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those with an income make between \$5,000 and \$9,999, with 3.4 percent making less than \$5,000—which is considered poverty level. It's not difficult to find one of these homeless people, you just have to open your eyes. The stereotypical homeless person of a man who previously served in our country's military and who drinks whiskey from a dirty bottle while mumbling incessantly to himself as he walks the streets of Providence is just that—a stereotype, a myth. That person doesn't exist, at least not in the way many believe him to be, at least not in the manner described above.

In reality, the average homeless person, according to Hirsch's report, is black, white, Hispanic or Native American.

"I think it's very disturbing that if you're black and living in Rhode Island you're chances of entering a homeless shelter are 10 times greater than those of a white," said Hirsch. "I think it's a pretty good measure of discrimination."

Hirsch believes that is yet another problem the public doesn't want to hear about—the fact that Rhode Island is very segregated and job discrimination and limited educational opportunities are still very real. The homeless of this state are men and women with college degrees (5.5 percent), women with families, children with children. Homelessness knows no cultural or ethnic background,

although in Rhode Island a larger majority of blacks (20.2 percent), Hispanics (11.4 percent) and Native Americans (10.2 percent) are homeless as compared with adult white men (5 percent), and most have little or no education. It is startling to find out that 2.2 percent of the homeless had an annual income of \$20,000 and above.

"More than half of all homeless people do not hold a high school diploma," said Hirsch, "but the new homeless are everyday people who find it difficult to make ends meet, raise a family and battle the high rental costs in the state."

But what about the low unemployment rate? It's the lowest it has been in nearly a decade, so why can't these men and women find work? Very simple, they lack the education and qualifications needed to obtain a decent job. Unlike in years past when you could just walk into one of the many factories of Woonsocket, West Warwick, Pawtucket and Providence and ask for work, today you need that piece of paper that says "Yes, I graduated from high school." Hirsch warns about the misleading nature of the low unemployment rate and states that it doesn't accurately reflect the numbers of people who had been looking for work for some time and who have now given up on their search.

"The unemployment rate looks only at those actively  
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**PA Troops Confront a  
 Second Consecutive  
 Day of Rioting**

Israel Wire

PLO Authority paramilitary forces fired in the air on March 1 in an attempt to disperse rioters in a second consecutive day of unrest in PA-controlled Gaza.

Two Arab youths were killed by PA forces who opened fire on the crowd with live ammunition. A PA court handing down a death sentence against a Hamas terrorist who killed a PA security troop sparked the riots.

About 400 protesters chanting "We want justice!" gathered outside the homes of the two youths, Ala Hams and Khamis alameh, as a steady stream of mourners paid respects.

Police used teargas as well as

live ammunition to control the rioters. According to foreign press reports, four rioters sustained moderate gunshot injuries. In addition 32 demonstrators and 17 PA security personnel sustained various other types of injuries.

Following the area being declared a closed military zone by the PA, security officials confiscated film from six photographers and also detained three journalists according to an Associated Press report.

"Our journalists were doing nothing more than their job," said Reuters Jerusalem bureau chief Paul Holmes. "We have urged the Palestinian Authority to release them without delay."

# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment For Children

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

### March

- 21 **Spring Fling.** From 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up pay homage to the first day of spring by making giant collages out of flowery paper and multi-colored tissues. Sprightly wordsmiths compose and illustrate odes to spring on the museum's giant poetry board.
- 23 **Sparkling Windows.** On March 23 and 24 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., kids ages 5 and up capture the magic of springtime sunbeams as they use funky forms and groovy shapes to create transparent mobiles and dancing light.
- 25 **Play and Learn.** From 3 to 4:30 p.m., preschoolers ages 2 to 4 play games and stretch their imaginations in Littlewoods, a magical woodland environment designed specifically for adventurous toddlers.
- 26 **Preschool Friday: What Color Day?** From 9:40 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 dig into the dirt and discover their green thumbs as they pot their own plant to take home. Kids meet Freddy the frog and ponder his mossy environment, learning that it's not easy being green. Pre-registration for an eight-week series is recommended for this program. Call 273-KIDS, ext. 234 for enrollment information. There may be space available for same-day registration. There is \$1 fee above the price of admission for same-day registration.
- 27 **Silk Screening.** From 1 to 3 p.m., children ages 5 and up watch with fascination as artist Phyllis Dorrr demonstrates the process of silk screening. Kids emulate artists like Andy Warhol, wielding squeegees and creating bold, eye-catching prints.

## Ocean State Brass Quintet at the Library

The Ocean State Brass Quintet will perform at the Barrington Public Library on March 24 at 7:30 p.m. Join members Peter Williams and George Proulx (trumpets), Robert Greenawalt (horn), Craig Leonard (trombone) and Roland Bartlett (tuba), as they present a varied menu of music along with commentary on their instruments and the types of pieces they will be performing.

This concert is of particular interest to families with school-age children. It is free and open to the public.

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- 18 **The Boston Ballet** presents "Balanchine," an evening of three masterworks, Divertimento No. 15, Serenade and The Four. Wang Center for the Performing Arts, Boston. Tickets are \$12.50 to \$69 for performances through March 28. Call (617) 482-9393 or Telecharge (800) 447-7400.
- Jonathan Sharlin: Art Sentinels** is currently on display at the RISD Museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence, through June 6. Call 454-6342.
- Perspectives** presents **Rosh Chodesh Get-Together** at 106 Angell St., Providence. This month's theme: Seder Traditions: Women & Passover. 7 p.m. For more information, call Marcie 946-3796.
- 19 **The Rhode Island School of Design** presents a free screening of "Torch Song Trilogy," starring Harvey Fierstein and Matthew Brodrick. A funny and touching story of a charismatic Jewish drag queen, his life and loves. Admission is free for the 10 p.m. screening at RISD Auditorium, South Main Street.
- The Providence Bruins** take on the Beast of New Haven at 7:05 p.m. at the Providence Civic Center, One LaSalle Square.
- 21 **The Jewish Museum**, 1109 Fifth Ave., New York, presents a lecture, screening and book signing with Jeffrey Shandler entitled "A Living Room Holocaust." Explore television's crucial role in making the Holocaust a fixture in America's moral landscape. 4 p.m. Free with museum admission. Tickets available that day on a first-come, first-serve basis. No reservations.
- Hit the slopes of Loon Mountain** with Perspectives. Leave at 5:30 a.m. for 7 1/2 hours on the slopes. Call Charlie at 272-5289 to R.S.V.P.
- The RIHMM** presents "The Wave," a recreation of a classroom experiment in which a high school student forms his own "Reich" to show how Germans embraced Nazism. 10 a.m. Free admission. Call Tara at 453-7860.
- 22 **Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra** performs a selection of classical music, including Stravinsky's Suite from "Firebird" at Roberts Auditorium, 8:15 p.m. Tickets \$7, RIC students free. Call 456-8287.
- 23 **Marina Aptekman**, a graduate student in Slavic languages at Brown, will speak on "Prague, 16th-century Jewish Mysticism, and Early Hasidism," based on her 1998 research in Prague. Brown-RISD Hillel at noon.

## RIC Chorus to Revive Collage Concert

The 43-voice Rhode Island College Chorus, under the direction of William Jones and accompanied by large and small ensembles, will revive the Collage Concert, thus providing a fast-paced, variety-filled performance March 25 at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

General admission to the concert is \$7. RIC students admitted free. For more information, call Jones at 456-8244.

## Perishable Theatre Announces Auditions

Perishable Theatre will be holding auditions for their Seventh annual Women's Playwriting Festival to be produced this spring. Auditions will be held on March 28 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. All actors are asked to call 331-2695 to schedule an audition appointment.

This is an open call for male and female actors (however, there are no children's roles). Performances will be held May 22 to June 20.

Actors are asked to come prepared with a one-minute monologue and to bring a current résumé.

## Young Adults Invited to Write Poetry

Young adults in grades seven through 12 are invited to take part in a series of Poetry Writing Workshops to be given on four Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (April 7 through 28), at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County St. These sessions will be led by librarians Lauri Burke and Cheryl Maraj and will include writing exercises from a variety of sources. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. on March 30 by phone or in person at the library's reference desk.

Since registration begins on a school day, students are welcome to have a parent or older friend call in to register for them on that morning, or, later in the registration week.

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Diabetes Association, Inc., is seeking volunteers for Camp EDI, a summer day camp for youth with diabetes, their siblings and friends from the Greater Fall River and Greater New Bedford areas. Adult counselors, age 18 and over are needed. Training is provided. Located on the South Watuppa Pond in Westport, Mass., at the Fall River Rod and Gun Club. Camp EDI runs weekdays, July 12 to 30. Volunteer hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sign up for one, two or three weeks. People with diabetes are especially encouraged to volunteer. For more information, call the Diabetes Association, Inc., at (508) 672-5671.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## New Rabbi Brings Purim to The CHAI Center of West Bay

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

They came together for more than just Purim.

Certainly, the 100 people who gathered on March 2 at the Comfort Inn in Warwick were there for a rousing Lubavitcher bash complete with a Megillah reading, costumes and hamentashen.

But they were also there to support Rabbi Yossi Laufer and each other at the first Purim party since founding director Rabbi Eliezer Levy's death in the summer of 1998 devastated his congregation and the greater Rhode Island community.

"I'm surprised, and very happy, that there are so many people here," said Rabbi Laufer, who was already familiar to some of them as a close friend of the late Rabbi Levy and the son of Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of Chabad House, Jewish Heritage and Hospitality Center of Rhode Island.

As the party began, an audience dotted with costumed children and men in traditional black hats listened to the Megillah reading.

After the last noisemaker had sounded, Rabbi Laufer and his wife, Shoshana, ushered people into a colorful function room where balloon bouquets floated above the tables.

"Make yourselves comfortable," urged the rabbi. "Sit wherever you like."

Guests helped themselves at lavishly stocked buffet tables, then watched Rabbi Laufer as he took the microphone and moved through his program in a characteristically comic manner.

The sounds of their laughter, and later their memories, soon mingled with the klezmer music.

"This is a bittersweet event for us," explained Earl and Sharon Vanderhoff of Cranston. "Rabbi Levy is an easy man to miss, and we really liked his wife, but we're happy to be here. We're glad that the tradition is going to continue." Ian Jacobson and Rachel Bucheister Jacobson, both of Coventry, also spoke of their grief and new hopes. "There are mixed emotions," Jacobson said. "Most of us were involved in Rabbi Levy's congregation, and it's hard not to think of him. But Rabbi Laufer has a great deal of spirit, and I feel hopeful that we will revive Chabad of West Bay."

Jacobson and his wife met through Rabbi Levy, he said, and they will always feel devoted to him and anxious to see his work go forward.

"It's extremely important to continue his work," Jacobson said. "We keep in touch with his wife, and we have continued the minyan that he set up. Every time we daven, we know that part of his soul smiles a little more broadly."

Seated next to her husband, Rachel Bucheister Jacobson looked around the room.

"I feel wonderful," she said as balloon sculptor Lon Cerel twisted air-filled rubber into funny hats. "This is a very, very nice party and I think we're all excited. After Rabbi Levy passed away, it was a struggle to keep things together. We didn't know that there would be a Purim party, and the Laufers have put a lot into it. We're very happy to have them here. The entire Rhode Island community has continued Rabbi Levy's work, which is HaShem's."

Although the Purim party made for a very late night, Rabbi Yossi Laufer did not seem particularly tired the morning after.

On March 3 at the CHAI Center in Warwick, he and his wife were ready to share information about themselves and their plans for the Warwick Chabad center's future.

"We're going to repaint the building," said Rabbi Laufer as he made his way into 15 Centerville Road. "I just made some calls to get the overgrown bushes in the parking lot cut down."

Sitting down with Shoshana, a plate of cookies and a newsletter introducing themselves to the community, Rabbi Laufer explained why he had returned to his native Rhode Island at the age of 24 with his 22-year-old wife. "At age 17, I knew that I wanted to be a rabbi," he said. "I grew up in my father's house, and I appreciated him and I wanted to be the same way."

Smiling, the rabbi admitted that his home had been full of both Judaism and children.

"There are many of us," he laughed. "My parents just stopped counting."

When he was about 13, Rabbi Laufer moved away from his large family in Rhode Island to obtain an education within the even larger Lubavitcher educational system, which, according to the *Washington Post*, had some 1,800 schools as well as 300,000 followers and institutions in 38 countries in 1994.

Rabbi Laufer went to Oholah Torah in New York, and later continued on at the school's rab-

binical seminary. "I was ordained in 1997," he said.

His studies, Rabbi Laufer explained, were augmented by participation in programs designed to give rabbinical students practical experience.

"I volunteered, mostly over

A friendly man who frequently expresses himself through humor, Rabbi Laufer particularly enjoys working with children, and has been a head counselor within the Lubavitcher camp system in Europe.



Rabbi Yossi and Shoshana Laufer  
Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

the summers," he said. "At one point, I visited Jews in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho." Between 1995 and 1996, Rabbi Laufer attended the Landau Yeshiva in Miami.

"I worked with rabbis all over Florida," he said. "I helped with children's programs and holiday workshops, and I served as the programming and public relations director for a center."

But some of his most formative experiences took place in Rhode Island, where he frequently returned to help his father and the late Rabbi Levy during holidays and vacations.

"I assisted in many programs and events here," he said. "After the tragedy occurred, someone was needed to fill in for the High Holidays. My wife and I came down to conduct services,

and the people in the community brought up the idea of our coming here. Through the agreement of Lubavitcher Headquarters in New York and my father, the regional director, it was decided that we would move."

Like many of his congregants, Rabbi Laufer admits to missing Rabbi Levy deeply.

"It was not easy to come here," he said. "As a close friend of Rabbi Levy's, I feel lonely now that I'm here by myself. I loved his style of working, and I feel 100 percent that he would want his work to continue. And we want his work not just to continue, but to expand."

Working with his wife, a native of London, England, who is an educator and also has served as youth director within several Lubavitch organizations, the Laufers hope to revitalize the CHAI center.

"We want to concentrate on outreach to those who are unaffiliated," Rabbi Laufer said. "We want to expand our youth programming to get young people excited about their identity, and we want to do a lot with the center. We are setting up a rabbi's office here, and there will be adult education classes and 'Mommy and Me,' a program for mothers with babies that will invite them to stop by to schmooze. We want the CHAI Center's door to be open every day."

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# OPINION

## American Jews Are Missing Plenty of Good News About Israel

by Nate Geller

It may be shocking, but despite the ongoing political debacle in Israel there is plenty of good news to report that American Jewry rarely learns about, possibly because good news does not sell. My recent visit to Israel revealed that positive facts are being created on the ground in many sectors of society. These facts are the greatest hope of overcoming political obstacles that might otherwise dominate both the discourse and the lives of average Israelis. Admittedly, the temptation to focus on the frustration over the single vote victory of a law passed recently in Knesset requiring members of local Jewish religious councils to swear loyalty to the Chief Rabbinate is great, but rather than giving in why not take a look at some of the hopeful developments.

One of the most important forces in current Israeli society is the tidal wave of new immigrants who have arrived in the past decade. In meeting with a group of about 40 olim from the former Soviet Union at a Midreshet Yerushalayim class on Jewish history, their personal stories were eye opening and moving. The group had just returned from a weekend educational seminar at the Dead Sea and they were truly grateful for the opportunity to take a brief vacation with their children and learn about our history while walking in the footsteps of our forefathers and foremothers. It was inspiring to hear a high level of spoken Hebrew, but worth noting the appreciation they expressed for the opportunity to take advanced courses in Jewish studies taught in Russia. Several had stories of personal successes in job retraining, career advancement, and moves

into desirable new housing situations. One of the teachers, named Baruch, spoke of his excitement about his enthusiastic students who persuaded him to keep teaching a class about Jewish law and philosophy for two years when he planned to complete the course in a few lectures. He was doubly enthused when his students asked him to continue with another course based on new lectures.

At a TAL school, part of a network of 82 educational programs strengthening Jewish education in Israeli public schools, I heard about a new Center for Family Jewish Education that recently spent a weekend devoted to breaking down stereotypes of native Israelis toward new émigrés from Ethiopia. For the first time some of the participants opened themselves up to understanding why émigrés from Ethiopia maintain certain traditions and preserve their historic culture in the face of ignorance.

