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Cemetery examines interfaith burials

By Jonathan Rubin

WARWICK — The high rate of intermarriage in Rhode Island is not only getting attention at local synagogues, but at cemeteries as well. Take Lincoln Park Cemetery, Rhode Island's largest Jewish cemetery and one of only two open to Jews unaffiliated with any synagogue. The cemetery recently acquired some land off of Route 37 in order to expand its grave capacity by another 1,000 sites. All of its grounds are reserved exclusively for Jewish burials, as is the policy with all traditional Jewish cemeteries.

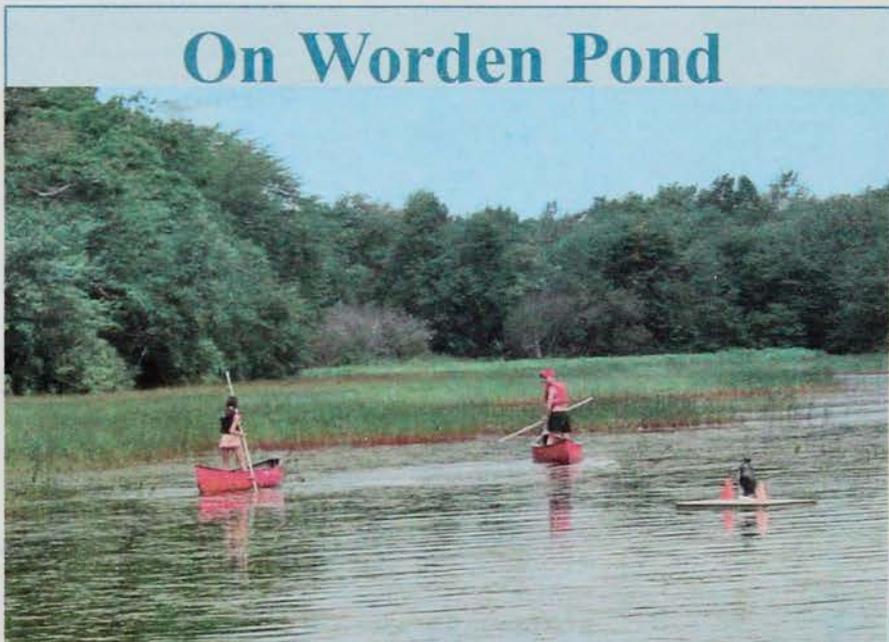
However, as Rhode Island's intermarriage rate is at about 43 percent (according to the 2002 Jewish Demographic Study), in the future there are likely

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U.N. to vote on security barrier

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Palestinian resolution demanding that Israel dismantle its West Bank security barrier is slated for a vote Friday. The U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday received a formal request from the Palestinians to introduce the legislation. The resolution demands that Israel comply with the July 9 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, which said Israel's fence is illegal and must be dismantled.

Meanwhile, Israel is bringing part of its West Bank security fence closer to the Green Line. The Defense Ministry said Tuesday that by the end of the month it expected to have a new route for some 20 miles of fence northwest of Jerusalem, after Palestinians successfully petitioned the High Court of Justice against the original route. Israeli officials said the changes were implemented out of deference to Palestinians whose lives will be impacted.



On Worden Pond

Camp JORI campers kayak on Worden Pond.

Photos by Josh Korr

Summer sizzles at Camp JORI

By Josh Korr

WAKEFIELD — The Camp JORI summer program is in full swing once again. Since moving to its new location on Worden Pond in southern Rhode Island two years ago, the camp has grown to accommodate nearly 180 campers (ages 7-15) with many new facilities. The new site is embedded in a forest that is home to wild turkey, deer and other majestic creatures.

Recent additions to the camp include an administrative office, several soccer



ISRAELI COUNSELOR RAANAN KLAIN, left, is a lifeguard and sports counselor at Camp JORI this summer. Fiona Franklin is next to him

goals, a backstop, a radio station run by the campers and a health care building

that is still under construction. Paired with the already existing arts building, pool

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Sudan becoming Jewish issue

By Peter Ephross

NEW YORK (JTA) — It seems the phrase "never again" isn't just for the Holocaust anymore.

In recent weeks, Jewish groups have stepped up their efforts to stop the government-sponsored killing of tens of thousands of black Muslims in Sudan. The efforts have come as world attention begins to focus on the crisis in Sudan, where hundreds of thousands of black Africans have fled their homes to escape

violence.

Late last month, President Bush made available up to \$34 million for special refugee needs in Sudan and neighboring Chad, as well as the West Bank and Gaza Strip. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and the U.N.'s secretary-general, Kofi Annan, visited the Sudan refugee camps last week. After the visits, Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir promised he would reign in government-backed

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Modigliani at Jewish Museum: rare retrospective

By Sara Masri

NEW YORK — Alcoholism, drug addiction, etc. While I might have expected to hear themes like this at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, I was not expecting to hear them on a sunny afternoon at the Jewish Museum in New York when I went to see the "Modigliani: Beyond the Myth" exhibition a few weeks ago.

Normally when I choose to see a special exhibit at an art museum, it is because I have a familiarity with the artist and want to see his/her work firsthand. In the case of this exhibit it was quite the opposite — I knew almost nothing about Modigliani.

The myth they mention in the exhibit title comes from the idea that this is an artist who was

better known in his time for his exploits than for his work. As the Jewish Museum said about Modigliani: "Such mythmaking has made one of the best-known early modernist artists one of the most misunderstood." After spending time at the museum, I was able to get some insight into how his religion, family history and the political climate of his time influenced his work.

First, a bit about Amedeo Modigliani. He was born in 1884 to a Jewish family in Italy, but moved to France at a relatively young age. Around this time in Paris, the Dreyfus Affair was unfolding (a Jewish-French army officer wrongly accused of treason), a case which divided French society and stirred up considerable anti-Semitism. Although not a religious man, Modigliani's beliefs

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MODIGLIANI, Jeanne Hébuterne, 1919, oil on canvas
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Rabbinical students visiting

PROVIDENCE — Mor-dacai Richler and Yosef Berklin, two of 280 Chabad Lubavitch rabbinical student interns, are spending this month visiting with Jewish people throughout the state. The students travel with a library of Jewish literature, Judaica, and sometimes a Torah scroll.

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Area athletes to compete at Macabbi Games in Boston

By Josh Korr

PROVIDENCE — The 2004 JCC Maccabi Games, to be held in Boston, are fast approaching and local athletes are gearing up for the competition. The games are run in Olympic-style format as athletes compete for gold, silver and bronze medals.

The JCC of R.I. is sending a basketball team, two swimmers and a tennis player to compete among 1,500 Jewish teenagers arriving in Boston from all over the United States, Canada, Europe, South America, Australia and Israel.

The games are also held at multiple sites throughout North America; this year over 6,000 athletes are competing nationwide.

Local participants meet one or two times a week to practice for the games with their coach, Alex Turek, director of health and physical education at the JCC. He had his first experience coaching for this event at the Long Island JCC in 1998, and this will be his sixth trip to the games. In that time his teams have won three gold medals in girls' basketball, and he has coached many athletes who have won individual medals.

This year the team is almost exclusively Providence natives. The basketball team includes Ian Fink, Jonathan Wolpert, Erik Kerzer, Josh Lentz, David Litwin, all from Providence and Ben Froelich from Pawtucket.

time and that drew us together," Erik said.

After a hard day of competition, athletes have time to make friends at dances and other social gatherings in the evening.

Eva Schwartz, 13, was motivated to compete at the games this year "to meet and bond with other people and have a Jewish experience." Culminating this

Jewish experience is a community service project that all athletes participate in, she said.

The JCCRI is already looking to assemble next year's teams. Any athletes ages 13-16 who wish to participate, regardless of sport, should contact Alex Turek by calling 421-4111, ext. 149 or email aturek@jccri.org.

Opening ceremonies will be held on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Fleet Center. Call the opening ceremonies hotline for ticket information at 617-558-6449. For further information, log on to www.maccabiboston.org.

The games are co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, Maccabi World Union, Maccabi Canada, and Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel.

Josh Korr is a student at Hampshire College in Amherst.



In addition, Providence residents Eva Schwartz and Talia Ringer will be competing in the swimming events and Deborah Furman will compete in tennis.

Brothers Erik and Evan Kerzer were members of the basketball team last year. "It was the most fun I've had doing anything. Even though all the teams came from different areas, we all were there to have a good



Photo of Isaac Bashevis Singer by Bruce Davidson.
Photo courtesy of the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at The University of Texas at Austin

Exhibits mark centennial of Isaac Bashevis Singer

By Josh Korr

AMHERST, Mass. — The National Yiddish Book Center is currently hosting three exhibits of the 1978 Nobel Prize winning Yiddish author, Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991). The exhibits are part of the Singer Centennial Celebration presented by the Library of America.

A traveling exhibition of Singer memorabilia, including

Singer events at Barrington library

- Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Dramatic reading from Singer's short stories and novels, by Barry Press's Living Literature Group.
- Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Jim Rosenberg of Temple Habonim will lead a discussion of Singer's short stories. For more information, call 247-1920.



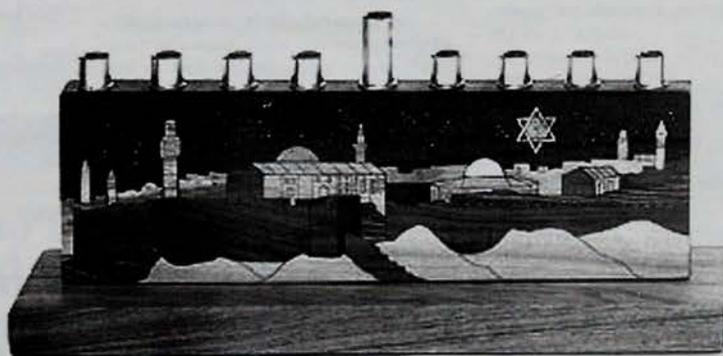
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Opinion

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Israel and the Iraqi post-war quagmire

Maybe it was a reaction to delegates at the recent AIPAC conference in Washington greeting a speech by President Bush II with a resounding "Four more years!", but I have been puzzled by what appears to have been a poor judgment call on the part of some American Jews.



Yehuda Lev

Understandably, they regarded the invasion of Iraq as offering immediate and far-reaching benefits for Israel. The assumption was difficult to argue with, given Saddam's unremitting hostility to Israel and support of Palestinian terrorist organizations. (Among other gestures: he paid \$25,000 to many of the families of the "martyrs" who ended their lives as suicide bombers.)

So unseating Saddam and establishing a western-style democracy in his stead promised to eliminate one of the more dangerous of Israel's enemies. That it also aligned Bush administration policies with those of Israel was a plus

by Republican hopes for the coming election and seemed to influence many Jews, who would normally vote the Democratic ticket, into rethinking their positions.

We should have learned from our Vietnam experience when "The best and the brightest" embroiled us in an unwinnable war which, fortunately, did not involve Israel or any specifically Jewish issues. Whatever the motives of the present administration, it went to war in Iraq with no apparent exit strategy, no plan for what to do with Iraq after the removal of Saddam, little understanding of Iraqi history or culture and an unhealthy disdain for the opinions and needs of most of its Western allies. It was a formula for disaster and a disaster is what is taking place.

In the July 12 issue of *The Jerusalem Report*, there is a thoughtful analysis of the possible consequences for Israel of a disintegrating Iraq. This would impact on surrounding Muslim states, all of which will have to deal with Iraqi Kurds, Sunni Arabs and Shiite Arabs contesting for power. Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan, with Sunni majorities, Iran with a Shiite majority and Turkey, with a restive Kurdish minority, will feel compelled to support their interests, perhaps

by armed intervention.

A second problem concerns the possible impact of the Iraq war on American-Israeli relations. How does it benefit small states to be associated with an ineffective world power as would be the case if the United States declares victory and leaves Iraq to its own devices? This is not going to happen before November, but afterwards?

And what if, with American acquiescence, the European Union steps in and imposes an Iraqi settlement? That would provide Washington with a respectable excuse to cut and run and the precedent would be set for a similar resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

That might be a desirable outcome but it would deprive Israel of its American shield, which could have serious economic and security consequences. (An imposed peace treaty with an acceptable Palestinian government will not necessarily end the war against terrorists who would hardly be likely to accept such an arrangement.)

