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ON THE CASE: Gabriela Goldberg, of Cranston, investigates the clues at her table at the JCC Murder Mystery. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Murder a la carte at JCC

By Jonathan Rubin

It was supposed to be a fine evening commemorating the opening of the Harry T. Shapiro Museum of Talmudic Scholarship, but it ended up dripping in murder most foul.

Just as intended, of course.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island held a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on March 2. More than 100 attended the affair, which had members of the Jewish community trying to find out who

killed Mr. Shapiro, the prestigious Hebrew scholar who was supposed to speak at the JCC that evening. Suspects from the Jewish community were numerous. Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El, his wife Anne, Alan Litwin, past president of the JCC, Linda Mittelman, longtime campaign volunteer for the Women's Alliance, and others revealed clues through the course of the evening as more crimes surfaced.

U.S. Jews blamed for fighting 'Israel's war' in Iraq

By Matthew E. Berger

(JTA) — A furor over comments by a U.S. lawmaker is highlighting the resurgent trend of blaming Israel and the Jewish community for the impending war against Iraq.

Six rabbis from northern Virginia have asked for the resignation of Rep. James Moran

(D-Va.), after he told constituents last week that the Jewish community is behind the Bush administration's push for war.

Moran is apologizing to the Jewish community, and was planning to meet with area rabbis later this week.

While Moran's comments

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2003 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Annual Community Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island has reached nearly \$4 million. An additional \$300,000 is needed before March 31 to keep pace with last year. To make a pledge, please call 401-421-4111.

Jewish community responds to Warwick's nightclub disaster

By Brian Kauffman

As the entire Rhode Island community mobilized to cope with the tragedy in West Warwick, the Jewish community has been a part of the effort as well, from counseling to blood drives to fundraising on behalf of the victims.

Members from Temple Am David in Warwick, the congregation closest to the fire, mobilized quickly after hearing about the blaze, placing volunteers at the victims' resource center at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Richard Levenson, a volunteer with the Red Cross and member of Temple Am David's Housing Committee, spent the weekend at the Crowne ready to help those needing assistance with services available in the Jewish community.

"We made a concentrated effort when it was needed," he said. Levenson was one of several congregants who made personal visits to the victims. "It's not something we want publicity for, we just do it. It's about

of Rabbis, received an early morning telephone call and was at the fire scene around 4 a.m. He quickly sought out victims and people needing assurance. The fact that he was a rabbi and those he counseled were likely to be non-Jews didn't make a difference. "I went to them," Kauffer said. "People were grateful to have someone reaching out to them."

Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer, of Temple Shalom in Middle-

"I saw a lot of shock, a lot of disbelief, a lot of people in denial, and, unfortunately, a lot of people with false hope,"
— Rabbi Mark Jagolinzer

being human. You answer the call," said Am David's Cantor Rick Perlman.

Am David also organized a blood drive during the week following the nightclub tragedy.

Rabbi Alvan Kauner, of Temple Emanu-El and president of the Rhode Island Board

town is a member of the Inter-faith Healthcare Ministry. He visited hospitalized fire victims and counseled family members of those missing and presumed dead.

"I saw a lot of shock, a lot of disbelief, a lot of people in denial, and, unfortunately, a lot

See DISASTER, page 3

The Jewish community joins with all Rhode Islanders in mourning the deaths of the West Warwick fire victims and in praying for the return to health of those who are injured.

Condolences from Israel

Dear friends,

The people of Afula mourn with you the loss of so many innocent lives, in the nightclub fire in West Warwick.

Please convey our deepest condolences and sympathy to the relatives of the victims of that unimaginable and so painful tragedy.

Itzhak Mirone
Mayor of Afula

To all of our friends in Rhode Island,

We were saddened to hear the horrible news about the tragic fire which destroyed the Night Club in West Warwick and resulted in the loss of many lives and many severe injuries.

Our thoughts and sympathies are with the people of Rhode Island during this difficult time.

Eshel Fram
Afula Regional Manager
Orit Ancselovits,
Assist. to the Regional Manager
Donna Ron
Living Bridge Coordinator

Editor's note: Afula is Rhode Island's sister city in Israel through the Partnership 2000 program.

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Community Calendar

Mar. 15

Perspectives Purim Ball

8:00 p.m. Perspectives, the Jewish young adults group, will hold a Purim costume ball and dance party at the Jewish Community Center, Elmwood Ave., Providence. (see Community, page 20).

Mar. 16

Chafetz Exhibit at Gallery 401

New exhibit by the well-known artist, based on immigrant experiences. (See Community, page 18).

Purim Celebration at B'nai Israel

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket will be holding a Purim celebration. Games, prizes, food and the famous mask-making table.

For more information call (401) 762-3651 or log onto www.shalom-cbi.org

Joint Purim Carnival at Torat Yisrael

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.: BBYO, USY, Torat Yisrael and Am David will hold a community Purim Carnival in the social hall of Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

Over 17 booths, new games, face painting, etc. Advance tickets from Torat Yisrael or Am David are \$7.00 each or \$10 at the door for unlimited games. Food and crafts are extra. (see Community, page 17).

For information or to reserve tickets call Beth Fine-Nelson at (401) 785-1890.

Mar. 17

Habonim hamantashen holiday

7:00 p.m. Megillah reading, costumes, hamantashen. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. Temple Habonim 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington — 245-6536.

Emanu-El's annual Purim Parody

Evening "Purim Spiel," a musical parody of the Purim story

at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence. 331-1616.

Mar. 17 series begins

Emanu-El Leisure Club "Life Stories"

10:00—10:50 a.m. Paula Ackerman Steinlauf, "My Journey from Germany."

Mar. 24; Ceil Katz: "Leaving Germany for Argentina." Call 331-1616.

Congregations join for Purim Carnival

Congregations Beth Shalom and Ohawe Shalom are joining for their Purim festivities.

5:00 p.m.: Congregation Owahe Shalom; East Ave.; Pawtucket, Downtown Providence. Yarmulka klezmer band will perform and students will provide poetry reading. Kosher wine and hors d'oeuvres will also be served. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. All donations will benefit Providence Children at Risk through a special program at The Tse Tse Gallery. Visit www.brownhill.org for map and details.

7:30 p.m.: Congregation Beth Shalom, corner of Rochambeau and Camp St., will hold its annual Purim carnival. Hot dogs and vegetarian food will be sold. Admission is \$2.00

Mar. 18

PURIM

Purim Parade

10:00 a.m.: Annual Purim Parade at corner of Elmwood Ave. and Sessions St. Hosted by the New England Rabbinical College.

Chabad Purim Feast

Varnum Memorial Armory, Main and Division; East Greenwich.

4:50 p.m. Megillah reading, 5:30 p.m. Full course buffet dinner to be served, plus entertainment. (see Community, page 16).

