the event of heart attacks and strokes in both men and women. Most people can tolerate an aspirin a day, even those who suffer from pancreatic ulcer can take a coated aspirin. Although reluctant to prescribe alcohol as a treatment for heart disease, there has been data to support the idea that a glass of red wine or alcohol, in moderation, helps lower the serum cholesterol level. Although Korr doesn't condone drinking, he will tell some of his patients that

social drinking is acceptable. According to Korr, it all depends on their family history of alcohol use. He surely wouldn't prescribe alcohol to someone who is a recovering alcoholic or had one in their family.

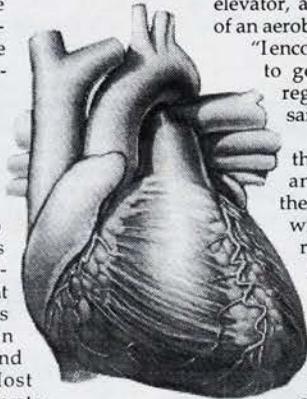
In addition to a change in diet, Korr recommends an exercise program. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, just something to elevate your heart rate for 15 minutes a day, 3 days a week. Walking, using a treadmill, biking, participating in a sporting activity, or just taking the stairs at work instead of the elevator, are all examples of an aerobic activity.

"I encourage everyone to get out and get regular exercise," said Korr.

In spite of all of the warning signs and risk factors, there are patients with little or no risk factors who still develop heart disease.

In other words, no one is immune. In general, people should try to live a healthier life-style regardless. But for those who do not, and who are finding themselves presented with the possibility of being diagnosed with heart disease, don't fret!

By catching the disease early enough and adhering to the doctors orders of exercise, diet and medication, people with heart disease are living well into their '80s.



## Fighting Heart Disease is a Community Effort

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

Lifespan Partners has waged war on heart disease. Under the auspices of the Lifespan Cardiac Initiative, Lifespan partners (Miriam Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital, VNA of Rhode Island, Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Bradley Hospital, Newport Hospital, and New England Medical Center/Floating Hospital for Children) have been joined by the American Heart Association Rhode Island Affiliate, Brown University School of Medicine, local schools, police departments and the State of Rhode Island to combat heart disease by teaching prevention and establishing new treatment facilities around the state.

The Cardiac Initiative is a \$20 million community-based program which educates the people of Rhode Island, including school-age children about heart disease, purchases equipment for Lifespans affiliates, and creates research and endowment facilities at Brown University to better treat and diagnose patients with heart disease.

Alan M. Goldstein, of Piccerelli Gilstein & Company, LLP, a member of the board of trustees at Miriam Hospital, and William Goddard, president of Warwick Land Co., whose family established Rhode Island Hospital in 1863, are the co-chairs of the initiative. In the seven months since the project began, the initiative has already raised \$7.6 million of their \$8.5

million goal, thanks to the generous donations of local corporations, companies and everyday citizens. With four months to go in the fund-raising effort, they do have several engagements planned for the upcoming months which they hope will put them well above their goal.

The local community effort of the initiative includes a program called HeartPower, which helps young people learn about proper health maintenance for a healthy heart. Currently, the program is in selected schools within Providence, Central Falls, Pawtucket, Newport and Woonsocket. Also part of the community extension of the program is a chest pain clinic, which will familiarize the public with the warning signs of a heart attack or stroke, and an aggressive, statewide effort to outfit all of the area police departments with automatic external defibrillators, which will dramatically improve the odds of

survival for people in cardiac arrest.

Currently, there are a handful of police departments within the state who are using the devices. They include: Charlestown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Lincoln, Foster, Middletown, East Greenwich and Burrville, where they have already had three lives saved as a result.

"By 2003, we hope to have the whole state outfitted," said Timothy Williams, Regional Consultant, Emergency Cardiovascular Care Program at the American Heart Association.

Each unit, according to Williams, costs \$28,000, with much of their funding coming from the Cardiac Initiative, the Champlain Foundation, Amica Insurance, Memorial Hospital Pawtucket, and the State of Rhode Island, to name just a few.

"With these units, a person's chances for survival increase ten-fold," said Williams.

Training is minimal, only 3 to

4 hours, because the defibrillator is computerized and, step-by-step, walks the officer through the procedure. According to Williams, it is virtually impossible for the officer to make a mistake with the device because it will automatically stop when it detects an error.

"This effort was just a normal chain of events," said Goddard of the Cardiac Initiative. "The need in the community was there and we focused on it."