In the meantime, Israel is faced with one immediate problem stemming from the Iraqi war: the spur it has given to recruiting for Al Qaeda and other

terrorist organizations. The invasion of Iraq did Osama bin Laden an enormous favor just as Israel's military incursions into the occupied territories have worked for its Palestinian enemies. In both instances a case can be made for the response; there are inherent difficulties in dealing with suicide bombers, whether they attack as aviation crews or ground-based soloists. Whatever steps are taken against them, effective or otherwise, result in an increase in young men and women desiring eternal happiness in a hereafter apparently populated by virgins.

Those AIPAC delegates who chanted "Four more years" should be considering these issues if they are concerned with helping Israel survive the crises which the administration's mishandling of the war on terrorism has exacerbated. It is not for us to tell the Israelis how to run their country (although passing along the lessons gained from our Vietnam experience might help) but we should be wary of supporting policies which, on the basis of *prima facie* evidence, work against Israel's survival and our own American-Jewish interests.

Yehuda Lev is a regular editorial columnist for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

ALISON ON ALIYAH

Letter to a future olah

You Rhode Islanders may not be aware of this, but you are about to be able to lay claim to yet another new immigrant to Israel, or *olah hadasha*, in ten months. A young girl named Becky



Alison Golub

Westerman is about to leave East Greenwich, the home she's known for most of her 18 years, and begin a new life in Israel. She will leave in a couple of weeks, so I thought it might be helpful to write her a little guide to help her out during her first period of *klita*, or absorption into Israeli society...

Dear Becky,

You are about to embark on the most amazing, unbelievable, terrifying, and life-altering experience in your life. I know you are excited, and I'm glad you feel that way. I know you think that everything is going to be perfect over here, and I do believe that you will find much of what you are looking for.

However, I want you to be aware of a few things, and to prepare yourself for some experiences you may not be expecting.

Be prepared for a very profound emotional experience in every sense. You will feel tremendous joy and wonder, and you will also feel great sadness, pain, and even regret. You will need to navigate your way through these emo-

tions, and you will need to figure out which ones really matter, and which ones need to fuel your future decisions, and which ones are simply symptoms of a life changing and the anxiety that accompanies that change.

Be prepared to be yelled at, smiled at, cursed at, asked for a date, asked to borrow money, asked if you need money, be given a deal, and be taken advantage of... all by the same guy.

Be prepared for bureaucracy, piles of papers, never-ending lines and thousands of questions. Israel wants us here very badly, but they make it close to impossible for us to prove to them that we want to be here just as much. Whenever you go to a government office, bring a book and a sandwich.

Be prepared to sweat buckets in the summer, freeze your tail off in the winter, and get eaten alive by bugs throughout it all. Get to know and love the Israeli National Bird, the mosquito. And yes, they can be that big.

Be prepared to fear. You will fear things you have never thought twice of before, like bus stations, restaurants, and cafes. You will fear people around you, if they look different or aren't wearing a Jewish star around their neck or are wearing a heavy coat. Be prepared to start learning quickly who is to be feared and who is not.

Be prepared to become things you never thought you were. Although you may never be conscious of it or under-

stand it if you are, you will be a very special part of society here. The Israeli people will recognize and treat you as a symbol of hope and strength. They will ask you why you were "crazy" enough to come here and what you could possibly love about this "screwed up" country, but they will love any answer you give them. You will be their reminder of when they loved this country as much as you do, and you will give them strength to find that love again.

Be prepared to eat foods you never heard of and whose ingredients you will never know. Be prepared to gain at least

10 pounds from all of it.

Most of all, Becky, I want you to be prepared to feel the fiercest love of your life. You will love this country more than life itself, and you will love yourself for making this tremendously important decision. It will be the hardest thing you have ever done, but on those days when you are frustrated and angry and tired and scared, remember that you are in the company of all of us.

Alison Stern Golub is a graduate of Brown University. She welcomes correspondence in response to her articles and can be emailed at Alison_Golub@hotmail.com.

Letters to the editor

Portuguese customs resonate with Jewish tradition

I have always been interested in how different ethnic groups held onto their traditions and faith in a hostile or not-so-hostile land. Thus, Jonathan's Rubin's article of June 11, "Barcelona Jews Struggle to Recapture Lost Legacy," struck a chord within me. As a Portuguese-American Jew-by-choice, Jonathan's evocation of the people in Barcelona discovering their Jewish ancestry resonated images of my childhood on Faial, an island in the Azores where I was raised until the age of seven.

I remember, after my grandfather

died, sitting for seven days in what we would call shivah, and my grandmother covering all her mirrors. On Friday nights we would light candles and say the rosary. Traces of Jewish traditions are still found in daily life, if only one wants to discern them. The cataloguing of our religious practices with ties to Jewish traditions was endless. As more people come to terms with their Jewish ancestry in Barcelona, Spanish culture will be a richer for it.

Adelina Azevedo Axelrod
Warwick

Letters to the editor

Library's intent was not to distort Israeli-Palestinian issue

The Providence Public Library, as all public libraries, has an obligation to present multiple viewpoints on issues. Sandra Gandsman's June 25 Viewpoint piece questions the fairness of a recent teen book discussion with author Elsa Marston.

Marston is an accomplished author of thirteen books, and she is very clear in her promotional materials and her website that promoting a better understanding of the Arab/Muslim world is a personal goal. She chose to do this that evening by discussing her story "The Olive Garden." This particular story

is included in *Soul Searching: Thirteen Stories about Faith and Belief* by Lisa Rowe Fraustino, an anthology of stories about many different faiths. The compiler of the anthology has said that the aim of the collection is to "unplug your emotions." The stories, including "The Olive Garden," are meant to be thought provoking.

If the library erred in presenting too lopsided a view of the Palestinian/Israeli situation, we certainly apologize. It is never our intent to present a ready-made viewpoint on anything to our teens, but to let them explore their own thoughts

via literature. We also feel that the questions which Ms. Marston posed, such as "would you take part in an uprising to protect your family?" or "would it ever be right to ignore an order by the Army if you felt it immoral?" are the kinds of questions which result in a rich dialogue and can present opportunities for building critical thinking skills.

But Ms. Gandsman is correct that with our role comes an equal responsibility. We take that responsibility seriously, and promise to work even more diligently to ensure that all voices are heard in our future discussions. I also

invite Ms. Gandsman and other *Jewish Voice & Herald* readers to help us locate other authors to present to our teen book club or to suggest other appropriate titles for teens. Lastly, we greatly appreciate that Ms. Gandsman actually took the time to follow through on her concerns, and we will share her opinion piece with the book club.

Dale Thompson

Dale Thompson is the Providence Public Library Director

Schechter West Bay

Many thanks to Arthur Mossberg for his eloquent, enthusiastic support of the Schechter West Bay preschool in his June 11th letter and a *mazal tov* to the entire congregation of Temple Am David.

Without the support of individuals like him, Cantor Rick Perlman, and the forward-thinking board of the temple, this special program would not be possible. As the parent of a 3-year-old who will be a member of the starting class this fall, I am so grateful that the community understands the immeasurable value of early Jewish education in the life of a child.

The school will be a part of creating our children's earliest Jewish memories which they will carry with them the rest of their lives. The Jewish culture and values that will be woven into the curriculum throughout the day will become integral parts of our children's individual Jewish identities.

Lastly, the social bonds with classmates will teach them at the earliest date that we are part of a much broader Jewish community, even as they experience being a "minority" in the other parts of their lives. I am so excited that Alperin Schechter Day School and Temple Am David, along with financial support from Jewish Federation of RI, have made this extraordinary commitment to our children. Thanks to you all.

Rachel Silverman
East Greenwich

Rabbi's column on Alzheimer's touches home

Although I live in California, I was born, bred, educated and began my teaching career in Rhode Island. I have always maintained a strong connection with R.I., visiting relatives there every year; and between visits, for over 30 years, one of my main links with the community has been through *The Jewish Herald* (now also the *Voice*).

I just finished reading your June 11 issue and my heart is heavy, yet grateful. I am referring to the Viewpoint article, so beautifully written by Rabbi James Rosenberg, about his mother's Alzheimer's illness. It brought back a flood of

memories of my gentle, giving, loving mother, Edith Smith, and her gradual journey away from us.

My father, Cantor Jack Smith, was her primary caregiver for over 10 years, until her death. Even during her years as a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, he never missed a day, feeding her, and taking her for local rides in his car every day, until she was no longer able to do even that. Rabbi Rosenberg expressed so well his frustration, guilt and shame that my two brothers and I would also feel when we became impatient with our mother, forgetting it was

the dementia that caused it. Our mother died, a shell of her former self, both physically and mentally, leaving behind so many questions about this disease.

My prayer now is that stem-cell research will be allowed to continue to find a cure for this disease which will affect millions more people each year. Those of us who have seen Alzheimer's destroy a loved one, fervently pray that through such research a cure will be found in our lifetime.

Sondra (Smith) Meyer
Sacramento, Calif.

Jews should embrace supporters, even the religious right

Yehuda Lev is an amazing and articulate columnist who rarely fails to be wrong. In his article about Senator Hollings (Dem, S.C.) blaming Jewish neo-cons for a failed Iraq policy, Lev neglects to point out that Hollings has a long history of racial and ethnic slurs against Jews and non-whites. That Democrats have not publicly asked Hollings to apologize or resign should be of concern to Jewish voters. Hollings is also on record as the only senator who voted against an Oct. 2003 resolution, carried 98 to 1, supporting the contributions of U.S. troops to the fight against terrorism.

Let us take Lev's arguments to their logical conclusions. Would you feel better if Saddam Hussein were still in power? Would you feel better if Moam-

mar Qaddafi, seeing the fate of a regime opposed to U.S. power in the region after the fall of Saddam Hussein, was still developing nuclear and chemical weapons? Kaddafi has opened up Libya to inspections and thus has removed this threat to Israel and Europe. We are now fighting a war against Jihadis in Iraq. Better there than on U.S. soil.

As for Lev's problem with the Christian fundamentalists, he regrets that Israel's strongest ally in the US is the "religious right." I work with colleagues and clients who are devout Christians. Their world outlook is that Israel is God's chosen people and the land of Israel is promised to the Jews. I am aware of Christian desires to have all Jews convert to Christianity to hasten their idea of a messianic age. While I

occasionally receive some proselytizing, it is always respectful and courteous, and it stops when I let them know I am not interested.

The greatest danger to Jews in the United States is not Christian fundamentalism, but moral relativism. Most of the world hates Jews and hates Israel. We are not going to make ourselves and Israel more secure by trying to please all the people who hate us. Let us embrace those who support us.

Farrel I. Klein
Providence

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Thank you, Madonna (or Esther)

By Joseph Aaron

I don't know about you, but I must admit I find myself quite excited by this whole Madonna thing. Indeed, I find myself almost giddy, really pleased, very happy. I'm happy that Madonna recently announced that she's adopting the Hebrew name of Esther. I'm happy that she is no longer performing on Shabbat, that she wears a Jewish star, that she goes to *shul*, that during her concerts, there are Hebrew letters being flashed across a screen, and that in one of her music videos, she wears *tefillin*.

I'm loving it. Think all of that is great. Now, I know most of you out there, especially those of you who think Judaism is serious business, especially those of you who see yourselves as so pious, don't think what Madonna is doing is a good thing at all, think, in fact, it's sickening and outrageous.

Well, it's your kind of thinking that's holding Judaism back, pulling Judaism down. Sure, being Jewish is serious, but that doesn't mean it has to be dull. In fact, for Judaism to thrive, we must continually find ways to make it anything but boring.

If we don't, we can pooh pooh all we want about why young Jews are intermarrying, not affiliating, not identifying, why they're trying everything but Judaism. And we can pooh pooh all we want when poll after poll shows that more and more Jews simply feel no connection to Israel or to Judaism. We can pooh pooh or we can act, do, do, enjoy enjoy. I'm enjoying that Madonna is so out there about her attraction to and her allegiance to things Jewish.

Now, yes, I am well aware that Madonna is Catholic and that she couldn't have a more Christian name.