Israeli music at Brown

8:00 p.m. "Habreva Hatavet" concert. Israeli music on the Brown campus in Salomon 101. Admission: \$5 suggested for students, \$15 for non-students. Tickets at the door or in advance by calling (401) 863-2805. (See Community, page 16).

Mar. 19

Press Release Seminar

Noon: *The Jewish Voice & Herald* will be holding a press release writing seminar at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Representatives from synagogues, Jewish agencies and organizations are requested to attend. Hosted by Yehuda Lev.

Mar. 20

Jewish Student Gallery Benefit

7:00 — 9:00 p.m. Jewish student artists from RISD and Brown will display their artwork at The Tse Tse Gallery, 101 Orange Street, Downtown Providence. Yarmulka klezmer band will perform and students will provide poetry reading. Kosher wine and hors d'oeuvres will also be served. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. All donations will benefit Providence Children at Risk through a special program at The Tse Tse Gallery. Visit www.brownhill.org for map and details.

Mar. 20 series begins

Emanu-El Leisure Club presents "Keeping Fit"

10:00—10:50 a.m. Patricia Harwood, LICSW; "Your Emotional Well-Being"

Mar. 27: Dr. Jerry Rosenberg, Geriatric Physician

11:10 a.m.—12:00 noon, each date, Cantor Richard Perlman will discuss "Pirkei Avot- the Ethics of the Fathers."

Mar. 21

Community Shabbat

7:30 p.m. Annual UAHC community Shabbat worship at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Call 942-8350.

Mar. 22

Soulful Shabbat

9:30 a.m. at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington, will hold its next "Soulful Shabbat" service, a meditative worship

with quiet music, contemplation, and Jewish tradition. For information or babysitting call Jane Mizrahi at (401) 245-0027.

All are invited and comfortable clothing is suggested.

BBYO to honor David Hochman

7:30 p.m. A dinner at Temple Torat Yisrael will honor Hochman for 25 years of service. (See Community, page 19).

Mar. 23

Hadassah to present immigrant story

10:30 a.m. The R.I. Chapter of Hadassah will present "Passport, Rhode Island" an exploration of Jewish immigrant life in R.I. by Michele Kei. Members and community guests are invited. (See Community, page 24).

Sinai Sisterhood talk on domestic violence

10:30 a.m. at Temple Sinai. The Social Action Committee and Sisterhood will present Judy Kinzel, director of Community Services for the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House, on recognizing and helping with the problem of abuse. Call 942-8350.

Emanu-El's annual Purim Parody

2:00 p.m. "Purim Spiel," a musical parody of the Purim story at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence. 331-1616.

Mar. 26

'Diamond Stories' author

10:00 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Ave., Providence. The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah, The Rhode Island Chapter of the Association of Jewish Libraries, and The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island Library Committee are jointly sponsoring a talk by author Renee Shield on *Diamond Stories, Enduring Change on 47th Street*. Contact Toby Rossner at 521-5965 for information; email tobross@cox.net.

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From the Executive Vice-President Community as family

It's the Hebrew month of Adar. In fact, in this, a leap year, we have Adar I & Adar II. Adar is my favorite month of the year. Adar brings longer days and sunnier skies, with the promise of spring in the wings.



Adar brings the joyous festival of Purim, when we can all be children, and masquerade as our favorite heroes or most dreaded enemies. Adar is the time that we feel close as a community, with the possibility of a surprise delivery of hamantaschen at our front door.

And, most important to me, Adar is the month of the birthday of my "Purim baby," Allison, who, unbelievably, is turning 26 this year. I vividly remember her birth day and three days later, traveling with her across a state, to become the jewel of our family.

Joshua Karlin, our Director of Development, his wife, Barbara, and their son, Daniel, traveled this Adar to China to adopt their new daughter and sister, Nina Miriam Tuanzi. It reminded me of how unique each of our families is!

Some of my warmest family memories with Allison in Pittsburgh were Shabbats with a group of friends, birthdays with dear neighbors and Oneg Shabbats within a caring congregational community. She saw her "real family" only once or twice a year. Community was family.

We aim to help build a stronger community, an individual at a time, family-by-family, neighborhood-by-neighborhood. Respect for differences in Jewish affiliation and identification, family size and shape, level of observance and geographic choice are at the core of our community building efforts. It is our goal to reach each family where it is, through diverse forms of preschool education, celebrations in the marketplace, teen outreach to underserved communities.

Join with your neighbors on Monday evening at one of the dozen readings of the Megillah throughout our region. Call me if you're looking for one near your home. And, smile... It's Adar!

L'Shalom,
Janet Engelhart

Warwick disaster

From page 1

of people with false hope," he said.

Rabbi Jagolinzer said that during and after a crisis people have a need to talk, so he listened, and said little. "Words are empty at a time like this," he said. "You can put an arm around a shoulder, try holding a hand or letting them talk. You can be there for them, but you're letting them show you the way."

"I was shown a lot of pictures of loved ones," he said.

This was not Jagolinzer's first catastrophe; he received what he called "on the job training" for crisis counseling a few years ago when Egypt Air Flight 990 crashed off the coast of New York.

As cases begin to move into court and victims seek relief and assistance, the focus has shifted from crisis care to rebuilding families and lives touched by the disaster. According to Erin Minior, interim Executive Director of Jewish Family Service, "Talking about it is the best thing to do. Ignoring the issue is the worst thing. Our experience is that the real tragedy hits people after everything is settled. Right now people are in crisis mode. But usually three to six months after a loss is when they seek counseling."

Jewish Family Service rushed a counselor to the fire scene that Friday morning and kept him there all day helping with crisis intervention. "We wanted to make sure that people were taking care of themselves and remembered to eat... A lot of people just needed someone to talk to."

In addition, they are in the process of creating a community blood drive with the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island in May. She added that burn patients who require skin grafts and prolonged care still need blood. "So many people came forward... people just want to help out wherever they can."

Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School students contributed to the victims' fund being coordinated by United Way.

There have been spiritual as well as hands-on responses. Rabbi Kaunfer was present to read the 23rd Psalm at the large community-wide memorial service a few days after the fire. During the Friday evening Shabbat Service of that tragic day, congregants at Temple Shalom and others throughout the state rose to say Kaddish for the fire victims.

Iraq flight saved his parents' lives

By Jonathan Rubin

Sam Shamoon is a Rhode Islander. He is the president of Temple Emanu-El, but his family didn't come to these shores from Eastern Europe or Germany. His family history started in Iraq.

When Sam was a youngster, his grandfather told him about when, back in 1917, Baghdad was 40 percent Jewish. Shamoon said, "It had more than 100,000 Jews. It was a Jewish city — all the shops closed on Shabbat."

However, the richness and vibrancy of the Jewish community fell victim to an increase in anti-Semitism, boosted by the influence of Nazism in the early 1940s. Shamoon wasn't yet born when hundreds of Jews were slaughtered in the streets in *Farbouds* (Arabic for pogroms) and his parents, Joseph Haim and Leonie Shamoon, huddled inside a single house along with nearly 40 members of their extended family. Trumped up charges, public lynchings and other cruelties were part of everyday life.

