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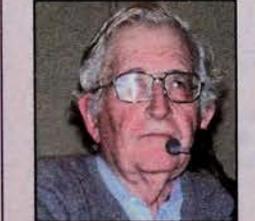
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## Chafee reflects on Mideast trip

By Mary Korr

CRANSTON — When Sen. Lincoln Chafee walked into the cavernous C-130 transport plane taking him home from Baghdad a few weeks ago, he was startled by the sight of a flag-draped coffin amid routine cargo. The grim image at the end of a five-country Mideast trip has stayed with him, along with a harrowing encounter in the cockpit, where he sat.

"The strategy is to corkscrew out of the airport," he said at a press conference last week. But as the plane rose, alarm sensors buzzed; from the cockpit window Chafee saw red flashes. "What are the coordinates? What are the

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SENATORS IN ISRAEL — R.I. Sen. Lincoln Chafee visited with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on a recent Mideast trip, along with, from left, Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Chafee, Sharon, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California.

## Ruling blow to Hamas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A jury award of \$156 million to an Israeli-American family whose son was killed in the West Bank strikes a precedent that could cripple U.S. fund raising for terrorism, lawyers for the plaintiffs said.

A key element leading to the award last week against three charities and an individual for their complicity in the 1996 murder in Israel of 17-year-old David Boim was the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

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## From Bar Mitzvah to board member

### Teen philanthropy

By Jonathan Rubin

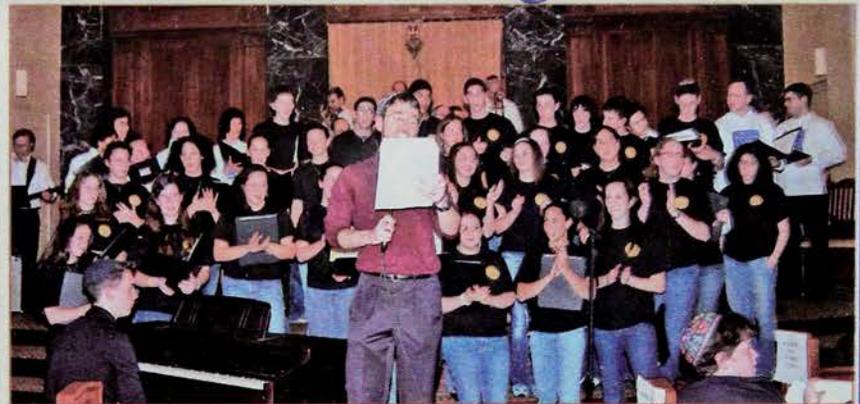
PROVIDENCE — In America, it is all too common for the significance of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah — the entry into Jewish adulthood — to be lost sometime after the night party. Jessica Waterman, however, is taking the charge a little more seriously — she's pledging \$250 of the money from her recent Bat Mitzvah to join a new initiative designed to turn teens into discriminating philanthropists.

The new program, dubbed the B'nei Tzedek Initiative, is being specifically targeted at Jewish teens who are becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The JFRI Endowment will match contributions up to \$250 every year to a fund bearing the child's name; the child will be able to distribute 20% of the principal to a charity of their choice, Jewish or otherwise.

"I don't really need stuff," said Jessica, of West Warwick. "If I want a book I can go to the library. I'm a really, really

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## Hanukkah highnotes



### KOL KESEM CHOIR

The Temple Emanuel/Harry Elkin Midrasha Kol Kesem Teen Choir, led by Cantor Brian J. Mayer, presented the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Hanukkah concert at the temple last Sunday night. At right, the singers have an appreciative audience.

Photos by Mike Meyerheim



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**Ongoing  
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**Gallery 401 at the JCC**

401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Works of Emily Corbato and Ilene Perlman. Photographic exhibit records the juxtapositions of ancient Jewish rituals with modern lifestyles in Jewish communities in transition around the world. Mon. through Thurs., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and by appointment. For info, call (401) 861-8800.

**Fri., Dec. 17**

**Temple Sinai Seniors**

11:30 a.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Frieda Sobel, executive director, R.I. Holocaust Museum, on non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert & coffee provided. For info, call Baila at (401) 461-6124.

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**Sat., Dec. 18**

**B'nai Israel Rosh Chodesh**

4 p.m. Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Women's Rosh Chodesh program, speaker Rabbi Andrea Gouze on "Will the Real First Woman Please Stand Up: Eve vs. Lilit." Light meal, followed by Havdalah. Free. RSVP is appreciated. For more information, call (401) 762-3651.

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# Chomsky speaks at Brown

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — Author, scholar and government critic Noam Chomsky, who has been branded as “anti-Zionist” and “anti-Israel,” spent his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 7 speaking to an overflowing audience in Brown University’s Salomon Auditorium.

Chomsky, a renowned professor of linguistics at MIT, spoke on the war in Iraq, and fielded questions from students on Israel, the Middle East, and anti-American feelings throughout the Muslim world.

He was welcomed by Paul Buhle, senior lecturer in American Civilization at Brown, who hoped the visit would “prepare us to get the anti-war movement going at Brown.”

Chomsky spoke a few words about his father, the late William Chomsky, during his talk. “He came over in steerage and worked in a sweatshop,” said Chomsky. His father told him about a union organizer who showed up at the factory where he worked one day. “I didn’t understand a word of what he said but he sounded like he was for the workers, and I signed on,” his father related. Later on, Chomsky’s father would become a noted Hebrew scholar, teacher and author.

The public lecture at Brown was sponsored by the Herbert Goldberger Fund and supported by a student group, the Young Communist League. Chelsea Sharon, co-president of another student group, Common Ground, introduced Chomsky as “one of the most dedicated human rights activists in the world.”

## Divestment

One student asked Chomsky if Brown students should organize to get Brown to divest from Israeli companies. His response was, “My own feeling is that it is wrong in principle. Brown doesn’t invest in Israel; maybe it is in joint enterprises with US companies that do,” he said. “We live here. Our own prime responsibility is what the U.S. companies do. Let’s talk about companies like Caterpillar.”

Student Paul Savitz, a member of the Friends of Israel group on campus, later said, “I was surprised to hear this from Chomsky, seeing as he spearheaded the divestment campaign at MIT and signed its petition.”

Buhle later remarked, “contrary to frequent stereotyping about Chomsky, he argued vociferously (at Brown) against any boycott of Jewish companies. He urged students to use their democratic rights to bring an end to the occupation.”



NOAM CHOMSKY greets a Brown student at his lecture there last week. Photo by Mary Korr.

Another student, who identified himself as Syrian and in the medical school, asked Chomsky if the unilateralism of the U.S. in its action in the Israeli and Palestinian conflict flames the seeds of anti-Americanism.

“George Bush is not the first president to ask why do they hate us,” Chomsky said. “Eisenhower asked this in 1958.”

Chomsky’s central message to the students was that the United States and Britain, throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, have had one goal — to keep the strategic resources of the Middle East, oil and its profits, under their control. “He who keeps his hand on the spigot insures profits flow to the right pockets. The U.S. has a lot to gain by occupying Iraq—and has created a catastrophe doing so,” he said.

“It’s true that Saddam Hussein is a brutal dictator — all the charges against him are true but are missing three crucial words: with our help,” he said.

His message was for a change in the elite culture of the ruling business class to a democratic culture that has to be organized and cohesive.

“I’m really very conservative,” Chomsky said. “I agree with most Americans. Polls show only a small percentage support the war in Iraq. Most favor letting the UN take the lead in issues of security, reconstruction and political transition. Most do not favor pre-emptive war.”

He takes a pragmatic approach to the conflict. Israel needs to withdraw from the territories and settle on an international border as a first step, he said.

In a recent interview, he was asked to reply to charges

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— Paul Buhle

he is anti-Israel and an anti-Semite. He answered that it’s not anti-Semitic nor anti-Israel to criticize policy, just as it is not anti-American to criticize American governmental policy.



## PHDS SINGERS

HANUKKAH was enlivened for the residents of the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living on Mon., Dec. 14, by a chorus of students from the Providence Hebrew Day School singing Hanukkah favorites. Ariel Bagan, (with guitar) is the director.



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## Opinion

## A MAJORITY OF ONE

## Freedom of the press is everyone's business

One of the cardinal rules of Jewish community newspapers is that we print news only about events and issues involving Jews and Jewish interests. Thus, in these pages there has not appeared a word about the conviction and sentencing of NBC reporter Jim Taricani, Judge Ernest C. Torres or the eminence gris in the case, Joseph A. Bevilacqua, Jr.



**Yehuda Lev**

After searching in vain for indications of even a single Jewish grandparent in their ancestries, we left the task of reporting on the Taricani case to our statewide newspaper, *The Providence Journal*. But a week ago the *Journal* published a list of five "myths" that Judge Torres said distorted the media coverage of the trial. Although we provided no coverage, they still concerned us as representatives of the Jewish media. Here they are:

- Tericani uncovered corruption not yet known.
- Convicting him would cause other reporters to stop using confidential sources.

- He is being punished for doing his job.

- Reporters have a right to protect sources even when breaking the law.

- The case is an assault on the First Amendment. Judge Torres, in decrying these "myths," said that the last was the most important, a sentiment with which this observer, a "journalist emeritus," is in full agreement. But in bringing the First Amendment into the discussion, the judge was also dealing with an even more salient question, that of censorship, a problem that troubles the media in any democratic society.