And I'm also aware that her early career was less than pristine. But she's in her 40s now, a wife and mom and by her own admission has been looking far and wide for, as she told Larry King on CNN, "the answers to life. Why am I here? What am I doing here? What is my purpose? How do I fit into the big picture?" Good questions. Questions she has found the answers to in Judaism. That thrills me. So good for you, Madonna. And very good for us. *Joseph Aaron is a columnist at the Chicago Jewish News.*

Local

Lincoln Park Cemetery studies interfaith burial issues

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to be large numbers of interfaith couples seeking burial plots.

"It's a Jewish community issue that needs to be addressed... It's like an electrified 'third rail,'" said Michael Glucksman, president of Chased Shel Amess, the organization that runs the cemetery and handles all aspects of maintenance and finance. Lincoln Park serves numerous congregations and organizations in the community, including Temple Emanu-El, Touro Fraternal, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Temple Torat Yisrael.

Glucksman said that interfaith burials are a "growing" issue and that Lincoln Park burial rates have been decreasing over the past few years. Organization officials attribute the decrease to migratory patterns of Rhode Islanders and the lure of Florida, the cemetery's need for expansion, as well as intermarriage.

Some non-denominational cemeteries in the area, such as Swan Point Cemetery, are seeing a slight increase in Jewish burials in recent years and a marked increase over the past 20 years.

"I think the Jewish community is lagging behind in addressing interfaith issues pertaining to Jewish death and burial," said Rabbi Peter Stein,

spiritual leader at Temple Sinai in Cranston. Officials at Chased seemed to agree, saying that they have not been approached by congregations regarding this issue, and that multiple meetings with larger Jewish agencies have yielded little more than "moral support."

Separate but equal?

Jewish laws and statutes concerning burial rites and cemeteries are legion. Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz, of Touro Synagogue in Newport, said that a cemetery is "sacred ground" where one may eat, drink, wear tefillin or even study Torah. And, while Jewish communities usually construct synagogues or schools first upon arrival, Eskovitz points out the Touro's cemetery predates the synagogue by almost 100 years.

Today, questions abound as to the particulars of the burial ritual regarding Jews and non-Jews. For example, does a Jewish cemetery become "treif" (unkosher) with non-Jewish burials inside it? Could yahrzeit memorial plaques be dedicated to non-Jews?

"There's no protocol" for questions like these, Glucksman said, so Chased Shel Amess went to the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis for advice on a potential solution — a special plot of land

dedicated to intermarried burials, located near or adjacent to the cemetery, but maintained by another organization besides Chased.

"It was the opinion of the Board of Rabbis that interfaith burial not be permitted in the current Lincoln Park Cemetery as a sign of respect for those who are buried there and their families who made the choice for burial in that location with a certain set of expectations about religious practice," said Rabbi Alan Flam, chair of the Board of Rabbis.

However, the board, which has no official authority over any cemetery, agreed that an interfaith cemetery that was physically separated from Lincoln Park would be possible, with certain conditions:

- Funerals in this section would be restricted to Sunday through Friday (morning) and prohibited on the Sabbath and other Jewish holidays.
- Funerals of non-Jews may not take place in the Jewish chapel at Lincoln Park.
- A non-Jewish funeral home may arrange for the burial of non-Jews in this (interfaith) section.
- *Tabara* (ritual washing

and preparation of the body after death) is optional for Jews buried in this section.

• Rabbis may officiate at burials of Jews in the interfaith section. Rabbis may officiate at burials of non-Jews in this section. Non-Jewish clergy may also officiate at the burial of non-Jews at the request of the family.

Separate sections in Jewish cemeteries are not uncommon — it has been done at other cemeteries, including Sharon Memorial Park in Massachusetts and Sinai Memorial Park in Warwick. At Sinai, strictly traditional Jewish burials are done inside the Sinai territory, while intermarried couples can be buried in Pawtuxet Memorial Park, the larger organization that cares for the grounds. All of their religious requirements are handled exclusively by Temple Sinai, the former owners of the cemetery.

Mary Douglas, owner of Pawtuxet, said that people either adhere by the rules or go elsewhere, although one couple chose to be buried at Sinai near each other — one on the Jewish side and one on the non-denominational side.

Temple Beth-El in Providence is the largest congregation

in the state, and owns its own Reform cemetery for use by its members. The cemetery allows intermarried couples who are members to be buried together, and has since the 1980s. "A family that lives together should be able to be buried together," said Ruby Shalansky, executive director of Beth-El.

Michael Smith, owner of Shalom Memorial Chapel in Cranston, agrees. "If a person and their spouse want to be buried in a Jewish cemetery, I think something should be afforded to them," he said.

Smith said that he tells families up front that he only completes Jewish burials, and that while he gets a few inquiries about interfaith burials, in most cases people seem to know the rules. People who utilize his services are not required to provide any proof of their Jewish heritage. "You can't ask people for an ID and ask if they are Jewish. There is a certain level of trust that goes along with this."

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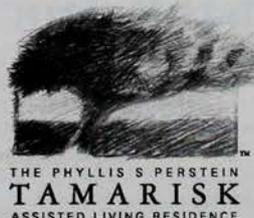
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Nation

As Democrats converge on Boston, Jewish groups plan busy schedule

WASH. D.C. (JTA) — This year's Democratic Party convention will play to the down-home strengths of the presumptive nominees, but Jews attending the proceedings will be emphasizing foreign policy.

Jewish events planned for the week, from a mass reading of the names of Israeli victims of terrorism to intimate chats with top foreign-policy makers, emphasize Israel's role in the party's policy.

U.S. Jews traditionally have been second only to blacks among ethnic groups in their overwhelming support for Democrats, but the party is concerned that President Bush's perceived strong support for Israel could cut into Jewish support for Democrats.

That explains the emphasis on Israel at the convention's Jewish events, which start in Boston the evening of July 25 and run the whole week.

The importance the party attaches to the Jewish vote was reflected in the confirmed guest list for a July 25 reception co-hosted by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the United Jewish Communities: Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), the presumptive vice-presidential nominee, and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the minority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Among other highlights of the week, celebrities will read the names of the Israeli terrorism



Kerry button in Hebrew

victims, and there will be invitation-only AIPAC meetings with top party foreign-policy drafters and strategists.

"The Democratic convention will focus on their support for Israel," said Jess Hordes,

Washington director for the Anti-Defamation League, which will host several Jewish events at the convention. "They want to attempt to neutralize the credit the Bush administration has built up with the Jewish community in its support for Israel and combating anti-Semitism internationally."

By contrast, other parts of the convention will play equally to domestic and foreign policy strengths of the candidates and the party platform, a balance reflected in the theme of the convention, as enumerated Tuesday by chairman and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson: "Stronger at home, respected in the world."

Party literature suggests that if there were to be an emphasis, it would be on the domestic side: Speeches on July 26 focus on job

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Charitable gift annuities may meet the needs of some women

By Peri Ann Aptaker

Many women tend to neglect or postpone their financial and retirement planning. By ignoring their financial and investment education today, they seriously jeopardize their financial security later in life.

Women often have different financial concerns than men. They tend to look at money differently. Traditionally, women have been less involved in the household's financial decisions and feel less educated or certain about finances and investments. Many older women left financial decisions to their father, husband, or a trusted outside advisor. Times have changed, and so have women's views of finances.

Because women live longer than men, they need to manage their money for potentially a long time, perhaps doing so without having any earned income. In addition, women who work still earn less than their male counterparts — about 25 cents less on every dollar earned. Most women's retirement plans trail their husbands; many women

began working later in life, after caring for children, and some worked part-time.

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Sudan

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Arab militias and allow human rights observers into the disputed region of Darfur.

But most observers are skeptical that the government will make good on its promises, and pressure on the Khartoum government is mounting.

Most Jewish fund raising focuses on internal Jewish issues, such as support for Israel, Israeli victims of terrorism, local social services and the needs of Jewish communities around the world.

But Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, who for several years has been trying to place the Sudan violence on the public agenda, said there's no reason Jews shouldn't focus on other people's problems too. "I do it as a Jew because I think Jews should be sensitive to other peoples as well," Wiesel said. "I cannot just live isolated."

These positions on Sudan increasingly are becoming public. This week, the Washington-area Jewish Community Council is hosting an interfaith vigil to protest the killings in Sudan. That comes on the heels of a protest last week at the Sudanese Embassy in Washington, co-sponsored by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

"When genocidal activity is going on, Jews need to be at the forefront," Rabbi David Saperstein, the center's director, told JTA at the rally. "We've been the quintessential victims."

Federation funding JCC preschool at Sinai

PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Board voted to allocate \$98,000 of endowment funds to support three community building initiatives.

The Jewish Community Center will open a pre-school satellite program at Temple Sinai in Cranston, following a successful year at its first satellite program at Temple Habonim in Barrington.

Rabbi Peter Stein, of Temple Sinai, said, "This is an important step towards bridging the gap between the vibrant and growing West Bay Jewish community and the central Jewish organizations on the East Side. Families are already at the heart of so much of what we do, and the JCC Pre-school will ensure a solid foundation for young families in building a life of Jewish commitment and involvement."

In addition, the Federation will continue to support two ongoing Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) initiatives, which include "Celebrations: Jewish Life in the Marketplace" and the Mobile Creativity Center at the bureau.

Celebrations provides programs connected to Jewish holidays, rituals and lifecycle events. These hands-on programs have included *sukkah* building at Home Depot, *challah* baking at Kitchens, Etc. in Warwick and family programs at the Roger

Williams Park Zoo. Hundreds of people have attended these events; for many it is their first introduction to the Jewish community. This grant will enable the initiative to continue to expand and reach more people.

The BJE Mobile Creativity Center is a program started last year through an endowment grant. The staff has worked throughout the Jewish community to assist with professional development, from Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro to Temple Shalom in Middletown, to Congregation Tifereth Israel in New Bedford.

Hunger challenge raises \$105 million

PROVIDENCE — For the seventh consecutive year, R.I. philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein's annual spring challenge to fight hunger has encouraged more than 1 million people nationwide to contribute to local anti-hunger agencies. In March and April, the Feinstein Challenge raised more than \$105 million. A list of the contribution agencies can be found at www.feinsteinfoundation.org.

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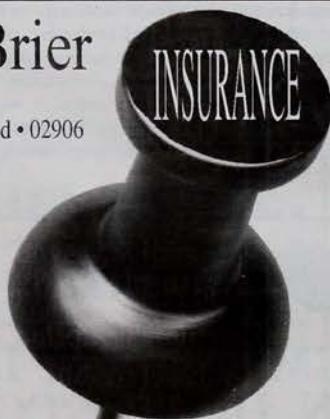


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Working with the RI chapter of the ACLU and the RI Department of Education, I won passage into law of an affirmation of the privacy of students' public education records. This new law also defines the right of students and parents to add comments to the records when they question or contest particular items.

I worked with RPIRG and the Sierra Club for cleaner air and less traffic congestion. My bill provides for a partnership between employers who have subsidized parking for their employees and RIPTA; the parking subsidy can be replaced with a monthly RIPTA pass.

The atmosphere surrounding civil rights issues has been extremely contentious both nationally and locally. Yet, I am proud that, working with various advocacy groups, we achieved the following:

- Again in 2004, reproductive rights in RI remain intact.
- We more than doubled the number of legislators willing to support legal recognition of the civil marriage of same gender couples.
- Legislation that I co-sponsored with Representative Joseph Almeida and Senator Rhoda Perry to eliminate the chilling, degrading and ineffective police practice of racial profiling is now law.

I hope you remember my early, steadfast support for Separation of Powers. To the then displeasure of the Democratic leadership, I co-sponsored the legislation, voted to over-rule the Judiciary Committee and signed discharge petitions to bring the issue to a vote. My minority position has finally been adopted by the majority, and you will have the opportunity to vote for Separation of Powers on November 2.

I am disappointed that my vote in opposition to the casino referendum did not prevail. The West Warwick casino project is at best a lazy job creation and at worst counter-productive to economic development, damaging to Providence's restaurant, entertainment and hotel business, and therefore a proposal which I could not recommend to voters.

I hope you will join me in working against this referendum on the November 2 ballot.

The Providence delegation worked successfully to restore funds the Governor had cut to state aid to education and other programs that support our city. Unfortunately, we were not able to achieve an increase in state aid, which would provide some property tax relief.

This issue will be a priority of mine in the next legislative session.