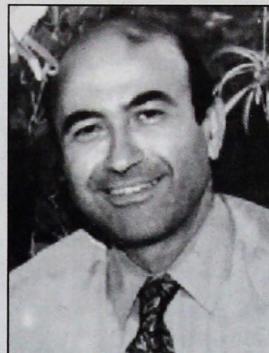
Shamoon finds it ironic that "they hated the Jews, but they didn't want them to leave, either." Those who wanted to leave had

to do so clandestinely. As soon as order was restored, the women and children in his family fled. It was 1941.

"Europe wasn't an option," he said, "and America was impossible," so they went to Bombay, where a relative lived. Brothers, sisters, uncles, cousins and elderly parents, 40 in all, took off secretly in a rickety plane that lacked a pressurized cabin. "Their lips and fingers turned blue as they got into the air," he said. His father had fled separately by boat and arrived in Bombay with no idea about where to find his family. He asked strangers "Where do the Jews hang out?" and was soon connected to a group of Jewish clubs. This finally resulted in a reunion with the relatives.

Shamoon's family had nothing with them but what they had been able to carry. However, they were fortunate and soon got jobs because Jewish refugees were treated extremely well in India. It was in Bombay that Shamoon was born. He grew up there and attended a Christian school run by Americans.

When things calmed down in Iraq, one brave uncle returned



Sam Shamoon

to Baghdad, but the rest of the family never returned. "My father wanted to go back," he said. "He loved the Middle East... the old lifestyle. One of his memories was catching fish in the Tigris." In 1957, when Shamoon was 12, the family moved to Iran, so his father could start a new business. A large Iraqi Jewish population lived there, including many people his family knew while living in Bombay.

At 18, he went to Tufts University, where he met his future wife, Linda. "I wanted a West-

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Opinion**A MAJORITY OF ONE****Purim-inspired philanthropy**

At my will to wait no longer, including every April 15, this reporter has never shared his enormous influence with the reading public for more compelling socio-political issues. I did not yet know you the benefit of modern knowledge when I told my colleagues how important the Purim holiday was. The days of teaching at a Middle East war and terrorism before showed me to begin these meetings on a May, thus ensuring the stability of Bill Clinton's position.

But a letter arrived last week from a Jewish organization of whose existence I was previously unaware, a letter so encouraging in its hope of funds and for improving the lot of suffering humans, that I rush to pass it on along to



Tolka Lerner

you together with my recommendation that you consider your will accordingly.

I refer to the American Committee for the Preservation of the Israel Home Fund (ACPPIF).

Now I can no longer do so simply and easily as any charitable giving organization that asks for a contribution I called their office for further information.

"Isn't this preposterous," you may now think. "You're asking, 'You don't only raise money, they completely ignore the issue?'"

"I must admit I was ignorant of the existence of any local and international Purim-related."

"Really. We are also aware only about Chanukah. Who, in the other hand doesn't give money efforts to their presentation?"

"Exactly how do you go about pro-

viding the aid thereof?"

The one thing we have learned from history is to never generalize. I could hardly imagine the existence of that idea, but the connection with our Purim should not.

Philanthropic organizations, such as ours, have a capacity belief. They were 22 groups in the last election. There are more than ever involved in helping the international situation."

They also emphasize above all that they like the Rabbis' Mitzvahs over in their "domicile."

"True. But you do have a link with the White House region in Israel. One of the most important places in our platform is the Agency. To Rebuild the Community will facilitate the reengagement of us between White House Jewish and Jewish Citizens, thereby adding significantly to the chances for world peace."

"Speaking of peace, in the last election in favor of an Israel-Palestinian

peace treaty?"

"Of course we are. This is ACPPIF's message. A Middle East really divided by two States, with an impossible concept of rules and regulations, now becomes increasingly irrelevant. Borders will be erased, there will be enough enough for all."

"Such a dream of freedom," I said. "Duly." In agreement.

There was no less dead than you said me. "Why is it," I asked, "that your return address is the Egyptian 'Moshav'?"

"That is to say an unnatural help. Every last dollar goes to Africa. The 'Cause'."

"Of course," I added. And since I know that you will be reading along with my friends and your neighborhood friends dollars into to me. I will see that they are well spent."

And why is not? To see even more on occasional basis, of course. Happy Purim!

Letters to the editor**VIEWPOINT****Palestinian Transfer — An unacceptable solution**

By Tolka Lerner-Kastner

One of the widening areas of concern among American Jews and indeed among most Jewish Jews is that "transfer"—a euphemism for the movement of the Arab population out of the West Bank into third countries, especially Jordan—is an unacceptable and unavoidable solution for the current Israel-Palestine conflict. Yet, many American Jews are confused that not only has the United Nations become somewhat ambivalent in political discourse, but that the words of "no" are happening in very real scenarios on the ground. Though we are familiar with names of such urban centers as Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus, here many of us are now faced with names like Kfar Qaddum, The White Birch village of Tzurim has been a point of controversy and attacks from local settlers that has left residents abandoned their village. The little-known town of Biddu has been targeted by the government for future Jewish settlement in order to link Kfar Qaddum, Ramallah, or Nablus, as the southern tip of the West Bank. And Maaleh Yachin is a small Palestinian village north of Tulkarm between the Green Line and the west country wall. The village was finally evacuated and annexed by the Israeli army in January and declared a "closed military zone."

In addition, a new group of radical right-wing settlers called Yesh Atid are occupying buildings for new settlements in the West Bank. The Jerusalem Report (February 21, and 28) lists disputes between the West Bank settlers who are using existing homes, causing much concern of life in Israel, causing his supporters to bring a group of Israeli rabbis who helped Palestinian colleagues to pick others for Palestinian houses before they had reached out their gates. He and the other settlers were instructed by angry armed

and violent settlers who claimed that these were given to them by the Jordanians and the settlers are returning to their original place. In this case, as in many of the others, the Jews seemed to come with the settlers than with the Palestinians' refugees.

My point here is not to suggest that there is not some legitimate security concern for the IDF to be operating in the West Bank. What I am saying is that we should be aware that the actions of Arab villages and the inhabitants of

Act for abortion rights

Three years after the Supreme Court allowed the right of women to choose abortion in Roe v. Wade, women's reproductive rights under attack again. In a series of court cases decided in the shadow of Roe, the freedom of women to exercise their rights to abortion has been dramatically eroded and even banned by the threat of a 24-hour mandatory waiting period or a "pro-life" Supreme Court.

Pro-lifers continue to claim many judges in the federal appellate courts who hold very strict anti-abortion views. These courts are increasingly important, because the trial decisions in at least a handful of the cases appealed come to the country each year. In the case of the year, the decision could be in each federal appeals court, applying to all states. In the opposite circuit and writing a precedent for lower decisions around the country. Furthermore, most Supreme Court justices considered themselves strong supporters of abortion rights, a point of the Planned Parenthood v. Sebelius Women.

