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## News At A Glance

- Hanoch Levin, whose plays made him one of Israel's most controversial writers and then one of its most respected, died Aug. 18 in Tel Aviv after a long illness. He was 56. His 1968 play, "You, Me and the Next War," bitterly criticized what he saw as the delusions of grandeur that swept Israeli society in the wake of its victory in the 1967 Mideast war.
- Israeli rescuers have found Iris Franko who was trapped under the earthquake rubble since the Aug. 17 earthquake. Members of her family are still missing and are among the more than 12 missing Israelis. Franko was found in Cinarcik, southwest of Istanbul.
- The Swiss police announced that the Aug. 16 stabbing of Israeli tourist Eli Yehuda Naftali, 48, by a local citizen, was done for anti-Semitic reasons. The choice of victim was random but the victim's religion was not. Naftali, a kippa-wearing moshavnik from Mevo Ayalon, was in moderate, stable condition. He was hospitalized in an intensive care unit after undergoing emergency surgery following his being stabbed in his back. According to a report from the Swiss people to the Israeli Foreign Ministry, the arrested man may suffer psychological problems.
- Foreign Minister David Levy met with a delegation from the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower House of the Japanese Diet. The foreign minister stressed the great importance that Israel attaches to the political, moral and financial support that Japan gives to the Middle East peace process, and for hosting the Donors Conference this October. With regard to the peace process, the foreign minister said that one of the most important subjects to be discussed with the Palestinians will be finding a mutually acceptable code of conduct which will obligate both sides. "It is inconceivable that at a time when we are preparing to implement peace agreements and fulfill our commitments, the other side uses every available forum to try and sabotage the peace process," said Levy.

## Senator Lieberman to Protect Open Spaces

Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, announced on Aug. 16 a \$2.5 billion bipartisan proposal to protect natural resources and open space, using existing federal revenues from oil and gas production on federal lands.



Sen. Joseph Lieberman

The measure is designed to establish a reliable source of funding for state, local and federal efforts to conserve land and water, provide recreational opportunities, preserve historic resources, protect fish and wildlife and preserve open and green spaces.

The Natural Resources Reinvestment Act, co-sponsored by Environmental and Public Works Committee Chairman John Chafee, (R-RI), and Sens. James Jeffords (R-Vt.), and Pat Leahy (D-Vt.) will be introduced when Congress reconvenes in September.

"The principle behind this bill is simple," said Lieberman. "As we deplete federally owned, non-renewable natural resources such as oil and gas, we should reinvest the proceeds to protect our nation's natural legacy, directing new funding to assist state and local conservation efforts."

"This legislation will provide states and local communities with the tools to meet the conservation needs of the nation in the next century," Chafee said.

The NRR would distribute \$2.5 billion in receipts from the sales of leases to produce oil and gas from the Outer Continental Shelf in the central and western Gulf of Mexico. For more than 30 years, OCS revenues have been authorized for conservation programs. Regrettably, much of these revenues

have been diverted from their intended purposes. For example, since 1966, \$21 billion in receipts have been authorized for the Land and Water Conservation Fund but only \$9 billion have been appropriated.

Major features of the bill:

- Provides \$450 million a year for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund use, \$450 million for state LWCF use, \$100 million for the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Fund, and \$150 million for Historic Preservation.

- Provides \$200 million for a new State Lands of National or Regional Interest account under the LWCF to protect areas of unique ecological, recreational, cultural, or regional value.

- Provides \$900 million for a new Environmental Stewardship Fund for states to improve water and air quality, conserve

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## Senator Feinstein to Introduce Bill Banning Possession of Assault Weapons

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) recently announced that she will introduce legislation, when the Senate resumes its session next month, banning the possession of assault weapons.

"Last week's [Aug. 10] assault weapon attack on four children and an adult at a Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles and the racially motivated murder of a Filipino-American postal employee with a semi-automatic pistol were but the latest in a series of terrifying shooting rampages all across our country," Feinstein said.

"When it comes to the instruments of war that make these murders and mayhem possible, it's time for Congress to say enough is enough. And if Congress won't act, it's time for the American people to express their outrage and demand relief from the fear that these weapons are causing.

"As Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard Parks expressed: 'If there is one legacy every generation owes the next, it's to protect their safety and security, and we, as a nation and as a



Sen. Dianne Feinstein

people, have failed our children miserably. There is simply no place in our cities for weapons

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## Brooklyn Candyman Sends Happiness to Children in the Former Soviet Union

In 1905, Howard Kastin's grandfather arrived in New York from D'Brovsky, Russia, and in 1921 opened Leader Candy of Brooklyn. Today Howard Kastin sends the candies he manufactures in Brooklyn, to thousands of children in the CIS, (former Soviet Union) at Chabad Lubavitch Or Avner summer camps.

In his neighborhood synagogue Kastin is known and loved as the candyman by all the kids, as he hands out candies from his talis bag on the Shabbat. "I love the look on the face of a child when I give them the candy" says Kastin. "I can only imagine the smiles of thousands of children across the CIS while sucking my lollipops. This is nachas!"

A longtime supporter of Tzivos Hashem, Jewish Children's International, Kastin has taken a particular interest in Tzivos Hashem's children's programs in the CIS. Through the offices of Tzivos Hashem, Kastin's most unique project, which is now in its fifth year, has been to supply summer camps in the CIS with enough candies for all. Tzivos Hashem CIS Director Rabbi Benji Brackman says that "in addition to the benefits of the clean

air and exercise, being in camp allows these children to escape the growing anti-Semitism of the cities and enjoy themselves with friends in a safe environment."

As common as candies are in America they still excite children. Candies in Russia are scarce and kosher candies almost non-existent. "It's hard for us to understand" says Kastin, "but many children in Russia have never seen a lollipop before. Each year the counselors come back and tell me that the

lollipops were the biggest hit!"

In the former Soviet Union, Tzivos Hashem runs a children's medical clinic, two orphanages, youth centers, Torah competitions, and Passover and summer camps. In addition Tzivos Hashem publishes Russian language children's books, and a newsletter five times a year for the more than 100,000 children who are members of Tzivos Hashem. For more information, call Rabbi Benji Brackman at (718) 467-6630, ext. 212.



CAMPERS in the former Soviet Union enjoying Brooklyn-made lollipops.

# HAPPENINGS

## Entertainment for Children

The Providence Children's Museum, 1010 South St., Providence, announces the following activities. Call 273-KIDS.

### AUGUST

- 27 **Preschool Friday: Stories Aloud.** 9:40 a.m. to noon, preschoolers ages 3 to 5 listen to *Sea Turtle Journey*. Afterwards, kids check out a huge model turtle, complete with removable parts and learn more about these sea creatures from the Rhode Island Audubon Society. (Same-day registration may be available at admissions desk, space pending. There is a \$1 fee above the price of admission for same-day registration.)  
**Free at Five on Fridays.** Families are invited to explore the museum free of charge from 5 to 8 p.m., courtesy of Metropolitan Life Foundation.
- 28 **World of Stories.** 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., kids ages 5 and up hear *The Whispering Cloth*, a story of a young Hmong refugee. Afterwards, kids examine local story cloths and fashion one of their own. Series sponsored by CVS/pharmacy.
- 29 **Hunt Heaven.** 1 to 3 p.m., kids ages 5 and up roam the museum exhibits for clues in search of solutions to hidden mysteries.

## Time to Register for Childcare at JCCRI

Just a couple of weeks remain before we begin the new school year begins. Is your child enrolled in the Infant/Toddler Center, Preschool or kindergarten yet? There are a limited number of spaces still available at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island — R.I.'s most caring, comprehensive childcare facility.

The JCC is looking forward to an exciting new year in freshly painted, newly furnished classrooms! Stop by and see what all the talk is about. For more information about the Early Childhood program at the JCCRI or to meet our new director of Early Childhood, Sue Connor, contact us at <scconnor@jccri.org> to call us at 453-1420 (the direct line to the ITC/Preschool).

Preschool dates to remember are as follows: Sept. 1, Preschool Parents' Orientation and Center Open House; Sept. 2, Preschool Open House; Sept. 7, Preschool Opening Day.

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## Calendar: August 26th thru September 2

- 26 **Ninth annual Women's Golf Classic** at Metacomet Country Club, 500 Veterans Memorial Parkway, East Providence. 11:30 a.m. shotgun start. Call 353-3900.  
**The Newport Playhouse** and Cabaret Restaurant presents "Natalie Needs a Nightie" through Oct. 24. Call 848-7529.
- 27 **The work of artists** Mary Ann Bolton McGivin, Elsie S. Kilguss and Kate Hoyt Psaki will be on exhibit through Sept. 9 at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford. Call 294-6840.
- 28 **Farmers Market**, Hope High School, corner of Hope and Olney streets, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**WaterFire Providence**, 8:20 p.m., Waterplace Park, Providence. Weather permitting. Call 272-3111.  
**Annual Model Train Show** at the South County Museum, scenic Route 1A, Narragansett, Aug. 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 adults, \$1.75 children ages 6 to 16. Family maximum is \$10 and members are free.  
**Crooner Johnny Mathis** brings his sultry voice to the Warwick Musical Theatre, Quaker Lane. Call 821-7300.

### September

- 1 **The Cranston Senior Guild** will hold their first meeting at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Y'Israel, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Guest speaker will be Dr. Stanley Aronson. Call 943-3427.  
**Spend an evening with Anne Murray** at the Warwick Musical Theatre, Quaker Lane, 8 p.m. Call 821-7300.  
**Pawtucket/Red Sox** take on Syracuse Sept. 1 and 2 at 6 p.m., McCoy Stadium. Call 724-7300.  
**The first annual Providence Shakespeare Festival** at Waterplace Park. Performed by the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre Company. Sept. 1 through 5. Call 831-2919.  
**South County Farmers Market**, Sept. 1 through 30 at URI, Keaney Gym parking lot, Rte. 138, Kingston. 9 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine.  
**Newport Art Museum**, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport, presents an exhibit entitled "An Air of Greatness: the Yacht Coronet." Sept. 1 through 12. Call 848-8200.  
**Wickford Art Association Exhibit**, Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 to 3 p.m. Sunday noon to 3 p.m. Elsie S. Kilguss (oil and watercolor), Kate Hoyt Psaki (oil, pastel and watercolor), Mary Ann Bolton McGivin (oil and pastel). Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford, 294-6840.  
"Dames at Sea," Theatre-by-the-Sea, 364 Cards Pond Road, Matunuck, 782-8587.

## Gallery Presents Six Very Different Artists

Virginia Lynch Gallery presents the collages and constructions of Abe Ajay, the paintings of Anne Leone, Daniel Ludwig, Wendy Seller, and Bill Thompson; and the stained glass of Emily Selvin from Aug. 29 through Sept. 26.

A reception for the artists will be held Aug. 29 at the gallery, 3883 Main Road, Tiverton, R.I., from 3 to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

## Now Playing at a Theater Near You!

What would you do if circumstances placed you in a Hasidic community for several days? The differences in lifestyle and in religious practice would make you think you had landed in an alien world. Imagine a non-Jew in a similar circumstance.

Watch Melanie Griffith, as a police detective, become a Hasidic in order to catch a criminal in "A Stranger Among Us" on Sept. 4 at 9:15 p.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Refreshments will be served during the movie, coffee and pastries following.

The dedication of the new memorial plaques will begin at 11:30 p.m. The very beautiful and moving Selichot services, led by Cantor Stanley Rosenfeld, will follow.

## Volley Into the Millennium With First Night Providence 2000

A volleyball tournament to benefit Rhode Island's New Year's Eve 2000 celebration, First Night Providence, will be held on Sept. 11, at Easton's Beach in Newport.

In association with the New England Volleyball Series, the event begins at 8:30 a.m. Finals will be broadcast live on COX3 Cable. Teams of 4 to 6, \$100; single players, \$30. General public invited. Corporate teams welcome. Mail or fax: name, address, phone and checks payable to: First Night Providence, 10 Dorrance St., Suite 920, Providence, R.I. 02903. Phone: 521-1166. Fax: 273-5630. Register online: <www.firstnightprovidence.org>. All proceeds from the Volleyball Tournament will benefit First Night Providence 2000, Rhode Island's ticket to the Millennium!

First Night Providence is a non-profit festival of the arts held each year on New Year's Eve. This year celebrate with a three-day millennial festival: Illumination Night on Dec. 30, First Night Providence on Dec. 31, and First Day 2000 on Jan. 1.

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Local Students Spend Summer as Camp Counselors — and Learn a Valuable Lesson

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Like thousands of other teenagers, Providence Hebrew Day School students Rivka Gibber and Bashi Lipson spent the summer working as camp counselors.

But because they worked at a Jewish camp located near the Ukrainian city of Poltava, theirs was hardly a typical experience.