Looking forward, I am eager to discuss my 12 years of experience, effectiveness and independence as your voice in the Rhode Island House of Representatives. I will walk door to door this summer and fall asking for your support for my re-election in the September 14 Democratic Primary and the November 2 General Election.

As always, please do not hesitate to call me at 274-7078 with your questions and concerns.

Very truly yours,

Nation

John Edwards' instincts 'in line' with Jewish voters, supporters say

By Matthew E. Berger

WASHINGTON D.C. (JTA)—U.S. Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) doesn't need to represent a state with a lot of Jews to understand the needs of the Jewish community, supporters say.

The National Jewish Democratic Council called Edwards "an outstanding friend of the American Jewish community and a powerful supporter" of the positions "held by the vast majority of American Jews."

"His basic instincts are in line with the community," said Ryan Karben, a Jewish state assemblyman in New York who represents an area with several Chasidic communities.

He has a solid voting record on Israel, pro-Israel lobbyists say, and he emphasizes

issues that resonate with many Jewish voters: health, education and poverty.

Edwards visited Israel with colleagues from the Senate Intelligence Committee in 2001 and was there when a suicide bomber attacked a Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem.

"I think the trip left on him an understanding," said Randall Kaplan, a Greensboro businessman who is a board member for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "He really gets the strategic issues, the existential issues."

"As long as the Palestinian leadership fails to end terror, Israel has a right to take measures to defend itself," Edwards has said. "Such defensive measures are not the cause of terrorism — they are the response to terrorism."

At Democratic convention

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creation and expanding health care. Highlights also will include the life stories of Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Edwards, emphasizing down-home attributes: Kerry the war hero, and Edwards the poor boy who helped the disenfranchised fight corporations.

Domestic policy is not a hard sell to Jewish voters, Jewish Democrats said. Still, some Jewish events are planned to address domestic issues, including an ADL commemoration of Jewish-black cooperation during the civil rights era and an encounter with "Blue Dogs," congressional Democrats who lean conservative on fiscal and social policies. That, Forman said, was to remind Jewish voters that their best home was with the Democrats, especially as the GOP leans more to the right.

Forman acknowledged the emphasis on Israel derived from concerns over Bush's strength on that subject but said he felt confident that by the time of the convention, the Democratic Party would prove that its nominees were stronger on the issue. One National Jewish Democratic Council session tentatively is titled "Are Jews becoming Republican?"

The party went some way last weekend toward erasing impressions that it lags on Israel issues by matching Bush word-for-word on his historic recognition this year of some Israeli land claims in the West Bank and his rejection of any Palestinian refugee "right of return" to Israel.

Pro-Israel activists said they welcomed such consistency and would be looking for more of it in encounters at the convention, especially in maintaining the isolation of Syria, Iran and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

"It will be an opportunity for people to express their appreciation for the Democratic Party's important and abiding support for Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship," said Josh Block, an AIPAC spokesman, "for Israel's construction of its anti-terror barrier, congressional concern over Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and Syria's continued misbehavior, and unwavering Democratic support of Israel's partnership in the war on terror — especially in the last few years when Israel has weathered an unremitting assault from Palestinian terrorism."

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West Bank outposts

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Jewish groups oppose marriage amendment

Jewish groups reiterated their opposition to a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. On Monday, the Anti-Defamation League sent a letter to Republican and Democratic leaders urging them to vote against the amendment, which is backed by President Bush. "Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is as ugly as any other form of discrimination," said the letter, calling the proposed amendment "divisive and unnecessary." The Reform Movement, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Boston Jewish Community Relations Council also have expressed opposition to the amendment. The Reform movement's Religious Action Center helped organize a letter opposing the amendment.

AIDS is global challenge

A Jewish group called the AIDS epidemic one of the world's "greatest challenges." A represen-

tative from the American Jewish World Service noted the vast scale of the disease as the 15th International AIDS Conference continued in Bangkok. The conference ends Friday. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Jerusalem AIDS Project also sent representatives for a special gathering of researchers on HIV and AIDS in the Middle East. In Israel, some 3,000 people live with HIV or AIDS out of a total population of 6.7 million.

Hadassah calls flood White House

Hadassah members tried to call the White House en masse to protest President Bush's policy on stem cell research. About 1,500 members of the women's Zionist organization attempted to call the White House on Tuesday at the same time from the group's convention in Phoenix, but many received busy signals or the calls did not go through. Hadassah is seeking expanded federal funding for stem cell research and wants additional stem cell lines to be available.

Coalition attacks Moore's rhetoric

The Republican Jewish Coalition attacked filmmaker Michael Moore's views on Israel. The organization on July 8 released a three-page fact sheet on Moore, whose film "Fahrenheit 9/11" has received national media attention, and disdain from many Republicans. The group notes that Moore has protested Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and in a recent book suggested that arming Palestinians with

missile-firing Apache helicopters would make the Israeli-Palestinian conflict more fair. The executive director of the coalition, Matthew Brooks, said he had received numerous questions from members about Moore's views on Israel.

Herzl honored

Israel honored Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, on the 100th anniversary of his death. A blue-ribbon audience attended memorial services July 8 at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, the final resting place of the Hungarian-born journalist. He died on July 3, 1904, and was reinterred in Jerusalem after the establishment of the State of Israel 44 years later.

Jews lash ICJ

U.S. Jewish officials expressed outrage at the International Court of Justice's opinion against Israel's West Bank security fence. The 14-1 opinion issued last Friday called Israel's fence illegal and said it must be torn down.

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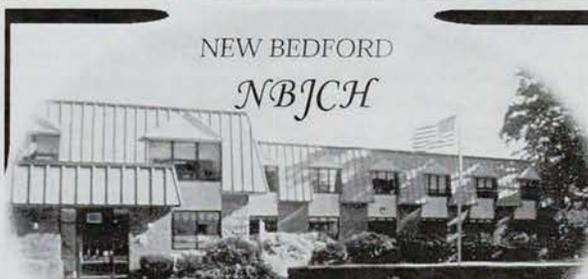
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Greenlock puts kids on the right trail

By Mary Korr

REHOBOTH — When her children were young, Sheila (Nelson) Greenbaum, a former special education teacher, devoted her volunteer efforts to the Jewish community she grew up in. She was on the boards of Temple Beth-El, the National Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Family Service. She also taught first grade at Temple Beth-El for many years. But now she spends most of her time working as a therapeutic riding instructor for children with disabilities at the Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. in Rehoboth.

She is the "Green" in Greenlock. Her partner, Edith Wislocki, is the "Lock." They, along with physical therapist Liz Baker, have developed a nationally recognized center for hippotherapy, where children with disabilities receive therapy on horseback, and where therapists come to be trained.

There are about 130 students who come to Greenlock with a wide range of disabilities, including Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, and other neurological and developmental disorders. Children as young as 18 months come for early intervention. Youngsters are referred from Hasbro Children's Hospital, the Meeting Street School and the Wolf School for therapy, among others. The center has an extensive waiting list of children.

Children in the mild-to-moderate range often advance to therapeutic riding with Green-

baum, but without the assistance of a therapist. "When they're ready to learn how to ride, they come to me," she said.

"It's very labor-intensive," says Greenbaum one Friday morning, as a young girl with cerebral palsy is lifted onto Pumpkin, a tawny little draft horse. The child wears a helmet and sits on pads with adaptive equipment — most of the children cannot navigate a saddle and stirrups. Greenbaum leads the horse, with a teacher on one side and Mary Helene Chaplin, one of the center's physical therapists, on the other. They walk through green pastures and wooded trails, calling out to small animals and the resident donkey. Chaplin is working on helping the child to develop core muscle strength, to sit upright, and to hold her head up. The rhythmic gait of the horse helps the child feel and absorb the balance that comes naturally to most toddlers.

Some riders are placed in a prone position on the back of the horse, or across the horse, to encourage the rider to track visual objects, to relax muscles, and feel the center of the horse. In the course of therapy, this promotes balance, movement and coordination off the horse. Each child has an individual riding plan.

The center would not exist without its 40 volunteers says Greenbaum. Kathy Lerner is an active volunteer. "My passion is working with children and animals," she said. "Growing up

Jewish taught me a certain set of values. You must volunteer, give endlessly of yourself to feel whole," she said.

She has noticed a bonding experience between the children and the horse. "Each child knows the name of the horse," she said. "They almost always pet them and say goodbye. Some bring carrots to feed them."

Greenbaum said the riding builds self-esteem in almost every student, who may come to the first session anxious and afraid. This was the case with Tony, a tiny Cambodian boy found wandering in the streets in Providence, shoeless and speechless. He was terrified when he met his mount, Mosa, but eventually came to love him. It came as no wonder that the boy's first word was Mosa.

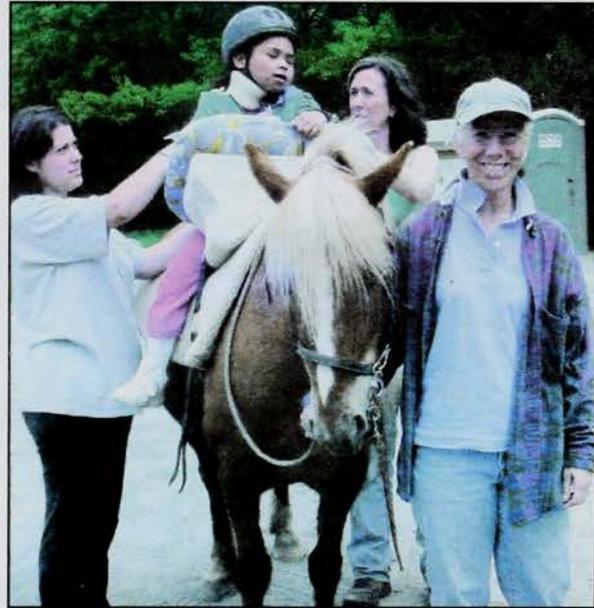
There are nine horses at Greenlock. They work several half-hour sessions a day and have a siesta in the afternoon. Half of the horses have been donated to Greenlock. Buying, feeding and training a therapy horse is an expensive proposition. Pumpkin cost \$1200 last summer.

"The therapy horse has to be kind and quiet," says Greenbaum.

"They can't spook if a bird flies in the indoor arena or a child wails," said Lerner.

The horses used in therapy are more mature, and generally between 5 to 25 years old.

For more information on Greenlock, visit the center's website at www.greenlock.org or call 508-252-5814.



TRAIL RIDE — Sheila Greenbaum leads Pumpkin, a horse used in hippotherapy, at the Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. in Rehoboth. The young rider is a student who comes for therapy from the Meeting Street School in East Providence. A physical therapist, Mary Helene Chaplin, at right, and a Meeting Street School staff member are at her side.

Photo by Mary Korr

Father of local author honored in Rome

ROME (JTA) — Rabbi Vittorio Della Rocca was only 11 years old at the time, but he will never forget a historic Shabbat at Rome's Great Synagogue 60 years ago. It was June 9, 1944 — just five days after Allied troops had liberated the city from the Nazis. And on that first Friday night of freedom, an American Jewish chaplain led 4,000 Jews in the *Shehecheyanu* prayer.

"It was an incredible scene of joy and euphoria," Della Rocca says. "There was a black spot, though, as everyone among us started counting to see if they could find all their loved ones."

The Rome temple was the first large synagogue to be liberated in Europe. The American chaplain was Lt. Morris Kertzer, a young rabbi from Iowa City, Iowa. Attached to the U.S. Fifth Army, he had landed with thousands of other U.S. troops at Anzio and witnessed the Allied liberation of Rome on June 4. Kertzer died two decades ago.

In June, almost 60 years to the day after that historic Shabbat service, the Rome Jewish community presented a hand-lettered scroll of appreciation to Kertzer's son, David. A professor at Brown University, David Kertzer has gained renown



DAVID KERTZER of Providence displays the hand-lettered scroll presented to him in Rome on June 17th in honor of his father, who helped conduct the first Shabbat service in Rome's Great Synagogue after its liberation in 1944.

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in recent years for his books on Italian Jewish history.

"For my father and for all Jewish-American soldiers, to participate in the liberation of Europe was an extraordinary experience," Kertzer said. "My father's experiences here had a big impact on me, and it's not really a coincidence that I chose the field of study that I did," he said.