Clinical programs will also be a part of the initiative, including a chest pain center at Rhode Island Hospital, improvements in children's cardiac care at Hasbro Children's Hospital and a chronic end-stage cardiac disease program to improve the quality of life's last days for people with heart disease. The research programs of the initiative include a clinical and research program to improve the lives of people with congestive heart failure and to further explore the world's first bioengineered, implantable heart valve. The valve, which is grown from the patient's own cells, will decrease the risk of tissue rejection while growing along with the heart. This procedure is especially enlightening in the treatment of children.

For information on the Cardiac Initiative, contact the Communications and Public Affairs office of Lifespan at 444-5327 or the American Heart Association Rhode Island Affiliate at 728-5300.

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## Names From Fame and Obscurity — Dr. Jonas Salk

by Kimberly Ann Orlandi  
Herald Editor

Imagine a world where no cure or treatment existed for tuberculosis, scarlet fever, or polio. No penicillin to treat an infection, no vaccine to prevent an illness.

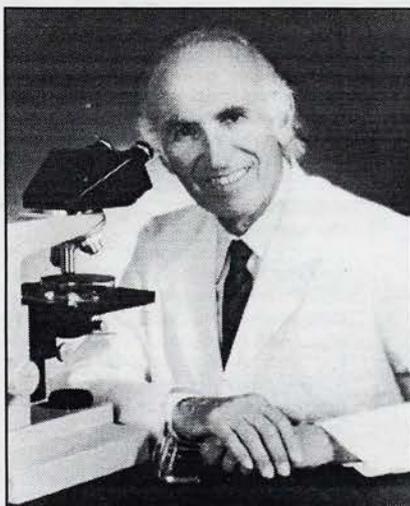
Thankfully, today, we don't have to wonder what life was like without these medical wonders. We now have the capability to treat an illness and prevent a subsequent death—all within the last 50 years and thanks largely to the research efforts of Dr. Jonas Salk.

In 1952, during the height of the polio epidemic in this country, more than 57,000 people were stricken with the life-threatening disease, with 3,300 of those resulting in death. But the development of the vaccine was no easy task. Amid a shroud of controversy and conflict between two of the days' leading scientists, Salk and Dr. Albert Sabin, the ultimate discovery of the vaccine would change the 20th century forever.

Salk's obsession with science began in 1947 as a member of the research staff at the University of Pittsburgh. While there, he began to research and develop vaccines to treat influenza, but what interested him most was the spreading epidemic of polio. Salk's research stemmed from Harvard's Nobel Prize winner Dr. John Enders, who grew polio viruses in a test tube containing monkey tissue. From Enders' study, Salk took the method of viral mass-production and used it as the basis for his polio experiment.

In 1953, there was good news from the Salk laboratory. He announced the creation of a dead virus serum which, when injected into the patient, immunized against polio. Within the study, three types of polio viruses were identified. After growing the test tube virus, Salk

killed them off with formaldehyde and then developed his vaccine from this mixture. His announcement came seven years before the introduction of Sabin's oral vaccine was given



Dr. Jonas Salk

government approval in 1961. Sabin believed that the Salk's vaccine would not offer lifetime immunity. He subsequently convinced the government of his theory, and the Public Health Service declared both vaccines effective, but since Sabin's was given orally, it became more widely requested.

In an effort to prove his vaccine effective, Salk first injected himself, his wife, and their three sons. He then used the serum on children who were battling the crippling disease at an institution for the retarded. Today, these methods would most certainly be frowned upon, and would probably be viewed as illegal.

In the spring of 1954, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (now the March of Dimes) sponsored a wide ranging test on more than 2 million school-age children, "Polio Pioneers." On April 12, 1955, in front of an auditorium of more

than 500 people, Salk made his findings public, the vaccine worked. The crowd stood to applaud the doctor's pioneering efforts, reporters rushed to get a quote from the doctor. The medical world and the world in general would benefit greatly from the discovery Salk had made. Within hours of the historic announcement, the FDA gave the go ahead for Park, Davis & Company; Cutter Laboratories; Wyeth Laboratories; Pitman-Moore Company; Sharp & Dohme; and Eli Lilly to produce the vaccine. The public frenzy for the vaccine was so overwhelming, that President Eisenhower requested that the Secretary of State, Oveta Culp Hobby, devise a plan to distribute the vaccine to the doctors.

The problem became just who would get the vaccine. There was not yet enough of it to inoculate the entire country, so a plan was devised to distribute the vaccine to 7 million first-, second- and third-graders. It was also determined that the initial "Polio Pioneers," would not have to pay for their vaccine. Salk became the scientist to go down in history as the man who eradicated polio—that is until 1960 when Sabin's oral serum received similar acclaim.