These activities, and many more, are carried out in conjunction with the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. Schechter is both a graduate school granting masters and doctorate degrees in Jewish education and Jewish studies, and a rabbinical school ordaining Israelis to serve Israeli pulpits and educational institutions. As an affiliate of the Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinical students from New York, the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, the Seminario Rabbinico in Buenos Aires, and the Pedagogium in Budapest spend a year studying at Machon Schechter. The training of Israelis as Masorti (Israeli Conservative or traditional) rabbis is a relatively new development meeting a great societal

need. Even wider in scope is the training of almost 400 Israeli educators for a non-coercive type of Jewish education that trains secular, Masorti, and Orthodox Israelis for educational positions in a variety of settings throughout Israel. Joint programs exist with Oranim, the secular kibbutz educational program, and with the modern Orthodox Hartman Institute. The TAL Education Fund, which trains teachers, develops curricula, and launches schools or tracks to enrich Jewish studies in the public schools, includes Reform, secular, and Masorti leaders serving each constituency.

While it would be Pollyannaish to ignore the political tensions that plague Israel and the Jewish people, these and other positive facts that are being created on the ground are hopeful signs which are the best answer to polarization and extremism. All of these endeavors are growing rapidly, but typically American Jews and even Israelis know little about these trail-blazing efforts to reclaim the Jewish soul of Israel. They point to the common task that American and Israeli Jewry have in the Jewish continuity and renaissance agenda. Thankfully, there is slowly increased support from federations and the Jewish agency as well as foundations, but now is the time to greatly expand these institutional supports along with the personal efforts. It is about time that we finally shed some light on good news from Israel.

Nate Geller is North American campaign director for the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies based at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

## A Long Road Home

by Marlene E. Post

There is the most unlikely sign posted along the Pacific Coast Highway in California. It doesn't guide the motorist to drive at any certain speed or in any particular direction. In fact, it has nothing to do with driving or direction at all. An ingenious advocacy tool, it simply reads: "Ron Arad — IDF," asking us to remember an Israeli who has been Missing-in-Action since 1986.

Such public awareness about the loss of one individual's personal freedom is especially relevant during this season. Each year, as Passover nears and we discuss those still in chains around the world, I always recall the 1991 announcement that "the last Western hostage in Lebanon" was freed. While the public celebrated Terry Anderson's release after six years in captivity, I sat sadly remembering all the loved ones of the four Israelis who became MIA in Lebanon before and after Anderson and still have not come home.

Miriam and Yona Baumel have not seen their son Zachary in nearly 17 years. A born-and-bred American raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., Zachary Baumel was a soldier in the Israeli armed forces and was captured in Lebanon three years before Anderson. Baumel and his Israeli comrades, Tzvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz, disappeared during a 1982 tank battle with a Syrian Army unit in Syrian-controlled Lebanon. Four years later, Israeli airforce navigator Captain Ron Arad was captured by Amal, a Shiite militia group in Lebanon, when his plane was downed. All were believed to have been taken hostage.

More than 16 years after the first soldier was captured, the

whereabouts, health, and status of all the Israeli Missing-in-Action servicemen still remain shrouded in mystery. While the missing soldiers suffer, their loved ones are also tortured as the years drag on without closure.

This year on Passover as we once again bring the Exodus story of liberation to life, our mission is two-fold: we must remember the Israeli MIAs among our brothers and sisters across the world who still linger in captivity, and we must advocate loudly and persistently on their behalf until this tragic chapter comes to a satisfactory end.

To help keep their plight in the fore, the American Zionist Movement published a special Passover Hagaddah supplement adding these four sons — Arad, Baumel, Feldman and Katz — to the traditional readings on the Passover theme of freedom. This year, Hadassah invites families everywhere to include these questions at their Passover seders:

*Why are these sons different from all other sons?* These four sons were taken prisoner in Lebanon while bravely fighting for the safety and security of the State of Israel and her people.

*Why are these prisoners different from other prisoners?* Israel's missing soldiers have been denied the basic human rights guaranteed by international law. They have never been treated as prisoners of war, but rather as hostages. They have been denied any form of contact with their families, their country or with any humanitarian or human rights organizations.

*Why are these hostages different from all other hostages?* These sons of Israel continue to be held hostage years after international ef-

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## The Significance of a Good Name

In Parshat Vayakhel, the first of the two Parshiot we read this Shabbat, the Torah describes the various materials which the people contributed for the construction of the Mishkan and its vessels.

The Torah tells us that their contributions were so generous that the craftsmen said to Moshe, "The people are bringing much more than is needed." As a result, Moshe had an announcement made that, "No man or woman shall make any more work for the sanctuary."

Moshe says to the children of Israel, "See G-d has called by name Betzalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Yehuda. And He has filled him with the spirit of G-d, with wisdom, with understanding and with knowledge. To devise skillful works, to work in gold, in silver, in brass and in cutting stone for setting and in carving of wood to work in all skillful workmanship..." Together with Betzalel, G-d appointed Oholiav of the tribe of Dan.

Our sages in Midrash make a very interesting observation on the verse, "See G-d has called by name Betzalel..." Every word in the Torah is exact. In fact, many

laws are derived as a result of one word. Yet, here the words "by name" is seemingly extra. Moshe should have said, "G-d has called Betzalel."

According to the Midrash, Betzalel was chosen to head the construction of the Mishkan because of the good name which he had earned for himself through the many good deeds which he performed.

The Midrash continues. There are various names which a person has; one is the name which

spread its aroma a short distance, while a good name carries from one end of the world to the other. A fragrant oil lasts only for a while, but a good name lasts for generations. Good oil can be acquired only by the rich, while a good name can be earned by everyone. Good oil only can benefit one who is alive, but a good name is beneficial even after a person leaves this world. Good oil can be destroyed by the elements, while a good name is indestructible.

In the fourth chapter of Pirkei Avot, the Talmudic sage Rabbi Shimon says, "There are three crowns; the crown of Torah; the crown of priesthood (Kehuna) and the crown of kingship (Malchut); but the crown of a good name surpasses them all."

Thus, our sages emphasize the importance of being generous, kind and performing good deeds during one's lifetime, for they help us acquire a good name that is everlasting.

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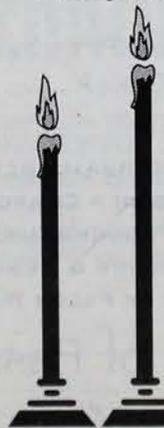
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### Torah Today



## Mood Indigo

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I've known Aaron Shatkin in many guises. I wrote a congratulatory piece about him when he won the great sailing race from here to Bermuda and shone in the spotlight of fame. I drove around the East Side with him when he was in high school juggling his inborn moods of melancholy and cheerfulness. I sat in his dentist chair while he tended my own smile for decades at his office-home in East Providence. I even attended his wedding and also his anniversary lawn parties.

I remember his clarinet—or was it a saxophone?—as he took it from its case and handled it with loving care, as a sacred instrument, before setting it aside for the equally holy tools of his kindly trade, like a Maimonides of many talents, almost like the Aaron with shofar of the tabernacle.

It reads like the script of a play. He lays down the flute, and then, in a later act, he picks it up again. Some call him "Al." Al enters, opens the case, takes out the horn, and blasts a call to the crowd, the congregation. Dr. Shatkin retires from his practice, practices the sax, and starts performing all over town. On a summer's afternoon he does a jam session at my brother's lovely Newport retreat. I missed that one. He gets a gig at Blithewold over the bridge in Bristol. He puts on a show at a nearby nursing home. Finally, just on the edge of springtime, he gives me a call and tunes me

in on the next appearance, which will happen a footstep downhill, where my driveway drops into North Main Street.

It's a dream come true. Like a mirage, an oasis, a new nightclub has just swung open its gates very near the spot where the Corinthian Room stood, the crossroad where the Celebrity Club brought in everybody from Sarah Vaughan to Slim Gaillard, not many yards from the Sullivan House where my cousin Ben Kauff fiddled away

Saturday evenings for the postwar generation of romantic couples. A giant mural of a jazz combo decorates the side wall of this miniature version of the Harlem Renaissance, aptly next door to the entrance to the historic and tranquil North Burial Ground and across from the somehow nostalgic Armory. The Auditorium bit the dust and left a gouge in the road, but the center strip has sprouted a wondrous new growth of trees and ground cover, and the spot is the very embodiment of hope. Souls will rise and dance again!

Aaron stands up for a solo and struts his stuff with aplomb and humor. This place, titled "Jazz Masters," boasts the same class-act polish and poise as Al Shatkin. I listen spellbound to the familiar favorites, "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "September Song." During a break I ask my yachtsman, dentist, jazzman, host friend if I can buy him a beer. "No, not that brand, I heard they were anti-Israel,

let's try a Bass," he says with a broad grin. "Check out the men's lounge," he adds, with a slight smirk.

Sure enough, the back room brags a huge mural of Josephine Baker in nightclub gear. This place has style, verve, glamour, and a quirky individuality. Josephine is the theme of the club. They sell souvenirs with her silhouette. Now, when I lived in Paris long ago, La Baker was the toast of the town. Posters labeled her, "du tonnerre," or terrific! Not just for her showy act, but for her work in the resistance, and her postwar gesture of rescuing orphans from every corner of the displaced world. Bob Husband, Eric Anderson, and Sharon Isom dedicate their labor of the love of jazz to the memory, and the values, of Jo.

"The reason we serve draught beer is to bring in the college crowd, who are rediscovering the joys of jazz." They've set up the sofas and tables to create a mood of intimacy: the bar stretches out just across from the sound stage. Young people may find that the ballads of earlier in our era had a gallant charm that's missing from the crude rap of recent vintage.

"Mighty different without you...don't get around much anymore." Imagine that. Somebody cares!

Aaron pitches in with his own reminiscences. "I admired Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman. They made up a beautiful world for us to live in musically." I think he and his colleagues and the trio who set up this superb supperclub have found the secret of happiness. They had a past, from which they moved on to this future of harmony and hope.

I close with an offbeat anecdote. I met Sharon at a sidewalk coffeeshop, when "Jazzmasters" was just a gleam and a dream. I admired her socks, which were woven of safari images of animals from a veldt. She took a pair from a bag and handed them to me. It so happened I was wearing them the night I came in to listen to Al and the Swingin' Saxs. Now, I know that's just a simple coincidence, but I give it an omen. Take a journey with me. Share a few footsteps from up the hill to this valley of renewal. And so I put my blessing on Al and his cohorts, on Sharon and her partners, and on all who join me in the wonderland of that strange boulevard of mood indigo, North Main Street, where everything comes back like forgotten melodies.

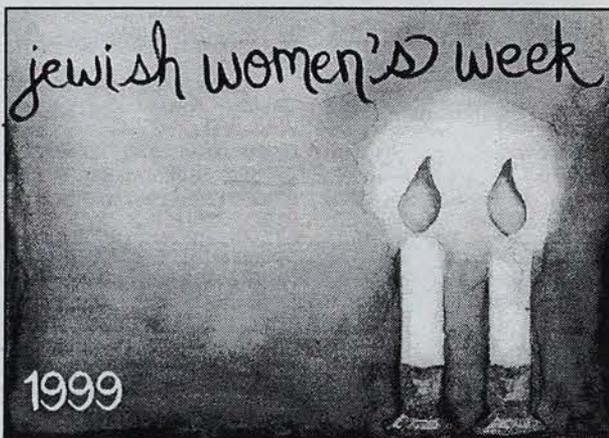
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## Beyond the Ides

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter  
Adar meets Nisan today. The lion lies down with the lamb. "What will poor robin do then? He'll hide in the barn, to keep himself warm, and tuck his head under his wing, poor thing. And

phrases. Betty believed that power was a quiet and gentle force. Big souls have a stillness, a dignity. She hated shouting, partly from a feminine pride in maintaining a peaceful demeanor, but partly also from a deeper regard for the sources of



Messages in Menorahs

tuck his head under his wing."

It's National Woman's Month, and another occasion to bring back my mother's voice and counsel. She used to recite that little verse about the March winds that blow, the lines that end with the image of the migrating robin redbreast in the eaves.

My mom would quote proverbs and poems in several languages over my breakfast cocoa. Yiddish phrases from Podul Iloia, a village in Rumania, French maxims from Trois Rivières a Québécois farm district, and proper English ditties and ballads from the Montreal schoolhouse. "Ne dis jamais a la fontaine, je ne boirai pas de ton eau." That means, never say never. You'll come to everything in time and drink all waters. The bird seeking shelter from a late snowstorm may have been a metaphor for my mother's own journey and love of home.

I'm trying to sum up my maternal legacy in a few such

life. An American household is a noisy place with a racket of raised voices. Dad would put in, "Pipe down!" But mom would cluck, "Tsk, Tsk." From the Rumanian "Oy" to the Canadian "Eh" to the American "Oh."

She did as many things as possible on her own. She breastfed her three babies. She had no fear of coping with any problem that could be solved with her own hands. "I should have been a carpenter," she declared, happy with tools and materials to make or fix things that went wrong or could be set right. Those skills and that spirit suited the chapters of her life in our century, from the farmyard to the depression landscape to the wartime of rationing and making do. You, too, probably saw your mother as the perfect person, the woman of valor. I believed that Betty—the name she was known by here in Rhode Island—had all the answers. "A

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## A Goldfish So Far Till Now

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I don't know how much of the distance from Purim to Passover our little goldfish can swim. Mike Halzell won the mini-carp at a carnival and entrusted its care to our household. Here's where my story starts.

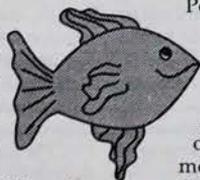
I fetched a large crystal bowl from the dining room and released the little prisoner from its knotted cellophane bag. Then I went out to the Popkin aquarium round the corner on North Main to load up supplies of food and water purifier, which will most likely outlast both fish and father.

The pleasant surprise was, our son, who is past bar mitzvah, really cares about the welfare of our fine gilded guest. "How many flakes should I put in?" "When should I feed it?"

He even chose a name for our

wee wanderer. "Michael," the angel's name, the Halzell name, the title of mom and dad, the inevitable title of honor. Of course, a finny friend makes you nervous. Unless you live in China, you don't take its soul that seriously. Over there they teach a koi to say hi. Here you take it day by day. Maybe I'll let it go and join the flow by Pesach.

Perhaps it will choose to make its daily rounds gaily in our parlor. I only hope it doesn't meet its maker too soon. All our holidays mark moments of renewal. A goldfish is the perfect pet symbol, a candle with a soul instead of a wick, burning bright in daylight, so that when our son, another prince of Egypt, comes home from school he can have a glance and a glimpse of a miniature Michael, a moonbeam home in a jar at the cusp of the month of matzah and manna.



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## A 'Night of Music' at Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai's Brotherhood presents a "Night of Music" on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai in Cranston. The event features two singing groups with two different styles.

The evening starts with the "Heart of Rhode Island Chorus," a Sweet Adelines International cappella chorus. The all female group sings in the traditional barber shop style.

The evening continues with "Uproar" a '60's-style men's quartet, which sings the oldies with great abandon.

A reception with catered desserts will follow the performance.

The price of admission is \$15 a ticket. Ticket reservations can be made by forwarding a check to: Temple Sinai Brotherhood, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

Temple Sinai is located on Oaklawn Avenue just north of Route 2. (Take Fairway Drive to Hagan Avenue).

For more information, call the office at Temple Sinai at 942-8350.



Members of the singing group, Heart of R.I. Chorus

## 'Murder in The Court'

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Murder on Us presents "Murder in the Court" on March 27 at the West Valley Inn, 4 Blossom St., West Warwick, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per couple, \$15 per single member. R.S.V.P. by March 20. Send check to: Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910.

## Temple Sinai Seniors Celebrate

The Temple Sinai Seniors will celebrate their fourth anniversary with a luncheon at the Galaxie Restaurant, Reservoir Avenue, on March 26 at 12:30 p.m. Price is \$6. Call Balla at 461-6124 or Fran at 942-7796 by March 19 to make your reservations.

The Gitlitz-Davidson talk "What Secret Jews Cooked for Passover" has been rescheduled for April 20. Please hold the date open.

## Society of Friends of Touro Seeks Teitz Award Nominees

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue is requesting nominations for the Judge Alexander George Teitz Memorial Award. The society presents the award each year, at its annual George Washington Letter Ceremony, to an individual who, by word or deed, exemplifies the ideals set forth by George Washington in his famous letter "[T]o the Hebrew Congregation in Newport." In that letter President Washington pledged that the new nation would give "...to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..."

The nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to religious freedom and tolerance, either by preserving the historic components of religious freedom and tolerance, or through active efforts to spread understanding among all people of all religions. These efforts may also include a commitment to eliminate religious prejudice through teaching the important role of religious freedom and tolerance in American history. Past recipients of the award are former United States Senator, the Honorable Claiborne Pell; philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein; former Executive Director of the Northeast Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Charlotte Penn, retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Judge Florence K. Murray, and most recently, Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer, Frederick Williamson, Sr.

Judge Alexander George Teitz was a founding member and president of the society. He also served as counsel, co-counsel and as a member of the Board of Directors for many years. By his life-long commitment to the society and its goals, he was a model for the ideals the award seeks to honor.

Please send a brief letter of nomination including the individual's qualifications and reasons why that individual merits consideration to: Meira Max, president, The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport, RI 02840. Nominations must be received by April 15. Nominees need not be a member of the society.

## Touro Fraternal Now Offers Educational Grants

That's right! In addition to the interest-free student loans that have helped scores of children of members over the years, Touro now has two scholarships available for qualified applicants.

Just like the loans, the grants are for a single academic year. Renewals must be applied for annually. Final decisions rest with Touro's Student Financial Aid Committee. Here's a basic description of the two programs:

**Educational Grants**—Regular Touro members, their spouses and children and children of deceased Touro members are eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning on a full-time basis for the 1999 to 2000 academic year. In addition to financial need, awards will be based on academic record plus other criteria. Two \$1,000 scholarships have been approved by the board of directors.

**Student Loans**—Regular Touro members, their children and children of deceased Touro

members are eligible for interest-free student loans. Students must attend an accredited institution of higher learning on a full-time basis for the 1999 to 2000 school year. The loans must be co-signed by a regular Touro member in good standing.

Requests for applications must be made in writing. They should be directed to the Touro administrator at the above address. The application package contains all information concerning eligibility and, in the case of the student loans, terms of repayment. Those who wish to apply for both the grant and the loan must submit both applications.

Completed applications must be received at Touro no later than May 1, for consideration for this year's aid. Applications received after that will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in July.

Student Financial Aid—another benefit of membership in Touro Fraternal Association.

## Adoption Options Has New Address on the World Wide Web

For the past few years, the internet has been a valuable source for information. Adoption Options, the comprehensive non-secular adoption service at Jewish Family Service, established a web site to expand its mission of providing information to reach a global audience.

The site recently changed its address to <[www.adoptionoptions.org](http://www.adoptionoptions.org)>.

Birth parents, adoptive parents and others exploring the possibility of adoption can check the site to receive up-to-date adoption information 24 hours a day, from the comfort and privacy of familiar surroundings.

Informational meetings about adoption for anyone interested in exploring the choices are held on a regular basis at the offices of Jewish Family Service, located on the second floor of the United Way building at 229 Waterman St. in Providence. The meetings are free and open to anyone interested in pursuing an adoption. Call or see the web site for times and dates.

Adoption Options can also be contacted by phone at 331-5437 or toll-free at (800) 337-6513.

## Yeshiva University Professor Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Dr. David J. Schnall, Herbert H. Schiff chair in management and administration at the Wurzeiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University, has been awarded a prestigious William J. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship. Under the terms of the award, Schnall will serve as professor and senior scholar at the Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem during the 1999 to 2000 academic year. He is the first Wurzeiler faculty member to be granted this recognition.

A primary part of his responsibilities will be teaching and advising doctoral students on the Mt. Scopus campus. He has also been invited to consult with the Mandel Institute at Hebrew University and to be Visiting Scholar at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. He will also assist in the development of graduate curricula in several key areas, including Jewish communal service, social work man-

agement and administration, and the use of computer technology in the provision of human services.

Ordained at Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Schnall is an authority on an array of subjects, including human resources training and development, professional ethics, the Jewish family/community, Israel, gerontology, and in-service training for health and social service organizations.

Schnall earned his Ph.D. and master's degrees, both in political science, at Fordham University. He also received a master's degree in Jewish studies from YU where he earned his bachelor's degree.

The purpose of the award is to increase mutual understanding, not only scholastically, but also culturally, between the people of the United States and Israel through the exchange of students, teachers, lecturers and research scholars.

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## Hurry... Space Is Limited

The book discussion group of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum is limited to 5 people per month and April's list is almost full. *The Sunflower*, by Simon Wiesenthal, will be discussed in April and Victor Klemperer's diaries, recently published in English, *I Will Bear Witness*, will be discussed in May. Other books will be announced in the bimonthly newsletter, *Remember*. A limited number of books are available at the museum's library, and Borders has both volumes in stock.

For more information, a copy of *Remember*, or to register for the book discussion group, call Tara Lisciandro at the museum at 453-7860.

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and is responsible for educating more than 4,000 R.I. students annually. The museum has also developed a number of new programs for the adult community such as art exhibits, open forums and film series. By using the arts as a vehicle for teaching the lessons of the Holocaust and genocide, the museum hopes to reach an even larger audience throughout the state of Rhode Island.

"Holocaust Remembrance is important throughout the year. On Yom HaShoah the museum will open its doors to the general public, as it does every day," said Lisciandro, "and continue to educate the community in Rhode Island about one of the most tragic events of 20th-century history."

### New Holocaust Books

*Witness* by David Ole' re and Alexander Oler, father and son recreate realistic and poetic images of Auschwitz. Many of Ole' re's works hang in prestigious Holocaust museums in the United States, West Wind Press.

*Kinderlager* by Milton J. Niewwsma, tells the story of three young girls who survived the special children's section of Auschwitz. For young readers; Holiday House.

*Letter from Prague: 1939-1941* by Rayna Czerner and Helga Weinberg; Jewish family of five is divided during World War II, collection of letters. Academy Chicago Publishers

*Guns and Barbed Wire: A Child Survives the Holocaust*, Thomas Geve; contains 17 drawings by a young child from a concentration camp. Academy Chicago Publishers

*Elijah Visible: Stories by Thane Rosenbaum*; author examines emotional legacy of Holocaust's second generation; St. Martin's press.

*I Will Bear Witness: Victor Klemperer Diaries 1933-1941* secret diaries of well-known German Jewish professor who survived World War II, Random House.

*Between Dignity and Despair: Jewish Life in Nazi Germany* by Marion Kaplan (winner of 1998 Jewish Book Award), book draws on extraordinary memoirs, interviews, letters and diaries of Jews who navigate their daily lives in a world that became more insane.

## Alden Films Announces Commemorative Plaques of Famous Jewish Leaders

Alden Films, a well-known distributor of videos and films of Israel and Judaica with a roster of more than 200 titles, announces a new series of commemorative plaques of famous Jewish leaders and Jewish ideas with photographs, mounted on stained wood. The first plaque is of the great Jewish visionary and founder of modern Zionism, Theodor Herzl. With his countenance gazing on the Holy City of Jerusalem, Herzl's oft-quoted expression, "If you will it, it is no dream," is written in Hebrew and in English. An ideal gift for any occasion, it is moderately priced at \$9.95, and is also available in larger quantities at significant discounts. The plaque may also be ordered with a personal inscription, for awards and achievements.

In addition, the future series will include Sayings of the Fathers from Pirke Avot, Jewish Humor with the famous animator Howard Beckerman, and Holiday Nachas with Poetry by Frantastics.

To order your plaque, contact Alden Films at (732) 462-3522, fax (732) 294-0330, e-mail <aldfilms@bellatlantic.net> or write to Alden Films, P.O. Box 449, Clarksburg, N.J. 08510. Also check our website at <www.aldenfilms.com>, which offers many excellent videos on a broad range of topics.

In addition to the Theodor Herzl Plaque, Alden Films is now distributing a moving 45-minute video on the life and achievements of Herzl. Recommended by *School Library Journal* and other review publications, this tape is available for \$19.95 (plus \$4.95 shipping and handling).

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## Key ASDS Staff Receive Red Cross Certification

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MEMBERS OF THE ASDS who received certification in American Red Cross First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation are left to right: Yarden Winkler, Bobbie Thomas, Brenda Redding and Dr. Penney Stein.

Photo by Liz Goldberg

an adult. All those who participated agree that the course was essential and invaluable

in their skills résumé, but hope they are not called upon to put it to use.

## Brandeis Professor to Be Honored

A *Who's Who of American Jewry* — more than 300 Jewish community leaders from across the country — will honor the lifetime contributions of Brandeis professor Bernard Reisman when the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service holds its annual Milender Seminar.

Reisman is recognized internationally for his revolutionary approach to the field of Jewish service. When named director of the Hornstein Program almost 30 years ago, he created a graduate program in Jewish leadership — the first such program of its kind. Combining fieldwork in the Jewish community with university courses, the Hornstein Program became a model for education in Jewish professional leadership.

Today, the Hornstein Program offers training for professional careers within the Jewish community and has more than

450 graduates working in all levels of Jewish agencies worldwide.

The Milender Seminar, recently endowed in perpetuity by Edith and Sumner Milender, reflects the program's commitment to teaching students values such as a sense of community, high standards, authority that uses collective decision making, and a sense of pluralism with regard to different definitions of Jewish identity.

This month's event will gather previous Milender Fellows to honor Reisman and his commitment to the worldwide Jewish community.

It also marks the closing of Reisman's formal career with Brandeis University. He retires at the end of the year after more than 30 years of service.

A gala dinner to celebrate the outstanding leadership of Reisman and the 30th year of

the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service will be held at 6 p.m., March 21 at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, Mass. Reisman will address the issue of Jewish communal service in a changing world.

On March 22, the Milender Seminar will be devoted to discussion and workshops in order to give leaders in Jewish service a chance to meet with students and teachers to "prepare an agenda for Jewish communal service in the 21st century."

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## The Promise

by Cindy Halpern

Lea Eliash stood before the students of Audrey Friedman at the Davisville Middle School to tell her story. Now in her 70s, Lea represents a dying generation of survivors. But one would never think of Lea as anything but the vibrant, woman she is.

She spoke of a world that no longer exists today. Lithuania was an agricultural country that was a democracy. It was home to the famed Rabbinical Academy. The educated class, to which Lea belonged, spoke Lithuanian, German, Russian, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Lea was a wife, mother, and teacher. It was a good life. She and her husband, Solomon, lived in an elegant apartment, enjoyed eating in the chic cafes, and were the proud parents of an infant daughter.

But the Russian invasion then the German invasion changed a tolerant society into a living hell. The Nazis shot all the rabbinical students and then took away the rest of the Jewish men to an unknown place. Women and children were forced into the ghetto by guns and vicious dogs.

Lea worked from 7 am. to 7 p.m. in a factory while her baby was cared for by the elderly Jews who were too old to work. Lea made friends easily and that is how she learned that the children of the ghetto were to be murdered.

Lea made the greatest sacrifice a mother could make. She gave her daughter to a Christian couple to raise as their own. Then she saw other children being ripped from their mothers, arms to be slaughtered. It was the worse day of her life.

But she found the inner strength to work hard while only being fed watery soup. She didn't try to run away, even

though she had opportunities to do so. There were 36 in her work brigade. If all 36 were not accounted for the other 35 would be murdered. Lea's sense of loyalty wouldn't allow others to die because of her. But a friend insisted upon giving her a watch to use in any way that was necessary to live. Lea had it sewed in the heel of one of her shoes.

As the ghetto was set on fire by the Nazis, Lea saw death all around her. The Nazis no longer wanted workers, but corpses. She saw only one chance to survive. She gave the watch to a guard by the electrical fence. The fire neutralized the electricity and the guard lifted the fence up for her to escape.

She was hidden in a pig sty until the end of the war. As Lea said to the students, "You'll do anything to stay alive!"

She had survived and had a right to claim her daughter. But she hesitated. She wanted what was best for her child. She saw that her daughter had a good home and wondered what she could offer her. But the Christian couple decided that the child belonged to Lea and gave her back. But not in rags. The little girl was returned with the beautiful wardrobe they had provided for her and sheets and pillow cases to use as barter in getting across borders. They knew Lithuania was no longer a place for Jews to live for the Nazi rulers were replaced by Communist ones.

Lea had learned that her husband had also survived. He had been an inmate in Dachau, near Munich, Germany. But when the couple was reunited, Solomon weighed not much more than 60 pounds. He had lost more than weight.

He lost his love for life. Lea had to be the strong one.

When the family came to America, Lea discovered that refugees were not always welcomed with open arms. But she sought a good education for her daughter at Henry Bernard School. She again became a teacher of languages.

She wanted to go on with her life, leaving the past behind. But the blizzard of 1978 changed her life forever. Solomon lay dying in the midst of the storm. Help could not come in time for him. But there was something very serious on his mind as his life was ending.

He made Lea promise to tell their story because he predicted that after he was gone, many would deny the truth of the Shoah. He could accept dying, only if the truth didn't die with him.

So, 21 years, later, Lea still keeps her promise by venturing down long school corridors past wondering young faces. She stands before large audiences and tells her story with honesty and dignity. She respects her young listeners by welcoming all their questions.

She hopes her talks teach students how very lucky they are to have a roof over their head, clothes to wear, food to eat. They can practice their religion without fear.

No matter how many times I hear Lea speak, she never fails to inspire me to say that every day is a great day to be alive.



### PHDS Pre-School Bridges The Generations

On a recent visit to the Highland Court assisted living facility, the Providence Hebrew Day School pre-school class met and mingled with a number of residents. The pre-schoolers were learning about respect for the elderly in the "Derech Eretz" project. The visit included the singing of songs and the sharing of a snack with the residents at Highland Court.

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### Jewish Meditation Skills Training

There is a long and rich history of traditional Jewish meditation. The great masters of old used these practices to deepen their davening and experience a greater sense of closeness with G-d.

Temple Emanu-El is sponsoring a three-session "Introduction to Traditional Jewish Meditation." This training is open to individuals with little or no experience with meditation. Because of its uniquely Jewish style, it will also be of interest to more experienced meditators. Chaya Sara Sadeh, the trainer, has been a student of and, over the past six years, a teacher of Jewish meditation.

The training dates are on Shabbat afternoons March 20, April 24, and May 15, and sessions will be conducted from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost of this training, payable in advance, is \$40.

If you are interested or have questions, call David Stern at 274-2844.

It is our hope that as the Jewish community develops these skills, our collective spirituality will be enriched.

## Edah Conference on Modern Orthodoxy a Success

Event Draws 1,500 People to New York City

They came from Brooklyn, N.Y., and Teaneck, N.J., and Caracas, Venezuela, and Victoria, British Columbia — teen-agers and senior citizens and mothers with infants to attend Edah's first international conference, "Orthodoxy Encounters a Changing World." Held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City on Presidents' Weekend, Feb. 14 and 15, the conference attracted 1,500 people to hear lectures and join discussion groups about topics which have been skirted by most bodies of Orthodox Judaism for decades. "Initially, we hoped for 700 attendees," said Judy Adler Sheer, executive director of the 21/2-year-old organization. "By the time we opened the doors on Sunday morning, we had passed the 900 mark — and then 600 more people registered at the hotel!"

Apparently, many were drawn to the opportunity to learn about and discuss these topics. In three plenary sessions and 74 small sessions, rabbis, community professionals and lay leaders spoke on such subjects as the limits of rabbinic authority, the value of secular culture, and relating to non-Orthodox Jews. "Never before had I been faced with a list of such compelling subjects," wrote Susan Englander, in the *New Jersey Jewish Standard*.

Rabbi Saul Berman, director of Edah, who teaches Jewish

Law at Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University and Columbia University School of Law, acknowledged that there are many Orthodox Jews who have elected to withdraw from the modern world because of their fear of what seems to be an increasingly pagan culture. He opened the conference with a stirring reminder that since the Torah was given to the Jewish people at Sinai, Judaism has always existed within foreign and pagan cultures, and that one of its tasks is precisely to counter the worst aspects of such cultures. He also noted that Judaism has had a democratic aspect since its inception. The Torah describes the most minute details of the tasks assigned to the Cohanim (priests) so that they would be known to everyone, preventing Cohanim from acquiring the power that the priests in surrounding pagan cultures had acquired through mystery and secrecy in cult practices.

College students were a highly visible component of the audience. Not only their numbers — 239 came from across the United States and Canada — but their enthusiastic participation reminded the attendees that the future of modern Orthodoxy will depend on how these intense young men and women perceive the issues that were addressed on this occasion. "We made a special effort to attract students," said Rabbi

Berman, "and we plan to stay in touch with them, and help them stay in touch with each other, through special e-mail networks.

