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Where they live:

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Where he lives:

Education:

Job:

Date of wedding:

Wedding:

Name of bride's parents:

Where they live:

Names of groom's parents:

Where they live:

Name of bride:

Where she lives:

Education:

Job:

Name of groom:

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Job:

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Where they plan to reside:

Birth:

Baby's name:

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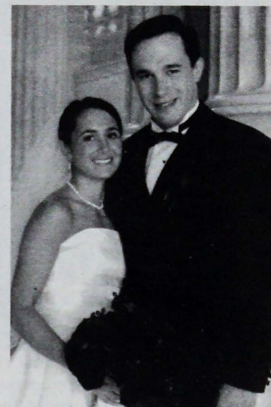
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Parents (if honoree is under 18):

Mazal Tov!

Wedding



Guarnieri-Wellington

Shayna Ilissa Guarnieri and Bradley R. Wellington were married Aug. 9 at the Providence Biltmore Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Roslyn Guarnieri of Warwick. The bridegroom is

the son of Jean Haddon of Danbury, Conn., and Cary Wellington of Delray Beach, Fla. Rabbi Jon Haddon, stepfather of the bridegroom, and Cantor Richard Botton officiated.

The bride received a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and a master's degree from Simmons College. She is a first-grade teacher at Trevor Day School in New York City.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lappin and Tillie Guarnieri, all of Pawtucket.

The bridegroom received a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and a master's degree from New York University. He is a senior software engineer with HBO in New York City.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Perry Reynolds of Pennsylvania.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple is residing in New York City.

Births

Ari Jason and Maha (Mokaddem) Feinstein of Washington, D.C., announce the recent birth of Louis Richard, named after his great-grandfather, Louis Feinstein.

The baby's paternal grandparents are Alan and Pat Feinstein. His maternal grandparents are Dr. Mahmoud Mokaddem and Dr. Maria Palacios. He is one quarter each Jewish, Christian, Moslem and Buddhist and will be raised in the Jewish faith.

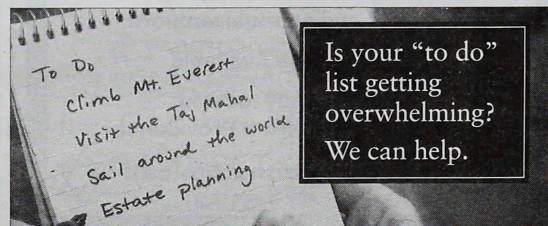
Eric and Jenny Miller of Warwick announce the birth of

Lucy Rose on Oct. 10. Lucy weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her paternal grandparents are Barry and Ann Miller of East Greenwich and her maternal grandparents are Herb and Judy Fogel of Warwick.

Her maternal great-grandparents are Hy and Beverly Jacobson of Warwick and Lillian Fogel Strauss of East Greenwich, and the late Joseph Fogel.

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E-MAILS FROM ISRAEL

49 R.I. Jews travel to Israel on JFRI mission

By Jonathan Rubin

Day 1 – Nov. 11:

I'm convinced that simply being in Israel bestows a certain vigor upon the weary traveler. How else could our Rhode Island contingent travel for 30 hours straight without rest, from Providence to Boston to Milan to Tel Aviv? How else could Stanley Grossman and Carl Adler, both in their 80s, run circles around a young buck like me?

We rushed onward through numerous buses, shuttles and elevators, lugging and juggling luggage, passports, dollars, shekels and Euros. Our crew of 49 is on the older side, but is varied in terms of religious observance and number of visits. We have four staff people and one bus, so it's cozy.

We were busy even before



MISSION TO ISRAEL — The *Jewish Voice and Herald* editor Jonathan Rubin, along with 48 other members of the R.I. Jewish community, arrived in Israel last week on a 10-day solidarity mission sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

we left Providence, as we mugged for the Channel 10 news cameras, telling them why we were going, why we weren't scared and why we weren't crazy.

Landing in Israel is a wonderful thing — everyone claps, some people say *Sheheianu* (the prayer for completing a new, and usually important, task), some sing, and some just clutch

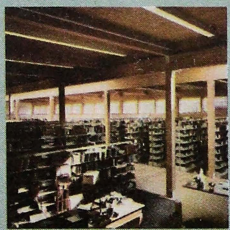
the armrests and pray for the plane to please stop moving. (By the way, you know you're in Israel when a woman in the last row in the plane pushes brazenly past children and seniors citizens just so she doesn't have to wait in line.)

Upon spying Tel Aviv from the air, those people sharing romantic mental images of Israel

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Inside...

STEVEN D. BARON — Former president of the Miriam Hospital dies at age 57
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Yiddish Book Center is worth a visit. See Page 20.



BIRDS WITHOUT BORDERS — An Israeli ornithologist explained an unusual collaboration between his country, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority.
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Turkish Jews dig out

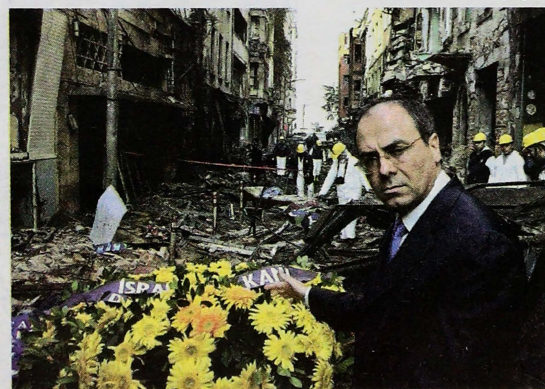
By Yigal Schleifer

ISTANBUL, JTA — Turkish Jewish leaders are shocked by the force and sophistication of the bombings of two synagogues here during Shabbat services but not surprised that the Jewish community was targeted. "This was bound to happen," said Lina Filiba, executive vice president of the Turkish Jewish community. "Something here is changing. The peaceful life here is different now."

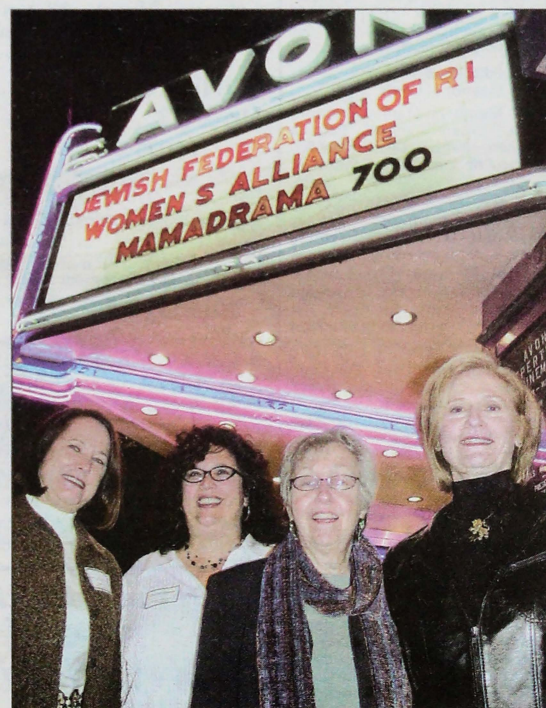
A pair of truck bombs exploded outside two of Istanbul's largest synagogues Saturday morning, Nov. 15, killing at least 23 people and injuring more than 300. At least six of the dead were known to be Jewish.

The first explosion occurred at 9:30 a.m. near the main entrance of the city's central synagogue, Neve Shalom. The second took place a few minutes later at the back side of the Beit Israel synagogue, in Istanbul's

See **TURKISH JEWS**, page 8



WREATH OF SORROW — Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom places a wreath during his visit to last week's bombing scene outside of the Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul, Turkey on Sunday.
JTA photo



WOMEN'S ALLIANCE — The Women's Alliance held its annual campaign event for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island with the showing of the film "MamaDrama" at the Avon Cinema on Nov. 6. From left are, Marilyn Friedman Shealey, Women's Alliance associate campaign chair; Sharon Gaines, Women's Alliance president; Sharon Pucker Rivo, executive director of the National Center for Jewish Film, and Mitzi Berkelhammer, Women's Alliance campaign chair. See page 14 for more photos of the event.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Did You Know...

- About one thousand members of the community participated in the 2004 Community Campaign Week Nov. 2 to 8, featuring the Capitol Steps, MamaDrama, and the Bureau of Jewish Education/Yashar Evening of Jewish Renaissance. See pages 14, 15 for photos of the events.

- 2,374 donors have already donated \$2.5 million to the 2004 Community Campaign organized by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. You, too, can still make a difference in the lives of Jews here in Rhode Island and worldwide. To make a pledge, call 421-4111.

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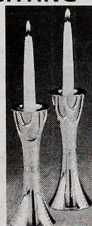
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Community Calendar

**FRI. & SAT.
Nov. 21-22**

Torat Yisrael scholar program

6 p.m., Friday. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Scholar program with Dr. Scott Bresler, cantor and forensic psychiatrist. Musical Shabbat service, dinner, talk on personal responsibility. \$13, \$6 for children.

9:30 a.m., Saturday. Shabbat services with talk on communal responsibility. Kiddush.

7 p.m. *Havdallah* sing, ice-cream social. For more information, call 785-1800.

**SATURDAY
Nov. 22**

Mexico volunteers' talk

2 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Dr. Milton and Bernice Krantz will talk on their volunteer experiences in Mexico. All welcome. For more information, call 331-1616.

**SUNDAY
Nov. 23**

PHDS lecturer

10 a.m. Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Lecture by R. Gedalia Fleer from Jerusalem on Israel, Jewish destiny. For more information, call 331-5327.

Beth-El holiday bazaar

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. The sisterhood will hold a holiday bazaar and crafts fair. For more information, call 331-6070.

Adoption meeting, dinner

5 to 7 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Stars of David adoptive families' dinner and program with

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer. \$10 per family.

For information, call 431-0728 or LJS3@cox.net.

**SUNDAY
Nov. 30**

JORI reunion

2 to 4 p.m. Roller Magic, 700 East Ave., Warwick. Skating for campers and staff. Applications for 2004 available. For more information, call 823-1990

**MONDAY
Dec. 1**

AIDS service

7 to 8 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. An interfaith service of hope and healing for AIDS week. For information, call Aimee at 421-4111, ext. 161.

