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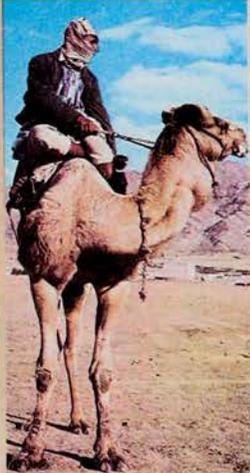
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## Holy or hokey?

### Seasonal displays on City Hall lawn get mixed reactions

By Jonathan Rubin

CRANSTON — The menorah went up first, followed by a giant inflatable Santa, a manger scene and a parade of pink flamingos.

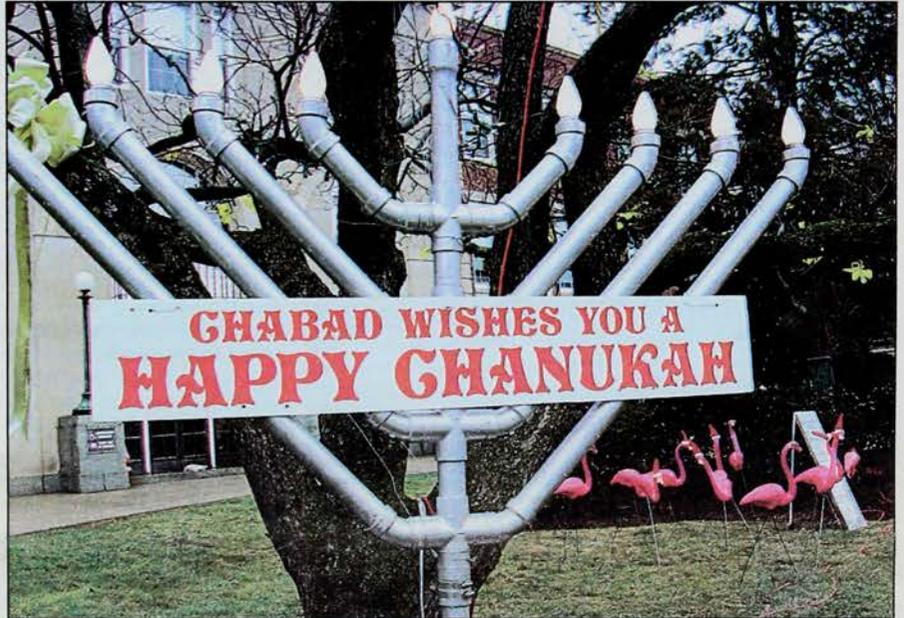
"What a privilege," was Chabad Rabbi Yossi Laufer's first thought when he heard Cranston Mayor Stephen Laffey would allow holiday displays on City Hall lawns.

Laufer set the menorah up, and the rest followed. Some residents complained, and local papers had a field day with the competing displays and viewpoints.

Now, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has filed a lawsuit to prevent another display next year, claiming that it violates the Constitution. City Hall officials claimed that the mayor was only responding to community requests to display religious symbols.

As of Jan. 1, all of the displays have been removed but the once-prominent menorah continues to evoke varied reactions from the Jewish community.

"I think everyone deserves representation," said Cranston resident Robin Kauffman, director of adult education at



**CRANSTON MENORAH** — A large aluminum menorah was on display outside City Hall in Cranston, along with a crèche and a flock of pink flamingos, over the holidays. The mayor gave permission for the city land to be used for the displays, and the matter is now going to court. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

the Bureau of Jewish Education. "Hanukkah is not a religious holiday, it's a historical holiday. It celebrates a victory of a religious group against oppression."

Helen Abrams lives right across the street from Mayor Laffey, and said the display didn't really bother her one way or the other. "I think a lot of people disregard the religious

part of it, although it probably shouldn't be at City Hall."

Laufer, a non-congregational rabbi who is the director of the Chabad CHAI Center in

See MENORAH, page 8

## Kosher butchers: Our beef safer from mad cow disease

By Joe Berkofsky

NEW YORK (JTA) — New signs spice up the meat section of the Hungarian Kosher Grocery in Skokie, Ill., one of the nation's largest kosher food supermarkets.

They reassure customers that, in light of the recent scare and media hoopla over mad cow disease, kosher beef is safer than non-kosher meat.

"Some people are paranoid. You tell them something on television, and they think that's the way it is," says Sandor Kirsche, the supermarket's owner.

Kirsche posted the placards in response to customer inquiries about meat safety following the reports of mad cow disease in the United States two weeks ago.

Kosher food wholesalers and retailers, as well as top kosher-certification agencies, agree with Kirsche's assessment that kosher beef is much less likely to be infected with mad cow than is non-kosher cuts.

Kosher food industry sources say that a combination of safeguards — ranging from traditional kosher slaughtering practices to beef-purchasing policies — make kosher beef safer.

Some predict that the mad cow scare could create greater demand for kosher beef from Jews and non-Jews alike.

Menachem Lubinsky, president of Integrated Marketing Communications, which produces the annual Kosherfest

See KOSHER BEEF, page 9



**OFF TO PHILLY**—Dana Tarr, of Lakeville, Mass., takes a second to relax after loading winter clothes on a bus bound for a homeless shelter in Philadelphia recently. He was one of 33 local teens who went on an annual community service field trip coordinated by the Harry Elkin Midrasha Hebrew Community High School and sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. See more photos on page 13. Photo by Jonathan Rubin

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## FROM THE EDITOR

# Outside the East Side: Increasing community coverage

If you live outside of Providence, we've set our sights on you.



Jonathan Rubin

Cranston, Warwick, Newport, Middletown, Barrington, Attleboro and everywhere else, we want to feature your community in our paper.

It's something we've known at the *Jewish Voice & Herald* for a long time — coverage outside the Pawtucket / Providence area has been less than superb. We need to better report on happenings in each region of the state.

And then came Alice Goldstein. Charged with being the chair of the Neighborhoods Pillar of the Partnership, she came to me with a list of community concerns and a few possible solutions. We kicked around some ideas,

took them to our committees, spoke to the Partnership marketing committee, and then pulled an action plan together to fix this age old problem.

### Here are our conclusions:

1. The staff of the *V&H* is often not briefed on upcoming regional events, or receives information too late for publication.

2. The *V&H* needs to allocate more staff resources and newspaper space to community events, and arrange these events in a way that more effectively highlights what's happening in the Greater Rhode Island area.

That being said, here is how we are attempting to fix this problem:

1. The Neighborhoods pillar will begin to contact every *Jewish organization* in the state, to let the appropriate people know that the newspaper is undertaking this initiative. Every organization will be asked to provide the

*V&H* with their contact information and chief officers. An ad in the Jan. 23 issue will repeat this request.

2. The *V&H* will create a media kit containing a "public relations 101 crash course," including deadlines, format requirements, event coverage suggestions. Over the upcoming months, the *V&H* will then systematically meet with every local *Jewish organization* and go over these guidelines, ask for story ideas and answer any questions.

3. The *V&H* will then regularly call upon community organizations big and small on a rotating basis, noting large events, answering questions and main-

taining close relationships. The *V&H* will also expect community organizations to call in when interesting community events occur.

4. The *V&H* will examine the idea of a "community page," and consider listing events in a more concise and geographically readable format.

We hope that this plan is simple and effective enough to work on a state-wide scale, and that it will be able to please all the parties involved.

So please perk up your ears and flex your writing hand, because there's important work to be done, and we need your help.

## Teen Connection holding laser tag night

PROVIDENCE — The B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) and the Jewish Community Center will offer Teen Connection for youths in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and BBYO for those in the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

On Sat., Jan. 10, Teen Connection will be travelling to Fall

River for an evening of laser tag. The group will leave the JCC at 6 p.m. and arrive back at the center at 9 p.m. The cost is \$12 Transportation will be provided.

For further information, contact state coordinator David Hochman at 467-BBYO (2296) or Lesley Laramée at 641-5959.



### Corrections

Yitzchok Jakubowicz's "zebra menorah" above, which won second place in the 10-13 age group in the Hanukkah art contest, was incorrectly listed in the last issue. We regret the error.

The Rabbis for Human Rights group was founded in 1988 during the first intifada, and not in 2001 during the second intifada, as reported in the last issue.

## Community Calendar

### 'Music Man, Jr.'

**Date:** Sat., Jan. 10 & Sun., Jan. 11

**Time:** Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., noon

**Event:** Temple Emanu-El's Youth Theater's production of "Music Man, Jr."

**Place:** Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

**Info:** 331-1616

### Historical Lecture

**Date:** Sun., Jan. 18

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** The Leisure Club of Temple Emanu-El hosts Bernard Fishman, executive director of the I. Historical Society, who will speak on "From Egypt to Israel to Rhode Island: A Lifetime in History."

**Place:** Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

**Cost:** Free, open to all

**Info:** 331-1616, email: miriam@teprov.org

See community pages for other listings.

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# East Side, West Side, all around the town...



**JEWISH HISTORY** — George Goodwin, president of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association, took students of the Temple Emanu-El Hebrew school on a tour of Jewish historic sites and neighborhoods in Providence. The students made a scrapbook of the sites to send to Israeli students in Afula, a sister city to Providence through a federation partnership program.

Photos by Michael Meyerheim

By Mary Korr

**PROVIDENCE** — When Barrington resident and Hebrew school teacher Toby Liebowitz left for Israel in December, she took with her a scrapbook of historic Jewish Providence made by her students. The scrapbook is now in a sister city school in Afula in northern Israel.

Liebowitz is a teacher in an exchange program sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education and funded by a consortium of federations. "Our kids are giving the Afula kids not only the background of Providence, but of all the American cities the immigrants went to. Underlying the study of place is the concept of where hard work and education can lead," she said.

The project began when George Goodwin, president of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association, took the fifth- and seventh-graders of Temple Emanu-El's Hebrew school on a tour of sites significant to Jewish history.

"We went by the old Miriam Hospital (on Parade St.)," said Philip Shana, 11, of Barrington.

"It doesn't look like a hospital, it kind of looks like a place where boys in college live."

"You get to learn a lot when you see things for yourself," said Eddy Golden, 10, from East Greenwich, as she wrote a description of the North End. "This is where most Jews in Rhode Island lived about 100 years ago," she noted.

Charlotte Powning, 10, of Providence, liked the triple-decker homes that were typical of Jewish immigrant neighborhoods. "People still live in them," she said.