Censorship in a democracy generally takes the form of pressure, sometimes not so subtle, rather than by way of official government edicts. (Military censorship, libel laws and court injunctions are exceptions to this rule.) There are many pressures that limit what a newspaper will publish. Public taste provides one, the owner or publisher exerts another. There are editorial judgments, available space,

available technology and other factors that influence the selection of what news to publish and what to ignore.

Then there is actual, government-mandated censorship. In Israel during the early years of the state the censor's pencil was evident in any report dealing with the military and, occasionally, government policy. Today, with the internet and instantaneous transmission of film and text, censorship of news is very difficult to sustain in a democracy.

But Israel has something that this country does not have, and here we come to the crux of the issues raised by Taricani. There is an arm of the Israeli government, the State Comptroller, who annually examines government agencies and departments, including the military, and evaluates how well or badly they are doing their jobs. The results are published to great fanfare. The comptroller is usually a retired Supreme Court judge. In this country, the media perform that task. The whole issue of protecting sources has to do with encouraging people to come forward and

expose corruption, poor decision-making, broken political promises, harassment and other behaviors that weaken government by law and harm the citizens dependent upon it.

This is not a minor responsibility. It tames excessive use of power, it monitors the behavior of public servants (observe the difference in the level of violence when reporters are present at an arrest or with a military unit as compared with when no one is watching the proceedings); it compels politicians to act on their promises; it makes public the hidden agendas of government, business, labor unions and others who depend on public support for their sustenance, and it acts as an ombudsman for the ordinary citizen.

That, for better or worse, is what Taricani was trying to protect. Whether he did it correctly or not is beside the point; the jury voted against him and the judge concurred. Had there been a Taricani in Houston some years ago, the Enron tragedy might never have occurred, with all that it meant to thousands of workers and investors whose lives were ruined by unreported and unchecked greed.

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## Letters to the editor

## Developing alternative fuels is one way to fight back

The recent results of the presidential election have many lessons for the Democratic Party. It remains to be seen whether they will be learned.

When running for president a candidate must enunciate a realistic alternative to the present government.

So then what was — and what is — a reasonable alternative to Mr. Bush's policies?

Has Mr. Bush so failed us in the "War on Terror" that he deserved to be replaced?

The answer is YES. He has failed to articulate the true nature of the enemy.

Wahabi Islam is the state religion of Saudi Arabia. The money the Saudis make from selling oil to us pays teachers and preachers of the ideology that created 9/11. We are all indirectly paying for our enemies to create more enemies. Osama bin Laden is a product of Wahabi training as were the 19 hijackers of 9/11.

The groundwork that will permit us to take decisive action to bankrupt our enemies has been laid over more than 30 years.

The Arab Oil Embargo of 1973 was a blessing in disguise. It resulted in actions by successive presidents that make us ready to act now.

We must have alternatives to oil. California's "Hydrogen Highway" (see: <http://hydrogenhighway.ca.gov/>) is being built.

With a push from our federal government this can exist throughout the country now.

Already automobile companies are making hydrogen car prototypes. These automobiles can be successfully marketed.

If now is a time for unity, this is a concept — hydrogen now as a wartime emergency — that should unify us.

**Bennett J. Bergman**  
Providence

## A bar mitzvah to remember

A 13-year-old Jewish boy was called to the Torah one recent Thursday morning. He read the third aliyah; his father made the centuries-old recantation absolving himself of guilt for his son's future actions, and the young man took his place among adults in Judaism by becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

But this was no ordinary Bar Mitzvah, and Yisroel Yitzchak Martin is not your typical Jewish teenager. The young Martin has Aspergers — a high-func-

tioning form of autism. But through the undying love and unbreakable spirit of his mother, Leisha, a true Woman of Valor, as well as the tender love and support of his father, Stephen, as well as a loving family, caring friends and the genuine concern of his rabbis and teachers, Yisroel has persevered and flourished into a productive, loving, sensitive and mitzvah-performing young gentleman.

**Cary Eichenbaum**  
Providence

## Soup's on at Sholom

Yehuda Lev's article about Judy's Kindness Diner at Congregation Beth Sholom focused too much attention on my role and not enough on Barry Bessler, who was the driving force behind this program and who, along with Deborah Kutenplon, shepherded this program along to fruition. The money is the easy part. Getting everyone on board and making it happen is where the real effort lies.

Mr. Lev nicely captured the mood

of Judy's Kindness Diner, which was emphatically endorsed by the 6-year-old I was sitting next to, who exclaimed: "This is the best day of my life!" There is one item in the article with which I take issue. My balloon repertoire is broader than just "dachshunds." I invite Mr. Lev to return to Judy's and I'll make him a hat, bunny rabbit or, my favorite, a swan.

**David E. Mandelbaum**  
(aka Judy's son)  
Providence

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## ALISON ON ALIYAH

## The perils of dating in Israel

I've been single for quite some time now, and many of my friends here seem to be getting fed up with it. As of late, I've received a number of requests to set me up with friends, nephews, cousins, and even the occasional "Oh, I met another American last week who I thought would be perfect for you!" The offers are very sweet, but the thought of blind dating makes my stomach turn.



Alison Golub

Last year when I made aliyah, however, I promised myself that I would never turn down an invitation to meet someone new or try a new experience, and I am still attempting to honor that pact. So, painful (and often hilarious) as it's been, I've been dating lately.

Even though I was not terribly experienced at this in the states, I have been struck by the drastic differences in the process over here in Israel. The things that were important in America are so much lower on the priority scale here, and questions that I used to ask have become surpassed by questions I never would have dreamed of asking.

For instance, a major concern of mine in Providence was always finding someone who would be willing to move to Israel with me at some point. Now, the only

question is how much does he love it here. Age has become less critical to me, for some reason, while education and intellectual level have increased in importance. I suppose it has something to do with the variety (or lack thereof) here.

The number one issue when being fixed up, or when trying to fix someone else up, in Jerusalem is religion. How religious is he? What sect does she belong to? What synagogue does he go to? Where did she get her religious education? Is he *shomer shabbat*? Is she *shomeret negiah*

that, within the first five minutes of each date, without fail, the daters ask each other what rank, position, and service they fulfilled in the army. It is simply a given that each of them has been in the army, and it is a cultural norm that the answer to this question will provide an array of important information, both obvious and latent.

And so here I am, with a big, fat "not applicable" to both of these major dating questions. I really hadn't thought much of these inadequacies until recently, when

practices.

He didn't appear to be bothered by the tattoo showing prominently on my shoulder — that's a good sign, I figured. When I mentioned that our mutual friend thought I wasn't "modest" (code word for religious) enough for his taste, he laughed and shook his head — good but perhaps ambiguous sign. He touched my arm at one point — whew, at least he's not *shomer negiah*, I concluded. The big test was later in the week when I invited him to a Shabbat dinner that would require traveling by car. When he accepted, I was finally convinced that I might actually have a shot with him.

Things are going well with us these days, but I still can't help but feel insecure about these ambiguities that I've never had to deal with before. All of these little intricacies of religious expectations are totally beyond me, and it is unsettling to be held to a standard about which I have little knowledge or understanding. There are times that I feel grateful to have found anyone at all willing to tolerate my lack of religiosity. In the states, I always figured I'd be incredibly lucky to even find a suitable Jewish guy at all. In Israel, being Jewish is just the tip of the iceberg.

*Alison Stern Golub welcomes correspondence (and advice!) in response to her articles and can be emailed at Alison\_Golub@hotmail.com. You can also read more about her adventures on her website at www.alisonsterngolub.com.*

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is just the tip of the iceberg.

(adheres to strict rules regarding physical contact between the sexes)? The questions never end and I, for one, am only just beginning to understand the answers. I have pretty much given up trying to fix up my religious friends, whose criteria are so specific I sometimes wonder how anyone gets together here.

The questions that come up during the date are also very different in Israel. There is a fantastic television show here called "Double Date" — something like a cross between "The Love Connection" and VH-1's "Pop-Up Video" — during which the viewer gets to watch not only the unfolding of a blind date but also the comedic commentary of the show's hosts.

I watch it frequently and have found

I have realized that the pickin's for a gal like me, especially in Jerusalem, are slim indeed. About two months ago, I was introduced through a mutual friend to a guy to whom I was immediately attracted. It was the first time a blind "meeting" of mine has turned out to be positive in any way, shape, or form; and I was ecstatically optimistic until I noticed that he was wearing a kippah.

I was immediately thrown into uncertainty. A kippah is undoubtedly a sign of religiosity on some level, and any religiosity is more than my level. My friend had told me that the guy used to be much more religious, and now he wasn't so sure where he stood. I dropped a number of hints during our lunch, trying to figure out his stances on the basic customs and

## Homage to Holocaust survivor

I want to take this opportunity to thank Judith Newman, a Holocaust survivor, for taking the time to visit with me last week. You made me feel so at home as we sat around your table talking about your horrific past, your terrific family, and your courage.

Since you can't possibly know what a profound effect your talking to me has made, I will tell you now that visiting with you was one of the most humbling experiences I have ever had.

How your voice swelled with pride when you told me about your children, who are all college graduates. You are lucky to have them so close by, since the time they and we have left to spend with you and the other dwindling numbers of Holocaust survivors is so precious and so short.