**WEDNESDAY
Dec. 3**

Cranston Seniors' lunch

Noon. West Valley Inn, West Warwick. \$17.50. Entertainment by Sounds of Simcha. For reservations, send check to Leon Resnick, 59 County Lane, Warwick, RI 02886. For information, call 885-4539.

Make clay ritual objects

7 p.m. Clayground Studio, 5600 Post Road, East Greenwich. Pottery workshop.

Fee: \$8. Sponsored by BJE/RI. For more information, contact Robin Kauffman at 477-4313 or e-mail to rkauffman@bjeri.org

Jon Land at JCC

7:30 p.m. JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Talk by Providence mystery author Jon Land on writing mysteries and his new book.

**SATURDAY
Dec. 6**

JCC coffee house

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Coffee, tea, dessert, and entertainment. Call 861-8800, ext. 108, to RSVP. \$15, babysitting with advance reservation, extra fee.

**SUNDAY
Dec. 7**

Yiddish storyteller

1 p.m. Adas Israel Synagogue, 46 Pearl St., Fall River. Fall River Yiddish Club hosts storyteller David Arfa performing the "Life and Times of Herschel of Ostropol." \$5 annual donation. For more information, call 508-678-4273.

Schechter West Bay open house

3 to 4:30 p.m. Schechter West Bay, a Jewish preschool, hosts the first of two informational sessions. To be held in East Greenwich. For information, call Ruth Berenson at 751-2470 or ruthberenson_asds@yahoo.com.

**MONDAY
Dec. 8**

Human rights rabbi to speak

7:30 p.m. Brown University, Salomon Center, room 001. Rabbi Arik Ascherman on Jewish values, human rights and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**WEDNESDAY
Dec. 10**

JSA Women to meet

1 p.m. Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. The Women's Association of the Jewish Seniors Agency will hear a talk by Susette Rabinowitz, executive director. Raffle, refreshments. For information, contact Marcia Gerstein at

momgerstein@yahoo.com.

Author Marge Piercy

7 p.m. JCC, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Feminist author Marge Piercy discusses her work, and novel, *The Third Child*.

**THURSDAY
Dec. 11**

Author's brunch

10:30 a.m. Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Brunch with author Joan Leegant, speaking on her book, *An Hour In Paradise: Jewish Short Stories*. Donation \$5. For more information, call 463-3636 or 861-8800.

"Just One Life" presentation

7:30 p.m. JCC senior lounge, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Rabbi Martin Katz will discuss childbirth and abortion in Israel. For information, call Valerie at 351-7815.

**SUNDAY
Dec. 14**

"Robbo" at Torat Yisrael

Noon. Temple Torat Yisrael's social hall, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Robbo, a professional children's entertainer, will perform with songs, games, dances. \$7. For information, call 785-1800.

**MONDAY
Dec. 15**

Schechter West Bay open house

7:30 to 9 p.m. Schechter West Bay, a Jewish preschool for the West Bay, hosts the second of two (see listing for Dec. 7) informational sessions. Schechter Day School staff and local families will be available to speak to parents. The meeting will take place in Cranston. For information, call Ruth Berenson at 751-2470 or ruthberenson_asds@yahoo.com.

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For the birds

Program to protect the Mideast environment takes flight

By Mary Korr

Israeli ornithologist Dan Alon has been watching birds like the Griffin vulture with his binoculars since he was a boy growing up on a kibbutz in northern Israel. On a recent visit to the environmental lab at Brown Uni-

versity, he told students that more than 500 million birds migrate over the Jordan Valley twice each year. Cranes, eagles, pelicans, and storks fill the sky in spring and fall. They migrate from eastern and northern Europe to central and west Asia and to Africa.

"The Jordan Valley is the most concentrated area where the migratory birds meet," Alon said.

A cooperative program to protect the eco-system in the valley is underway, with Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian conservationists working together. Dubbed *Together for Birds and People in the Jordan Valley*, "the program is beyond politics," Alon stated. He is the director of the Israel Ornithology Center and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. The vision is to transform the Jordan Valley into an ecologically sustainable region.

BirdLife International launched the program in 2001.

"In its broadest interpretation, the land is a victim of the conflict," Alon said. "With this program - in nature - we are creating a common ground for peace. The birds and eco-system are not political issues. It is an area where we can bring people together. Birds are the focus of the project because they are reliable indicators of environmental health."

Bird watching

Alon noted the economic value of eco-tourism. Bird watching is one of the fastest growing



BIRD RINGING - Edna Gorny-Labinger bands an aluminum ring on a bird's leg at a ringing station in northern Israel. Some birds are also fitted with mini-satellite transmitters. (Photos courtesy of Dan Alon)

outdoor activities worldwide, he said, with over 100 million watchers worldwide.

The partners have established a network of bird watching centers and designated conservation areas in each country.

In Israel, the bird watching center is located in Kfar Ruppin, in the northern part of the country. A ringing center was constructed here, and visitors can watch workers band the birds or fit them with satellite transmitters. About 1,000 Israeli school

children have visited the center so far. A kindergarten program is in place as well as community workshops and high school research projects.

Brown student Alison Klayman, who holds the Grinspoon Israel Advocacy Internship, helped organize the lecture through Brown Hillel. "I think we have to show and learn about Israel in a different light. We have to go outside the conflict," she commented.



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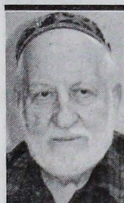
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Pop goes the Kabbalah at center in NYC

Well, do I have a surprise for you. I'm certain that you never expected to find, in the austere, deliberative, purposeful pages of *The Jewish Voice & Herald* of Rhode Island, information of such importance that it can change your whole life. That can revitalize those old, worn-out ideals of yours. That can enable you to see into your future, improve your love life and purify your insides. That can reawaken those glorious dreams you once reveled in as a youth and rid you of all the detritus of the opportunities you have squandered before you learned what I am about to reveal to you.



Yehuda Lev

I came across this amazing phenomenon in the pages of the *New York Times* earlier this month. You may have missed it because it was a small advertisement, about three by four inches, but so promising for the future of mankind is its message that I realized immediately that solving the problems of the Middle East would have to wait for our next issue.

"Free astrology and palm readings" it said in part. "The sixth sense" it offered.

"Twelve steps to lasting love" are yours, said the ad. "The art of friendship" can be learned, it proclaimed.

And with all of this, like the icing on a cake, was included a "lagniappe" of light refreshments and special bottled water.

I kid you not.

These were just a few of the physical and spiritual attractions offered by the Kabbalah Center in New York at a recent open house. I am not making any of this up; among the goodies listed was Kabbalah Mountain spring water, presumably from some blessedly exalted stream.

The Oxford Companion to the Jewish Religion, which I keep at my desk for spiritual guidance, devotes three pages to Kabbalah without a single reference to twelve-step programs, astrology or palm readings. It describes Kabbalah as "the mystical, theosophical system developed in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, culminating in the Zohar, and later reinterpreted and recast by Isaac Luria, the Ari, in sixteenth century Safed."

It continues: "... The word Kabbalah means 'tradition'...and was appropriated by the Kabbalists to denote their own secret doctrine, believed to be pre-

served by the initiates as the true, inner meaning of the Torah."

Not being one of the initiates, I am not qualified to comment on the mystical, theosophical systems or true inner meanings associated with Kabbalah. But after a detailed history of the movement and its place in Jewish life, the Oxford Companion warns its readers: "There has been a recent spate of works of pop-Kabbalah sold in shops dealing with the occult, but these are largely worthless for anyone wishing to know what the Kabbalah is really like."

If the Kabbalah Center was the only Jewish institution exploiting unsophisticated and religiously ignorant Jews, there would be few grounds for concern. But in the past several decades a number of questionable Jewish organizations have arisen which describe themselves as "educational" but whose educational content is dubious.

In general, they claim to bring young Jews, who have strayed, back into the fold and one of their favorite recruiting stations is the Western Wall in Jerusalem, where, on Friday afternoons, their agents invite, to a Shabbat dinner, young Jews who appear to be alone. These institutions, like the Kabbalah Center, function primarily as "singles" organi-

zations beneath their religious guise. Their programs center around finding love with your *beshtet* or chosen Jewish mate, improving your career opportunities, providing a sense of community and other issues with which young people are concerned. Palm reading and astrological forecasts are unique to the Kabbalah Center, as far as I know.

This contrasts sharply with what the Oxford Companion tells us is a traditional rule for the study of Kabbalah, namely that one cannot begin until reaching the mature age of 40, thereby assuring enough knowledge and experience to be able to understand and absorb its complexities. Furthermore, states the Companion: "...Recourse to practical Kabbalah was only tolerated for the most saintly. For lesser mortals, the whole enterprise was seen as fraught with danger to body and soul. For this reason there are very few practical Kabbalists today but many charlatans to prey on the gullible."

Enough said.

Yehuda Lev, a regular columnist, is a retired journalist who has worked in Europe, Israel and the United States. He lives in Providence.

Letters to the editor

Former Israeli emissary in the Israeli army now

She sends greetings to friends and students in Rhode Island



Orit Sobko

To all the people I worked with at the different schools, I would love it if you'll show this letter to the kids...

Hi guys! How are you? How's everything? Just for starters, I really want to say that I miss you all very much and I mention you to different people here all the time. So, in case you didn't know, I joined the army two weeks ago, and everything is great! I love it! Well, I finished basic training, and yes, I had my M-16 for a while.

My next training course will be two months long. I still don't know what exactly I'll be doing because it's classified, top secret. And if I learn more, I'm sorry, I can't tell you.

But right now our schedule is very busy. We wake up at 5 a.m. and get to sleep at 11 p.m. — that isn't easy for me.

We learn most of the day, get yelled at by our commanders, and once in a while we get punished, which makes us laugh about it. Why? I don't know. We get only one hour before bedtime for a shower and talking on the phone, which makes it very hard. And the best part is, I'm in charge! Believe me, when you have 55 girls, it is a headache! But it makes me feel good because I know that my commanders trust me.