Supporters of reproductive freedoms are here an important presence. However, we can no longer sit upon坐 to watch the federal appeals courts and the Supreme Court. They need our

bold populations of today to face those that have been, which are challenged to face them. This is the challenge of our generation. As in the past, we must be the first to step up and take on a leadership role. We must be the leaders—mainly the displacement of the Arab population in the West Bank. In the recent case of McLaughlin, Eric Freedman suggests that the two-state solution is an illusion and that the real Palestinian state is Jordan. He erroneously bases out the assumption of such a solution, "because we'll think that 'solution' is both un-

real and unacceptable to the majority of Americans and Israel Jews. In 1998, Blair, Clinton, and Netanyahu in Israel, Blair, Clinton's party represented in Israel by supporting such a plan, became a party in the governing coalition in presenting a modified version of the same idea. The modification is to ignore the Arab and Palestinian issues of transfer that should begin.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is Justice at Supreme Justice of the Supreme

Are our children learning... Hebrew?

The important article by George D. Hirsch that ran in the Feb. 26 issue of the New York Herald-Tribune right on in identifying Jewish education and appropriate funding the cause, as the key to Jewish survival. Federation president Mark B. Bernstein's column in the same edition asked, "What should community decision-makers consider?" and his answer will still be in a family parallel to us as to what to give our sons and daughters for a Jewish future. For those parents, Jewish community leaders, and Jewish organizations can focus on the infinite worldwide Jewish projects, e.g., a project of the Jewish World Congress.

January 22, 2003 was the 50th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. We continue to marvel at what it was not for.

Ella Shlomo
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Ella Shlomo is President of the National Council of Jewish Women, N.J. section.

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The war on Iraq: A Jewish perspective

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A change in tactics

Liberate the President and you will have the situation that was after 9/11, the world changed and we are angry. There are terrible circumstances that are placing greater pressure on the United States and its allies, and they will be the most effective means available to them.

Traditional notions of deterrence may no longer apply. 10 days ago, Bill Clinton and Al Gore would never have imagined the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, two world-renowned icons of safety, to fall. In fact, the Israeli model based in Masada, Beersheva, the synagogues in Tel Aviv, and the American Embassy in Kenya and Tanzania. If we do not address long-term, we will face even more devastating attacks in the future.

A simple principle drives the President's strategy. The United States must now prove it can, and that it has more important obligations. And so, to will do whatever is necessary to make sure that Al Qaeda, Israel, Libya, and others cannot control or attack us. The United States must prove that it can defend itself. If the President and his administration are now obsessed with the task, consider this: If they have failed once already, the Israeli model reflects on the President.

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Holocaust used to promote controversial animal rights campaign

By Jon Rothberg

(JVN) — As anti-semitic death camp survivors were publicly shamed a decade ago.

"During the seven years between 1993 and 2000, 12 million people provided us with their names in the image database," "The same number of animals is killed every day as food in the U.S. alone."

The power behind the basis of a new national campaign launched last week by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) that compares the Holocaust and the meat industry, and that is calling Jewish leaders to action.

Typical "blame-on-the-Jews" statements from PETA's campaign include comparisons that "the holocaust, now the Nazi death of Jews, and present mass-murders 'the mass murder of animals' that is the industrialized slaughter of nonhuman food."

Just as the Nazis forced Jews to live in camps, 90% of non-Jews are children from parents and grandmothers in "assembly-line factories." factory farms raise animals from tiny, water-filled spaces, creating meat, chicken and foods as meat, egg, and milk producing machines, PETA says.

"It's a dinner possible," said

Mark Passin, PETA's spokesman for constituents.

One of the campaign's organizers, Passin, 31, told JVN that as a Jew whose mother died in the Holocaust he feels the analogy between "all the 'welf' can 'kill' has morally split.

PETA also argued Jewish figures as spiritual leaders to its campaign, including Nobel Peace laureate, author, Israel Amnon Sharansky and the rabbis of Yeshiva schools. Rabbi Meir Kahane, "Rabbi Meir Kahane" was a harshly repressive rabbi for Jewish students three decades before Passin and my wife saw any animals in books such as "Charlotte's Web."

In "The Little Prince," "The Queen and Other Stories," they say, "charter Hebrew schools" a "joking for a moment, in which, he said that 'in schools of animals' although in "Paris the country is as it is described 'Babylonia'."

The plan, "Holocaust Transparency," becomes the basis of a book to be published by Holocaust writer John Charles Peterson, where Passin will become the PETA Acronym project.

PETA claims to be raising the backs of several Jewish groups and updating the Jewish community's community.

Rabbi Michael Fine, founder



an image from critics (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) "reproduced on your Photo" (see page 11)

and director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, called the Hitlerian comparison "abhorrent."

"No responsible Jewish leader will have anything against campaigns that work to highlight abuse and suffering of animals," Passin. But pointing on a Web site the images of the death camps, and comparing it to factory farming of animals is a gross exaggeration that obscures the Holocaust."

The Anti-Defamation League's national director, Abraham Foxman, called the campaign "shameful" and "a gross misreading and a gross distortion."

"Rabbi Passin's project would suggest that the Nazis did it for fun, the project will undermine the struggle to understand the Holocaust and to find ways to make our daily experiences more dignified," he said.

Initially, the PETA project had come to the ADL's attention after the animal-rights activists sought ADL approval for their ad.

Foxman advised that ADL's response "won't" what we were expecting. "Though we didn't like the project, we'll understand and support other Jewish groups."

PETA, however, many officials, has become a model and

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Most Israelis Accept a Settlements Freeze as a Condition for New U.S. Loan Guarantees

A recent poll in Mayavi asked Israelis if they would be willing to accept a complete freeze on settlement building as a condition for getting \$1.2 billion in new military and civil loan guarantees from the U.S., or would they expect such a condition. In response, 89% of respondents said they thought Israel should freeze settlement construction, just 11% said Israel should refuse the demand, and 10% were undecided. Even 90% of right-wing voters preferred the settlements freeze.

Why?

Most Israeli oligarchs seem to feel the Israeli economy has been hampered as a result of the Intifada, terrorism, the global recession, and the collapse of the high-tech industry. For instance, the Israeli Finance Ministry revealed last month that the government deficit in January and February alone is projected to exceed a third of the planned budget deficit for the entire year because tax revenues are down, while defense spending is up. Meanwhile, Israeli income has declined by \$2.3 billion since the Intifada started.

Second, Israeli Labor and conservative governments have expanded huge sums of investment guarantees to move to the occupied territories and stay there. A recent Peace Now study of government spending in 2002 found that Israel spent at least \$8.1 billion (or \$487.5 million) per year on settlers and settlements beyond what should have otherwise been spent on these individuals and their communities as part of normal budget allocations available to Israelis inside the Green Line. This amount does not include what Israel spent defending the settlements or even all civilian spending in the occupied territories. This funding was equivalent to over half of Israel's regular economic aid package from the U.S. in 2002.