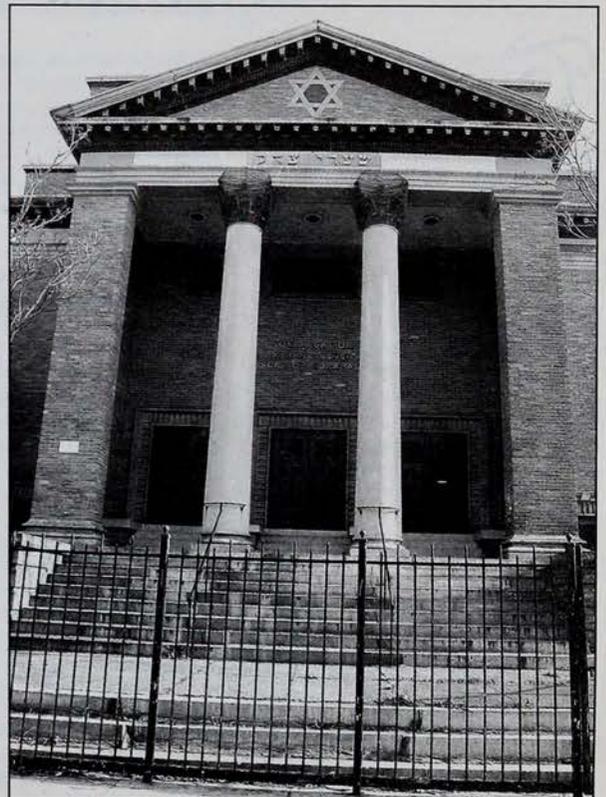
Rachel Eides, 10, of East Greenwich, said this is the second exchange the students have had with the Afula elementary school. "In September, we wrote to them about our hobbies and what we looked like," she said.

Leah Siegel-Reamer, 10, of Pawtucket, said they wrote in Hebrew and the Israelis wrote in English, and are making a scrapbook to send here. "I wrote I like hanging out with my friends and going to movies, like 'School of Rock' with Jack Black," she said.

The students also shared their views of Thanksgiving and *Sukkot*, and discussed the book both sides were reading: *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen.

Among the buildings and neighborhoods the class visited were:

- **East Side:** Temple Emanu-El (1927), Sessions St.; Miriam Hospital (1952), Summit Ave., former site of the Jewish Orphanage (1924-42); the Old State House (1762-1900) on Benefit St.
- **North End:** Roger Williams Spring, North Main, donated 1931; site of Jewish Home (1912-32), 191 Orms St., near the Marriott Hotel; Beth Jacob Synagogue (1906), 10 Douglas Ave.; State House (1905), visited by Chaim Weizmann in 1921; mall, site of State Normal School.
- **South Providence:** Sons of Israel and David Cemetery



**STUDENTS** visited several temples throughout Rhode Island.

- (1849), Reservoir Ave., Cranston; Temple Beth-El (1910-54), Shaare Zedek, (1954 to present); Willard Ave., former shopping district and site of the South Providence Hebrew Congregation; Beth Israel Congregation (1921), 155 Niagara St.; Cranston St. Armory (1905) and Dexter Training Ground (1828); Miriam Hospital (1925-52), 31 Parade St.
- **Downtown:** the Lederer Theater (1917), former Majestic Theater, now Trinity Rep; Union Station (1898), Exchange Terrace; downtown site of Friendship Street Synagogue (1890); Narragansett Hotel, Dorrance St.; site of Outlet Co. (1903), Weybosset St.

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## A MAJORITY OF ONE Israel: David or Goliath?

The trouble is, Goliath always has bad press. David, on the other hand, can do no wrong.

No matter his police record, his propensity for whining, his bad table manners or his pursuit of underage girls, his slingshot scores a direct hit on Goliath's forehead every time.

But Goliath? Hah! He bumbles around the countryside squashing homes and flattening fields and getting people angry at him. Never mind that he is good to his mother, sets the table and feeds the birds. As soon as he stands up to his full six cubits and a span (10.8 feet), he is an obvious and easy target, the object of all fears and the subject of all obsessions.

When we Jews are David, life is difficult but filled with hope. People may not always like us and sometimes act very meanly towards us but we know that our innate goodness and righteousness will enable us to triumph eventually. That's always the way with David; he has an unshakable sense of self-worth.

But what happens when David, goodness and all, is perceived by others

to be Goliath in disguise, when his diminutive stature is viewed as gigantic, his quiet, reasonable voice echoes like a thunderclap and his slingshot is replaced by guided missiles?

Surely, you object, this is not a reference to Israel, standing fast against a host of Arab and Muslim countries, bedeviled by suicide bombers, facing a rising tide of anti-Semitism even in Holocaust-haunted Europe. Surely this is a caricature of the real Israel: tiny, besieged, vulnerable, the inspiring creation of a people risen from the ashes. The homeland, the refuge, the sole, shining beacon of democracy in a region otherwise ruled by Muslim fundamentalists and Arab monarchs and dictators.

To these objections there is a Jewish answer — yes and no. The fact is that Israel does not stand alone, it is an ally of the dominant nation on earth. To much of the world — not only to its avowed enemies — Israel appears, if not as Goliath, at least as Goliath's caddy.

From Israel's enemies we expect no less. The Palestinians, some of the Arab states and some of their Muslim allies are in a state of war with Israel. But when a Gallup poll shows that a plurality of Europeans feel that Israel is the nation most likely to bring about a major war and when there is more and more

talk among Western intellectuals about the illegitimacy of Israel's creation and the need to replace it with a bi-national, Israeli-Palestinian state, the time has come for some serious response on our part.

First, some givens.

1. There is no substitute for American support in an otherwise hostile world, therefore Israel's alliance with America must be maintained.

2. Israel was created by the authority of the United Nations, which also created a Palestinian state. The Arabs of Palestine and later the neighboring Arab countries tried and failed to destroy Israel at birth.

3. An attempt to create a bi-national state in Palestine will result in chaos and the massacre of both Jews and Arabs, given the present levels of hostility and fear on both sides.

4. Resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will not end the growing and increasingly violent confrontation between fundamentalist Islam and the rest of humanity, including much of the

Secondly, what to do?

Well, as American Jews we have a right not only to support Israel in its struggle for survival but to speak our

minds on what its policies should be. The growth of anti-Semitism in the western world affects us directly and some of this is due to the perception of Israel as Goliath.

Israel will survive as a western democracy and a Jewish state only if its war against the Palestinians is ended by compromise agreement. Otherwise it will end only when all of the Palestinians or all of the Jews are driven out. Neither is an acceptable solution.

At present the policies of both sides are driven by their extremists. We have to influence both Jerusalem and Washington D.C. to curb our extremists and do what we can to alleviate conditions in the territories so that Arab extremists receive lessening support.

The reality is that Israel is still David, not Goliath or even his caddy. And the sooner that it makes this evident to the rest of the world by negotiating for a peaceful resolution of its conflict with the Palestinians, the sooner Israel will be able to discard its slingshots and they, their obsessions.

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



**Yehuda Lev**

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### Letters to the editor

#### Tema's next life is rejuvenating

This is in response to Tema Gouse's column of Dec. 12. I have frequently enjoyed the subtle wisdom dispensed in a gentle, humorous fashion by Ms. Gouse in her column.

Her latest masterpiece is the best yet. She details what she hopes to find when she returns in "The Next Time Around." Calories won't count. Cancer will be a mere memory. Poverty and starvation will be gone. The list goes on and one can't argue against any of her points.

Towards the end of her column, she predicts that war and selfishness will become obsolete, and while a man can hate another man, groups must negotiate and not battle! What a unique concept! It's so simple it just might work. What a wonderful world we would have then.

Note to the current occupant of our White House: *Please copy and heed.*

Tema: From your mouth to God's ear. Keep up the good work.

**Peter Traugott**  
Providence

#### Can baby be Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist?

Criticizing a *simcha* seems both cruel and unfeeling. However, I want to protest the language of the birth announcement which appeared in the Nov. 21, 2003 issue.

The announcement of the birth of Louis Richard Feinstein described the infant as "one quarter each Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist..."

How can a person be "one quarter each Jewish?" I thought the child of a Jewish mother was an entire Jew, not a fraction of a Jew. When gentiles use the expression "half Jewish," we are responsible for educating them. This use of a variation of that expression shows a lack of understanding of the basic tenets.

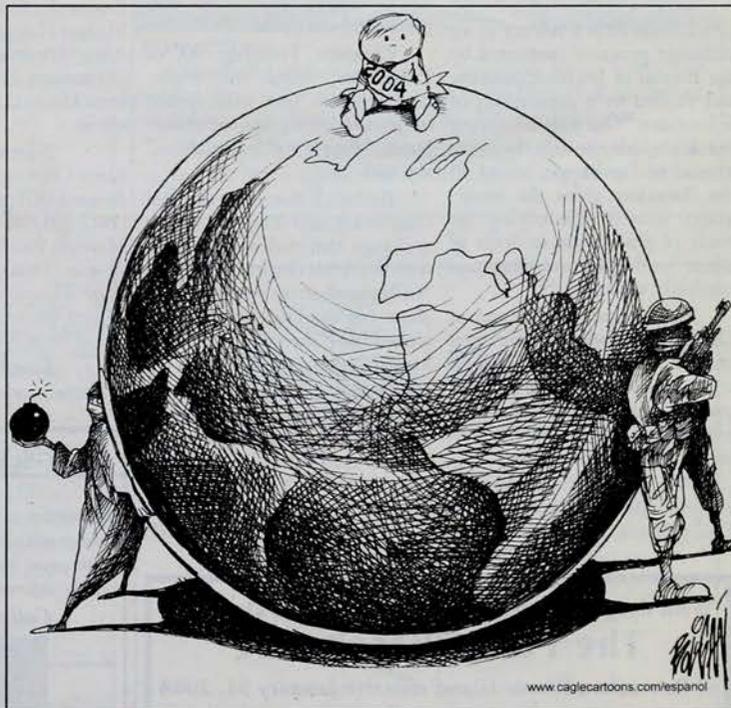
And what of the other religions

named? Can a person be one quarter of any of them? Aren't their tenets in conflict with each other?

**Jane H. Civins**  
Cranston

Mr. Feinstein responds: My wife was Buddhist, but converted to Judaism. My son married a girl whose mother is Christian and her father is Muslim, and she is also converting to Judaism. I'm proud to say my grandson is one-quarter of all of these. I was not referring to his religion, but to his ancestry.

*Editor's note: Whenever possible, the Jewish Voice & Herald prints simcha announcements as submitted. This announcement was no exception.*



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## ALISON ON ALIYAH

**Getting by with a little help from Israeli friends**

Alison Golub

The running debate among new immigrants in Israel, as well as prospective immigrants still in the states, is whether to buy appliances here or there. Because of the difference in electrical current (Israeli appliances run on 220 volts, American on 110 volts), it makes very little sense to bring appliances here. This means that much of my time lately has been spent scouring Jerusalem in a large and comprehensive search for the best deals here.