Maybe all of this sounds like the hardest thing in the world, but believe me, I'm having so much fun! I even can't

explain why.

My base is 20 minutes from Tel-Aviv, so it takes me two and a half hours to get home every weekend. It's not so bad.

Orit Sobko
Tel Aviv

Thanks Emanu-El, for holiday link

During the recent High Holy Day Services, I had a very unusual and satisfying experience. Someone gave me a card, issued by Temple Emanu-El to its members, allowing shut-ins to listen to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services on the telephone. It listed phone numbers to call, including a credit card number, so the actual 20 cents per minute charge was free. And there was no time limit. I listened to an entire Torah reading, including a beautiful rendition of the *Maftir* by a woman who chanted like a *chazan*.

I am not a member of Temple Emanu-El, but I do feel a kinship to the temple. My father-in-law, Abe Jacobs, was a founder of the temple and my wife, Eunice, was in its first confirma-

Editor's note:

Orit Sobko was an emissary from Afula/Gilboa who spent last year working in the Young Emissary program funded by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

tion class. My roots are in Cranston going back to 1946 when I helped found Temple Torat Yisrael and became its first president, so I feel "morally" entitled to use the card.

I'd like the community to know what a wonderful service Temple Emanu-El rendered. Apparently it was a national effort, (I mistakenly reached a Miami temple when I dialed wrong,) but Emanu-El offered it in R. I. I'm sure that thousands of people like myself, all over the country, are grateful to all these temples. To the leadership of Temple Emanu-El, my sincerest thanks. On behalf of all the many people in R.I., a hearty *Yasher Koach!*

Harold Tragar
Providence

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Article brought back bad memories of anti-Semitism

By Elise Clayman Kerrigan

I am writing in response to the recent Viewpoint issue on anti-Semitic incidents leave a lasting, bitter taste.

As soon as I read the opening paragraph, I found myself drifting back to 1987, while I was a junior at Framing-

ham State College in Massachusetts. I, too, have been a victim of anti-Semitic assault.

After being away from campus for the weekend, I had returned to my door room and thought something seemed different in the room. It wasn't until

later that night that I figured it out. Several of my posters were missing from my side of the room. I asked my roommate about it, but she claimed she did not know.

A few days later, I happened upon a crumpled-up poster in the side of my roommate's closet. When I opened it, I found my poster with swastikas all over it. I will never forget my whole body shaking and my legs coming out from under me as I fell onto my bed. I immediately felt attacked, but it wasn't just me, it was my mother, father and sister, my grandparents, cousins and aunts and uncles. It was everyone who is Jewish. Not knowing what to do, I went to my friends, who then brought it up to the dorm director. He asked the question: Who had done this?

My roommate's response was that her friends from Dorchester had come to visit and they did it. The severity of doing something like this was explained, her friends were banned from visiting again, and that was the end of it. You can only imagine what it felt like to share a key with this person who had friends who would do something like that. I never felt safe after that. I had been given the option to move rooms, dorms even, however I had lived there for three years, and I had many friends who I considered sisters. I would have felt more victimized had I moved out. I regret to write that this was the one time in my life I wondered why I had been brought

up differently than most. Why was I an easy target? Why did I have to be a Jew?

Many years have passed; however, the images on that day in 1987 are clear. Now, as a woman and a mother, I am proud of who I am. I want to share my Jewish traditions with my son. We have recently joined Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, which was a big step for me. I had not been to temple in so long, but I knew deep inside it was something I wanted to do for my son.

I found it almost frightening to make an appointment with the rabbi to discuss joining. When I met the rabbi, I can remember wanting to cry, but I didn't know why. I was sad, ashamed and still uncertain about being proud of being a Jew. I realize now that I was traumatized from that college experience 16 years ago. This year, my son is in his second year of Hebrew school, and I am so proud of him, and I guess of me, too. I hope he never has to be witness to anything like anti-Semitism. But if he is, I hope the foundation that is being laid before him will teach him to stand up for himself, for his family and for the Jewish community. I hope the students recently victimized will know that I am thinking of them and I hope they will continue to be proud of who they are and become stronger for the future.

Elise Clayman Kerrigan lives in Attleboro, Mass.

A clash of core values

By Aaron B. Cohen

CHICAGO — The massive car bombings of the Neve Shalom (Oasis of Peace) and Beit Shalom (House of Peace) synagogues in Istanbul on Saturday, Nov. 15, killed at least 24, injured more than 300, devastated several city blocks, and marked another dark turn in a war being fought if not between civilizations, then between value systems. Who would want to murder Turkish Jews at prayer, while also killing and maiming scores of passersby, the majority of them Muslims? In an email to the London-based, Arabic newspaper al-Quds al-Arabi, Al Qaida claimed it perpetrated the attacks after it "kept Jewish intelligence agents under surveillance and determined that five of them were in two synagogues." In fact the attacks carried two underlying messages, which underscored the reality that more than a conflict over policies, but also a clash in core values, is now raging.

One message, aimed directly at Jews everywhere, said: "No matter who you are, whatever your political bent, whatever your nationality, you are targets for murder because you are Jewish."

The other message, aimed at all members of civil society, said: "Your blood is the currency we use to pay back you and your government for the sins of religious tolerance or political independence."

The first message is fundamentally racist. It reflects a value system that

justifies indiscriminate attacks against people simply because they belong to an "enemy" religion, ethnicity or nationality, and thus sanctions the targeting of innocents as a matter of course.

Today a frightening number of Muslim politicians, theologians, journalists, and academics espouse a wild-eyed anti-Semitism, which posits that only by defeating "the Jews" will Islam regain the hegemony that is its due. Fuelling this logic are a plethora of books, articles, and television programs throughout the Arab world, which resurrect the specters of Jewish conspiracies and blood libel, and which call, overtly or in code, for the eradication of Israel and the murder of Jews "wherever they are" (an oft-repeated admonition in Friday sermons by Hizbullah and Hamas preachers).

The other message delivered in Saturday's attacks was aimed at the Turkish state and all Turks—indeed all Muslims—who uphold the value of religious tolerance. Non-Jewish Turks, the majority of the dead and injured in the Istanbul attacks, committed no offense other than being in proximity to a synagogue. Their "crime" was simply to coexist, to tolerate Jews in their midst, and to live in a state and vote for a government that pursues an independent foreign policy.

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ALISON ON ALIYAH:

Olah, ole!

Yesterday was my one-month anniversary — I can barely believe that I've already been in Israel for over four weeks. In an odd, cosmic commemoration of the date, I somehow succeeded in receiving my *teudat zehut* (identity card) yesterday, even though the strike is still in full force. Even though I certainly have a long way to go in all other aspects, on paper, I am now officially an Israeli citizen.

I know that everyone is wondering when the excitement will wear off, when the honeymoon will be over. I have to admit, I've caught myself wondering that as well. But to be honest, I am still so happy to be here and so genuinely committed to my goals and plans here.

Of course, there are the little annoyances and difficulties here, and I have certainly passed through the phase in which I found them charming and endearing. The strike of all government offices, customs, and ports — even the airport for four hours last week — is making it close to impossible to complete the mounds of paperwork involved in my *aliyah*. I am finding it difficult to furnish an apartment without a car, and every little journey to the market leaves me feeling like a pack-mule on my return trip. I found my first cockroach in my apartment two weeks ago, which everyone assured me would not be my last. I absolutely hate having to get up every morning 45 minutes earlier than I need to in order to turn on the hot water boiler (the solar powered heater doesn't work much in the winter). I have found that every shopkeeper over the age of 40, regardless of his level of physical attractiveness or personal hygiene, clearly feels an irresistible urge to pinch my cheeks and remark about my "youthful beauty."

And every dog in the country, it seems, wants nothing more from my dog than to jump on her until the sun goes down! We're adjusting.

I've also found that everyone I meet seems to have at least one helpful piece of advice. As I walked out of

my apartment last week, I encountered a woman who immediately pulled me aside, gestured to two men up the alley, and furtively informed me that they were involved in a drug deal and that it was "very dangerous." Yes, apparently I have two drug dealers on my street, and this woman felt it necessary to tell me all about them. Another of my neighbors told me the same thing weeks ago and assured me it is no problem at all and "just one of those things." Five minutes after extricating myself from the "helpful" woman, I encountered a man who smiled at my dog and then proceeded to tell me that "those Orthodox Jews" frequently scatter rat poison pills all over the dog park in order to "kill all the animals." Of course, he knew a guy who knew a guy who knew someone whose dog was killed this way. Other people have thoughts about what cable service I should get... which Hebrew classes to attend... oh, I have to sign up with this cell phone company and not that one...

I find myself wondering if ignorance really is bliss. Many of these seemingly useful bits of information are not, to be honest, things I really want to know. I would have been perfectly happy not knowing that, of all the streets in my neighborhood, my particular alley is drug-infested. And I certainly would have been happier at the dog park if I did not have to worry that everything my dog picks up might kill her instantly.

Sometimes I wish everyone wasn't so helpful! But most of the time I have an overwhelming sense of empowerment, with all the advantages and disadvantages that accompany it. Everyone told me that it would be easier to just go to an absorption center, where I wouldn't have to think about things like utilities and laundry and phone bills... but I am so glad that I went against the grain. Every little task I accomplish feels huge, and satisfying: securing a phone line, getting my cable hooked up, starting my classes, buying a lamp. Every obstacle that I overcome, every hurdle I jump, just makes me feel more proud of myself, more independent, and more successful at the challenge that has become my *aliyah*. Ignorance be damned, I am an empowered *olah*!

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as being a simple, down-to-earth holy land receive a shock to the system—skyscrapers and unattractive boxy apartments dot the landscape, while neon signs advertise everything from Kentucky Fried Chicken to the omnipresent cell phones to, occasionally, pork (blasphemy!).

We gathered our stuff and proceeded outside, where I was able to deliver a huge load of goods to Alison Golub - *Voice & Herald* columnist, recent *oleh hadash* (new immigrant) and a very good friend of mine. Having friends in Israel means that you are automatically a free pack mule, and carting everything from textbooks to dog food to Puffs Plus tissues is all part of living in the Jewish community.