I want to thank you for your strength, courage, and wisdom. Now, it is time for the rest of us to do something now. We must stand up, take action, and confront bigotry whenever it shows its ugly face. We must make sure that the history books not only include, but give accurate portrayals of the devastating crimes against the Jews, blacks, Native Americans...so that we will never forget!

Donna Fishman  
Jamestown

## VIEWPOINT

### Jewish generosity: A bridge out of the Bronx

By Scott J. Turner

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, I lived on a street in the west Bronx—a shortcut for fans headed to Yankee Stadium from Westchester County or New Jersey.

My neighborhood was one of those decayed stretches that travelers whizzed through with windows raised and doors locked.

On this route, a trick of the trade was to hide between parked cars and whack the backside of a passing vehicle, then roll behind as if hit. Typically the driver would stop and rush to help. At this point, several youngsters would rise from between the parked cars, surround the driver, harass and sometimes mug him.

I never took part in this behavior. But I was one of those ragged kids people feared, ignored or simply never saw when they zipped through the Bronx streets.

These memories rushed back to me after I read Yehuda Lev's Nov. 19 column, "The secret, impoverished Jew." Although my childhood neighbors were primarily Irish, Black, Hispanic, and Roman Catholic, there were dozens of us Jews—young, old, Ashkenazi and Sephardic, who lived among them, sharing the same problems of anger, alcoholism, mental illness and despair.

Jewish giving helped break me free of those bonds. As a child, my Hebrew lessons were underwritten by the dwindling membership of the Concourse Center of Israel.

One congregant, Boris Rubenstein, not only made sure I prepared for Bar Mitzvah, he sent food to our home to help us celebrate Passover and other holidays. Possibly, Boris was the first man I met who gave and asked for nothing in return.

It was during those years that I wore hand-me-down clothes from the children of two Jewish men who owned the local liquor store. I remember graduating from sixth grade—the only child at the ceremony with knee patches on cast-off clothing.

In early adolescence, another once-vibrant Jewish institution, the Bronx YM-YWHA, bankrolled my participation in day camp. I spent three summers among the fields and forests of the Henry Kaufman Campgrounds in Pearl River. I learned to tie knots and turn over logs for salamanders. For the first time, I fished, waded through a stream and celebrated Shabbat.

Through high school, I served as a camp counselor for that Y, which underwrote attendance for children of all faiths and races until its charities ran out and the

camp closed.

Desperate to leave the Bronx, I went to the Midwest for college. Paying for my four years was significantly easier through the support I received from a Chicago-based charitable group, called the Loeb Foundation, which gave scholarships to young, impoverished Jews.

Later in life, I received counseling through Jewish Family Services that helped me choose a career path and build the bonds of marriage and family.

To this day, my family benefits from Jewish giving, from the seeds that it planted and the model that it set. This commentary is both a way to inform and to thank the Jewish community. As we've put down roots in Providence, our family has begun volunteering, contributing and finding other ways to support that community.

When someone hungry knocks at the door, Jewish teaching tells us to feed that individual, not lecture him or her about getting a job. Please consider the words of Yehuda Lev to help the poor Jews among us. On the road that marks our days and years, a helping hand can change a life.

Scott J. Turner is a freelance writer based in Providence and Cambridge.

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## Federation

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

# A salute to Super Sunday's 'Maccabees'



Janet Engelhart

Another Hanukkah has concluded. Our special menorahs, or hanukkiyot, have been cleaned and stored for next year with spare candles or unused oil. The holiday tablecloth is in the laundry. Children have integrated their opened gifts into their everyday possessions. And we no longer have quite the craving for potato latkes.

And, yet, the spirit of Hanukkah, or "dedication," remains with me because of the dedication I observe in our community every day. Here are just a few observations.

More than 50 individuals gave up part of this past Sunday — some even forfeited watching the Patriots' game — to phone neighbors for Super Sunday. Our friends of all ages, backgrounds and community affiliations, wanted to be sure that the most vulnerable Jews around the world felt the security, warmth and love that they did during Hanukkah.

They wanted to be sure that the next generation of Jews will proudly proclaim their Judaism through educational experiences that the community supports. We raised nearly \$40,000 for the 2005 Annual Community Campaign in one day, and every donor who hadn't yet contributed this year was called.

Super Sunday callers, in my book, are the unsung heroes, the modern-day Maccabees, if you will, of our community. By the way, if you were not home on Sunday and have not yet contributed, please give our Campaign

Director, Elisa Heath, a call.

Our forebears blessed us through their foresight by starting a community Endowment more than 40 years ago. As a result of additional contributions and excellent investment returns, we now steward one of the largest Endowments of any Federation our size, more than \$40 million. Currently, more than 100 individuals are dedicated to overseeing investments, marketing and distribution of Endowment dollars. At their last Endowment Committee meeting, there was a commitment made by members to dedicate significant volunteer time in upcoming months, to determine action in fundraising and marketing that must happen to grow our community Endowment even more significantly.

Our Board of Trustees, in partnership with our national body, the United Jewish Communities, approved funding for an experienced organizational consultant with corporations and non-profits, Ephraim Schachter of The Strickland Group, to perform an organizational effectiveness audit. As a result of his report, our officers and past presidents have dedicated themselves to doing the needed work that will move the JFRI into position with our next generation of donors and leaders. You will hear and read about our progress in upcoming months. Our leaders will dedicate countless hours to moving our organization to a next level of excellence.

We commemorate the Maccabees dedication each year. Let's applaud the dedication of our modern-day Jewish heroes, those who work every day to make us the best community possible.



SUPER SUNDAY volunteers.

Photo by Mike Meyerheim

**Community**

**Teen philanthropy program**

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practical person."

Jessica likes homeless charities like Crossroads (formerly Traveler's Aid), as well as food bank programs. Eli Rodrigues, of Cranston, likes helping families and young children. He donated all of the leftover food from his Bar Mitzvah last month to the homeless overflow shelter at Temple Emanu-El.

Jessica and Eli, both students at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence, heard about the program from family members. They said they liked the "doubling" contributions that they would get, and it seemed like something new and interesting to try.

B'nei Tzedek in R. I. is the brainchild of JFRI President Mark Feinstein, whose teenage son, Michael, started a charitable fund two years ago.

"I am very optimistic that

the B'nei Tzedek program will begin the youngest members of our community on a lifetime of understanding how they can make a difference," said Feinstein.

B'nei Tzedek is a program of the JFRI Endowment Fund in partnership with the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. Rich Walter, director of teen education at the BJE, will facilitate the program, while the JFRI manages the funds.

**Group thinking**

The Endowment will also contribute \$50 per teen to a pooled cooperative fund, of which every B'nei Tzedek participant will also be a voting board member. Each year, the teens will vote where to distribute 15% of the fund. And as long as they have \$25 in the pooled fund they retain voting rights on the co-op board.

"I'd love to have 150 kids



**TEEN TITANS** — Jessica Waterman, 13, of West Warwick, and Eli Rodrigues, of Cranston, will be joining other teens in creating philanthropic funds from their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

discussing where this money will go," Walter stated. He said this program has been successfully implemented in other communities and he hopes to have 30 kids

by next year.

Walter hopes B'nei Tzedek will enable students to think about tzedakah well into high school and beyond. He also thinks that allowing teenagers to interact with other Jews throughout the state doesn't hurt.

So far, the program has been introduced to more than 30 communities around the U.S. B'nei Tzedek has been introduced into Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation classes at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro and at Temple Emanu-El.

Jessica and Eli don't feel weird about forgoing their Bar and Bat Mitzvah loot because "it'd just end up in the bank anyway."

"Kids are kind of greedy," Eli said. "You need to get parents involved."

"And friends," Jessica added. For more information on B'nei Tzedek, contact Mark Feinstein at 334-4900 or Richard Walter at 331-0956.

**Chafee reflects on Mideast trip**

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coordinates?" the pilots yelled. Suddenly the C-130 was on its side, the force crushing the senator against the seat.

The pilots never did find out if the danger was real or just overly sensitive alarms, or the ground crew sending decoy flashers up.

Chafee, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chairman of its subcommittee on the Near East, visited Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Bahrain with Sens. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Cal.) and Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.). The first stop was Israel, where the delegation met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and Labor party leader Shimon Peres. He found Sharon "brusque" but determined.

Peres told Chafee he wants the Gaza withdrawal and will join Sharon's coalition and bring Labor in to pass the budget, which would avert a new election.

"Peres hinted at the difficulty of withdrawal from the territories and said it could be forceful," Chafee added.

He said the direction for peace is in place, and Chafee is hopeful for the upcoming elections Jan. 9, but not for the so-called road map. "The only road map I've seen is on paper. There's been a lot of talk but no action."

The group also met with Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, known as Abu Mazen, in Ramallah, in the West

Bank. Chafee described Abbas as a moderate and the front-runner in the upcoming Palestinian election, and as a leader who has refused violence to achieve a Palestinian state.

Mazen, the former prime minister under Arafat, was involved in the secret talks that led to the 1993 Oslo accords.

In Jordan, the group met with King Abdullah, son of the late King Hussein. Chafee said Abdullah is concerned about "the Iraqi elections, the Sunni boycott of them and wants them postponed."

