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Fire code changes leave agency leaders in the dark

By Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — It has been nearly two years since the Station Nightclub Fire in Warwick, but the effects of that tragic event are impacting Jewish institutions throughout Rhode Island.

Temple Emanu-El, for instance, had obtained the necessary permits for its expansion, which includes adding an elevator, relocating the chapel and updating administrative offices. Just before the first brick was laid, the fire code changed, and the temple needed some "pretty radical adjustments," according to Temple Executive Director Robert Hill, including a \$200,000 sprinkler system.

Community leaders are complaining the fire code requirements are confusing and continue to change, even as they are being enforced.

"There's nothing to go by... there's not a standard," said Rick Nelson, executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode

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EMANU-EL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT HILL stands beneath the red sprinkler pipes that unexpectedly added \$200,000 to construction costs.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin

Kosher slaughter dispute cuts deep

NEW YORK (JTA) — It's not every day that people affiliated with a strident animal-rights group talk turkey with those who oversee kosher slaughter.

But that's exactly what happened this week, when an unpaid adviser to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals discussed allegations of improper slaughtering practices at an Iowa kosher plant with the head of the Orthodox Union's kashrut division.

Tuesday's late-afternoon talks involving Aaron Gross, a doctoral student at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and Rabbi Menachem Genack were the latest development in a story that has placed the slaughter practices at Agriprocessors Inc. in Postville, Iowa, under question.

They also came one day after the animal-rights group, known as PETA, filed a com-

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Soup's on at Sholom

By Yehuda Lev

PROVIDENCE — Last Sunday, opening day of Judy's Kindness Kitchen at Congregation Beth Sholom, was a windy and wet with the smell of winter in the air. Indoors, it was warm and inviting with the aroma of Judy's vegetable soup everywhere.

The "staff," a score of volunteers from the synagogue and elsewhere, waited, fruit and juice on the tables, tuna and egg salad sandwiches at the ready, for their guests to arrive.

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'Potato Head' menorah for Hanukkah

Nine Mr. Potato Head figures will shine the light on Hanukkah Sunday at a Bureau of Jewish Education outreach program being held at the Warwick Mall. Israeli emissaries Gani Born and Or Lustig enjoyed Robin Kauffman's construction. See Celebrations story on page 27.

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Community Calendar

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Dec. 3 - 8

JCC Hanukkah gift sale
9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Mon. through Thur. (until 4 p.m. on Fri.), Sun. noon - 5 p.m. through Dec. 8. JCC lobby, 130 Sessions St. Gift items for every age, including toys, paper goods, candles, dreidels, menorot. For more information, call 861-8800, ext. 110.

'Enduring Images' at JCC

Dec. 5-31

Gallery 401 at the JCC
Work of Emily Corbato and Ilene Perlman. Photographic exhibit of Jewish communities in transition around the world, including FSU, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, and Tunisia. They are a record of the juxtapositions of ancient Jewish rituals with modern lifestyles. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment. For information, call 861-8800.

Sat., Dec. 4

JCC Casino night, auction
5 p.m. - midnight. Johnson & Wales Inn, Route 44, Seekonk, Mass. JCC scholarship fund benefit. 5 p.m.: No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament (limited seating); 6 p.m.: Casino opens and silent auction begins. 10:30 p.m.: Live auction begins. For more information, see www.jcccasino.org or call 401-861-8800.

Hanukkah concert
at Torat Yisrael

7:30 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. The Ira S. & Anna Galkin Hanukkah concert with Laura Wetzler and Robin Burdulis. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

B'nai Israel Hanukkah celebration

11 a.m., Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St. Woonsocket, RI. Featuring Israeli foods, dreidel games, trivia, and prizes. Participants are encouraged to bring along their favorite menorah and join in a special community candle lighting. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 3-12, and no charge for kids under age 3. For more information, call 762-3651.

Sun., Dec. 5

Mommy, Daddy & Me

9:30 to 11 a.m. 3871 Post Road, Warwick Chabad event, make Hanukkah stained glass, edible menorah, dreidel games, latkes and refreshments. All ages. Pre-registration required. Donation: \$3 per child. To RSVP, call Shoshanah at 401-884-7888.

Am David breakfast & sale

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 40 Gardiner St., Warwick Congregational breakfast and silent auction/sale of sports memorabilia, celebrity items, framed art. For more info, call 401-463-7944.

Babies, kids and kibbitzing
Noon-1:30 p.m. Warwick Mall. Sponsored by the Gateway Committee of the Women's Alliance of JFRI in partnership with BJE Celebrations. For more information, call Rachel Siegal at 401-421-4111, ext. 206.

Hanukkah lights
at Warwick Mall

Noon-4 p.m. Warwick Mall. Display of "lights" significant to Jewish rituals. Crafts for children. No charge. For additional information, contact Robin Kauffman at the Bureau of Jewish Education at 401-331-0956 or rkauffman@bjeri.org.

Fall River Yiddish Club

1 p.m. Adas Israel Synagogue, 1627 Robeson St., Fall River. Hanukkah program by Herb Leshinsky, music by Billy Chebot. Louise Macy presentation: "A Rose by Any Other Name Will Smell as Sweet." Latkes will be served. All are welcome. For more info, call (508) 678-4273.

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

2 p.m. 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Annual Chanukah party. Cantor Brian Mayer will lead songs and festivities; latkes, "soufganiot" drinks and more.

Family Bingo at Torat Yisrael

4 to 7 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Open to the community. A \$5 per family fee includes dinner

and prizes. RSVP to (401)785-1800.

Mon., Dec. 6

Emanu-El Leisure Club

10-10:50 a.m. 99 Taft Ave., Providence. "Jewish Autobiography and Memoir in Film and Print" by Claire LaRoche, PhD candidate in American Literature at URI; 11:10 a.m. - noon "Gems of Animation" by Steve Subotnick, animator.

Tues., Dec. 7

Hanukkah begins
at sunset

Hanukkah at Beth-El

6 p.m. 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Candle lighting and sing-along, followed by entertainment by David Grover and the Big Bear Band. Latkes and applesauce plus gifts for the children.

Wed., Dec. 8

JSA Women's Assoc. meeting

12:30 - 3 p.m. Tamarisk, Shalom Drive, Warwick. Free and open to the public. For information, call Sylvia Brown at 401-944-8398.

Women's Chabad party

7 to 8:45 p.m. 3871 Post Road, Warwick. Make latkes, spin dreidels, discussion on mezuzah. Refreshments. Bring wrapped gift under \$5 (no food). To RSVP, call Shoshanah at 401-884-7888.

Thurs., Dec. 9

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

10:00 - 10:50 a.m. 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Chanukah in the Talmud by Rabbi Levin, Temple Torat Yisrael;

11:10 a.m.-noon, book review by Lillian Schwartz, "David Rosenfelt, A New Author."

Fri., Dec. 10

JCC senior Hanukkah party

11:30 a.m. 130 Sessions St., Providence. Music by Mark Levy, latkes, raffles, and fun. Full hot kosher meal served. Cost: \$5, reservations required. Call Sue Robbio, 401-861-8800, ext. 107 for information.

Sat., Dec. 11

Torat Yisrael
Hanukkah bash

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Dinner and dancing. \$36 per person. Semi-formal. Limited cash bar. RSVP by Dec. 6 to 401-785-1800.

Perspectives Hanukkah party

Make and eat latkes with Chef Doug of JWU. Bring a \$10 unisex gift to participate in the mystery menorah grab bag. Raffle. Refreshments. \$8 with payment by Dec. 8 or \$12 at the

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Community

Changing fire codes cause confusion, higher costs

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Island.

Nelson said the building has already been inspected by the fire marshal, and he is anxiously awaiting the outcome. The aging, 70,000-square-foot JCC also houses the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Bureau of Jewish Education, and the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum. Nelson is concerned that these changes could impact all of them. "Can the Holocaust Museum afford a sprinkler system?" he asked.

The biggest burden came on The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living residence in Warwick, built by the Jewish Seniors Agency. Last minute changes to positioning certain fire poles, updating alarm systems and sprinkler systems, as well as the hiring of consultants and lawyers to navigate the fire laws, came to "close to a million dollars extra," according to JSA Executive Director Susette Rabinowitz.

"Our building was gone over by the fire marshal a minimum of 50 times," she said. She felt that the cost, while great, was worth it for the safety of the residents. "We can say that the day we opened we were the safest building in Rhode Island."

Changing codes

William Howe, chief of fire inspection for the state, said that the fire code laws have been in flux, and "we've taken a lot of hits for this." He said that while the national Uniform Fire Code was updated on Jan. 1 of this year, the Rhode Island laws also changed on Feb. 20 after the Station Fire; new laws were adopted, but the old laws were still in effect.

The main provision of the fire code that has people alarmed is the nullification of

the grandfather clause, which had allowed buildings that had been built under previous regulations to avoid meeting updated regulations. Places of assembly, which are defined as holding 50 or more people, will be required to get their building up to specifications by 2008 at the very latest, and, at the earliest, as of four months ago.

Howe said that the "magic number" is 300 — social halls (not sanctuaries, which are exempt) that hold more than 300 people will need sprinkler systems. The same may go for other offices and administrative areas as well.

No preschool

Cantor Richard Perlman, spiritual leader at Temple Am David in Warwick, said that the projected expenses of upgrading Am David's facility proved to be the deathblow for the planned Jewish preschool that was to open in September.

The preschool would have been the first expansion of the Alperin Schechter Day School, and had the full support of both local parents and ASDS. The preschool's addition, however, required the synagogue to reapply for zoning as an educational facility. The summer after the station fire, however, "zoning was so up in the air that it stalled a lot of planning and preparations," Perlman said.



THE PHYLLIS SIPERSTEIN TAMARISK Assisted Living residence spent close to one million dollars to meet new fire code regulations.

Photo by Mary Korr

Unexpected costs crept into the budget, including expanding doorways, new fire doors and sprinkler systems. Eventually, as parents began to drop out, "we put the project on hold," said Dr. Penney Stein, the head of school at Schechter.

Perlman is distraught over the loss of the preschool, which would have strengthened the synagogue's attraction to younger families. "If the Station tragedy didn't happen, I think Schechter would be open at our temple," he said.

"This is going to be problem for everyone, not just the Jewish organizations," said Stein.

Costs skyrocket

Two of the Jewish community's newest facilities were affected by the changing fire codes, and all were able to eventually open — but at a price. Camp JORI's new campsite in Wakefield was opened to the public for the first time in 2003, but they had trouble opening on time when the codes were changed "in the middle of construction," accord-

ing to Ronni Guttin, camp director.

They had already added smoke and heat sensors in every building, cabin windows that double as exits, and sprinklers in any building that holds more than 16. The fire code, however, required them to add a \$100,000 water pump to allow firefighters better access to water. The camp was able to obtain an emergency loan from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to cover the cost.

Brown Hillel's new building was nine years in the making, and was designed well before the Station fire occurred. According to architect Corey De Boer, "we had

passed all the hurdles," when, in the middle of construction, they were told they needed to add an additional exit staircase from the dining hall to the garden, at the cost of \$20,000.

Rabbi Yossi Laufer, director of the Chabad CHAI Center in Warwick, is embroiled with obstacles of his own; he has been working for three years to obtain permits for his new location on Post Road in Warwick, but says that a cumbersome bureaucracy has stopped him from advancing, even though "we're willing to upgrade firewalls, everything... anything."