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Camp JORI is multicultural

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tennis and volleyball courts, cabins, docks and dining facility that sprawl the 72-acre plot. JORI offers a comprehensive summer camp that caters to the diverse interests of the younger Jewish community.

This summer, Camp JORI welcomed a multi-cultural staff that connects campers to life in Israel and elsewhere. Three of the camp counselors have been sent from Israel in conjunction with the Jewish Agency and, in the words of camp director Ronni Guttin, "They bring Israel home for the kids." These counselors trained for six months to be a part of the program which affords them the opportunity to work in one of 180 camps around the country for two months, followed by several weeks to explore the United States.

Raanan Klain is the second in his family to be involved in the program and he works as a lifeguard and sports instructor. The former tank gunner is a professional diving instructor

and is certified in first aid, but his campers seem to appreciate his athleticism and tremendous pillow-fighting capabilities most of all.

Dana Gal is a 20-year-old native of Tel-Aviv who recently finished her term as a tank instructor with the Israeli military. She lived for two years in Ohio with family before returning to Israel; at JORI she works as a counselor and cultural instructor.

Ido Shwartz, 21, hails from Rehovet and this is his third visit to the United States. With his extensive Navy experience, he is a natural as swim instructor and soccer coach. "America is bigger and there is more technology," said Ido. "In Israel, I didn't have email until I was 19 and things like internet cell phones are much less common."

There are also two counselors from Spain and France, adding a European flavor to the camp experience. All of the counselors expressed that they



ADAM FREEDMAN angles on the dock at Camp JORI.

were thankful for being treated so well, and for the opportunity to live in such a beautiful place. For more information on Camp JORI, call (401-783-7000) or check out their website www.campjori.com.

Josh Korr is a student at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., concentrating on music and creative writing.

Exhibit celebrates centennial of Isaac Bashevis Singer

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rare photographs, journal entries, rough drafts, his famous Underwood "Yiddish" typewriter and his Nobel Prize certificate, is on display at the center through Sunday, July 18. These articles illustrate Singer's life — from his humble beginnings in Warsaw to his home in New York. The exhibit is integrated into the Yiddish Book Center's permanent

display of Jewish literature and artifacts.

A second exhibit, on display until October, features the illustrations of Margot Zemach (1931-1989). In addition, Singer worked with Maurice Sendak on the children's classic *Zlateh the Goat*. Sketches from the book are on display.

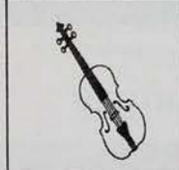
A third display, which runs

through October, offers rare photographs of Singer in his later years, taken by his neighbor and renowned photographer Bruce Davidson.

Singer's love of Yiddish was never lost: "In a figurative way, Yiddish is the wise and humble language of us all, the idiom of a frightened and hopeful humanity," Singer said.

For more information on the exhibit, check out the official website of the Singer Centennial at www.singer100.org

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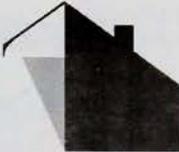
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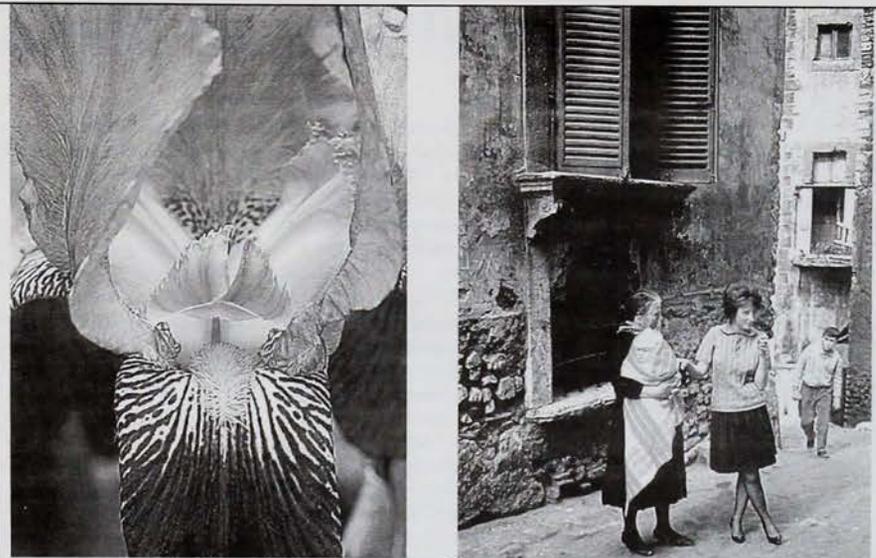
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found in his work a special eye which often saw the world in a way that did not occur to the rest of us. In 1941 his parents gave Rumpler his first camera and he has continued to this day with a love of photography. He had his

first darkroom in the late 1950s and worked exclusively in black and white for about 20 years. He will be present at an opening reception on Sunday, August 1. For more information, call 861-8800, ext. 108.

R. I. Holocaust Museum will hold teacher workshop

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum will hold a teacher workshop on Aug. 18 entitled "Literacy Through the Lens of the Holocaust." This workshop will focus on using literature to teach the Holocaust and using Holocaust literature to improve students' literacy.

The keynote speaker will be Rabbi Robert Sternberg, executive director of the Hatikvah Holocaust Education and Resource Center in Springfield, Mass. Also presenting will be Frieda Soble, executive director of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum; Holocaust survivor Alice Goldstein; Barbara Wahlberg, English teacher at Cranston High East and a Mandel Fellow of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; and Karen Paley, professor of Holocaust literature at Rhode Island College.

The sessions will be held at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Teachers will receive seven hours of professional development credits from the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which is extending a grant of federal funds to the Museum for this project.

There is no cost to attend the workshop. A kosher lunch will be served. To register, send your name, address, phone numbers, profession, and employer to Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R.I., 02906, 453-7860, or email rhodeislandhmm@aol.com.

Holocaust Museum names board

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum installed new officers and members of the board of directors at its annual meeting on June 9.

Installed as a new lifetime board member was outgoing president Arthur Fixler. Officers for the coming year are: co-presidents, Ellie Frank and Selma Stanzler; vice presidents, Stanley Abrams, Toby London,

and Paul Silver.

The new secretary is Rita Singer. Continuing as treasurer is Peter Mezei.

Board members installed for a new two-year term are:

Edward Bochner, Rebecca Brenner, Ruth Fixler, Aram Garabedian, Lynn Glick, Alice Goldstein, Donald Hogue, William Kolb, Susan Odessa, Richard Perlman, Deborah Shuster,

Jay Strauss, Mindy Wachtenheim, and Rita Williams.

Board members installed for a new one-year term are: Melissa Baker, Jeanette Bornstein, and Carol Sugarman.

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Chased Schel Amess names officers Hadassah honors local women with national award

WARWICK — The Chased Schel Amess Association, operators of Lincoln Park Cemetery, held its annual meeting July 11.

The Association's nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: Michael Glucksman of Warwick, president; Joel Gerstenblatt, Warwick, 1st vice president; Sanford Reich, Providence, 2nd vice president; Ross Feinberg, Cranston, treasurer, and Susan Vederman, West Warwick, financial secretary. All except Feinberg are incumbents.

Nominated for three-year terms on the board of directors are Barry Forman, Stephen Kosofsky and Sydney Goldstein, all of Warwick, and Ernest Schleifer, Jerry Sherman and Sam Mendelowitz of Cranston. The board is comprised of 18 elected members and one representative appointed by each organization owning land at the cemetery.

JCC offers yoga, prenatal yoga

PROVIDENCE — Ongoing yoga classes are being held at the Jewish Community Center this summer. The schedule is:

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LORRAINE WEBBER, left, of Warwick, received the annual Hadassah leadership award at this year's annual meeting. With her is Rosalind Bolusky, outgoing president.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — At their annual meeting on June 7, Rhode Island Hadassah announced one of their members, Lorraine Webber, of Warwick, was named the recipient of the 18th annual Hadassah National Leadership award. The award honors members for their contributions in civic, educational and cultural organizations, both within and outside of the Jewish community.

Webber served as president to the Cranston-Warwick chapter of Hadassah, three terms as president of the Rhode Island chapter, and has been the bulle-

tin editor and program chair. She served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, as the president of the Providence League of Women Voters, a board member of the Visiting Nurses Association of Rhode Island and has delivered Meals on Wheels. She also served on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Women.

"Lorraine Webber personifies today's ideal Hadassah woman, and we all share a sense of pride for this tribute that she deserves," said outgoing president Rosalind Bolusky.

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Book Review

Jazz impresario takes readers backstage

By Mary Korr

Myself Among Others, A Life in Music, by George Wein with Nate Chinen, Da Capo Press, paperback, 2004, 546 pps.

George Wein, who orchestrated the first Newport Jazz Festival 50 years ago, writes a memoir from his unique vantage — the best seat in the house.

He brought jazz — from swing to bebop to fusion — and later folk music, to a worldwide audience, beginning in 1954. The first Newport festival played over two nights at the Newport Casino. Performing were jazz legends Billie Holliday, Ella Fitzgerald, the Dizzy Gillespie

Quintet, the Oscar Peterson Trio, the Gerry Mulligan Quartet, Mahalia Jackson, Big Maybelle, Louis Armstrong, Dinah Washington, Chuck Berry, Thelonious Monk, and many others.

In his autobiography *Myself Among Others, A Life in Music*, the jazz impresario credits his mother with his success. When he secured \$20,000 in funding for the first festival, from Newporters Elaine and Louis Lorillard, who originally conceived the idea, he was elated — and petrified.

"I remember driving at top speed from Boston to Newton, to report the news... It was nearly three in the morning when I pulled up to the house on Ward St. My parents were both asleep when I barged in and breathlessly told them what had happened. I still wasn't sure whether I could shoulder the responsibility."

He was 29 and ran a jazz joint in Boston and played jazz piano around town.

His mother told him: "George, this is a great opportunity. These people are placing their trust in you, and you can do something with it. You've got to produce something extraordinary."

Extraordinary it was. The era of the outdoor festival began, as did Wein's long career in the music business. Literally, Wein was backstage with all the jazz greats of his era. The volume is full of anecdotes about the human side of the musicians, for whom he had great empathy. He describes their troubles, addiction to drugs and alcohol, and their triumphs. "I was born at the Newport Jazz Festival on July 7th,

1956," Edward "the Duke" Kennedy Ellington wrote in his autobiography. It was a rebirth; the Duke's career had suffered since the demise of the ball-rooms.

Wein writes about the Duke, after hours. In his room after a concert, the Duke would almost always be on the telephone with his collaborator, Billy Strayhorn, who was the Duke's alter ego. The Duke always kept a small electric piano in his room, and sat up composing most of the night.

He offers a rare, behind-the-scenes look at Billie Holliday, Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis, and later on at the early years of the folk festival backstage with Joan Baez and Bob Dylan.

Wein's interest in music began around the family radio, which played vaudeville shows. "Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, Harry Richman and Rudy Vallee were so familiar to me as a child that they might have been members of my extended family."

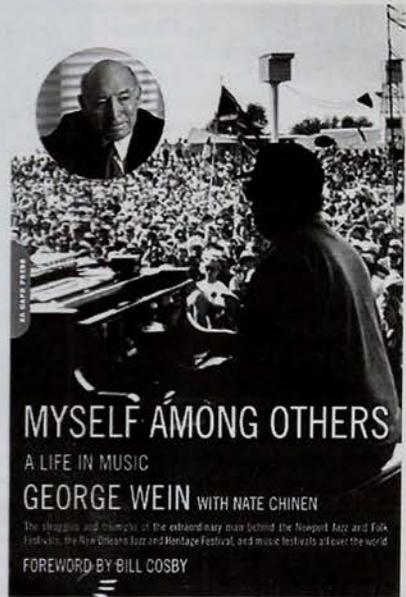
He grew up seeing jazz performed at Boston clubs. He first saw the Duke Ellington Orchestra in 1940, when he was 15 years old and a sophomore at Newton High School. He was mesmerized.

Later on, Wein would play

jazz piano on what was dubbed the "Buckets of Blood" circuit doing "8-day weeks," with performances every night plus a Sunday matinee. For him, it was always going to be an avocation. "I would have only been a musician fulltime if I thought I was good enough," he writes.