I have purchased a microwave and toaster oven, and I bought a television at the duty-free store in the airport (perhaps the least well-known appliance haven among immigrants). I am currently in the throws of decision-making about a washer and dryer. It took me two months to find a reasonably priced and reputable VCR, but I finally bought one recently. I was overjoyed to finally make this purchase, because I am a bona-fide videotape-aholic.

I proudly brought my new VCR (or "video," as they are called here) home, expecting to be watching — in a matter of minutes — some of the precious tapes I brought from the states. I plugged it in, connected it to the TV, and... nothing. Well, the clock was on, and once I put in the video it looked like it was playing, but it wasn't on any channel I could find. So I tried connecting the cable to the VCR and the VCR to the TV, and... nothing. After an hour of searching for the channel on which the video was playing, I finally found a semblance of a picture on channel 44. It was only then that I tried reading the manual, which was no help. So I sat down and tried to think the whole thing through. I tried changing all the connections in every different permutation I could imagine. Then I got angry. Then I cried a little. Finally I called the people from whom I bought the VCR and yelled a lot. Nothing came of that either. I went to bed that night furious and frustrated.

Why did such a little thing arouse such emotion, you ask? It wasn't just the VCR, and it wasn't just that I was worried I had just wasted the equivalent of \$125 (there is no store in all of Israel that will give money back for a returned purchase — only store credit). It was that buying a VCR, connecting it properly, and being able to watch a video immediately is a rather simple process in America. In Israel, it seemed infinitely more complicated, and I was stupefied as to why that was. I consider myself to be a reasonably intelligent person, and I am generally able to do most electronic and other minor tasks myself. But for the life of me, I couldn't fathom why my VCR was playing only a staticky version of my favorite video on channel 44.

The next day I bought a different

type of connecting cord, which only succeeded in making the TV unable to receive the cable signal. The day after that I bought a splitter so that I could connect both the cable and the VCR directly to the TV, which did nothing. I went to bed angry for the fourth day in a row. The next day I decided to try a different tactic. Shockingly, and generally unheard of for me — I decided to ask for help.

I called a few friends, I stopped by and asked a few of my helpful neighbors, and I even visited some of the shopkeepers in the market nearby with whom I have become friendly. One of the shopkeepers called four of his friends, all of whom came immediately to the store to talk through the problem with me and advise me accordingly. One of my neigh-

bors called a friend of his who works with electronics, and he stopped by my place to take a look at the problem as soon as he got out of work. I also went to an electronics store, explained the entire problem (in broken Hebrew, no less), and got an assurance that the connector I finally bought would work — and if not, the owner would personally come to my house and fix it for good. Within three hours of my first request for advice, my problem was solved.

I have come to realize that I can't deal with problems in Israel the way I normally would deal with problems in America. I have to solve things here the Israeli way. Rather than sitting at home by myself, getting frustrated, pouting, and isolating myself further, I have to admit that I can't do everything myself,

reach out, and ask for help. Amazingly, it seems that all the help I could ever need is totally available to me here. I just have to swallow my pride and ask for it. I know there will be plenty of opportunities for me to use my new-found knowledge, as I have been assured that everything I will buy and most tasks I will need to do will require the same type of extra effort and "tweaking" as my VCR necessitated. And I am looking forward to watching half of Jerusalem come to my aid at least a few hundred more times.

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**Blacks should fight against anti-Semitism**

By Rabbi Marc Schneier and Russell Simmons

NEW YORK (JTA) —The Jewish people are under attack. Horrific expressions of anti-Semitism are spreading across the United States and the world.

These attacks, both verbal and physical, are occurring at all levels of society, from the highest ranks of government to individuals on the street.

This January, as we honor the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., we ask blacks to embrace his legacy and to join Jews in defeating the injustice of anti-Semitism. Even as King struggled to achieve equality for black Americans, he did not hesitate to express total disdain for anti-Semitism, especially when it reared its ugly face in his own community.

King championed the civil rights of Jews, spoke out for the human rights of Soviet Jews and reminded the world of those Jews who endured beatings and humiliation and gave their lives for the civil rights movement.

The Jewish community cannot alone fight the battle against anti-Semitism. Blacks and Jews have a long shared history of working together to effect social change, as when Jews stood by their African-American brothers and sisters in the civil rights era. King said, "In the struggle for human rights, as well as in the struggle for the upward march of our civilization, we have deep need for the partnership, fellowship and courage of our Jewish brother."

Now the Jewish community needs the partnership, fellowship and courage of black Americans. The civil rights of Jews are now at stake.

A recent national poll by the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding found that 77 percent of blacks and 73 percent of Jews agree that they should work together on civil rights.

Anti-Semitic incidents are up dramatically in the United States, including a 24 percent increase on college campuses in 2002.

**"In the struggle for human rights, as well as in the struggle for the upward march of our civilization, we have deep need for the partnership, fellowship and courage of our Jewish brother."**

— Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



**JEWISH STUDENTS IN FRANCE** — In France, members of the Jewish community cannot wear yarmulkes and Star of David pendants in public schools. Many parents who can afford it send their children to private day schools such as this one in Marseilles.  
*JTA Photo*

In England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Turkey and other countries throughout Asia and Europe, synagogues are bombed, Jewish schools are torched and members of the Jewish community are forced to hide their yarmulkes and Star of David pendants.

Were King alive today, he would speak out vociferously against this new wave of anti-Semitism. He also would not tolerate the moral laryngitis that many political leaders seem to suffer in the face of these despicable acts against the Jewish people.

King invoked the immortal words that "a people who fight for their own rights only are as honorable as when they fight for the rights of all people."

He acknowledged the interdependence of our two communities, black and Jewish.

"Every Negro leader is keenly aware, from direct and personal experience, that the segregationists and racists make no fine distinctions between the Negro and the Jew. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny," King said. In this spirit, we appeal to black Americans to stand in solidarity with their Jewish brothers and sisters who face the scourge and evils of anti-Semitism.

*Rabbi Marc Schneier is founder and president of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding; Russell Simmons is the group's chairman.*

## Community Briefs

### Meister Menorahs decorated with love

PROVIDENCE — Herb Meister, a Jewish Eldercare of R.I. (JERI) volunteer, has done it again. First he came up with the idea of a statewide Latke Day, when potato latkes were served in nursing homes throughout the state. This Hanukkah, Meister made over 200 wooden menorahs for nursing home residents — single-handedly sawing, sanding, and gluing each piece, and drilling a total of 1,800 holes to hold the crayon “candles.”

JERI Director Susan Adler

put out a call for help to turn the plain wooden pieces into works of art. One day after letters went out, all the menorahs were spoken for by children in Hebrew and day schools, the staff of Jewish agencies, members of the Women's Alliance of the Jewish Federation, and individuals who had heard about the project.

In a short time, the menorahs were back — decorated with paint designs, stickers, ribbons, feathers, whatever the artist dreamed would turn a plain wooden piece

into a lovely Hanukkah gift.

The JSA Women's Association wrapped each menorah, and volunteers delivered them on Dec. 15.

“I get a wonderful feeling working with the elderly,” said Meister. “The menorahs are my way of helping Jews confined in a secular environment to stay connected to our traditions and holidays. I'm already thinking about what to do next.”

### Cub Scouts plan safety fair

PROVIDENCE — Cub Scout Pack 104 will hold a Family Safety Fair at Congregation Beth Sholom on Sunday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Children will learn about safety from a crossing guard and the police and fire departments. There will also be balloons, games and activities for the kids. For teens, there will be information on drinking, smoking, drugs and

driving safety.

For adults, there will be information on car, home and child safety. Representatives from M. A. D. D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and the Red Cross will also be present at the fair.

Congregation Beth Sholom is located on the corner of Rochambeau Avenue and Camp Streets in Providence.

### Educators visit Afula/Gilboa

PROVIDENCE — Local educators Barbara Jacobson, Lawrence Katz, Toby Liebowitz and Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman are among several local educators who are developing a “living bridge” between classrooms in Israel and Rhode Island. (See related story on page 3)

They have just returned from two weeks in Afula/Gilboa, a Federation Partnership 2000 community.

The four are building personal connections between Israeli students and their counterparts in the Alperin Schechter Day School, Providence Hebrew Day

School, Temple Beth-El, Temple Emanu-El, and Temple Sinai.

The students are studying joint stories or topics and sharing their learning with their counterparts in the other country. They are exchanging pictures, artwork, and projects to teach each other about their communities and families.

The program is coordinated by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJE/RI) and subsidized by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. For further information, contact Katz at lkatz@bje.ri or call 331-0956.

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### Concert to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

PROVIDENCE — “Songs of Freedom and Justice,” a musical event to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 24, at the Hope Community Baptist Church on Hope St. It is sponsored by the Jewish Federation, the Black-Jewish Alliance and the Urban League of R.I.

Bill Harley and Rose Weaver will host the event. Participating are local musicians and choirs, including the Temple Emanu-El Choir, the Kol Kesem Youth Choir, the Martin Luther King School Glee Club, Anointed Praise Gospel Choir, and Fishel Bressler's Klezmer Ensemble.

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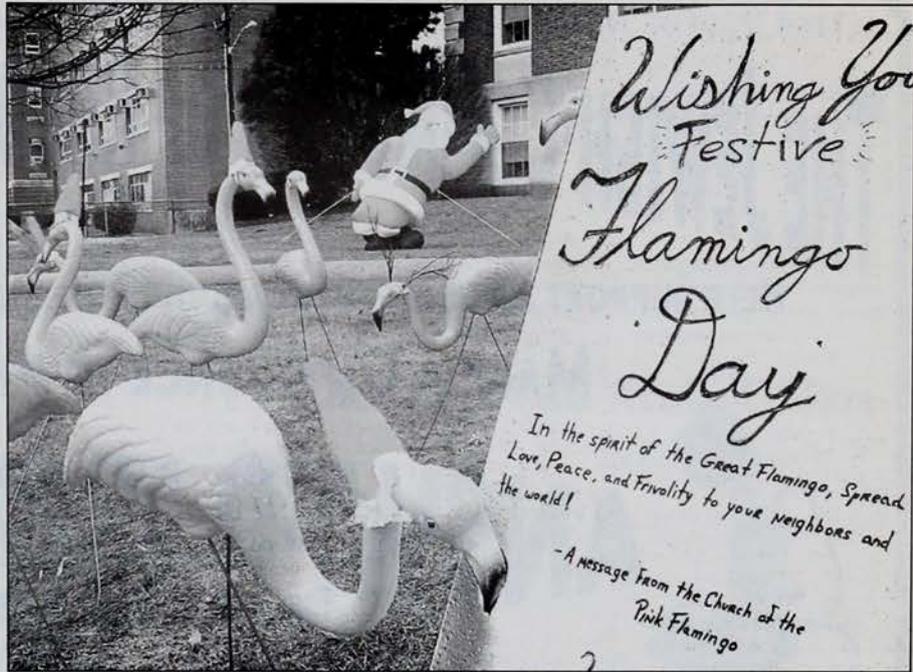
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**CRANSTON FLOCK** — A group of pink flamingos that adorned the lawn of Cranston's City Hall in December were the last straw for some residents who opposed what they saw as a holiday display on public property.  
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**Cranston displays**

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Warwick, said, "The Hanukkah message is universal. If you are in a room and you light a candle, the darkness disappears."  
"Limiting faith is darkness," he continued. "Freeing the faith is light. We are talking about freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."