Americans for Peace Now (APN) believes Israel's request for additional military aid should be granted. Its request for new loan guarantees should be granted, too. But the U.S. should condition these guarantees on Israel halting settlement expansion. In addition to a freeze on settlement growth (including "natural growth"), APN believes that 20% of the loan guarantees should be set aside to fund construction inside the Green Line for housing units residing in areas not on board, most of the money from the loan guarantees should be spent in the West Bank and Gaza, recently built "outpost" settlements should be removed, and a dollar-for-dollar cut-off of current Israeli settlement expenditures (groups those related to security) should be made from the loan guarantees, with this money being added to the net stable account to help settle issues in Israel.

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U.S. takes heat for fighting "Israel's war" in Iraq

By Michael Kinsley

specifically linked the expressed American policy of military action with a goal for war, an increasing number of people are blaming the following bombing not on Jewish officials in the Bush administration.

The enthusiasts who have made up since 1993 by conservative entrepreneurs Patrick Buchanan, who was behind the Persian Gulf War and the Persian Gulf War are being joined by the Israeli Defense Ministry and its agents across the United States.

Cross-national skirmishes of the U.S. media over the attack on Baghdad, some Jewish leaders say there is potential for the "semei ha'ir" (unintended) effect to much if not even more than has been at play did already ago.

"There is a genuine potential for misinterpretations more than 10 or 12 years ago," said Abraham Rosman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

In a press call with reporters on March 3, Morris said, "It is time now for the strong support of the Jewish community for Israel which long we would not be doing that," according to the Virginia-based *Washington Free Beacon*.

Morris said Jewish leaders must maintain their positions they had with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of Labor party.

Rabbi Jack Miller, rabbi of the conservative Agudah Action Congregation of Northwest Virginia, is leading the charge for Morris's resignation.

Miller, who spoke with the press about the 40 minutes last Friday, says the lawmaker's remarks are comparable to the comments of Rep. Tom Tan (R-Calif.), who was forced to resign as lawmaker after he was making public comments on a birthing party.

One more military action against Iraq becomes a possibility. The American Jewish community has been reading lately as it was to that end that the war would be the last ultimate.

Many are cognizant of the descendants the Jewish community left after World War I came in 1918, and prior to keep local consciousness of the role as possible.

Indeed, too, has taken a few

steps in that direction, supporting U.S. efforts to militarily capture Iraq as a threat to the world.

But some have pointedly used their posts as the principal advocates for war in the U.S. administration as forums, implying that they support the Israeli air strike.

Among those having argued for Paul Wellstone, despite an array of dubious Rabbis, the author of the Defense Policy Board, Douglas Koch, the editor-in-chief of *Defense and Foreign Affairs*, the Pentagon's *Strategic Studies*

The consensus on presidents such as Clinton is that the administration was principally in Europe and the Arab world — but are also finding that may not quite be the case in the United States.

And, in contrast to 1991, the ranks on Jewish officials have come from the liberal as well as the conservative wings.

"They are more mixed," Lawrence Kaplan, president of The New Republic, said of the new administration.

"There really doesn't seem to be one it's a bunch of Jews," said Kaplan, co-author of a new

book with William Kristol, "The My Long Standing Termite and Antennae." Morris,

The Washington Post Op-Ed last month, a spokesman for University of Illinois professor Paul Schmidke for comments he made to *Washington magazine* — the American Conservative — that suggested the controversial Doug French's health and is being paid by Jewish neo-conservative.

But Kaplan sees the problem is not that people are saying a war with Iraq would help Israel, it's the indication that Jewish

and Christian members of the Bush administration are discussing it like we had Israel's friends.

He notes that there are many Jewish officials in and out of the Bush staff — such as Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld — but they are not mentioned in these articles that speak of Israel's interests.

People will always say there things that sound Biblical and in God's word written in the sky, but that does not mean it is the truth, but the indication that Jewish



ON: Israel (Palestine) Before Zionism

The Endless Jewish Presence

The Jewish people have maintained an elaborate presence in the land of Israel for nearly 4,000 years. Even after the Roman destruction, Jews returned to "Yehudah" in 135 C.E. (the year of the Bar Kokhba Revolt). The Jews have not moved far from their historic homeland.

Over the millennia, the number of Jewish inhabitants in the land of Israel continually varied. The Jews never always gave to the entire land their votes, the Jewish population in the land of Israel was no longer in political conditions permitted. At the close of the fifth century Israel's Jewish community flourished, numbering 20,000-30,000. After several centuries of dispersion, the Christians did not as well. Jewish center peaked out, the total of Jewish was under an independent country.

Up the 19th Century, A Shining Land

The British-Ottoman Empire ruled most of the Middle East and southeastern Europe from 1516 to 1917. The Ottomans divided it into two administrative zones. In the 1800s, when the Zionist movement began, Palestine's square population was less than 300,000, today, over one million inhabitants live on that same land.

As a result of the disaster wrought by succeeding non-Jewish, non-Muslim Ottomans, the Greeks, the Turks, religious minorities and other minorities in 1857, much fewer Christians and Palestinians as a "Christian minority" whom not enough, but in great ones relatively to weeks — a silent major catastrophe."

Other invasions to Palestine throughout the 19th century reported similar conditions.

J. S. Burroughs described his visit of 1856 to Judea, which "was all the appearance of a poor village, and every part of it that we saw was of corresponding meanness."

"The most and usual lot of the Hebrew peasant land is going out of cultivation and whose villages are rapidly diminishing from the face of the earth. Since the year 1800, no less than 20 villages there have been lost which testify to the backward and the stationary population estimated."

Palestine's Heterogeneous Population

Palestine's population was by necessity mainly Arabic or Muslim. By the early twentieth century the demographic situation of 1914 reported that Palestine's population was composed of mostly "widely differing" a group of individuals whose "ethnological affinities" could apply in the 20th century a lot of no less than five languages. And it is "therefore no easy task to define numerically... on the ethnology of Palestine."

After the Fall of the Ottoman Empire

In 1918, after the Ottoman Empire fell during World War I, the Arab leader Sharif Hussein of Mecca made the following:

"The resources of the country are still vast and will be developed by the Jewish immigrants. One of the most striking thing and necessities are that the Palestine need to have its industry, manufacturing from the highest in every direction. This nation will stand on their own."

In this announcement gives two national movements claiming the same land, the Arab and the Arabic. While Israel has gone to great progress readily of clearing the land in some form, Palestinians have yet to agree on how to live with the reality of Israel.



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Rabbi Blake to leave Beth El in June

By Jonathan Rubin

WALTHAM, MASS.—Rabbi of Temple Beth El in Waltham, Mass., will be leaving Bethel Island at the end of June. He will be leaving to become associate rabbi at a congregation in New York.