The king is worried about a civil war and a possible theocratic state forming. "My own feeling is to go ahead and have the elections," Chafee said.

**Iraq more dangerous**

Chafee found Iraq to be more dangerous than his visit of the previous year. "We've got a tiger by the tail there," he said.

The 10-mile road to Baghdad from the airport was too dangerous to drive and the group flew by Blackhawk helicopter into the Green Zone. Inside, they traveled in a fortified SUV and could not visit schools, neighborhoods, hospitals and towns he had visited the year before.

He did meet with the troops, and Ambassador John D. Negroponte as well as Sunni leaders. He said the United States has to forge cooperation between the different groups in Iraq.

Chafee said hatred for America is very evident in the

Arab world. "We may be successful militarily but I'm not sure politically. We have to learn the little things that are important to the Iraqi people," he said. He gave the following example. He picked up an Iraqi newspaper which showed a booted American soldier lounging in a mosque. "We make it more difficult for democracy to take root when we do things like this, or call countries the axis of evil," he said.

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**News Briefs**

**Israelis accept Nobels**  
 Two Israelis accepted their Nobel prizes for chemistry. Professors Avram Hershko and Aaron Ciechanover — the first Israelis to win chemistry Nobels — launched "Nobel week" in Stockholm by accepting their prize Friday together with U.S. scientist Irwin Rose. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences honored the scientists for their 1980s research into regulated protein degradation, which expanded the understanding of cancer.

**Columbia investigates intimidation**  
 Columbia University is creating a committee to hear complaints from students who feel intimidated by faculty because of their political opinion. University president Lee Bollinger announced the move in a letter to the Columbia community amid an in-depth university

investigation into charges of faculty intimidation, often made by students who say they feel intimidated if they express support for Israel. The committee was created after a documentary film created by The David Project, a pro-Israel group, about Jewish students who said they feel intimidated by faculty because of their views on Israel.

**Somerville: No divestment**  
 A Boston suburb rejected a proposal to drop its investments in Israel. Somerville's Board of Alderman voted against the measure Dec. 11, five weeks after it was introduced.

**Tufts rabbi gets Grammy nod**  
 The executive director of Tufts University's Hillel was honored with a Grammy nomination for an album of Ugandan Jewish music. Rabbi Jeffrey

Summit, an ethnomusicologist, produced, compiled and annotated the recording.

**Abbas tackles violence**  
 Palestinian Authority presidential hopeful Mahmoud Abbas called for an end to violence against Israelis. "Our uprising should be social and popular in nature," Abbas, the dominant Fatah faction's candidate to succeed the late Yasser Arafat in Jan. 9 elections, told the London-based newspaper Al-Sharq al-Awsat on Tuesday.

**Gaza crackdown looms**  
 Prime Minister Ariel Sharon authorized an Israeli crackdown on Gaza Strip tunnelers. Military sources said Tuesday there would be imminent action against Palestinian terrorist groups that increasingly have used tunnels to stage attacks on Israeli troops and smuggle arms into Gaza. On Sunday, Hamas and another group, the Fatah Hawks, killed five Israeli soldiers by detonating mines in a tunnel under their outpost. Overnight, Israeli forces demolished 10 homes in the central Gaza town of Khan Younis that had been used for mortar attacks against nearby Jewish settlements.

**Israel-Egypt deal clinched**  
 Israel, Egypt and the United States signed a sweeping trade accord. Under the agreement clinched Tuesday in Cairo, Israel will open businesses in seven Qualified Industrial Zones in Egypt, whose products will enjoy waivers of import duties to the United States. Israel hopes the agreement, modeled on one it has with Jordan, will boost ties with Egypt.

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**Nation**

**Chicago ruling sets precedent**

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attacks, Alyza Lewin said.

Judicial and government attitudes to the suit, filed more than a year earlier, changed dramatically after those attacks.

"We sued all these groups in a pre-9/11 world," she said. After the attacks, the government filed an amicus brief in the Boims' suit and other victims' families cited it in filing similar cases.

The two rulings could have far-reaching implications, including for hundreds of Sept. 11 plaintiffs who have filed a trillion-dollar lawsuit against Saudi charities and others with American assets and for plaintiffs who have sued the Arab Bank for alleged links to terrorist funds.

The lawsuit in the Sept. 11 attacks "is based on our legal theory, and our case has been cited in numerous terrorist indictments," Lewin said.

A jury ruled Dec. 8 in a Chicago federal courthouse against

the Islamic Association for Palestine, the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, the Quranic Literacy Institute and Muhammad Salah.

On trial in the preceding days was the Quranic Literacy Institute; U.S. Magistrate Arlander Keys had found the other three parties liable in a summary judgment in November.

"I think the precedent is enormous," said Michael Kotzin, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

"I think if nothing else, any other organizations that are doing this thing hopefully will stop altogether. If not, they will be a lot more careful," said Kotzin. But now we have had a ruling by a federal judge that says unequivocally that these are Hamas supporters," Kotzin said.

The case marked the first time the 1990 Federal Anti-Ter-

rorism Act had been used to go after U.S.-based charities.

As the verdict was announced last week, Joyce Boim nodded her head as if to signal her approval. Her son David, who was killed in a drive-by shooting as he stood at a bus stop, had hoped to become a doctor, and the trial included testimony about the potential value of David's life if he had lived to achieve his dream.

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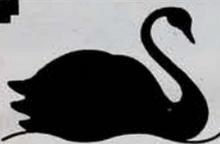
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**Mobile menorah**

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer and his son Shmuel, 10, stand in front of their Hanukkah-themed car on Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. In addition to his auto-mounted menorah, Laufer also places menorahs in the Providence Place Mall, the Providence train station and Providence City Hall.

*Photo by Jonathan Rubin*

**Aptaker installed as JFS board president**

PROVIDENCE — Peri Ann Aptaker was installed as president of the Jewish Family Service (JFS) board of directors at the annual meeting which was held at Temple Beth-El on Oct. 21. Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El served as the installing officer. Aptaker formerly served as the treasurer of the agency and succeeds Gary J. Levine as president.

In addition, the Rev. John Holt, executive director of the Rhode Island Council of Churches; Toby Ayers, executive director of the National Conference for Community and Justice and Carol Shelton,

professor of nursing at Rhode Island College, have joined the JFS board.

Aptaker received her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts, her master's degree in taxation from Bentley College and her law degree, cum laude, from Suffolk University Law School. She currently is a principal in the firm of Kahn Litwin Renza & Co. Ltd., and serves as the director of tax services.

In addition to her service on the JFS Board, she serves on numerous community boards. She is a member of the audit



**Peri Ann Aptaker**

and professional advisory committees at the Jewish Federation. She serves on the boards of the Planned Giving Council Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center.

She lives in Providence with her husband, Robert Lieberman.

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Arts



'Fiddler on the Roof' will be here Feb. 4-6.

## 'Fiddler' returns to PPAC

By Marylyn Graff

PROVIDENCE — "Fiddler on the Roof," a show which touched (literally) chords in all segments of society, whether Jewish or not, is in a national revival, playing in 130 cities coast to coast, and will be coming to Providence this February.

The current revival features the original Jerome Robbins choreography. The director, Sammy Dallis Bayes, was a cast member in the original 1964 production and the assistant choreographer was in the first revival of the show, starring Topal. This creates a sense of continuity and tradition (sorry) in the show itself.

According to a cast member, Michael Ian Cedar, who plays Mendel, the rabbi's son and understudies Motel the tailor, who is in love with Tevye's oldest daughter, being on the road is both taxing and exciting. The cast melds and becomes like a big family with camaraderie, a few "showmanes," and even time-outs for holidays. On the minus side, the stress of constant travel and close quarters on the bus, makes it more difficult to stay healthy.

Although only five members of the cast are Jewish, several other performers have bought the book "Judaism for Dummies" in order to better understand the ethnicity of the show.

Cedar's father is a musician, so he grew up with show business. Originally he wanted to be a marine biologist or scientist but while playing sports in high school he passed out one day, and while they were trying to diagnose what caused it, he was not allowed to play sports. Instead, he joined the drama club and the rest, as they say, is history.

Fiddler of the Roof will be at the Providence Performing Arts Center on Feb. 4-6, 2005. For more information and tickets, call the box office at 421-ARTS (2787) or [www.ppacri.org](http://www.ppacri.org).

Marylyn Graff is a copy editor at *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.

## Community Calendar

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Sun., Dec. 19

### Children's Library Dedication

10:45 a.m. Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington. Lesley Lunin Mehlman Children's Library dedication ceremony.

Fri., Dec. 24

### Mitzvah of the Month at Barnes & Noble

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Sat., Dec. 25

### Klezmer on Christmas Day

8 - 11 p.m. Congregation Ohave Shalom's "coffee house," corner East Avenue and Glenwood, Pawtucket. Fishel Bresler's Klezmer-Hassidic Ensemble,

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Sun., Jan. 2

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Wed., Jan. 5

### Cranston Senior Guild

1 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Speaker Wm. J. Sutherland, vice president of AAA, on safe travel for seniors.

Sun., Jan. 9

### Build-a-Bear Workshop

3-5 p.m. Emerald Square Mall, 999 So. Washington St., North Attleboro, MA. Sponsored by BJE/RI Celebrations. To fulfill the mitzvah of bikkur holim, visiting the sick, the bears

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3 to 5 p.m. Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington. Music for a Sunday afternoon. Performers are pianist Victoria Entin and jazz combo of Larry Berren and the Be-Bop Docs. Refreshments.