Frankie Wellins has lived in Cranston for 52 years, and has mixed feelings. "I object to having religious decorations on government property, but there are so many things to get upset about nowadays. You have to pick and choose." She said the war in Iraq was much more worrisome.  
Seena Dittelman, who lives near Garden City, felt that the displays were more decorative than anything else. "It's like a heart on Valentine's day," she said.

She said that Christmas trees have largely become a secular symbol, and that by placing a menorah next to them, "it can reduce it to [a secular symbol] as well."

Gaines, who is president of the Women's Alliance at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, didn't feel that the menorah belonged on city property, even if it did have a positive educational presence by being there.

"If I want to teach kids about Passover, I'll invite them to my house," she said.

She said that the separation of church and state can often be taken to ridiculous levels. "People who really object to it have an agenda... these are the people who want to take 'In God We Trust' off of our money."

**"Limiting faith is darkness. Freeing the faith is light. We are talking about freedom of religion, not freedom from religion."**  
— Rabbi Yossi Laufer

Religious symbols on government property.  
Rabbi Peter Stein is a congregational rabbi at Temple Sinai in Cranston. He supports the ACLU in trying to stop an "inappropriate" display of religious symbols on government property.

Carol Brooklyn couldn't disagree more. "I believe it was a poor decision on the part of Mayor Laffey, to set himself up as judge and jury. I believe that he did not follow the law carefully."

"From a Jewish perspective, it's not fair to depict Hanukkah alongside Christmas trees because it tries to equate Hanukkah and Christmas. Hanukkah shouldn't be held alongside Christmas as our major observance," he said.

She feels the menorah is most definitely a religious symbol, and, while displaying a menorah on a residential lawn or a temple is appropriate, one on city property is not.

The message of Hanukkah is to fight assimilation, he added, and that the Cranston menorah is "using Hanukkah to assimilate and be just like our Christian neighbors."

The flamingos turned the display into a spectacle, she said. "It was preposterous, a joke... but he (the mayor) invited it. He asked for it."

Stein is currently meeting with the Cranston Clergy Association to discuss the long-term impact of the display.

Sharon Gaines said she truly believes in the separation of church and state. "I prefer that nothing be there."

In the midst of the ACLU suit, City Hall officials aren't stating whether they intend to have another display next year or not.

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# Kosher beef

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trade show, says he expects that the mad cow scare will boost sales of kosher beef the way several outbreaks of salmonella in the past few years sent kosher poultry profits soaring.

Still, industry sources caution that kosher meat isn't immune to contamination with mad cow disease. "I don't want to overstate the case. Some of the procedures related to kosher mitigate against MCD, but there are no guarantees," says Rabbi Menachem Genack, rabbinic administrator of the Orthodox Union's kashrut division.

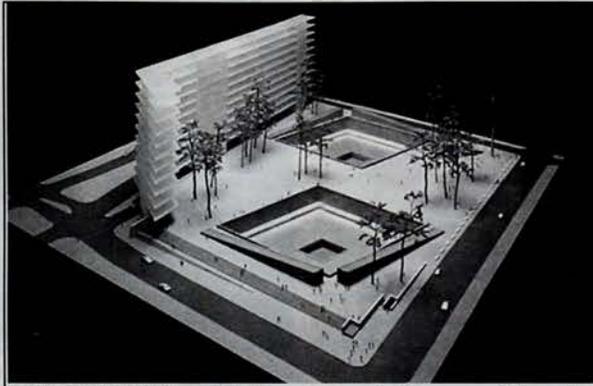
His comment came after the union, the world's largest kosher-certification agency, and Star-K, another major international kosher-certification agency, issued statements seeking to reassure consumers about mad cow.

Those reassurances came after a Holstein cow imported along with dozens of other cows from Canada tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, a fatal brain-wasting disease similar to the human variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or CJD.

While some of the dozen kosher slaughterhouses in the country buy their cattle at the same auctions that supply non-kosher producers, a *shochet*, or ritual slaughterer, would never accept a visibly sick cow such as the infected bull found in Washington, industry insiders say.

Kosher slaughter also prohibits shooting or stunning cows in the head, "which may cause brain matter, where the disease resides, to be scattered to other parts of the body," the O.U.'s Genack says.

Kosher slaughter mandates that the animal's throat be slit, and potentially contaminated blood is drained away from the carcass, he says.



**WINNING DESIGN** — Reflecting Absence is the name of the winning design for the Ground Zero memorial by Israeli architect Michael Arad. A pair of submerged reflective pools marks the location of the towers' footprints. *Photo: Jock Pottle/Esto*

## Israeli chosen for 9/11 memorial

JTA — The son of a former Israeli ambassador to the United States created the winning design for the World Trade Center memorial. On Tuesday, the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. chose Michael Arad's design "Reflecting Absence" to be built on the

World Trade Center site as a memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack. The memorial has two pools below street level, with pine trees and a paved stone field. Arad's father, Moshe, served as the Israeli ambassador in Washington from 1987 to 1990.

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**News briefs**

**Anti-Semitism forum off**

NEW YORK (JTA) — The European Union may postpone a seminar on anti-Semitism after Jewish leaders accused the European Commission of anti-Semitism. A spokesman for the European Union's executive branch, Reijo Temkinen, told JTA that the commission's president, Romano Prodi, wants next month's seminar — agreed to at a meeting between Jewish leaders and E.U. leaders last month — delayed because of tensions.

**Italian Jews**

ROME (JTA) — A conference on the Holocaust will be held next week in Sicily. Called "The Holocaust and the Duty of Remembering," the Jan. 18 event will take place in the town of San Cataldo, in the center of the island. Jews were expelled from Sicily 500 years ago and few Jews live there today. But dozens of former medieval Jewish ghettos and other traces of Jewish heritage are scattered around Sicily, and there has been considerable interest in the study of Jewish culture and history in recent years.

**Georgian Jews hopeful**

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jews in the former Soviet republic of Georgia have high hopes for their country's new president. Mikhail Saakashvili, elected Monday following a bloodless coup that ousted Eduard Shevardnadze, praised Georgia's relationship



**DESHOWITZ IN JERUSALEM** — Alan Dershowitz talks to students from the U.S. at a conference on advocacy in Jerusalem on Dec. 31. Dershowitz stressed to the students how important it is to support Israel on American campuses.  
 JTA Photo

**U.S. opposes Golan towns**

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States opposes the expansion of Jewish residence in the Golan Heights. State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said Wednesday that U.S. opposition to "settlement" activity extends to the Golan, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War and annexed in 1981. "It's been our long-standing policy that there should not be settlement activity in land that is subject — the final status of which has not been determined through negotiation," Ereli said. Israeli Agriculture Minister Yisrael Katz announced a plan to attract new families to the Golan Heights, where the current population is 17,000.

**Osama blasts peace plans**

NEW YORK (JTA) — An audiotape purportedly of Osama bin Laden blasted new Israeli-Palestinian peace initiatives. In a tape broadcast on Al-Jazeera on Monday, the voice urged followers to oppose "conspiracies," including the "deceptions of the 'road map' and the Geneva initiative." Experts have not determined whether the voice on the tape really is bin Laden's.

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# Israel preps for world court

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's controversial West Bank security barrier may drag the country into one of its most difficult legal challenges ever.

The International Court of Justice will convene at The Hague on Feb. 23 to discuss a question posed to it by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan: "What are the legal consequences arising from the construction of the wall being built by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory?"

The question may sound like a harmless academic issue. But the possible answer has resulted in sleepless nights for policy makers and legal experts in Jerusalem. The fear is that the court will issue an advisory opinion that the fence violates international law by establishing unilateral facts in "militarily occupied territories," thus breaching basic human rights. "This will put Israel on the defendant's bench as a sinful country," Bar-Ilan University law professor Yael Zilbershats told JTA. "It will

have terrible consequences."

The International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.

The court comprises 15 judges elected to nine-year terms of office. Though the judges are independent magistrates and do not represent their countries, no one in Israel expects judges

**The court won't deal only with the fence. Arab countries may try to seize the opportunity to put Israel's entire occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip on trial.**

like Awn Shawkat al-Kawassmeh, a Palestinian from Jordan, and Egyptian Nabil Elaraby to show sympathy for the Israeli cause.

For the past two weeks, a team of Israeli jurists has been engaged in intensive consultations ahead of the unprecedented legal challenge. Never before has Israel

been forced to defend before an international tribunal a specific project in the territories it captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The court won't deal only with the fence. Arab countries may try to seize the opportunity to put Israel's entire occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip on trial. Some argue that a negative opinion from the court could have dire consequences for Israeli policy makers.

"One of the consequences of the court's ruling may be putting Israeli generals and policy makers on the bench as war criminals," Zilbershats said.

One way to soften the blow would be for the government to follow Lapid's advice and reroute the fence closer to the Green Line. But that would be difficult, since time is running short. Israel is required to submit its documents to the court by Jan. 30. It also would mean a startling about-face by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a change he is unlikely to make without lengthy deliberations.

## Jews, Israelis aid in quake

NEW YORK (JTA) — Beggers apparently can be choosers — or so the Iranian government seems to believe. The Islamic fundamentalist regime in Iran, which is struggling to recover from a Dec. 26 earthquake that killed at least 20,000 people and wrecked an entire region, has announced that it will not accept humanitarian aid from the "Zionist entity."

But American Jews and Israelis still are finding ways to help the victims. And one of the few U.S. non-governmental organizations running relief on the ground is led by an Iranian-American Jew. Farshad Rastegar, who was planning to leave for Iran in the coming days, said his group has raised more than \$150,000 for relief work in Iran.