Plans for the trip began in the spring when Gibber and Lipson, both 17-year-old Providence residents and daughters of faculty members of New England Rabbinical College, spotted an advertisement in the newspaper *Yated Ne'eman* calling for girls to go to the Ukraine.

Shortly thereafter, the families learned that Yad Yisroel, an organization that operates camps, schools, and social service programs for Jews living in the former USSR, had placed the advertisement. (Yad Yisroel is affiliated with the Karlin-Stolin Chasidic movement.)

"My father knew Rabbi Shmuel Dishon, the head of the program, and we found out we were qualified," said Gibber.

"We were excited but ner-

Their luggage assembled, the girls traveled to New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, where they met with some 14 other young women between the ages of 17 and 28.

"Many of them had been on the program before, and they told us about what to expect," said Gibber. The flight to Vienna took 9 1/2 hours, and the girls flew for another 1 1/2 hours to the Ukraine. They got off the plane and were greeted by a harsh Russian summer.

"The heat just hit you," said Lipson. "It was everywhere, inside and outside, and there was no air conditioning and hardly any of the windows opened."

"We had hundreds of pounds of luggage, and no one helped us," said Gibber. "People were staring at all of our stuff, which took up half the sidewalk outside the airport. It took us hours to load it onto our bus, and we had never imagined a bus like that." The bus took them to Kiev, where they spent the night in an empty dormitory of a boys school also affiliated with Yad Yisroel.

After spending a little time exploring Kiev, the girls reloaded their luggage onto the



A NEW FAMILY — Rivka sits with a group of her campers as they take a break from the days activities.

would soon meet, most of whom were between the ages of 8 and 18 and were from families living in cities all over the Ukraine or the Jewish orphanage in Odessa. Their families had learned of the camp through word of mouth or affiliation with Yad Yisroel programs, which have been operational since 1989. The camp's mission, explained the girls, was to help the campers have a great time and to leave them with some awareness of Judaism.

"No one expects them to become observant, but you want them to have a good feeling about Judaism," explained Lipson.

Despite obvious language barriers, the campers were tremendously warm from the start. "As soon as they learn that you're going to be their counselors, they become very attached to you," said Gibber, who worked with 10-year-olds. "They came right up and hugged me and sat on my lap. You don't just work with your own kids — if you're a counselor, you're a role model for the whole camp. It's very friendly."

At camp, the counselors spent the whole day with their campers, doing all of their activities with them. These activities included sports, swimming, arts and crafts, and, of course, Judaism. "There were different divisions," explained Lipson, who

worked with 11- and 12-year-olds. "Some of them barely knew that they were Jewish while others had been to Jewish schools and could read a little Hebrew." Jewish instruction included a lesson every day, and included programs to teach the children about Shabbat, which was observed at the camp every week.

"We also had special days set aside to teach them about the holidays," said Gibber. "On Purim, one of the bunks dressed up and put on a play. On Chanukah, we played with dreidels and gave the children candy. An older group did a project about kashruth where

they filled a cardboard refrigerator with cardboard food and explained why it was kosher."

As both Gibber and Lipson come from observant families, working with children from such limited Jewish backgrounds was a new experience.

"It wasn't a shock, but it was very sad to see kids who turned lights on and off on Shabbat. They hadn't even heard of Shabbat — that happens in America, too, but for the most part, [in the Ukraine] that knowledge had not been available to them," said Lipson.

According to both girls, wit-

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Rivka Gibber and Bashi Lipson  
Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

vous," said Lipson. "As we got more information, we started to get more and more excited."

The girls were initially startled by a packing list that advised them to pack some 35 pounds of canned tuna, fruit, and vegetables as well as powdered milk and other necessities.

bus and drove some 6 1/2 hours to the camp near Poltava.

"The first night, they served fish and matzoh and Passover macaroons that had been donated..." Lipson said. "Everything there was donated."

The staff also told the girls about the 280 campers they

## R.I. Jewish Herald and Emblem & Badge Inaugurate Awards Program

In one of the first programs of its kind in the country, members of the R.I. Jewish community who distinguish themselves through service to the community will be eligible to be nominated for a new award co-sponsored by *The Rhode Island Jewish Herald and Emblem & Badge, Inc.*, an award manufacturer based in Providence.

In a joint announcement, *Herald* Publisher Arthur Lemoi and Emblem & Badge President David Resnik said, "We are pleased to honor the 'unsung heroes' of the community who donate their time and talents for

the benefit of others." Space in the newspaper is being donated by the publisher while the awards are being donated by Resnik's company, which was founded by his grandfather in 1932. His father, Sol Resnik, a long-time community leader, is still involved in the business.

David, a board member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Family Service, and the Bureau of Jewish Education, said, "One of the oldest teachings of Judaism is *tikkun olam* — that each individual is responsible to do his or her part to make the world a little better.

This award recognizes those individuals."

There will be two award categories: The Community Service Award for adults, and The Community Service Youth Award for those under age 21. It is expected that an average of one of each category will be presented each month throughout the coming year. *Herald* Managing Editor Kim Orlandi says a short feature story describing the recipient's community activities and a photo will announce the award winners. The program is slated to kick off in early September.

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# OPINION

## Remind the President: It's Your Money — You Deserve a Refund

by Rep. J.C. Watts, Jr.

Just recently, the U.S. House passed monumental legislation based on a simple idea — the idea that once the government pays its bills and has money left over, it should be returned to those who paid it: you the taxpayer. But the bill, the Financial Freedom Act, has a long way to go, and the president has threatened to veto it. This is why he shouldn't.

In the first two years of his term (1993–1994), President Clinton projected a budget deficit for 1998 of \$235.4 billion. Yet, in 1995 under Republican leadership, we established spending caps and fiscal responsibility, trimmed excessive governmental spending, and applied common sense to how America's tax dollars should be spent.

Just recently, we celebrated the first true balanced budget, the fruits of the labors we began in 1995. This year's balanced budget bill is the first in decades that doesn't use Social Security funds to avoid a budget deficit. Today, the Congressional Budget Office is projecting a \$2.9 trillion surplus over the next 10 years.

Two years into his first term, President Clinton and a Democrat-controlled Congress raided the Social Security Trust Fund and took \$57 billion to pay for budget deficits and more big government spending. Today, the White House has agreed to accept the Republican "lock box" initiative to protect every

penny of Social Security from Washington's big spenders.

Two years into his first term, Bill Clinton and a Democrat-controlled Congress passed the biggest tax increase in history. In October 1995, the president told a group in Houston, "Probably there are people in this room still mad at me about that budget because you think I raised your taxes too much. It might surprise you that I think I raised them too much too."

Yet, how does he feel now? In January, speaking before a group in Buffalo, N.Y., the president said, "We have no permanent deficit anymore, the natural condition is a surplus, okay — so the question is, what do we do with it? We could give it all back to you and hope you spend it right." Not only would he rather keep the money in Washington, but he doesn't even trust you with your own money.

I believe otherwise. Families receiving a tax refund can either save more or spend it on needed school clothes for their kids, a new washer or dryer, or for what they decide will secure their future. And, when American keep more of their hard-earned money, the economy grows.

The president began this year offering no tax relief to the American people, saying the Republican tax relief proposal was "extreme" and "irresponsible." Recently, he has modified his position, supporting \$250 billion in tax cuts, and now

saying he would support \$300 billion. The president has said many times that tax cuts would even stand in the way of needed domestic spending and Medicare. Even Democrat Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska has called that claim pure 'folly.'

And then, there's the public debt of all those years that ran budget deficits. Once again, the president's rhetoric is short on facts. Because of a strong economy and our commitment to a balanced budget, Republican-led fights in Congress have already erased \$51 billion of debt in 1998, and another \$102 billion this year alone. In fact, with the Republican Social Security lockbox in place, we will pay down \$2 trillion of debt over the next 10 years.

The fact is, Speaker Dennis Hastert and Congressional Republicans have put forth a common sense agenda — locking away retirement security, returning education dollars back home, providing meaningful tax relief, and rebuilding our national security — all to secure America's future.

So, remind the president: It's your money, not Washington's, you overpaid Uncle Sam, you deserve it back, and the president should never lose sight of that fact.

*Congressman J.C. Watts, Jr., represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District and is Chairman of the House Republican Conference.*

## A Helping of Jewish life

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler

My dentist, who incidentally is not Jewish, recently informed me, as he was roaming around my molars, that his daughter's friend — a high school girl — was in Israel for a six-week tour this summer sponsored by Temple Beth-El. How could I respond with my mouth wide open so I wondered, "Was he patronizing me or just making small talk, as dentists often do out of boredom?" He then asked me what I thought of Israel's new Prime Minister. I replied that I had no idea and even if I did, what difference would it make to me here. I'm not an Israeli. I'm an American Jew and whatever takes place there has absolutely no effect on me here.

That has been my position until recently. I've been sorting out data regarding the validity of Israel in my mind for some months now. I asked myself, "In what ways does Israel serve American Jews?" Israel was originally created by Zionists as a refuge where Jews, fleeing persecution, could live without further fear. The first Israeli set-

tlers were the survivors of the Holocaust who refused to remain in the country where they were constantly reminded of their suffering. Years later, Ethiopian and Russian Jews who fled their homelands, in search of a country in which they too could live peacefully, settled in Israel.

What then do Israeli affairs have to do with us here who are living not only peacefully, but succeeding in ways never before known to the Jewish people. Jews are leaders in every field of professional endeavor — law, business, medicine, the arts and sciences. I'm quite aware that there are hate-groups at work, both in this country and abroad, but it's clear that we are in no immediate danger. No one threatens our security. Yes, it was painful to listen to the news reports about the recent shootings in a Los Angeles JCC and other acts of terrorism, but these are isolated incidents. Could we be deceiving ourselves, like the Jews of Germany in the 1930s? I don't think so.

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## Supporting American Veterans

Veterans Fighting for Veterans is an organization of people determined to overhaul the Veterans Administration.

We are tired of:

- The length of time it takes for a compensation or pension claim to be decided upon by the V.A.
- No dental coverage for anyone except 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans
- National Guardsmen and women being denied burial in veterans' cemeteries
- The enormous length of time it takes for an appeal to be heard at the B.V.A. and the Court of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D.C.

Non-veteran support is encouraged and all are welcome to join and financially contribute to our organization. We need to lobby Congress so that they will overhaul the Veterans Administration for the current 26 million American veterans, as well as to ensure that there will be a Veterans Administration that works well for our future veterans — the servicemen and women who are now serving our country.

Please take the time to support our organization.

David A. Rourke

Founder, Chairman of the Board

The Veterans Fighting for Veterans Organization is located at 2907 Post Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886. Call 738-3831 or fax 738-3830.

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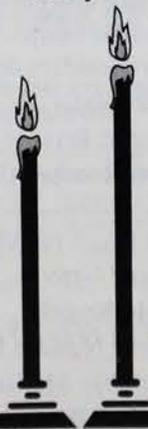
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## Our Territory

People who believe in freedom and human rights often find themselves in a strange position.

You may argue for free speech, but you certainly don't want people cursing at you all the time, and filling your children's heads with evil ideas.

You may be supportive of liberty, but you wouldn't vote to sacrifice your countrymen in a war to liberate everyone on earth who is enslaved.

You may be in favor of freedom of religion, but you don't want other peoples' religious practices — animal sacrifices, weird rituals — making your life insufferable.

This all falls into the difficult territory between human law and moral law. We can write down specific things that cannot be done, but we can't possibly control every behavior that we find reprehensible. And that is why we have re-

ligion. Not only does it inspire the basic laws on which our societies are built, it also reaches into those areas that human law can't touch.

In this week's portion, *Ki-Tetze*, there is a litany of guidelines about marriage, divorce, familial relationships, and neighborly responsibilities. Some of these can be written down and enforced. They have grown into the codes in many

dignity. "When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes until thou have enough at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel." Don't take advantage of people, even when their generosity may allow it.

More than once, *Ki-Tetze* reminds us that we were slaves in Egypt. And in the centuries since, we have been slaves and worse more than once. No matter how affluent you may be, misfortune can still be around the corner. And it sometimes comes at the hands of the very government you depend on.

So our secular laws are only a modest protection. The more lasting, more important protection is that which we foster ourselves: the moral law that is with us always, in every land.

Submitted by Rabbi Yossi Laufer of CHAI Center of Chabad of West Bay, Warwick.

### Torah Today

cultures that protect us against the worst in human nature.

But others are more subtle. "When thou dost lend thy neighbor any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge." Why? Because his debt to you does not eliminate his rights of privacy or his

# SOCIETY

## Loren Kirshenbaum Weds James Sidman

Loren Alissa Kirshenbaum and James Jay Sidman were married June 20 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, R.I. The bride is the daughter of Marsha and Allen Kirshenbaum of Cranston, R.I., and the bridegroom is the son of Joan and Irwin Sidman of Sharon, Mass. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Eda and Morris Kirshenbaum and the late Sally and Nathan Rosenfeld.