Edah also started two Task Forces at the conference — on the problem of Agunot (women whose husbands refuse to grant them a Jewish religious divorce) and on the maintenance of modern Orthodoxy at day schools. Edah board chairman Dr. Michael Hammer observed, "The conference was an expression of Edah's ideals. One of those ideals is the involvement and empowerment of the grassroots community. The huge attendance at the conference confirmed the validity of our approach, and also gave us some additional things to think about." Hammer is a widely known management consultant, and author of the international bestseller, *Reengineering the Corporation: A Manifesto for Business Revolution*.

Edah, whose motto is "The courage to be modern and Orthodox," was founded in 1996. It is committed to shaping the Orthodox Jewish community through leadership development, education and advocacy. Its offices are located in New York City, where it can be reached by telephone at (212) 244-7501, or by e-mail at <edahbsd@aol.com>. Edah also maintains a site on the Internet at <www.edah.org>.

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## Religious Leaders Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler and Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg were presented with the Annual Lifetime Achievement Award for their extraordinary contributions to interfaith dialogue by the Baltimore Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem on Feb. 7. The award also highlights their

prominent roles in various humanitarian causes in the U.S. and abroad.

Cardinal Keeler, the archbishop of Baltimore, is currently serving as moderator of Catholic/Jewish Relations for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 1998 he led a National Conference of Catholic

Bishops mission trip to Israel. He oversees the pastoral care of the archdiocese's half-million Catholics, and was appointed to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II in 1994.

Since 1978 Mitchell S. Wohlberg has been the rabbi of the Beth Tfiloh Congregation, the largest Orthodox synagogue in Maryland. He is also the dean of the Beth Tfiloh community School and serves on the board of directors of the Institute for Christian-Jewish Studies. Rabbi Wohlberg is an active member of many national Jewish organizations including the National Cabinet of the State of Israel Bonds and the Rabbinic Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal.

Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem has been caring for the people of Israel for almost 100 years. The hospital lives up to its name, which means "the gates of righteousness," and provides compassionate medical care to all people, regardless of race or religion.



RABBI MITCHELL WOHLBERG greets Cardinal Keeler

## Opportunities in Israel Investments

by Rabbi Saul Leeman

Five years ago the R.I. Board of Rabbis organized an Israel Investment Club. We did so, not because we felt that Israel stocks would outperform all Wall Street investments. It was rather for ideological reasons, feeling, as we did, that Israel, in addition to the philanthropic dollar, is in need of the investment dollar as well. We regarded it as a sort of Zionist mitzvah. In the process, however, we found out that it could be a profitable endeavor.

Not many people are aware that there are more than 100 Israeli stocks listed on the American exchanges, the vast majority of them on the Nasdaq. This is due to the fact that Israel has established itself as a world-recognized leader in the area of Hi-Tech. The industry of Hi-Tech accounts for two-thirds of Israel's GNP output and 80 percent of its industrial exports.

Optimism regarding Israel's economic future seems to be shared by the investment community and is recognized as an attractive venue for foreign investment, which has grown substantially in the 1990s, reaching \$3.7 billion in 1998 — 60 percent higher than in 1999.

Along Israel's Mediterranean coast, one can see the glass and steel office buildings of many well-known international companies, such as Motorola, Microsoft, Digital Equipment and Intel. Intel recently opened a \$20 million plant at the High-

Tech Industrial Park in Haifa and, so far, more than \$230 million has been invested in this R&D center.

It is interesting to note that, regardless of the general Israel economy, well-chosen stocks continue to prosper on the Wall Street market.

About a half year ago, America-On-Line purchased Mirabilis, an Israel high-tech company for more than \$250 million. And just recently BMC Software of Houston, Texas, bought Israel's New Dimension Software for more than \$650 million — the largest (yet) deal of its kind in Israel's history.

Israel is now in the midst of its pre-election frenzy of which David Rosenberg, a financial analyst of the *Jerusalem Report* expresses great optimism for the 1999 Israel marketplace. It certainly stands to reason that, with 70 percent of Israel's population favoring the Oslo Agreements, we surely can expect progress in that area. Such a giant step in the direction of peace will be reflected in increasing opportunities in Israel stocks.

Coming back home, a new 1999 Israel Investment Club has been recently organized by the R.I. Board of Rabbis with a moderate monthly dues for investment. We are pleased to announce that we have acquired a broker who is a first-class maven in Israeli stocks.

Anyone interested, may call Rabbi Leeman at 421-5364.

## Coming Home Fair!

Consulate General of Israel to New England and the Israel Aliyah Center present a "Coming Home Fair!" Meet vendors and shippers who specialize in goods and services for people considering moving to Israel, March 21 from noon to 4 p.m., Jewish Community Center of Brookline, 50 Sutherland Road (one block from Cleveland Circle).

The schedule for olim is as follows:

Noon to 12:15 p.m. — Greetings from Itzhak Levanon, The Consul General of Israel to New England; Jay Shofet, regional director, Israel Aliyah Center.

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. — Meet representatives of Gan-Ner — a community village in northern Israel offering excellent housing and absorption options.

1:40 to 3 p.m. — Panel of experts to overview shipping and customs issues.

Representatives from the following companies, among others, will be available to answer your questions throughout the day: Rainier Overseas, Balvin Export Trading, Revivim, ABC Trading, A.S.M., Worldwide Cargo, Astro TV & Appliances, Glo-Best, New England Household, Uniworld Cargo, Bondy, Eagle Electronics, Gentle Giant. Please R.S.V.P. to the Israel Aliyah Center (617) 457-8750, or <MassAliyah@aol.com>.

## Noted Author/Illustrator Coming to Providence

The Rhode Island Chapter of the Association of Jewish Librarians is sponsoring a visit by Mordicai Gerstein, award-winning author, illustrator and film animator. He will be giving a talk in Providence on March 21. Gerstein won the American Film Foundation's award for best children's video for his animated "Beauty and the Beast." Several of the books that he both authored and illustrated — *Arnold of the Ducks* (1983), *The Mountains of Tibet* (1987) and the recent *The Wild Boy of Aveyron* — were selected by the *New York Times Book Review* as among the 10 best illustrated and/or children's books of their respective years.

His books are wide-ranging in subject, style and age group addressed. The most recent are: *The Shadow of a Flying Bird*, *Jonah and the Two Great Fish*, and *Noah and the Great Flood*, retellings based on biblical and midrashic (rabbinic legendary) material.

Gerstein will be speaking from 10:15 to 11 on March 21 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, in conjunction with the Temple Beth-El Book Fair. His visit is funded by a grant from the DeRabbanan Fund of the Rhode Island Foundation, and is free and open to the public.

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## Swing Into Spring With Touro

Touro will hold a benefit for the Touro Welfare Fund on May 24, at Kirkbrae Country Club; 1 p.m.

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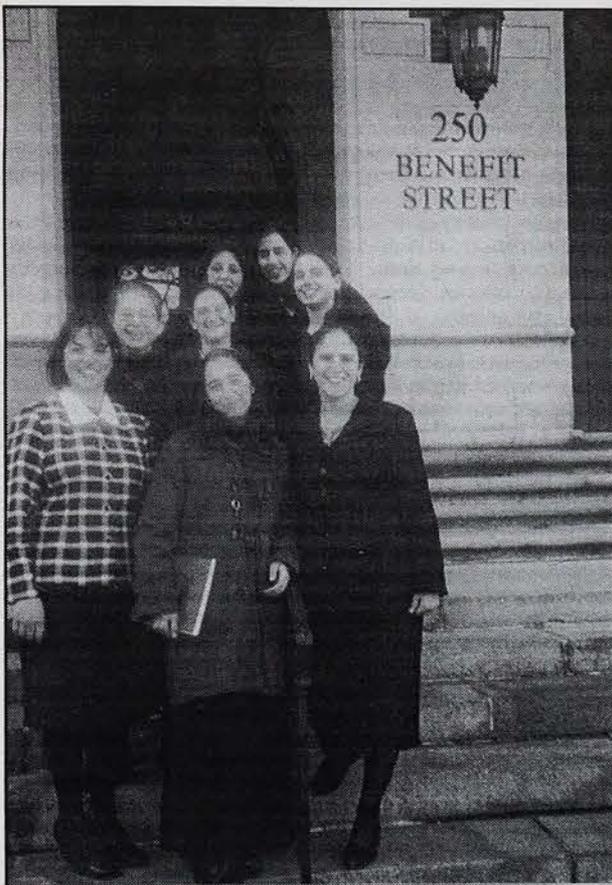
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## The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum and the New Generation

The perfect recipe went into the creation of a small, yet powerful organization almost 10 years ago. It called for strength, family, community and dedication. After much hard work, this ideal combination became the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Holocaust survivors, their children and their friends helped one another in creating an all-important institution whose mission would be to educate thousands of students and adults annually through speakers, film, a library, and the arts.

Today, the museum continues to grow and reach out to more than 4,000 students every year. The annual RIHMM arts and writing contest in middle and high schools proves how many students are curious in learning about the important lessons of the Holocaust. Recent art exhibits, an open forum and film series, prove that numerous adults and college students hope to continue to learn even more about one of the most tragic events that took place during the 20th century.

Now the museum hopes to continue with an older tradition, and one that is becoming more necessary throughout the world, a second and third generation organization.

In the next few months the RIHMM will be working to re-organize the important group of children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors from Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. (The first meeting is expected to take place in May.) If you are of the second or third generation and would like to become more involved, contact Tara V. Lisciandro, executive director, at the RIHMM, 453-7860.

All children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors are welcome; this organization will not be based on religious affiliation.

## Providence Hebrew Day School Hosts Model Seder

On March 25, the Providence Hebrew Day School will hold its annual Model Seder. All grades from kindergarten to grade six participate in this yearly event. Each class is given a role in the seder including the saying of Kiddush; the blessings over the matzah, the green vegetable and the charoset and the telling of the Passover story. Some of the younger classes tell the narration of the Pesach story using songs.

The students in the upper grades are seated throughout the room with the younger children so they can help guide them through the seder process. Parents and community guests are welcome to attend the model seder which is held in the Korn Auditorium at PHDS, 450 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

## JFS Invites Nominations For Statewide Family of The Year Award

Jewish Family Service has announced that nominations are now being accepted for its Fifth annual Family of the Year Award. Families throughout Rhode Island and surrounding areas are eligible to receive the award. Members of the community are invited to submit a profile of a family who exemplifies the best in family life.

Jewish Family Service, whose mission is to strengthen and support families, initiated the award as a way of providing recognition for families who typify positive qualities. Couples with young children, single parent families, childless couples, immigrants, retirees, large extended families, intergenerational families, multi-ethnic families are all considered for the award.

What strengths and values do we admire in family life? Is there a family who typifies these values? What are the everyday qualities that we take for granted, yet provide the basis

for a strong family unit? Jewish Family Service requests that you give some thought to these questions in making a nomination.

The rules for eligibility are simple:

1. A family is defined as more than one person.
2. At least one member of the family must be Jewish.
3. Individuals may nominate only one family.
4. Relatives of the staff of Jewish Family Service are not eligible.
5. Relatives of the Family of the Year Committee are not eligible.

The deadline for entries is **midnight, June 1**. Awards will be announced at the Jewish Family Service Annual Meeting on Oct. 20. Entries must be mailed or brought to Jewish Family Service at 229 Waterman St., Providence, RI 02906.

For nomination forms and additional information, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

## N.E.A.T. Participates in Mock Trial

Part of the education at the New England Academy of Torah involves extracurricular activities for the students. One of the most exciting and challenging of these activities is the Mock Trial team and its participation in this statewide event. The high school girls at N.E.A.T. train for many weeks in the procedures and strategies of the courtroom and the American judicial system. Each team is asked to prepare the prosecution or the defense case for a fictitious scenario. The competition involves participation in three mock trials against other schools from throughout Rhode Island. The girls at N.E.A.T. were fortunate to have two talented and dedicated advisors — Lori Newman, their faculty advisor, and Amy Strachman, their legal advisor.

*Photo courtesy of NEAT*

## JCCRI Will Hold Matzo Factory

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Chabad of Rhode Island present the second annual Matzo Factory on March 21 at the JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I., at 4 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 273-7238 or 861-8800.

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## JCCRI Summer Camps Announce New Adventures



The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island announces the introduction of three new summer specialty day camps. These options are offered on a weekly or multi-week basis as described below.

### JCCRI Travel Camp — A NEW Camp for Third- to Eighth-Graders

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Travel Camp for grades three through eight features an experienced staff guiding trips throughout the region. These are travel experiences everyday. Each week includes an overnight or a late night adventure. Campers will explore the riches of New England.

That's History! July 5 to 9. Highlights include Boston's Freedom Trail, Copley Square, Computer Museum, late night in Boston, Newport (Ft. Adams and Touro Synagogue), Salem, & more!

Water Week! July 12 to 16. Highlights include Water Country USA, Cape Cod's Water Wiz, Boston Aquarium, beach adventures and more!

Go West! Aug. 16 to 20. Highlights include NBA Hall of Fame, Riverside Amusement Park, beach adventures, overnight in Springfield, Mass., and more!

### Creativity Explodes with the new JCCRI Camp of the Arts — July 19 to 30.

The Jewish Community Center's Camp of the Arts is offered in conjunction with the Music School. It includes a two-week specialty camp designed to introduce your child to mu-

sic, fine arts and theater. There will be field trips and swimming as well. The summer will conclude with a special performance for parents and the entire camp.

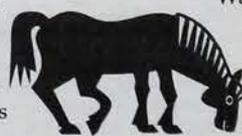
### Explore the Great Outdoors With Outdoor Adventure Camp

Outdoor Adventure Camp features activities and events designed to fulfill the desires of every young outdoor enthusiast. Campers will experience the amazing parks and recreation that New England has to offer. Highlights of the first week include: hiking, canoeing, rollerblading, and Yawgoo Valley Water Park. Highlights

for week two include: driving range, hiking, horseback riding. Two weeks are offered: Aug. 2 to 6 and Aug. 9 to 13.

A very popular benefit to the Summer Camps of the JCCRI is the ability to mix or match weeks with other JCCRI camps. In addition to these three new specialty camps, the JCCRI offers traditional summer daycamp options. Campers may participate in as few as one or as many as nine weeks of camping options.

JCCRI camps run from June 28 through Aug. 27 with Transition Week programs offered the week prior and after camp. The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, with more than 58 years of camping experience, offers camps for age 2 through the 10th grade. For a full-color brochure or for more information on the summer camps of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island call Rick Caplan at 861-8800.



# You Can Make A Difference

by Mark S. Mandell, Esq.  
"What difference can one person make?"

At times, it seems the fight to safeguard the health and well-being of our families and children is a never-ending battle against larger, more powerful entities. Who among us has not had this oft-used lament pop into our heads when confronted with difficult or troubling situations?

Well, perish that thought, because you can make a difference in the safety of America's families. In fact, it was the efforts of one family and lawyer in Wisconsin that significantly contributed to the recent recall of a dangerous child stroller from store shelves.

On Feb. 17, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Cosco Inc. of Columbus, Ind., announced the recall of almost 60,000 "Geoby Two Ways" tandem strollers, model numbers 01-644 and 01-645 (with car seat), manufactured from February 1997 through February 1998.

And it was a New Berlin, Wis., family's reporting of this dangerous stroller to a local attorney that contributed to this safety step.

On July 9, 1998, Katrine Friis, now age 2, was securely fastened in a Cosco's "Two Ways" tandem stroller with her twin brother when, without warning, the stroller collapsed. Katrine was thrown onto the

street. Her arm was caught in the stroller's locking system, which cut her flesh and caused her arm to fracture. Wanting to prevent this from ever happening to another family, the Friis family contacted Jay Urban and the Milwaukee law firm of Techmeier & Van Grunsven.

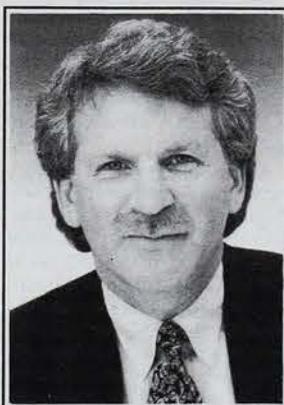
When Urban started to investigate these strollers, he discovered that the weak locking mechanism (small metal triangles and plastic clips) was responsible for the collapse. Cosco even sold a stronger replacement mechanism for more money, a seeming acknowledgment of the weakness of the normal mechanism, but consumers were never made aware of this.