IN ISRAEL—Forty-nine residents of Rhode Island have joined over 4,000 other visitors in Israel this week at the North American Jewish Federation system's annual General Assembly, being held in Jerusalem. At left, Doris Feinberg, Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, enjoyed touring the country with other members of the R.I. delegation.

After boarding the bus, our tour guide told us that we would have to excuse his shaky English, but that he hasn't given a tour in so many months that his verbiage was getting rusty. But not everything was completely bad; we learned that every tourist bus that comes to Israel generates enough income for 15 full-time jobs. With more than 4,000 Americans coming to Israel this week for the General Assembly of United Jewish Communities, that's a nice little bit of economic relief.

Although exhausted after more than 10 hours in the air,

we proceeded to Independence Hall, where David Ben Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel in 1948. The room was much less stately than I expected for such a momentous occasion—a small, art-laden rectangle located underground, with a large portrait of Theodore Hertzl framed by two giant Israeli flags. After a quick history lesson, however, the simple location made sense—Egyptian warplanes circled overhead during that famous, 32-minute assembly, looking for a place to drop a bomb.

Despite the fact that the Jews were in a tough spot, armed with only one rifle per four men and were surrounded by Egyptian forces, the temporary government took a vote and Israel

was born. We were able to hear the taped proclamation by Ben Gurion, and despite the grainy recording, the emotion in his words rang clear as a bell—Jewish history was being made at that very moment, and they were acting for every Jew on the face of the earth in doing so. When our group rose to sing *hatikvah* along with the triumphant voices of Israel's founders, the handkerchiefs had to come out to wipe away the tears.

A long dinner followed, and you know you're in Israel when Russian-musicians in jogging pants play spellbinding violin and piano music to a dining party of generals, and, by request, they play a "Fiddler on the Roof" / *Adon Olam* / *Hava Nagila* medley.



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E-mails from Israel

By Jonathan Rubin

Day 2: Nov. 12

TEL AVIV – Morning, and from my balcony I can see the blue waters of the Mediterranean crashing against the rocks.

In the morning here, Israelis and Americans grab their newspapers and hope for the best. Luckily, things seem to be quiet in terms of the intifada.

So far, the mega-strike that threatens to slow Jerusalem to a standstill has not materialized, so things continue. There were some fears that the airport was going to be shut down and we were going to have to move our own bags. Thing have been quite disrupted, however – couples haven't been able to get birth or marriage certificates, or state identification cards, which allow them to get paid.

Anyway, back to the trip: By this time, the name tags we're wearing no longer brand us as goofy Jewish tourists, but, rather, Jewish tourists, as there are approximately 5,000 of us here now. The tags actually get us inside hotel security much easier, and we can spot each other as well. We're starting to meet people from California, New Jersey, New

York and even some Christian folks from Texas.

Mission speakers are usually top notch, even at 8:30 a.m., and today's was no exception. Some memorable quotes:

"Israelis believe you can't solve the [intifada] with the gun... although you still need the gun."

"A speaker is supposed to be a

prophet... We are supposed to know what will be... I don't know what will be."

"Israelis like Americans in Iraq...we didn't like Saddam, although he's one of the easiest enemies to defeat... However, you should get out of there as soon as you can."

And my favorite: "If we are strong enough for war, then we are strong enough for compromise."

Leaving Tel Aviv for the Diaspora Museum, I noticed something that supposedly didn't exist – homeless Israelis begging for change on the highway. Sad.

But the museum – If there

is one place on earth that lets you see Judaism not as a twice-yearly obligation to go to synagogue, but the deep and intense travails of a people over the last 2,000 years, this is it. The Museum of the Diaspora showed Judaism as being more than a "woe-is-me reaction" over the ages, and more than the biblical adventures of our forefathers but instead unraveled the day-to-day existence of

and one built by Frank Lloyd Wright, and, of course, Touro Synagogue. Fascinating objects abounded, from official wax seals of Jewish communities in the 12th century, to Hebrew printing presses in Amsterdam.

Judaism never existed in a vacuum – things were borrowed. The Jews in Poland borrowed the fancy dress of the aristocracy, and this contributed to the custom of

fine dress on a daily basis for religious Jews. And the hand-shaped *hamsa* symbol, which traditionally grants its

owner protection from the "evil eye," is actually appropriated from the Arabic (*hamsa* means five in Arabic just as *hamesh* means five in Hebrew).

I could go on and on, and I certainly didn't want to leave.

We grabbed lunch and then headed over to an absorption center in R'annah. The facility is funded by the Jewish Agency for Israel, meaning that we Amer-

icans help fund it. However, it turned out to be a bad day for visiting, as many of the residents in this "professional center," including lawyers, doctors, accountants from Russia, the U.S., Argentina and France, all of whom receive assistance in learning Hebrew, finding a job and meeting up with their professional peers, were away from the center at a job fair. However, it was nice to see posters on the wall in more than three languages, and to spy Russian and Argentinean chocolates in the vending machines.

Then we went on to Jerusalem by night and said *Shehe-ianu* on a ledge overseeing the old city.

At night we met up with more than 50 Rhode Islanders at the hotel, including many blasts from my past, and relatives of people I know back home. I got them all together for a picture, and then spent an hour getting all their names down. Very excited to see how that one comes out.

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Sisli neighborhood, about three miles away.

An usher working in Neve Shalom said it was filled with close to 400 people celebrating a Bar Mitzvah.

Israel's foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, flew to Turkey on Sunday to visit the bombing sites and meet with his Turkish counterpart, Abdullah Gul.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan also toured the site Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Gul. Turkish police arrested three people

in connection with the bombings, but they already had been released a day later, according to news reports.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon opened the weekly Cabinet meeting with a statement of condolences for the victims. "We saw yesterday yet again that terrorism knows no bounds," Sharon said. "Terrorism doesn't discriminate by religion or blood. The aim of terrorism is one, to sow fear and terror through the slaying of innocent people."

International Jewish organizations also mobilized. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is raising funds to help Turkey's Jewish and general community after Saturday's attacks.

"This was an attack on Turkish society," in which Jews have lived since the Spanish Inquisition, said Steven Schwager, executive vice president of the JDC. Schwager said the group hopes to raise a few million to rebuild the synagogues destroyed in the attack and restore local shops.

For its part, the Jewish Agency for Israel dispatched a mission of high-level staff to the region Saturday evening. The group included two psychologists who are terror specialists and two youth leaders who are familiar with the Istanbul Jewish community.

In addition, the Jewish Agency held an emergency conference call Saturday evening with members of world Jewish communities, including France, England, South America and the United States, to determine ways to combat anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

The group plans to meet again soon to address threats to Jews worldwide.

An Israeli diplomat noted that Turkey was ripe for violence

by Islamic terrorists. "As the world's only Muslim democracy, with ties to Israel, Turkey is doubly likely to be hit by Islamist terrorism. That puts Turkish Jews all the more at risk," the diplomat said, according to Reuters.

Jewish community officials said they have been on high alert for the last three months regarding possible attacks and had notified the police about their concerns. Security at Istanbul's synagogues had been increased in response, officials said.

"If we didn't have security as good as it is, the tragedy could have been a lot worse. We wouldn't have been as lucky," community leader Filiba said.

The stone and wrought-iron facade of the synagogue was completely destroyed, the synagogue's foyer filled with a tangle of twisted metal and shattered glass.

The synagogue is located on a narrow street in one of Istanbul's most historic districts, an area filled with small shops selling lamps and chandeliers. The explosion devastated the entire length of the street, shattering store windows and leaving some balconies on the verge of collapse.

Neve Shalom's sanctuary is set off from the street, so the number of injured was relatively low and the damage was limited to the entrance.

Most of the day's injured came from the Beit Israel synagogue, many of them there to celebrate the recent renovation of a smaller sanctuary in the back of the synagogue, close to where the car bomb exploded.

After the bombing, that sanctuary was littered with dust and shattered glass, prayer books and blood-stained prayer shawls covering the ground and the rows of wooden chairs.

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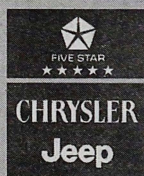
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Sharon: Jews will prevail

The Jewish people will not be deterred by terrorism, Israel's prime minister told North American Jewish leaders. At the opening plenary Sunday of the North American Jewish federation system's annual General Assembly, being held in Jerusalem, Ariel Sharon said, "Our enemies have got to understand that the Jewish people cannot be broken." He received a thunderous ovation. Sharon told the audience that Jews should make *aliyah*, promote Zionist education, and invest in Jerusalem, the Negev and the Galilee.

Sharon pushes for JAFI

Israel's prime minister pushed the Jewish Agency for Israel's agenda in a meeting with Jewish federation officials Sunday. In the Sunday afternoon meeting with leaders of the United Jewish Communities federation umbrella organization, Ariel Sharon underscored the importance of investing in Israel, immigration to Israel, Zionist education, and strengthening Jerusalem, the Negev and the Galilee, according to UJC CEO Stephen Hoffman. Sharon's message mirrors the agenda of the Jewish Agency for Israel, which currently is competing with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for the federation system's overseas funds.

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UJC strives to make good

The North American Jewish federation system pledged to continue funding its overseas beneficiaries. Amid widespread concern that the United Jewish Communities has decreased funding to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel, the UJC's delegates assembly resolved Monday to "increase its efforts in the advocacy for allocations in support of overseas needs" and "project a strong and clear message of funding goals" in this area.

Reform lauds same-sex decision, Orthodox nix

The Reform movement's policy arm lauded a ruling declaring unconstitutional Massachusetts' ban on same-sex marriage. Tuesday's decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Court is a "landmark step toward ensuring the right of gay and lesbian Americans to share in the joys, and privileges, of marriage afforded heterosexual Americans," the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism said in a statement. But Nathan Diamant, of the Orthodox Union's Institute for Public Affairs, said the ruling "calls into question the consensus in the country on the traditional institution of marriage."

David Zwiebel of Agudath Israel of America, a fervently Orthodox group, said the decision "marks a sad turning point in the moral history of our nation."