While Howe said he can't tell people exactly when they should expect an inspection, he said facilities should plan on compliance with the law even if they aren't doing construction. They might want to consider hiring a professional to do a review so they will be aware of problems before an inspection.

Despite these concerns, Howe is urging people not to rely on their neighbor's advice but to go to the source — contact the State Fire Marshal at 401-294-0861 or their local fire officials.

State Fire Marshal Irving Owens has said that he would welcome the opportunity to sit down with synagogue leadership and discuss fire laws and what the community can do to comply.

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Opinion

A MAJORITY OF ONE Hiding the human casualties of war

It wasn't until a week ago Sunday, in Frank Rich's weekly column in the New York Times, that I learned that the Belo Corporation, which owns the



Yehuda
Lev

Providence Journal, also owns some of the ABC TV stations that refused to show the film "Saving Private Ryan" on Veteran's Day. (For reasons unexplained in its pages, the Journal failed to reprint Rich's column, which it normally does in its Sunday edition.)

As you probably know, the TV networks are in a tizzy because of several instances in which four-letter words and a few over-exposed female bodies were heard and seen during recent network programs. Such words are often hurled in the kind of combat situations depicted in the film. (The use of the most common of these, referring to the reproductive process, was once explained to me grammatically as "heralding the imminent arrival of a noun.")

I didn't see "Ryan," but I understand that the amount of exposure of the female body in the film was nil. The same cannot be said for some of the

combat scenes, especially those showing, graphically I am told, some of the more unpleasant sights that are the price of warfare, namely the slaughter, the dying and the mutilated.

This is an aspect of war that we have been encouraged to ignore by the government and much of the media. No coffins returning from Iraq are shown being carried off the planes at Dover Air Force Base, although now that the American death toll is well over 1,000 with thousands more wounded, it is

numbers. (In fairness, the battle for Fallujah has resulted in extensive coverage by our more daring reporters of the fate of civilians trapped in the fighting.)

Israelis deal with the same issue but in a somewhat different manner. There, the human toll from suicide bombings is not only not hidden but vividly shown on Israeli TV with accompanying outbursts of grief from family and friends. The Palestinians are also just numbers to most of the Israeli media but since the two peoples live bloody cheek by bloody

Two incidents illustrate the folly of believing such nonsense. In Iraq there was the public relations disaster and moral tragedy of Abu Ghraib which led to the disclosure of similar behaviors in other American military prisons. These would not have become public had not some of the participants taken pictures of the partying in the prison.

In Israel, one officer is on trial for having shot a young girl and a second for killing a wounded and helpless Iraqi prisoner. Both of these became public knowledge because other Israeli soldiers reported on the offenders. To them, all honor. To those who knew and said nothing, shame.

The failure on the part of our government, aided by some of the media, to be honest about the human price of war to the people who pay its bills and provide its manpower, is a war crime in itself. The price of victory is not measured in casualties alone, it is also paid in the destructive moral effect war has on all of society, made worse by denial and obfuscation and exacting its toll from us and our children.

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

The leaders of the United States and Israel are agreed on one aspect of the degree of truth they will permit in coverage of their respective wars.

increasingly difficult to hide the human cost to our side of our misadventure in the Middle East.

With the exception of public radio and television and some major newspapers, the human cost to the Iraqi people is generally glossed over. That is the general practice in wars; too dramatic a portrayal of the suffering of the hated enemy is likely to raise unwelcome doubts in the minds of the populace about the wisdom of their leaders. We get numbers but few names. Names might indicate that there are or were real people behind those

jowl, there is opportunity to understand what they are enduring, for those Israelis who want to know.

The leaders of the United States and Israel are agreed on one aspect of the degree of truth they will permit in coverage of their respective wars. Nothing is to be made known to the public that would question the behavior of the troops that are sent into battle. Our soldiers are primarily interested in rebuilding mosques and laying sewer pipes; Israel's soldiers fight by a moral code that would pass muster in a nunnery.

Letters to the editor

Pat Robertson was correct in Allah reference

Recently, sorting out my papers, I read in the Feb. 6, 2004 issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald a note by Yehuda Lev, entitled "Rev. Robertson's take on Islam is over the moon." The author, as usual, exposed the alleged mistakes of his political opponents in order to prove that their total approach is wrong. The Rev. Robertson's supposed mistake consisted in identifying Allah with the local moon god of Mecca called Hubal.

According to Yehuda Lev, "Hubal, it seems, was one of the local gods of Mecca when Muhammed took over the town, and one of the first things the founder of Islam did was smash the idols set up to honor Hubal."

I also formerly thought in (approximately) the same vein. But this time I decided to check. I looked into the encyclopedia *Myths of the World Peoples* (in Russian, Soviet Encyclopedia, 1988, vol. 2, p. 606.)

What I discovered, to my amazement, follows below in my own translation into English. "Hubal, in the Old Arabic mythology the god of the Meccan tribe Kuraysh, from which the prophet Muhammed descended.

Obviously, he was the god-ancestor and the patron of the tribe. Hubal was the chief deity of the Meccan Kaaba. His image in the man's form — a stone statue with the golden right hand — was housed there...as the chief deity of

Mecca, Hubal apparently was identified with Allah. It is noteworthy that there are no references in the Koran to either Hubal or the struggle with his worship.

The Muslim tradition (according to which the worship of Hubal had been imported to Mecca from the state of Moab) did not report about the destruction of Hubal's statue. The Samudian Arabs as well as those in the states of Nabatea and Palmyra had also worshipped Hubal.

Vladimir Vayl
North Smithfield

Yehuda Lev responds:

According to Tor Andrae, whose biography of Mohammed is highly regarded, when Mohammed led his army of 2,000 men into Mecca he went to the Ka'aba, the sacred stone that was central to the pagan religions of Arabia and remains so today for Islam. "Then he rode once around the Ka'aba, descended from his camel, and asked for the key to the sanctuary. He destroyed the idols inside and outside the building, especially Hubal's image, which stood directly facing the entrance."

Whether Andrae or the Soviet Encyclopedia is correct is a matter of interest to me and to Mr. Vayl, but it does not affect my argument that the Rev. Pat Robertson simply didn't know what he was talking about when he equated Hubal with Allah in the lecture

Arafat leaves troubled legacy

The Arab conflict with Israel was never just an Arafat-Israel conflict. The legacy of the late Yasser Arafat will likely confound any American hopes, prayers, or diplomatic efforts toward a real solution to the conflict.

Arafat instilled in his people a deeply rooted hatred for Israel and America; the popular Palestinian response to the 9/11 attacks was to dance in the streets. There is no Palestinian constituency for carrying out

the first step in the US-sponsored road map, the elimination of the terrorist infrastructure.

Now that Arafat himself has become truly "irrelevant," Israel still lacks a Palestinian partner as committed to peace as she is. Americans should oppose any attempt to impose peace on her — or to spend taxpayer money on the Palestinians — before the Palestinians are ready to keep that peace.

David A. Sherman
Needham, Mass.

Specter is no boon for Jews

With regard to the news feature appearing in the Nov. 5 Voice & Herald concerning Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, I would like to state the following: Sen. Specter's re-election to the Senate is not per se "good for the Jews and Israel" as implied in your feature, simply because he happens to be Jewish. As a native Rhode Islander living in the Philadelphia area, and as a liberal Democrat and Zionist, I can tell you Specter is no friend of our people or our homeland.

He is, in fact, a lapdog of the extreme-right wing. He recently stated that Bush court nominees who held anti-abortion viewpoints would not necessarily be "slam dunks."

Specter's being Jewish would be a fine thing, if only he was not a Bush errand boy for the extremists now in charge of our government. I feel he is a traitor to our Jewish causes.

Ken Weinstein
Philadelphia

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ALISON ON ALIYAH

The making of an extremist

I received quite a number of responses to my last article about Arafat's death, many telling me how brave I was to express my opinion to other Arabs and how hard it must have been for me to do so. Each weekly session in my "Co-Existence Through Life Narratives" class seems to open new doors of inquiry, expose new intractable problems, and reopen old wounds that I spend the rest of the week trying to sew shut again.

Two major realizations are starting to dawn on me, and I am finding them startling on a fundamental level. One, that I have become, by quite a large degree, the person farthest to the right on the political scale in our class group; and two, that I have made a fairly dramatic shift in political views in the 13 months that I have lived here as a citizen. I am literally unrecognizable from who I was and how I thought two years ago.

Growing up in Seattle in the '80s, I was bombarded with messages of equality, tolerance, and consciousness of humanitarian rights and values. I was one of the only Jewish kids in my neighborhood, in my schools, and in my group of friends. I went to high school in the middle of Seattle's "Central District," which meant the minority of students was white and racial tensions were at an extreme. If there was one thing that was drilled into my head over and over, and if there was one thing that I internalized completely, it was that racial, cultural, religious, and lifestyle groups other than my own should be respected and treated with total equality, and that all efforts should be made to bridge gaps and create communication between us.

I was zealous in my desire to follow these directives. Most of my friends and all of my boyfriends in high school were non-white. I started an extra-curricular group, "Cultural Relations," within which I planned and executed an entire



Alison Golub

day of school-wide forums on race relations and tolerance. I did volunteer work at the American Civil Liberties Union and attended seminars on curbing race-motivated violence. I was a poster-child for American liberal values.

Meanwhile, I was visiting Israel on a fairly regular basis, once every two to three years starting from age 17. I saw the country as extraordinarily accepting and tolerant; after all, it was the only place in which I had ever felt safe as a Jew and as a woman. I could never understand when my Israeli friends told me that I had "no idea" what was going on underneath the surface.

Once I became an Israeli citizen and began living here as a real member of society rather than simply a tourist or observer, something inside me changed. I realized that tolerance is a lot easier said in America than done in Israel. When I see an Arab get on my bus, I feel fear. When I hear that there are approximately 50 attempts to carry out a terror attack inside of Israel per day, I feel anger. When I see one of these attempts succeed, I feel more anger. With each successive bombing, I can feel my fuse becoming shorter.

In truth, I am just tired of being scared. I am tired of Israelis being killed. I am tired of worrying that one of my friends will be killed. I am tired of worrying that I will be killed. I am furious that Israelis have been made to live this way for so long, and I am sick of hoping that it will simply "get better." I have no more sadness at the plight of the Palestinians, and no more interest in their humanitarian struggle. I simply want this to stop. And I am willing to support pretty much any plan that will accom-

plish this, as long as it will protect us.

And so I have been driven to the extreme of the political spectrum — by fear, and anger, and exhaustion. And it only took a year. As I look back on where I was ten years ago and where I am now, both physically and mentally, I can barely believe the transformation. And unfortunately, I am not alone.

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VIEWPOINT

Holding on for one more simcha

By Diane Gnepp

I watch as our 14-year-old Springer Spaniel, Mattie, circles the house finding the right place to settle. The loop goes from kitchen doorway to dining room doorway. Peering in for familiarity and recognizing no one she sees, I bend down, kiss her nose, and tell her how pretty she is and that she'll always be my baby. It soothes her to a point and then her circles begin once again. We still walk our walks together, trying not to vary the route (which we've shortened and simplified.) But in just a circle's turn, she can be lost again. She vehemently shakes her neck and ears free of the leash I'm forced to put on her. Without it and constant vigilance our life link could be lost.