Cosco also had received 3,000 complaints about the stroller without informing the CPSC. Amazingly, a simple pin would have made the basic locking mechanism stronger and safer on these strollers.

Concerned about his findings and the potential danger to other children, Urban contacted the CPSC through its Web site to notify the safety agency of this dangerous stroller. Urban and the Friis family also provided the stroller that injured Katrine to the CPSC for confirmation testing. The CPSC's decision to issue a recall is based in part on their efforts.

"The Friis family's first thought was how can we help

prevent this terrible thing from happening to other young children," recalls Urban. "My wife and I are expecting a child this summer and have been shopping for strollers. I couldn't believe that a company could



Mark S. Mandell, Esq.

know that its baby product was hazardous, market a replacement part, and not tell consumers about the present danger."

Urban's decision to do something about dangerous children's products, such as this collapsible stroller, came in response to both the CPSC's recent request for America's lawyers to report potentially dangerous products and toys, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America's call for lawyers to become a part of its

"Keep Our Families Safe" initiative, a long-range national project aimed at improving and safeguarding the health and well-being of America's children and families.

Taking on a multi-million dollar corporation can be a daunting task. "But the more we thought about it, we just couldn't let this peril go unnoticed by consumers," Urban said.

What the Friis family and Urban have done is a shining example of the difference American consumers can make each and every day across this country. The recall of this defective child stroller proves that families, consumer groups, lawyers and businesses can work

together to reach a common goal — protecting the health, safety and well-being of children, our most precious commodity.

For more information on the stroller recall, consumers should either call Cosco at (800) 221-6736 or visit the CPSC Web site at <<http://www.cpsc.gov>>.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <<http://familysafety.atla.org>>.

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## Professor

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searching for work, not those who were looking and are no longer," said Hirsch.

The study, which looked at the state's 21 emergency and domestic violence shelters for the Fiscal 1998 [July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998] found an overall downward trend of homelessness in Rhode Island over the last four years. The report showed a decline in the number of clients over those four years which resulted in fewer total nights provided by the state's shelter system. But, the system still served 3,657 people over 128,000 nights last year, and for Hirsch, that's 3,657 people too many.

"That's not to say that the problem is no longer." According to Hirsch, the reason for the decline may be attributed to the good economy and the tougher domestic violence laws in the state.

In 1991, the number of women seeking assistance from a domestic violence shelter was 1,015, but in 1997-98, the years of this study, that number decreased significantly to 570. Although the overall number

dropped, the shelters, according to Deborah DeBare, executive director of the RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, are seeing those women stay longer than in years past. Both DeBare and Hirsch agree that the decline is directly attributed to Rhode Island's get tough attitude on domestic violence.

In Rhode Island, when a police officer is called to the scene of a proposed domestic violence situation, he is mandated, under the state's domestic violence law, to remove the primary aggressor as long as probable cause is evident [i.e. bruises, cuts, broken furniture], and the state just recently passed tough domestic violence legislation, including a law which would make it difficult for batterers to locate former partners through the state's voting records.

"We're not naive when it comes to homelessness," said Hirsch. "I know that we won't cure the problem overnight, but what I hope is that we can open the eyes of the people of this state that homelessness is a serious problem which affects everyone in one way or another."

## Chamish Calls For an End to Rabin Cover-up

Israel Wire

Noted journalist and author Barry Chamish has announced he has had enough and will increase his efforts to bring an end to what he calls the cover-up surrounding the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

"In light of the upcoming elections and the deepening prospect of the complete corruption of our democratic system, I have decided to take action to let the public have all the facts before casting their votes. It is clear that the government's promise to indict Avishai Raviv was broken and that there is no intention of permitting the public to know the truth about the Rabin assassination."

On March 10, Chamish submitted a complaint to Tel-Aviv police against Dr. Yehuda Hiss, the state pathologist, for medical malpractice and evidence tampering.

"I will present Dr. Hiss' pathological report which stated that Yitzhak Rabin suffered no damage to his spinal cord, nor was wounded by a frontal chest wound. I will then submit Dr. Mordechai Gutman's surgical procedures report, the surgical summation signed by five of Gutman's staff, and taped testimony of Drs. Gabi Barabash, general manager of Ichilov Hospital and former Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, all reporting the shattered backbone and

frontal chest wound."

Chamish adds that his legal advisor confirms that the evidence against Dr. Hiss is overwhelming and under normal circumstances would lead to his prosecution. However, he warns, the police in controversial cases close complaints, even with this kind of evidence over the all-purpose excuse, "Lack of public interest."

Chamish believes that the way to neutralize such a tactic by police is to have as many people sign and witness the complaint as possible.

He explains that the altering of the medical evidence is the weak link in the Rabin assassination cover-up.

## Duties of the Soul From UAHC Press Examines Mitzvot in Modern Life

In a debate that is timely as today's headlines and timeless as Torah, modern Jews are grappling with the nature of mitzvot (or commandments) — What exactly are mitzvot? Do they change with time and place? To guide concerned Jews in this dialogue, the UAHC Press has just published *Duties of the Soul: The Role of Commandments in Liberal Judaism*, a collection of essays by leading rabbis of the Reform movement.

All of the writers share a commitment to the centrality of mitzvah, as well as the belief that mitzvah will be the key to Jewish continuity and the basis for its spiritual renewal, but leave open the questions about how to in-

corporate commandments, ritual, and observance into a life of integrity. Contributors include Eric H. Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Herbert Bronstein, author of the Reform movement's *Passover Haggadah*; Elyse D. Frishman, spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, The Barnert Temple, in Franklin Lakes, N.J., and author of *Haneivot*.

The release of the book coincides with the current debate in Reform synagogues across North America about Rabbi Richard Levy's proposed 10 principles defining basic beliefs of the movement. But the role of mitzvot has his-

torically been controversial in Reform Judaism, from the 1885 Pittsburgh Platform of the Central Conference of American Rabbis that disregarded traditional Jewish observance, to the 1935 Columbus Platform, which showed a greater appreciation for this tradition, and up through the decades since World War II.

Because this is an important book for individual as well as group study, a discussion guide for *Duties of the Soul* is being prepared and will be posted this spring on the UAHC Press web site at <[www.uahcpress.com](http://www.uahcpress.com)>.

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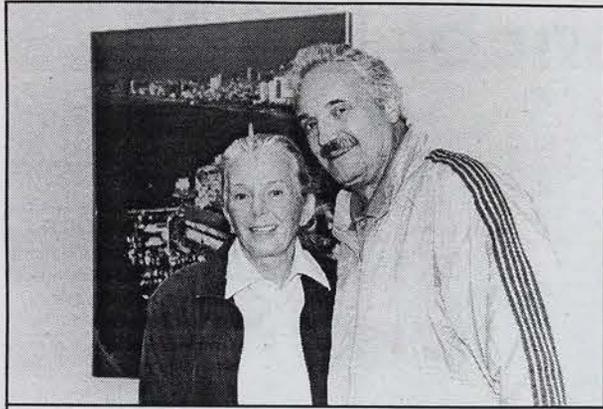
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# FEATURE



## Hal Linden and Frances Board EL AL For Israel

Actor Hal Linden, best known for his role in television's "Barney Miller" as well as numerous Broadway performances, is joined here by his wife, Frances, before boarding their EL AL flight to Israel. The two were traveling to Israel as part of the annual Leadership Mission of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Linden was recently selected as the official spokesperson for the JNF.

*Photo courtesy of EL AL Airlines*

## Indyk and Assad Meet in Syria

An Israel Defense Forces spokesperson confirmed on March 14 Lebanese reports of intense Israeli activity in Lebanese skies, but refused to specify the purpose of the operation, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Meanwhile, one South Lebanon Army soldier was wounded recently when a roadside bomb planted by Hizbullah exploded. Several other mortar attacks on SLA posts took place in the security zone over the weekend.

United States envoy Martin Indyk met recently with Syrian President Hafez Assad to discuss the situation in southern Lebanon and its impact on a possible resumption of Israeli-Syrian peace talks. Simultaneously, the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon was driven out of the Bek'a Valley by students rioting against Israel and the United States.

## Cabinet Reaffirms Sovereignty Over United Jerusalem

(Israel Line) — On March 14, the Cabinet rejected the European Union's position on the status of Jerusalem as expressed in a letter sent by Germany's ambassador to Israel, Theodor Wallau, to Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon on March 1, *Ha'aretz* reported. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Wallau after the cabinet meeting to discuss the correspondence.

In his meeting with the German ambassador, Netanyahu said he hoped Germany would be especially sensitive to issues close to the hearts of the people of Israel. "The internationalization of Jerusalem is a sure recipe for interreligious strife," Netanyahu told Wallau.

A statement released by the Cabinet after the meeting read, "The stance according to which Jerusalem constitutes a 'Corpus Separatum' (separate entity) is incorrect, both from the factual and the legal point of view, and is completely unacceptable to Israel.

"Jerusalem is the capital of the Jewish people. This is anchored in the Basic Law: Jerusalem — the capital of Israel, which determines that 'United Jerusalem is the capital of Israel' ... Israel will not agree under any circumstances to the division of internationalization of Jerusalem, which will remain forever under the exclusive sovereignty of Israel."

The Cabinet also decided that Netanyahu and Sharon would order Israeli missions in Europe and throughout the world to start an information campaign on the subject, with the involvement of local Jewish communities and friends of Israel.

## Parties Prepare For Elections

(Israel Line) — Leaders of the Moledet, Herut and Tkuma parties recently signed an agreement to join forces and establish a unified list for the upcoming elections *Ma'ariv* reported.

The new body is as yet unnamed, though a joint platform was agreed upon. The joint platform promotes the preservation of Israeli territory, opposition to the Oslo Accords, Wye River Memorandum and the Hebron Agreement. It also seeks to promote the issues of Jewish education, social justice and immigrant absorption.

The agreement excludes mention of Herut leader Benny Begin's candidacy for prime minister in order to separate the sponsorship of his campaign from the bloc.

Another issue which was omitted from the agreement is Moledet's position in support of transferring Palestinians to Arab countries.

*Ma'ariv* also reported that the Third Way will elect its Knesset candidates despite recent resignation of one of the party's forefathers, Emanuel Zisman.

The National Agreement Committee formed by the Arab-Israeli sector is working to unite the Arab parties and consolidate the various independent lists into two main Arab lists.

Meanwhile, *Yediot Aharonot* reported that the Center Party is forming its list of candidates for the Knesset and intends to publish it in the coming week. During deliberations on March 16, the party decided to pre-determine spots for representatives of the religious, minority, youth and immigrant sectors.

## Israel and PA Show Progress on Prisoner Release

(Israel Line) — A Palestinian official said recently that there is progress on the issue of prisoners' release between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Israel Radio, *Kol Yisrael*, reported.

*The Jerusalem Post* reported that the government is considering the release of some 100 Palestinian prisoners on the occasion of the Muslim feast of Id al-Adha at the end of March, according to an official at the prime minister's office.

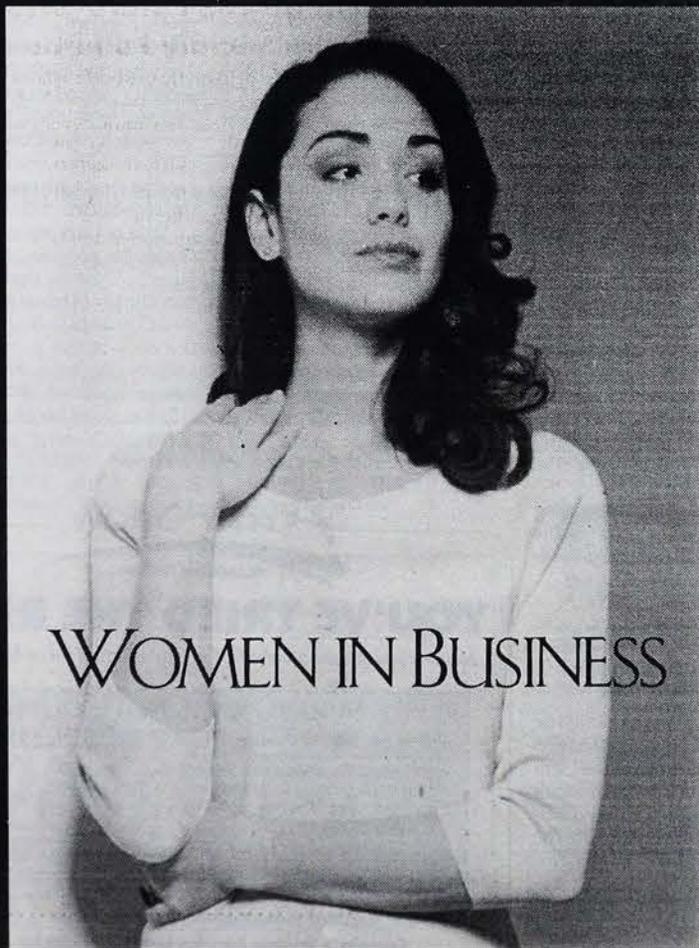
These prisoners would be counted as part of the 750 prisoners that Israel committed itself to releasing under the Wye River Memorandum. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's spokesman, Aviv Bushinsky, confirmed the premier's plans to release prisoners before the feast, but he said no number had been finalized.

The official in the Prime Minister's office emphasized that contrary to reports, no prisoners "with blood on their hands" would be released. The definition of "blood on their hands" remains somewhat vague, as it is not clear whether the phrase refers to those who indirectly assisted in attacks, those who planned them, or those who killed non-Jews.

*Ha'Tzofe* reported that a special Foreign Ministry report on the status of the Wye River Memorandum states that "no verification has been received that the 30 wanted terrorists that the Palestinian side undertook to detain are actually in genuine custody."

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## AARP Cracks Down on Medicare Fraud

To be a good crime fighter, one doesn't need nerves of steel, a black belt or powerful weapons to get the bad guys. In fact, thousands of senior citizens throughout Rhode Island — and across the country — have recently volunteered as the front line of defense in the largest

in 1998. While the U.S. Treasury loses billions of dollars each year, a new AARP survey on consumer attitudes towards health care fraud indicates that 79 percent of respondents agree that something can be done to reduce health care fraud. In addition, almost all respondents (90 percent) agree that it is their personal responsibility to report suspected health care fraud, and 85 percent indicate that they would be more inclined to report fraud if they knew more about it.

To learn how to recognize Medicare fraud, AARP asks beneficiaries to regularly review their Medicare statements and follow a three-step plan to fight Medicare fraud, outlined in a free consumer booklet published

by AARP.

The plan encourages beneficiaries to first ask some simple questions when reviewing their Medicare statements:

- Did I receive the services or products for which Medicare is being billed?
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- And, to the best of my judgment, is the service or product necessary given my health condition?

Then, if a beneficiary spots something questionable on a Medicare statement, he or she is instructed to call the provider or Medicare insurance company for a second opinion. If the charge is most likely fraudulent, beneficiaries should call the Medicare fraud hotline at (800) 447-TIPS (8477).

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## A Philosophical Point of View...

by George Bonin  
Pawtucket, RI

Sam and Tillie were anxiously awaiting the arrival of their son, Meyer, from a distant college for the mid-term vacation. They hadn't seen him since he left more than a year ago, and now they could hardly wait to hear about his college life.

At last, Meyer arrives. "Hello, Mother. Hello, Dad."

Sam looks around him. "Who is he talking to, Tillie? Is there anybody else in the room?"

Meyer looks surprised. "I'm talking to you, Dad."

"Dad? What kind of a name is that for a Papa? Don't you say Papa anymore?"

"Oh! Dad, that's so old-fashioned. Nobody says Papa at the university."

"Is that so? Fancy-shmancy you have become. So, how is college? What are you studying? Are you going to become a doctor?"

"No."

"A dentist?"

"No."

"An accountant?"

"Dad, no!"

By now Sam is starting to get worried. "Maybe a builder?"

"No."

"A garbage collector?"

"Dad, no!"

"So, what are you studying for?"

"I'm studying philosophy!"

"What? Philosophy? What kind of a job is that? Who hires philosophy students — the Republicans?"

"Dad, philosophers are very important to the intellectual climate of the world. They write books, give lectures, teach, and a lot of other good things."