Ford to stop funding hate

The Ford Foundation admitted it erred in funding anti-Israel groups and pledged to stop funding anti-Semitic activities. The foundation said it was "dismayed" by anti-Israel and anti-Semitic agitation at the 2001 U.N. Conference Against Racism at Durban, South Africa, which the foundation helped finance. In a letter to Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), foundation president Susan Berresford also said Ford would cease financing pivotal anti-Israel groups and even would seek to recover funds where a grant's intent is violated. The letter came in the wake of growing pressure on the charity after a special four-part JTA investigation, "Funding Hate," which documented how Ford grantees have used the prestigious foundation's money to foment virulent anti-Israel and anti-Semitic agitation.

Sharon rules out peace talks

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ruled out renewed truce talks until the Palestinians curb terrorism. "Israel rejects any offer of a ceasefire, or *hudna*, although this has yet to be proposed," Israeli media on Wednesday quoted a senior member of Sharon's entourage as saying. Sharon, who is

on a three-day visit to Italy and is due to meet with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurie upon his return, insists on a Palestinian counter-terrorist crackdown as required by the U.S.-backed "road map" to peace.

Istanbul bombing victims buried

The six Jewish victims of Saturday's twin synagogue bombings in Istanbul were laid to rest. The Jewish victims of the attacks, which killed 24 people, were buried next to the 22 victims of a 1986 bombing at Istanbul's Neve Shalom Synagogue. The coffins of the six killed Saturday were draped in Turkey's flag.

Deadly ambush ends calm

A Palestinian gunman killed two Israeli soldiers in an ambush outside Bethlehem. The deaths early Tuesday ended months of relative calm in the area. Security sources said the gunman who struck at the checkpoint outside the West Bank city on Tuesday managed to get close to the soldiers by hiding his rifle in a rolled-up prayer carpet. He fled into Palestinian Authority territory after firing the fatal shots.

1 in 7 Israelis depressed

One in seven Israelis is clinically depressed, a new study found. The poll of 500 respondents, published Tuesday to mark Israeli Mental Health Week, indicated that 10 percent of the population feels "life is not worth living," while a full 60 percent showed symptoms of depression.

5 tourists wounded

A Palestinian was killed after wounding five people at the Israel-Jordan border. The five wounded in Wednesday's incident were South American tourists who were entering Israel from Jordan.

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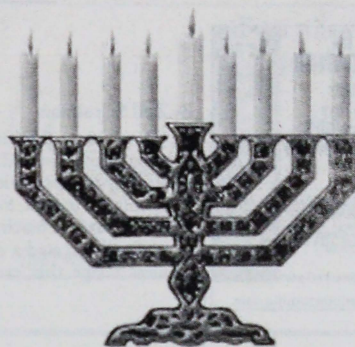
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By Zell Schulman

Does even thinking about roasting a turkey overwhelm you? Well, turkey preparation is not something I looked forward to but these days it's much easier for me. I finally created a quick and painless recipe that everyone in

my circle of family and friends loved.

Even better, a few years back, my daughter-in-law Carol Ann asked if she could have Thanksgiving at her home.

My oldest son, Stuart, makes wonderful deep fried turkeys! I bring chestnut dressing and my son Alan's sweet potato pie. I'm thankful to have four wonderful children, three boys and one girl, three daughters-in-law and one son-in-law, who are all great cooks.

That's what it's all about, right? Take it easy on yourself and forget about gourmet this and nouvelle that. Make dishes you could fix with your eyes closed, that you know everyone loves and that are meaningful to the family. And be thankful.

Zell Schulman is a writer and the author of several cookbooks. Her most recent cookbook, "Passover Seders Made Simple" (John Wiley, 2001), was written as a guide for intermarried families and those who have never made a Passover Seder. She is a Certified Culinary Professional, a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals and the American Jewish Press Association and a Bubbie (grandmother) of nine. Contact her at zell@thefoodsyndicate.com.

Turkey's in the bag

This is the recipe I use for Thanksgiving. It's quick and easy to follow.

Ingredients:

1 9"x 23" cooking bag
1 tablespoon flour
One 12-to-16-pound turkey
1 navel orange, sliced



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1 medium onion, peeled
1 Macintosh apple, quartered
6 dried apricots
Juice and rind of one orange
1/2 cup apricot preserves
Method:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Shake the flour into the cooking bag. Remove the giblets from turkey. Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water. Drain and dry it well with paper towels.

Place the orange slices, whole onion, apple pieces and dried apricots into the turkey cavity. Secure the neck skin with a metal skewer. Tuck the drumsticks under a band of skin or tie together with string. Mix the orange rind and juices with the apricot preserve and rub the outside skin of the turkey well. Mix the orange juice and rind with the apricot preserves. Rub the outside skin of the turkey with this glaze.

Place the turkey in the cooking bag, breast side up. Close the bag with the tie provided. With

the tip of a sharp knife, make six 1/2-inch slits in the top of the bag. Place a meat thermometer into the center of the thigh, next to the body. Be sure the thermometer does not touch the bone.

Cook the turkey 2 to 2 hours and 45 minutes or until the thermometer registers 180 degrees. Remove the turkey from the oven and allow it to stand (in the cooking bag) 15 minutes. If the turkey sticks to the bag, gently loosen the turkey from the bag before opening.

To remove the turkey, keep the turkey bag in the baking pan. Carefully cut or slit the top of the bag and remove the turkey. Take the fruits and vegetables from inside the cavity and discard them or place them and any liquid into your food processor, add 2 teaspoons of corn or potato starch and you'll have great gravy. Allow the turkey to rest 20 to 30 minutes before carving.

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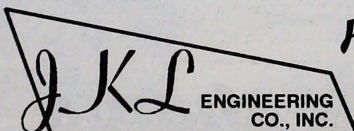
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Sweet potatoes make delicious pies

By Zell Schulman

Over the years Thanksgiving has created a standard menu in our mind's eye. This is especially true with the dessert. Pumpkin or pecan pies have become synonymous with Thanksgiving.

We usually find the sweet potatoes in a casserole or served as a side dish, smothered with marshmallows along with the cranberry sauce and the green beans. Several years ago my son, Alan, and his family, who live in Washington, D.C., were invited to a friend's home for Thanksgiving. They were asked to bring a pie for dessert.

Alan was never that keen on pumpkin pie, and his wife, Linda, is allergic to nuts, so pecan pie was out. He created this recipe, and it has become one of my favorite additions to our Thanks-

giving menu. I added my own touch of flavor by putting in a pinch of cardamom.

Alan's Sweet Potato Pie
Makes two 9-inch pies.

Ingredients:

- Two unbaked, fluted pie shells
- 6 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cooked
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup sweet cream or kosher substitute
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- Pinch of cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut the sweet potatoes into 1-inch pieces. Place them in the bowl of the food processor. Pulse several times. Scrape the bowl. Process 30 seconds more or until the potatoes become smooth.

Add the sugar and margarine. Pulse 3 times. Process 30 seconds. In a 2-cup container, mix the eggs, cream, spices and extracts together. With the processor running, pour the egg mixture through the feed tube.

Pour into the pie shells. Place in preheated oven. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake 30 minutes more or until the tip of knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Serve warm with a dollop of whipped cream.

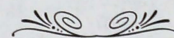
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Community Campaign Week

Nov. 2 — It was a wild 'n' witty night when 'The Capitol Steps' marched into town



THE CAPITOL STEPS — For their annual campaign event this year, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island brought the political-satire group, The Capitol Steps, to the Veteran's Memorial Arts and Cultural Center in Providence on Nov. 2. Parodies of Rush Limbaugh, Arnold Schwarzenegger and John Ashcroft (dressed as the Phantom of the Opera), Yasser Arafat and Ariel Sharon kept the audience laughing. Above, members of the Harry Elkin Midrasha/Temple Emanu-El Kos Kesem youth choir, conducted by Cantor Brian Mayer, helped warm up the crowd. Above at right, "President George Bush" gets a geography lesson from "Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld." At far right, Providence Mayor David Cicilline joined the fun in a skit on airport security searches. Students from Brown University's Yarmulkazi Klezmer group livened up the evening as well. Performing, at right, were Rebecca Fisher and Joshua Berkov.

Photos by Jonathan Rubin



Nov. 6 — 'Mamadrama' at the Avon Cinema



MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS — Enjoying the MamaDrama evening out are two mother-daughter duos; from left, Susan Leach DeBlasio, Amy DeBlasio, Maybeth Lichaa and Olivia Lichaa.

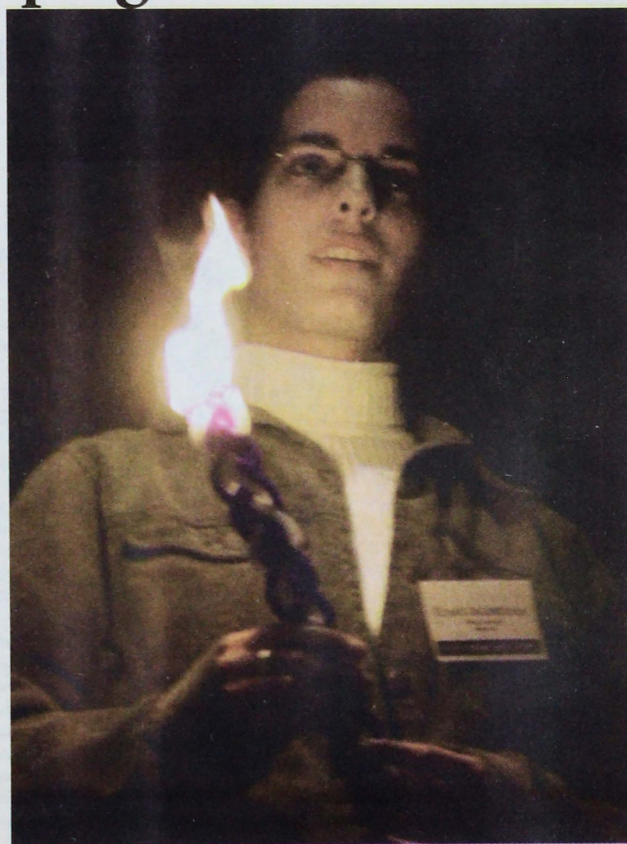
NIGHT AT THE MOVIES — From left, Phyllis Berry, Anne Krause, Lila Sapinsley, and Hinda Semonoff enjoy popcorn and a movie at The Women's Alliance annual campaign event at the Avon Cinema. Several hundred women attended the showing of the film "Mama-Drama."