Due to the effect that such a vaccine had on the rest of the world, Eisenhower decided that Salk's vaccine would be shared with other countries. Because research patents were forbidden by the NFIP, Salk did not profit from the sale of his discovery. To further the cause of medical science research, Salk established the Salk Institute in La Jolla, Calif., in 1963, where he served as director until 1985. Today, it is the site of some of the most interesting research regarding disease vaccination including one for the AIDS virus.

## Noted Demographer to Head Think Tanks on U.S. Jewish Life

by Leslie Katz  
Jewish Bulletin of  
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Two new think tanks focusing on American Jewish life have set up shop in California.

The Institute for Jewish and Community Research, will focus on such topics as Jewish philanthropy, synagogue life and leadership development.

"The notion is to stay cutting edge," said Gary Tobin, a demographer and former Brandeis University professor who will head the institute, which will be national in scope with a strong emphasis on California.

Tobin has also recently been appointed the director of the newly created Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Program in Jewish Policy Research at the University of Judaism's Center

for Policy Options in Los Angeles.

The center focuses on U.S. foreign policy research in the Middle East, Israel/Diaspora relations and Jewish issues in North America. It produces policy papers that are sent to academics, public officials and Jewish leaders throughout the world, and holds policy-oriented symposia.

The center, which works with scholars from around the globe, also recently sponsored a major survey on Israeli attitudes toward American involvement in the Middle East peace process.

Upcoming projects include papers addressing issues such as the weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and the allocation of Holocaust reparations.

"I don't think it's an accident

that these are both California-based entities," said Tobin, alluding to that state's reputation for innovation and experimentation.

Previously, Tobin directed the Institute for Community and Religion, which was affiliated with Brandeis and based in the

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## Director Gives Lesson in Ideology

by Noma Feingold  
Jewish Bulletin of  
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Skinheads stood on one side of the street and Holocaust survivors on the other. Police barricades kept them a safe distance apart as the verbal assaults gained momentum.

Still, something was missing while shooting the protest scene from the new film "Apt Pupil."

The problem wasn't with the Holocaust survivors who were serving as extras. Their emotions were real.

"They were getting into it," director Bryan Singer said. "They made signs and were shouting."

The real skinheads, on the other hand, apparently weren't well enough versed in spewing slogans of hate.

"They were non-political skinheads," Singer said. "They're an interesting group. They love to dress up in the leather garb, but there's no references to Nazism or fascism."

They didn't even know how to salute Third Reich-style.

So the boyish, 31-year-old director took matters into his own hands. Between takes, he coached them on the proper way to say, "Sieg Heil."

"They couldn't pronounce it right," he said, laughing, during a telephone interview from Los Angeles. "Here's me, this Jewish director, teaching them."

Equally bizarre, said Singer, was "when I would say cut and the survivors and skinheads would cross the barrier to talk and joke with each other and have coffee together."

"Apt Pupil," set in the early 1980s, is based on the Stephen King novella of the same name. It's not a straightforward horror flick. The monster is not some chainsaw-wielding wacko with a really bad complexion, but a Nazi SS officer living out his taxpaying, solitary life under an assumed name and blotting out the past by drinking alcohol and watching marginal sitcoms.

Evil lies dormant, until Kurt Dussander — a covertly sinister portrayal by British actor Sir Ian McKellen — is recognized by Todd Bowden (Brad Renfro), an intelligent, seemingly normal 16-year-old who just happens to be obsessed with the Holocaust.

The cat-and-mouse games begin when Todd blackmails the war criminal into telling him all the gruesome details of what it was really like to torture and murder thousands of innocent Jews.

The creepy, mutually manipulative relationship haunts

Todd, but it also seduces his darkest side. He has frequent nightmares dominated by death-camp imagery. At the same time, his previously all-American temperament metamorphoses into the sociopathic.

"Todd is like a very hollow vessel in search of something more," Singer said. "Only upon gaining power over a historically powerful character did he feel really powerful."

"If Todd had a better education and was Jewish, he wouldn't have followed that road. I know I sure as hell wouldn't."

As a young boy in Princeton Junction, N.J., Singer's parents kept telling him about the 6 million Jews killed in World War II. The figure had little impact on Singer until an episode that occurred when he was 8 years old.

"I did a very stupid thing," he said. "I thought it would be fun to make a Nazi armband, wear it to school and show my friends." He drew a swastika in crayon on construction paper and went into the kitchen to show it to his mother. "She was washing dishes, turned around and freaked out."

"I didn't know how emotional, important and personal it was. It was a strong education," he said. "I had seen black-and-white pictures, but the bodies didn't look real."

He immediately removed the offending symbol and asked his mother why she was so upset.

She told him about relatives who survived, as well as those who didn't.

At first, Singer was "fascinated but overwhelmed" as he learned about the Holocaust. By the time he first read "Apt Pupil" at 19, the story resonated.