And so when my Mom calls me on Tuesday night and tells me about the day she spent with my Aunt Bess, her 93-year-old sister, I can hear with my heart what her words have to say.

Their routine is well rehearsed. Lunch is always the same: one tuna sandwich, shared,

Their conversations circle around their parent's immigration, out-houses in the heart of the city, nightly schlepping kitchen chairs to create beds... washing the outside porch steps so they would be clean for Friday night Sabbath.

on multi grain bread, one cup of coffee matched with one shared cinnamon roll. "That's plenty of food," they both remark.

And in their digesting of things in the past they share the silence of knowing each other for 85 years. A face or a date forgotten can still be supplied by my Mom. Their conversations circle around their parent's immigration, out-houses in the heart of the city, nightly schlepping kitchen chairs to create beds, sharing bath water with their three other siblings, washing the outside porch steps so they would be clean for Friday night Sabbath.

Daily they always include one another in their lives: frustrations with their now deceased husbands, disappointments with their children, translating from Yiddish and putting into measurement their mother's recipes, doing errands for one another, planning parties or taking care of one another's children.

They were often mistaken one for the other and they usually didn't bother to correct the mistake, as they

were able to step into one another's life with great ease. But the equality in their relationship has changed and it is now my Mom on whom my Aunt depends to sort through her memories. "Is Uncle alive and how about Miashkah?" And it is my Mom that reminds my aunt how lucky she is to live in her daughter's wonderful home with a wing created just for her. She has her own kitchen, bath, sitting room and porch connected to family who really love her. "Bored," my aunt says. "We all get bored, you are no different than anyone else," is my Mom's usual response.

But we all know that little by little my aunt is easing her way from this world. She who left high school to support the family and who made the highest pink and white angel food cakes and is the only one who fits into my grandmother's matriarchal shoes is beginning to shrink from the weight of age. We press her further to witness

one more family simcha, when her last grandson will be married. Her dreams

tell her different, she says she is to die one week before the wedding. We purchase the new dress she will wear in the wedding, make all the alterations and find just the right comfortable but stylish shoes to complete the outfit.

And so I hang up the phone, walk over to the chair my Springer claims as hers, stroke her head and she gives me a kiss. I realize that someday, probably soon, I will have to let go of the leash that connects her to me. But there is some part of those whom we take into our hearts that will remain. It is a tangible connection that is felt when we do those everyday things with them over and over, never once believing they could come to an end.

Diane Gnepp, a Providence resident, wrote this piece in a writer's workshop at Brown University. Several members of the group continue to meet in an informal writer's workshop.

Mattie, her Springer Spaniel, died after this article was written. Aunt Bess attended her grandson's wedding.

Yasser Arafat: the man who married a cause

By Dennis Ross

As the Middle East negotiator for the United States during the Clinton administration, I met with Yasser Arafat more than any other non-Palestinian — probably more than 500 meetings in a series of windowless negotiating rooms, in his office overlooking the Mediterranean in Gaza, in the Oval Office with the president and privately at his residence. At literally every meeting he hosted, he would serve lunch or dinner. And I mean serve.

In my first meeting with him, in a nondescript house in a residential neighborhood of Tunis in 1994, he cut up our baked chicken and personally dished out a portion to every member of my team. I joked that he was treating me like my mother did whenever I returned home, and he beamed, accepting this as the

ultimate compliment.

But open as he was when it came to welcoming visitors, he was closed and unrevealing in the peace negotiations we conducted between 1994 and 2000. This was both a tactic and a strategy. Tactically, by revealing little, he forced the Israelis or us to move toward his position in an effort to draw him out. Strategically, it was a way to defer choices, to keep his options open, while also keeping his negotiators on a tight leash because they too did not know what he would ultimately decide. Because he kept the ultimate power for himself, I felt it was important to meet with him privately as often as possible. Of course even in our private settings, he could still be maddening to deal with because

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Federation

FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

Jewish federations look to the future at GA

I had the honor to lead a

Rhode Island delegation to the General Assembly (GA) of the United Jewish Communities in Cleveland two weeks ago. It is always impressive to be among

3,000 other Jewish leaders from around the world to study, discuss and celebrate issues facing the Jewish world. And it was a privilege for some of us to be at the award luncheons for Lisa Davis, RI's Riesman Young Leadership Awardee, and Rabbi Alan Flam, JFRI's Rabbinic

Awardee.

This year at the GA, an overarching theme emerged that echoes for us in our community. Federations around North America are in the process of

Jewish business leaders, endowment options presented to every annual campaign donor, and outreach to intermarried couples wherever they live and however they express their Judaism.

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change. Most communities are facing the same challenges we are: an aging population, engaging the next generation of donors and leaders, competing with secular charities in an affluent society, helping Israel to be more central in Diaspora Jews' lives, and developing new models to continue the pertinence of federated giving.

Federations have begun to try new ways of doing business, similar to those being researched by The Partnership, such as venture philanthropy groups for young entrepreneurs, Jewish learning between generations, high-level networking among

Good to Great. Collins and his researchers had studied the difference between good and great companies. What makes the difference between Southwest Airlines and United? He asserts that great companies and organizations are not built overnight. They are a cumulative effort. They require individuals and leaders with a passion for their product, reinforced by a dogged determination to succeed. They stay true to their values and purposes, but are relentless in promoting new ways to operate.

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for the most vulnerable among us, lifelong learning, and performing acts of loving-kindness. We know that we must be bold. We are exploring and beginning new ways of operating. As I said at our Community event, the community thanks you for your dollars. But now the community needs your thinking, your risk-taking, your energy, your passion, and your time.

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Federation to hold 'Super Sunday' phonathon

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out greater Rhode Island, asking community members to make a gift to the 2005 community campaign.

A gift to the campaign provides local agencies and those in Israel and nearly 80 countries worldwide with the necessary funds to support services for the most vulnerable. This year, volunteers will discuss the importance of an increased gift, as the needs both locally and abroad continue to multiply.

Bonnie Steinberg Jennis and Richard Jennis of Providence will co-chair the event. "Super

"We also want to stress the importance of community members to heed the call they will receive," says Richard.

Two sessions will be held, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls, work on the children's activities and to offer general assistance. Training will be provided on the day of the event.

For more information, contact Tracie Goldman at 421-4111, ext. 162 or tgoldman@jfri.org. You can also sign up on the Federation's website at www.jfri.org.

Campaign funds key programs in agencies, schools

By Sara Masri

The impact of the nationwide economic downturn has been felt by a number of Jewish agencies and schools in Rhode Island.

At the Jewish Community Center (JCC), membership is down over the past two years, resulting in fewer scholarships available for families who need it. Since childhood experiences such as a Jewish pre-school have a significant impact on Jewish connections as an adult, this is a serious issue to our community.

Jewish Family Service (JFS) offers counseling, senior meal programs and home care to children, families and seniors. Most of these programs are offered on a sliding fee scale; those who can afford to pay more essentially help to defray the costs for others. In an economic downturn, these programs may be in jeopardy.

The two Jewish schools, the

Alperin Schechter and Providence Hebrew Day Schools, are meeting the educational needs of over 300 Jewish students. In recent years both schools have cited increased scholarship requests as a major issue, and there are some families who have chosen not to send their children to day school because they cannot afford the tuition. Similar to pre-schools, providing Jewish day-school education is one of the top indicators of Jewish connectedness as adults.

The 2005 annual Federation campaign is integral to these organizations. Last year, the JCC and JFS each received an allocation of over \$300,000 and the day schools received over \$150,000 combined.

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Sara Masri is planning and allocation director at the Jewish Federation.

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G.A. focuses on reinventing image of federations

CLEVELAND (JTA) — In the pink halls of the Cleveland Convention Center, a black Jew opened the annual conference of the North American Jewish federation system by belting out familiar Hebrew prayers with a gospel twist.

Under the banner "Imagine," the theme of the United Jewish Communities' 2004 General Assembly, Joshua Nelson's rousing rendition underscored the conference message of reworking an old song to a new tune — that is, reinventing the image of the federations.

Giving a younger, hipper face to the largest American Jewish charity, Josh Malina, star of the "West Wing" television drama, moderated the Sunday night opener of song, sermon and stories, inspiring many in the audience. But with the closing of the opening act came a focus on more mundane matters — the ins and outs of federation fund raising and ways to reach new donors and contributors. In a sense, in this city of ultimate insiders — Cleveland has an impressive track record of spawning national federation leaders — came the ultimate insider's G.A. But this G.A. was markedly different, and it was meant to be.

The United Jewish Communities, the umbrella group for the federation system, created a committee to envision a



LIVE GENEROUSLY — A giant tzedakah box displayed at the 2004 United Jewish Communities General Assembly in Cleveland in mid November attracted delegates who wrote notes to American troops overseas and donated money to buy them sundries. The tzedakah box drew attention to UJC's Live Generously initiative.

Photo by Robert A. Cumins

new G.A. that would focus on grooming Jewish leaders. A track was devoted to professional development with an emphasis on reaching a younger generation, whose attention is tougher to garner amid a slew of competing charities.

"It's time to focus" on strengthening federations to raise more money, said Steve Rakitt, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta. "We're doing that."

"We're talking about more relevant things," agreed Fred Zimmerman, president of the

Jewish Federation of Nashville and a member of UJC's board of trustees. "I think they're making great strides" in areas such as reaching younger activists and interfaith families. The challenge is refurbishing the image of the federation system, which many see as closed to new and younger voices, Zimmerman said. The perception is that "it's your parents' philanthropy," Zimmerman said. But, he said, "this can be a place where great things happen, and it is."

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Nation

Slaughter dispute cuts deep

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plaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The complaint alleges that the plant is violating Jewish law by not instantly killing the animals, and therefore is violating U.S. laws of slaughter, which allow for Jewish ritual slaughter.

The telephone discussion between PETA and the Orthodox Union ended in an impasse, participants said. The controversy — which has alarmed some Orthodox institutions — is being seen as the most widely publicized dispute over kosher slaughter in the United States in a decade.

At issue is an undercover video taken by PETA-affiliated individuals over a seven-week period between July and September of this year that shows animals being slaughtered at the Agriprocessors plant, which processes meat for the Rubashkin/Aaron's Best label. One of the plant's supervisors is the Orthodox Union, a major supervisor of kosher food in the United States.

In the gory video, one slaughterer cuts a cow's throat, resulting in extensive bleeding, while another takes the trachea out. Other clips show cows running around and looking alive after the killing is presumably completed. "This is not how shechitah is supposed to be done," Tal Ronnen, a spokesman for the Norfolk, Va.-based PETA, said, using the Hebrew term for ritual slaughter.

"If it's done correctly, the animal is supposed to be dead in 30 seconds to one minute."

Orthodox officials, while admitting the video isn't pretty, don't agree, saying that reflexive movements by animals after they are slaughtered are not uncommon.

"We thought it was in consonance with the halachah," the O.U.'s Genack said after viewing the video.

PETA first raised the issue with Agriprocessors last June after being tipped off to allegations of improper procedures inside the plant.

On Monday, PETA filed a complaint with the USDA, complaining that government regulations were not being followed at Agriprocessors. It sought suspen-

sion of the plant's license and possible criminal proceedings.