Rabbi Wayne Franklin officiated at the 5 p.m. service and Cantor Brian Mayer participated. A reception was held at the Biltmore Hotel L'Apogee and ballroom.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The maid of honor was Elana Hilary Kirshenbaum, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lisa Kirshenbaum, sister-in-law of the bride; Elinor Sidman, sister of the bridegroom; Debra Comeau, sister of the bridegroom; Shari Beranbaum; Ulli Ryder; and Nicole Cerrito.

Best man was Chad Garand. Ushers were Evan Kirshenbaum, brother of the bride; Kevin Comeau, brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Evan Myers; James Parker; and Scott Redan.

The bride graduated from



Mr. and Mrs. James Sidman

Cranston High School West and Simmons College, Boston, Mass. She is a psychiatric case manager for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England in Providence, R.I.

The bridegroom graduated from Sharon High School, Sharon,

Mass., and New Hampshire College. He is employed at Information Services Group at EMC Corporation in Franklin, Mass.

The couple honeymooned in Tahiti, Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine and California. They have made their home in Cranston.

## Dana Levine to Wed Jason Kunzman

Paula Levine, of Sherborn, Mass., announces the engagement of her daughter, Dana Hope Levine, to Jason Scott Kunzman, of New Jersey, son of Nancy and Mark Kunzman, of Altamonte Springs, Fla. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Shelly Levine and the granddaughter of the late Milton and Etta Kessler of Providence, R.I., and the late Samuel and Doris Levine of New Bedford, Mass.

The bride-to-be graduated from Goucher College with a B.A. in international relations and from the Public Policy Institute at Georgetown University with a master's degree in public policy and international political economy. She is currently working in New York City.

Her fiancé graduated from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla., with a B.A. in criminology and received an M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore with a concentration in accounting. He is employed as a senior consultant for Ernst & Young, LLP in the Litigation Advisory Services practice.

An October 1999 wedding is planned.



Jason Kunzman and Dana Levine

## Kira Zimmerman to Wed Jeffrey Kerstine

Rabbi and Mrs. Sheldon Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kira Rahel, to Jeffrey Ian Kerstine, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kerstine, of Cincinnati. An October 1999 wedding at Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, is planned.

The bride-to-be received her B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin and an M.S. at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology at Yeshiva University in New York, where she is currently completing her doctoral studies in school-clinical child psychology. Her fiancé received a B.S. degree in business and economics from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). He is a research analyst at Haber Registered Investment Advisor, Inc.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the president



Kira Rahel and Jeffrey Ian Kerstine

of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the academic, spiritual and professional leadership development center of Reform Judaism. Her mother, Judith Zimmerman, is a diplomate in clinical social work and a registered play

therapist and supervisor. She is the granddaughter of Helen Zimmerman and the late Morris Zimmerman of Toronto, Canada, and Ida Baumgarten and the late Abraham Baumgarten of Cheektowaga, N.Y. She is the sister of Rabbi and

Mrs. Brian Zimmerman of Tampa, Fla., David Zimmerman, of Dallas, Texas, and Micol Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Her fiancé's father is an ophthalmologist at the Cincinnati Eye Institute. His mother, Mona Kerstine, is a member of the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati. He is the grandson of the late Isidor and Corrine Kerstine, of Clarksdale, Miss., and Lena Brownson of Cincinnati, and the late Leon Brownson. He is the brother of Lynelle Kerstine, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Brian Kerstine, of Atlanta, Ga.

## Laura Jacobs Weds Jeffrey Daugherty

Laura Lee Jacobs and Jeffrey Grayfeather Daugherty were married July 4 at the bride's home in Virginia Beach, Va. The bride is the daughter of Martha Jacobs of Virginia Beach, Va., formerly of Cranston, R.I. She is also the daughter of the late Donald Jacobs.

Allan Sokolik officiated at the ceremony.

Deborah Halsband, daughter of the bride, was the attendant.

The bride will retain her maiden name. She is a computer programming instructor at ECPI College of Technology. The bridegroom is a computer programmer at Management Technology, Inc.

The couple honeymooned at Disney World in Florida and have made their residence in Virginia Beach.



Jeffrey Daugherty and Laura Jacobs

## Edward Port Engaged to Jaymi Rubin

Rochelle and David Port, of Cranston, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Edward N. Port, of Boca Raton, Fla., to Jaymi A. Rubin, of Boca Raton, Fla., daughter of Stephen Rubin, of Boca Raton, Fla., and the late Barbara Rubin.

The bride-to-be attended Florida Atlantic University and is a graduate of the Institute of Career Education and is presently a court reporter in Florida. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Miami and Cooley Law School and is a partner in the law firm of Kaufman and Port of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Her fiancé's maternal grandmother is Esther Goldstein of Cranston, R.I.

The date of the wedding has been set for April 2.



Edward Port and Jaymi Rubin

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## R.I. Teens Winners at JCC Maccabi Games

### Team JCCRI Wins an Impressive 22 Medals

Track and fielder, Marilyn Woodford, 15, of Peacedale, R.I., won eight medals including: gold medals in the shotput, the 400 meter race, high jump, pentathlon, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay races, silver medals in the 800 meter, and the 1,500 meter race.

Swimmer, Abigail Reibman, 13, of Providence, R.I., won seven medals including: silver medals in the 4x50 relay and 50-yard butterfly races, and bronze medals in the 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, and 200-yard freestyle.

Swimmer, Jamie Finkelman of Warwick, R.I., won eight medals including: gold medals in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 100-meter breaststroke race; silver medals in the 200-yard butterfly, the 50-yard butterfly, the 400-meter individual medley, the 100-meter butterfly; bronze medals in the 200-meter individual medley, and the 200-meter freestyle in swimming races.

Swimmer, Marcy Gabrilowitz of Narragansett won a bronze medal in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Providence, R.I./Rockland County, NY/Rochester, NY combined basketball team won the bronze medal in a very competitive race for the medals.

Tennis players, Marina Shayevich and Jackie Nelson made it to the doubles semi-finals.

Rhode Islanders at the 1999 JCCA Maccabi Games in Rochester, N.Y., won a record number of medals for the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Team JCCRI with six of the 12 teens from Rhode Island winning a total of 25 medals. Team JCCRI won a total of 8 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 9 bronze medals. The Maccabi games is sponsored by the Jewish Community Centers Association, the national organization of Jewish community centers throughout the country.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's 12 member team joined 3,500 teen athletes from around the world at the Olympic-style games in Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 15 to 20. The team consists of four swimmers, two girls basketball players, four tennis players and two track and field participants and hail from all around the state. The team is comprised of Jamie Finkelman, a student at Wheeler High School (swimming); Jodi Finkelman, a student at Wheeler High School (girls basketball); Rachel Furman, a resident of Providence (tennis); Marcy Gabrilowitz, a resident of Narragansett (swimming); Rachel Holloway, a resident of Warwick (swimming); Michelle

Levinson, a student at Classical High School (girls basketball); Jackie Nelson a resident of West Kingston (tennis); Abigail Reibman, a student at Wheeler High School (swimming); Elana Riffle, a student at Classical High School (track and field); Marina Shayevich, a resident of Cranston (tennis); Marilyn Woodford, a student at South Kingston High School (track and field); and Ami Ziff, a student at Maimonides (tennis). The 1999 JCCA Maccabi Youth Games will feature more than 3,500 young Jewish athletes from all over. The Continental Games are open to youths age 13 to 16, with 18 different team and individual sports offered.

The JCCA Maccabi Youth Games is a five-day Olympic-style sports competition featuring sports, social and cultural events. The goal is to provide structure for Jewish youth activities; to provide an appropriate and supportive environment that blends sportsmanship, democracy, and peace, and to promote and encourage physical fitness and participation in recreational and athletic activity. The games are modeled after the international amateur competition, The Maccabiah Games, held every four years in Israel. These games, which have historically attracted the world's premier Jewish athletes, have included such Olympic stars as Mark Spitz and Mitch Gaylord.

## Cranston Senior Guild Announces Schedule

Looking forward to the approaching new year is always exciting, but for Cranston Senior Guild members, this year, as we approach the millennium and a new century, should be even more entertaining and pleasurable.

Due to the diligent and energetic efforts of both the president and vice president, Judah and Dorothy Rosen, a most interesting and entertaining schedule of programs and events has been arranged as follows:

Sept. 1 — Meeting at 1 p.m. The guest will be Dr. Stanley Aronson, M.D., dean emeritus, Brown University Medical School, *Providence Journal* staff correspondent.

Oct. 6 — Meeting at 1 p.m. The guest will be M. Charles Bakst, staff correspondent, *Providence Journal*.

Oct. 12 — Trip to Foxwoods

Resort and casino. Call chairperson Evelyn Brodsky at 467-6179.

Nov. 3 — Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Guest to be announced.

Nov. 21 — Sunday afternoon musical review depicting the lives, times and music of the Barry Sisters. At the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, Newton, Mass. There will be a bus to the show. Brown bag is optional. Call chairperson Dorothy Rosen at 942-0985. This popular show will be a sell-out. Don't be left out. Call early.

Dec. 5 — Annual Chanukah luncheon at West Valley Inn. Call chairpersons Sam and Selma Price at 943-3427.

All meetings are held at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. Enjoy the new year more by joining the Cranston Senior Guild now. Call 943-3427.

## Fall River Jewish Home Joins IntegraCare Network

On Aug. 19, IntegraCare, Eastern Massachusetts' not-for-profit post-acute provider network, announced the addition of The Fall River Jewish Home as a member of its service network.

IntegraCare is a consortium of autonomous not-for-profit providers formed in May of 1999. IntegraCare members include Jewish Rehabilitation Center for Aged of the North Shore, Swampscott, Mass.; Diocesan Health Facilities, Fall River, Mass.; Evanswood Center for Older Adults, Kingston, Mass.; D'Youville Senior Care Center, Lowell, Mass.; Rogerson Communities, Boston, Mass.; William B. Rice Eventide Home, Quincy, Mass.; Penacook Place, Haverhill, Mass.; and Neville Manor Nursing Home, Cambridge, Mass.

Christine M. Vitale, administrator of The Fall River Jewish Home stated, "We are pleased to join with other mission-driven organizations in forming IntegraCare. The history of commitment to seniors that these non-for-profit organizations have is in consonance with the mission of the Jewish Home."

The Fall River Jewish Home, Inc., has been caring for frail and infirm elders for 75 years. It

was founded by community members in 1925 to respond to the needs of the aged in the community. Since then, the home has continued to grow and respond to the changing needs of the elders within the community. Today, The Fall River Jewish Home is a 62-bed skilled nursing facility, including a 32-bed Medicare-certified unit, which employs 92 people to provide a complete range of services to meet the diverse needs of its residents. The home offers respite and short-term rehabilitative stays in addition to long-term placement, as well as on-site rehab services, pain management, and I.V. services.

IntegraCare members serve more than 3,200 Massachusetts citizens and employ more than 3,000 individuals. The network offers not-for-profit providers a creative avenue to combine their missions and skills, while retaining individual ownership, governance and licensure control of their entities. The impetus for the formation of the network was the need to take cohesive collective action in order to position the members to participate in the new Massachusetts Senior Care Organization initiative.

## Learn Hebrew in One Day

Temple Beth-El in Providence is offering a daylong class that promises to have you reading Hebrew in just one day. This "marathon" has proven successful around the country for those who have no Hebrew experience or for those who are just feeling "rusty."

It is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holidays. Hebrew-in-a-Day will take place on Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 for materials and lunch. Hebrew-in-a-Day is part of a full Jewish adult enrichment program at Temple Beth-El. For information, call 331-6070.

# September 1<sup>st</sup> is a good day to return to Temple!

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## Jarrett Wins Photography Award

Lisa Jarrett has received an honorable mention in the 1998 Nikon Photo Contest International. She will receive an award and gift from Nikon's headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. The winning photo was taken of the grotto in Rosh Hanikra during the Temple Beth-El trip to Israel last summer, and will be published in the NPCI Annual, which is due out in December.

This photograph and others taken by Jarrett will be on display from Sept. 3 through 30 at T's Gallery, located at 1059 Park Ave. in Cranston. The gallery hours are Sunday to Tuesday 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jarrett lives in Providence with her husband, Michael. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Waldman, also from Providence.

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## Board Members Attend 16th Annual Evening at the Pops

Robert Oster, Esq., of Lincoln, R.I., and Lillian and Robert Bernstein, of Riverside, R.I., board members of American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, New England Region, participated in A.A.B.G.U. 16th annual Evening at the POPS event. A capacity crowd of 700 friends and supporters filled Boston Symphony Hall to join the 1999 David Ben-Gurion honorees, Dr. Kenneth R. and Sherri Ades Falchuk, and New Leadership Award recipient, Enrique Darer.