He wanted to go to Harvard, but was turned down twice. In the interim, he was drafted into the military during World War II, and attended Boston University after his discharge. He married Joyce Alexander, who was black, in secret because his mother and father did not approve of interracial marriage.

This year's festival will be held in Newport Aug. 11-15. For the schedule, visit www.festivalproductions.net.



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Arts & Culture



Dave Brubeck

Brubeck to perform with cantor, Providence Singers

NEWPORT — The Newport Jazz Festival opens Wednesday, Aug. 11, with Dave Brubeck presenting "The Gates of Justice." He states that "the essential message is the brotherhood of man." In notes to the recent recording of "Gates," Neil W. Levin writes: "The piece focuses on the historic and spiritual parallels of Jews and African-Americans, who forged a bond during the civil rights movement. It is based on biblical and Hebrew liturgical texts - together with quotations from Martin Luther King's speeches, as well as Negro spirituals and from the Jewish sage Hillel, and with lyrics by Brubeck's wife, Iola."

This performance, dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights bill, features tenor soloist Cantor Alberto Mizrahi and Kevin Deas, an African-American baritone, and includes the Dave Brubeck Quartet, plus the Providence Singers.

The performance is scheduled for Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Rogers High School in Newport. For tickets, visit www.festivalproductions.net.

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Modigliani exhibit at the Jewish Museum

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 and works were impacted by this anti-Semitic climate.

Modigliani spent much of his life suffering from a variety of illnesses which, at one point, forced him to switch from a life as a sculptor to a focus on portraiture. His work was influenced by contemporaries such as Cezanne. Unfortunately, unlike his contemporaries, he was not a successful artist during his lifetime, relying on a few patrons to support him. He died young, at the age of 35.

This exhibition certainly does justice to the breadth of his work. Our guide informed us that the more than 100 works

in the collection came from over 50 countries and was the most extensive Modigliani retrospective to date. The paintings and sculptures themselves showed a gift for getting into the souls of his subjects and it was amazing to see one artist adept at so many mediums. If you are interested in learning more about this tal-

ented, but troubled artist, plan a trip to the Jewish Museum before Sept. 19.

For more information, visit www.thejewishmuseum.org or call 212-423-3200.

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Food

Summertime and the roasting is easy

By Marylyn Graff

Here are some easy side dishes which will complement just about any barbecue.

Summer Roasted Potatoes

Quick, easy and a nice change from potato or pasta salad

3 lbs. red-skinned potatoes, the smallest ones

1/4 - 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil

3 or 4 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped or 1 tblsp. minced garlic from a jar

1 tblsp. fresh or dried rosemary

Wash potatoes well and put into a plastic bag. Pour in oil, garlic and rosemary. Squish around to coat potatoes thoroughly. Wrap in heavy-duty aluminum foil and cook on a moderate grill for about 30 minutes or until tender.

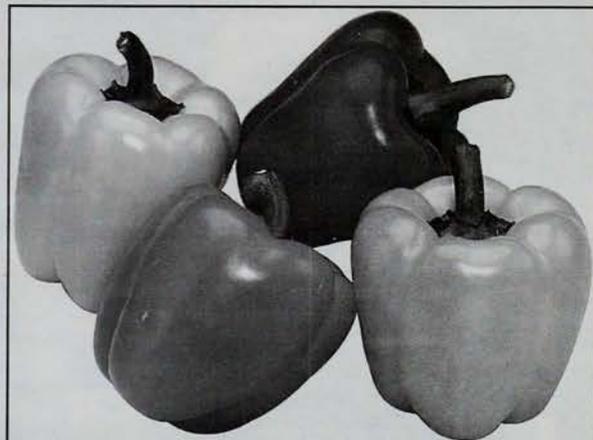
You can also cook these in a 400-degree oven in a baking dish.

Summer Roasted Vegetables

Wash and cut into chunks any combination of eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash, red, green and yellow peppers, ears of corn cut into 2-3 inch pieces, onions and about 10 unpeeled cloves of garlic.

Put all into a plastic bag, pour in about 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil (enough to coat vegetables, depending on how much you are using.) Add at least a tablespoon of mixed Italian or Provençal herbs or mix your own of basil, oregano, thyme, tarragon and any others you like. Add salt and pepper if desired. Squish around to coat thoroughly.

Put into a mesh or slotted pan and cook on the grill turning often, or in a regular pan in a 400-degree oven until tender to your liking. (The roasted garlic cloves are delicious squeezed out onto the vegetables.)



Italian Bread Salad

Small loaf of day-old (or longer) firm-textured crusty Italian or French bread, or equivalent in thick slices.

15 oz. can chicken broth
1 medium-large red or other sweet onion

2 or 3 ripe tomatoes, depending on size

Assorted black and green olives

Flat-leaf parsley, about half a bunch

Vinaigrette dressing. I make mine with Good Seasons Italian mix (in envelopes), using extra

virgin olive oil, adding about a teaspoon of Dijon mustard before shaking.

Cut bread into approx. 1-1/2 inch cubes. Put into bowl and moisten with enough chicken broth to soften. (You can toast bread lightly on a cookie sheet in a 300-degree oven before moistening if you wish.)

Cut tomatoes into large dice, slice onions thinly and chop olives coarsely. Chop parsley. Stir all into bread. Stir in dressing to taste. Let sit for about an hour to allow flavors to mingle.

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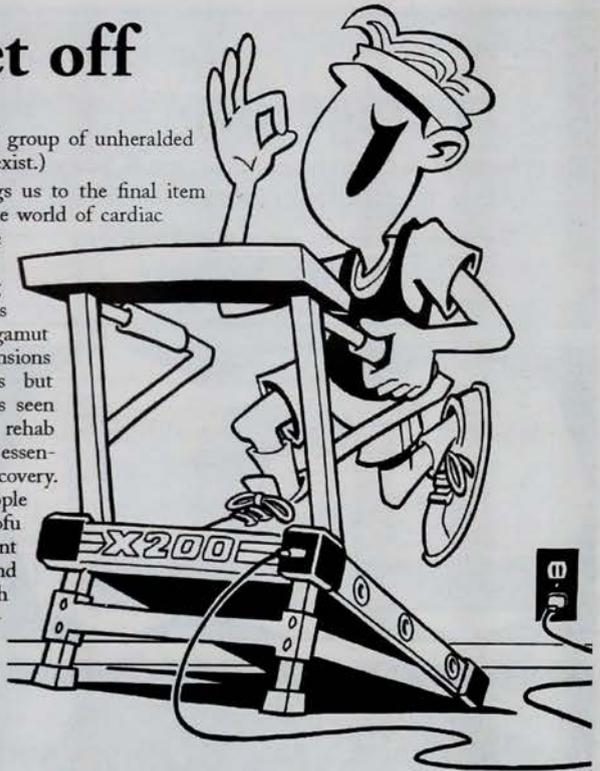
This contribution to medical literature comes to you courtesy of one of the editors of our esteemed publication who asked me to write a humorous piece on the joys of cardiac rehab. I pointed out that in the three years since I had some arteries unblocked I have not experienced any joys in cardiac rehab. But editors get their way by threatening to drop paragraphs from your more serious literary efforts or to print your picture upside down, so I agreed to try.

My cardiac rehab, which now is endured in a cavernous room filled with

peacefully, undisturbed by a lifestyle that emphasized the pleasures of riding in automobiles over the perils of walking. So on any weekday morning the residents of Providence, bored perhaps by their unchallenging lives in the Renaissance City, can visit the cardiac rehab center and observe your reporter, together with other suffering martyrs to physical weakness, rowing boats, pedaling bicycles, walking on treadmills and arm wrestling with weights and other instruments of torture. (There is, however, one positive aspect to our gratuitous suffering. If you should be

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Which brings us to the final item in our tour of the world of cardiac rehab. I write the word "diet" with loathing as one who has experienced the gamut of waistline expansions and contractions but near-starvation is seen by the cardiac rehab profession as an essential element in recovery. These are people who regard tofu as an independent food group and their fetish with calorie counting passeth all understanding. Nor are they content with simple oral statements on food consumption; everything must be written down and total calories listed at the end of each day. I have been doing this for some time and while the results have been good (my shadow has been lessened by 34 pounds) the strain has been great. Did you know that a Girl Scout cookie has 35 calories? You could look it up.



Life has become a daily battle to locate and develop muscles that for 77 years slept peacefully.

metal monsters that may prove to be the weapons of mass destruction missing from Iraq, began in a live-in rehab center in Providence which featured a kitchen staffed with refugees from a KFC franchise, i.e., their only culinary skill consisted of heating frozen chicken breasts.

After a week of this, I complained to the management, explaining that I was an avid devotee of a small Himalayan religious cult which believes chickens are the souls of our departed ancestors and that I was being forced to indulge in a form of retroactive cannibalism. The response was succinct. "Doctor's orders." You can no more argue with cardiac rehab nurses than with editors so I made a mental note to add vicarious cannibalism to the list of sins to be charged against medical practitioners in the doubtful event that any of them should be considered for entrance into the hereafter.

Release back into the real world offered no relief. While my ancestors' souls were spared further depredations, attention was now concentrated on acquiring physical skills that I did not possess even before my surgery. Life has become a daily battle to locate and develop muscles that for 77 years slept

so fortunate as to survive until your eighth decade, you will note that along with getting seats in crowded buses and saving money on movie tickets, there is a downside. Other than with granddaughters, the opportunities for meeting and conversing with attractive young women, for those of us of such ancient lineage, are extremely limited. But the cardiac rehab nurses who take our blood pressure help the more disabled navigate the room, and monitor our progress are, as one of them told me, all graduates of Happy U. Everything is for the best, as in: "You gained five pounds? That's great. You might have gained ten."

Well, that completes my assignment. If there is one thing that our readers can learn from this educational effort, it is that Dr. Stanley Aronson need not worry about any competition from me in the writing of medical literature.

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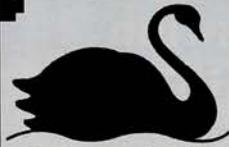
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Medical Arts

Shameful disease in the tenements of New York

By Stanley M. Aronson, M.D.

Among the many infectious diseases which have burdened mankind, there is one that has been particularly distressing to those Jews with ancestry in southeast Europe. Called typhus, it has been historically associated with poverty, ignorance, wretched living, involuntary displacement — and shame.



Stanley Aronson M.D.

Typhus has probably plagued mankind for millennia, but the first typhus epidemic was documented in the year 1566. The armies of Maximilian II of Germany were encamped on the plains of Hungary, preparing to engage the vast Turkish armies. A devastating epidemic erupted in the German armies, forcing them to retreat.

What was typhus like? This sickness begins acutely, with high fever, limb pains, and profound malaise. In its pre-eruptive phase, it resembles numerous other ailments such as influenza.

By the fourth or fifth day the fever is accompanied by intense headaches, delirium and a rash consisting of small pinkish spots appearing first on the trunk and shoulders, then spreading to the extremities, but almost never to the face, (in contrast to measles and smallpox.) The rash deepens to a violaceous color but never develops into pustules. The mortality rate is high.

While the clinical presentation of typhus was certainly distinctive, its epidemiological profile was even more singular. It tended to arise more in winter than in summer, when large numbers of humans were huddled together in wretched hovels. Thus, typhus was associated with refugee settlements, prisons, steerage compartments of ships, orphan asylums and, particularly, armies engaged in combat. Indeed, until the 17th century there was little evidence of typhus in sites other than the military or institutional.

Typhus germs are transmitted from person to person by the body louse, a parasitic insect. The typhus cycle begins when a louse bites a human with active typhus. The germs will then propagate within the louse's intestinal tract, and when the louse next bites it will transmit the infection.

A more careful appraisal of epidemic typhus showed that the disease sometimes assumed a much milder form. Indeed, in a small number of victims the disease may not be apparent.

In 1910, a New York physician named Nathan Edwin Brill described what he thought to be a new disease vaguely similar to typhus, which he had encountered among the newly arrived immigrant Jews. Further studies of Brill's disease verified that it was akin to epidemic (louse-borne) typhus.

In 1934 Hans Zinnser, a microbiologist, came up with an alternate hypothesis. Patients with Brill's disease, he asserted, had contracted a mild form of typhus decades before arriving in this country, and that the disease had remained latent until some physiologic stress had activated the hidden disease.