"It's meant to horrify you conceptually," he said.

When King gave Singer the film rights to "Apt Pupil," the director's primary goal was to make an "entertaining and frightening film."

"I want people to be driving home from the theater and be suspicious of every elderly man they see," he said. "And I want parents to realize that they have no idea what their kids are up to."

He insisted he had no agenda in choosing to make "Apt Pupil," a provocative story but not an obvious blockbuster.

"It's no 'Schindler's List,'" Singer said. "But in terms of the Jewish community, every time a reference to the Shoah is shown" in art, comedy or film of any genre it's a "good thing because it causes us to remember."

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## Local Storytellers Part of National Event

More than 100,000 people in more than 200 communities across America, as well as in a dozen foreign countries, will gather the weekend before Thanksgiving for an evening of storytelling for grown-ups. Tellabration 98! The International Night of Storytelling will be produced locally by Word-of-Mouth Productions on Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at AS220, 115 Empire St., Providence. Admission is \$6.

This is the 11th annual Tellabration produced in cooperation with the National Storytelling Association in Jonesborough, Tenn. This year, Rhode Island will host four Tellabration sites: Westerly, Warwick, Middletown, and for the third year in a row, Providence.

Proceeds benefit the NSA's Library and Archives and Rhode Island's own Jonnycake Storytelling Festival, held every September in Peace Dale.

Local storytellers donating



VIDA HELLMAN tells her tales at Tellabration '98!

their talents in support of the Providence event are Jeanne Bent and Don Kirk (aka Twice-Upon-A-Time Tellers), Vida Hellman, Cindy Killavey,

Carolyn Martino, Marilyn Murphy-Meardon and Keith Munslow.

Call 831-9327 or 351-8090 for more information.

## Silent Film/Piano Accompaniment to Recapture 1925 Manhattan

"His People," a 1925 silent film about the immigrant experience on the lower east side of Manhattan, will be screened with live piano accompaniment at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The film will be shown in the Visual and Performing Arts Recital Hall, room 153.

Admission is \$5; free for students and member of the Center for Jewish Studies and Culture. Parking is in lots 8 and 9.

The National Center for Jewish Film at Brandeis University has loaned the 1925 copy of "His People" by Edward Sloman for the screening. Accompanied by Donald Sosin on a baby grand piano, the experience for the audience will be a recreation of that experienced by the original audience. That audience, comprised mainly of immigrants, experienced what the Brandeis filmography describes as:

"A highly specific feel for Manhattan's Lower East Side in the early years of this century provides His People with images so evocative that you can almost hear the sounds of the neighborhood and home. As he explores the gap between

sources of respect in the old world and paths to success in the new, Sloman focuses on two sons, Morris the lawyer and Sammy the prizefighter, but the film transcends easy contrasts. As both stray from traditions cherished by their first-generation, Russo-immigrant parents, each generation learns to accept changing circumstances and desires in order to preserve the family as a source of love and self-respect."

At the UMass Dartmouth screening, Donald Sosin, an internationally respected pianist and composer, will make abundantly clear that early cinema was never actually silent. Sosin has been playing "silent film" musical accompaniment for 25 years. He was resident film accompanist at MoMA for five years, and has been with the American Museum of the Moving Image since 1989, both in New York City.

For further information, call the English department at (508) 999-8274.

## Three ADL Educational Films Win Prestigious Chris Awards

Three prestigious Chris Awards were bestowed upon the Anti-Defamation League for its recent educational videos.

"We are proud to have our educational films recognized by such a highly regarded award," said Cynthia Marks, education division committee chair. "Education is a top ADL priority. As a medium for teaching tolerance, film is effective in reaching a wide audience and helping people to put themselves in others' shoes. We will continue our cinematic efforts in the spirit of tolerance and learning."

The ADL education film "Interconnections" won a Chris statuette, the highest award given in its category. Two other ADL videos, "ADL Update: The Daly File" and "A Workplace of Difference" vignettes, won the second place bronze plaque awards in their particular categories.

"Interconnections, narrated by Jason Alexander, is a high-tech production illustrating the multi-faceted aspects of ADL's agenda, the league's battle against prejudice and bigotry, and the bridges ADL builds between diverse groups to bring people together.

"ADL Update: The Daly File" is John Daly's story, a teen who becomes enmeshed with a group of racist skinheads who he had thought were his friends.

Upon learning that John was Jewish the skinheads attacked him. While John was hospitalized they threatened to kill him and John's parents contacted the ADL. The production documents how the culprits were brought to justice and the impact the experience had on John's life.

"A Workplace of Difference" was produced for use in the A World of Difference® Institute corporate training programs to simulate discussion on diversity and sensitize all members of the organization to working in an environment of ethnic, racial, religious and gender differences. The film is comprised of four short reenactments portraying difficult scenarios that may arise in the workplace.