Profits from the 16th annual Evening at the POPS will benefit the American Associates Campus for Student Housing at Ben-Gurion University at the Negev. There can be no more meaningful way of supporting Israel's future than through the education of its young people. A major center for research and learning, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is the answer to David Ben-Gurion's call to create from "this little land... a rich and enduring life that will serve to inspire humanity everywhere."

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev stands, both in time and place, at the crossroads of the new Middle East. Its expertise in medicine, desert research, high technology, biochemistry and arid zone agriculture helps bring the dream of peace and security closer to reality for the land and people of Israel and the world. For more information, call Robert Bernstein at 724-8000.



Left to right: Robert Oster, Esq., Lillian and Robert Bernstein.

Photo courtesy of A.A.B.G.U.

## It All Happens After School at the Jewish Community Center

The newly re-designed Fall Program Guide highlighting classes for all ages — preschool to senior adults — is now in the mail. Seventy-five classes are being offered in sports and fitness, swimming, arts and crafts, music, nature, ballet and dance, Dungeons and Dragons, chess, pottery, crafts. Look for such never-before-offered courses such as: Playtime (fun in the gym and in the field, for children ages 4 to 5), Experimenting with Clay (create your own designs by hand and with a potter's wheel, grades four to eight), Beginning Woodworking (learning the basic by using real carpentry tools, grades one and two), Children's Chorus (develop vocal skills and ensemble experience, all-age children), Lifeguard Training (an American Red Cross course, ages 15 and over), Defensive Fitness (taking self-defense to a higher level, for adults).

Class registration starts Sept. 7 for members and Sept. 9 for non-members.

Are you looking for a comprehensive after-school program for your children? Registrations are now being accepted for the 1999 after-school programs, Kidspace and Pre-Teen Connection. Kidspace/PTC are the perfect places for your children. Children in kindergarten through the third grade are together in Kidspace and youth in

grades four through six are together in PTC. Both groups enjoy a delicious snack followed by games and puzzles and a special art or baking project. A staffed homework room is available for children from both groups. Group activities, both indoors and outdoors, round out

the day. The program is designed to be flexible, to meet the needs and desires of each child in a warm, safe environment. Think of it as Summer Camp all year long.

For more information, call the Jewish Community Center at 861-8800.

## PHDS Receives Generous Bequest

The Providence Hebrew Day School announced that the school is the recipient of a most generous gift to its endowment fund. The bequest was received from the estate of Dr. William Fain, who passed away on Nov. 1, 1998.

The school will acknowledge this kind contribution by establishing the Dr. William Fain Memorial Endowment and by placing a commemorative plaque in the school building. The plaque will indicate Fain's "generous support of Jewish education and the continuity of Jewish tradition." The gift will be added to the other funds in the school's endowment, which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

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## Congregation Agudas Achim Holds Open House

An open house and picnic will be held at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro on Aug. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. All adults and children are invited to attend the open house which will feature games and crafts for children. The open house provides an opportunity for prospective members to learn more about Congregation Agudas Achim, the area's only Reconstructionist Synagogue. All members and potential members are welcome to attend.

Congregation Agudas Achim

is located at 901 N. Main St., Attleboro, off exit 5 from Route 95. The synagogue offers a complete range of religious services, adult education, and religious school for children as pre-school through high school. The community welcomes interfaith couples, singles and anyone wishing to learn more about the Jewish tradition.

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For more information about Congregation Agudas Achim and the open house, call the synagogue at (508) 222-2243.

## Arthur Geltzer, Receives Stephens Teaching Award

Arthur Geltzer, M.D., of the Rhode Island Eye Institute, was recently awarded the H. Frederick Stephens Annual Teaching Award for outstanding teaching at the Brown University School of Medicine.

Each year, eye residents vote for the best teacher.

Geltzer's area of specialization is in surgery of retinal-vitreous diseases and diabetic retinopathy. He is currently on the staff of Rhode Island, Miriam, Charlton Memorial, and Women & Infants hospitals. He is an assistant clinical professor of surgery (ophthalmology) at Brown University School of Medicine.

## Fall After-School Program at PHDS Expands

Beginning this fall, the Providence Hebrew Day School will expand the after-school activities it began offering in a limited way last year. Last spring the school ran a very popular art class, choral group and touch football club with more than 40 children participating. This fall, PHDS will offer the following activities:

- Art class
- Girls' soccer or field hockey
- Boys' touch football
- Supervised homework room
- Choral group
- Advanced computer lab
- Private tutoring



Also forming this fall will be a Chesed Club which will offer students a chance to perform charitable deeds in the community. Included will be work with food banks, visits to homes for the elderly and other projects.

Courses will be offered at a nominal fee and led by teachers and instructors from the school. Further information on registration will be available in September.

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## It's Legal, But Is It Kosher?

Modern Guide to Jewish Business Ethics to be Published With Support of Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

Is scalping tickets to a sold-out event ethical, according to Jewish tradition?

How can one make a loan without violating the biblical prohibition against charging interest?

Is one guilty of lying, in terms of Jewish law, for failing to return a telephone call as promised?

These and numerous other intriguing conflicts between commonly accepted contemporary business practices and the mandates of Jewish ethical behavior are cited in a volume to be published this fall, titled *Case Studies in Jewish Business Ethics*. Its author, Dr. Aaron Levine, is the Samson & Halina Bitensky professor of Economics at Yeshiva University in New York. He was supported in the preparation of this work by a grant from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

The volume, which will be issued by Ktav Publishing Co., is intended to serve as a college-level text for courses in economics, while providing the general reader with a timely and cogent comparison between Jewish legal imperatives and contemporary American business mores.

In lucid, occasionally humorous fashion, it presents a series of moral dilemmas in the contemporary marketplace covering such matters as positive and negative advertising; misleading salesmanship; consumer ethics; supervisory practices; performance appraisal; labor relations; labor negotiations; pricing policies; professional ethics; fair competition; insider trading; privacy issues and governmental policies for fostering business ethics.

Each of these subjects is analyzed from the standpoints of both American and Jewish religious law. The Jewish law sources, documented in extensive footnotes at the conclusion of each chapter, include the Torah, Mishna, Talmud, Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law), Responsa literature, and such respected contemporary authorities as Rabbi Moshe Feinstein and Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Economic theories are analyzed to clarify and elucidate the issues covered and recommendations are advanced for bringing American business practices closer to Jewish ethical norms.

According to Levine's work:

- Misleading and deceptive advertising — an all-too-common practice in American business — is prohibited by Jewish law under the interdict against creating a false impression (*geneivat da'at*) and the Torah's admonition against theft (*lo tignovu*), which, the commentators note, refers to theft of mind by means of deception as well as physical theft of property. Therefore, the author notes, advertising copy must be pilot-tested to determine the effect it has on the target group before it is released to the general public.

- *Caveat emptor* (let the buyer beware) is the rule that governs many aspects of the contemporary marketplace. Normative Judaism, however, rejects this operative moral ethic and assigns responsibilities to both parties to a transaction, striking an equitable balance between the reasonable expectations of both the seller and the buyer.

- The principle of *geneivat da'at* serves as the basis of a com-

parison between current practices and Judaic views on "insider" trading. The book cites as an historical example Nathan Rothschild's early acquisition of news of Napoleon's defeat by the British at Waterloo and his ability to profit handsomely by trading on the London Exchange based on this exclusive information. Extrapolating from a 13th-century commentator on property rights, Levine posits that "given the commercial value of Rothschild's superior information, it is legitimate to protect his investment against free riding." Jewish law, the author said, does not recognize the right of traders to share gratis in another's superior information gained through ingenuity and creative effort, rather than favoritism or illegal means. Therefore, he concluded, Rothschild cannot be said to be guilty of *geneivat da'at* conduct.

Throughout *Case Studies in Jewish Business Ethics*, Levine underscores the Judaic imperative to act *lifnim meshurat ha-din* (beyond the letter of the law) in a socially responsible and ethical manner.

An umbrella group of 58 international Jewish organizations representing all branches of Judaism, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture was founded in 1965 with reparations from the former West German government. Since its inception, the memorial foundation has sought to rebuild Jewish life worldwide in the aftermath of the Holocaust by awarding grants totaling more than \$71 million to support the documentation of the Holocaust; train rabbis, scholars and communal workers, and build new institutions of Jewish scholarship, education and culture in more than 30 countries worldwide.

## Start Spreading the News... We're Leaving Sept. 15

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association is holding a bus trip to New York on Oct. 17 to visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Jewish Museum. The cost of \$50 for members and \$60 for guests and/or non-members includes a catered box lunch and all museum admissions.

The box lunch, which will be chosen in advance by the individual attending the trip, is catered by Foremost, Glatt Kosher Caterers. It will be served in the museum dining room overlooking Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

The time schedule for the trip is as follows:

Departure from the Jewish Community Center, 6:45 a.m.

Arrive at the Museum of Jew-

ish Heritage at Battery Park, a self-guided tour, \$10:45 a.m.

Box Lunch, 1 p.m.

The Jewish Museum, including the exhibit of the Wertheimer Family portraits by John Singer Sargent

Dinner at nearby New York restaurants (on your own, not included in the price)

Departure from restaurant area, 6:30 p.m.

Return to the Jewish Community Center in Providence, 10 p.m.

If you are interested in joining us for this trip, or would like additional information, call the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association office at 331-1360. All seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be paid before Sept. 15.

## PHDS Korn Auditorium Gets a Facelift

This summer, the Providence Hebrew Day School engaged in the refurbishment of its largest room — the David and Clara Korn Auditorium. Since it is the largest space in the building, it is used for a variety of purposes including student assemblies, special holiday and school functions, religious services, a model seder, community lectures, physical education classes and family celebrations. In July, the walls were painted and the fixtures and wall hangings were taken down and cleaned.

Also, a beautiful new embroidered cover for the Torah Ark was presented to the school in honor of Michael Weiner, the immediate past-president. Weiner was president of the school for four years and has always played an active role in the functioning of the day school. The cover was presented at the graduation exercise in June. The Korn Auditorium was dedicated in 1962 by Solomon Korn and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Korn. The costs of the auditorium refurbishment and the Ark cover were paid for through the generous donations of PHDS parents and friends.



## Local Doctor Gets Prestigious Appointment

Elliot M. Perlman, M.D., of the Rhode Island Eye Institute was appointed public health and education chair for the New England Ophthalmological Society.

As chair, Perlman will coordinate community outreach and will be charged with developing communications in a variety of mediums including the Internet over the next two years. The committee created and maintains the society's website. Perlman served as a program committee member for the society from 1993 to 1997.

Perlman's area of specialization is in cornea, cataract and refractive surgery and diseases and surgery of the anterior segment of the eye. He is currently the director of Corneal Service at Rhode Island Hospital and is on the staff of Miriam, Charlton Memorial and Nantucket Cottage hospitals. Perlman serves as an assistant clinical professor of surgery (ophthalmology) at Brown University School of Medicine.

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## Go For The Global Gold

### Printed in Fine Sand

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

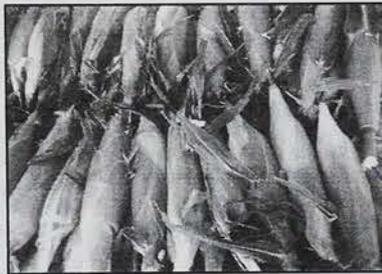


The ribbed sea-sand marks the shore like lines upon a page. The words I read as I walk the book, the beat, each August at twilight come from fellow travelers or those who only sit and wait. Lifeguards reign till dusk from their tall roofed thrones with the square patch of shadow that circles their seat as the hours move along.

I met Ursula a few footsteps from their court. "My parents published a newspaper in Vienna," she began. "The Nazis stole their business and drove them out. They went to four countries and finally Shanghai, China, before they got a visa to America. The first time they tried, on the St. Louis, Roosevelt kept them out. In the Truman years, they reached this shore."

Ursula got her name from a convent where they found shelter. "It means 'bear' in Latin," I told her, "as though you were rescued in a den."

"It was money that saved my



Dave's corn Herald photo by Mike Fink

retirement years are anything but dull. He only perches at our tide line. He takes off like a bird of passage.

Then there's Dave, the farmer who also fishes from his boat at this same spot. Dave has a secret

garden. He lets me follow the complicated trail to find its inner sanctum. Here in Rhode Island, bluebirds are rare. You don't want a crowd to come and scare them off. You keep mum. I won't tell you where this journey took me, only right and then left and then around and away.