Sat., Feb. 26

### Beth-El dinner dance

6 p.m. — Temple Beth El Social Hall, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Catered buffet dinner, DJ, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more. \$50 per couple, \$25 per person. Proceeds to benefit the brotherhood's college scholarship fund and the sisterhood's religious school fund. For more info, contact Pam Schiff (401) 781-4612 or Jeff Goldberg (401) 822-4526.

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# Hanukkah

## Budding artists co

PROVIDENCE — The board room of the Jewish Federation at the JCC was the scene, on Monday evening, Dec. 6, of a party to award prizes to the winners of the *Jewish Voice & Herald's* annual Hanukkah art contest. This year's theme was "Hanukkah at Home."

Promptly at 6 p.m. the room filled with excited kids and their parents rushing to find their own entries, which were laid out on long tables, with a special table for the winners.

There were 180 pictures submitted through the mail and by the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Bazarsky School of Temple Shalom in Middletown;

Temple Beth-El, Providence; Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket; the South County Hebrew School, and for the first time, the Ziskind School of Congregation Tifereth Israel in New Bedford.

The two judges were Noam Elyashiv and Steve Subotnick of the Rhode Island School of Design.

Jonathan Rubin, editor of the *Jewish Voice & Herald*, announced the winners, who were presented with bags of art supplies and treats.



Shalom Krinsky — 1st place, age 6



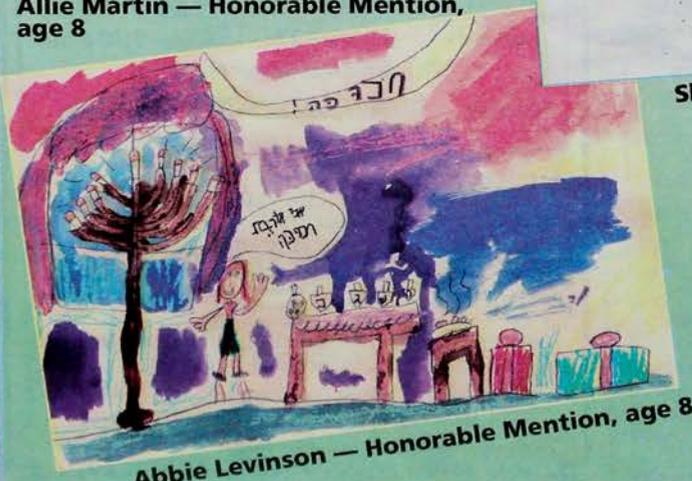
Allie Martin — Honorable Mention, age 8



Shmuel Meth — 2nd place, age 6



SARA KATZ



Abbie Levinson — Honorable Mention, age 8



Rachel Schwarz

# Art Contest Celebrate Hanukkah

### The winners were:

Ages 4-6; first prize, Shalom Krinsky of PHDS; second prize, Shmuel Meth of PHDS; honorable mentions, Raphael Felder, and Chani Schochet, both of PHDS.

Ages 7-9; first prize, Miha Battaglia of Ziskind School; second prize, Rachel Schwartz of Ziskind; and honorable mentions, Abbie Levinson and Allie Martin of Ziskind.

### Ages 10-12; first prize,

Sara Katz of Ziskind School; second prize, Rebecca Adelstein of Ziskind; and honorable mentions Alysa Redlich, a mail-in entry, and Sora Hinda Taitelbaum of PHDS.

The evening concluded with light refreshments.



Miha Battaglia — 1st place, age 8



— 1st place, age 11



Rebecca Adelstein 2nd place, age 10



— 2nd place, age 9



Alysa Redlich — Honorable Mention, age 11



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## A New Year's buffet, from gravlax to cheesecake

By Marylyn Graff

Here's a menu to serve as a midnight supper on New Year's Eve or for a New Year's Day brunch. The bonus is that most of it can be made ahead, and even bought.

### Gravlax

My friend, Fran Katzanek, loves this recipe. It serves 8 as an appetizer or part of a buffet.

- 1 Tbl. kosher salt
- 1 Tbl. sugar
- 1 tsp. crushed peppercorns
- 1 Tbl. fresh dill or 1/2 tsp dried
- 1 lb. salmon filet, boned
- 2 tsp. cognac
- Sauce (see below)

### Preparation

Check salmon for small bones and pull out with pliers if necessary. Mix salt, pepper, sugar and dill. Sprinkle over both sides of fillet, rubbing in well. Sprinkle with cognac. Wrap tightly in foil and refrigerate for 3 to 4 days,

weighting down with heavy board or pan. Turn once a day.

To serve, slice very thinly on the diagonal.

### Sauce for Gravlax

- 3 Tbl. oil
- 1 Tbl. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbl. sugar
- 2-3 Tbl. Dijon mustard
- Salt & pepper to taste.
- 2-3 Tbl. fresh dill.

Combine all ingredients except dill and mix well. Stir in dill.

Place on a platter lined with lettuce or romaine and decorate with lemon slices and fronds of fresh dill. Dribble sauce over or serve on the side.

On another platter, lined with greens, arrange well-drained mounds of pickled herring in cream and in wine sauce. (You can buy this in jars.) Decorate with carrot rounds, cherry tomatoes or other veggies.

If you are having a large

party, or wish to substitute, you can add a platter of whole smoked whitefish, or smoked whitefish salad made by flaking the fish into good sized pieces, adding barely enough mayonnaise to hold it together, sprinkling with some finely cut green onions and garnishing with parsley and sliced or rose-cut radishes. You can also buy this from a Jewish deli.

### Deviled eggs for the epicure

Hard boil 1/2 to 1 egg per person. Drain and plunge eggs into cold water. Peel and halve when cool. Scoop out yolks and mix with mayonnaise to a smooth consistency to mound in the whites, and stir in about 1 Tbl. kosher caviar, for each two egg halves. Using a pastry tube or two spoons, mound yolk mixture into whites. Decorate with a dab of the caviar and arrange on one of the above platters or by themselves.

### Roasted vegetables

Pour in enough extra virgin olive oil to cover the bottom of a large baking or roasting pan.

Put in cut-up red and green peppers, onions, unpeeled eggplants and zucchini in chunks, baby red potatoes, large mushrooms and plenty of whole unpeeled cloves of garlic. Sprinkle with basil, thyme, oregano or any combination of herbs, a few turns of the pepper mill, and salt if you like. Stir around to make sure all are coated with the oil. Bake at 375 degrees, stirring once in a while, until tender, about 45 minutes to an hour. Serve on a platter or in a shallow bowl, warm or room temperature. You can have a nice vinaigrette on the side or mixed into the roasted veggies.

### Noodle Kugel

This is not for the calorie counters.

- 1 lb. wide noodles
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 6 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 lb. cottage cheese (4%) or whole milk ricotta
- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 pt sour cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1-2 tsp. cinnamon, mixed with sugar.

Two 14 oz. cans crushed pine apple, well-drained

Boil noodles in a large pot of lightly salted water, according to directions on the package. Mix in butter. Mix all other ingredients



CHEESECAKE with berries

together until smooth and stir into noodles. Pat into well-buttered oven-proof casserole, about 9 x 13 inches. Sprinkle top with more cinnamon and sugar and bake at 375 for 45-60 minutes.

You can cut calories by using low-fat ingredients (not no-fat, they taste bad) and less butter, but it won't be the same.

### Side dishes

You will also want a tray of assorted cheeses and crackers.

Serve baskets of mini bagels, sliced, and cocktail breads. (If this is for brunch, add cream cheese and regular size bagels and good rye or pumpernickel breads.)

If you feel you need another dish, you can make (or ask one of your guests to make) a rice pilaf with vegetable broth.

For dessert everyone will love a beautiful cheesecake.

### Cheesecake

- 4 eggs
- 4 eight oz. pkgs. cream cheese at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract

1 cup sour cream

Crush about 15 double graham crackers or buy crumbs, melt 3/4 stick of butter and combine well with crumbs. Press into a 10-inch spring-form pan. (It doesn't have to come all the way up the sides.)

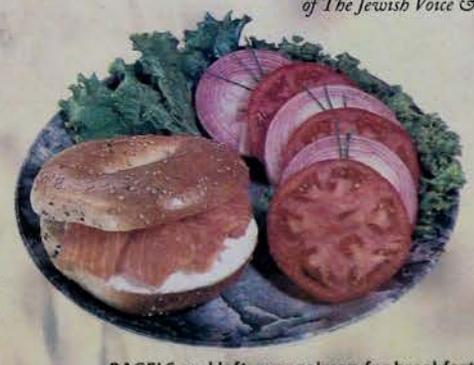
In the large bowl of an electric mixer beat eggs to mix well, add cheese, sugar, salt and extracts and beat until very smooth. Blend in sour cream. Pour into crust.

Put a pan of boiling water on lower shelf of oven, (this will help keep top of cake from cracking and bake more evenly) and put baking pan on shelf in center of oven. Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour or until barely set in center (it will finish baking out of the oven).