Steven Cohen, a spokesman for the USDA, confirmed the government agency had received the PETA letter but said it was waiting to review the video before deciding how to handle the complaint.

For its part, Agriprocessors released a statement this week saying it follows the practices set out by its kosher supervisors.

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Bush reaches out to Europe

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Signifying a change from President Bush's first term, top foreign policy officials in the Bush administration are aggressively courting European nations to play a more active role in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

At the same time, JTA has learned, the officials are actively reaching out to American Jewish officials to assure them that President Bush's new proactive posture in the Middle East will not diminish his closeness to Israel.

President Bush has made it clear that he sees a new opportunity to push for peace now that he has weathered re-election and Palestinian Authority President

Yasser Arafat has passed from the scene.

Bush wants Palestinian Authority elections, slated for Jan. 9, to go smoothly, and is nudging the sides back toward direct talks.

Getting Europe on board would pay dividends because the Europeans are believed to be capable of influencing the Palestinians. Additionally, Bush, who plans a tour of European capitals in February, is seeking European help in pulling Iraq back from the brink of chaos. Elliott Abrams, the top Middle East official on the National Security Council, has met at least twice since Election Day with European ambassadors

to discuss the peace process. Participants described the meetings as unusually open and warm; Abrams was more willing than ever to listen to European concerns about Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's policies, they said. It was a sharp reversal from the coolness marking differences over global warming, trade and the Iraq war.

Last week, Bush notably singled out Germany, France and Britain to thank them for their work in persuading Iran to suspend its nuclear enrichment, though the administration reportedly remains deeply skeptical of the agreement's chances of success. In addition, the first foreign leader Bush met after his election was British Prime Minister Tony Blair. The new U.S.-European warmth is consistent with renewed European engagement in the Middle East, as the German and Spanish foreign ministers prepare to launch regional tours.

"There's a confluence of interests that has come with the passing of Yasser Arafat," said Lewis Roth, assistant executive director of Americans for Peace Now. "The bottom line is that the Bush administration needs the Europeans for a number of projects in the Middle East."

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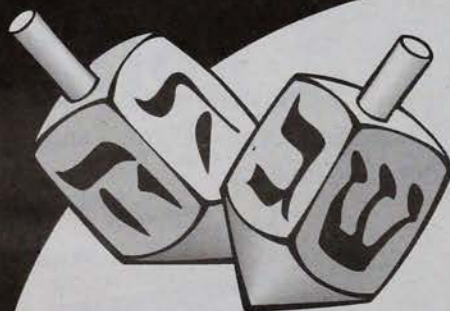
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Kiev unrest

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Photo by Vladimir Matveyev

Hezbollah TV remains on air

PARIS (JTA) — A year of intense pressure from Jewish organizations has come to naught after France's public broadcasting authority said it would allow Hezbollah's television station to continue transmitting.

In a move slammed by Jewish groups, the CSA public broadcasting authority rejected an Interior Ministry recommendation that Al-Manar's transmissions be "immediately terminated," issu-

ing Al-Manar a new licence on Nov. 19.

Because the station is broadcast across Europe through the French-owned Eutelsat satellite network, the decision effectively allows Al-Manar to continue transmitting throughout the 25-state European Union. Jewish groups began protesting the channel following the transmission of the virulently anti-Semitic Syrian-made series

"Al-Shatat," or "Diaspora," during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in October 2003.

The CSA said this week that it had received assurances from Al-Manar that the channel would cease broadcasting hate material, and therefore could be licensed.

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World

Orthodox convene in Israel

By Dina Kraft

JERUSALEM (JTA) — North American modern Orthodox Jews say they can explain their connection to Israel in one word: Torah. "It's an organic existence. An Orthodox Jew grows up and believes that Eretz Yisrael and the people of Israel are one. The fulfillment of Torah is Eretz Yisrael," said David Cohen, director of Orthodox Union activities in Israel. "It's not about connection. It's who we are."

It's this Torah-observant lifestyle, Cohen says, that brings the Orthodox on aliyah in disproportionately large numbers and has led them to visit Israel even during the darkest days of intifada violence and to send their children here to study.

It also accounts for the record numbers of participants at the Orthodox Union convention in Jerusalem last week, organizers said. More than 800 O.U. members from 25 states and Canada gathered in Jerusalem for the group's bi-annual convention over the Thanksgiving holiday, and hundreds more were turned away for lack of space. This was the first year the convention was held in Jerusalem, and attendance



OU MEETING — The Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Yona Metzger, second from right, and the Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Amar, at right, attend the opening of the Orthodox Union's annual meeting in Jerusalem on Nov. 24.

Brian Hendler/JTA

far surpassed the 500 or so people who typically turn out for O.U. conventions, said convention chairman Stanley Weinstein of Miami Beach.

The Orthodox Union represents mainstream modern Orthodox Judaism in North America. About 125 synagogues were represented at the conference, including smaller congregations from places like Newfoundland and Texas.

At the close of the convention, the Orthodox Union passed a resolution expressing reservations about Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw troops and settlers from Gaza Strip. The resolution did not come out either for or against the plan.

Holocaust database online

RAMAT GAN, Israel (JTA) — Sitting in her living room in Israel, Anita Noan inches her chair closer to the computer screen and peers at a grainy black and white image of her aunt that she has never seen before. Noan's aunt, Lisetta Luzzatto, was killed in 1944 at the age of 51 at Auschwitz. She died along with her husband Cesare, a retired Italian army general who thought the Nazis would never dare come for him.

Their names, and the details of their lives and deaths, are now among three million entries collected in the world's largest database of Holocaust victims, created by Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust memorial. The database was made available on the Internet last week and had already received some 1.85 million visitors by early this week.

The database, at www.yavashem.org, holds the names of about three million of the six million Jews who were killed during the Holocaust. It includes some biographical details, photographs, scans of some handwritten documents, and links to other victims and more information.

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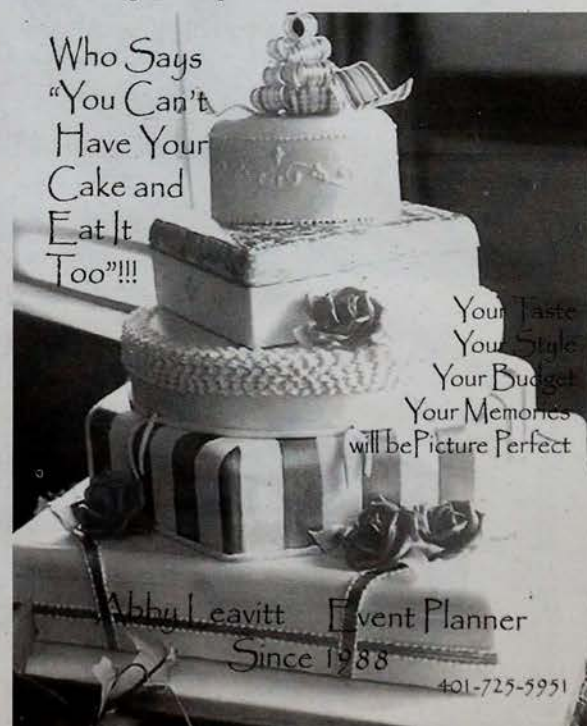
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Rice meets top Jews

Condoleezza Rice told 14 U.S. Jewish officials that Palestinians and Israelis have expressed interest in "seizing the opportunity" for peace after Yasser Arafat's death. President Bush's national security adviser and secretary of state nominee met Monday evening with leaders from an array of Jewish organizations, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Reform movement, the Orthodox Union, the Israel Policy Forum, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the Anti-Defamation League. Participants described the hour-long question-and-answer session as "very warm" and "in depth." Rice said Israelis and Palestinians appeared to understand the opportunities created by the passing of the Palestinian Authority president earlier this month. She also committed the United States to the battle against anti-Semitism, and to monitoring Iran's nuclear development.

Violin incident dismissed

The Israeli army vindicated troops who were present when a Palestinian man began to play his violin at a West Bank checkpoint. The head of the Israel Defense Forces' central command, Maj.

Gen. Moshe Kaplinski, said Tuesday that the Palestinian who began to play his violin for a few seconds at a checkpoint last week was not coerced but did so of his own volition to show soldiers that the instrument was not a bomb. An Israeli watchdog group filmed the incident, which was shown on national media and evoked, for some pundits, images of the Holocaust. Musical instruments have been used in previous terrorist attacks: On Tuesday, an Israeli military court handed down a life sentence to a Palestinian who gave an explosives-packed guitar to the suicide bomber who struck at a Jerusalem Sbarro restaurant in 2001.

Shoah Foundation honors Clinton

The Shoah Foundation will honor President Clinton with its Ambassadors for Humanity award. The award, which honors individuals promoting tolerance and understanding, will be presented to Clinton on Feb. 17 in Los Angeles. "President Clinton's leadership around the world in the struggle against racial, ethnic and religious bigotry accords perfectly with the Shoah Foundation's mission and makes him an ideal recipient of our annual award," said the group's founding chairman, filmmaker Steven Spielberg.



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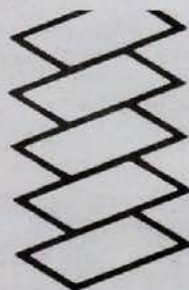
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Community**Habonim sending ark to Hillel**

By Mary Korr

BARRINGTON — Brown Hillel is in need of an ark and Temple Habonim happens to have a portable one to spare.

Since the 1970s, the 6 1/2-foot-tall mahogany cabinet has traveled to churches, hotels, and backyard Bar and Bat Mitzvahs — anywhere congregants were holding Jewish events.

Now, it will travel to Brown.

Rabbi Mitchell Levine, who serves as the rabbi at Brown Hillel, admired the ark when he saw it at a Board of Rabbis meeting at Habonim. "Rabbi Alan Flam mentioned to me that he had long thought that it would be appropriate to transfer it to Brown Hillel, and encouraged me to pursue the idea, if I liked it. I wasted no time in approaching Rabbi Rosenberg and his congregation on such an important opportunity for the students at Brown."

The ark has links to Brown. Jean Segal Fain, who donated it to Temple Habonim three decades ago in memory of her father, is a Brown graduate. And the sculptor, Hugh Townley, is a retired Brown professor of art.

"It's very heavy," said Seymour Glantz, a temple congregant, as he affixed a donor plaque to the side of the ark. For his son's Bar Mitzvah, "it took four of us to carry it from where the temple used to be (on County Road) and across the parking lot to the Red Church."

Barrington Jewish events were often held in the Red Church and the White Church in town, because the temple had no space.

No one has ever dropped it, said Fain.

"Fulfilling its purpose as a k'li kodesh, holy vessel, seems to be its destiny," said the temple's rabbi, Jim Rosenberg.



MEMORIAL ARK — Jean Segal Fain stands in front of the portable ark in Temple Habonim. The design recalls the tents the Jews used in the wilderness. It features a six-pointed star underneath the two tablets of the Ten Commandments. Two shofar-like forms rise from the back.

Photo by Mary Korr

Mazon awards \$28,000 to R.I. food groups

LOS ANGELES — The Jewish hunger relief organization MAZON has awarded \$20,000 to the Rhode Island Community Foodbank. An \$8,000 grant was also awarded to the George Wiley Center in support of its efforts to increase participation in food stamps, school breakfast

and summer food programs throughout the state.