The Chris Awards, now in its 46th year, is one of the most prestigious documentary, entertainment and informational competitions. More than 30 countries were represented in the 1998 competition, and independent as well as corporate producers submitted more than 800 entries.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

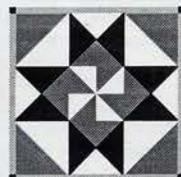
## AIDS Memorial Quilt on Display

On Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., a display of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS, will be shown at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., North Kingstown (near the town beach).

This local display will feature two 12x12 foot quilts. It is a portion of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt which currently includes more

than 31,000 individual panel. The panels are made by friends, family, lovers and members of the Names Project.

The Names Project displays portions of the quilt worldwide to encourage visitors to better understand and respond to the AIDS pandemic, to provide a positive means of expression for those grieving the death of a loved one and to raise funds for people living with HIV and AIDS.



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## 'George Gershwin Centennial Concert' To Be Presented

South County Center for the Arts 1998 Performance Series presents "A George Gershwin Centennial Concert" in an all-Gershwin celebration in the classical and jazz tradition including: "Rhapsody in Blue," music from "Porgy & Bess," "Three Preludes," and selections from the Gershwin Songbook.

The performance will be held Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in South Kingstown High School Auditorium, 215 Columbia St., Wakefield, R.I. The tickets are \$15 general admission, senior \$13, center members \$12, student/child \$7. For more information, call 782-1018.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



## 'Show Boat' at PPAC

Tony Award-winning and Emmy-nominated actor Tom Bosley, heads the cast of "Show Boat," coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center, beginning Nov. 25.

The lavish Tony Award-winning production of the classic American musical also stars baritone Andre Solomon-Glover as Joe singing "Ol' Man River," along with cast members from the celebrated Broadway production and five young actors from the Providence area.

Tickets are on sale now; call the Providence Performing Arts Center box office at 421-ARTS. Ticket prices range from \$17 to \$67; for groups of 20 or more, call 421-2997, ext. 3121. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster.

Bosley will be joined by a stellar cast that also features Darcy Pulliam as Cap'n Andy's irascible wife, Parthy, and Janelle Anne Robinson as Queenie. Real life husband and wife team Gary Mauer and Elizabeth Southard star as the Show Boat lovers Ravenal and Magnolia, and performing their roles from the Broadway production, Debbie de Coudreaux as Julie, and Andre Solomon-Glover as Joe. Also on board as Frank and Ellie, the show boat's comic dancing duo, are Rod Roberts and Tari Kelly. Craig Ashton stars as Steve. "Show Boat" will also feature the talents of five Providence-area children to be named at a later date.

### 'Kids Night on Broadway'

The Providence Performing Arts Center's second "Kids Night on Broadway" will take place Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. when lobby doors will open to host a special pre-show event for the blockbuster musical "Show Boat." The producers of "Show Boat" are making a number of tickets available at various prices throughout the theater for this special "Kids Night." Kids ages 6 to 18 receive a free ticket with the purchase of each regularly priced ticket to the Dec. 1 performance at 7 p.m. These specially priced tickets will be available at the PPAC box office at 421-ARTS to charge by phone or through Ticketmaster.

A national theatre audience development program, "Kids Night on Broadway" is an annual event created by The League of American Theatres and Producers, Inc., and the Theatre Development Fund to introduce young people to the magic of live theatre in New York and nearly 50 cities nationwide.

## Jewish Theatre Ensemble Explores Assimilation in New Comedy

"This is not my world," cries Isabelle (Izzy) Grossman, when she discovers that her Bubbie (grandmother) has employed the services of a matchmaker to introduce her to Sam, the pickle man, a nice Jewish boy from the lower east side of Manhattan. Indeed, Izzy has been trying desperately to create a more "uptown" image of herself. She lives in an uptown efficiency apartment, works in an uptown bookshop, and isn't particularly interested in finding a nice Jewish boy from the lower east side to wed. Instead, she fantasizes about a romance with a distinguished author who lives in her uptown neighborhood and frequents her bookshop. Except for visits with her beloved Bubbie, Izzy prefers to keep the Lower East Side a world away.

This is a familiar story. Children grow up and begin the process of finding their own identity, making their own lives. They move out from their family, start distancing themselves from family practices and traditions, and all too often, turn their back on their religion and their heritage. This is a problem that affects families in the entire Jewish community, from loosely affiliated to strongly committed. This is the problem of living in an assimilated society where the freedom and opportunity offered by American life results in lots of tempting options to choose from. "Very few American Jews would want to return to the claustrophobic environment of the Eastern European ghetto," notes Rabbi James Rosenberg of Temple Habonim in Barrington. "On the other hand, if American Jews choose life paths which take them out of the Jewish community, though their choices may be



DEB MCGOWAN (Izzy) helps out her Bubbie, played by Kathy Taitz.

good for them as individuals, the sum of the individual choices could well spell catastrophe for the Jewish community as a whole."