Community Campaign Week

Nov. 8 — BJE/Yashar Evening of Jewish Renaissance



HAPPY HELPERS — Giving helping hands at the Bureau of Jewish Education's 3rd annual Dr. James and Judge Marjorie Yashar Evening of Jewish Renaissance held at the Jewish Community Center in Providence, were, from row left, Davida Ginsberg, of West Hartford, Conn.; Rebecca Mer of Lincoln, and back row, Sophie Keiffer, Tova Tenenbaum and Susan Landau, all from Providence. The event brought in more than 500 people for an evening of learning and literature. More than 30 educators held workshops on many topics, from Jewish poetry and women in Midrashic texts, to stem cell research and arts and crafts.



LIGHT OF LEARNING — Einat Goldshtein, the new Israel Emissary at the Bureau of Jewish Education, holds the havdalah candle at the 3rd annual Dr. James and Judge Marjorie Yashar Evening of Jewish Renaissance.



SWEET SESSION — Besides the mini-courses, there was also klezmer music, cappuccino, fresh fruit and baked goods to nosh on. And, for the first time, a bus brought in attendees from South County and the Newport area.



SOPHIE FELDER, of Providence, makes a hamsa, an ancient symbol of Jewish protection.

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Paper art at its best at JCC

By Jonathan Rubin

The way Liliana Fijman tells it, the wasp was the key inspiration for her current gallery show, "Paper: The Art and the Craft," at Gallery 401 in the Jewish Community Center.

"We think of the wasp as something that stings, as something to avoid," she says. However, in their routine habits of transforming tiny bits of material into delicate nests, "the wasp is a marvelous artist. They've been working with paper before there were human beings."

This current gallery show was curated by Fijman, of Providence, and contains works from artists in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, California and even Buenos Aires. It will be showing until the end of November.

Fijman said that she began working with paper after the death of her husband. After a time, she found that the process of taking old pieces of paper and reconstituting them into new sheets was a very cathartic, meditative practice. "Nothing dies... everything is transformed," she said.

In preparation for the showing, Fijman used plants from her



SPIRIT BOOK #13 HOPE OFFERING, by Susan Gaylord, is one of the featured pieces at "Paper: The Art and the Craft" now showing at the Jewish Community Center.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

garden to create the paper used for the artists statements, and tiny wisps of grass and flowers can be seen inside the omnipresent green and yellow sheets.

The exhibit includes traditional forms of paper making, such as Japanese origami trail infused with poetry from Ann Gregory, to newer forms such as the spirit book series by Susan Gaylord, consisting of incredibly intricate books nestled inside

branches and thorns. Many of the pieces contain books, serving as one of the more communicative mediums that paper can achieve. Large wall hangings, paper baskets, floor to ceiling scrolls and other items take the supposedly plain medium of paper into new heights.

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The DEADLINE for submission is Nov. 29. Entries must be delivered to the front desk at the Jewish Community Center, c/o Voice & Herald Hanukkah Art Contest, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

All submission will be listed in the Dec. 12 issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald. Artwork and prizes may be picked up at an award party at the Jewish Community Center (date TBA).

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Trained at the Philadelphia College of Art, Faucher spent 30 years producing furniture and cabinets. He has shown in local galleries and may be seen at numerous fine craft shows. He has designed and built kitchens that have been featured in trade magazines.

Steve Emma of Providence creates wooden bowls and spoons at his studio in Providence. They are carved and crafted from native New England hardwoods and other unique woods. He has shown his work extensively throughout New England. Emma studied agriculture at the University of Rhode Island and received a degree in music from Rhode Island College.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. For further information, call 861-8800.

Stars of David adoption group to meet

The Rhode Island chapter of The Stars of David, a network of Jewish and Jewish interfaith adoptive families, will hold a dinner meeting at Temple Emanu-El on Sun., Nov. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer will present an informal program of adoption information from biblical text and contemporary viewpoints related to adoption. Discussion will be encouraged.

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The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will hold a pottery workshop at Clayground Studio, East Greenwich, on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. In addition to a brief explanation of ritual objects in the Judaic tradition, participants will be able to choose from a large selection of pre-made pottery forms and design and paint their own ritual objects.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The program includes one free blast (form) for decorating; a fee of \$8 will cover the cost of studio time.

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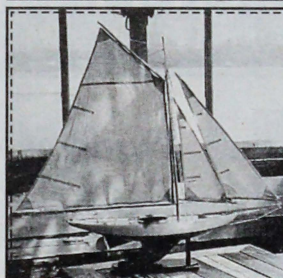
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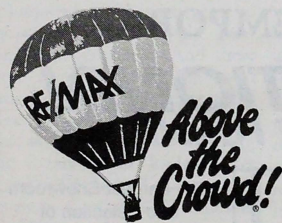
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Recalling the Kennedy assassination, 40 years later

By Yehuda Lev

The dreadful news from Dallas came to us in Israel at about 8:45 Friday night, just in time for the 9 p.m. news on Kol Israel, the state radio. I was a news editor and announcer for the station's English language news, but that night I was home and preparing for bed.

My first reaction was a thankful prayer that I had not had to

read the news that night and my second was that I had better get to the station as quickly as possible. I was the only member of the staff from the United States and knew that I would be a principle source of information on Kennedy's life for the Hebrew language news editors.

I also realized that my daily one-hour English language program, already on tape, would have to be scrapped and redone by one the next afternoon.

The station, usually operating at half-speed on erev Shabbat,

was a

madhouse.

The entire

Shabbat

schedule, all

of which was

pre-recorded

except for the

news, was

thrown out.

Most of what

replaced it

was funeral music, but the story

from Dallas

and Washington

D.C. was ongoing

and the bulletins kept arriving on

the wire services.

As we received them they

were broadcast to our audience

which, given the initial shock

and then worry about possible

consequences for Israel, grew

through the night as more and

more Israelis became aware of the

tragedy.

There was no television in

Israel in 1963 and the newspapers

did not appear on Shabbat, so

radio was the sole source of

information. The first thing I did

was write a brief biography of the

president and what I knew of his successor and distribute it throughout the newsroom. Then I contacted the American Embassy in Tel Aviv which, as you can imagine, was also operating on an emergency basis. We needed sound bytes — of his inauguration, of his widow, of any of his campaign speeches that might tell of his ideas and history and especially of his statements on the Middle East and Israel.

By daybreak, the embassy staff had rushed to us by taxi whatever they could locate and

we had

rounded up

expressions of

sorrow and

reminiscences

from David

Ben-Gurion,

Abba Eban

and others

who had dealt

personally.

The embassy sent a biography and texts of Kennedy's statements and the story began to take shape, even as we were broadcasting bits and pieces of it.

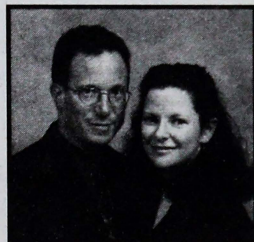
By noon I had prepared my hour in English, mixing sound bytes, news bulletins, personal stories and Israeli reactions. At one I opened the microphone and began. One hour later, to the sound of the final note of Taps, I spoke my usual closing line: "This is Kol Israel, the Voice of Israel, broadcasting from Jerusalem."

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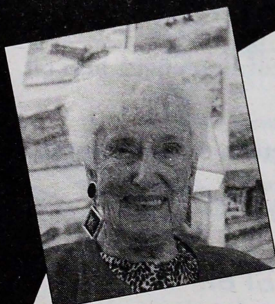


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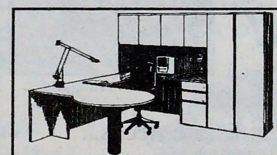
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Pharaoh had a troubling dream. He dreamt of seven well-nourished cows rising from the Nile, followed in time by seven malnourished cows, which



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then consumed the seven healthy cows.

None of Pharaoh's advisors could interpret this bewildering dream about sevens; and

so, on the advice of his cupbearer, Pharaoh summoned Joseph, a servant of the chief steward, who was reputed to be wise in understanding the underlying messages within dreams. Joseph, 31 centuries before Sigmund Freud, translated the dream to explain the imminence of seven bountiful years to be followed by seven years of want.

Consider how often the number seven arises in the Jewish Bible. In Genesis, the world was created in six days, but its creator rested on the seventh.

During the siege of Jericho, the Israelites were instructed to eat only unleavened bread for seven days. Seven priests with seven trumpets, on the seventh day of the siege, circled the enemy fortress seven times, and Jericho then fell.

Not merely the seventh day, but the seventh year was selected as the interval of rest when the fields were left fallow, debts erased and slaves freed.

Jesse's rod had seven spirals. Solomon devoted seven years to the construction of his great temple in Jerusalem. And there were seven heavens with seven orders of angels. The leper called Naaman was cleansed of his disease only after he had bathed in the waters of the Jordan River seven times. Indeed, the numeral seven is mentioned 77 times in the Bible.

In the *Book of Proverbs*, we learn; "Wisdom hath built her house and hewn out seven pillars." And seven pillars has remained a metaphor for abiding wisdom.

An angel asked Zechariah, the prophet, what he saw. Zechariah responded by describing a golden lamp stand with seven branches: the lamps fed by the yield of two olive trees. Thus did he describe the *menorah*, a Hebrew word meaning giver of light. (The Arabic word "minaret," a slender tower associated with a mosque, is derived from the same root.) In Christian cathedrals, the seven-branched candelabra are sometimes referred to as the Jesse lamp stands, an allusion to Jesse's family tree that included both David and Jesus.

Seven is a deeply revered number in many faiths. In Islam, for example, there are seven holy imams in each era. And in their pilgrimage to Mecca, the faithful circumambulate the inner shrine seven times. In addition, there are seven wondrous gates to paradise.