Despite the Iranian government's hostile attitude toward Israel and Jews, there should be no problem in routing Jewish funds to those in distress, Haroun Yeshaya, head of Iran's Jewish community, said Tuesday in a phone interview from Tehran.

**Pick Up Your Hanukkah Art!**  
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**LOCAL**

# Archaeologist maps borderline in the sand

*Providence archaeologist maps threatened Israeli-Jordanian region*

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Katharina Galor spends her professional life in the trenches and academia. An interest in her Jewish heritage and college field work in Israel led her to archaeology — and most recently to the Wadi Arabah, the borderline between Israel and Jordan. Dr. Galor said a lack of scientific cooperation between the two countries threatens the Wadi, as does a proposed \$5-billion pipeline to bring water from the Red Sea into the Dead Sea.

Trading pail and shovel for higher tech tools, she and colleague Piotr Bienkowski of the Liverpool Museum in England plotted the region on a computer-generated Geographic Information System (GIS) map, in a lab at Brown University, where Dr. Galor is a visiting assistant professor. It took them three years of detective work, culling through published and many unpublished surveys and records of the region, to arrive at the 6,000 sites refer-

enced on the map; 1,500 are in the Wadi itself.

Recently, Dr. Galor presided over a symposium in Atlanta; 40 international scholars and experts in the Wadi region attended, to share research and view the GIS map. The meeting was planned for Jerusalem but political tensions forced a switch to a neutral locale. "I was very glad to see a Jordanian at the meeting," she said. "To get him there, it took the intercession of the royal family."

The United Nations took note of the map; it is studying the Great Rift Valley, of which the wadi is a part, as a proposed World Heritage Site, designations Masada, "The White City of Tel Aviv," and the port city of Akko (also known as Acre) on Haifa Bay, already hold in Israel.

The attention the conference garnered will help spread the word. *The New York Times* science section is planning an upcoming spread on Dr. Galor and the region, and CNN is filming a report as well.

Next semester, Dr. Galor will be on sabbatical in Israel. She will be excavating in Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, the center of Jewish learning in the second century; parts of the Mishna and Jerusalem Talmud were edited here. In the following centuries, Tiberias was captured and occupied by Arabs, Crusaders, Egyptians, and the Ottoman Empire.

Sifting through the sands of time can be tedious and back-breaking labor. Rarely does a handful of history float right by you. But last year she got lucky when Prof. Yizhar Hirschfeld from the Hebrew University invited Dr. Galor and her family to an excursion to the Dead Sea.

"He had uncovered a spot near an ancient dock at Khirbet Mazzin with a concentration of coins from the time of Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 BCE). As we were walking in the water, we were literally finding hundreds of coins from the time of this Hasmonean king.

## Meet the Archaeologist

**Who:** Dr. Katharina Galor  
**Born:** In Germany to Jewish family; the daughter of a Holocaust survivor

**Family:** Children: Twin 10-year-old sons & 6-year-old son, students at Schechter

**Husband:** Oded Galor, economist

**Residence:** R.I., Israel

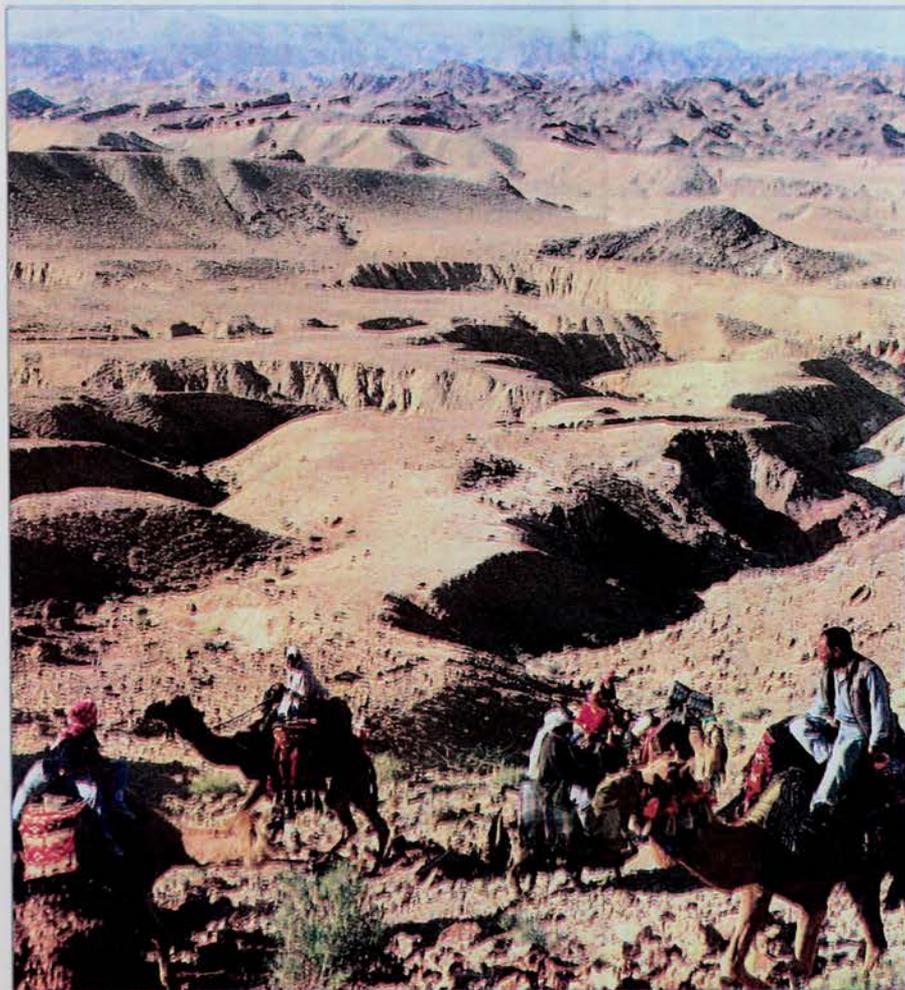
**Affiliation:** Temple Emanu-El

**Profession:** Archaeologist, researcher, visiting asst. prof. at Brown University's Center for Old World Archaeology and Art. Earned her Ph.D. here.

**Where she digs:** Jerusalem, Tiberias

**New Publication:** Book on the archaeology of Jerusalem about to be published by Yale University Press

**Research:** Geographic Information Survey (GIS) map of the Wadi Arabah



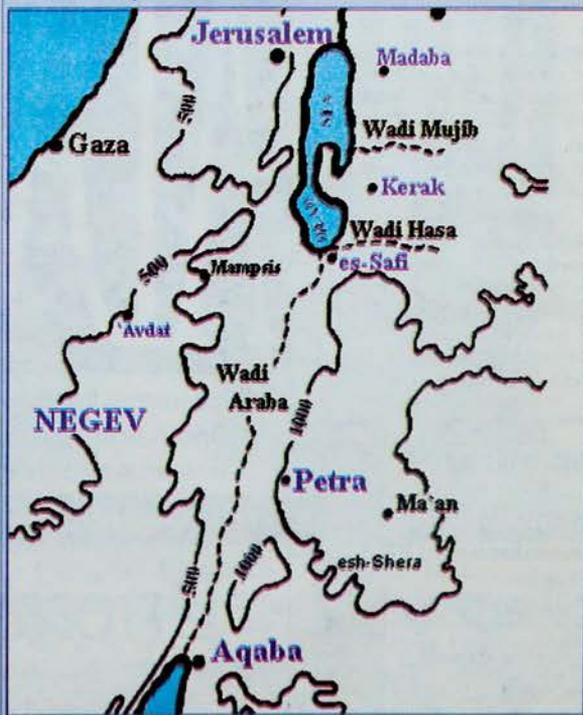
**BEDOUINS**—This photograph shows Bedouins, the desert-dwelling nomads of Arabia, the Negev, and the Sinai, traveling on camel in the Wadi Arabah region, which forms the political border between Israel and Jordan.

Photos courtesy of Dr. Katharina Galor

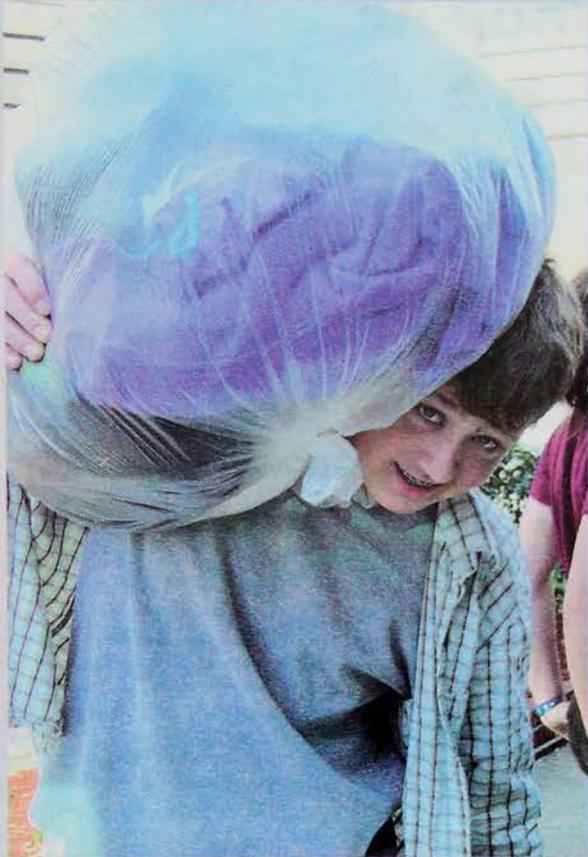
## Can you dig it?

Dr. Katharina Galor, of Brown University, will spend the summer directing fieldwork at Ramat Hanadiv, on the southern side of Mt. Carmel. Helping her will be Rabbi Richard Kirschen from Brown Hillel, along with a group of Brown students. Volunteers are needed; for more information e-mail viviana\_moscovich@yahoo.com. General information for volunteers at excavation sites in Israel for 2004 can be found at: [www.israel-mfa.gov.il/](http://www.israel-mfa.gov.il/) Go to bottom of page, click on What's New, click on Archaeological Excavations in Israel, 2004.