In "Crossing Delancey," Izzy's parents have moved to Florida, "...to live with Red Buttons," as Bubbie explains. "All the alta cockers under one roof." Izzy loves her Bubbie and visits her regularly in her Lower East Side apartment, where she is fed and nurtured in Bubbie's kitchen. Here we witness the conflict between family tradition vs. societal enticements, "uptown" vs. "Lower East Side," pickle man vs. distinguished author all played out in a humorous and engaging fashion.

"Crossing Delancey" is one of those rare plays where you can really laugh and enjoy yourself while you're watching it, yet when it's over, recognize that you have experienced a mean-

ingful event," says D. Toby Marwil, the Jewish Theatre Ensemble member who is the producer of this show. "When the humor subsides, many interesting thoughts and questions linger. In "Crossing Delancey," we are witness to the feisty and sharp-witted machinations of Bubbie as she negotiates a solution to her granddaughter's situation. In real life, happy endings aren't always as easy to come by."

"Crossing Delancey" is performed at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 at both 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, at the JCC box office or by phone at 861-8800. Box office hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 to 4 p.m. on Friday.

## NewGate Theatre Presents 'Carthaginians'

"Carthaginians" by Frank McGuinness, is set in Derry, Northern Ireland. It tells the story of seven survivors of the Bloody Sunday Massacre, an event which affected all of Ireland, particularly the city of Derry.

On Jan. 30, 1972, British soldiers opened fire on an unarmed group of civil rights protesters killing thirteen men and injuring many more. This event changed the entire face of politics in Northern Ireland. What had, till that time, been a peaceful civil rights movement became a violent struggle for independence as the unwarranted British attack turned public sympathies toward the more drastic methods of the I.R.A. and 25 years of violent struggle ensued.

"Carthaginians" tells the story of seven survivors of the Bloody Sunday Massacre who

are living in Creggan Graveyard in the center of Derry, in the hopes that their slain countrymen will rise again. Each of these people are trying to come to terms with the aftermath of Bloody Sunday and the current unrest that surrounds them. McGuinness creates their world with all the great elements of Irish storytelling. With an incredible mix of beautiful poetry, brilliant word-play, intense drama and incisive humor, he depicts an unforgettable group of people and creates an equally unforgettable evening of theatre.

Performance dates are Nov. 12 through Dec. 13 (no performance on Nov. 26), Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$10 students, seniors and groups.

All performances are at NewGate Theatre, 134 Matheson St., Providence, 421-9680.

## 'My Burmese Icons'

(the Burma I was let to see)

"My Burmese Icons" is a selection of unique, painterly photographs derived from Suzanne Marshall's latest and most disturbing journey to a country renamed Myanmar but still generally known as Burma. As the photographer emphasizes, "[Burma] is a country that seldom allows visitors and even less frequently encourages them, so I found its 'Year of the Tourist' promotional program enticing and made quick plans to visit." While travel officials informed the photographer of which few parts of the country were open to visitors, beyond

the beautiful golden temples, Buddhist monks and nuns, the men in skirts and women with waist-length hair, she sensed the deep reach of the military regime; as she puts it, simultaneously "personally, socially and politically."

There is a gallery talk by the artist on Nov. 12 at 11 p.m. An Alternative Photographic Techniques Workshop with the artist is on Nov. 12-2 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. All programs of the Fine Arts Center Galleries are open to the public without charge.

## WSBE/Channel 36 Kicks Off Its Art & Antique Auction

The live television auction, which is a major fund-raiser for WSBE/Channel 36, will air for four nights, Nov. 15 to 18, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. A record 435 items will be presented throughout the four-day auction by Rhode Island artists and antique dealers who volunteer their time and expertise, including an original Maxwell Mays oil painting entitled "Winter in Newport," valued at \$8,000.

This year's Art & Antique Auction will feature a treasure-trove of paintings, jewelry, furniture, glassware, photography, textile art, antiques and more. Items have been priced by their donors and range in value from \$60 to "Specials" costing \$1,000 and up — and very dollar value in between.

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# OBITUARIES

**MARC ADAM DWARES**  
PROVIDENCE — Marc Adam Dwares, 22 of Harian Road, died Nov. 4 at home after a one-year illness.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of Donald and Bonnie (Sachs) Dwares of Providence. Dwares was a 1994 graduate of Moses Brown and a 1998 graduate of American University, Washington, D.C.