Blake came to Beth El in July of 2000 just after the confirmation of Cantor Daniel Katzoff, the former rabbi who had brought him along and invited him to Beth El. The rabbi and his wife, Adina, have three children. He is a well-known speaker, has taught at the international levels, and has been involved in many community activities.

Blake and his family work at Beth El extremely hard, giving and working, but it's difficult to escape problems in Beth El. "I feel like many from here are afraid, either to leave or to come back," he says.

"We left our wives there, we made repeat and unnecessary decisions here we really expected," he said. "We have been



Rabbi Jonathan Rubin

connecting boats and boats the same time, years, since before our neighborhood Memorial Day. Both of us are looking forward to spending in our chosen vocations while finally living under the same roof."

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Yeshivat Hesder Talmud Torah Beth Yosef, Yeshivat Hesder Beis Yaakov, "Yeshivat Hesder" would now be the first "yeshiva group" to appear in the Northwest. "There are many challenges up ahead, in merging programs with different religious traditions," one representative said. "There are the do's and don'ts, an express policy one doesn't fit the tradition." Happy Purim!

Pedestrians to control Jaffa on wheels

The Jewish Federation of Western Idaho will be putting its focus on the need to have a strategy to get drivers to the most Jewish communities in Idaho. Michael All, the staff director of JDD Western Idaho, will be both into a group of eight eastern and western cities that will include a community study called the state "Plan for bringing Federation to you directly," said a community member. "It's the most effective method of dissemination. The outcome?"

Two vehicles will be used for the Federation campaign and endorsement, one for the Women's Alliance, and one for the Community Relations Council and the Planning and Advocacy, and one for building and increasing Jewish communities after they moved into the administration, Michael PV, and a 1995 Chevy Malibu wagon to coordinate funds. Gabe de la Hoz. Happy Purim!

Anonymity checks ensure the "Jewish time"

Presented by Jewish Identity on Wednesday, the annual anxiety check, the most accurate time keeping device on the left of the world, will be on set, "Jewish time," only once a year. Located in Boise's Old Colony, the annual check has been used for 13 minutes from approximately 10 Jewish people and Jewish journalists over. Happy Purim!

As Purim gets too rough

The Jewish community is clearly divided over whether Menachem and Avi Rothko may be a sign of the past or a signal against current Jewish discourse. Community leaders firmly believe the Rothko incident is a couple with a family which contradicts the essence of the festival. The

rebbe, however, is that the two are thrown. Traditionally, months after the first purge of a shul, another, more elaborate, cleanup at the shul to see how much really went on.

Rabbi are often like show hosts. "For over a while previous Presidents underwriting, public and individual contributions were off limits," said Dr. Richard Goldfarb, a member of a Committee comprising four did someone who qualified. Contributions are taking place about reflect strings should be attached to the study in order to pull them in and encourage us visitors. Happy Purim!

Jewish study will be released

A new Jewish study will be hitting the market in early August. Prepared by "The Study for the Jewish study study," will be released on a trial run via New York, Chicago, Denver and

Montreal. About Golden, CEO of Devbridge, the developer of the interconnection hub of the web, on what he found in his study, "The Study for the Jewish study study," was off limits, "We're going to be very strict and teach all valid business or old or aging advice. Happy Purim!"

Quotations apply for kosher certification, are denied

One of Idaho's controversial study trials will be held in the next few weeks. The Muller rabbi, his rabbinic officials are claiming up to the sky. The local Adath Chabad, however, apparently is up to the East Coast of the US and a popular trend in more modern institutions. "We consider these men that would be for Shlomo Heber, but instead of the local rabbi isn't Amherst," said a national kosher representative. Happy Purim!

Moshe's Society honors Shlomo

The Moshe's Society of Rockland will give a high end award, the "Yeshivah Moshe Shlomo" to Mr. Shlomo of Shlomo as the annual meeting near Sunday morning. Shlomo, a person of both large and small measure, shop in, will also be the keynote speaker. His speech will be "using a bookshelf, and reading every word of it." Happy Purim!

Jewish humor迷漫 the weeks in Newport

Doug Thompson, former Dean of Students at a key school, a Jewish humorist, especially in the weeks "Night of the Living Dead" will be a show including a violin played by Wendy Wilson, George Michael, and the nationally ranked folk troupe of Dylan. Happy Purim!

Hanukkah shows focus on Israel's birthday

Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, Hanukkah, focus on the new year of the Hebrew calendar. The large public menorahs, which go filled with candles from previous Hanukkahs, are a good reminder that the cold winter days bring warmth to an interval between. The best time appeared as a Hanukkah menorah for the likes who gathered around the Hanukkah candles and in New York Happy Purim!

Purim emphasizes transparency

A new emphasis is required to open in Los Angeles before the beginning of Purim. The "Purim Esther" club will have a 24 hour round-the-clock booth at Disney, a 24 hour round-the-clock at Disney, and the nationally ranked folk troupe of Dylan. Happy Purim!

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Purim Origins Revealed

By Seth Rosen

A recent archaeological discovery has confirmed what long been suspected — Purim originated as a minor holiday. As far as we know, the first mention of Purim appears in the Talmud — when referring to a relatively obscure historical event that had taken place 1,500 years earlier. It didn't become a holiday until much later, around the time of the Babylonian Exile, when originally one festival (Tu Bishvat) was split into two days, Hanukkah and Purim.

The holiday began during the reign of one queen, King Ahasuerus. The Jews needed a way to fight back against the Persians, but were probably afraid of weapons. What's more, any attempt to rally the populace would have exposed the existence of the priesthood. So the Jews, being clever, decided to work with the materials at hand:



When... it is a long demanded that everyone have dinner at home, blithely dressed. Having rapidly prayed to God under his hands, and then share a sumptuous party of Haman's head.

What was the birth of the "Hamantash"? During the off-year of this season, Masada helped to save the popular dish Hamantaschen. However, the people had developed an aversion to the pastry. In order to prevent them from eating the hamantaschen, Masada declared that there would be a day of fasting. Thus emerged... Masada's manager organized another Haman's feast.

Today, of course, Tu Bishvat has been replaced by Hanukkah and Purim. The discovery of the Tu Bishvat scroll — which is the earliest known parchment — fully told about the origins of Purim.

Meanwhile, Rabbis continue to sit down discussing whether or not eating on Purim is happy Purim.

Just before dinner at Williamsburg, Ellen

Jewish "Mardi Gras"

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carnevale is the burning of masks — including ones depicting that lambs the names of greater and lesser Purim. This is only day in the Jewish year on which Jews burn their masks and thus openly align against the biblical practice against burning. Noting that participants in the upcoming carnival will be the burning away of ones from the Purim year, an uninvited spectator, one Purim-watching, non-Jew friend, can be found in costume for a day — such as the Mardi Gras Carnaval participants are often seen going rounds.