"So, what are you specializing in this philosophy, if I might be so bold to inquire?"

"Well, right now I'm studying Nothing."

Sam came to a grinding halt. "What did you say? What do you mean nothing? I'm paying out thousands of dollars for you to study nothing?"

"Not only that Dad, I'm also studying 'Something,' and the more we study the great philosophers, the more we find out that something is nothing, and nothing is something."

Tillie, did you hear that? Nothing with Something. You hear?"

"Not only that, Dad, I'm also studying 'I am,' and 'I am not.' These are things philosophers deal with!"

"You are and you aren't? Tillie, hold me back, because I'm going to break every bone in his body. Thousands of dollars I'm paying he should find out if he is or he isn't!"

But, somehow, Meyer convinces his parents that his studies are important, and Sam goes to his usual poker game, resolved to show off his newfound knowledge.

"Hello, boys, cut me in. By the way, are you or are you not?"

"Sam, are we, or are we not what? What's this malarkey all of a sudden? Louis, I think our friend Sam is suddenly going a little 'la-de-la!"

This is serious, fellas. My son, Meyer, who is home from college, tells us that we're not sure if we are, or if we are not, and that something is nothing, and nothing is something. So who exists here for me to deal to?"

The boys look at each other. "Sam, why don't you go home, take a couple of aspirins and lie down a while. When you finally decide who exists here, come back and deal. Otherwise, go to your son and discuss something with nothing or anything with anybody, or whatever they're teaching in that nutty college, but please don't louse up our poker game, okay? Goodbye,

and good luck (we think)."

I wonder if philosophy were introduced to sports, would it change the old saying, "It's not the winning that counts, but how you play the game?"

Of course, the best example of sportsmanship is professional football. Here the game is truly played for enjoyment, not for winning. Here it is conducted on a higher level.

"Pardon me — excuse me and my bad manners, my dear chap. Did I hurt you? I'm sorry I stepped on your face with my cleats. I'm really sorry to have tackled you so hard. Oh, did I rip your gorgeous nylon outfit? Did I break your collarbone? I'm truly sorry. But I do adore that new bend in your nose. How gauche of me!"

"Perhaps I can make it up to you by taking you to the ballet when you can walk. Accept my deepest sympathies. And by the way, give my best regards to your sweet coach. Thanks loads. Ta-Ta, to you and the other lovely lads. They acted like perfect gentlemen!"

Oh, how gentlemanly! How considerate! You see, winning isn't everything. "It's the way you play the game that counts!"

Philosophy — horse chips!

Although Mr. Bonin is not Jewish, he wrote this piece after getting the idea from a Jewish friend he lives near at a condominium complex in Florida.

## 'Light Up The Future' With Leukemia Society Fund-Raiser

The Leukemia Society of America, Rhode Island Chapter, is asking for your support in their new fund-raiser, "Light Up the Future." This fund-raiser invites all candle lovers to purchase a "candle basket" which includes six scented votive candles, one glass votive candleholder, and a book of matches. Baskets can be purchased for \$10, which includes tax and delivery. The goal of the fund-raiser is to sell one votive candle for every American who will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease or myeloma this year — 105,000 Americans.

All candle lovers are given a choice of four baskets: winter, spring, summer and fall. Each season has corresponding scented votives such as **winter**: balsam fir, bayberry, cranberry, gingerbread, mulberry and warm apple pie; **spring**: country baby, honey dew, lemon drop, lilac, rain and rain dance; **summer**: blueberry, citrus, country heather, lily of the valley, peach, and watermelon; **fall**: banana nut bread, cinnamon, French vanilla, hazelnut, pumpkin spice, and sugar cookie.

Orders can be placed up until April 12 with delivery promised by April 30. If you would like to support the Leukemia Society's "Light Up the Future" fund-raiser along with Lite 105 and ABC 6, call either the Leukemia Society at 943-8888, or Kensington Candle Company at 463-1797 for more information.



crackdown against Medicare fraud, waste and abuse in U.S. history.

AARP, in a unique partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Justice, is actively recruiting Medicare beneficiaries as part of a major public education and outreach campaign called, "Who pays? You Pay. Report Medicare Fraud." With seniors signing up to join this effort in droves, Medicare now has a new army dedicated to fighting fraud, waste and abuse.

Medicare is the nation's only guaranteed health care protection, serving 37 million beneficiaries across the country. Because the nation's health care system is vast — with more than 900 million Medicare claims filed each year — unscrupulous providers find ways to steal billions of dollars from the system each year.

According to the Office of the Inspector General, Medicare fraud, waste and abuse cost taxpayers more than \$12.6 billion

## Spring Educational Series For Cancer Patients and Their Families

The Leukemia Society, Rhode Island Chapter, is sponsoring three upcoming lectures as part of its monthly family support group for cancer patients and their families. Always on the last Tuesday evening of the month, the first of this series will take place on March 30 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be the role of nutrition during chemotherapy, and it will be presented by two senior dietitians from Rhode Island Hospital.

Future lectures will include a presentation by the medical director of the Rhode Island Blood Center on the latest blood products and treatments available, and a lecture on Social Security Disability by local attorney, David Green.

All lectures are free, and no advance notice is required to attend. The Educational Series will take place on the last Tuesday of the months of March, April, and May at The Providence Marriott Hotel located at One Orms Street from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lectures are open to all cancer patients and their family members and are intended for an adult audience.

All programs will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**March 30** — What You Didn't Know About Nutrition & Chemotherapy — Senior Dietitians from R.I. Hospital.

**April 27** — Update on the Latest Blood Products — Dr. Carolyn Young, medical director, R.I. Blood Center

**May 25** — Social Security Disability — David Green, attorney

## Medicines and You

Know The Facts

Comprehensive Adult Day Center in conjunction with the University of Rhode Island will hold a discussion on guidelines to using your medication. The program scheduled for March 24 at 10:30 a.m. will be held at Comprehensive Adult Day Center at 229 Waterman St., Providence.

The program will highlight information regarding the do's and don'ts of using your medications and important questions to ask your doctor and pharmacist. The discussion will be led by Bob Saratelli from URI College of Pharmacy.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Renowned Organist Joins Bach Celebration

In celebration of the 314th anniversary of the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents an organ concert by Bine Katrine Bryndorf of Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 21, at 4 p.m. Bryndorf will play a concert of organ works by various composers on the historic Hutchings-Votey organ in Sayles Hall on the Brown University Campus in Providence, R.I. A reception to meet the guest artist will be held after the concert. Tickets are \$12 for general public and \$8 for RIAGO members and students.



Bine Katrine Bryndorf

On March 20, Bryndorf will teach a Masterclass in Sayles Hall at 10 a.m. General admission is \$5. R.I. Guild members will be admitted free.

### RI Philharmonic Presents NY City Opera National Company's Production of 'Madama Butterfly'

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present the New York City Opera National Company in a performance of Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" on March 26 at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. One of the great tragedies of the opera repertoire, "Madama Butterfly" tells the tale of a lovely geisha who falls in love with an American Naval lieutenant, forsaking her family and their religion for his, and who is ultimately betrayed by him as he deserts her and marries an American woman. When he returns to Japan with his new wife, Butterfly agrees to give up their son, and chooses to die with honor rather than to live in disgrace.

Tickets for "Madama Butterfly" are available at the Philharmonic Box Office, located at 22

Richmond St., Providence, and may be purchased by phone (831-3123) using MasterCard or Visa, or in person during box office hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Available tickets are priced at \$20, \$25, \$35 and \$45, with discounts for students, seniors and groups of 10 or more. The Rhode Island Philharmonic box office charges no service fees.

Beginning March 22, tickets for "Madama Butterfly" will also be available at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium box office 272-4862. VMA box office hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. All tickets purchased through the VMA box office are subject to a \$1 restoration fee. VMA also charges an additional convenience fee of \$4.50 per ticket for all phone orders.

### R.I. Authors Visit Books on the Square

David Gitlitz and Linda Kay Davidson will come to Books on the Square on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. to sign *A Drizzle of Honey: The Lives and Recipes of Spain's Secret Jews* (St. Martin's Press \$29.95). The Wakefield, R.I., husband-wife Jewish history scholars, professors and authors will also bring samples of the recipes that included in the book for attendees to taste during the signing.

Drawing on references to Sephardic cuisine from the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Gitlitz and Davidson have recreated recipes that feature ingredients easily tailored for modern cooks. The recipes combine medieval Christian and Islamic traditional foods, such as lamb, beef, fish, eggplant, chickpeas and greens with flavorful seasonings such as saffron, mace, ginger and cinnamon. As with the cuisine of the crypto-Jews, a drizzle of honey or a sprinkling of sugar adds a finishing touch to modernized recreations of 15th- and 16th-century dishes.

Along with the recipes are inserts of the period food's social and political analysis. Many of the Converso Jews, although converted to Catholicism under duress, struggled to privately retain their Jewish identity by maintaining kosher dietary practices. The Inquisitors used these household habits as testimony in heresy trials in an effort to root out heretics. These accompanying stories reveal the lives of those who created the recipes.

Gitlitz and Davidson teach at the University of Rhode Island, and have written several books on Spanish culture. Gitlitz wrote *Secrecy and Deceit* which won the 1996 National Jewish Book Award for Sephardic Studies and the 1997 Lucy B. Dawidowicz Prize for History.

### Arthur Marx to Speak at Boston University

Arthur Marx, noted writer and son of Groucho Marx, will speak on his life and career on March 22 at Boston University. The talk will be at 6 p.m. in the Metcalf Hall in the George Sherman Union, 775 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

Born in New York on July 21, 1921, Arthur Marx's career spans more than 60 years as a successful tournament tennis player, comedy writer, novelist, biographer, playwright, and television producer. His 1954 biography of his father, *Life with Groucho*, was one of the first biographies of show business luminaries to attract critical literary acclaim.

Marx's work in television includes producer of the "Mickey Rooney Show," 1964; comedy writer for major network shows such as "All in the Family," "Maude," and "The Jefferson," and story consultant and script writer for the series "Alice," 1977-1981.

For information call (617) 353-3696.

### Jobson and Read Host 'Salute to Sailing'

#### A Look Back at Key West Race Week

Attention all sailors! What a better way to hear what went on during Key West race week and what's going on behind the scenes as we all anxiously await the 2000 America's Cup in New Zealand than to attend the inaugural Salute to Sailing — hosted by renown sailors Gary Jobson and Ken Read in conjunction with the Leukemia Society of America? March 24 at the Newport Yacht Club from 7 to 9 p.m. is where and when this premier event will take place. Seating is limited so reserve your seat now!

Jobson, a world class sailor, author, columnist and editor-at-large for *Sailing World* magazine, ESPN commentator, and chairman of the Leukemia Cup regatta series will make yet another appearance at a Leukemia Cup regatta fund-raising event. Teaming up with Ken Read of North Sails, who is a two-time Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, winner of the 1997 Admiral's Cup and more recently "Helmsman Team Dennis Connor, for the 2000 America's Cup," this sailing duo is not only interested in enlightening all about

the latest events in the sailing industry, but also trying to raise much-needed funds to help the Leukemia Society of America in its mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma while improving the quality of life to patients and their families.

The Salute to Sailing is presented as a kick-off for the sailing season as well as for the Rhode Island Chapter's Leukemia Cup regatta. Your \$50 donation into the event provides you with admission into the lecture and a long sleeve mock turtle-

neck commemorating the inaugural Salute to Sailing. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be offered. Boat registration and fund-raising materials will be available to you if you are interested in entering your boat into the 1999 Leukemia Cup regatta occurring on Aug. 21 at Sail Newport in Fort Adams State Park.

If you are interested in reserving a seat at Salute to Sailing or in obtaining information about the Leukemia Cup Regatta, call 943-8888 or e-mail <brindlet@ri.leukemia.org>. Check out our website at <www.leukemia.org/regatta>.



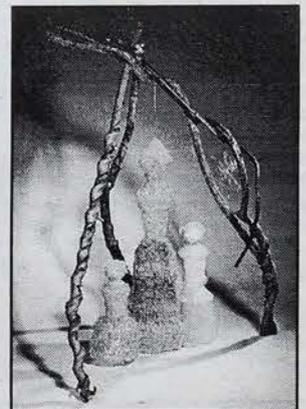
### Providence Art Club Show

Providence Art Club presents a "Three Person Show," featuring assemblage, painting and sculpture by Marge Dalenius, Linda Di Frenna and Carol Simon Rosenblatt.

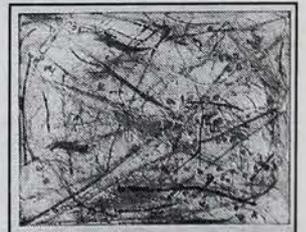
These three artists are finding that their work has a surprising similarity in their use of found objects, paint, ink and fiber. However, the results are quite different, reflecting the artist's own experiences.

By using found objects, these artists find that they can create a rebirth of cherished, collected and subconsciously stored images. They hope to communicate a feeling of rebirth to the viewer.

"Three Person Show" is at the Providence Art Club, Main Gallery, 11 Thomas Street, Providence. Dates are March 21



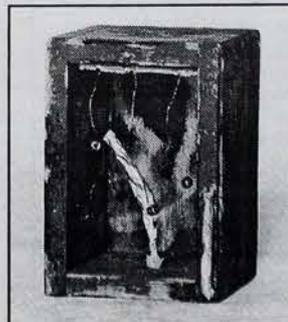
Marge Dalenius



Carol Simon Rosenblatt

through April 9, opening reception March 21, 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday noon to 3 p.m. and Sunday 3 to 5 p.m.

All exhibitions are free and open to the public.



Linda Di Frenna

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Sunset Boulevard' Descends on PPAC

"Sunset Boulevard," starring Petula Clark, is coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center for eight performances, March 23 through 28.

Based on Billy Wilder's acclaimed 1950 film, "Sunset Boulevard" is a passionate love story set on Hollywood's street of dreams and tells the story of a young, down-on-his-luck screenwriter, Joe Gillis, and his fateful meeting with Norma Desmond, a legendary star of the silent screen forgotten by her fans. Andrew Lloyd Webber's sweeping, romantic melodies soar against the glamorous backdrop of 1950's Hollywood, from the Paramount Pictures backlot, to Schwab's famous drugstore, to the decadent

splendor of Norma Desmond's mansion.

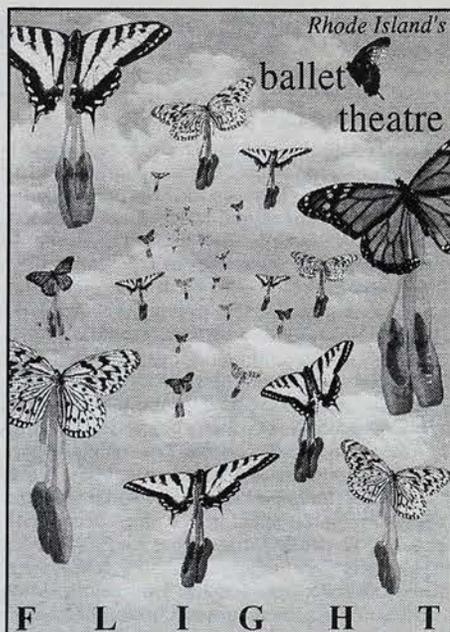
Performance times for "Sunset Boulevard" are Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$36 to \$50. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Providence Performing Arts Center box office and Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call 421-ARTS or Ticketmaster at 331-2211. For groups of 20 or more tickets, call 421-2997, ext. 3121. For current show listings and other information about the Providence Performing Arts Center, visit our website at <www.ppac.ri.org>.

## Rhode Island's ballet theatre Takes Flight

Rhode Island's ballet theatre is performing at the Carriage House Theater in Providence, on March 26, 27 and 28. The diverse show includes classically oriented ballet, but also many surprises.

The company has been evolving over time and consistent with the theme of learning and growing RIbt is taking its first steps into the air, attempting flight, which is the name of the show. Pieces include: "Celtic Reflections" — a neo-classical presentation; "1, 2, 3 — etc." — a modern work; "Les Petits Riens" — a classical ballet set to Mozart, and others. Nancy McAuliffe, artistic director, said, "We're also tentatively presenting a reprise of 'Roar of Thunder/Whisper of Wind,' the karate ballet piece which was so successful at our performance at Rhode Island College. It would have tremendous impact in such a small space."