A total of \$216,000 in grant money has been given to organizations in Rhode Island since 1989.

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SHUL ON THE HILL — Carl Adler, from Providence, examines a prayer book at a mountain synagogue in Safed in Northern Israel. Adler was one of 17 Rhode Islanders who went to Israel on a private tour this November.

Photo by Jason Strauss

Discussion series at Agudas Achim

ATTLEBORO — On Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7:15 p.m., Rabbi Elyse Wechterman will lead a discussion entitled Hanukkah: Not for Dreidels Only," at Temple Agudas Achim.

Each month participants

will discuss an aspect of modern Jewish life from a Reconstructionist perspective.

Topics throughout the year include the changing role of women in the Jewish community, organized prayer, home

rituals and traditions, Shabbat, and Passover. Members and non-members are invited to attend. For a complete schedule and more information, call the synagogue office at 508-222-2243.

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CLIFF LANDER, right, holds onto the original architectural rendering of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Bureau of Jewish Education, which he spied up at an antique shop in Taunton, Mass. "I saw it and it bothered me for days," said Lander, of Fall River. He went back and picked up the 1972 painting by renowned Rhode Island architect Henry Markoff. Lander has donated the painting to the Jewish community. Above is a close-up of the image.

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Emanu-El shelter opens for the winter

PROVIDENCE — Temple Emanu-El is now open to provide shelter for homeless families each night of the week, except Mondays. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and meal preparation.

The temple is also collecting donations for the Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program. The following items are needed: soap, toothpaste, combs, brushes, shampoo, deodorant, feminine napkins, toilet paper, napkins, paper goods, plastic utensils, dental floss, mouthwash, socks, hand/foot warmers, hair pins, Band-Aids, wash cloths, and hand towels.

Rebecca Kislak and Gina Najjar are again serving as co-chairs of the Shelter Committee. For more information, call 331-1616.

Sinai invites hearing impaired for Hanukkah

CRANSTON — Temple Sinai is holding its annual Hanukkah party, featuring games, crafts and refreshments, on Sun. Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There will also be a magic show with sign language for students attending from the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the Learning Center for Deaf Children, and the Jewish Religious School for the Deaf in Framingham, Mass. Hanukkah candles will be lit, with the blessings in sign language.

The temple is located at 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston. For more information, call the temple at 401-942-8350.

Holocaust Museum library becomes more 'user-friendly'

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, has amassed several hundred volumes about the Holocaust and related topics, but until now they have not been readily accessible.

Presently, Stanley Abrams, a vice-president of the museum and an avid reader, is reviewing and categorizing the collection to facilitate its use by students, teachers, and the public. Except for a reference section, all books are available for loan.

The museum is continuously adding to its collection and welcomes donations of books or funding to purchase new books. For hours or more information, call 453-7860.

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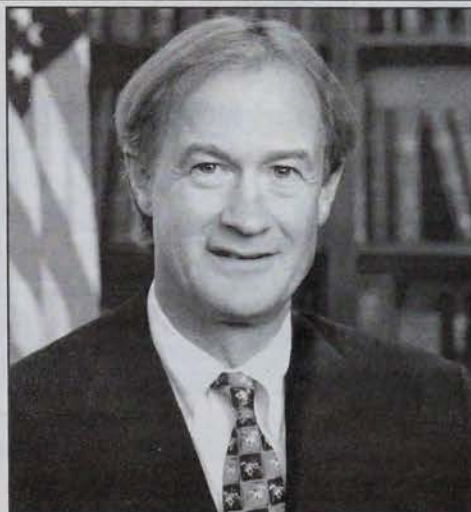
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Have a sweet Hanukkah

By Marylyn Graff

How about something a little different this holiday?

Sweet potato latkes



Two cups grated or finely shredded sweet potatoes, about 1 large

Two large eggs, lightly beaten

1 small onion, grated

1/2 - 1 tsp. salt

Cooking oil

You can grate or shred the sweet potatoes by hand or in a processor or blender, depending on the texture you prefer. (If using a blender, put the eggs in first or it won't work well.) Grate or shred the onion with the potatoes. Mix well with the eggs and salt.

Put about 1/4 inch oil into a frying pan and heat until a bit of batter sizzles. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls into hot oil and flatten with a fork. Fry until brown around edges, 2 to 3 minutes, and turn. Brown on other side and drain on paper towels. Latkes should be thin and crisp. This amount makes about a dozen 2-3 inch latkes. Serve alone or with applesauce or, for a dairy meal, sour cream. Best eaten hot out of the pan, but you can keep them warm in the oven if you have to. This batter doesn't discolor so you can make it early

and refrigerate.

If you are going to refrigerate or freeze the latkes, undercook slightly and reheat in hot oil.

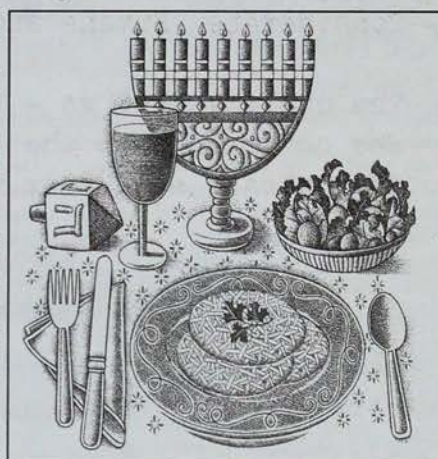
You can make white potato latkes the same way, but stir in a tsp. of lemon juice to prevent the batter from browning.

I don't add any flour or matzo meal to my potato latkes because I like them thin and crisp.

You can be as creative as you like with latkes; here are a few suggestions.

Spinach: 1 box of frozen chopped spinach, thawed and very well drained, 2 eggs, about 1/4 cup flour, a small onion, grated, 1/2 to 1 tsp. salt and, for a dairy meal, 1/2 cup or more grated parmesan cheese per pkg. of spinach.

Zucchini: About 1 lb., unpeeled and shredded (several hours ahead to drain liquid.) 2 eggs, a small grated onion, 1/2 to 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 cup flour. Add about 1/2 tsp. each of dried herbs such as thyme, basil, oregano.



Grated parmesan as above for a dairy meal.

Eggplant: About 1 lb., peeled and cut up. (Sprinkle with salt and put into a colander with a weight on top to drain for about an hour. Then rinse and dry on paper towels.) 1 onion cut up, 2 eggs, 1/4 cup flour 1 tsp. lemon juice and herbs as for zucchini. Put all into processor or blender, with eggs on the bottom. Blend until well chopped. If very soft, add a little more flour, or 1/2 cup grated parmesan as above for a dairy meal. These recipes will make about 12 to 15.

Marylyn Graff is the food editor and a copy editor at The Jewish Voice & Herald.

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Food

All about the olive oil: frying up a

By Linda Morel

NEW YORK (JTA) — "I like to have fun in the kitchen," says Susie Fishbein, a stay-at-home mother of four who became an overnight success with the publication of her cookbook, *Kosher by Design*.

While some food writers automatically push the same old latke and brisket menu at Hanukkah, Fishbein offers a lighter touch by mixing in Mediterranean fare. And although she tweaks culinary tradition, she honors it. Fishbein believes in presenting beautiful food in

unique ways. Because Fishbein never attended culinary school, she has empathy for the home cook who is working blindly from a stranger's instructions and, maybe, a picture.

Fishbein describes a recent December when a Hadassah chapter on Long Island invited her to demonstrate how to make beignets, a type of French fritter. "Beignets are fresh and exciting at Hanukkah," she says. "A change of pace from jelly doughnuts."

Watching Fishbein whipping up the beignet batter and

frying fritters, her mother said: "Those aren't beignets, they're punchkis!" She then claimed that Fishbein's grandmother used to make an Ashkenazi rendition of this French confection. "It's the one thing that Bubbe made well!"

Olive oil, a precious commodity in Jerusalem during the Second Temple period, is at the heart of Hanukkah cooking. True to this theme, Fishbein serves family and friends Rigatoni ala Norma, a scrumptious Italian dish made with red sauce riddled with fried eggplant and basil. Her Parmesan Crusted Grouper is a remarkably easy recipe that yields amazingly delicious results.

A perennial favorite, Greek Tomato-Spinach Pizza is surrounded by phyllo dough and layered with fried veggies and ricotta and mozzarella cheeses. Fishbein likes these two dairy recipes because of the role cheese plays in the Hanukkah story.



Beignets

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Rigatoni ala Norma

6 medium Asian eggplants, unpeeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices crosswise

Salt to taste

1 1/4 cups or more olive oil

Freshly ground pepper to taste

4 large cloves garlic, roughly chopped

2 (28 or 32 oz.) cans whole plum tomatoes, drained and chopped

1 Tbsp. sugar

3-4 fresh basil leaves, chopped, plus extra for garnishing

1 pound rigatoni, uncooked

Paper towels

Preparation

1. Lay eggplant slices in a single layer. Lightly salt both sides. Cover with paper towels.

Let stand for 20 minutes. Press on paper towels occasionally to soak up water that will come from eggplants.

2. In a large frying pan,



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eliminate the need for flipping each piece over. When oil is hot, carefully add the eggplant in batches and fry until golden on both sides. Add more oil, if necessary. Transfer to clean paper towels and drain. Season generously with salt and black pepper.

3. Place 1/4 cup olive oil in a large pot. Add the garlic and saute until golden. Add the tomatoes and any accumulated juices. Add the sugar and simmer about 15 minutes. The sauce will thicken. Add the chopped basil leaves and simmer 3-4 minutes longer.

4. While the sauce simmers, prepare the pasta according to package directions until al dente (chewy).

Drain, reserving 1 cup of the pasta water in case sauce needs thinning.

5. Toss the pasta with the eggplant and sauce. Garnish with fresh basil leaves. Yield: 6-8 servings

Parmesan crusted grouper

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup butter, softened but not melted
2 Tbsp. mayonnaise
2 scallions, thinly sliced
4 small (1-inch thick) grouper fillets
1 lemon
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Preparation

1. Preheat broiler to high.
2. In a small bowl, combine Parmesan, butter, mayonnaise and scallions. Reserve.

3 Place grouper fillets on a lightly greased boiler pan. Squeeze juice from lemon over fillets. Sprinkle with black pepper.

4 Broil 6 inches from heat for 10 minutes. Remove from oven. Spread tops of the fillets with cheese mixture. Return to oven and broil for 2 minutes longer, or until topping is lightly browned and bubbly. Remove fillets to platter.

Yield: 4 servings

Beignets

4-6 cups vegetable oil

1 cup milk
1 cup water
1 large egg
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 Tbsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
4 tsp. confectioners' sugar

Preparation

1. Pour oil into a deep pot to a depth of 3-4 inches. Heat oil to 370 F.

2. In a large bowl with the mixer at medium-high speed, combine the milk, water and egg. Add the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Mix until batter is smooth.

3. Using a 1/8 cup measure, drop the batter into the hot oil and fry about 3-4 minutes. Don't make them much bigger or the inside



Susie Fishbein

won't cook properly. The beignets will float to the surface. Turn them a few times, until the beignets are golden on both sides. Remove and drain on paper towels. Use a strainer to sprinkle confectioners' sugar on all sides. Serve hot. Yield: 20-24 beignets.