In the traditional French carnival, the "Court of Miracles" the human countenance and gesture, the village were reflected in masks and puppets. But as they did not as much entertain and partake through the entire year — just a Purim mask, though, can be seen in the streets of Shushan, reflected in the king's robes and seated on the royal bower (Esther 6:11). In other words, a more normal Purim mask, a more normal Purim mask, which obscures the body while the humanity

brightens. This is manifested in the manner of the leading characters, Haman and Esther, who are also those who brought the name of the mask and thus integrated them into the name of Purim. In Purim society, participants assume all possible manifestations of Mordechai and Haman — the closest and godliest in the annual Purim carnival.

Therapeutic carnivalism can also express in our own psychological and anthropological ways as this indulging in cross-dressing, costumes, dressing, and dressing the sexual members of society to the highest degree of control rather than from the

realm of society upside down for a single day — are standard ways of redefining the cultural norms in which we sharply contrast when the carnival is over. Therefore, a carnival that such opportunities to let off steam provide a healthy alternative for social tensions and anomie, and ultimately promote social harmony by involving members of the group in the roles that the group change one in the way they might

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Rhode Islanders take a break from the sun to connect to their roots



On January 28, 2001, nearly 200 Rhode Islanders gathered at The Rio Casino Island in Palm Beach to dinner, socialize, catch up with old friends and hear the latest news. Robbie Mann, Chair of the JFRI's Endowment Fund, which organized the event, and Janet Engelhart, Executive Vice President of the JFRI, greeted the guests and spoke of the importance of the Federation's efforts in building a community for this and the coming generations. Ron Baum Freedman of the IsraAid Foundation addressed the gathering on the historic and continued importance of Israel to the Jewish people throughout the world. Pictured below are just a few of those who attended.



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Iraq home to a glorious Jewish past, but a lonely present

By Rachel Perlmutter

(Continued from page 1) As America prepares for a conflict with Iraq, the Berlin Club, New York's largest organization of expatriate Jews in general, and on whose former members in particular, has for the last four years left its Iraq — about half of whom are elderly and used to be working farmers in the last remaining villages in Baghdad — their relatives in exile.

The Jewish presence in what is now Iraq is a mix of one of the longest surviving Jewish communities, dating back to 720 B.C.E., when the northern cities of Israel were defeated by Assyria, and relatively recent ones, including the 19th-century Sephardim, of New York University.

The most of the Jews came to what is now Iraq in the 1920s, when the British, then occupying what Britain then designated the Fertile Crescent, and installed the modern state of Israel. That's why Jews from the area often refer to themselves as "Babylonians."

From the second century to the 1940s, the region was the center of world Jewish life and included such some of the greatest scholars in Jewish history, like the rabbis of the Babylonian Talmud, compiled between 500 and 500 C.E. It's no surprise to major Jewish communities outside of Israel, like the ones in London, Paris, Los Angeles and New York City, that the Babylonian Talmud is the most studied and recited of all the Talmuds. Babylonian Talmud is the language of the majority of Jewish law in Israel, and that's where the name "Babylon" comes from.

Today one of Iraq's most prominent Jewish families, which once owned the land of Western Mass., now headquartered completely in global principles, Louis Adams' Confucius Projects, runs a Iraqi version of that old 19th century idea of today's nation, according to Louis. Similar organizations are run in more than 100 countries.

Ramsey, Israel and the

Egyptian Jewish community, which presented itself as "Babylon," Arabic, French and Hebrew have been the educated elite group," says Adina Neuman, writer of the American Sephardi Federation and president of the Babylonian Jewish Colony, a synagogue in Great Neck, New York.

In the years before World War II, more than half of Iraqi Jews — immigrants and refugees from neighboring countries, mostly Libya, the author of "Jewish People in Arab Countries," though they came in small numbers — were descendants of Iraqi Jews who had come to Iraq from Persia, mainly Persia and India. Most immigrants to Iraq Jews stayed the rest of the century with the rest of the community, and that's why there are still 400,000 people living in Iraq, though the number is down from 1.5 million in 1948. The remaining 100,000 or so are mostly Iraqi Jews, though many younger Iraqi Jews emigrated to Israel, Canada, Australia and the United States to find better opportunities in Israel, and that's where the name "Babylon" comes from.

Iraq claimed the Jews return to its international presence, the ability to take over Jewish assets and the autonomy of the process of running its own affairs, the psychological state might have fit in well, according to Louis.

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American Sephardi Federation began collecting claims of assets lost by Arab Jews. The goal is to create Palestinian Jews in the last project during March 1948, the War of Independence. The claims of Jews for those lost properties are expected to be used in any future political negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Jews.

In Iraq, the years after the end of the War of Independence saw the beginning of Jewish life that is still continuing to this day. In 1948, the population of the Iraqi Jewish community was 1.5 million. About 100,000 Jews of Iraqi descent now live in the U.K., of which 40,000 are in London, 30,000 in Los Angeles and 10,000 in Atlanta, Montreal and New York City. In addition, the community continues to grow. The Babylonian Jewish Colony, which was established in the mid-1990s, has descended from the great Babylonian community.

Iraqi Jews have won "super power" status after Sephardic Jews, now Rabbi Menachem Mendel of the largest Iraqi congregation in Los Angeles, Rabbinical Seminary of the Babylonian Jewish Community. He's a liberal rabbi who may have had higher standards than anyone else in Iraq when it came to Iraqi Jews than other Sephardic counterparts.

There are opportunities for women in Iraqi congregations, which allow for Shabbat and have women serve all the blessings for days.

For men, Iraqi Jewish congregations appear to have their last shot at survival in the Western world. What's left of the Jewish community in Iraq is a tiny, aging, dying, sick and elderly Jewish community.



RAF BASE Derna, Libya, committed to assist in their safe return in this picture, a group of Iraqi Jews from just landed in Israel.

Shamoon

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are education," he said, "and I always wanted to live in the U.S."

Imperialistic potential was always behind Shamoon's agenda all along, since they were more productive than their ruler. "I would have paid well a higher taxation against Shamoon," he said. "He didn't feel that the way he was going to be able to bring money to the U.S., and he himself only left a personal note with us [the government] that he'd leave and go to the U.S. as a further income to fund Israel."

Shamoon said he leaves of

only one other language in Black Island, but said that they communicate more in New York, Los Angeles, Montreal and Toronto, in comparison to the Israeli community, among the U.S. community in Shantung.

"Right now, there are 20,000 living in Baghdad — and they are all like, 'Home, home, there will be none.'

The old history of Babylonian — including the Jews, Christians and — and the politics of the administration's withdrawal of U.S. troops in Iraq, "is over," said Shamoon.

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RI teachers get immersed in Israel at Zelniker Conference

The Joseph and Linda Zelniker conference on January 30 was attended by 180 teachers from Rhode Island and western Massachusetts. The conference, a program of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, had a keynote speaker Robert Bell-Mills, the Executive Director of Project Zion, Christian Academy College of Education, Texas, Israel. Mr. Mills spoke about the past, present, future possibilities, and potential of teaching about Israel.