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Theater, 7 Duncan Ave., Providence, on March 26 and 27. It continues at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on March 28. Tickets are \$12. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 847-5301.



## It's a Birthday Celebration For Bach

The Brown University Chorus will mark the 314th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach by presenting the Seventh annual William Erney Memorial Concert. The benefit performance will feature sacred music for voice and organ composed by various members of the Bach family. The birthday bash will take place in Sayles Hall on March 20 at 8 p.m. Sayles Hall is located on The College Green.

Under the direction of choral conductor Frederick Jodry, the celebration will feature the 45-voice ensemble performing the double-choir motet "Fürchte dich nicht" ("Be Not Afraid") by J.S. Bach.

The choir will then showcase the music of other family mem-

bers when it performs Johann Christoph's "Lieber Herr, Gott" ("Dear Lord, God") and Johann Michael's "Unser Leben ist ein Schatten" ("Our Life is But a Shadow"). The anniversary concert will continue with two madrigals by P.D.Q. Bach (a.k.a., Peter Schickele), the long forgotten black sheep of the family.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the choir's summer Italian tour. Tickets, which can be purchased in advance at the Orwig Music Building, are \$9 for the general public, \$6 for senior citizens and university employees, and \$3 for students. The Orwig Music Building is on the corner of Hope Street and Orchard Avenue. For additional information, contact the music department at 863-3234.

## Fiesta Para Todos!

At Roger Williams Park Zoo

Counting the days until spring? Escape the winter doldrums with a rainforest tour on March 27 at Roger Williams Park Zoo. Fiesta Para Todos or "party for everyone" is a celebration of the zoo's Tropical America exhibit and aspects of Latin American culture. During the daylong celebration, there will be South American storytelling, Latin music and special rainforest programs. Zoo docents will lead visitors on tours to learn more about the zoo's rainforest dwellers such as cotton top tamarins, emerald tree boas and poison dart frogs. Children can make and take home origami frogs and snake mobiles at special craft stations.

To complete the celebration, visitors can sample foods from the rainforest and traditional treats found at festivals in Latin America at a special zoo concession stand. In addition, dancers from the MET school in Providence will perform a merengue dance at the beginning of two storytelling performances being held at 1 and 2 p.m. in the Meller-Danforth Education Center. From 10 a.m. to noon children are invited to drop by the Education Center for animal interviews, games and merengue lessons.

All activities at the fiesta are being held indoors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are free with regular zoo admission.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children 3 to 12 and seniors. For more information, call 785-3510, ext. 320.

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Tickets for this one-night only event are on sale now for \$11.50, \$18, and \$23 at the Zeiterion box office. Call (508) 994-2900 for information and tickets. The box office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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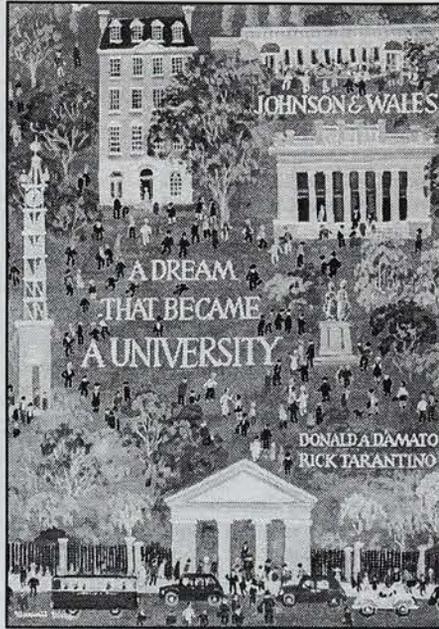
## Johnson & Wales Celebrates New Book

*Chronicle A Dream That Became a University*

Many people have uttered the phrase, "I should write these things down," but few people ever do. That's where Rick Tarantino is different. As director of advancement and alumni relations for Johnson & Wales University, he had spent many years listening to the stories of Dr. Morris J.W. Gaebe, chancellor of Johnson & Wales and the man who has guided the university's development and growth for more than 50 years.

Using the tales told by Gaebe and other long-time Johnson & Wales employees as a springboard, Tarantino and Rhode Island historian and author Donald A. D'Amato began researching the university's rich history. Loaded with pictures and first-person accounts, the book is the definitive history of Johnson & Wales University. It begins with the opening of a small secretarial school by Gertrude Johnson and Mary Wales in 1914; recalls the purchase of Johnson & Wales by Gaebe and the late Edward P. Triangolo and the institution's enormous growth under their leadership; and concludes with a portrait of the university today.

*A Dream That Became a University* is \$35 for an unsigned copy and \$50 for a copy signed by the authors, plus \$4.95 for shipping and handling. All proceeds benefit the Johnson & Wales University Alumni Scholarship Fund. For more information or to order a book, contact the office of alumni relations at (800) JWU-ALUM or 598-1072.



## 'Swing Into Spring With The Biggest Band in Town!'

The Friends Society of the Rhode Island Philharmonic will host its 22nd annual spring benefit auction, "Swing into Spring with the Biggest Band in Town!" on March 27 at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, off Broad Street, Cranston. In addition to the traditional silent and live auctions, this year "Swing into Spring with the Biggest Band in Town!" will feature dancing to swing music played by the Rhode Island Philharmonic and Ritz Roof Orchestras.

There will be more than 300 auction items on the silent auction block, contributed by donors from throughout Rhode Island. The live auction includes several exceptional items: a framed triptych drawing by the acclaimed Rhode Island artist, Alfred Di Credico, a glass vessel contrib-

uted by Toots Zynsky, one of the world's greatest glass-makers, two baby grand pianos contributed by Avery Piano, tickets to this summer's Ryder Cup, and reservations for two at millennium dinner at XO Cafe. The New Year's dinner at XO Cafe includes complimentary limousine service so the winning couple can enjoy rare wines from Thomas Jefferson's era through today.

Tickets to the event are \$60 per person. Corporate and patron tables for 10 cost \$1,000, and \$750, respectively. Corporate

sponsors and patrons will enjoy a champagne reception and auction preview, "The Joint is Jumpin,'" at 6 p.m. that evening at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. For ticket information, contact the Rhode Island Philharmonic at 831-3123, ext. 18.



## Ninth Annual Parenting Matters Conference Set

Every parent wants to see his or her child grow up to be strong and happy. The problem is, kids don't come with instructions and that leaves adults with a lot of questions. The Lifespan Parenting Matters Conference on March 27, will let parents share their experiences and benefit from the wisdom of top child development and behavior professionals. Co-sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island, it offers more than 30 parenting workshops.

The conference will be at Toll Gate and Winman Schools in Warwick from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Naomi Haines Griffith, MA, MSW, will give this year's keynote address. Griffith is a storyteller and author of *Red Clay &*

*Vinegar*. Using humor and her own experiences, she weaves common sense and 30 years' experience working with children and families into inspirational and heart-warming stories. She challenges and motivates her audiences both personally and professionally.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Scholarships are available for single parents and grandparents. Teachers are also encouraged to attend; professional development credits are available. This is the ninth year for the Parenting Matters Conference.

For more information, or to register by phone with a credit card, call the Lifespan Health Connection at 444-4800 or toll free at (800) 927-1230.

## Crafts Fair to be Held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet

A crafts fair will be held on March 21 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston. More than 200 professional crafters have entered the largest show in Rhode Island.

Admission is \$2 for adults; children under 12 free. For more information, call (978) 939-2582.

There are more than 200 juried displays — pottery, puppets, basketry, stained glass, quilted pillows, wood toys, folk art, pencil portraits, handbags, lamp shades, potpourri, hand knit clothing, jewelry, leather, silk flowers, bread dough sculpture, clothes pin novelties, name rubber stamps, painted sweat-shirts, ceramics, graphics, original art, watercolors, and much more.

Directions: I-95S, Exit 17, take left onto Elmwood Ave., follow craft arrows.

I-95N, Exit 16, take right onto Elmwood Ave., follow craft arrows.

## Relay Run to Benefit the Megan Hayward Fund

A relay run to benefit the Megan Hayward Fund will take place on April 11, starting at 8 a.m. The "Border to Border" race, which starts at the Rhode Island/Connecticut border in Glocester and ends at the Rhode Island/Massachusetts border in Seekonk, is 35 miles long and split into eight legs of 4.5 miles.

Teams of eight individuals will raise donations and run the relay race to raise money for the Megan Hayward Fund. The relay run is open to anyone interested in participating. All participants will receive a "Border to Border for Megan" T-shirt, medals, and be entered into a sweepstakes for prizes.

The Megan Hayward Fund was established to raise money for 3-year-old Megan Hayward who underwent liver transplant surgery at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., in January. Megan, the daughter of Mark

and Nancy Hayward of Seekonk, Mass., was diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer, in June of 1998.

Megan's father, Mark, provided a portion of his liver to replace a segment of Megan's cancerous liver. Megan's surgery will cost approximately \$250,000 and does not include costs for medication that Megan will be required to receive for the rest of her life. Although the family has insurance, many of Megan's medical expenses will not be covered.

Anyone interested in participating in the relay run should call Dr. Amy Westrick at 453-2225 or John Crawley at 233-9443 to register or for additional information. Registration should be made by April 7. Corporate sponsorships are also available. Registrations for corporate sponsorships must be made by March 26.



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## R.I. Chamber Music Concerts Presents The Martinu String Quartet

The Martinu String Quartet will play at Alumnae Hall, Brown University, 194 Meeting St., Providence, at 8 p.m. on March 24. Their program will include Franz Joseph Haydn, String Quartet in G Minor, Opus 74; Bohuslav Martinu, String Quartet No. 7 ("Concerto da Camera"); and Antonin Dvorak, String Quartet No. 13 in G Major, Opus 106.

Players are Lubomir Havlak, violin; Petr Matejak, violin; Jitka Vlasankova, cello; and Jan Jisa, viola.

For tickets, call 863-2416, or come to the box office on concert night, when prices will be \$20, \$17, \$14, and (students only) \$4. There will be a reception in the Commons Room after the concert, the third this season in the Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts series.

David Finckel, cello, and Wu Han, piano, will play works by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Grieg in the final concert in this series, on April 28.

## A Photographic Exhibit — Photographs by Joshua Haruni

Photographs by Joshua Haruni from the exhibition "The Way I See It" are being shown now through July 31 at the Yeshiva University Museum, 2520 Amsterdam Ave. and 185th St., New York, N.Y. 10033. Call (212) 960-5390 for more information.

## RIC Presents Samuel and Esther Chester Performance Award Concert

Rhode Island College department of music, theatre, and dance will present the fourth annual Samuel and Esther Chester Performance Award Concert on March 22 at 8:15 p.m., Roberts Auditorium, Rhode Island College, Providence, R.I.

Rhode Island College Symphony Orchestra will perform the following: Johannes Brahms, "Academic Festival Overture"; Ludwig van Beethoven, "Violin Concerto"; Gabriel Fauré, "Pavane"; and Igor Stravinsky, "Suite from The Firebird."

Irina Muresanu, violin, is the 1998 Harvard Musical Association Award Winner. Edward W. Markward is the conductor. General admission is free. For information, call 456-8244.

## Kennedy Library Presents 'Obstructing the 'Final Solution'

On March 23 "Obstructing the 'Final Solution,'" a forum presented by a broad consortium of Italian and Jewish community groups to discuss how Italian soldiers, diplomats and citizens obstructed Hitler's "Final Solution" to exterminate all European Jews will have a special screening of "The Righteous Enemy," an 80-minute documentary film by Joseph Rochlitz chronicling how Italian rescue efforts saved 80 percent of Italy's Jewish population as well as 40,000 to 50,000 Jews in occupied lands from extermination.

The film will be shown from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. Free to the public. For more information, call (617) 929-4571.

## Rami Kleinstein Performs at Northeastern University

One of Israel's greatest pop-rock singers and composers, known for his beautiful love songs, soothing voice and delicate piano playing, will be performing on March 20 at the Blackman Auditorium, Ell Building, Northeastern University (360 Huntington Ave., Boston, Green Line E Train).

Kleinstein was born in New York in 1962 and moved to Israel with his family in 1970. He is married to famous Israeli pop-diva Rita with whom he has a young daughter. As a young child Kleinstein received formal training in piano and classical music.

Kleinstein, often referred to as 'Israel's Elton John,' enjoys a prolific career as both a composer and performer. In 1997 he produced his sixth album entitled, "Everything You Want" which reached triple platinum after only 10 days on the charts. His success came as no surprise after being elected Israeli Radio and Television's "Singer of the Year" in 1995.

## Sarah Doyle Gallery Presents Glass and Metal Show

The Sarah Doyle Gallery presents a group exhibition of glass and metal work by local artists. The exhibiting artists include Tracy Silva Barbosa, Megan Biddle, Doug Borkman, Courtney Fair, Nicholas Fuhrer, Tracy Glover, Dana Gumley, Neva Hantover, Dahlia Kanner, Sachiki Okawa, Tim Whitehouse and Jeremy Woodward. The exhibit runs through April 4.

The gallery is located at 185 Meeting St. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for admission to the exhibit or to the reception.

## Open House at Circus School

The Providence Circus School, founded in 1998, will hold an Open House on March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its classrooms at One Allens Ave., in Providence.

The Open House is for parents and children who would like to get a taste of learning circus skills. Providence Circus School teacher Marvin Novogrodski will give mini-classes in juggling, and children may try out circus equipment including stilts, unicycle, and rola-bola. Providence Circus School students will be on hand to demonstrate skills.

Providence Circus School's spring session will meet Sunday afternoons, April 11 to May 23. The session will include classes in juggling, ensemble work, clowning, and stilt-walking. Young people ages 10 to 18 may enroll. They may register at the Open House, or by calling the Providence Circus School office at 861-0892.

## Spring Antiques Show Features 65 Dealers

Providence Country Day School, Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence, R.I., will hold a Spring Antiques Show on March 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$4.

It is sponsored by the South-eastern New England Antiques Dealers Association. SNEADA, established 38 years ago, is a non-profit organization working to create and promote an interest in antiques via their shows. Show proceeds are used to provide educational scholarships to area high school stu-

## URI Watershed Watch Seeks Monitors

Do you love your lake? Are you proud of your pond? Are you concerned about the water quality of your favorite fishing spot? Why not join the University of Rhode Island Watershed Watch Program!

This year's classroom training session will be held on March 27 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Room 275 of Chafee Hall, URI Kingston campus. In addition to the classroom session, volunteers will need to attend a field training session on April 17 or May 1.

To qualify, you must value the state's freshwater resources and want to help preserve them. Since ponds and lakes are monitored at their deepest point, a boat, canoe, or kayak is needed, as well as some free time in the middle of the day.

The 12-year-old program, sponsored by the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension, currently has 250 vol-

unteers who monitor approximately 74 locations. With new funding from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Watershed Watch is planning to add 10 new lakes this year, so it is likely that your favorite lake, pond or river needs a volunteer monitor!

The monitoring season begins in late April and ends in late October. Each week on the day of their choice, volunteers monitor for water clarity between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Every two weeks, they monitor water temperature, algae concentration, and dissolved oxygen. Three times a year, the volunteers collect water samples that are analyzed at URI for nutrients, acidity, and bacteria.

Anyone interested in more information or in volunteering should contact Linda Green or Elizabeth Herron at 874-2905, or by e-mail at <uriwv@etal.uri.edu>.

## Fuller Museum of Art to Hold Native Quilting Exhibition

The Fuller Museum of Art will host "To Honor and Comfort: Native Quilting Traditions" from March 18 to June 6. The exhibition features 45 beautiful quilts created by Native textile artists and quilting groups throughout North America and Hawaii. The display, which pays tribute to former museum director Caroline Graboys, weds Native craft traditions to Euro-American quilt making techniques. The show also demonstrates how different Native communities use quilts in a variety of ways, such as in ceremonies and rituals.

In many Native communities, quilt making fosters and preserves cultural ties and knowledge. Quilters work together, sharing sewing techniques and community tradi-

tions. Many Native quilters have formed guilds or cooperatives in order to organize themselves and create the pieces in the exhibition. The designs reflect the cultural heritage of the artists, and often draw inspiration from tribal history and traditional motifs.

The "To Honor and Comfort: Native Quilting Traditions" exhibition is made possible through the Graboys fund, established to present exhibitions that enhance the museum's mission of teaching, inspiring and creating art. The quilts will be on display during regular museum hours: Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free to members and children under 18, \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students.

dents who are planning to pursue a college degree in the arts and to support local historic and charitable causes.