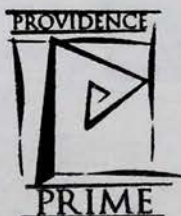
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Make a candle blessings placemat for Hanukkah



Charli Sheer

Hanukkah, the joyous eight-day Festival of Lights, begins each year on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev, this year corresponding to the evening of Dec. 7. The holiday

recalls the 165 B.C.E. battle for religious freedom, by a small army of brave Jewish soldiers, led by Judah Maccabee, against the Syrian Greeks.

According to tradition, "a great miracle happened there" (in Israel) as a sparse supply of holy lamp oil unexpectedly lasted a full 8 days during the clean-up of the devastation in the Temple.

This is the origin of Hanukkah being celebrated eight days and nights.

Hanukkah is anticipated with special excitement by children who look forward to a variety of activities with family and friends. Games of spin-the-dreidel are played with a four sided top on which the imprinted Hebrew letters Nun, Gimel, Heh, and Shin stand for the words "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham" recalling the holiday's "miracle".

Eating latkes, potato pancakes fried in oil, as well as giving and receiving gifts are part of the celebration, as is the donating of tzedakah, money for assisting those in need. The lighting of the candles in the Hanukkah, the Hanukkah menorah, is the centerpiece of all the holiday's traditions. A child can make this Hanukkah blessings placemat as a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration which is both beautiful and practical. The clear Contac® paper covering has a thick, waxy surface which protects tables from candle drippings.

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What you'll do:

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Arrange the printed blessings and some of the shapes on one side of the placemat background. You may also decorate the reverse side of the mat so that you have an alternate design to look at.

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Charlotte Sheer is a fourth-grade lead teacher at The Rashi School in Newton, Mass., and was the Judaic art specialist for more than 16 years at Temple Beth-El in Providence. She lives in Foxboro, Mass.



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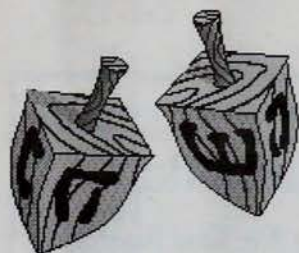
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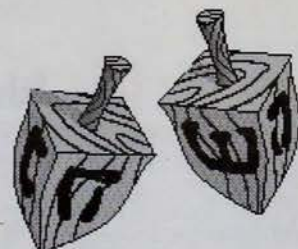
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How to Celebrate Chanukah

Kindle the Menorah on each of the eight nights of Chanukah. See below for the times, number of lights and the order of kindling. The Chanukah lights are kindled in the front window or by a doorway.

You may use olive oil or paraffin candles which are large enough to burn until half an hour after nightfall. Use the *shamash* (service candle) to kindle the lights and place it in its special place on the Menorah.

All members of the family should be present at the kindling of the Chanukah lights. Students and singles who live in a dormitory or in their own apartments, should kindle in their own rooms.

Friday afternoon, the Chanukah lights (which will burn until 1/2 hour after nightfall) are kindled before the Shabbat candles. The Menorah should not be relit, moved or prepared, from the time Shabbat candles are lit, until Shabbat ends and the *Havdalah* prayer is recited. After this time the Chanukah lights for Saturday are kindled.

Menorah Kindling Blessings Before kindling the lights, recite:

1. Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lom A-she-ri Ki-di-sha-nu Bi-mitz-vo-sov Vi-tzi-va-nu Li-had-lik Ner Cha-nu-kah. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

2. Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lam She-a-sa Ni-sim La-a-vo-sey-nu Ba-ya-mim Ha-heim Bi-z'man Ha-zeh. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who wrought miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is said only on the first evening (or the first time one kindles the lights this Chanukah):

3. Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lom She-he-chi-ya-nu Vi-ki-yi-ma-nu Vi-hi-gi-ya-nu Li-z'man Ha-zeh. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive, and has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

2004 Menorah Kindling Calendar for Rhode Island

Nightfall..... 5:00 pm		Friday, Dec. 10
Shabbos Candle Lighting: Dec. 10, before 3:55 pm		Before Lighting Shabbat Candles Blessings No. 1 & 2
Shabbos ends Dec. 11..... 5:00 pm		Saturday, Dec. 11
		After Shabbat ends & Havdalah is recited Blessings No. 1 & 2
Tuesday, Dec. 7		Sunday, Dec. 12
After Nightfall		After Nightfall
Blessings No. 1, 2 & 3		Blessings No. 1 & 2
Wednesday, Dec. 8		Monday, Dec. 13
After Nightfall		After Nightfall
Blessings No. 1 & 2		Blessings No. 1 & 2
Thursday, Dec. 9		Tuesday, Dec. 14
After Nightfall		After Nightfall
Blessings No. 1 & 2		Blessings No. 1 & 2

Chanukah calendar prepared courtesy of Chabad of Rhode Island

Unique Hanukkah gifts with a Jewish twist

By Jonathan Rubin

It may be a Christmas-cloned tradition, but giving gifts on Hanukkah remains a popular mainstay in American Jewish households. Numerous retailers make goods that are aimed specifically at the Jewish marketplace. Here are some of the more interesting ones:

Haimish hops

I've brought these to parties and they are an excellent ice breaker. The Shmaltz Brewing Company, based out of San Francisco has created a kosher microbrew that's being distributed nationally. He'Brew, created by Jeremy Cowan, 34, Shmaltzes sole employee, dubs his drink the "Chosen Beer." It's been featured in the The New York Times and San Diego Union-Tribune.



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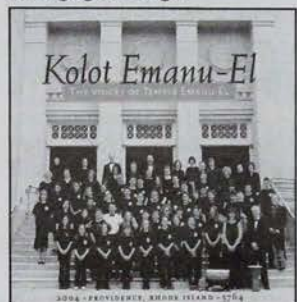
of Dick and Jane as two grown up Jews is quite irreverent and, believe it or not, not for kids. For those who appreciate the humor but also quite useable. The glossary in the back helps with putting standard Yiddish insults into your average street conversation. Illustrations take you inside the idealized, cookie-cutter world of Dick and Jane primers, but with a delectable Jewish twist. \$14.95. Check your local bookstores, or see a video preview at www.vidlit.com/yidlit/yidlit.html

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Synagogue songs



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The No. 1 reason to lick the new American Hanukkah stamp

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With apologies to David Letterman and his famous Top 10 lists, we offer the Top 8 reasons for using the new stamp.

8. How interesting it is that this is only the second time a Jewish holiday has been mentioned on a U.S. stamp issue. It's not quite the miracle of 164 BCE, but it's not bad for 2004.

7. Amazingly, this stamp has Hebrew letters bright and bold, a rarity among American stamps. Why is this Jewish stamp different from other stamps?

6. No worries about licking any treif ingredients in the stamp glue; these stamps are self-adhesive.

5. Unbelievably, the cost is a mere 37 cents, which can deliver a card across the street or all the way to the self-proclaimed "Frozen Chosen" Jews in Fairbanks, Alaska. A real seasonal bargain!



4. Keeping in touch by mail is still more enjoyable than sending and receiving impersonal e-mail messages.

3. Knowing a colorful dreidel adorns the stamp can brighten up any stack of mail and cheer the recipient.

2. After Hanukkah, imagine how your gentile friends will become more sensitive to the possibility that using Madonna and Child stamps on their cards to you may not have been "kosher."

1. How wonderful finally to be able to answer the question of why to use the stamp with the common Jewish saying, "Why not?"

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Judaism takes Hanukkah to the mall

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — Shoppers at the Warwick Mall this Sunday might notice two unusual Hanukkah menorahs, one made from Mr. Potato Head(s), the other from Statue of Liberty souvenirs.

They are part of a Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) event, "Lanterns of Liberty: Hanukkah Lights."

"We want to show Hanukkah as a celebration of freedom," said Robin Kauffman, BJE's director of adult education. "We want to make kids think."

The display, which includes a related arts activity for kids, stems from an outreach program called "Celebrations: Discovering Jewish Life in the Market Place."

The gist of it is to reach unaffiliated Jews where they work, shop, sip and dine — in short, where they live their everyday lives.



LADY LIBERTY — These Statue of Liberty souvenirs will be used to make a Hanukkah menorah for a Bureau of Jewish Education Celebrations program being held Sunday at the Warwick Mall. Educational consultant Jana Brenman makes room for the project in the activity center at the BJE.

Photo By Mary Korr

The program was developed several years ago by the Suffolk Association for Jewish Educational Services (SAJES) in New York, with the idea that unaffiliated Jews may feel uncomfortable walking into a synagogue or organized Jewish group, but may want to teach their children or learn more about Jewish tradi-

tions themselves.

The Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI), which partnered with the program, terms it "Public Space Judaism." A recent JOI study on outreach programs found Celebrations to be one of the most successful programs engaging unaffiliated Jews.

The BJE in Rhode Island has been using the Celebrations program for three years; it is funded in part by the Jewish Federation. When the BJE held the Sukkah building program in

the fall at Home Depot, about 60 people stopped by on the first day, Kauffman said.

Nationwide, programs have been held in Starbucks, Babies R Us, Sports Authority, Borders Books & Music, movie theaters and supermarkets.

The Hanukkah event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the mall on Bald Hill Road in Warwick. It is also sponsored by the Gateway Committee of the Women's Alliance.

Build a bear for sick kids

NORTH ATTLEBORO — The Bureau of Jewish Education's Celebrations program will be holding a build-a-bear workshop on Sunday, Jan. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Emerald Square Mall in North Attleboro. The mitzvah of Bikur cholim, visiting the sick, will be fulfilled by this workshop. The bears will be donated to children in area hospitals.

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REVIEW

'Jews of Rhode Island' traces many layers of Jewish life

The Jews of Rhode Island, edited by George M. Goodwin and Ellen Smith. Published by Brandeis University Press, University Press of New England, and the R.I. Jewish Historical Association. 2004. 268 pps.

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE - Through historic photos and essays, a

new anthology chronicles more than 300 years of Jewish life in Rhode Island, which began when a group of Sephardic Jews came to Newport from Barbados in the late 1600s.

The Jews of Rhode Island, published recently by the R.I. Jewish Historical Association (RIJHA), offers personal, histor-

ical and academic perspectives. It could not have been written without the RIJHA's journal, which celebrates 50 years of publication this year.

Rhode Island Jews will enjoy reading about people they knew, such as the late Rabbi William G. Braude, who led Temple Beth-El for decades. The following is from his essay, "Reflections of a Septuagenarian," which appears in the book:

"My first home in Providence was an apartment house at 90 Whitmarsh Street. Being very close to the old Temple Beth-El on Broad Street, the location seemed ideal. The tenants in the apartment were elderly people who at first rejoiced at the arrival of a rabbi in their midst. Within a few months, however, the Armenian proprietor called on me, and said the neighbors were unhappy with me and would I move elsewhere. Why was I asked to leave? Because I disturbed the peace at night walking to and fro in my apartment as I memorized my sermons..."

Fortunately, the late Mattie Pincus took the midnight ramble in as a tenant. "Mattie and her mother did not bat an eyelash

when they found books in the refrigerator or kitchen cabinets," Braude writes.

Rural life

The book also captures Jewish rural and small-town life and its inconveniences. In the essay, "United Brothers, Bowling and Bagels in Bristol," authors Steven Culbertson and Calvin Goldscheider write: "There was no rabbi; they had to send to Providence for kosher meat, Sabbath candles and bagels."