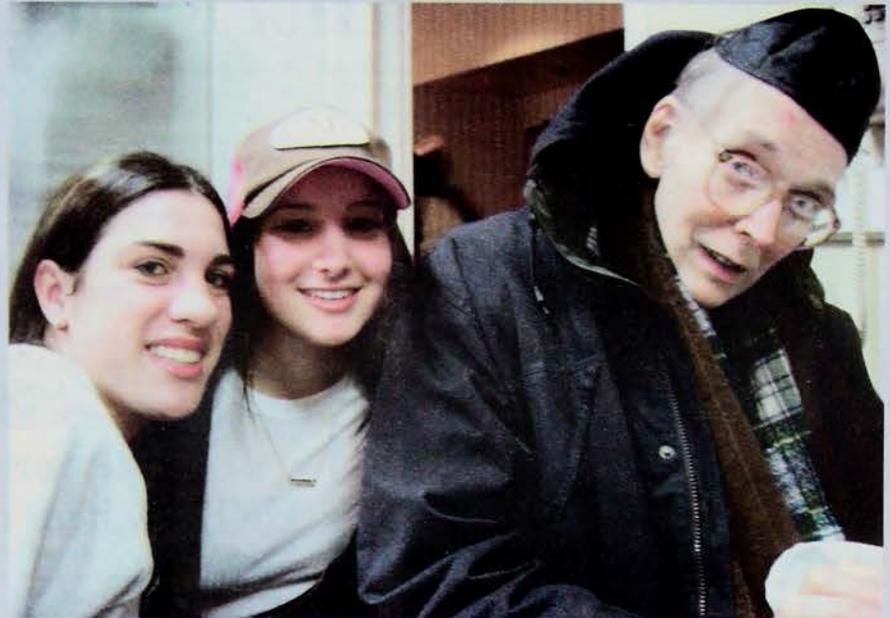
For information on her dig at Tiberias in March, visit <http://digtiberias.org/>



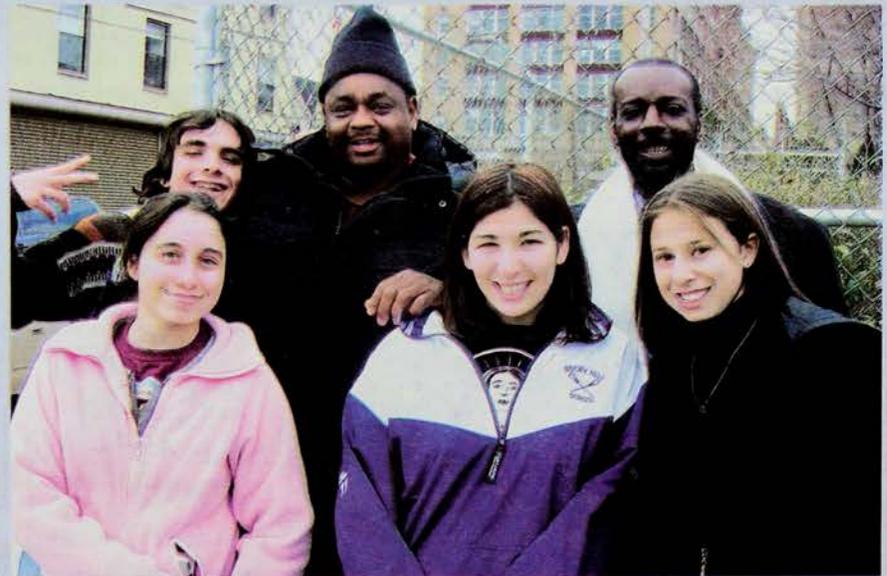
# RI teens help homeless in Philadelphia



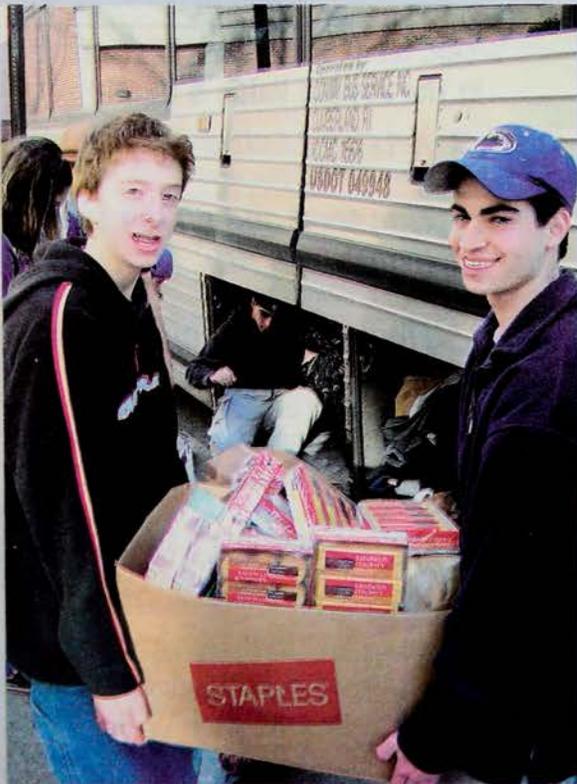
**GREGG GROSS**, of Lakeville, Mass., carries a bag of winter jackets to be donated to the homeless shelter.



**MIDRASHA PROGRAM** — Olivia Lichaa, left, of Barrington, and Amy DeBlasio, of Providence, sit with Frank Ferrell, of Philadelphia. Frank, who is the father of Trevor Ferrell, the 12-year-old boy who founded the Trevor's Place homeless shelter, has met with Rhode Island teens for five years. The trip, coordinated by the Harry Elkin Midrasha Hebrew Community High School, brings teens to Philadelphia to learn from Trevor's example.  
*Photos by Jonathan Rubin*



**GIVING AND RECEIVING** — From left, Tova Tenenbaum, of Providence, Dana Tarr, of Lakeville, Mass., Hope Sholes, of Warwick, and Ruth Furman, of Providence, pose with two men who had recently been given clothes, food and toiletries. Hundreds of pounds of goods were distributed on the December trip.



**LOAD 'EM UP** — (From left) Eitan Levine and Aaron Abrahams, both of Providence, help load food into their tour bus for distribution to Philadelphia homeless. Individual snack-pack items, like juice boxes and crackers, were brought so they could be easily distributed to as many people as possible.

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My father, Harry, loved to cook. In Russia, where he came from, a variety of fresh fruits were difficult to find, so dried fruits such as apricots, pears, raisins and prunes took their place.

This special dish was always served during all the fall and winter holidays, but it's simple to prepare. You just put everything in a saucepan and let it cook. The compote thickens as it cools.

When my mother would serve a dairy meal, she served the compote at room temperature, with warmed sweet cream over it. This is also great over pound cake or even served as a condiment with meat.

Zell Schulman is a Certified Culinary Professional, a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals and the



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American Jewish Press Association and a Bubbie (grandmother) of nine. Contact her at [zell@thefoodsyndicate.com](mailto:zell@thefoodsyndicate.com).

**Dad's Hot Fruit Compote** [from "Passover Seders Made Simple" (John Wiley, 2001)]

Makes about 1 1/2 quarts

**Ingredients:**

- 8 ounces dried apricots
- 8 ounces dried peaches
- 8 ounces dried pears
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup dark raisins
- 1 cup sugar or to your taste
- 1 cinnamon stick
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Juice and grated zest of 1 orange

- 1 cup store-bought orange juice
- 3 cups cold water
- 1/2 cup blanched slivered almonds (optional)
- 1/4 cup brandy

**Method:**

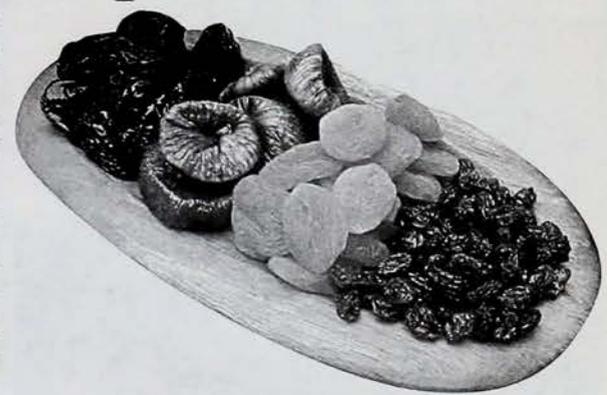
1. Cut the dried fruits into bite-size pieces. Place in a medium saucepan with raisins, sugar, cinnamon stick, lemon juice, orange juice, zest and water.

2. Cover and bring to a boil, then turn the heat to low and

simmer slowly until the fruit gets soft, about 25 to 30 minutes. Check to make sure the fruit mixture doesn't get too thick.

3. While fruit is cooking, toast the almonds. Spread out the almonds in microwave safe dish and microwave 2-1/2 to 3 minutes or bake them 5 to 10 minutes in a preheated 450 degree oven.

4. Remove the cooked fruit from heat. Stir in the brandy and almonds. Allow to cool at least 2 hours to absorb the liquid. Cover and refrigerate. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Put leftover holiday dried fruit to delicious use in fruit compote.

**He'Brew beer makes its way across America**

By Joe Berkofsky

NEW YORK — When Moses received the Torah at Sinai, he camped out for 40 days and 40 nights with neither food nor drink.

When Jeremy Cowan set out recently on a 40-day, 40-night trek in his 1993 Nissan Pathfinder, he came prepared. He brought beer. Cases and cases of it.

This past Sukkot, Cowan stocked his vehicle with He'Brew, the kosher microbrew he created, for an 18-city, 7,500-mile cross-

country tour to deliver beer to the chosen people.

With the goal of wrapping up his "Wandering He'Brew Beer Tour of America" by Hanukkah, Cowan had covered 6,800 miles by the time he reached New York, with New England still ahead.

Along the way, he schmoozed with retailers, distributors, and Jewish and non-Jewish beer drinkers, unloading beer and gathering tales.

Cowan's beery trip has lasted a lot longer than 40 days — and he's even stumbled into a Jewish

beer battle of sorts with another kosher brew, Layla.

The San Francisco area native and Stanford University graduate launched He'Brew at an artsy San Francisco party, dubbed "Challahpalooza," on Hanukkah 1996. He started with a \$2,000 investment and 100 cases of ale and stout produced at the Mendocino Brewing Company of northern California.

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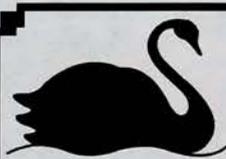
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## Schechter visits Tamarisk

Second-graders at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence visited with the residents of the Tamarisk assisted living facility in Warwick. Under the direction of their Judaic Studies teacher, Susan L. Adler, they sang Hanukkah songs and taught

the residents about Hanukkah customs from around the world. Two of the Hebrew songs were written by the students and put to music as part of the students' around the world curriculum. Plans are underway to have the students and residents become pen pals and visit the school.

## AZA to meet Jan. 12

PROVIDENCE — The Robby Kahn chapter of the AZA, a Jewish fraternity, is holding a meeting for prospective members at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12, at the Jewish Community Center. The group is open to boys in grades 9-12.

Members perform community service and participate in sports and recreational activities, from basketball to flag football and ultimate Frisbee. The group

recently took a trip to Fall River to play laser tag.