Dave put in a high protective wall of evergreens against prying eyes. Then, he planted a miniature grove of fruit trees, an elfin orchard. In the central clearing, a mini-meadow, he installed rows of posts with bluebird houses on top, all hinged and thatched. The wondrous winged angels come in March to check out the wife's choice, and then they pack grasses and a few feathers to line the bassinets. By the time I wound my way to Dave's Eden, the fledglings had gone off, leaving in their trail one u n h a t c h e d , unfertile egg, which Dave gave me as a

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter  
Bob Malin and his wife Marie Schopac work and live in Charlestown, calling their career "Global Wellness, the Five Pillars of Health." They met me for coffee before a Shabbat eve and told a chapter of their story.

"I used the beach wheelchair until I came across Nikken products. Now I get up and walk everywhere," said Marie. (Nikken health products promise to help cure physical problems such as Marie's). Bob took from a satchel a couple of rubber soles. He set them on the coffeehouse floor. I stood on them while he pulled up my outstretched arms. For some reason I had greater strength with those heelprints than barefoot. "It's got some magnetic power," claimed Bob Malin.

I gave my acquaintances something of a hard time. I said more than I heard.

"A kind word heals more pain than anything you pay cash for," I argued. "What people call communicating never really exists at all. You just force folks through trickery or bullying. In fact, we're mostly alone all our lives." I must have brought them down.

"We are not the healthiest population in the world. The Japanese do it better, and they use Nikken abundantly. Of course, they also have more or-

derly lives than we do," they added.

Charlestown is an outpost of our state where the large issues of world wellness might well find a good home for conversation. I still maintain that

without safe air, earth, water, and fellow creatures, we cannot invent or acquire any gadget to get us out of the wheelchair of our helplessness. But Malin and Schopac give it their best.



Bob Malin and Marie Schopac Herald photo by Mike Fink

## Before The Fall

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Robert Frost wrote a poem about summer's end with the line, "Word somehow must have gotten abroad—word I was in my house alone, word I was in my life alone."

By the brink of golden September, the stormclouds low over the surf line bring those verses back to my mind.

I spend some precious hours rocking the hours away, reading just a bit, or going over some old movies on video. The classic flicks carry me to the past, the faraway, or the realms of art. Nobody likes "Touch of Venus" as much as I do. The simple story of a mannequin that comes to life for a few hours and then flies into the summer thunderstorm, leaving the poor clerk quite alone—until Ava Gardner comes along as a salesgirl—takes my breath away with its beauty and charm, to the tune of Kurt Weill's haunting melody.

Agnieszka Holland made "Europa, Europa," taken from the true tale of a boy survivor. Its central character even came to town and spoke at Temple Beth-El. She created another biography of a lost boy. It's not a classic oldie, but it will become one, rather than a box-office

draw. This was my second treasure and pleasure.

None other than Leonardo DeCaprio plays Arthur Rimbaud, the simple country boy who radically changed French poetry, while destroying his mentor Paul Verlaine and maiming his own soul and body. Rimbaud died after an adult career as a slave-trader in Ethiopia! He lost a leg, and he lost his mind. Leonardo puts in a spectacular performance, anything but sweet.

All on the same sweltering day in the full strangeness of late August, I caught up on the complete uncut version of "The Long Way Home," the narrative documentary of the migration of the displaced persons en route to Palestine and Israel. I hope most of you have seen this most impressive piece of editing. It will bring home the meaning of Frost's phrase, that word has gotten abroad, we are in our house alone, in our life alone.

There are late days before our new year when you have to look back before you see the value of the passing light of time. A few words of text, some marvelous images in a wondrous tube, and you take thoughts and memories into your sleep, which raves up the sleeve of care.

## Weddings and Webdings

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

It goes by year after year, with hardly any note at all. Yet it really marks the start of my universe. Sometime in mid-August my parents were wed in a rabbi's study in Canada. I have the ketubah someplace.

They met as new cousins by marriage. My dad drove over the border and brought her back. They "eloped," as the romantic stories of their era put it. Remember the cartoons of the ladder going up to the second story of the young lady's house?

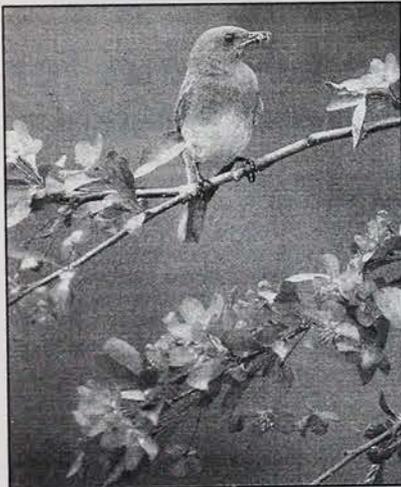
My father had studied business and edited a high school Spanish magazine. My mother had modelled hats and shown promise as an artist. Their knot braided together poetic and practical values.

I inherited that woven fabric of dream and doubt.

In my school office I keep his diplomas and even the golf clubs he briefly used when he was courting customers "on the road." On the walls of my house I display the designs my mother made, an account of the softer vision she had.

How can I mark their anniversary of the alliance that created me and all I have?

Maybe it's the bowtie of all life, like a butterfly coming out and hovering over your blossoms. Things just come together. The temple falls, the glass breaks, the frontier is crossed, and the surf wipes the slate until the gentle rain comes from heaven.



Portrait of bluebird pursuing happiness Photo by Steve Maka

family from the death camps. We bought our freedom, our lives. Actually, I was born in Germany, but my father found work only as a bartender in the U.S.A. and my mother ran a sewing machine among other seamstresses in a factory. She made do, pursued happiness, while my dad never got over the shock of his travels and troubles."

The beach is not only a place to bask in the sunshine. It can also furnish the light of truth and of poetry. To my list of people and their parables, I add the tale of Charlie. He joined the Navy in 1937 and now sips coffee at the river, looking out from eyes clearer since recent cataract surgery.

"I get free passage on the airlines. I go anywhere I can find a seat. I stay at seamen's senior centers, in Paris, back in Hawaii, anywhere a ship or a plane may sail and cruise." Charlie's

sad souvenir. It's tiny, mottled, an exquisite soft turquoise color. Our constitution guarantees the right to pursue the bluebird of happiness, or at least hope, not necessarily to find it right off the bat. Dave pulled up a few carrots and onions and ears of corn to make up for the absent bluebirds.

Yesterday I heard a superstitious rumor about a ghost haunting the hill that rises from the river that joins my daily beach. There's a zone that catches souls in a vortex or a void. Whatever. Tomorrow I have a rendezvous with a fellow half Pequod and half Narragansett. I'll see what words he prints in the air upon the ribbed sands of time and tide.

Some people gather glass, shells, dune wildflowers. I collect the vowels and consonants of the souls at the seaside.

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# FEATURE

## Don't Try to Bank Your Golden Years...

by George Bonin

What are the "Golden Years" we keep hearing about? You don't know? They're the times when all the little complaints we have nursed through the years finally build up to a crescendo of great aches, pains, and all manner of plagues that all elderly citizens fall heir to.

Things begin to appear on the body in profusion — moles, skin tags, cellulite, warts, blotches, rashes, pimples, bags under the eyes, and "turkey-necks." Headaches, backaches, leg aches, neck aches, now come out of hiding, causing us to swallow pills, capsules, tablets, and all sorts of vile-tasting liquids. We smear ourselves with salves, lotions, potions, liniments — we suffer digestive disorders, constipation, prostate troubles — we get gallstones, kidney and bladder stones. We can't remember anything — we can't eat cake, ice cream or pickles — all the good things that make life worthwhile.

They do allow us to eat cabbage, cottage cheese, beans, broccoli, prunes, applesauce, and grapefruits — and other

tasteless monstrosities. We end up as retreads, patched-up, stapled, held in one piece with adhesive tape, bandages, and strings, stuffed to the gills with all sorts of vitamins, elixirs, panaceas and laxatives, and we are left only with Lawrence Welk and low-fat milk.

Doctors take a fiendish delight after viewing the elderly in their offices, "Hmmm! Let's take out the appendix — that might eliminate the cause of your trouble!" or, "You really can live with one kidney, one leg, and certain other body parts!"

Your hair goes, your eyesight diminishes, the teeth decay and your new "choppers" click like castanets. Sex life is a thing of the past. Did you really think it would last till you reached 100? Did we become guinea pigs for the medical profession? With all this in mind, let me tell the story of my friend, Maury Feitelbaum of Century Village, Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Maury, on his 75th birthday, woke up slowly, having slept badly the night before, and probably would celebrate his day with closed eyes. His head

ached, and he had to have some aspirin. Now, where were those damned aspirins? He found them, but wait, were they really aspirin? How could he tell without his glasses? For crying out loud, where were his glasses? He finally found them in the fridge. His head hurt so much, he put on the frozen glasses, sending cold shivers down his spine.

He attempted to twist the aspirin cap off, but couldn't budge it. After a struggle, he swallowed two pills and sat down to recuperate.

Tottering into the bathroom, he looked into the mirror, and was scared out of his wits by the gargoyles staring back at him in the mirror. Was that him? He had gone bad at 74, but look at him now! His trembling hand reached for the toothpaste. Easier said than done! He couldn't remove the cap! On his 75th birthday he had fallen apart. He couldn't open anything — he couldn't do anything right. He then thought, "Are these the 'Golden Years' I've been hearing about? Whoever said that should drop dead."

## Sen. Kerry and Gingrich Are Honored With Friend of Zion Award

Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) and former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich recently flew to Israel aboard El Al Israel Airlines to participate in an award ceremony sponsored by the municipality of Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Fund of Aish Hatorah.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert presented the Friend of Zion award to them, as well as Teresa Heinz, chairman of the Heinz family philanthropies and the Howard Heinz Endowment.

While in Israel, the distinguished group met with regional cooperation minister Shimon Perez in Tel Aviv, flew by helicopter to Masada, toured the Western Wall tunnels and met with new Israeli citizens who recently arrived in the country from Ethiopia and Russia. Their itinerary also included a visit with Jordan's King Abdullah II at his winter palace in Aqaba and a tour of Jordan's ancient city of Petra.

Each year the Friend of Zion award is presented to leaders who have played key roles in promoting the close alliance between the United States and Israel.

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SENATOR JOHN KERRY (D-Mass.) poses with Michael Mayer, general manager, El Al Israel Airlines, North and Central America, before boarding his El Al flight to Israel.

## Easing the Transition Back to School... for Parents

by Erin Gisherman Minior  
LICSW, Jewish Family Service  
Director of Professional Services

September is synonymous with back to school, a time which brings many changes into our laid-back summer lifestyles. We spend much time anticipating its arrival as stores capitalize on its coming through their promotions.

Students seem to feel prepared for the upcoming academic year once new shoes and jeans have been purchased. However, parents have the responsibility of managing changing schedules, transportation, sports, after-school activities, supporting their child in adjustments to their new teachers, expectations, homework demands, and safety concerns.

Here are some tips for parents to help minimize their stress while sending their children back to school:

- Engage your child in discussions about returning to school well in advance. This will assist them in identifying and verbalizing their fears and allow you ample time to provide reassurance and establish a plan of action with them.

- Establish expectations ahead of time regarding completion of homework and participation in after-school activities and sports. Try to avoid confrontations during stressful times.

- Set and maintain boundaries. Make the distinction between "must do" and "should do." Work with other parents to share carpooling and after-school child care responsibilities. Overextending yourself for your children can create a chaotic and stressful atmosphere.

- Set aside at least a few minutes each day to hear about your child's daily activities. Knowing that this is a routine part of their day will decrease the likelihood of interruptions while you are engaged in other necessary, busy activities.

- Stay organized and flexible. Taking five minutes to make lists of things that need doing at home and work will save you valuable time in the long run. Anticipate problems so that you can prepare for them. What will you do if the school nurse calls you about a sick child? Keep emergency phone numbers handy.

- Help maintain your child's health by insuring that they get an adequate amount of sleep and proper nutrition. Remember that a balanced meal does not have to be slaved over for hours.

- Never forget to take time for yourself. This will help you be a better parent, employee and happier human being.

If you are feeling overwhelmed through the "back to school" transition, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

## Be On the Lookout for School-Bound Kids

In just a few weeks, sidewalks, school bus stops and roads will once again be filled with children walking and biking their way to school. With this comes the increased risk of a deadly collision between a child and a motor vehicle, says AAA Southern New England.

"During the summer, drivers forget about school kids, bus stops and crossing zones," said Robert P. Murray, AAA senior vice president of Corporate Affairs. "We are urging people, especially parents who are dropping their kids off at school, to pay extra attention, when driving during the next few weeks to avoid a serious incident."

To help make drivers aware of the dangers, AAA has launched its annual School's Open — Drive Carefully campaign. AAA offices will sport posters and distribute School's Open bumper stickers; the club will distribute educational materials to area schools, and AAA School Safety Patrol members will be using extra caution when directing child pedestrians.

"Kids are particularly vulnerable to being struck by a vehicle because their actions are unpredictable and they are smaller, making them harder to see," Murray said. "We really want to get the word out so we can reduce the risk of a tragedy."