In Morocco, wives who have not borne children follow an ancient custom. They wrap their girdles securely seven times around a special tree.

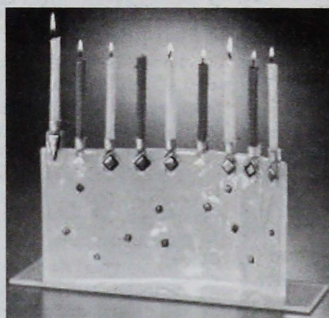
In the ancient belief systems, the Egyptians honored the numeral seven as the symbol of eternal life. There were seven gates to Thebes.

The Greco-Roman god Apollo was worshipped on the seventh day of each month. There were seven Hesperides (the nymphs of ancient Greece). And seven strings to the classical lyre. Rome had seven wise masters, as did Greece.

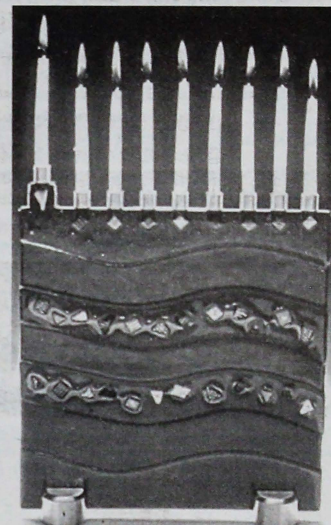
And when, in the second century of the Common Era, Antipater decided to compile the great wonders of the world, he identified seven of them. Nor can we ignore the seven continents and the seven seas.

Hippocrates, who fought to remove medicine from the realm of superstition, nonetheless found something appealing in the number seven. "Through its hidden properties, the number seven maintains all things in being, bestows life and motion, and its influence extends to heavenly things," he wrote.

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Yiddish book center grows by leaps, bounds

By Mary Korr

Aaron Lansky's work has saved 1.5 million Yiddish books—and counting—from oblivion. Each week, about a thousand books arrive at the National Yiddish Book Center he founded in Amherst, Mass. The \$8-million complex is designed to evoke the *shefts* of Eastern Europe.

The center is a repository and the books are for sale. Thanks to a grant from Steven Spielberg, the book titles have been scanned and digitized; quality hardbound reprints are available for order

online. Rare and valuable books are sent to libraries and universities.

On a recent visit to the center, a large crate from a temple in Zimbabwe arrived and was crammed with books and memorabilia.

"You never know what you'll find inside the books," said Catherine Madsen, associate director of the Yiddish book department. She said many of the books come from South Africa, Buenos Aires, Lithuania, and Poland. "The center of Yiddish publishing in Eastern Europe was Vilna and Warsaw," she said.

When the books arrive they are dusted off, catalogued and put on the shelves by topic. Walking down one aisle, the section labels

read: Children's books, medical books, sex manuals, just to name a few.

Volunteer Al Berkowitz holds up a reprint of an immigration manual, instructing the newly arrived on key English phrases. He laughs as he reads one: The rent is 10 days late because...

Early listener

Lansky, who was born in 1955 in New Bedford, heard Yiddish, the language spoken by the Eastern European Jews, growing up.

"Yiddish was spoken often in our house, although, as was the case for most Jews my age, usually when *'di eyniklekh zoln nisht farshteyn* — the grandkids weren't supposed to understand,"

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AARON LANSKY, a New Bedford native, founded the National Yiddish Book Center.

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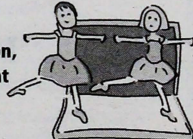
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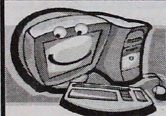
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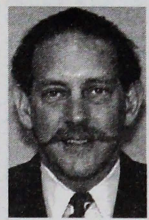
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Obituary

Former head of Miriam Hospital, Steven D. Baron, 57, dies

PROVIDENCE — Steven D. Baron, 57, former president and chief executive officer of



Steven D. Baron

The Miriam Hospital, died on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the hospital, surrounded by his immediate family. Mr. Baron had been battling lymphoma, a form of cancer, for several years.

A loving and devoted husband and father, he leaves his wife, Sharon (Fransson) Baron and twin daughters, Meredith and Jessica Baron. The family resided in Barrington until sev-

eral years ago, and maintained a residence in Middletown.

A service of remembrance was held Thursday in the Miriam lobby. At the memorial, Kathleen C. Hittner, current president of the hospital, distributed pins that showed a clock with no hands. The pin was designed to reflect Mr. Baron's signature sign-off on his e-mail: "Is there anything I can do for you? I have the time."

"Steve lived his life with that motto in mind," Dr. Hittner said. "He always had the time for patients, family, hospital staff and fellow administrators. He always had an open-door policy and really did have that door open and the time for anyone who needed him."

She said he was a beloved member of the Miriam family and was a true visionary whose involvement in the creation of Lifespan has benefited the health and well-being of many Rhode Islanders.

Mr. Baron joined The Miriam Hospital in 1982 and served as its president and chief executive officer beginning in 1988. He was a primary designer of Lifespan, managing the initial merger of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, in late 1993. He served as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Lifespan and president of Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital until 1999.

In 2000, he took a position

as executive director and chief operating officer of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center of Pennsylvania State University. A memorial service was held there on Wednesday.

Dr. Joseph Amaral, president and chief executive officer of Rhode Island Hospital, said, "Words cannot express the emptiness felt by Rhode Island Hospital and its board of trustees on the untimely passing of Steve Baron. Through his leadership role at Lifespan, he touched all of us in such a positive manner. So much of what we are today is directly attributed to Steve's commitment and efforts. He will be sadly missed by all."

Mr. Baron was a congregant at Temple Habonim in Bar-

rington and served as its president from 1988 to 1990. At the funeral held there on Friday, Nov. 14, Rabbi Jim Rosenberg called him a "profile in courage. He continued to affirm life right up to the end. That included going to see the World Series at Yankee Stadium a few weeks ago in a wheelchair."

He also was a pallbearer the week before, at his mother-in-law's funeral. She died in a car accident Nov. 4. "Steve spoke to me and asked my thoughts on how he could help Sharon and her family through this," the rabbi said. "When I started to talk about his own health, he cut me off. His concern was for them."

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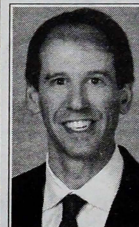
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Baron, 57, dies

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Mr. Baron served on the boards of the Health and Education Leadership for Providence (HELP), the United Way, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Health.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., Mr. Baron earned a bachelor's degree at Rutgers and a master's degree in business administration at George Washington University. He started his career in health-care administration at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, in Newton, Mass., rising to the rank of associate executive director.

In addition to his wife and daughters, he is survived by his mother, Hilda (Hess) Baron of Monroe Township, N.J. He was the son of the late Dr. Leo E. Baron. He was also the brother of Bonnie Baron Shrager of Green Brook, N.J., and Susan Lippitt of Watchung, N.J., and will be missed by several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Forest Chapel Cemetery in Barrington.

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Obituaries

Marvin L. Baker

BRISTOL — Marvin L. Baker of Bristol and Boca Raton, Fla., a retired executive, died Oct. 30. He was the husband of Nancy (Walsh) Baker and the former husband of Dorothy (Davis) Baker.

Born in New York City, he was the son of the late Sylvester and Elise (Shapiro) Levy.

Mr. Baker had been an executive senior vice-president of Apex Inc. for almost 30 years, retiring in 1992, and had previously worked at D.M. Read in Connecticut.

He had owned and operated a children's store in Riverhead, N.Y., and was on the advisory board of the Felix Lilienthal Buying Group and Independent Retailers Syndicate.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 8th Division.

He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Syracuse University in 1949.

Mr. Baker was a board member of the North Farm Condominium Owners Association and chairman of its architectural committee, and a member of the Newport Yacht Club and the Green Valley Country Club.

Besides his wife and former wife, he leaves a son, Randy Baker of Providence; two daughters, Joann Baker-Silverman and Lisa Levy, both of New Jersey; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in North Burial Ground, Bristol. Contributions may be made to Dana Farber Lowe's Center for Thoracic Oncology, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Lillian A. Beck

WARWICK — Lillian A.

Beck, 93, a former saleswoman, died Nov. 4. She was the wife of the late Max Beck.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Joseph and Fannie (Waldman) Abrams, she had lived in Providence for 65 years before moving to Cranston, and then to Warwick 20 years ago.

Mrs. Beck was a saleswoman at the former Outlet Co.; the former Gladding's Department Store and the former Jordan Marsh.

She was a member of the Sons of Abraham and its Sisterhood, and the Majestic Senior Guild.

She leaves a son, Ronald Beck of Coventry; a daughter, Elaine Purcell of Moor Park, Calif.; a sister, Bertha Lisker of Warwick; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Bessie Wagner.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of R.I., 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

Joseph L. Blum

CRANSTON — Joseph L. Blum, 83, a retired postal worker, died Nov. 3. He was the husband of the late Matilda (Graubard) Blum.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Leo and Rose (Troob) Blum, he was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island, having lived in Providence and Cranston.

Mr. Blum worked for the U.S. Postal Service until he retired in 1973.

An Army veteran of World War II, he received a Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by a niece, Carolyn Blum of Lincoln. He was the brother of the late Sanford and Murray Blum.

Contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; 332 No. Lauderdale; Memphis, TN 38105.

Sadie Bochner

CRANSTON — Sadie G. Bochner, 95, died Nov. 7. She was the wife of the late Max Bochner.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Fred and Hattie (Scolnick) Gallup, she lived in Providence and Cranston for 91 years.

Mrs. Bochner was a member of Hadassah.

She leaves a stepdaughter, Lillian Burwasser of New Jersey; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Charlotte Bernstein and Earl and Henry Gallup.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Lena Cornell Drazen

RESTON, Va. — Lena Cornell Drazen, 93, of Reston, a teacher's aide and salesperson, died Nov. 10. She was the wife of the late Milton Drazen.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Louis and Lizzie (Hochman) Cornell, she lived in Providence and Cranston before returning to Fall River in 1968. She moved to Virginia in 1998.