Robby Kahn, the chapter's namesake, was a unique person who fought his battle with cancer while living his life to the fullest. The chapter is named after him for his determination and his dedication to AZA and BBYO.

For more information, call David Hochman, state coordinator, at 467-BBYO (2296); or e-mail at dbhoch@aol.com.

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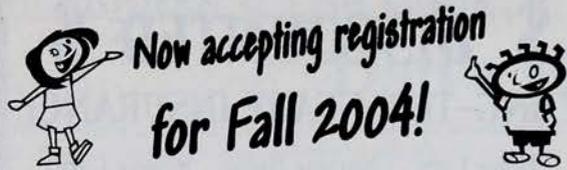
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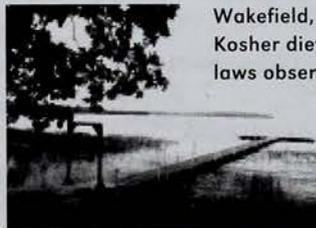


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**Emanu-El offers classes in Judaic studies**

PROVIDENCE — The following courses are being offered by Temple Emanu-El's Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies this winter:

- **Finding God:** Ancient Jewish Spirituality: Prof. Michael Satlow and the class will examine the ways in which the Jews of antiquity understood and forged their relationship with God. Topics for examination include: the role of the Jerusalem Temple and the sacrifices offered in it; the reaction to the Temple's destruction in 70 C.E.; images of direct contact with God through prophecy and mysticism; the beliefs and rituals of the community that wrote the Dead Sea scrolls, and the role of the rabbis. 8-9 p.m.
- **Talmud Study:** Tractate Sanhedrin, a continuation of first semester (New students welcome). Instructor: Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin.
- **Congregational Choral Club:** The second semester will be music from Israel, to prepare for the Benton A. Odessa concert (April 25). New singers welcome; music cassettes available. Instructor: Cantor Brian J. Mayer.

tina, with visits by guest speakers from Latin America. Instructor: William Dilworth.

• **Jews in the Early Modern World:** (Feb. 17, 24, March 2, 9)

Jews were tossed between modernity and medievalism in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. They were welcomed back to England after an absence of 350 years; in Germany they were being put into ghettos, except for the few who were at court and provided economic underpinnings for their Christian princes. While the Baal Shem Tov was creating mystical Hasidism, Moses Mendelssohn was preparing for the new

**What:** Judaic studies  
**Where:** Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence  
**When:** Tuesdays, Jan. 13 to March 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Info:** 331-1616  
**Cost:** Full course, \$20; mini-course, \$10. Open to all.

world of enlightenment. These contrasts provide the basis for the course. Instructor: Prof. Joshua Stein.

**Rabbi Marcus to speak on 'Mystical Hebrew Alphabet'**

PROVIDENCE — "The Mystical Hebrew Alphabet" will be the topic of a lecture by Rabbi Yaakov Marcus on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

Marcus' talk will discuss how Hebrew letters, including their shapes, numeric value, and philosophical meanings, are used as a vehicle for understanding the purpose of creation, meaning of life, and the spiritual realm.

Marcus, who made *aliyah* in 1995, is a senior lecturer and department head at Neve Yerushalayim women's seminary in Har Nof, Jerusalem. He lectures world-wide on practical, accessible Jewish spirituality and is currently on a speaking tour of North America.

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**Hospital names Greenburg to head quality post**

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Gerson Greenburg of Barrington has been named chief of clinical quality management at The Miriam Hospital.

The hospital's surgeon-in-chief since 1986, Greenburg will continue to practice surgery in his new position.

In his new position, Greenburg will work with the medical director for quality and the director of quality management to identify factors that show how well the hospital performs in clinical and customer service areas.

A professor of surgery at Brown Medical School, Greenburg is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American College of Surgeons, where he served as chairman of the preoperative and postoperative care committee. He is a member of numerous professional organizations.



**THAT'S A WRAP** — (From left) Providence Hebrew Day School students Jacob Felder, Asher Schechtman and Aryeh Leib Gibber examine scrolls used for tefillin (phylacteries) in a classroom demonstration given by Rabbi Shmuel Taitelbaum, a sofer (scribe).

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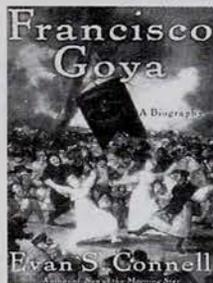
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## In the wake of the Holocaust

By Joan Jahoda

PROVIDENCE — Because of my own personal relationship to these events, I was especially drawn to the book *A House Next Door to Trauma* by Judith Hassan. It chronicles her 25 years of working with Holocaust survivors and refugees.

Hassan is the director of Jewish Care, a Holocaust survivor center in London.

Last year, I had the opportunity to attend her book launching. The event took place in the London Holocaust Museum, with many notable guests: journalists, artists, writers, members of Jewish organizations and community workers.

But most evident was the presence of survivors and families that Judith had successfully seen through years of trauma and pain; years of agonizing memories of torture, persecution, massive losses of an unimaginable and extreme nature. The effects of having unresolved grief locked within as "unfinished business" stayed with them for years. Their dead were never buried; many survivors described this phenomenon as having a stone lodged in their bodies.

Hassan has been supported in her work by many existing Jewish care specialist services including the American Joint Distribution Committee. She has nurtured a community of traumatized people, trying to build a bridge between the living and the dead. The attendance of so many of the survivors attested to her success in the quest to ease

the trauma of loss into a gainful life.

My relationship to these events is an ever-present shadow constantly influencing my attitudes, my awareness, my wariness, my beliefs and disbeliefs, my defensiveness, my despair. As a teen living in England, seeing the pictures released after the war, the unspeakable images determined my resolve to help repair

lives. They were broken, wild and alienated. After several months, they learned to eat with knives and forks, sleep in a bed, use toilets, wash and just conform minimally to normal mores. Some of our group taught them basic math and English.

Language was a major problem, but somehow they were made ready to go to Israel and were finally absorbed into kibbutzim.

In 1946, I worked for the information department of the Jewish Agency in London. The remnants of European Jewry were being located and gathered in Bratislava and other centers to be aided by many agencies. We were kept informed about their welfare and consequently we sent out information about rehabilitation centers and other kinds of help.

Later in life, I trained as an interviewer for the Shoah Foundation and interviewed survivors in England and in Rhode Island.

In a way, all Jews have suffered trauma. When we see our children and grandchildren, does it not pass through our minds that, thank goodness, they are here and did not live through that period in Europe? Our trauma still continues, manifested through our fear for Israel and the continuation of anti-Semitism.

Hassan's book delivers a universal message that, however fearful we Jews of Rhode Island are with regard to the happenings of the past, we can successfully work with our traumas and survive them to affirm life for ourselves and our children.

Providence resident Joan Jahoda was an interviewer for the Shoah Foundation. She came to America in 1968.

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and reclaim the survivors to life insofar as possible.

I was a member of *Hashomer Hatzair*, a Zionist organization. O.R.T., the Organization for Rehabilitation and Training, gave our group a beautiful stately home in which we housed 20 displaced children. Orphans, they had survived the war and escaped capture by the Nazis by living like animals in the forests of Europe, foraging for their food. O.R.T.'s condition for giving us this house was that we take 20 of these children and try to normalize their

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### Wedding

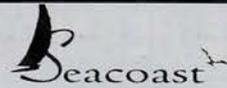
FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Lawrence Robert Haynes and Ronna Lynn Presel were married June 8 at Congregation Beth El in Fairfield, Conn. Rabbi Dana Z. Bogatz officiated.

Cindy Karlson was the matron of honor. Gregory Minsky was the best man.

The parents of the bride are Arlene and Donald Presel of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Cranston. The parents of the groom are Gerald and Joyce Pontbriand of West Windsor, N.J., formerly of Fort Lee, N.J.

The bride graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. She is the pharmacy manager for Wal Mart Pharmacy in Danbury, Conn.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. He is director of benefits at Axel Johnson, Inc. in Stamford, Conn.



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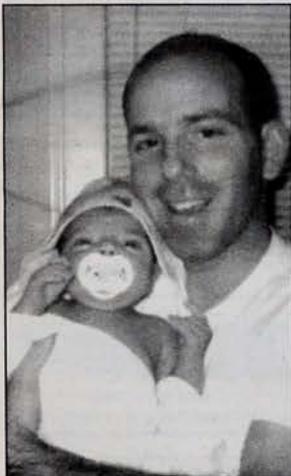
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### Births



David Fain with daughter Talia Rose

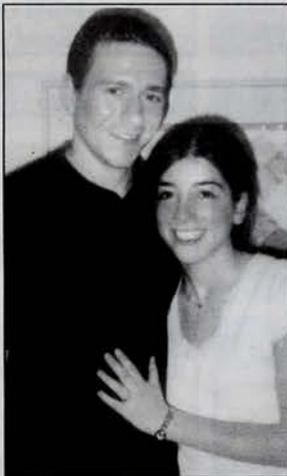
EVANSTON, Ill. — David and Lisa Fain announce the birth of their daughter, Talia Rose, on Nov. 14. Talia weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and is named in memory of David's mother, Toby Ruth Fain, and Lisa's paternal grandmother, Rose Zachary.

She is the granddaughter of Robert and the late Toby Ruth Fain of Cranston and Edward and Lois Zachary of Phoenix, Ariz.

PROVIDENCE — David and Ang (Pechkul) Sheer announce the birth of a son, Philip Jodd Sheer, on Nov. 9. His Hebrew name is Noa.

Maternal grandparent is Pan Pechkul of Thailand. Paternal grandparents are Arthur and Barbara (Goitz) Sheer.

### Engagement



Bryan Max and Ellina Khaykin

CRANSTON — Lev and Raisa Khaykin of Cranston announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellina, to Bryan Max of Philadelphia.

The bride is a student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. The groom is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and is a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Both will graduate in May 2005.

The groom's parents are Bert and Bobbie Max of Yardley, Penn.

The bride's paternal grandparents are Enna Kreynina and Yefim Khaykin of Providence.

The groom's paternal grandparents are Ruthie Max of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Providence, and the late Teddy Max.

The couple plan a June, 2005 wedding.



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**Obituaries**

**John Bakelman**

PROVIDENCE — John Bakelman, 95, a retired upholsterer, died Dec. 7. He was the husband of the late Esther (Bochner) Bakelman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Abraham and Anna (Giter) Bakelman, he lived in Providence since 1923.

He was an upholsterer for 50 years, until retiring in 1980.