### AAA offers these tips for drivers

- Get in the habit now of recognizing school zones on your route.

- Look for bicycles, children playing, or AAA School Safety Patrol members, which indicate children nearby.

- Scan between parked vehicles and other danger zones for hiding children.

- Drive with headlights on at all times so children and other drivers can see you.

- Be prepared to take evasive action — fast.

- Avoid using cell phones while driving, especially in the hours before or after school.

"Driving always demands our full attention, but this is especially important this time of year," said Murray.

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- A total of 5,307 pedestrians were killed in collisions with motor vehicles in 1977. Children 0 to 14 years old accounted for 644 (12 percent) of those fatalities.

- More school-age pedestrians are killed in the afternoon than in the morning, with 43 percent of fatalities occurring between 3 to 4 p.m.

- The vast majority of child pedestrian fatalities (83 percent) occur at non-intersection locations.

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## ISRAEL

## ECONOMIC BRIEFS

- Professor Leo Leiderman, head of the research department at the Bank of Israel, reported that the presentation of economic figures for the first six months of 1999 by the Central Bureau of Statistics did not accurately reflect the state of the economy, *Ha'aretz* reported. Leiderman said that the economy is on the verge of recovery, but the government's fiscal and monetary policies will be crucial in bolstering its rehabilitation.
- Gross domestic product for the first half of the year rose by 0.2 percent, compared with one percent in the second half of 1998 and 2.3 percent in the first half of last year, *The Jerusalem Post* reported, based upon figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Total growth for 1999 is projected at 1.5 to 2 percent.
- Jerusalem Global plans to establish a new club aimed at providing private investors with an opportunity to invest in high-tech companies at an early stage, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. Club members will be presented with investment opportunities in technology companies, primarily from the Internet industry. The minimum investment is expected to be \$100,000.

## From Yale Football Star to Israeli Medical Star

During Andrew Levy's senior year at Yale, five fellow members of Yale's championship team got NFL offers, but for him it was the end of his football career. Still, he had more than memories to fall back on: a stellar academic record, a keen interest in medicine and a devoted, close-kni family.

Two decades later, Levy is an observant Jew and a new *oleh* with a long résumé packed with accomplishments at some of the world's leading medical institutions. As a young researcher at Johns Hopkins, he was on the team that discovered the vital growth factor VEGF. And this month, as a senior lecturer at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, his latest breakthrough—a blood test that predicts patients' ability to grow new blood vessels—has been the subject of keen media attention here and in Israel.

The path from football star to medical star began simply, as an extension of his natural curiosity, but has altered his and his family's life profoundly.

"I met my wife Nina when I was a student in the M.D./Ph.D. program at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and we started attending an adult education program called *Etz Chaim* (the tree of life)," Levy, now 38, recalls. "The leader was a dynamic rabbi named Shlomo Porter. We studied and talked a great deal, and little by little Judaism started to become important in our lives."

So important, in time, that the Levys became increasingly more observant religiously and

more Zionist in outlook, and eventually decided "it was time to put our money where our mouths were." Levy gave up his position at Georgetown

Medical Center and his \$300,000 annual research grant, and moved his growing family to Israel.

Today, Andrew and Nina

Levy do research at the Medical Faculty at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, where he heads a research laboratory, and where he has more than made up for the loss of the earlier research grant with new grants from Israeli and American sources.

Nina Levy has been among her husband's co-investigators on every important research project, only taking time off for the births of their five children, the last of whom "our first *sabra*," was born after their arrival in Israel two years ago.

His latest and first research breakthrough to come out of his Technion lab promises to revolutionize treatment for heart, diabetes and cancer patients. With the simple blood test his team developed, it is now possible to predict which heart disease patients will grow new blood vessels and therefore survive without surgery, which cancer patients will grow new vessels to feed and grow the cancer, and which diabetes patients will grow new vessels that may cause blindness. Armed with this knowledge, doctors will be better able to design treatment. The results have been hailed by the scientific community.

"Research is a process where we build on the questions that others raise and each of us makes a small step forward. But they tell me that the test seems to make a lot of sense," he says with characteristic modesty.

The NFL's loss is clearly science's—and Israel's—gain.



DR. ANDREW LEVY with his wife and research partner, Dr. Nina Levy, in a Technion-Israel Institute of Technology laboratory

## Track Stars Prepare for Next Olympics

by Wendy Elliman

The concept is wholly East European, and sure enough it's fathered by a Russian. But the place is Israel and, although it wasn't planned that way, the youngsters are all Ethiopian.

The idea is to identify gifted young Israeli runners, nurture and train them to international standards and, hopefully, carry off the gold in the next—if not all future—Olympics. Two years ago, Israel's Russian-born, nationally sponsored state trainer, Arkady Sklar, set out to identify teen-age candidates for this program, with the blessings of the country's Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport.

"It wasn't conceived of as a program for Ethiopian youngsters," said Sklar. "But, quite simply, that's where the talent lies. Of the 15 boys selected for this first group, all are born in Ethiopia."

Salomon Elias, 16, is one of them. "I've been in Israel for four years, and have been running seriously for three," he said. "I knew I was good because I always won, but I never thought of doing anything with it."

An only child, Salomon lost his mother in infancy. His father drives a truck, and is often away from their Haifa home. The invitation to Salomon to move to a residential high school as part of a special training program couldn't have been more welcome.

For 15-year-old Amir Getz, too, his selection was like "a gift from heaven." Attached as he is

to his family, there is a large number of them crowded into a very small pre-fab apartment in Hadera. "Sure I miss my mom and my dad, my brothers and sisters," he said. "But I see them every few weeks, and here I have my own bed, my own worktable and my own space."

Home to the project is the Hadassah-Neurim youth village, on the seashore north of Netanya, where Amir, Salomon and the others now live and study. During its 51-year history, Hadassah-Neurim—supported by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and Youth Aliyah—has run a range of experimental projects for the thousands of youngsters educated and cared for on its pastoral campus.

"We were more than happy to take this one on," said Avi Ohayon, sports project coordinator at Neurim. "We're experienced, and we have the facilities—we have two stadiums, we're close to the Wingate Physical Culture Institute which designed and supervises the training program, and we're right on the beach so the boys can run for miles along the shore."

But Hadassah-Neurim took on the project with some very explicit guiding principles. "First," emphasizes Ohayon, "the boys are part and parcel of the school. Although their training and even their diet set them apart, they are expected to apply themselves to the regular high school curriculum. They study together with the general stu-

dent body and they take full part in the life of the village. Second, we stress that classroom study is as important to their future as running, and we're happy that most are very strong in math, physics, chemistry and geography, as well as on the track."

Uri Saalo, 15, Israel's 3,000-meter youth champion, has just added electronics to his course load. "When the running is over, I'll have a good career option," he said. Salomon's plans for the future, however, are focused on the track. "I guess I'll have to stop running when I get to be 30," he said. "Then I think I'd like to be a trainer. Maybe Israel's national trainer, like Arkady."

The 15 fit, well-muscled and confident young runners stand out among the 800 teen-agers at Hadassah-Neurim who are not only Ethiopian- and Russian-born, but also native Israelis. "Yes, I guess we are a kind of elite," said Saalo. "We have different food from the others—high-calorie, high-vitamin. We go twice a week to Wingate for training. We get up earlier than the others and run before breakfast every morning, and then again all afternoon. And, of course, we go all over Israel and sometimes abroad for contests."

Saalo recently took second place in the 3,000-meter race in the European youth championships half-marathon, and came in seventh in the world championships in China.

"Maybe the other kids are a little envious of us sometimes,"

said Salomon, whose specialty is the 400-meter race. "We do all this special stuff, and we're really close to one another. We're really good friends. We have our own running specialties, so we're not in competition with each other. But we do have friends outside of our group as well, and I think the whole school is proud of us. They're always there to

wave us off to the contests, and to cheer us home again.

"It's like having a big, big family of 800 people to bring our awards and medals and cups home to," he said, proudly.

A family that one day soon hopes to welcome home at least one Olympic medal winner.

Wendy Elliman is a freelance writer living in Israel.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ACT Programs Serve Disabled and Special Needs Populations

The All Children's Theatre has implemented a variety of outreach programs, designed specifically for children with special needs.

Wrenn Goodrum, artistic director and founder of the ACT, has been leading an after-school drama club program at the Vartan Gregorian School on Wickenden Street in Providence for four years. The student population at the school is quite diverse and has an unusually high percentage of developmentally disabled students. Many of these students have joined the after-school drama club and reached goals far beyond the dreams of their parents and teachers. "ACT's influence on the success, well-being and personal growth of students who are involved in the after-school drama arts program is clearly evident. Under this program, children with learning and developmental disabilities, as well as the non-disabled population, have blossomed under Wrenn's guidance," said Mary Brennan, principal of the Vartan Gregorian School.

Funding from the John E. Fogarty Foundation for Persons with Mental Retardation enabled ACT to implement a drama arts program for developmentally disabled children at the Meeting Street Center in East Providence in spring 1999. MaryLee Vitale, ACT drama teacher, conducted three classes at the center and

worked with both physically and mentally challenged children. Classes included an integrated program with non-disabled children from the integrated day care facility, Bright Futures. The Fogarty-sponsored program was so successful, Meeting Street Center is funding the program's renewal this fall.

Because of ACT's successful track record, the Fogarty Foundation is funding a 24-week integrated drama arts curriculum designed specifically for special needs students at the Vartan Gregorian School. The All Children's Theatre and special education teachers from Vartan are developing a drama curriculum that reinforces the basic core curriculum study areas of history, geography, mathematics, science, language arts and fine arts. These 90-minute, on-site classes begin in September.

Developmentally disabled children are encouraged to join the ACT Ensemble. ACT employs a dedicated rehearsal production assistant to give particular attention to special needs members. With financial support from individuals, corporations and foundations, ACT can also provide these families with ensemble membership tuition assistance.

For additional information, call Brenda Corwin, director of education and outreach at 331-7174 or e-mail at <ACTinRI@aol.com>

## Judaica Art Show Opening at JCCRI

A Judaica Art Show will be opening at Gallery 401 on Sept. 9. This show will feature four local artists, Bruce Lenore, Diane Cochran, Judith Klein and Harold Isserlis and will run from Sept. 9 through Oct. 13. Lenore is known for his beautiful Judaica kiddush cups, menorahs, mezuzahs and more, in addition to ornamental pieces. Cochran's work is inspired by Jewish Mysticism and the Alef-Bet. Educated in Israel, Klein has shown her works throughout Southern New England. Isserlis is a realist/impressionist painter who will be showing scenes of Israel.

Gallery 401 is Southern New England's premiere Jewish art gallery located off the lobby of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Gallery showings are presented throughout the year. The current show, a solo exhibition of Judith Naftygjel's watercolors runs through Sept. 5. For information about Gallery 401 or other Jewish Cultural programs at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, contact Sue Suls at <ssuls@jccri.org> or 861-8800, ext. 108.

## Shakespeare and Shaw Team Up to Open Trinity Rep's Season

While you're licking pop-sicles, playing miniature golf and building sand castles, Trinity Rep is already hard at work building its 36th season. When September arrives, two masterpieces from two of history's greatest playwrights will be ready and waiting for you. Shakespeare's "Othello" and "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw.

Opening the season in the upstairs theater from Sept. 3 to Oct. 10, "Othello" is Shakespeare's most powerful tragedy. Passion, jealousy, remorse and revenge battle for the souls of a dashing African war hero, the Venetian princess he woos and wins, his faithful lieutenant, and a truly nefarious villain. "Othello" is a gripping psychological thriller that has kept four centuries of audiences on the edge of their seats.

Opening the downstairs the-

ater from Sept. 24 to Nov. 7, "Mrs. Warren's Profession" is Shaw's shockingly modern take on the oldest profession. An unconventional young woman discovers that her mother has a secret of her own in this groundbreaking work by the brilliantly witty playwright.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 7 p.m. Tuesday and Sunday; and 2 p.m. on Sundays and select Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Single ticket prices range from \$26 to \$38, with student, senior, and disabled discounts available. For ticket information, call the box office at 351-4242. Excellent group discounts are available at 521-1100, ext. 223. Visit Trinity Rep's web site at <www.trinityrep.com>.

Trinity Rep is conveniently located in downtown Providence at 201 Washington St., a few blocks from Exit 21 off Route 95. Parking is available nearby.

### Under Thirty Thursdays

With "Othello," the first play of its 36th season, Trinity Rep Company announces an exciting new program for the next generation of theater fans: Under Thirty Thursdays. In a bold effort to win the hearts of younger audiences, Trinity Rep now offers \$10 tickets to anyone under 30 for Thursday evening performances of "Othello": no restrictions, no limits.

And if that's not enticement enough, audience members under 30 can get a jump start on the weekend at Trinity Rep's lobby bar, enjoying refreshments and draft beers for only \$1.