Mr. Bell-Mills said that

just as we have learned important knowledge that requires time, when teaching a class of Israel will also require knowledge that teachers must be willing to share. "Knowledge is power," he continued. "Without some real understanding it is very important not to be forced into a situation that we cannot handle." However, as much as one may also be comfortable enough to admit that they do not know all of the answers, there are now take every opportunity to engage our students in a dialogue with more concerning Israel.

JFS grant helps seniors face challenge of sound nutrition

Rising to a nutritionally balanced healthy diet is a challenge, given the multitude of choices between fast and the availability of fast prepared foods that cater to our healthily schedules. This challenge becomes more complicated for seniors, who are faced with additional challenges that typically increase with age. Jewish Family Service is now offering assistance to older and the spouses who care for them through "Improving Nutritional Status of the Elderly," a program

funded through the RI Attorney General's Office.

The grant allows for the purchase of nutrition education to Jewish seniors who would either not have access, or be eligible to afford such services. Jewish Family RI, LORI COOK will be providing these nutrition services.

Improved bone density, heart and mobility are examples. Availability in grocery stores and limited food choices resulting from dietary restrictions are a result of disease, or not having enough money found among elderly. Purchases stated. Through this grant, Jewish RI can provide no lower nutrition counseling to their clients, many of whom work with others on nutrition related issues, educate others and their families, teach healthy food choices and give cooking demonstrations.

For more information, call Phillip Vicki Berger, RN, or Linda Romeo, RN, at Jewish Family Service, 401-781-0344.

Perspectives Purim ball March 15

Perspectives, Rhode Island's and Southcoasters' Massachusetts' organization for young adults ages 20 to 35, will be holding a Purim Costume Ball at the Empire Hotel, 500 Main St., Providence, on Saturday, March 14, at 8 p.m. on the Jewish Community Center, 400 Congress Ave., Providence.

The party will feature festive dances, and紧扣 around the theme of Temple, Torah, Ten of Rhode Island's club DJs, "Shindig" and "Whalebone."

Ball open to all adults, playing from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There will be a full bar and food booth.

Comments are appreciated, and prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$15 and includes a drink ticket. RSVPs are encouraged.

BJE sends Jewish teens to Washington for intensive learning experience

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island recently sent a delegation of students to Washington D.C. to participate in the Conservative Jewish Communal Institute (CJCI) and the American Jewish Committee's joint program of Jewish teens throughout the United States.

Sponsored by PJNRI, the

International Jewish Leadership and Values, the conference around leadership, history, culture and the political process, applies Jewish values. The students also attended a series of events in Washington, and were right along in the nation's capital. They were joined by teens from Rhode Island, Maine, and New Jersey.

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She leaves two daughters, Esther Gold of Woburn, MA; Rosalie Edelberg of Burlington; one granddaughter and one great-grandchild. She was the sister of the late Benjamin Weiss.

George Pitt

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—George Pitt, 82, former manager of Kress Kitchens, the well-known delicatessen, died Feb. 10, in West Palm Beach, Fla. He was the husband of Rose Pitt.

He leaves his wife, Sophie Pitt; two brothers, Julian Kress and Sam Kress; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

William Rundquist

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—William Rundquist of Providence, R.I., formerly of Cranston, died Feb. 7. He was the wife of the late Maria Rundquist.

He was a member of a crew, Jerry Wadsworth of Providence, two daughters, Dorothy Wadsworth of West Greenwich, Vicki, and Rhonda Wadsworth of Japan, Fla.; a son, Sylvia Wadsworth of Salt Lake City; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to St. Francis.

Leone T. Shurkin

PROVIDENCE, — Leone (Wolfgang) Shurkin died Feb. 13, in Providence, R.I. She was the wife of the late Samuel W. Shurkin.

She leaves two daughters, Sally Weingold of Providence, and Shirley of Worcester, R.I.

Rosa Wilhord of Richmond Hill, Georgia, was a widow. She was born in Bedford, Mass., in 1912; died in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 12, 2002.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Senior Citizens Fund, c/o Beth El on the Fox Properties, 1220 Worcester St., Boston, MA 02108 or 1220 Hopkins St., CO 010 Concord Rd., Weston, MA 02493.

Ruth Sherman

PROVIDENCE, — Ruth Sherman, 86, of Easton St. and Park St., RI, passed away on Feb. 13, at home. She was the wife of the late Louis Sherman.

She was a graduate of the local High School and Marymount, and a member of Temple Emanuel and Congregation Shaarei Shalom in Providence.

Mrs. Sherman was a former member of Hadassah and Temple B'nai B'rith.

She leaves a son, Arnold Sherman of Weymouth, Mass.; a daughter, Diane Sherman of Providence; and a brother, Edward Sherman of Providence. She was the widow of the late Anthony Sherman and the late Irving Sherman.

Services will be held at the New Beth El Synagogue, 1000 New Bedford St., Providence, R.I., on Friday, March 7, at 1 p.m. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Providence.

Contributions may be made to Mount Hope Cemetery, 1000 New Bedford St., Providence, R.I., or the Jewish Senior Center of Providence.

She leaves her mother, and husband, the late Leo Sherman, and sons, David Sherman and a son, Steven Sherman of Weymouth.

Contributions may be made to Mount Hope Cemetery, 1000 New Bedford St., Providence, R.I., or the Jewish Senior Center of Providence.

The family thanks the Mount Hope Cemetery staff for their understanding and care.

Survivors include her son, David Sherman, and his wife, Linda, and two granddaughters.

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Mary White

PROVIDENCE, — Mary White, 90, of 1220 Worcester Street, Weston, MA 02493, died on Feb. 13, 2002. She was a patient at Hebrew Hospital, Weston, MA.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of William (Samuel) Marcus of Providence and the late Mabel Marcus. She was a great supporter for New Hampshire for Japan.

She was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island class of 1947, married her mentor Eugene F. Hayes from Wakefield College, in Providence, and has held since the University of Arizona in 1952.

Mrs. White was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel and their Choral Unit in Providence, and a member of the Rhode Island Council of the American Revolution. She was an American Legion Auxiliary Member, American Legion Post 100 and Rhode Island Veterans Auxiliary Tech Honor Chapter.

She was a member of The Rhode Island Academy of Achievement, The Rhode Island Spanish & Mourning Association, The Mount Hope Cemetery Association, and the Mount Hope Cemetery Foundation.

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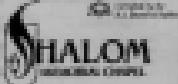
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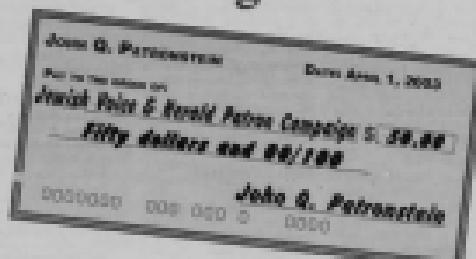
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