Cool and chill for several hours. Release from pan and place on a serving plate. Before serving, top with cherry, blueberry and/or other pie filling. You can also melt some apple jelly and dip very well drained canned peaches, pineapple, or fresh berries, etc. into it and arrange on top of cake.

Or just buy a good cheesecake. Add some assorted pastries, Danish if for brunch.

Marylyn Graff is food editor of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.



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**Cemetery adding gravesites**

WARWICK — Lincoln Park Cemetery, the major Jewish cemetery in Rhode Island, has purchased land from the state for additional gravesites. The location runs between the cemetery's existing property and Route 37.

Joel Gerstenblatt, vice president of the Chased Schel Amess Association, the cemetery operators, said acquisition of the land adds another 1200 gravesites to the cemetery. The first parcels of 52 gravesites are being offered to organizations which currently own land at Lincoln Park. That is expected to result in the sale of up to 300 sites.

The next phase will be the sale of no more than 500 gravesites to those seeking family plots. These will be limited to a maximum of six gravesites in each plot. Cost of each gravesite is \$750 plus the cost of perpetual care.

The remaining approximately 500 gravesites will be available on an "as needed" basis, Gerstenblatt said.

As this new parcel of land was being developed, improvements were made to the cemetery, including widening of the entrance, repaving of the parking lot and landscaping the front area facing Post Road.

For further information, call 737-5333.



**HOLIDAY BAKING** — Students at the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School made latkes and holiday cookies with residents of the Tamarisk Assisted Living residence in Warwick on Dec. 5. Students from left are: Brian Veltri, Ariel Lichaa Alyssa Gergel.

*Photo by Mike Meyerheim*

**Deadline nears for Poland 'March of Living' trip**

PROVIDENCE — A few spaces still remain in The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum's March of the Living trip to Poland, with an optional add-on to Israel. The deadline to register is Dec. 22.

The group will leave together from Providence on May 3, 2005 and travel by chartered bus to JFK airport, where they will join other participants on an El Al plane to Poland. The group will spend six days in Poland.

Trained guides will travel on each bus, along with security and medical personnel. Survivors will also accompany each bus.

The cost for Poland only will be \$1895. With the Israel add-on, it will be \$ 3695. To sign up or for more information, call the Holocaust Museum at 453-7860.

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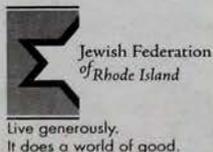
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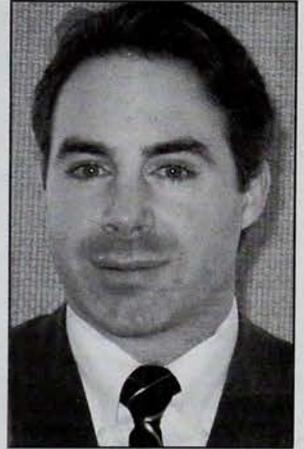
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**Turkey dance**

Jewish teenagers from all over New England made their way to Temple Newton Emanu-El for the annual United Synagogue Youth Turkey Dance Nov. 24. Pictured from left are: Elysa Lencz, 17, Sharon, Mass.; Jessica Wolf, 17, Sharon; Rachel Skerker, 17, Attleboro, Mass.; Stephanie Band, 16, Peabody, Mass.; Leah Ofsevit, 17, Newton, Mass.; Andrea Cohen, 18, Warwick; and chaperone from left are: Joshua Rubin, 22, of Providence. Photo courtesy of USY



Christopher McGee

**Tamarisk names new head**

WARWICK — Christopher McGee of Rumford has been named administrator at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence in Warwick.

His most recent position was executive director of Greenwich Bay Manor in East Greenwich. A licensed nursing home and assisted living administrator, his previous experience also includes assistant executive director at Sakonnet Bay Manor, case manager at East Bay Mental Health Center; and certified occupational therapist assistant at St. Antoine's Residence. McGee holds a bachelor of science degree in healthcare administration from Providence College.

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The tzedekah money which Pack 104 collects for the fall will go to the Rhode Island Good Neighbor Energy Fund. In addition,

the New England Gas Company and Narragansett Electric will match funds, by donating \$1 for every \$2 donated.

Brad Labine, the older brother of ASDS Bear Scout David Labine, is serving his country. To show the support of Pack 104 and with his family's permission, Marilyn Katz and Lori Glazer have developed a program to "adopt" Brad. They will be sending him cards, letters and care packages.

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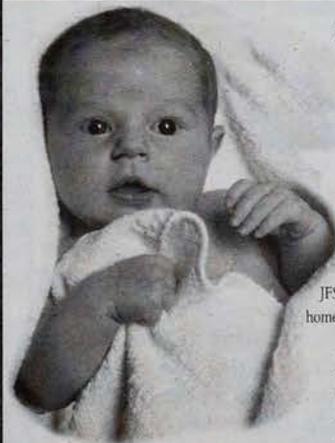
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Tema Gouse

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The first thought is, of course, a couple of million dollars. Well, some of us have it to leave but most of us do not. And it is not as big a deal as it was when we were potential heirs.

ably earn twice as much money. So they would probably love to inherit a big boodle but possibly have no need for it except for super indulgences. (If they saved part of their earnings as we did, well, — but that is a subject for another treatise.)

So what else is there to leave for them? Jewelry, maybe. An expensive SUV. Sorry—I am not a maven on those subjects.

We are getting old, so this is a serious issue. What else would enhance their lives, having come from us? Do not worry. I am not about to go off on some serious sermon about faith, love and

charity. My social worker voice shall be muted and the caring mama will expound.

I have thought about this at great length. I have decided that each family has unique characteristics (and characters) and that is what ultimately determines what is the most suitable legacy.

In our more naïve days we thought that our kids would be delighted to inherit our 30-40,000 slides of our extended travels. (That figure is not an exaggeration.) And then we realized that neither of them had ever asked to see even one of them. As we grew older and less naïve, we acknowledged that they would not be any more interested in those pictorial masterpieces when the old folks were gone. So we threw them out (yes, vel, we had at least endowed them with a love of travel.)

When I was robust (and much younger) I used to bake and cook up a storm. People were often kind enough to give words of praise and eat my servings. So I decided that I would make copies of favorite recipes and divide up the cookbooks that I had kept out of the last yard sale. Problem — without my instruction, one son cooks better or serves more exotic food than I do. And the other son

is strictly a meat and potatoes guy and has no interest in my unbeatable Asian pasta salad. That killed that brainstorm.

I have never been a fashion plate but I do have some acceptable clothing in my closet. I have three delightful teenage granddaughters, all of whom are 2004-style fashion plates. I thought they might have fun picking out something from Grandma's weird collection, only to realize that not one would be caught dead in any garment. They all have nicer jewelry, but not to despair—Rebeka says she wants my blue pearls.

We offered them the choice of any furniture they wanted when we sold the house and moved into the apartment. One said he had no room and the other admitted to having different tastes. I used to needlepoint in all free moments. Needlepoint hangings and pillows adorn my apartment. The ones I gave to them are almost never displayed. I hope they sell well in the yard sale when we are gone.

Like most ladies with multiple wrinkles and graying hair, I have the usual assortment of sentimental nothings. Letters from camp, pictures at birthday parties, a small wooden bench made in high school wood training

class and even the receipted bill from Louis the Caterer for one son's Bar Mitzvah. Displaying it all one day got laughs, but no takers. (Sons are not sentimental like daughters are). My daughter-in-law did agree to take the old, old family pictures, but I bet she cannot remember where she put them.

So what can we leave them? Obviously not much that is material. But not all endowments are tangible. In the middle of the night, when sleep eludes me, like most parents I wonder if I have been a good one. And I think that both my sons have inherited a good sense of humor. They are both caring parents themselves. I am confident that we taught them decency and a moral set of ethics. I can say proudly that we tried to teach them that giving can be more rewarding than receiving. And I hope that they will always care about and love each other.

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Tema Gouse, a regular columnist, is a retired social worker, and lives in Cranston.

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All activities will be inclusive so that Sabbath observers and people who keep kosher will be able to participate.

For more information, call 497-1455.

**Kollel holds Dec. programs**

PROVIDENCE — Kollel is running the following programs this month:

• **Sunday** at 8 p.m.: "Partners in Torah." This program is run in conjunction with Project Shoshon. People are invited to study and discuss topics in a small group or one-on-one. This month will introduce a special program studying Mishna as a building block to Talmud, with Rabbi David Bielory.

• **Monday** at 7:30-8:30 p.m. Beth Shalom; the Beit Medrash program. This is an opportunity to pick a topic of study in a small group. There will also be a practical look at the laws of Shabbat with a special focus on the laws relevant to food preparation.

At 7:45-9:15 p.m. "Read Hebrew America" will continue.

• **Tuesday** 7:45-8:30 p.m. "Talmud Skills." Introduction to Talmud study, focusing on building vocabulary and fundamental skills.

• **Wednesday** 7:45-8:15 p.m. "Who's Really Pulling the Strings?" The paradox of free will. This group examines philosophical concepts in Judaism with Rabbi Raphie Schochet.

8:30-9:30 p.m. In-depth analysis of Tractate Berachos with Rabbi Dovid Schwartz, tracing its progression up to modern day application. Some experience in Talmud study is necessary for this class.

• **Thursday** 8 p.m. "Parsha Perspectives" with Rabbi Jonathan Beck. How the weekly Torah portion relates to daily life. There will be some time for tangential discussion.