Mrs. Drazen was a salesperson at the former Cherry and Webb department store in Fall River, and the former Casual Corner and Pinkerson's stores in Providence. She was also a teacher's aide in the Fall River School Department before retiring.

She was a former member of Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River.

Mrs. Drazen was a member of Hadassah and the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary.

She leaves a daughter, Judith D. Schreiner of Reston, Va.; she was a sister of the late Gussie Blume and Herman, Joseph, David and Melvin Cornell.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Irving Glatt

CRANSTON — Irving Glatt, 76, of Baldino Drive, a retired operations manager, died Nov. 5 at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence. He was the husband of Evelyn (Fischer) Glatt. They were married for 48 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late David and Rebecca (Glass) Glatt, he had lived in Cranston for many years, moved to Maine for five years, then returned to Cranston in 1988.

He was an operations manager for Metals Recycling in Johnston for four years before retiring in 1992. He previously worked for Harcon, Inc., in Portland, Maine, for five years. Prior to that, he was the director of operations for the former New England Metal Company in Providence. He was a member of the New England Truckers Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Phillip Glatt of Cranston; a daughter, Ris Siegel of Farmington Hills, Mich.; two nieces, Marcia Glatt and Meryl Glatt-Rader, both of Framingham, Mass., and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Harold Glatt.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Burton S. Himelfarb

BRISTOL — Burton S. Himelfarb, 77, a retired electronics supply company owner, died Nov. 2.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Sadie (Resnick) Himelfarb, he had lived in Warwick most of his life before moving to Bristol two years ago.

He owned the Hope Electronic Supply Company in Providence for 34 years and co-owned Burns Electronics in New Bedford, Mass., retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the Roosevelt Lodge of the Masons, and a former member of Temple Am David in Warwick.

Mr. Himelfarb was a graduate of Bryant College. He was an Army veteran of WW II, serving in the 11th airborne division as a staff sergeant, from 1944 to 1946, in the Pacific Theatre.

He leaves a son, Steven G. Himelfarb, of Chepachet; a daughter, Nancy G. Rainer of Smithfield; two sisters, Ada Maidman of North Miami Beach, Fla., and Rose Gordon of Plantation, Fla., and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Gloria Meyer, Gertrude Rotenberg and Sarah Adler.

Dr. Melvyn Johnson

FALL RIVER — Dr. Melvyn Johnson, 85, a retired psychiatrist, died Nov. 10.

He was the husband of Elizabeth Duff-Johnson and the former husband of Charlotte G. Johnson of Palm Beach, Fla. Born in New Jersey, he was a son of the late Samuel and Jeanette (Silverstein) Johnson.

He was a graduate of Cornell University and Boston University School of Medicine and an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a captain.

Dr. Johnson was the first medical director at Family Service Association of Greater Fall River. He had previously maintained a private practice at Guidance Associates in Providence. He also was a psychiatric consultant at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the Providence Family Service, and several school districts. He was an early adviser at the James E. Fogarty Center.

Dr. Johnson was one of several people credited with rescuing Butler Hospital from closing in the 1950s, and was honored by its board of trustees on the 30th anniversary of the hospital's reopening.

He was a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Brown University Medical School, and had also taught at Boston University and the former Rhode Island Junior College.

Dr. Johnson was president of the Rhode Island Association of Mental Health and the Rhode Island Society of Neurology and Psychology, and was named a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association this year.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Steven Duffy Johnson of Tiverton, Alan S. Johnson of Jamaica Plain, Mass., Peter A. Johnson of West Newton, Mass., and James D. Johnson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Tiverton. Contributions may be made to the Pennfield School, Portsmouth, R.I.; or the Moses Brown School, Providence.

Rae Nulman

PROVIDENCE — Rae Nulman, a lifelong resident of Providence, died Oct. 31. She was the wife of the late Max Nulman.

She was a daughter of the late Morris and Molly (Pearl) Goldenberg.

Mrs. Nulman was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence. She and her husband were founding members of the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth.

She leaves a daughter, Marilyn Nulman of Brunswick, See page 27

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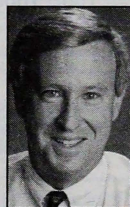
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Maine; a sister, Jean Hochman of Warwick, and a grandchild.

She was the mother of the late Carol Ruscio.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Norman Pomarantz

POMPANO BEACH, Fla.—

Norman Pomarantz, formerly of Pawtucket, a former buyer of domestic products for discount chain stores, died Nov. 1. He was the husband of Frances (Berman) Pomarantz.

Born in Central Falls, he was the son of the late Julius and Esther (Seltzer) Pomarantz. He lived in Pawtucket for 27 years, and then lived in Hyannis, Mass., for 20 years. He moved to Florida two years ago.

Mr. Pomarantz was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 32nd engineering division in the Pacific.

He was a former member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Joyce Snelgrove of South Easton, Mass., and Brenda Stern of Bedford, N.Y.; three sisters, Lillian Levin of Stoughton, Mass., Beatrice Matthews of Quincy, Mass., and Marjorie Zeman of Sharon, Mass., and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Kenneth R. Resnick

CRANSTON — Kenneth R. Resnick, 76, a retired furniture store owner, died Nov. 7.

He was the husband of Myrna (Simmons) Resnick.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Jack and Shirley (Greene) Resnick, he lived in Providence before moving to Cranston over 40 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Resnick had been the owner of the former Reliable Furniture Store in Pawtucket.

He was the treasurer of Chased Shel Amess Association, a member of the Touro Fraternal Association and a past president of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Michael Resnick of Cranston; two daughters, Dr. Staci Resnick of Somerset and Maureen Dodson of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; a brother, Sydney Resnick of Florida; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Belle B. Salk

PROVIDENCE — Belle B. Salk, 101, a homemaker, died Oct. 31. She was the wife of the late Louis Salk.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Louis and Mollie (Zemski) Feingold, she grew up in Providence, moved to Warwick and Cranston, and then returned to Providence.

She leaves two sons, Norton E. Salk of East Providence and Donald Salk of Cranston; two daughters, Judith Jaffe Benharris of Cranston and Harriet Simon of Stamford, Conn.; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Herman and Harold Feingold, Florence Nathans, Rose Bassing, Eva Moskol, Celia Shafran and May Seamon.

Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

Ruth E. Silberman

PROVIDENCE — Ruth E. (Goldman) Silberman, 72, of Bloomfield, Conn., formerly of Providence, a retired office manager and bookkeeper, died Nov. 5.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late J. Samuel and Gussie (Jewett) Goldman, she had resided for most of her adult life in Bloomfield. She attended Classical High School and was a graduate of Hope High School; she also attended Pembroke College and was a graduate of Bryant College.

Mrs. Silberman had been the office manager and bookkeeper for the Hebrew Home and Hospital, Hartford, Conn. She had practiced Zen Buddhism for 20 years and was a member of the Sangha.

She leaves two sons, Joel D. Silberman of Davie, Fla., and Mark E. Silberman of Cranston; two sisters, Sonya Garfinkel of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Charlotte Feld of Warwick; three brothers, Leonard Goldman of Boynton Beach, Fla., David Goldman of Warwick and her twin, Albert Goldman, of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Lillian Tolman and Gilbert Goldman.

Howard D. Silverman

EAST GREENWICH — Howard David Silverman, 88, a businessman and active community volunteer, died Nov. 11. He was the husband of Ruth Tenenbaum Silverman. They had been married for 62 years.

Born in Providence, a son of Herman and Jennie (Solomon) Silverman, he lived in East Greenwich and Warwick most of his life.

Mr. Silverman had worked at Herman N. Silverman, Inc. for more than 40 years, retiring in 1981.

He became an active volunteer. He taught English to Russian immigrants at the Jewish Community Center in Providence for 15 years, and also served as a docent at the Rhode Island

School of Design Museum, and a tutor at the Rocky Hill School.

Mr. Silverman was a member of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and the East Greenwich Preservation Society. He was also a founding member and past president of the East Greenwich Rotary Club.

He was a founder and president of Music on the Hill, a series of concerts held in East Greenwich, and had served on the advisory committee of the Rhode Island Foundation's Aaron Roitman Fund for Chamber Music. He had also been president of the board of the East Greenwich Free Library, spearheading various fundraising efforts, including one making the library wheelchair accessible.

A graduate of the East Greenwich Academy, he had helped to organize annual class reunions until a year ago, when his class celebrated its 74th reunion.

He was a 1936 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University, where he had been active in many alumni activities, serving as a class officer and editor of its newsletter. In 1996 he and his wife were honored with the Brown Alumni Service Award.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Stephen Silverman of Washington, D.C., and Fredric Silverman of San Francisco, Calif., a sister, Ruth Silverman of East Greenwich, and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Benjamin, Arthur and Irving Silverman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to East Greenwich Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 222, East Greenwich, RI 02818; or East Green-

wich Free Library, 82 Pierce St., East Greenwich, RI 02818.

Ethel Krassner Yale

PROVIDENCE — Ethel Krassner Yale, 98, a World War II air-raid warden and Red Cross volunteer, died Nov. 5. She was the wife of the late Herman Yale and the late William E. Krassner.

Born in Austria, a daughter of the late Samuel and Miriam (Paget) Stroh, she lived in Hartford and New Haven, Conn., before moving to Providence in 2001.

Mrs. Krassner Yale had served as vice president and a former board member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven.

At the age of 90, she volunteered for Meals on Wheels in West Palm Beach, making deliveries on her bicycle.

She was an air-raid warden during World War II. She was a member of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and Hadassah.

She leaves a son, Leonard S. Krassner of New Haven; a daughter, Myrna K. Rosen of Wakefield; a stepdaughter, Helene Salter of Providence; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Anna Baidack, Sarah Jacobson and Louis Stroh.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of R.I., 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906; or Hospice Care of R.I., 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860.

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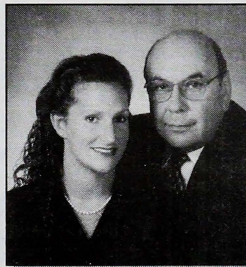
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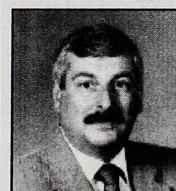
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