Zinnser's interpretation had since been shown to be accurate, but the grim specter of typhus still resonates in the minds of those Jews who remember their grandparents whispering that typhus in a family was proof that they lived in filth.

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Teen-on-teen talk and Jewish ideas are behind new anti-addiction program

By Heather Robinson

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Lindsay, a pretty 19-year-old with striking green eyes, remembers calling her parents during her freshman year in college to tell them she was addicted to cocaine. Things had gotten so bad that she didn't even leave her bedroom during the last few weeks of spring semester.

"I had drugs and alcohol, I had a TV, and anything outside was too much for me to handle," said Lindsay, who asked that her real name not be used. "I called my parents, crying, 'I'm going to kill myself!' My parents sent me a huge bouquet of tulips and said, 'Stop being neurotic. You're going to Hawaii soon with us and you'll have a nice vacation.'"

"They're loving, wonderful people," she said. "They just didn't get it." Lindsay now is in recovery at Beit T'Shuvah — Hebrew for House of Return — a Los Angeles-based, inpatient rehabilitation center for Jewish addicts. Last February she told her story to

teenagers as part of a new curriculum designed to bring the message of addiction prevention to Jewish teens.

Developed by Beit T'Shuvah and The Change Companies, a publishing company specializing in educational materials promoting behavioral change, the program uses Jewish principles to encourage introspection and a healthy self-image.

It also seeks to counter the "spiritual bankruptcy" that undergirds addictive behaviors, according to Rabbi Mark Borovitz, a creator of the new program at Beit T'Shuvah. "The reason so many kids today go off into craziness is they're hopeless," Borovitz said. "They need to have a sense of their unique purpose in the world, that no one can fulfill my unique place in the world except for me."

Borovitz himself is a recovered alcoholic, and he frequently shares his story of redemption through faith with Beit T'Shuvah's 120 residents. Between 1980 and 1988, Borovitz was in and out of prison for

crimes including grand theft, insurance fraud and passing bad checks. In 1987, while serving time in a state prison at Chino, Calif., he began to study Torah with Mel Silverman, the Jewish chaplain there.

Upon Borovitz's release in 1988, Harriet Rossetto, founder and director of Beit T'Shuvah, visited him and invited him to work at the center. His work enhanced a budding relationship with Rossetto, and the couple married in 1990.

Borovitz went on to rabbinical school, graduating from the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. Rossetto, Borovitz and Beit T'Shuvah's clinical coordinator, Jennifer Ginsberg, developed the prevention program last year, when a disproportionately large number of Jewish teenagers and their families came to them seeking help.

"Our population is getting younger and younger. We're seeing an inordinate number of youngsters who come from top Beverly Hills families," he said.

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Engagements



Adam Field and Diane Garber

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Alan Field of North Providence and Sheryl Moran of Cranston have announced the engagement of their son, **Adam Field** to **Diane Garber**, daughter of Yvette Garber of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Pawtucket, and the late James Garber. Adam is the grandson of Paul Field and the late Hannah Field, and Miriam Snell and the late Albert Snell.

The future bride is a graduate of URI and works as a marketing manager. The future bridegroom graduated from Syracuse University and is working in computer software development and sales.

The couple is planning a 2005 wedding.

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — **Jennifer Rakitt**, formerly of Providence, became engaged to **Kissinger Goldman** on May 28. Dr. Rakitt is a family medicine resident at Broward General Hospital and lives in Deerfield Beach, Fla. She plans to begin an orthopedic surgery residency upon graduation in the spring of 2005. The couple is planning a spring 2005 wedding.



Sam and Eva Gorman

Together for 70 years

PAWTUCKET — It was a high school student's party in Pawtucket and the hostess was one girl shy, so she asked a friend, **Eva Podorsky**, to even up the numbers.

But wires got crossed and a male guest heard that the party was one boy short of a balance, so he asked a friend, **Sam Gorman**, to join the group.

Eva was 17 and Sam was 18 when they met that night. Last November, the Gormans celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. The description their daughter, **Marilyn Phillips**, of Warwick, offers of the couple is inseparable.

Seventy-four years later, the Gormans are resolutely independent, living in Providence's East Side, attending services

at Temple Emanu-El, ballroom dancing and enjoying their grandchildren (and one great-grandchild).

Veteran Rhode Islanders will recall the Gorman Furniture Company in Pawtucket, where they worked along side each other for many years.

And patients at the Miriam Hospital have a special appreciation for Sam, who, since his retirement in 1985, has been a volunteer in the Miriam's intensive care waiting room.

The Gormans were charter members of Crestwood Country Club. Sam is a mason in the Redwood Lodge, and Eva still plays a mean game of bridge. And it all began with mixed signals at a high school party.

Graduations

High School

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. — **Jennifer Ladd**, daughter of Robert and Sharon Ladd of Chappaqua, N.Y., graduated from Horace Greeley High School as valedictorian of her class.

She is the granddaughter of Seymour and Shirley Ladd of Cranston and Narragansett, and Dorothy and the late Henry Karpf of Philadelphia.

Jennifer will be attending Stanford University in the fall.

MERIDEN, N.H. — **Nathan Ladd**, son of Steven and Judy Ladd of Meriden, N.H., graduated from Lebanon High School. He was elected to the National Honor Society and received the Richard Allen Mathematics Award.

Nathan is the grandson of Seymour and Shirley Ladd of Cranston and Narragansett and Pat and the late William Durant of New Hampshire.

He will be attending Tufts University this fall.

Higher Education

WARWICK — **Sarah G. Caslowitz**, the daughter of

Bruce J. Caslowitz of California and Linda Tyrell of Connecticut, and granddaughter of **Barbara (Caslowitz) d'Oliveira** of Warwick

and the late Arthur A. Caslowitz, has graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a degree of bachelor of science in business administration with a concentration in economics and finance. She was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, the business school honor society and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honor society.

PROVIDENCE — **Michael Gereboff**, son of Murray and Rosalyn Gereboff of Providence, and grandson of the late Maurice and Caroline Gereboff, received an MBA from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Virginia, on May 16.

Michael graduated magna cum laude from The George Washington University in 1998. He spent four years in the Washington, D.C., area as a consultant prior to entering Darden. He will join the D.C. area consulting firm of Booz Allen Hamilton as an associate.

MIDDLETOWN — **Emily Dolan Spitzman** graduated from Brown University on May 31 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is the daughter of David and Mary Spitzman of Middletown and the granddaughter of Meyer and Rachel Spitzman of Providence.

Emily has accepted a position at M.I.T. for one year, before beginning graduate school.

WARWICK — **Andrea R. Weisman** received a Ph.D. in forensic psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology. She works at the Department of Justice in Richmond, Va.

She is a graduate of The Wheeler School and Rollins College in Florida and is the daughter of Fran Walsh and the granddaughter of Mollie Feldman, both of Warwick.

Accolades

Marcia Marker Feld receives lifetime award

PROVIDENCE — **Marcia Marker Feld**, a professor of community planning and director of the Urban Field Center at the University of Rhode Island, Feinstein Providence Campus, was presented with the "Life-



time Achievement Award for Campus-Community Partnerships" by the Office of University Partnerships (OUP), U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The award was presented at the 10th anniversary celebration of the OUP that was held in New Orleans in April.

The founding director of the OUP, Feld created and implemented numerous university-community partnership programs while working under former U.S. Secretary Henry Cisneros and former Asst. Secretary Michael Stegman.

With the recent award, Feld was cited for the pioneering efforts to "create partnerships with community groups, school districts, public housing and local governments for the collaborative development of a high quality of life in every neighborhood."

BU honors Dr. Morton Perel

PROVIDENCE — **Dr. Morton L. Perel DDS**, a prosthodontist and co-editor of the quarterly international journal *Implant Dentistry*, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Service from the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine at its annual event held May 15 in Boston.

He is a diplomate of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and has written numerous journal articles, editorials, and a seminal implantology textbook, *Dental Implantology and Prostheses*. Dr. Perel continues to lecture internationally.

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Births

PAWTUCKET — **Adam Max Miller** was born on May 19 to Andrew and Michelle (Ducuff) Miller. Grandparents are Dr. Robert and Diane Ducuff of Providence and Jay and Barbara Miller of Columbus, Ohio.

Great-grandparents are David and Frances Friedman of Providence, and Morris and Lil Ducuff of Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Adam is named after his great-great-grandmother, Rebecca Friedman, and great-grandfather, Max Miller.

Adam has a sister, Sydney **FRAMINGHAM, Mass.** — Todd and Susan Clayton of Framingham announce the birth of their son, **Zachary Seth** on May 22.

Grandparents are Pat and Beth Butterworth of Wellesley, Mass., David and Ann Weiner of Framingham and Shelley and Mike Clayton of Riverwoods, Ill. Zachary's great-grandmother, Florence Weiner, resides at Tamarisk in Warwick.



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Obituaries

Rose Bezan

PROVIDENCE — Rose (Greenberg) Bezan, 87, a retired bookkeeper, died June 29. She was the wife of the late George Bezan.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Leo and Molly (Beller) Greenberg, she lived in Warwick for many years before moving to Providence in 1999.

Mrs. Bezan was a bookkeeper at the former Broadman Electric Co., and the former King's Drug Store. She was a 1930 graduate of Central High School and the former Commercial High School. She was a member of Hadassah, and a former member of Temple Am David. Mrs. Bezan was a volunteer for the American Red Cross during World War II and worked as a Gray Lady at the Miriam Hospital.

She leaves a brother, Dr. Ernest Greenberg of Framingham, Mass., and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Irene Rosenthal-Reich and Thelma Rubin. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Ida Fish

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Ida (Weinberg) Fish of Pompano Beach, formerly of Providence, died May 26. She was the wife of the late Max Fish of Providence. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Deborah Weinberg.

Mrs. Fish was a member of Hadassah, Miriam Hospital Women's Association, ORT, and Crestwood Country Club.

She leaves three sons, Ronald of St. Kitts, Stanley of Chicago, and Peter of New York; a daughter,

Rita Turk of Aventura, Fla., a sister, Gussie Chase of Boca Raton, Fla., a brother, Paul Weinberg of East Greenwich, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Mark and Hyman Weinberg.

Burial was in Star of David Cemetery, North Lauderdale, Fla. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Florida.

Michael Greenstein

WARWICK — Michael Alan Greenstein, 47, a Warwick School Department employee, died July 4. He was the husband of Rhonda (Summerer) Greenstein. Born in Providence, he was a son of Stanley "Babe" Greenstein of Warwick and the late Davida (Cohen) Greenstein.

Mr. Greenstein had worked for the Warwick School Department for six years. He was a graduate of Cranston East High School. Besides his wife and father, he leaves two daughters, Michelle and Stephanie Greenstein, both of Warwick; a brother, Marc Greenstein and a sister, Hope Patton, both of Cranston; and several nieces and nephews. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Jacob Morewitz

EAST GREENWICH — Jacob Morewitz, a retired salesman, died June 17. He was the husband of Theresa (Waterman) Morewitz. They had been married for 60 years.

Born in Newport News, Va., a son of the late Harry and Sarah (Wasserman) Morewitz, he lived in Philadelphia for 27 years before moving to Warwick in 1978 and to East Greenwich last year. Mr. Morewitz was a salesman at the Noland Plumb-

ing and Heating Co. in Newport News for many years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and re-enlisted during the Korean War.

He was a former member of Temple Beth-Am.

Mr. Morewitz enjoyed painting and was currently attending the R.I. School of Design. Besides his wife, he leaves a sister, Frances Hordes of Cincinnati. He was the brother of the late Celia, Herbert and Louis Morewitz.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Dr. Alex Poljak

BRANFORD, Conn. — Dr. Alex Poljak, 41, of Branford, formerly of Providence, a director of occupational medicine, died unexpectedly July 3 while bicycling with his wife and son on Block Island. He was the husband of Francine Carland and born in Lvov, Ukraine, a son of Jacob and Betty (Rimel) Poljak of Providence, he had also lived in Petach-Tikva, Israel and Paris, France before moving to Rhode Island in 1975. A 1981 graduate of Providence Hebrew Day School, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985 with a degree in biology, and from Stanford University Medical School in 1991. Dr. Poljak served an internship at California Pacific Medical Center and a residency in radiology at Yale New Haven Hospital. In 1997, he completed a fellowship at Yale Medical School in medical informatics. He then founded Medlinx, of New York City, a company developing innovative medical software, and served as its chairman and chief medical officer.