He was a member of Mishkon Tfiloh, the Cranston Senior Guild and the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

He leaves three sons: Albert Bakelman of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Carl Bakelman of Blairsville, Ga., and Marshall "Matt" Bakelman of Manchester, Conn.; a daughter, Betty Seidelman of East Hartford, Conn.; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late Harold Bekelman, Lillian

Bressler, Pearl Glucksman, Sarah Katz and Gittle Rubin.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**Sarah Carleton**

MONROE, Ga. — Sarah (Sally) Carleton, 94, a retired nurse and antiques shop owner, died Dec. 8.

Born in New Brunswick, Canada, a daughter of the late David and Anna (Lampert) Carleton, she lived in Providence and East Providence for 70 years before moving to Georgia in 1997.

Miss Carleton was a 1931 graduate of the former Rhode Island Hospital Nursing School. She was a member of the Rhode Island Hospital Alumni Association and the Lucy C. Ayers Home for Nurses.

She was the proprietor of the former Sarah Carleton Antiques Shop in Providence and East Providence before retiring.

She leaves a brother, Henry Carleton of Monroe, Ga.; and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Harry and Louis Carleton and Celia Troberman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**Sol N. Chaika**

WARWICK — Sol N. Chaika, 91, a retired tool and die maker, died Dec. 15. He was the husband of Mildred (Cohen) Chaika. They were married for 67 years.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Abraham and Yetta Chaika, he had lived in Cranston for over 40 years before moving to Warwick three months ago. He was a tool and die maker for the Kenney Manufacturing Company in Warwick for 15 years, retiring 16 years ago.

Mr. Chaika was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Men's Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, William Y. Chaika of Providence; a daughter, Barbara Reich of Cranston; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Murray Chaika.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Jewish Seniors Agency "To Life" Campaign, 229 Waterman St., Providence, RI 02906.

**Wallace H. Genser**

PROVIDENCE — Wallace H. Genser, 82, a jewelry salesman, died Dec. 11. He was the husband of Estelle (Dessel) Genser.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Ada (Saunders) Genser, he was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

He attended the University of Rhode Island and was a graduate of Boston University.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Genser started his career at the former Genser Mfg. Co. of Providence and then worked as a jewelry salesman for various Rhode Island companies until retiring in 1992.

He was a life member of Redwood Lodge No. 35, AF & AM, and also belonged to Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, the Pontiac-Oakland Club International, and the Diamond Peacock Club.

He leaves a son, Erick Genser of McClean, Va.; two daughters, Ronelle Genser of Atlanta, Ga., and Sheryl Carlsen of Ashland, Mass.; a sister, Bernice Lundy of Narragansett; a brother, James Genser of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in South Burlington, Vt.

**Rose Glantz**

PROVIDENCE — Rose Glantz, 89, a former Gray Lady at the Miriam Hospital, died Dec. 10. She was the wife of the late Jacob Glantz.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Zarkin) Zarchen, she lived in Providence most of her life.

She was a graduate of Central Falls High School.

Mrs. Glantz enjoyed playing bridge, bowling and reading.

She leaves two sons, Morton Glantz of Dix Hills, N.Y., and Stephen Glantz of Pittsfield, Mass.; a daughter, Freyda Winnick-Zeiff of Winchester, Mass.; two brothers, Oscar Zarchen of Cranston, and Maurice Zarchen of Kingston; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 205 Hallene Rd., Warwick, RI 02886.

**Mattie Hirsch**

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. — Mattie (Finfer) Hirsch of Swampscott, formerly of Providence, died Dec. 5. She was the wife of the late Carl Hirsch.

She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Hope Hirsch of Providence, Steven and Micki Hirsch of Swampscott, and her daughter and son-in-law, Natalie and David Lederman of Marblehead, Mass.

She was the grandmother of Andrew, Jeffrey, and Jamie Hirsch; Jonathan and Jeanine Lederman; Jesse, Adam and Leah Hirsch, and the great-grandmother of Joshua, Juliana and Jillian Lederman.

She was the sister of the late Arnold and David Finfer.

Contributions may be donated to the Carl Hirsch Memorial Fund, c/o the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

**Sylvia Pickar**

PAWTUCKET — Sylvia Pickar, 85, a retired department manager, died Dec. 14. She was the wife of the late Irving Pickar.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Michael and Rose (Pallant) Lester, she had lived in Pawtucket most of her life. She was a ladies coat department manager for the former New York Lace Store in Pawtucket for 25

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**Sylvia Pickar**

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years, retiring 23 years ago.

She graduated from Central Falls High School and attended Rhode Island College.

Mrs. Pickar was a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and a former member of Ohave Shalom Synagogue and Mishkon T'filoh Synagogue.

She leaves three sons, Barry and Myles Pickar, both of Cranston and Michael Pickar of Hartford, Conn.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Manny Lester.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, 58 Burlington St., Providence, RI 02906.

**Frances Rosenkrantz**

ATTLEBORO — Frances (Sillman) Rosenkrantz, 100, of Bryant Street, Winnetka, Calif., formerly of Attleboro, an artist, died Dec. 18.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Samuel and Sarah (Fine) Sillman, she grew up in Attleboro and had lived in Florida for 18 years before moving to California in 1998.

Mrs. Rosenkrantz was a graduate of Attleboro High School and attended the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence.

She leaves two daughters, Linda Finch of Los Angeles and Karen Shapiro of San Francisco; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was a sister of the late Albert and Rebecca Sillman and Helen Sigel.

Burial was in Dodgeville

Cemetery, Attleboro.

**Ruth G. Weiner**

EAST PROVIDENCE — Ruth G. Weiner, 82, a former bookkeeper and secretary, died Dec. 7.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Eva (Weiner) Weiner, she lived in Providence for most of her life, moving to East Providence in 2000.

Miss Weiner was an active member of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary and also belonged to Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a cousin, Rosalie Penn of Pawtucket. She was a sister of the late Sylvia and Irwin Weiner.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 222 Richmond St., Providence, RI 02903.

**Joseph Weisman**

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Joseph Weisman, 83, of Northbrook, a bank teller and retired grocery manager, died Dec. 12. He was the husband of Trudy (Fine) Weisman and the late Shirley (Shore) Weisman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Sara (Katz) Weisman, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to West Warwick for six years, then moving to Northbrook 19 years ago.

He was a grocery manager for the former Food Basket in Providence for 40 years, retiring 20 years ago. After his retirement, he was a bank teller at Bank One in Northbrook for 19 years.

He attended the University of Rhode Island and Brown University.

He was a first lieutenant in the Air Force during WW II; he was a lead navigator and combat pilot in Europe.

Mr. Weisman was a life member of Touro Fraternal Association in Cranston. He was a member of Temple Jeremiah in Northbrook, and was a member of the former Temple Beth Israel and Temple Beth-El, both in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Morris Weisman of Boulder, Col., and Bruce Weisman of Warwick; a daughter, Rena Weisman of West Warwick; two step-daughters, Linda Levine of Deerfield, Ill., and Carol Babbitt of Wilmette, Ill., and six grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late Harry, Walter and Israel Weisman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**Evelyn Winet**

NEW BEDFORD — Evelyn (London) Winet, 85, died Dec. 4. She was the wife of the late Louis Winet.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Myer and Libby (Sher) London, she was a lifelong resident of the city.

Mrs. Winet was a secretary and bookkeeper at Winet Auto Body and the UMass Dartmouth Engineering Department for many years.

She was a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, and a volunteer reader at the Rodman School.

**Harold A. Winstead**

PROVIDENCE — Harold A. Winstead, 94, a retired business executive, died Dec. 11. He was the longtime companion of

Tina Zukowsky of Providence.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Philip and Rose (Zitserman) Weinstein, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was a graduate of Harvard University and had also attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Winstead was a co-owner and the chairman of the board of the former Atlantic Tubing and Rubber Co. and also of the former Imperial Chemical and Plastics Corp.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served as a first lieutenant.

A philanthropist, he was a major benefactor of the Miriam Hospital, where the Weinstein Wing was named in

honor of his family.

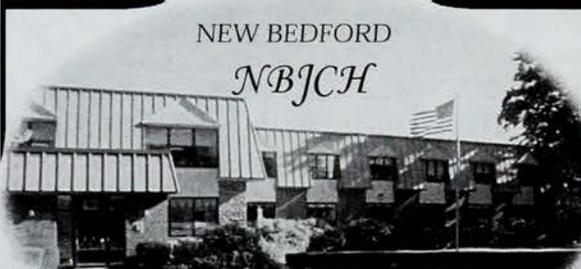
Mr. Winstead was a member of Temple Beth-El, and had been a member of the former Temple Beth Israel.

He was a former member of Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his companion, he leaves a brother, Sidney Weinstein of Providence; two nephews, Philip M. Weinstein of Providence and Norman J. Bolotow of Barrington; two nieces, Jackie Brooknew of New York City and Barbara Levy of Providence; and several great-nephews and great-nieces. He was the brother of the late William Weinstein and Betty Bolotow.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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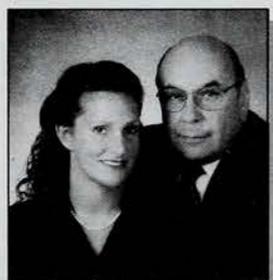
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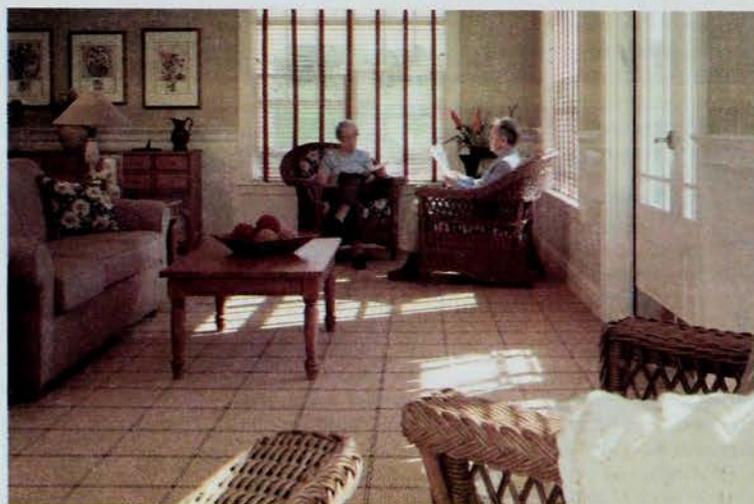


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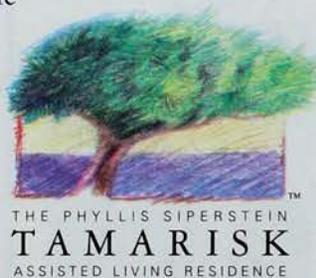
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