All classes are open to men and women. The Kollel is located at the Jewish Community Center at 401 Elmgrove Ave. For information, call 383-2786, or visit [www.providencekollel.org](http://www.providencekollel.org).

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## Mazal Tov!

Births



Jacob Brian Evans

**EAST GREENWICH** — Donna and Joel Evans announce the arrival of their son Jacob Brian. He was born Mon., Oct. 25, at Women and Infants Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 2 ounces.

His Hebrew name is Lev.

Grandparents are Maureen and Howard Krasnow of Warwick, and Sandra and Gerald Evans of Sharon, Mass.



Julia Miriam Masri

**PROVIDENCE** — Julia Miriam Masri was born to Sara and Aaron Masri on Oct. 25 at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence. Their first child, she weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Her Hebrew name is Yael Miriam after her maternal great-aunt Marie.

Sara is the director of Planning and Allocations at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Aaron is a financial analyst at Hasbro.



Matthew Larry Friedman

**PROVIDENCE** — Lauri and Michael Friedman announce the birth of their first child, Matthew Larry, on Nov. 15.

He is the grandson of Marilyn Friedman Shealey and Glenn Shealey of Providence and Rhoda and Arnold Kleinstein of Hollis Hills, Queens, N.Y.

He was named Hersch Arie, in memory of Lauri's grandfather Hiram Kleinstein and Michael's father Larry Friedman.

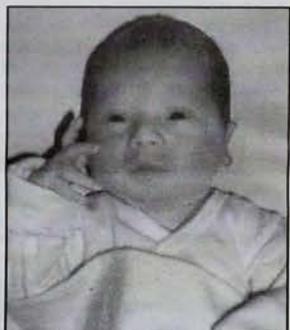
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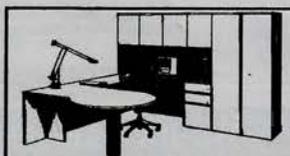
Daniel Russ Vilker

Lee and Ronitte Vilker and siblings Eitan and Ari announce the birth of Daniel Russ on Nov. 27. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

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## Obituaries

### Eunice L. Abeshaus, 77

CRANSTON — Eunice L. (Rubin) Abeshaus, 77, died Nov. 12. She was the wife of the late William Abeshaus.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Mildred (Seidel) Rubin, she was a long-time resident of Cranston.

Mrs. Abeshaus had taught yoga and worked with the elderly in the 1980s. She received a certificate in gerontology studies at Rhode Island College in Providence.

She was a member of Hadasah, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, the Women's Association of the Jewish Seniors Agency and the National Council of Jewish Women.

With her husband, she was a founding member of the Cranston Jewish Center, now Temple Torat Yisrael.

She leaves a son, Marc Abeshaus of Hope; and a daughter, Debra Abeshaus of Cranston.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### Harold Adelberg, 92

PROVIDENCE — Harold Adelberg, 92, a retired auctioneer, died Dec. 3. He was the husband of Ruth (Weiss) Adelberg of Warwick. They were married for 63 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Charles and Lillian (Mistofsky) Adelberg, he lived in North Smithfield for 50 years before moving to Warwick more than two years ago.

He was a medic in the  Army during WW II.

He was a real estate broker, an insurance broker, a contractor and an auctioneer before retiring.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Harvey M. Adelberg of Woodbridge, Conn.; a daughter, Elena L. Sacks of Warwick, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Florence Weinstein.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### David Broomfield, 74

WARWICK — David Marvin Broomfield, 74, a retired scrap metal company owner, died Dec. 5. He was the husband of Rhoda (Labush) Broomfield. They were married for 44 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Anna (Shonfeld) Broomfield, he lived in Cranston for 30 years before moving to Warwick five years ago.

He was the owner/operator of D.M. Broomfield Scrapmetals Company in Providence for 40 years before retiring eight years ago.

He was an Army  sergeant in the Korean War.

He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, class of 1953.

Mr. Broomfield was a former member of Temple Am David. He was an avid golfer.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Michael Broomfield of Cranston; two daughters, Elisa Gergel of Davie, Fla., and Sheri Pascal of Norwich, Conn.; a brother, Richard Broomfield of Narragansett; four sisters, Rita Johnson and Laura Boslovitz, both of Warwick, Beverly Bernard of Boca Raton, Fla., and Sema Dwares of Sunrise, Fla.; and eight grandchildren. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Make a Wish Foundation of R.I., 757 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910.

### Beatrice Daroff, 90

PROVIDENCE — Beatrice (Goldstein) Daroff, 90, a retired bookkeeper, died Nov. 30.

She was the wife of the late Albert Daroff.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of the late Samuel and Molly (Becker) Goldstein, she lived in Philadelphia for 43 years, before moving to Providence in 1997.

Mrs. Daroff was a bookkeeper at Laventhal and Horwath in Philadelphia before retiring in 1989.

She was an active and often anonymous supporter of a variety of charitable organizations, and a member of the Brown Learning Community. She was an avid reader and an animal lover.

She leaves a daughter, Michele Hadden of North Smithfield. She was the sister of the late Dr. Jacob Goldstein.

### Fred Dunder, 84

CRANSTON — Fred Dunder, 84, a retired optician, died Nov. 25. He was the husband of Celia (Reichin) Dunder. They were married for 56 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Pearl (Elbin) Dunder, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to Cranston 46 years ago.

He was an Army  veteran of World War II, serving as a medic in the Pacific Theatre.

He was a graduate of New York City College in Brooklyn. He was a founding member of the former Temple Beth David and of its brotherhood and also a founding member of Temple Sinai and a member of its brotherhood. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

He was a practicing optician for 65 years before retiring two years ago and a member of the Rhode Island Dispensing Opticians Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters; Barbara Dunder-Forman of Cranston and Pamela Manekofsky of East Greenwich; three grandsons and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Nathaniel E. Dunder, Rose M. Cohen, and Faye Schachter.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Temple Sinai Endowment Fund, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, 02920 or the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude St., Providence, R.I. 02908.

### Bella Eisenstadt, 90

EAST PROVIDENCE — Bella Eisenstadt, 90, retired owner of College Laundry and Cleaners, Providence, died Dec. 3. She was the wife of the late Lester Eisenstadt.

Born in Boston, she lived in East Providence for 36 years.

Mrs. Eisenstadt and her husband had owned the College Laundry and Cleaners, a fixture near the Brown campus, from the 1950s to the 1980s. A Providence Journal feature described them as a surrogate mom and dad to thousands of college students, including the late John F. Kennedy, Jr., who was a regular customer.

Mrs. Eisenstadt enjoyed traveling to Florida and the Caribbean. She leaves a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Nate and Blanche Eisenstadt, both of Warwick, a sister-in-law, Leah Abrams of Pawtucket; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Marvin Eisenstadt.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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

### Dr. Edwin M. Gold, 91

PAWTUCKET — Edwin M. Gold, M.D., 91, a retired physician and professor, died Dec. 5. He was the husband of Sylvia (Gold) Gold.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Jacob and Rose Gold, he lived in Pawtucket for 35 years.

He was a graduate of New York University and Long Island College of Medicine.

Dr. Gold had been the reproductive health services and attending ob/gyn physician at Women and Infants Hospital. He served on the emeritus staff and also chaired the hospital's Medical Care Evaluation Committee.

In 1981 he was named professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology and community medicine at Brown University.

He was the recipient of the 1982 Martha May Eliot Award.

He began his career in 1948 as senior obstetrical consultant with the New York City Health Department. His career included several professorships. He taught maternal and child health at the University of California School of Public Health in Berkeley.

He belonged to many professional societies and was a founding fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Stephen Gold of Poway, Calif.; a daughter, Toni Gold of Marina del Rey, Calif., and three grandchildren.

### Morris Gorden

PAWTUCKET — Morris Gorden, a retired tobacco salesman, died Nov. 29. Born in Providence, a son of the late Israel and Rose (Fineman) Gorden, he had lived in Providence most of his life before moving to Pawtucket several years ago.

He was a salesman for various wholesale tobacco companies in Rhode Island for many years, retiring several years ago.

He leaves two sisters, Sally and Lillian Gorden, both of Warwick and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Jacob "Jack", Harry and Joseph Gorden.

### Eva Gorman, 91

PROVIDENCE — Eva (Podersky) Gorman, 91, a former furniture store co-owner, died Nov. 26. She was the wife of Sam Gorman.

Born in Pawtucket, a daughter of the late Max and Sarah (Newman) Podersky, she was educated in the Pawtucket school system.

Mrs. Gorman had been the office manager of the Pansey Weaving Co. in Central Falls before she co-founded the Gorman Furniture Co. in Pawtucket. She retired in 1985.

She was a founding member of the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth.

Mrs. Gorman was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Hadasah, B'nai B'rith and the Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Marilyn Phillips of Warwick; a sister, Minnie Horowitz of Providence, two grandsons and a great-grandson. She was the sister of the late Dorothy Markowitz.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### Edward Leif, 83

PAWTUCKET — Edward Leif, 83, a retail salesman and former business owner, died Nov. 29. He was the husband of the late Marjorie (Young) Leif.

Born in Newark, N.J., a

son of the late Albert and Celia (Harris) Leif, he had resided in Pawtucket since 1953.