In the 1990s, he was an emergency room physician at the

Yale New Haven Hospital and at a hospital in Meriden, Conn., and an urgent care provider and family practitioner at the Coastline Medical Center. Later, he was an urgent care physician for Healthsouth and US Healthworks.

Dr. Poljak received a master's degree from the Yale School of Public Health while completing a residency in occupational medicine and environmental health.

In March he became director of occupational medicine at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Conn. Throughout his career he published his research in many medical and scientific journals.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves a son, Sergei Poljak of Branford; and a sister, Ina Poljak of London, England.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders, 333 Seventh Ave., 2nd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001-5004.

Herbert Rosen

PAWTUCKET — Herbert Lewis "Rusty" Rosen, a retired co-owner of the Franklin Supply Co., Providence, died June 30.

He was the husband of Barbara (Feital) Rosen. They had been married for 49 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Ida (Golgos) Rosen, he lived in Pawtucket for 50 years.

Mr. Rosen was the co-owner, with his brother, of Franklin Supply, an automotive and industrial supply company, retiring in 1981.

He was active in the John Bartlett Society and had been a tutor at the Martin Luther King Jr. School. Mr. Rosen was a member of Temple Emanu-El and served on the board of direc-

tors of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. He had been a member of the Brown Community for Learning in Retirement since 1981. He graduated from Classical High School, Providence, in 1935 and Brown University in 1939.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Max Paul Rosen of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; a sister, Annette Rosen Myers of Florida, and a grandson. He was the brother of the late Benton H. Rosen.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the Brown Community for Learning in Retirement, c/o Brown University, Box 1959, Providence, RI 02912.

Sidney Tannenbaum

BRISTOL — Sidney Tannenbaum, 91, a retired food broker, died June 25. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Cannon) Tannenbaum. Born in New Haven, Conn., a son of the late Maurice and Rae (Goldblatt) Tannenbaum, he moved to Rhode Island in 1959 and to Bristol in 2004.

Mr. Tannenbaum served in the Army during World War II.

He supervised radio operators in the South Pacific. He was honored in 2002 at the Newport Naval College for his service during the Battle of Midway.

Mr. Tannenbaum was a member of Temple Sinai.

He leaves a son, James Tannenbaum of Cranston; a brother Leon Tannenbaum of Coco Beach, Fla., and two sisters, Beatrice Isenberg and Zeldia Diamond, both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Burial was in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery.

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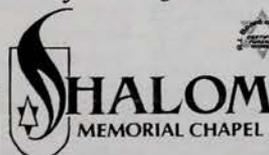
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My Voice

A pilgrimage to a Moroccan Tzaddik

By David Gitlitz and Linda Davidson

In the spring of 2004 we took leave from the University of Rhode Island to complete fieldwork for a book on Jewish pilgrimage customs, which we have been researching for several years. Our fascination with pilgrimage brought the two of us to Morocco, to participate in a *hillula*, an annual festival celebrated at the tombs of venerated rabbis during Lag Ba'Omer.

The most revered Jewish tomb in Morocco is that of Rabbi Amram ben Diwan. This rabbi, who is credited with working many miracles, is buried on the outskirts of the village of Asjen, in north central Morocco. Of the more than one hundred *Tzaddikim* whose graves were venerated by Moroccan Jews in these annual festivals, only Rabbi Amram's tomb still draws significant numbers of pilgrims.

His story belongs to the province of folklore, not history. Legend holds that Amram was sent to the Maghreb (western North Africa) in the late 18th-century to collect money for the Palestinian Jewish community in Hebron. In 1782, near the city of Fez, Amram's son took sick, and when Amram offered his own life instead, the boy was saved. The rabbi was buried in Asjen, which in those days housed a small Jewish community.

In recent years, considerable resources have been spent to beautify the gravesite and to accommodate it to the needs of modern pilgrims. The four-acre oval compound containing the Jewish cemetery is surrounded by a whitewashed stone wall, entered through a single gate that has a barrier that can be raised and lowered. The rabbi's grave abuts a gigantic olive tree that is in bloom at this season, and with each puff of wind it rains its tiny green flowers down on the pilgrims' heads.

Like many Moroccan Jewish gravestones, Amram's is triangular in shape, its two sides meeting at the top like a folded piece of paper. It gleams with fresh whitewash. A plaque proclaims it as his holy tomb. In front of the grave is a large oval of stones that have been burned black from the candles of devotees. Blue benches are arrayed around the tomb. Behind the olive tree is a new synagogue, decorated with geometric tiles and hanging lamps and with a central *bimah* in the Sephardic fashion. It can accommodate about 200 worshipers, and on the *hillula* Shabbat of 2004 it was packed to overflowing with pilgrims and family members of a young man celebrating his Bar Mitzvah.

The whole area is enclosed by an arcade that has been draped with the orange colored cloth and green stars of the Moroccan flag, symbolically sheltering the tomb, the *hillula*, and the Jewish community within the Moroccan cultural context. Vendors display their wares under the arches: candles, skull caps and *tallit* bags, charms and necklaces, Moroccan-style caftans, and framed portraits of *Tzaddikim*, including the Lubavitch Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson and the Moroccan-Israeli Baba Sali.

Why do the pilgrims come? Rabbi Amram is known for the strength of his *baraka* (the Arabic term for *beracha*). The word literally means "blessing" but in the popular imagination it encompasses much more than that. *Baraka* is the power to cure, to work miracles, to provide spiritual guidance, to protect against dangers, and to shelter adherents within the holy man's all-encompassing aura. *Baraka* is the most important attribute of holy figures throughout the Arabic world, be they a Jewish *Tzaddik* or a Muslim holy man.

The *Tzaddik* possesses an unlimited quantity of *baraka* that can be distributed at will, and infinitely, among his devotees. Thus, Jewish and Muslim pilgrims, from the Maghreb to Iran, visit tombs of holy figures to effect cures, to lodge petitions, to make or redeem vows, to give thanks for favors received, and to bring themselves, their loved ones, or their possessions under the sheltering tent of the holy person's protection.

Rabbi Amram is believed to have some of the most powerful *baraka* of any *Tzaddik* in Morocco, with the



JEWISH PILGRIMS — Moroccan pilgrims light candles at the tomb of Rabbi Amram ben Diwan, the most revered Jewish tomb in Morocco, in the village of Asjen, in north central Morocco, during the annual *hillula*, or festival, held during Lag Ba'Omer.

Photo by Linda Davidson

result that a true national cult developed around his grave. People believe that he can cure paralysis and sterility. Women wanting to conceive or hoping for an easy delivery have been seen to wrap a cord around his tomb and then tie it around their waist. One oft-told tale is that a mute boy tumbled into the *Tzaddik's* bonfire during his *hillula* and, crying out to the rabbi to save him, had his voice restored.

Amram was so holy, in fact, that people say that his grave's physical appearance sometimes testified to his powerful *baraka* by radiating a halo-like light. Some claim to have seen him appear at his *hillula* in the guise of a dove or a snake.

Pilgrims pray at the grave, the fire oval, the synagogue, or walking in the olive groves. At any given moment five to twenty people, prayer books in hand, are reciting in Hebrew. Some men chant psalms. One, an old man from Tangier who obviously makes a living by such activities, recites prayers for individual pilgrims' health... in return for a large tip. Other pilgrims seem lost in their own thoughts, or speak their personal prayers of petition to Rabbi Amram. Some pilgrims sit for hours on the green benches, staring into the fire or mouthing silent prayers. The benches serve not only for prayer, but also for eating, conversing with friends and tickling one's grandchildren into fits of giggles.

We did not see the rabbi's tomb glow, but we did see it reflect the light of thousands of candles. Pilgrims do not light the candles; they burn them whole, tossing them one by one or pack by pack into the flickering fire oval.

The visible signs of their devotion range from nil to intense. Some, predominantly men, just pause and fling. Some, predominantly women, perform elaborate ceremonies, touching the candles first to the rocks, gathering the smoke with their hands and rubbing it on their faces. Some pilgrims dedicate each candle or pack to a loved one, speaking in Arabic, Spanish, French, Hebrew, or whatever language they find most comfortable. "For my mother." "For my daughter and her children." One woman embraces the rabbi's grave and mouths silent prayers; another rubs her candles against it before throwing them into the fire. We saw one man, a cell phone pressed to his ear, tossing candles onto the stones while relaying

the prayers of the person at the other end of the line.

Among both Sephardi Jews and Muslims, *baraka* is conceptualized as some sort of physical substance. It is present at and can be removed from the holy site. The holy person's *baraka* resides in everything that comes in contact with the holy place. Thus, some pilgrims place packages of candles or a bottle of water on a stone safely distant from the fire itself, and then after a time, when they have absorbed an appropriate amount of the *Tzaddik's baraka*, pack them up again to take home with them.

When all is said and done, when all the pilgrims have prayed and burned their candles, Amram's *hillula* in 2004 seems to be as much about community as it does about religion. Many of the pilgrims we talked to, in fact, had no clear idea about who Amram was, or when he lived, though no one doubted the power of his *baraka*, and all expressed their delight in being present at his *hillula*. The festival draws a significant portion of Morocco's small remnant Jewish population to this remote hillside for an annual event that affirms their Jewishness and their sense of Moroccan Jewish identity.

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10 Frequently Asked Questions About the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Community Campaign

1. In 2004, how much did the campaign raise?

Together, you, along with 3,532 other people including 481 new donors, raised \$4.1 million. We funded programs in Rhode Island such as our Community High School program for 180 students, early childhood and afterschool programs at the JCC and senior meal site programs for over 150 people. We also supported overseas initiatives to provide hunger relief in the former Soviet Union, where we (American Jews) feed over 250,000 elderly Jews, programs to keep children in Israel safe, and other relief efforts in 87 countries.

2. When does this campaign end and the next one begin?

The 2004 campaign began on July 1, 2003 and closed on June 30, 2004. On July 1, 2004 we will start the 2005 Campaign.

3. Why is it called the 2005 Campaign if it begins in 2004?

There are two reasons for this:

- Funds raised in the 2005 campaign are allocated to the agencies for 2005/2006
- Pledges made to the 2005 campaign do not have to be paid until December 31, 2005

4. Who are this year's campaign leaders?

Alan Litwin, Campaign Chair, with Susan Froehlich and DeeDee Witman as his vice chairs, is heading up an outstanding leadership team. They have already started planning the 2005 Campaign. For more information about these individuals and the rest of the campaign team, check out the Voice & Herald on August 20.

5. When will actual fundraising begin?

Main campaign activity begins in September and runs through the beginning of November. In January-June, we are finishing up the campaign, but the goal is to have the majority of campaign pledges in before the end of December.

6. Why is it so important to finish so much of the campaign by December 2004?

Our agency partners (That's the 40+ agencies such as the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service who are there to serve YOU) rely on a Federation allocation to make their budget. For example, Jewish Family Service needs to know how many home care clients they can serve this year. The earlier we know how much we have, the sooner they can plan.

7. Are there any special events I should know about?

YES! There is a Campaign Event with Alan Dershowitz on Sunday, November 7 and a Women's Alliance event on Thursday, November 4, featuring Lori Palatnik speaking about "Gossip, Lies, and Lessons." Super Sunday, our community phone-a-thon, is scheduled for December 12.

8. How can I stay updated on the campaign's progress?

There are lots of ways to stay up-to-date. Look for ads and articles in the Voice & Herald. Check out the Federation web site, www.jfri.org. Look in the mail for information. Or, call Alla in our development department at 421-4111, ext. 169.

9. How can I get involved?

This is the best part. Anyone can get involved. Whether you make a large contribution or even if you don't make one at all, we need your support. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information, contact our development team.

10. Why should I care about the campaign?

Because you have an incredible impact on people's lives. Whether it is the 400+ seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities who get to celebrate Shabbat through the Jewish Seniors Agency's JERI program, the 4,000 students on campus who will become our next generation of leaders, or the 40,000 Jews receiving welfare assistance in Argentina, we are changing lives and saving lives in our community and around the world.



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