While attending college, he interned at the investment banking firm of Moors and Cabot, Washington. During his summers, he worked at the Slater Co., Pawtucket.

He was a member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, the Moses Brown Alumni Association and Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, David Dwares of Philadelphia.

The funeral was held Nov. 6 in Temple Emanu-El, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**HAROLD ELLENBERG**

PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y. — Harold Ellenberg, 73, of Bayside, N.Y., died Nov. 1 at St. Charles Hospital and Rehab Center, Port Jefferson, N.Y. He was the husband of Lenora (Beck) Ellenberg.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Zelig and Henrietta (Tauber) Ellenberg, he was a lifelong resident of New York.

He had been an elementary school principal until retiring 10 years ago.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Michael Ellenberg of Queens, N.Y., Ethan

Ellenberg of New York City, and David Ellenberg of Oregon; two brothers, Phillip of New York City and Norman of California; and seven grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held on Nov. 3 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St, Providence.

**BEATRICE MAL**

PAWTUCKET — Beatrice Mal, 78, of 50 Parkside Ave., a secretary with the former Franklin Supply Co. for many years before retiring, died Nov. 8 at home. She was the wife of the late Abraham Mal.

Born in Providence, daughter of the late Samuel and Yetta (Uster) Cutler, she lived in Pawtucket most of her life, and in North Miami Beach, Fla., for 10 years before returning to Pawtucket a year ago.

She was a past president and former member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Ohave Shalom.

She leaves a son, David Mal with whom she made her home; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Joseph, Nathan, Martin and David Cutler.

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

**JACOB MOSSBERG**

WARWICK — Jacob Mossberg, 75, of 92 Kiwanee Road, a founder and past presi-

dent of Warwick's Temple Am David and a leader in numerous statewide Jewish organizations, died Nov. 2 at Rhode Island Hospital of complications from cancer. He was the husband of Rhoda L. (Kahn) Mossberg, his wife of 53 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Solomon (Sam) and Rose (Bochner) Mossberg, he moved to Warwick in 1951 and became instrumental in the creation of that city's first Conservative synagogue, Temple Beth Am, the predecessor to Temple Am David. He served the congregation as one of its first presidents, helped spearhead the construction of the temple building and acted for decades as a teacher and religious authority for the congregation. He attended services there daily until a few weeks before his death.

He was the second generation of synagogue leaders in his family. His father had been president of Congregation Sons of Abraham in Providence.

Mossberg also headed or helped lead many other Rhode Island Jewish institutions, all devoted to helping children, families and the poor.

Over the years, he served as vice president of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education, president of the Lincoln Park Cemetery and a founder of the Jewish Burial Society. He also served as president of the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island the body that certifies kosher food, and was a board member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Society, which helps families in need.

He was a graduate of Central High School, in Providence.

During World War II, Mossberg served as a torpedoman on a PT boat in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he began a long career in sales, including stints with Senak Corp. of Providence, as an independent representative for jewelry manufacturers, and as an agent for Winkleman Travel of Cranston.

After his retirement, he led several tour groups to Israel and conducted original research on the Jews of Spain and Portugal.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons; Walter Mossberg of Potomac, Md., and Arthur and Fred Mossberg, both of Warwick, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4 at Temple Am David, Warwick. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick

**BETTY ROSENBERG**

SAN FRANCISCO — Betty Rosenberg, 97, of San Francisco, died Oct. 31. She was the wife of the late Charles Rosenberg.

A former Fall River resident, she had been a resident of San Francisco Jewish Home for the Aged since 1991.

She was a longtime member of Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood, and a long time volunteer at the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged.

She is survived by a son, Richard M. Rosenberg of San Francisco; a daughter-in-law, Barbara C. Rosenberg; two grandsons and four great-

grandchildren; two sisters, Ethel Peckowitz of Fall River and Rita Speir of Belmont, Mass. She was also the sister of the late Lewis Peck.

The graveside funeral service was held on Nov. 4 at Beth El Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**ILENE B. WALENS**

NEW BEDFORD — Ilene (Black) Walens, 92, of Plymouth Street, died Nov. 3, at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel D. Walens and daughter of the late Jacob and Celia (Strea) Black.

She was a lifelong New Bedford resident and member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue and its Sisterhood.

She was a third-grade teacher at Hathaway School for 40 years, retiring in 1980.

She graduated from Hyannis Normal School in 1927. She was a member of the Jewish Women's Professional Club.

Survivors include nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Marjorie Susan Walens-Bisson and sister of the late Sarah Silver-smith, Anne Toabe, Jacob Black, John H. Black, Edward Black, Abraham Black, Milton Black and Benjamin Black.