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# OBITUARIES

**LAURA BUCKLER CRANSTON** — Laura Buckler, 71, of 22 West Blue Ridge Road, Cranston, a former printing worker, died March 12 in the Jane Brown building of Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Samuel Buckler.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Morris and Bessie (Beck) Kagan, she lived in Cranston for more than 40 years.

She worked with her husband in his United Printing company in Warwick for more than 30 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a volunteer for the Kosher Meals on Wheels. She was a life member of Hadassah, the National Congress of the PTA as well as a past president, a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its sisterhood, the former Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Auxiliary, a former member of the former Temple Beth Israel and its Sisterhood and the BBYO. She was the first adviser of Leolom BBG.

Besides her husband, she leaves a stepmother, Celia (Ruby) Kagan of Providence; a son, Bruce Buckler of Cranston; a daughter, Barbara Shapiro of West Warwick; a brother, Everett Kagan of Providence; and two grandsons.

The funeral was held March 14 at Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., with interment at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**IRENE G. CONSOVE LONG BOAT KEY, Fla.** —

Irene G. (Massover) Consove, 83, of Long Boat Key, Fla., and Narragansett, a former public school teacher in Providence and East Greenwich, died March 12, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Edward Consove.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Paula (Frey) Massover, she lived in Providence, Pawtucket and East Greenwich before moving

to Florida in 1978. She had been a summer resident of Narragansett since 1965.

She graduated from Rhode Island College of Education in 1936 and received a master's degree in English literature from Brown University in 1965. She was a member of Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged, East Greenwich Garden Club, Tanglewood and the National Council of Jewish Women in Florida. She was a founder and member of Temple Beth Israel in Long Boat Key, Fla., and the Beth Israel Women. She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood in Providence.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Beryl Feldman of Rehoboth, Mass., and Reva Miller of Pawtucket; a son, Gerald Consove of Providence; and four grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Louis Massover.

The funeral service was held

March 17 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**ARLENE GREEN SAUGUS, Mass.** —

Arlene Green, 64, of Saugus, Mass., a former clerical support staff at various health care agencies, died March 4 at Evergreen House, East Providence. She was the wife of Harold Green.

Born in Boston, she lived in Saugus for 35 years, previously living in Malden, Mass.

She was a life member of Hadassah, and a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Ahavas Shalom, Saugus, and the Sisterhood of Temple Ezrath Israel, Malden.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Michael Green of Barrington, Jeffrey Green of Wilmington, Del; two sisters, Barbara Gold of Chesterfield, Mo., and Marilyn Gersham of Lynnfield, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Ezrath Israel Cemetery, Danvers, Mass.

was held on March 14 at King Solomon Cemetery, Clifton, N.J. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**FRANCES SHUMAN NORTH DARTMOUTH** —

Frances Shuman, 83, of Longwood Avenue, North Dartmouth, died March 10 at New England Baptist Hospital, Boston. She was the wife of the late Lester Shuman.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Joseph and Sarah (Kalika) Barish, she had lived in North Dartmouth for more than 25 years.

She is survived by a sister, Lillian Shuman of Brighton, Mass., and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Hyman Barish and the late Dorothy Levowich.

A graveside funeral service was held on March 11 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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**ADOLPH HIRSCH DARTMOUTH** —

Adolph Hirsch, 88, of 239 Cross Road, Dartmouth, died March 10 at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford. He was the husband of Ruth (Bruce) Hirsch.

Born in Philadelphia, a son of the late Frank and Esther (Mandel) Hirsch, he had lived in New Jersey until moving to Dartmouth last year.

He was a department store manager for Cumberland Cloak and Suit of Cumberland, Md., and a manufacturer's rep for Ruth Bruce of New York City before retiring 15 years ago.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a 33rd degree Mason.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Samantha Lewin, of New York City; a stepson, Frederick Satkin of Dartmouth; a stepdaughter, Jane Mark of Hewlett, N.Y.; a brother, Louis Hirsch of Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service

**FLORENCE STONE SWAMPSCOTT, Mass.** —

Florence (Holland) Stone, of Swampscott, Mass., died on March 10 after a brief illness in the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She was the wife of the late Benjamin Stone.

Born in Putnam, Conn., she had resided in Swampscott for the past 40 years and previously lived in Lynn, Mass. She grew up in Providence and graduated from Hope High School.

She had worked for many years as a salesperson at the former L.H. Rogers clothing store in Salem, Mass. Prior to that she was a teacher's aide at the Stanley School in Swampscott, Mass.

She was a member of Temple Israel and its Sisterhood in Swampscott, Mass., Hadassah and the B'nai B'rith. Also, she was a volunteer worker at the Jewish Rehabilitation Center for Aged in Swampscott, Mass.

She leaves a son and his wife, Dr. Richard M. Stone and Dr.

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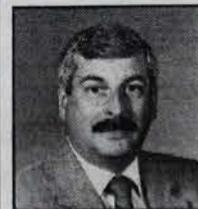
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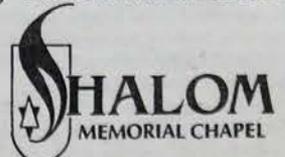
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soft voice turneth away wrath." Betty saw most faults as the results of being trapped or cornered. We lie, or sneak, or even steal, because something blocks the path of the honorable way. "Naive!" people labelled her. Her angle or bird's-eye view always made clear sense to me. But we often disagreed. She thought it was always best to strive for the "normal," not to stir up the waters. She lived briskly, never staying on the phone, nor dwelling on any problem that could not be taken care of by yourself as soon as you found time to get to it. In a flash with a pen or pencil she would put the fancy finishing touch on any school paper, with a charming sketch at the close or a clever cover design. In snapshots she is usually standing with her arms around somebody, or looking anxiously at one of her children to make sure all was well and safe and sound.

You don't have to wait until your parent is an elder, a senior, before your role turns around. Often, a child will protect a parent, souls in flight like the courtship pattern of eagles. I felt that concern for my Betty. I wanted her to have the best of everything, some reward for the poetry of her every household gesture, the cakes and pies, teas and coffees, the listening and the laughing, the candlelight and the conversations. During her illness, I had a brief interlude of helping her to get through some difficult hours, a few weeks of doing for her some of the things she had done for us, making her comfortable or just maintaining the privacy of her pain. That was my own anguished privilege.

After all these years, I hear her words, her point of view which fits into this equinox of winter and spring. These were a few of her favorite things—old people who stood up straight, rosy and well-behaved children, good workers, who found cheer and contentment by building something. "If men gave birth, there would be no war. You only destroy what you have never created." Those aren't exactly her

sentences, but it was her creed. Honesty made more sense than a life of complicated lies. Kindness was both an instinct of courtesy and a healthy person's way with the world. Ambition and social climbing were unknown drives in Betty's domain. She took each day in stride whatever it might bring with its winds or mild breezes.

Maybe after all I didn't really know her. How can a child understand the mystery of a parent's separate past? Betty put up with a lot from me. I brought home wounded animals, hurt friends, my own worries and disappointments, my radically different nature from hers—less calm and competent, talkier and more troubled. Guess what I asked her for at my bar mitzvah? A framed photograph of her smile. It doesn't capture her, but I'm glad I have it. How I wish we could send messages to the beyond, in the flickering lights of the Friday tapers, or the yahrzeit jars, or in dreams. My loving compliments would not comfort her. I would tell Betty that the barn is safe. And that I listen to her, for her, in the March dawns, and look for her in the crocus that comes up despite wind, snow, or setback, in whatever she touched and made her own, or the world's words of wisdom that crossed her lips, and now my own.

## Survivors Outreach Services

Survivors Outreach Services, a program offering information, support, and advocacy to families and friends of homicide victims, invites all those who have lost a loved one through a violent crime, to attend a mutual support session on: March 24, at the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island, 1035 Branch Avenue, Providence, R.I. from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

These mutual support sessions are designed to provide support and linkage with others who have shared a similar experience. If you would like additional information or transportation, call Debbie Chick at

421-4100, ext. 22, or Anne Marie D'Alessio at 831-9922. This support session is sponsored by the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island, facilitated by the Homicide Bereavement Program of the Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center of Rhode Island, with funding from the governor's justice commission.

forts secured the release of all other Western hostages being held in Lebanon. We know nothing of the conditions under which they are being held, nor do we know for certain that they are still alive.

*Why do we raise the issue of the Israeli soldiers missing-in-action on Passover?* Passover is the festival of freedom. We cannot sit comfortably, enjoy a pleasant holiday meal and let the spirit of celebration allow us to forget that there are those who are less fortunate. If there is even one Jew who is being denied freedom, we must raise our voices on his/her behalf.

As we keep the memory of the MIAs alive in our homes, we must also insist that government bodies do their part. If the captives are indeed dead, information about their deaths must be made available and their bodies returned to Israel for proper burial. If still alive, they must be finally released.

In all these long years, diplomatic efforts have uncovered little information, much of it contradictory. Some articles and reports have established that the soldiers are dead; others have claimed they are still alive. Leaders of the Arab world have been equally elusive.

Though Judaism upholds a

commandment of "ransoming captives"—paying for captives to restore a community to wholeness—without information, Israel cannot do so.

As Americans, we must demand that our government, as well as the European Union, the United Nations—and all people of good conscience—exert pressure on Syria, Iran and Lebanon with the same commitment employed in past hostage crises. Bringing Terry Anderson home took intensive diplomatic work; justice demands no less for Zachary Baumel, Yehuda Katz, Tzvi Feldman and Ron Arad. Hadassah and other Zionist organizations can provide sample letters for readers to contact government officials, flyers, and information for organizing rallies and community awareness programs.

Mark "Moshe" Hardie, a 27-year-old lawyer, launched the California road-side campaign to remember Ron Arad. Hardie says that Arad's freedom is our freedom and I agree.

The story of the captives, one of whom holds American citizenship, is about more than just Mideast politicking. Such denial of freedom and humanity is a story of moral outrage. As the complex challenges in the Mideast continue to demand attention, we must not forget the human stories behind the political ones. One mother's story is every mother's story. And each son, each brother, each husband has the right, like Terry Anderson, to travel the long road home to his family.

Marlene E. Post is national president of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, the largest Jewish, largest Zionist and largest women's organization in the United States. For information, flyers, or sample letters to government officials on the MIAs, contact Hadassah's Israel, Zionist and International Affairs Department at (212) 303-8169.

## A Long Road

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## Obituaries

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Jane Brown of Dover, Mass.; three brothers, Marvin Holland of Providence, Harry Holland of Boca Raton, Fla., Major General Leonard Holland of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Zeld Kolodney of Pawtucket; and four grandchildren, Benjamin, Sarah, Rebecca, and Harry Stone. Also, she was the sister of the late Hye Holland and Molly Weiner.

Services were held on March 12 in Temple Israel, 837 Humphrey St., Swampscott, Mass. Burial was in Pride of Lynn, Lynn, Mass. Arrangements were by Stanetsky Hymanson Memorial Chapels, Salem, Mass.

### GARY SUMMER

**PAWTUCKET** — Gary Summer, 50, of 53 Glenwood Ave., an accountant and principal of Gary L. Summer Associates, and president of Tax Time USA Inc., died March 11 at Miriam Hospi-

tal. He was the husband of Donna (Norman) Summer.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Sayer and Gertrude (Nerenberg) Summer, he had lived in Providence most of his life, moving to Pawtucket in 1988.

He was a graduate of Providence College. He was a former member of the New England Patriots football team and was involved in numerous professional organizations. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association and Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Sarah Rose Summer of Pawtucket; a sister, Pamela Howard of Marleton, N.J.; and a brother, David Summer of Los Angeles, Calif.

The funeral service was held March 12 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## YMCA Camp Brochures Available

The YMCA of Pawtucket has made available its 1999 summer camp brochure. The brochure describes 19 diverse day camps, offered for children ages 3 to 17 at five convenience locations in the Blackstone Valley area.

Camps are available at the Pawtucket Family YMCA, 20 Summer St., Pawtucket; the Darlington Program Center, 1080 Newport Ave., Pawtucket; the MacColl Field YMCA, 26 Breakneck Hill Road, Lincoln; the Four Corners Early Learning Center, 200 Angell Rd., Cumberland; and the YMCA Community Center, 361 Cowden St., Central Falls.

Most camps are offered for 10 weeks, from June 21 to Aug. 27. The camp day lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with pre-camp supervision available starting at 6:30 a.m. and post-camp supervision lasting until 5:45 p.m. A half-day of camp is an option at the YMCA's two camps for preschoolers.

For more information, call the YMCA of Pawtucket at 727-7900.

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This is preceded by a six-week seminar at RIC in Summer Session I (May 24 through July 2) wherein students will study the British political history, the government structure and institutions, cultural context, daily life and preparation for the trip, including local customs, likely expenses, transportation, living arrangements, navigating your way around London, and how to successfully combine studies with a relaxing cultural experience.

Once in London participants will explore British politics, government and society, British and European cultural studies, urban geography and city planning, visual and performing arts, and take walking tours of the city and seminars and guided field trips.

You do not have to be a RIC student to participate.

Costs are at the regular summer-session tuition rates which

is possible because RIC faculty will accompany participants on the trip and do the teaching as has been done in the past two years.

Overall cost of the program, including accommodations and flight from Boston direct to London is about \$2,000.

Richard R. Weiner, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will serve as course director. He had taught at South Bank University in the 1980s. Laurence Marlow, of South Bank University, will serve as course liaison.

Once settled in London, the first week theme will be British Political Institutions and Parties; the second week, the Political Geography of City Building; the third week, London and the World. An optional visit to Paris via Eurostar train service through the "Chunnel" will be available on the third weekend in London.

Those interested should contact Dean Weiner at 456-8106 or 8107 or Professor Mark Motte at 456-8378 or 8005 by the end of March in order to get discounted flight rates.



## PHDS Expands Pre-School Program

The Providence Hebrew Day School is excited to announce the establishment of separate pre-school classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. Previously the school blended the two age groups and provided some separate activities. With an increased enrollment for next year's program for 3-year-olds, PHDS is able to offer two completely separate groups. "The developmental needs for each grouping truly demands two separate programs and we are pleased that we have enough new families enrolling to provide this," states Maureen Sheehan, secular principal at PHDS. Each pre-school class gives parents the option of a full-day (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) or a half-day (8:30 a.m. to noon) program. Interested parents should contact Rabbi Nissel or Sheehan at the school. *Photo courtesy of PHDS*

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This is a State of Rhode Island approved boating course and students who successfully complete the course are issued a R.I. Boating Safety card, as well as a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary card and certificate of completion.

Topics will include: boat handling, lines and knots, weather, piloting, rules of the road, radio operations, legal requirements and a great deal more.

The place will be the Narragansett Yacht Club (at Port Edgewood Marina), Armington Street, Cranston, R.I.

Dates and times will be as follows:

Registration — March 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Classes start — March 25 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. (15 min. break)

For further details, contact Capt. William Fiore, public education officer, at 941-1216, or Dennis Thomas, flotilla commander, at 737-5641.



## Rhode Island Group Raises \$700,000 for Hurricane Mitch Recovery

More than \$700,000 has been raised from private citizens in the United States by Childreach for Hurricane Mitch recovery projects in Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. Known globally as PLAN International, the child sponsorship organization has committed \$13 million over four years to long-term reconstruction efforts. Operating in Central America since 1976, PLAN spends \$40 million there annually on child-focused, grass-roots development programs benefiting 2 million children, their families and their communities. Despite borders and cultural differences, Americans sponsor nearly 20,000 children and families in Central America and the Caribbean through Childreach.

To ensure that children and families of the rural poor are not forgotten, Childreach is responding with participatory, grass-roots projects that follow the motto,

"Children First." In Nicaragua, PLAN implemented trauma counseling to help children and adolescents move beyond the crisis. In Choluteca, Honduras, in cooperation with other organizations, there is housing and sanitation construction for families, building new homes, or higher ground with land titles deeded to wives or mothers of single-headed households. In El Salvador the focus is on teaching disaster readiness to guard against future crises. And in Zacapa, Guatemala, water purification is the priority.

Donations are still being accepted for hurricane recovery efforts. Make a one-time gift of any amount, or contribute \$22 each month and offer hope and encouragement to a child and family by becoming a Childreach sponsor. Call (800) 556-7918, or visit Childreach online at [www.childreach.org](http://www.childreach.org).

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