And, "During the 1930s, United Brothers Congregation attempted to maintain regular Sabbath services and developed a Sunday School for religious instruction. In the course of the 1930s, two new institutions were formed. The first was a bowling league, which eventually was transformed into the Bristol Jewish Community Center."

"The other was the young Judea Sunday School. Second and third generation Jews faced the option of either transforming the community or leaving for greater economic, social and educational opportunities elsewhere."

Rhode Island also has a history of Jewish farming. In the

essay, "The Jewish Farmers in Rhode Island," by Eleanor F. Horvitz and Geraldine S. Foster, the reader learns that "a small number of Jews - less than ten families that we know of - did try their hand at farming in Rhode Island. The earliest known to us was Abraham Shoshansky in 1889 in Foster. A family member said of him that each year he raised an excellent crop of rocks." We also learn there was a Yiddish-English language monthly called The Jewish Farmer and a Jewish Agricultural Society.

Co-editor George M. Goodwin, president of the RIJHA, said the book is a beginning. He hopes it will encourage further research and writing on Jewish history here. The anthology is off to a prestigious start. It is included in a series on Jewish life in America being compiled by Jonathan Sarna, professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University.

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(See photos on page 39.)

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Books

To combat anti-Semitism, cartoonist turns to old Jewish staple — humor

PACIFIC GROVE, Calif. (JTA) — Israeli cartoonist Ya'akov Kirschen, whose Dry Bones comic strip has appeared in Jewish newspapers for more than 30 years, is aiming his pen in a new direction.

Enlisting the help of Mr. Shuldig and his dog Doobie, along with their other bulbous-nosed, wide-eyed cartoon friends, the artist has formed a nonprofit organization called The Dry Bones Project to combat the "lies and ugliness" of anti-Semitism through humor.



Dry Bones cartoonist Ya'akov Kirschen. Sue Fishkoff/JTA



FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM — A Dry Bones cartoon book against anti-Semitism, that is part of cartoonist Ya'akov Kirschen's The Dry Bones Project.

Photo Courtesy Ya'akov Kirschen

Purim awards ceremony that will "honor" people Kirschen and his board believe deserve a gentle slap in the face.

It's the "gentle" part that distinguishes Kirschen's comic style. His is not the humor of a Dennis Miller or even an Ali G, the HBO comedian who has tried to expose American xenophobia by, for example, persuading patrons in an Arizona bar to sing along about throwing Jews "down the well."

Kirschen's characters smile as they convey the cartoonist's simple, straightforward messages: Anti-Semitism is stupid, doublespeak is wrong and those who threaten the Jewish people's safety in their homeland must be exposed.

"Unlike many cartoonists whose mission is to go for the jugular, Ya'akov sees his mission as educating people," says Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, who says he welcomes this latest initiative.

"As anti-Semitism has mushroomed these past few years, he's used his Dry Bones to show how ludicrous and untruthful it is. And I think he's been quite successful," Foxman says.

Kirschen has a Web site — mrdrybones.com — and two prototype cartoon books.

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Albert Sabin, the savior from Bialystock

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Stanley Aronson M.D.

Sabin was born on Aug. 26, 1906 to Tillie and Jacob Sabin. Unsettled conditions in the Baltic region following the 1917 revolution in Russia led to the hasty migration of the Sabin family to Patterson, N.J., where Albert, aged 15, rapidly learned English. After some college courses, young Sabin matriculated at the New York University School of Medicine and received his medical degree in 1931.

Instead of a clinical career, Sabin pursued his abiding interest in infectious disease and worked for a decade at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

When the U.S. entered World War II in December of

1941, Sabin joined the Army and was assigned to the Epidemiological Board, where his creative labors led to the development of a vaccine to combat dengue fever. Sabin, now a lieutenant colonel, was also instrumental in devising a vaccine for Japanese encephalitis.

Following the war, he joined the medical faculty of the University of Cincinnati as a professor of pediatrics, where he researched viral diseases, particularly poliomyelitis.

There are two critical steps in the development of a vaccine: isolating the causative agent and then modifying it so that it is no longer infectious, (usually by killing it with chemicals) while not disturbing its capacity to elicit an immune reaction in the host. It is then injected into humans in

Today the western hemisphere and all of western Europe are free of clinical poliomyelitis.

the hope that it will stimulate an immune response without actually causing the disease.

Polio trail

Sabin was impressed with the curious fact that polio was rampant in the more sanitary and developed urban communities of Europe and America and virtually absent in the population of Africa and Asia. He speculated that conditions in these poorer communities were so unsanitary that virtually all infants were infected with the virus (via the intestinal system) shortly after birth. They did not develop paralysis because the virus never got beyond the gut in infants and because there might be errant strains that did not infect the whole body and were biologically incapable of producing paralysis. But, Sabin then speculated, if those non-paralytic strains could be isolated and then propagated in the laboratory, might they not be used as a live vaccine to produce immunity in potential victims of polio? In essence, Sabin was proposing the radical notion of infecting children with a strain of polio that produced, at worst, a mild and transitory diarrhea.

Sabin's worldwide search for non-paralytic strains of polio succeeded, and although Salk's vaccine was first successfully tried in 1956, Sabin's endeavors finally succeeded in 1958 when the oral vaccine was tested on prison volunteers successfully. In 1960, Sabin undertook a massive field trial when some 80 million people, mostly children, in



Dr. Albert Sabin

Mexico, Russia and Africa were given the oral vaccine. The trials were hugely successful: immunity was rapidly achieved without secondary complications or the need for injections, since the Sabin vaccine was administered by mouth in a teaspoon of sugared water. Sabin's vaccine also resulted in lifelong immunity while the Salk vaccine required periodic booster injections. The first mass testing in this country was on April 24, 1960 when many millions of children were given the vaccine on what historians now call Sabin Sunday.

Today the western hemisphere and all of western Europe are free of clinical poliomyelitis. The World Health Organization now hopes to eradicate poliomyelitis globally by the year 2007. It is estimated that the work of Salk and Sabin has, since the 1950s, saved well over a million lives and prevented untold millions of cases of disabling limb paralysis.

Sabin continued his research endeavors at Cincinnati. He also concurrently accepted the presidency of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel in 1970.

He pursued his research interests beyond the age of 80. Numerous universities paid tribute to his immense scientific efforts with honorary degrees. In 1986 the United States conferred on him this nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Sabin continued to lecture widely, promoting his view that the nations of the world should now join to conquer "diseases of ignorance."

Failing health caused him to retire at age 85 and he died in 1993 at age 87.

The "boychik from Bialystock" had accomplished what few aspiring scientists could ever dream of. Sabin and "the kid from the Bronx, Jonas Salk," had saved the lives of millions who probably never heard of either Bialystock or the Bronx.

Dr. Stanley Aronson is Dean Emeritus of Brown University Medical School.

Community

Soup kitchen opens at Beth Sholom

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Present also were experienced volunteers from the Camp Street Community Ministries, five blocks to the south, Beth Sholom's partner in the new enterprise. The synagogue provided the funds and the volunteers; the Ministries had the expertise and the people in need of a nourishing meal.

The kitchen is named in memory of Dr. David Mandelbaum's mother, Judy. A pediatric neurologist at Hasbro Children's Hospital, he said his mother served marvelous vegetable soup every week at her Shabbat table and he could think of no better way to honor her memory than by funding the kitchen whose menu included, in addition to the soup and sandwiches, fruit, potato chips, cookies, apple juice and coffee.

The first guests to enter were an elderly gentleman and his four young grandchildren. They were greeted, seated and entertained by an ad hoc reception committee of three synagogue children of like age, Shira Krinsky, Tali Bessler and Hannah Ingbar who, delighted that the afternoon promised more than the ritual making of sandwiches, imposed on Dr. Mandelbaum to open his bag of elongated balloons and make assorted rubbery animals, all of which resembled dachshunds.

A second round of guests, also pre-teens but accompanied by two women, arrived shortly thereafter and received the identical enthusiastic welcome, complete with dachshunds.

Aside from these, only four additional people arrived, all adults. Those present with experience in such matters said that the lower than expected turnout (preparations had been made for 50 people) was due partly to the rain, which remained heavy throughout the afternoon, and partly because word-of-mouth had not had time to circulate in the Mount Hope area.

Barry Kessler had the original idea for the kitchen, based on his experience in volunteering for a homeless shelter in New York. He took it to Dr. Mandelbaum who agreed to fund the program;

to Rabbi Mitchell Levine, spiritual leader of the congregation, who supported it enthusiastically, and to Walter Catlin, executive director of the Camp Street Community Ministries, who said it was a wonderful idea.

Kessler and Deborah Kuttenplon, a nurse-midwife, served as co-coordinators of the project. Mary Hazeltine was the liaison with the Ministries and distributed coupons to the 50 people chosen to participate.

Next Sunday, same time, same place, same kitchen. But hopefully, no rain. For more information, call 621-9393.

Chabad hosting mall party

WARWICK — The Chabad CHAI Center of West Bay and the Warwick Mall have put together the 16th annual Warwick Mall Hanukkah Celebration.

The event will take place Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m. children can craft their own Hanukkah banner while the rest of the

family can enjoy Jewish music by Stanley Freedman of Sounds of Simcha.

At 4 p.m. dignitaries will address the gathering and the Giant Menorah will be lit. Following the lighting the David Hall Magic Illusion Show will take place.

Refreshments will be served. The event is free.

Habitat needs volunteers

PROVIDENCE — Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers, ages 16 and up, to work the first Sunday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Temples Am David, Beth El, Emanu-El and Habonim have teamed up to provide workers.

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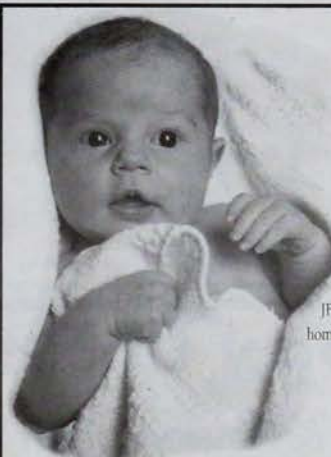
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Jewish film festival

7:30 p.m. Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Rd., Middletown. Saturday night at the movies. "Yana's Friends," a 1999 Israeli film directed by Arik Kaplun.

Sun., Dec. 12

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Hagen Ave., Cranston. Annual party with games, food, entertainment, etc. Hearing impaired special. For more info call 401-942-8350. See Community.

Chabad Hanukkah party

1 p.m. Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence. Children's gala with Smilee the clown, door prizes, dreidels, tournament, refreshments. For more information, call 273-7238.

Chabad Hanukkah Cafe

7:30 p.m. Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence. A Melave Malka featuring Dr. David Mandelbaum, professor of clinical neuroscience and pediatrics at Brown University Medical School on "The Miracle of the Human Brain." Latkes, music, entertainment by the R.I. Maccabean Hotshots. For more information, call 273-7238.

Hanukkah festival
at Warwick Mall

3:30 - 5 p.m. Chabad CHAI Center's giant Hanukkah celebration at the Warwick Mall. David Hall Magic Illusion show, giant menorah lighting, crafts, gift shop, refreshments. Music by Stan Freedman and the Sounds of Simcha. Free. Open to all. For more information, call 401-884-7888.