The funeral was held at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

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# Citizen Bank Partners With 10 Non-profit Agencies To Enhance Citizenship Services

**Bank Pledges \$3000,000 Over Three Year**

Citizens Financial Group Chairman and CEO Lawrence K. Fish announced that Citizens Bank Rhode Island will partner in a major collaborative with 10 Rhode Island non-profit agencies to strengthen citizenship services to immigrants and refugees throughout the state. Fish announced that Citizens will

donate \$300,000 to the project over three years, in addition to pledging significant volunteer support throughout the collaborative's citizenship system to assist the growing immigrant population.

The Citizenship Collaborative in Partnership with Citizens Bank was unveiled in ceremonies at the Socio Economic Center for Southeast Asians, at

the Genesis Center in South Providence. Both agencies are members of the consortium. Other non-profits involved include Cape Verdean American Community Development, Pawtucket; the Diocese of Providence — Office of Immigration and Refugee Services; the Hmong United Association of Rhode Island; the International Institute of Rhode Island; the Feinstein Citizenship Center; and Jewish Family Service, all of Providence; and Progreso Latino and Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza, both of Central Falls. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Rhode Island also partners in coordinating volunteer opportunities.

Fish said that "Once an immigrant is comfortable with our language and history and becomes an American citizen, that person can then more fully participate in our educational, political and economic systems. And, like previous waves of immigrants to the United States, they will then have an even more positive impact on our state. That really is the goal of our combined efforts."

The Citizenship Collaborative is believed to be unique in the country. It received the joint early support of state government, the Rhode Island Foundation, and the Emma Lazarus Foundation of New York, which provided the seed monies to help launch the collaborative. The collaborative currently has an application pending with the Rhode Island Foundation for additional funds.



## Temple Am David Will Hold Auction

Everything is in place for Temple Am David's annual auction on Nov. 14. The event, hosted by Channel 10 newsmen Gene Valicenti, will feature an assortment of items from art and sporting tickets to entertainment, jewelry and vacation get-a-ways. The evening kicks off at 7 p.m. with a hot kosher international buffet, a Chinese auction followed by a regular auction. There will also be a raffle for a diamond tennis bracelet. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Temple Am David is located at 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. For reservations, call 463-7944.



**THE UNVEILING CEREMONIES.** Left to right are: Patricia Martinez, executive director of Progreso Latino; Serena Conly, executive director of the Citizenship Collaborative; James Kue, director of the Hmong United Association of R.I.; Judith Ramos, manager of the Cape Verdean American Community Development Corporation; Charles Ryan, director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of R.I.; Joseph Le, executive director of the Socio-Economic Development Center for Southeast Asians; William Shuey, executive director of International Institute; Gerard Noel, supervisor, Diocese of Providence/Office of Immigration and Refugee Services; Ellen Steingold, director of Jewish Family Service; Sr. Marlene Laliberte, president of Genesis Center; Stella Carrera, executive director of Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza; and Lawrence K. Fish, chairman, president and CEO of Citizens Financial Group.

*Photo courtesy of R.I. Citizenship Consortium*

## Cornell Offers Kosher Food Course

The Reporter

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (JTA) — Cornell University will offer, during the spring semester, an online course which may be unique in the country: Kosher and halal, or Muslim, food regulations.

The course was introduced last year by Professor Joe Regenstein, a Cornell food science professor.

He is now taking it online so that people across the country can enroll.

Regenstein hopes to reach industry people who have left the academic setting but still need the information.

These might include dietitians in hospitals and schools and members of the food service industry — both retail and wholesale. He also welcomes interested lay people.

Now about 40 percent of the foods on supermarket shelves, at least in the northeast, have kosher certification, Regenstein said.

The halal certification is still being developed in this country. At this point, it is more focused on export production, he said. Still in certain neighborhoods in some cities, one can find small stores with many or all halal products.

People concerned about both these standards, kosher and halal, ask some similar questions, Regenstein said.

The biggest difference is the question of alcohol. In kashruth the worry is grape derived alcohol only; for halal it is all alcohol.

Anyone interested is obtaining more information about the course should contact <JMR9@Cornell.edu>.

## News You Can Use

- A man accused of stealing Torahs from a New Jersey synagogue was arrested after he unwittingly attempted to sell the scrolls to an undercover policeman. The value of the two Torahs, crowns and breastplates, which were stolen in the middle of October from Temple Emanu-el in Englewood, N.J., are valued at \$100,000, according to police.

- An exhibit of works by the artist Ben Shahn has opened at the Jewish Museum in New York. The display of paintings by Ben Shahn, who emigrated to the United States from Lithuania in 1906 with his family, will focus on works between 1936 and 1965.

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