He received a bachelor of arts in economics from Brown University in 1941.

He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps in the European Theater during World War II and received a  Bronze Star.

He was the owner of the former Albert O. Leif Carpet Co. for 20 years and then was a partner in the former Lewis-Williams Furniture Co. of East Providence until 1996. He had been working at Foxboro Furniture in Foxboro, Mass., until recently.

He was a member of the Masons and the Crestwood Country Club and was an active skier and golfer. He was also an avid Red Sox fan.

He leaves a son, Richard Leif of Northboro, Mass., and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Estelle Bliss and Florence Pierce.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

### Beatrice Manheim, 78

NORTHBRIDGE, Calif. — Beatrice (Genser) Manheim, 78, formerly of Providence, died Nov. 26. She was the wife of the late Ted Manheim.

She was a homemaker.

She leaves a son, Joseph Manheim of San Diego, Calif., a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

### Beatrice Miller, 82

WOONSOCKET — Beatrice (Goldstein) Miller, 82, died Dec. 5. She was the wife of the late Morris Miller.

Born in Patterson, N.J., a daughter of the late Max and Anna (Gorfaine) Goldstein, she moved frequently during her life, but had lived in Providence and Warwick for 20 years before moving to Mississippi in 1964. She returned to Rhode Island in 1994 and settled in Woonsocket in 1999.

Mrs. Miller was a former member of Temple Beth Shalom.

She was a member and past state president of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, also serving on the national level. She also served as a past president of the state Parent Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Miller was accomplished at needlepoint and knitting.

She leaves three sons, Leonard Miller of Uxbridge, Mass., Gerald Miller of North Attleboro and Barry Miller of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a brother, Imron Goldstein of California; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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**Beatrice Miller**

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She was a sister of the late Ruth Meyer, Mae Weiner and Aliene Channon.

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assn., 245 Waterman St., Providence, RI 02906.

**Lawrence Phillips, 76**

PROVIDENCE — Lawrence I. Phillips, 76, an entrepreneur, died Dec. 5.

Born in Haverhill, Mass., a son of the late Joshua I and Kathryn F. (Kosoff) Phillips, he was a resident of Newton, Mass., for most of his life before retiring to Palm Beach, Fla., then moving to Providence in 2001.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Phillips received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Syracuse University.

A self-made man, he began as a salesman's assistant in Boston and went on to build his own company, Lawrence I. Phillips, Inc.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El. He also served on the board of directors of Camp Bauercrest in Amesbury, Mass.

He was an avid golfer and tennis player.

He leaves three sons, Bruce Phillips of Providence, Stephen Phillips of Advance, N.C., and David Phillips of Hollywood, Calif.; a brother, Herbert P. Phillips of Gloucester, Mass., and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Sharon, (Mass.) Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to Camp Bauercrest, c/o Peter

Harris, 29 Hereford Rd., Marblehead, Mass. 01945.

**P. Susan Shindler, 96**

EAST PROVIDENCE — P. Susan Shindler, 96, the owner of the former Abbey Telephone and Secretarial Service, died Nov. 21.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Chaim and Zlotta (Goldstein) Shindler, she had lived in Cranston for several years before moving to Providence in 1951, and to East Providence in 2004.

Ms. Shindler was a life member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, and the National Council of Jewish Women. She was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith, Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club and the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum.

She leaves four nieces, Charlotte Penn and Florence Nachbar, both of Providence; and Carolyn Gold and Susan Tejada, both of Washington, D.C.; 11 grandnieces and grandnephews, and seven great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. She was the sister of the late Sara, Murray, Samuel, Chandelle and Ethel Shindler, Gertrude Mondshein and Dora Finkler.

Contributions can be made to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**Bruce I. Sondler, 50**

PROVIDENCE — Bruce I. Sondler, 50, a lawyer, died Dec. 3. He was the former husband of Elizabeth (Catalano) Sondler.

Born in Providence, a son of Helene (Kwasha) Sondler of Providence and the late Richard

Sondler, he had lived in East Greenwich and Providence.

A graduate of Classical High School, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and his law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Mr. Sondler had been a lawyer in private practice since 1980. He was a member of the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association and its board of governors; the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and the Rhode Island, Illinois and American Bar Associations.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his mother and former wife, he leaves three daughters, Jordan, Chloe and Olivia Sondler, all of East Greenwich; and a brother, Dr. Jeffrey M. Sondler of Waban, Mass. He was the brother of the late David P. Sondler.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Religious School Fund at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906 or the David P. Sondler Scholarship Fund, c/o Bentley College, 175 Forest St., Waltham, Mass. Attn: Dara Donahue.

**Robert N. Waldman, 57**

WARWICK — Robert N. Waldman, 57, a salesman for CSC Paymaster, Inc. since 2002, died Nov. 28. He was the husband of Cheryl (Laramée) Waldman. They had been married for 24 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Leo and Gertrude (Belilove) Waldman, he had lived in Warwick since 1981.

Mr. Waldman was a sales representative with Met Life for 16 years and was an instructor for

the insurance agents' qualifying school in Rhode Island.

He was previously associated with Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

He was a past president of the Ocean State Young American Bowlers Alliance, the league director for Lang's junior bowling program, and co-founded the Ultimate Iceless Hockey League of Rhode Island.

Mr. Waldman received the PTO Volunteer of the Year award from the Warwick School Committee for 1995-96.

He was a member of the Army Reserve.

He graduated from Hope High School and Roger Williams College.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Geoffrey and Matthew Waldman, both at home, and a cousin, Gerald Pepper of Warwick.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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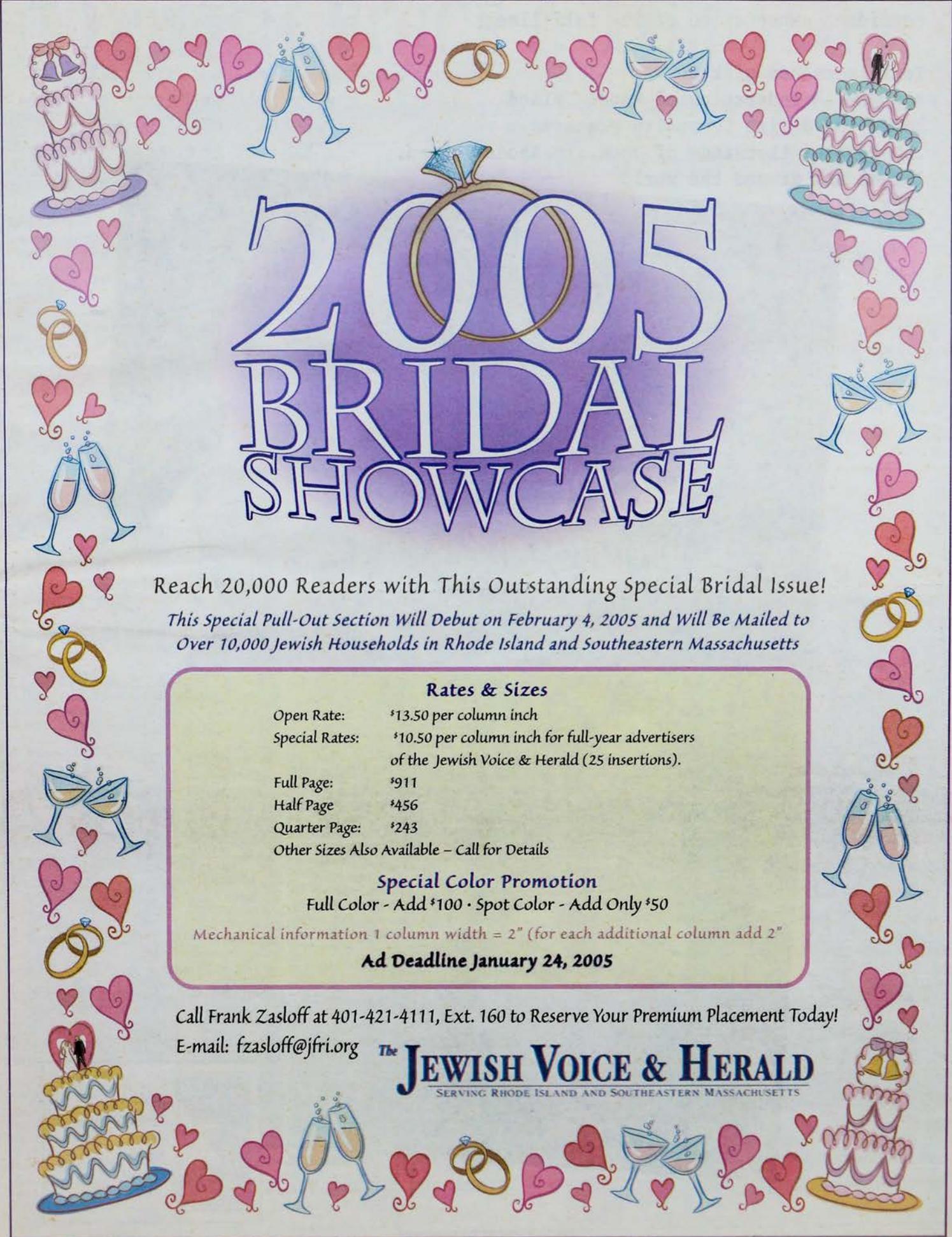


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