Mon., Dec. 13

JCC Fun-Tastic family dinner

6 - 8 p.m. Celebrate Hanukkah and end of the fall class session. Performances (interactive) by children, Hanukkah dinner with latkes. Cost: \$4 for children 12 and under, \$8 for adults. For reservations and information, call 401-861-8800, ext. 147.

Thurs., Dec. 16

JFRI Board Meeting

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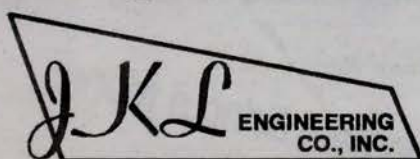


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Dec. 17

Perspectives Shabbat

7 p.m. Perspectives singles.
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Dec. 18

B'nai Israel Rosh Chodesh

4 p.m. Congregation B'nai
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- Food is needed for the food bank at the Elmwood Community Center (in the old Temple Beth Israel building). Can or packaged food items are needed.

The donation exchange program and BBYO have already participated in passing out seat extenders for infant car seats, and supplying pet food to elderly people who have pets but can't afford pet food.

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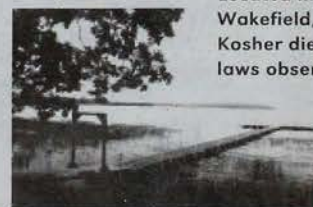
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Opinion Arafat

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he lived in a world of his making. He would often make up a fact, repeat it, and then believe it.

One time in 1996, when I was shuttling between Jerusalem and Gaza to try to negotiate Israel's withdrawal from Hebron, an aide broke into our private meeting with a note. It said the Israelis had moved 250 tanks into Gaza, and Arafat seized on it, saying he would never surrender to such tactics. I told him the story was preposterous; 250 tanks could not be moved secretly into Gaza. Everyone would know it, and I, having just arrived in Gaza by helicopter, would have seen a line of tanks stretching for miles. But he would not be dissuaded, pointing repeatedly to the piece of paper as if it proved something.

Realizing I could not convince him, I took the phone next to him and called then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu denied it, yelling at me that this was ridiculous; I asked him to look into it and phone me back. Shortly after, Netanyahu called back to report that Israel had redeployed three armored personnel carriers into Gaza. Not 250, but three.

When I told Arafat this, he dropped the issue that evening. But, after failing to do the deal that night, I returned home to Washington for a few weeks, and

at the first meeting on my return, Arafat started off the meeting with his list of grievances. First on his list: The Israelis had moved 250 tanks into Gaza.

Arafat was street smart, sometimes cagey, with an instinctive feel for strategy, and these mythologies — whether or not he believed them — were not simply irrational. They always served a purpose. Sometimes they were a way to put the onus on the Israelis and shift attention from his own responsibilities. Or, on other occasions, they were a way to deny the legitimacy of Israeli claims.

Arafat would do and say anything for the cause of Palestine. In truth, he saw himself as the embodiment of the cause. For a long time, he said he could never marry because he was married to the cause. At one point, when I told him I was going to leave the area to take a vacation, he said it must be nice to take a vacation. I said, "Mr. Chairman, you could use one," and he replied his last vacation had been in 1963 during one afternoon. "Well," I said, "that proves you could really use one." Even then, with no one else in the room with us, with no one else to impress or perform for, he told me he simply could not take a vacation from the cause.

Tragically, for Arafat and his people, he could not live without the cause and the claims it embodied. The cause defined him. Ending the conflict with Israel would have meant ending the cause. And he couldn't bring himself to do it.



Yasser Arafat

That's why he turned down the historic proposals offered him shortly before President Clinton left office. He may have been the man who put the Palestinian cause on the map, but he couldn't, in the end, translate it from an abstraction into a reality. He couldn't close the deal.

Statehood, Arafat finally said, was not sufficient if it did not address all Palestinian claims, including the unlimited right of return to Israel for Palestinian refugees — something that reasonable negotiators understood was never going to happen.

Perhaps his successors, not having to be the living, breathing embodiment of the cause, will be more capable of fulfilling its goals and achieving a Palestinian state that is capable of coexisting with Israel.

The writer, a former US envoy to the Middle East, is author of *The Missing Peace* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2004) and counselor at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

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Obituaries

Jane Carr, 69

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Jane (Singer) Carr, formerly of Providence and Barrington, died unexpectedly on Nov. 3. She was the wife of the late Richard M. Carr. Born and raised in Brooklyn, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Edith (Lieb) Singer.

She graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in 1952 and the University of Miami in 1956. She moved to Barrington in 1965, and she taught at the R.I. School for the Deaf. She worked as an office manager for the former Philatelic Consultant's Limited and the former InsulMart, both of Providence, before retiring and moving to Florida in 1997.

Mrs. Carr was a past member and youth group leader of Temple Habonim in Barrington and a congregant at Congregation of Etz-Chaim in Wilton Manors, Fla. She is survived by three children, Herb Carr of Kent, WA; Andrea Carr-Evans of Framingham, MA; Julia Carr of North Providence, and two grandchildren. Donations may be made to: Sojourner House Inc., 386 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908.

Jesse Gaynor, 81

New Brunswick, N.J. — Jesse Meyer Gaynor, of Monroe Township, formerly of East Brunswick, died November 23.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the husband of Natalie Seltzer Gaynor for 57 years.

A pharmacist before retiring, he worked to advance the ethics in the pharmaceutical profession.

He was the father of Judith (Pawtucket) and Phillip (New York City), and had five grandchildren.

Contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association.

Ruth Cohen Fixler, 73, leader and activist in Jewish community



Ruth Fixler

CRANSTON — Ruth Cohen Fixler, a retired management consultant, died Nov. 22 at The Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Arthur Fixler.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Thomas and Matilda (Siegel) Cohen, she had lived in New York before settling in Cranston 32 years ago.

She was a graduate of Brooklyn College, and also had attended Brandeis University. She was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Mrs. Fixler had been self-employed as a management consultant to both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

She was a founding member of the Business and Professional Women of The Jewish Federa-

tion, now known as The Women's Alliance.

Mrs. Fixler was a member of Temple Emanu-El. She was a member of Hadassah, and had served for five years as secretary of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. She also had served as a secretary of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture; an officer of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum; and a lecturer.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Nancy Abrams, and a son, David Fixler, both of Sharon, Mass.; a sister, Ina Rosen of Wantagh, N.Y.; and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Bruce Cohen.

Donations may be made to R.I. Holocaust Museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I., 02906.

Burial was in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park.

Esther Kapp, 57

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Esther Kapp, formerly of Providence, died suddenly on Oct. 24. She was the manager of Victorian Management, a Manhattan real estate firm.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Rabbi Josif Kapp and the late Edith (Oelbaum) Kapp, she had lived in New York since 1976.

Ms. Kapp was a graduate of Hope High School, and a magna cum laude graduate of Touro College.

In addition to her father, she leaves a sister and brother-in-law, Naomi and Zve Padeh of New York City, and several aunts,

uncles, and cousins.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Dorot - Services for the Elderly, 171 West 85th St., New York, NY 10024.

Sylvia Klein, 87

WARWICK — Sylvia Klein, of West Shore Health Center, a retired secretary, died Nov. 19. She was the wife of the late Perry Klein. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Jacob and Mamie (Rosner) Osterman, she had lived in Warwick for 48 years.

She was an executive secretary at the State of Rhode Island Department of Mental Health,

Retardation & Hospitals in Cranston, retiring 18 years ago. She worked as a part time secretary for the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council in Warwick. She was a former member of Temple Am David and its Sisterhood.

She leaves two sons, Dr. Farrel Klein of Providence and Walter Klein of Vernon, CT; a sister, Rose Lipson of Warwick; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was the sister of the late Samuel Osterman.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of R.I., 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

Julius "Buddy" Levin, 75

PROVIDENCE — Julius "Buddy" Levin, a retired furniture salesman, died Nov. 21 at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, Boston.

He was the husband of Ruth (Paige) Levin. A lifelong resident of Providence, he was the son of the late Joseph and Rosalie (Silverman) Levin.

Mr. Levin was a salesman for the former Paige-Young Furniture Co., in Cranston, before retiring.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Jewish War Veterans.

Mr. Levin was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Jewish Community Center, Temple Emanu-El, Touro Fraternal Association, and the Hebrew Free Loan Association, and a former

member of the Barker Playhouse.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Debra LaMarche of Sharon, Mass.; a son, Dr. Robert Levin of Waterford, Conn.; and five grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Avis Smira and Shirley Mills.

Contributions may be made to the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Centre St., Boston MA, 02131. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Edythe Weisberg, 87

CRANSTON — Edythe Weisberg, 87, of Bolton Manor Nursing Home, Marlborough, MA, formerly of Cranston, a retired saleswoman, died Nov. 14. Born and raised in Providence, a daughter of the late Hyman and Minnie (Elban) Weisman, she had lived in Warwick and Cranston before moving to Marlborough.

She was in retail sales for over 20 years. She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild, Warwick Social Seniors, the former Majestic Senior Guild and Hadassah. She was a former member of Temple Am David.

She leaves a son, Howard Weisberg of Hopkinton, MA; a sister, Rose Nestle of Boca Raton, FL; a brother, David Weisman of Warwick; and two grandchildren, Zachary and Lindsay. She was the sister of the late Morris Weisman, Lena Gergel and Florence Ellman.

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"Dr. Tinberg is a worthy recipient of this national award," said Dr. John J. Sbrega, president of Bristol Community College. "He epitomizes what community colleges champion – the role of excellent teaching and research



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in the development of the learning process for our students."

Dr. Tinberg lives in Pawtucket, with his wife, Toni, and their children, Miriam and Leah.

Collegiate honor

CRANSTON – Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Paige announce their niece, Stacy Lynne Berman, a junior in the honors program at Endicott College, Beverly, Mass., has been awarded the Steidel Scholarship in recognition of her strong academic record and out-

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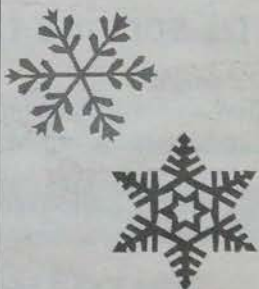
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SADWIN BROTHERS, WOONSOCKET — Top right, In this 1914 photograph, Louis and Morris Sadwin stand in front of their dry goods shop at 139 South Main St. in Woonsocket. Many of their customers were French Canadian immigrants, the city's dominant ethnic group of the period, as indicated by the sign in French. The brothers hired French speaking employees to better serve their customers.

SCARBORO BEACH — Center, A lifeguard shows boys from the Jewish Orphanage a rescue device during an outing to Scarboro Beach, Narragansett, in August, 1940. Standing behind the group in top row is Maurice Stollerman, the superintendent.



HALSBAND'S IN EAST GREENWICH — John Halsband stands in front of his East Greenwich store in this 1920 photograph. The store sold stationary, candy and United Cigars; the latter two you would have to forgo if you were also visiting the office of Dr. Philip Duffy, dentist, above the store. The sign advertises Halsband's as the place to buy the "Wickford Standard," which was published every Friday. Next door is The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.



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Frozen, 10.6-oz. pkg., Any Variety Potato Blintzes or
Golden Potato Pancakes

2.94
for

(dairy) 32-oz. cont. Tidbits in Wine
Nathan's Cream Herring

4.49

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Pint Cont.
**Friendship
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