## RISD Museum Offers After-School Art Classes This Fall

The RISD Museum opens new worlds and offers the perfect environment for creativity during its "ArtFull Thursdays," after-school art classes for young people.

"ArtFull Thursdays" are divided into two sections: "Discover Art" (parent/child workshop) for those between the ages of 4 and 6 years; and "To the East" & Beyond for those between the ages of 7 and 12 years that are interested in creating two- and three-dimensional artworks with paint, clay and other media.

The six-week classes are designed to encourage young people's appreciation of art in the museum while creating their own artworks. Children explore the many ways of seeing as they acquire drawing, painting, and sculpting skills.

The classes are limited in size and cost \$85 for RISD Museum members and \$95 for non-members (including materials). Classes will be held on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. beginning the week of Sept. 27.

For more information about this fall's after-school art programs, call 454-6500. The RISD Museum is located at 224 Benefit Street in Providence.

## Local Author to Sign Nationally Acclaimed Book

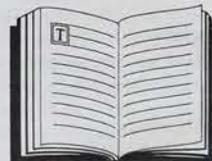
Little Compton Community Center and Partners Village Store are pleased to announce that Sally Bedell Smith will be giving a talk and signing copies of her new book, *Diana in Search of Herself; Portrait of a Troubled Princess* at the Little Compton Community Center on Sept. 2 at 4 p.m.

*Diana in Search of Herself* is the first authoritative biography of one of the most fabled women of the century.

Bedell Smith has written the first truly balanced portrait of the Princess of Wales. Drawing on scores of interviews with friends and associates who had not previously talked about Diana, Smith explores the events and relationships that shaped the princess, the flashpoints that sent her careening through life, her feelings of unworthiness, her view of men, and her perpetual journey toward a better sense of self. By making connections not previously explored, this book allows the readers to see Diana as she really was, from her birth to her tragic death.

A summer resident of Little Compton, Bedell Smith is au-

thor of the best-selling biography of William S. Paley, *In All His Glory*, and *Reflected Glory: The Life of Pamela Churchill Hardman*. Smith began her career at *Time* magazine and has since worked at *TV Guide* and *The New York Times*, where she was a cultural-news reporter. She joined *Vanity Fair* as a contributing editor in 1996. Bedell Smith lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Stephen G. Smith, editor of *U.S. News & World Report*, and their three children.



## RIPYO Announces Extra Auditions

Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestra announces extra auditions for the 1999-00 season: Symphony Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, Preparatory String Ensemble, String Class, and Beginning Strings. Due to an overwhelming response to our spring audition announcement, we have added fall auditions for September 1999. Positions are available for strings. Auditions are by appointment only. Call the Philharmonic office at 831-3123, ext. 14, for further information. The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras bring together nearly 250 students ranging in age from 5 through 18. RIPYO's five groups rehearse each Saturday of the school year in preparation for their three concerts at the historic Veterans Memorial Auditorium.



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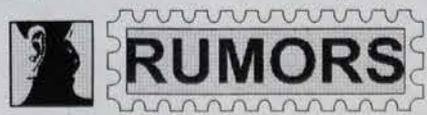
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## Bert Gallery to Exhibit Paintings of James Drummond Herbert

The paintings of Providence artist James Drummond Herbert will be showing at the Bert Gallery from Sept. 7 through Oct. 22. The Bert Gallery is located at 540 South Water St. in Providence and is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The artifice of the theater provided a fertile source of inspiration for Rhode Island painter James Herbert. His evolution as an artist can be compared to a play with many acts. As a young artist, and like many of the masters he studied, he drew his initial inspiration from the classical figures and stories of ancient Greece and Rome. It is during this period that he uses watercolors to identify and hone his own style within the context of familiar myths of antiquity.

His fanciful paintings range from portraits of toreadors and characters from Arthurian legends, to harlequins and jesters, to ancient gods combined with characters from 19th- and 20th-century European theater.

Born in 1896, Herbert received his art training in Manhattan and in Paris and then went on to work in advertising while pursuing his own art career. Herbert moved to Rhode Island in 1947 where he taught advertising and drawing at the Rhode Island School of Design until 1952. He exhibited in both individual and group shows locally and nationally while in Providence, and died there in 1970.

For more information, call the Bert Gallery at 751-2628. The gallery is located at 540 South Water St., Providence.

## Rhode Island College Lists Calendar of Events

**Aug. 26 to 28** — Dance: Open Dance Company, class with Angelica Vessella, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Recreation Center Annex. Admission is \$6 per class.

**Sept. 2 to 25** — Art: Annual Faculty Show, drawing, painting, printmaking, and photography. Opening Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 15** — Film: "Life is Beautiful," Film Society, 7:30 p.m. Horace Mann Hall, Room 193.

**Sept. 23** — Lecture: Birgitta Jonsdottir, "New Media." 4 p.m., Bannister Gallery.

**Sept. 30 to Oct. 3** — Theatre: "Dancing at Lughnasa." Written by Brian Friel, directed by P. William Hutchinson. 8 p.m., Sept. 30 to Oct. 2; 2 p.m., (matinee) Oct. 3. The Auditorium, reserved seating \$10.

For more information on these and other events at RIC, call 456-8090.

## From Aleph to Tav: Collecting at the Turn of the Century

Re-opens Sept. 7, Extended Through Dec. 30

An abecedary based on Yeshiva University Museum's recent acquisitions, silver, textiles, costumes, photographs, documents, and artworks, culled from gifts, bequests, and purchases of the past 10 years, are clustered under the letters of the Hebrew aleph-bet (alphabet).

This exhibition of gifts and bequests received during the last decade is arranged according to the aleph-bet in order to demonstrate the protean nature of the Yeshiva University Museum collection. Interpretive labels illustrate the broad range of the museum's collecting policy and explore the cultural significance of both artistic and mundane artifacts. The contextual display of such items informs and illuminates Jewish life in all its aspects. Among the vast range of fascinating objects on view from YUM's diverse collection are the following:

- The Slovakian national costume worn by a 4-year-old child

in Vienna, together with a photograph of her wearing it in 1891, is a nostalgic reminder that children have always loved to dress up; only the props have changed.

- An Iron Age jar handle from Hebron is marked "Belonging to the King." Much of the pottery found in archaeological excavations was used for storage of liquids and food. Wealthy individuals, then as now, made certain that these containers were labeled as their exclusive property.

- Contemporary craftsman Robert Richter's Torah Crown is a modern ceremonial masterpiece of woodturning, composed of ebony, tulip wood, zircote, and purple heart. While historic Torah ornaments of wood do exist, this Torah Crown in the contemporary idiom is a unique artwork.

- A 1921 Gold Medal Flour Cookbook in Yiddish depicts changes in the varieties and

preparation of "traditional" Jewish food, targeting Jewish homemakers who are recent American immigrants. An advertisement shows a family at the Shabbat table, the father's hands on braided challahs; a sack of Gold Medal flour prominently placed suggests that immigrants can Americanize by using American products for traditional purposes.

- An evocative World War I concert poster from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, portrays a mother and child and calls on the Jewish community to help nourish fellow Jews from war-torn Europe. Holland was neutral during the first World War.

Museum hours and directions — Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, and \$2 for senior citizens and children. Museum members and university identification card holders are admitted free. Call (212) 960-5390.

## The 'Rumors' Are Out!

Neil Simon's 'Rumors' at The Mill River Dinner Theatre

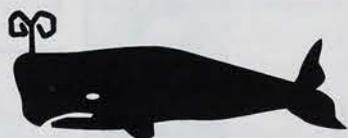
At the townhouse of a deputy New York City mayor and his wife, four couples are arriving to help celebrate the hosts' 10th wedding anniversary, only to find the deputy mayor has apparently shot himself in the head (it's only a flesh wound) and his wife is missing! Their lawyer decides to cover up a cover-up, which gets progressively difficult to sustain as the other guests arrive, and nobody can remember who has been told what about whom. Doors slam, and hilarity abounds as the couples get more and more crazed trying to sort things out.

The play runs from Aug. 27 through Sept. 19 at the Mill River Dinner Theatre, 499 High St., Central Falls, R.I. The dinner and show cost \$25 and performances are on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 1 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 721-0909.

## Volunteers Needed for New Bedford Whaling Museum

The Old Dartmouth Historical Society-New Bedford Whaling Museum is seeking applicants who wish to become volunteer guides or library aides. Applicants must successfully complete a 14-week course beginning in October and continuing through the end of January, given by the museum staff. The course covers the economic, political and social history of the Old Dartmouth area, local art history, as well as the story of whaling. Volunteers will then be able to conduct tours of the museum, give talks to school groups and other organizations, and assist on special projects.

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# OBITUARIES

**GERTRUDE L. COEN**  
LONGMEADOW, Mass. — Gertrude L. Coen, 84, of Longmeadow, Mass., a former teacher, died Aug. 18 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass. She was the wife of the late William Coen.

Born in Vergennes, Vt., she was a daughter of the late Max Fishman and Carrie (Wolk) Fishman.

She was a graduate of the University of Vermont and had taught there before moving to Springfield in 1940 and Longmeadow in 1954.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood and Hadassah. She was a member of and volunteer of the National Council of Jewish Women, as well as the Wesson Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Commission for the Blind.

She leaves three sons, Donald Coen of Medfield, Mass., Cary Coen of East Greenwich and David Coen of Shelburne, Vt.; a sister, Freda Stroh of Longmeadow; and seven grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Samuel Fishman and Sarah Gould.

A graveside service was held Aug. 20 at Beth-El Cemetery, West Springfield, Mass.

**MOLLY GOLDSMITH HALPERN**

PROVIDENCE — Molly Goldsmith Halpern, of 355 Blackstone Boulevard, formerly of Cooke Street, Pawtucket, a research assistant in the Bio-Med Sciences Department at Brown University during the 1950s and 1960s, died Aug. 22 at home.

She was the wife of Harry Halpern, and the late Jules P. Goldsmith.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Samuel and Rose (Madoff) Weinberg, she lived in Providence most of her life.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, and was the first woman to be elected to its board of directors. She served on the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center, and was a volunteer at Miriam Hospital, where she established the Tender Loving Care Unit.

She was a member of the League of Women Voters, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Jewish Family Services, Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Ledgermont Country Club, and the Brandeis University Women's Association of Boca Raton.

Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Paula Epstein of Marina del Rey, Calif., Lyn Schaffer of Providence, and Miriam Goldsmith Silberstein of North Kingstown; a stepson, Robert Halpern; two stepdaughters, Beverly Goldberg and Margie Bean; a sister, Gussie Baxt of Providence; five grandchildren, a great-grandchild, eight step-grandchildren, and nine step-great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late George Weinberg.

The funeral was held Aug. 24 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.



**RET. MAJ. GEN. LEONARD HOLLAND**

ATLANTA — Ret. Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland, who served 22 years as the state's adjutant general and commander of the Rhode Island National Guard, died Aug. 16 at a nursing facility in Atlanta.

Holland, 83, had been ailing since an accident in 1996.

Holland, who commanded the National Guard when it helped the state dig out from the blizzard of 1978, was adjutant general under five Rhode Island governors and was in office longer than any other adjutant general in the country.

While in office, Holland almost single-handedly secured from the Department of Defense a 79-acre tract at Quonset Point, which he developed into the state headquarters for the Air National Guard. On his retirement, the National Guard base at Quonset Point was named in his honor.

Holland was born in Providence in 1916 and educated in the Providence public schools. He graduated from Central High School in 1935.

After he was drafted into the Army in 1941, he entered Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. His military career lasted 42 years — to his retirement, as a major general, in 1983.

During World War II, Holland served with the 43rd Division on Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands. During an assault landing, an exploding Japanese mortar shell drove shrapnel into his side. As a result of the injury, Holland re-

ceived the Purple Heart, one of his many military honors, which included the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge.

By the end of the war, Holland was a lieutenant colonel and a battalion commander. He remained on active duty until 1946, and joined the Army reserve on his return to Rhode Island.

He was appointed adjutant general in 1961 by Gov. John A. Notte Jr., a Democrat. Breaking with tradition, Notte's Republican successor, John H. Chafee, elected to keep Holland in office.

The adjutant general is the governor's chief military officer and head of the state's Army National Guard and Air National Guard. At the time of Holland's retirement, there were 4,400 people serving in the Guard.

After he retired, Holland divided his time between homes in Pawtucket and West Beach, Fla. He was active as a fundraiser for the United Way and Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

He was a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and a member of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts of America's Narragansett Council.

He married the former Bernice Berry in 1946. Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Richard and Ronald Holland of Atlanta and Glenn Holland of Los Angeles; two brothers, Marvin Holland of Providence and Harry Holland, of Boca Raton, Fla.; and a sister, Zelda Kolodney of Pawtucket. He was the brother of the late Hye Holland of Detroit, Mollye Weiner of Providence and Florence Stone of Swampscott, Mass.

The funeral was held Aug. 19 at Temple Emanu-El, Taft Avenue, Providence. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**MORRIS LEVENTHAL CRANSTON**

— Morris Leventhal, 88, of 45 Meshanicut Valley Parkway died Aug. 19 at home. He was the husband of Anne (Port) Leventhal.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Hyman and Jennie (Leventhal) Leventhal, he lived in Cranston for 14 years, previously residing in Montpelier, Vt. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Rose Medrick of Providence and Ethel Jaffe of Reno, Nev.

A graveside service was held Aug. 20 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

**BETTY L. LEVINSON WOONSOCKET**

— Betty L. Levinson, 80, of Brookhaven Lane, a homemaker, died Aug. 15 at home. She was the wife of the late Bernard Levinson.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Sophie (Arias) Levine, she had lived in Attleboro for 17 years before moving to Woonsocket a year ago.

She leaves a son, Robert B. Levinson of Woonsocket; a brother, Arthur Levine of Littleton, Colo., and a grandson.

The funeral was held Aug. 19 in Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Route 152, Attleboro. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman

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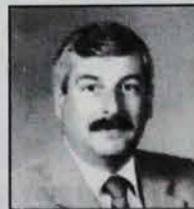


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## MIRIAM COHEN ZISSERSON

CRANSTON — Miriam Cohen Zisseron, 81, of 23 Firglade Drive, a bookkeeper at the former Cranston Fancy Wire Co., and later at Ross-Simons Jewelers, retiring 34 years ago, died Aug. 19 at Cedar Crest Nursing Center. She was the wife of the late Oscar L. Cohen and the late Theodor Zisseron.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Jacob and Fannie (Weinberg) Levinson, she lived in Cranston for 41 years, previously living in Flushing Queens, N.Y.

She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood and a life member of Hadassah. She was a member of Hope Link Order of the Eastern Star, the former Majestic Senior Guild, the Cranston Social Seniors, Temple Beth-El and Ohave Shalom Synagogue.

She was a volunteer for many years in the gift shop at Miriam Hospital and a member of its Women's Association.

She leaves two daughters, Shirley A. Mogan of Cranston and Anita M. Gordon of Providence, and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Harold Levinson.

The funeral was held Aug. 20 at Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

## Feinstein

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that are designed for the exclusive purpose of efficiently and effectively killing people.

"Today, I am announcing that when the Senate returns in September, I will be introducing legislation to ban the possession of all assault weapons, a bill even more comprehensive than the 1994 law I sponsored that banned the manufacture and sale of certain assault weapons.

"The time has come for the United States to take stock of itself. Where are we going as a nation, when our children can't go to a summer camp or a day school in safety? When high school students need to be trained on what to do when fellow students try to mow them down with bullets sprayed from assault rifles? Is this the United States of America that we want to create for our children and grandchildren?

"The fact of the matter is we live in a culture of violence that we must stop. Our society is so awash with guns that it is easy for any psychopath, any grievance killer, any drive-by shooter, any gang member to get virtually any kind of high-powered weapon. We must act now and bring an end to this butchery. In the name of sanity and our children, we must ban the possession of assault weapons."

## Jewish Life

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Jewish influence both politically and financially is much too strong in this country to permit a recurrence of large scale persecution.

Since we are not about to make mass aliyah, resettle in Israel, what's the big deal about Israel? I regularly read a myriad of Jewish publications to find Israel the number one topic. Could this infatuation be the perpetuity of Jewish religious life? I don't think so; this doesn't seem to be of great importance here or in Israel. Could it be the paranoia of anti-Semitism which would make a refuge more attractive? That's getting closer. Or are American Jews simply fans of Israel like that of the Red Sox or Patriots.

My wife and I are about to make another trip to Israel. Not to see sights or observe American dollars at work, but to visit my wife's cousins who live outside of Hertzlia. They come here occasionally and we go there. So, I ask myself, "What will we do there for two weeks?" I've been deliberating this question since we considered making the trip and now I think I have an answer—experience Jewish living, shop in the markets, chat in cafés, read local papers, check out new restaurants. You might say, "You could do the same here," and I would say, "Yes, but it's not Jewish." In Israel, most of the pizza and falafel

stands boldly display the blessings for eating various foods. It's not because there are mostly Jews there; it's because they do things in a Jewish way, like how the elevators operate on Shabbat, how traffic and pedestrians gradually decrease as the Friday afternoon sun sets, or how Jewish holidays are celebrated nationally.

I spend many a Shabbat in New York City where I visit some of my children and grandchildren. I gravitate toward Orthodox shuls. There is no level of observance that can offer the Shabbat peace—with the commotion of pedestrians and traffic that goes on each Saturday in mid-town Manhattan—that you find in Israel, particularly Jerusalem. Sure, there are problems in Israel particularly the rift between the secular and Orthodox, but their life is Jewish. Spirituality is intimately connected to the activities of daily life coupled with community and culture.

I concern myself deeply with the quality of Jewish life here in America. I find barely a trace of genuine spirituality in our synagogues. I detect an overwhelming concern for interfaith relations, fund-raising, honoring committees, but not a sense of exploring our spiritual dimensions. I'm not suggesting that we all pack up and move to Israel, but my hope is that we can visit Israel periodically to observe, rather than wallowing in its political data, and get a helping of Jewish life.

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## Providence Area Host Families Needed Now

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange Executive Director John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families,

P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Latvia, the Former Soviet Union, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Paraguay, Australia, Sweden, Yugoslavia, China, Belgium, Vietnam and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

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A new contest will bring heartfelt meaning to the old adage that the best things in life are free, even weddings.

In celebration of the Millennium, FTD, Inc., the world's largest floral company, is launching the FTD "Ultimate Wedding" Contest, a national search for a lucky couple who will tie the proverbial knot aboard FTD's Promises for Tomorrow floral float at the 11th Tournament of Roses Parade® on Jan. 1, 2000.

The grand prize winning couple will receive a four-day trip to Pasadena, Calif., with up to 12 other guests; a spectacular New Year's Day wedding ceremony aboard the FTD Tournament of Roses float at the Rose Parade, including complete wedding attire; an all-expenses-paid honeymoon trip;

\$10,000 cash; and many more fantastic prizes.

Now through Sept. 30, engaged couples aged 21 or older can visit any participating FTD florist in the United States or Canada (except Quebec) to pick up an official FTD Ultimate Wedding Contest entry form. Entrants will be asked to tell their unique marriage proposal story in 100 words or less. Five finalist essays will be selected by a judging panel assembled by FTD, and couples will attend a Finals Weekend competition to be held in Chicago, Ill., from Nov. 5 to 7. At the finals weekend, the five couples will enjoy a range of fun wedding-related activities and will compete in the Not Quite Newlywed Games to determine the grand prize winning couple.

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essay entries must be received by Oct. 1. The five finalist couples will be announced on Oct. 8. Finalists must attend the finals weekend competition in Chicago on Nov. 5 to 7, to be eligible for the grand prize. Full contest rules are printed on the official entry form.

This year, the theme of the Tournament of Roses Parade is Celebration 2000: Visions of the Future. FTD's Promises for Tomorrow float entry will be designed to represent an extraordinary wedding scene. The float will be 55' long x 18' wide x 32' tall, featuring more than 10 mechanical stylized Peacocks perched atop magnificent floral columns, a wedding arch resembling a chapel steeple, and an elegant selection of classic wedding flowers.

For more information on the contest, visit FTD's website at <[www.ftd.com](http://www.ftd.com)>.

## Pointers for Parents

How To Get Kids Ready For The New School Year

For kids, the end of long, care-free summer days signals the return to school. While facing a new school year can be exciting for children, it can also generate feelings of fear and anxiety. Fortunately, there are ways parents can help their kids make the transition back to school as smooth as possible. Here are some practical tips to follow:

- If possible, visit the school beforehand to show your kids their classrooms, the playground and the bus stop. This is especially important if a child is just starting school or attending a new school.

- If you have younger children taking a bus to school, accompany them to the bus stop for the first few days and introduce them to some of the other kids at the stop. You may also want to include a tag inside their backpack or jacket that contains their

name, address and home phone number.

- Explain to your kids how school will be different this year and talk positively about all the new learning experiences that await them. This can help make a child feel good about returning to school.

- Have your kids draw a picture of what they think their first day of school will be like. A picture can provide you with a good idea of what your kids are feeling, which you can then discuss.

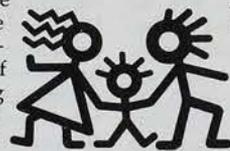
- Keep your own emotions in check. If you're nervous or sad about your kids going to school, don't let them pick up on your feelings or they may become fearful as well.

- Encourage kids to become reacquainted with school friends they may not have seen during the summer. This may lessen fears about fitting-in in a new classroom.

- Establish a new routine (earlier bedtime and waking time) a week or two before school starts to ease kids into a school-time schedule.

- Set goals for the coming year. Discuss successes of the previous school year with your kids and help them establish goals to work on for the new school year. Goals may include reading more books, or improving math skills.

- Allow kids some free time after school. The first few weeks of school can be very stressful for kids, and they need time to wind down before tackling homework or chores.



## An Open Letter Against HATRED

To quote Attorney General Reno, when commenting on the recent Los Angeles Day Care Center shooting, **"We must speak out about hatred whenever we find it".**

I have long been aware of Camp Jori and the many fine activities it has supported over the years in its capacity as a summer camp for underprivileged children. However, as a result of the hateful, inexcusable behavior of Camp Jori's President, Michael Schuster on July 2, 1999 at the Washington County Court House the image of the entire organization has been tarnished.

Early that morning, at the sale of Card's Camps, I was introduced by a mutual friend to Mr. Schuster. In my capacity as one of the then current owners of Card's Camps, I inquired of Mr. Schuster, in the presence of his attorney, as to whether or not there was some common ground between the interests of Camp Jori and Card's Camps. It would be an understatement of the highest order to suggest that Mr. Schuster's behavior towards me and my offer of compromise was anything but rude, abrasive and inappropriate.

Later when Camp Jori and another bidder were aggressively vying for the assets of Card's Camps, I made a humorous comment to Mr. Schuster...that based on the way he treated me earlier I hoped that someone overbid him by fifty cents for the acquisition of the property. Mr. Schuster turned and said to me, for all in the court room to hear, **"I hope you die before you get your heart transplant".** For the record I have been a heart transplant candidate for approximately two and one-half years.

I reacted with anger, shock and hurt that this stranger, who purports to be a leading member of the Rhode Island Jewish Community, a man to whom the community entrusts its children, would be capable, under any circumstances of such an evil, mean spirited and incomprehensible statement. Often times, we say things in anger that we later regret. Seldom, however, are such comments made in a public forum in such a manner as to paint an organization such as Camp Jori, as being under the control and direction of someone as utterly insensitive as Mr. Schuster. My friends have been uniformly shocked by Mr. Schuster's mean spirited behavior.

More than a month has passed since this shocking incident. Mr. Schuster, that day, offered a half-hearted apology for a statement that is beyond apologizing for. Some of my friends have suggested that I not write this letter. If I did not write this letter I would not be true to myself, nor be true to my friends who were present in court and were equally appalled by Mr. Schuster's statement.

Based on the many problems that existed at Card's Camps and which will plague Camp Jori's purported goal to turn it into a day camp for under-privileged youth, Mr. Schuster doesn't need to make enemies. The camp needs to make friends.

**I would suggest to the Board of Directors of Camp Jori that they replace Mr. Schuster with a person of compassion and sensitivity that your children and grandchildren may look up to as a role model and not a hate monger.**

Respectfully yours,  
Alan P. Gelfuso

## PHDS Announces Officers and Board Members

At its annual meeting on June 24, the Providence Hebrew Day School/New England Academy of Torah elected a new slate of officers and board members for its 1999-2000 school year. The following people have been selected to serve as officers of the board of directors:

President, Martin Saklad; personnel vice president, Mrs. Gabriella Barros; education vice president, Dr. Marc Diamond; budget and finance vice president, Frank Halper; fund-raising vice president, David Yavner; recruitment chairman, Russell Raskin; treasurer, Steven Weiner; recording secretary, Gail Rubenstein; and assistant recording secretary, Ephraim Gerber.

Special committee chair-people who will be serving this year are Dr. Joseph Fishbein, chairman of the endowment committee; David Schaeffer, building committee chairman; and Michel Weiner, chairman of the new Capital Campaign.

The following people have been appointed to serve on the executive committee of the board of directors: Bennett Bergman, Barry Bessler, David Kaufman, Dr. David Kerzer, Stephanie Kessler, Gershom Kutliroff, Dr. Steven Schechter, Amy Strachman, Michael Weiner, and Ira Ziff.