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Judea Pearl to bring slain son's message to R.I.

He will speak on Judaism, fighting hatred at donor event

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE —

Little Adam Pearl, 3, is the twinkle in his grandfather's eye. Judea Pearl, speaking by telephone Wednesday from New York City, loves Adam with a passion pierced by grief — the boy was born after his father, Daniel Pearl, Judea's only son, was brutally murdered for his "crime" of being an American and a Jew.

His grandson gives Judea strength and direction in his son's absence — he calls him "Mr. Purpose."

A *Wall Street Journal* reporter and Southeast Asian bureau chief, Daniel was slain by Islamic extremists in 2002 in Karachi, Pakistan, as he worked on a story about Richard Reid, the so-called

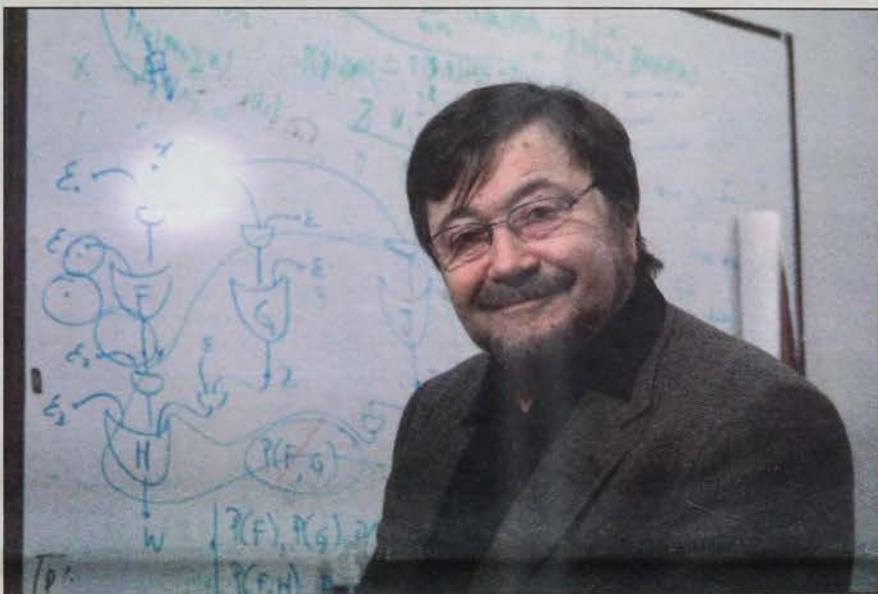


Wall St. Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was killed in 2002.

"shoe bomber."

Daniel's widow, Mariane Pearl, is now living in New York with her son and "is doing well," her father-in-law said. She is a writer and freelance journalist.

Pearl, 69, will speak at Temple Beth-El on Nov. 6 at a campaign event sponsored by



Photos courtesy of Daniel Pearl Foundation

JUDEA PEARL is a professor at UCLA and works in the field of artificial intelligence.

the Jewish Federation of R.I.

During his son's captivity, Pearl requested that the *Wall St. Journal* and U.S. press keep his

Israeli identity secret, a request the media honored.

Pearl speaks with an accent — he was born in Israel when

"it was incubating," he said, before it was a state. "Which means I'm half-Palestinian. I tell my Palestinian friends

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Federation names Rosen interim exec

By Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — Harris "Hershey" Rosen, of Wakefield (soon to be Providence), will be serving as interim head of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the principal Jewish fundraising, planning and advocacy organization in the state, starting the first of the year.

Janet H. Engelhart, the current executive vice-president, announced last month that she will be stepping down from her position. This will take effect between Dec. 31 and Jan. 15, 2006, allowing for adequate transition with the interim director.

A past president of the Federation, Rosen has been

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Emanu-El dedicates new chapel



Photo by Jonathan Rubin

EDWARD ADLER, right, discusses the three Torah scrolls in the new Fishbein Chapel with friends Louis Yosinoff and Barbara Lightman.

By Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — After decades of use by daily minyans, Hebrew school and Schechter students and Midrasha high-schoolers, the Fishbein Chapel at Temple Emanu-El looked a bit worn around the edges. As part of a facility-wide set of changes, the synagogue built an addition on Taft Avenue to relocate the chapel, and last Sunday a throng of hundreds joined the formal dedication of the Fishbein Chapel.

Fourteen temple leaders took turns carrying three Torah scrolls from the main sanctuary out into the street and around the corner to the new chapel. The procession was accompanied by klezmer music and more than 100 children brought flowers to decorate the new *Aron Hakodesh* (ark). The room is ringed in gold letters

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Community Calendar

TUES., NOV. 1

Story time at Emanu-El

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sisterhood lounge, Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. "Shema, Seek & Schmooz, Let's Explore the Jewish Home." Stories, songs, crafts, snacks for children up to age 4. For more information, call Lisa Shorr at 521-4540. Also, Tues., Dec. 6.

WA author's event

7 p.m. Featuring authors of the *Botx Diaries* and *Mine are Spectacular*, Janice Kaplan and Lynn Schnurnberger. Location: Ledge-mont Country Club. Cost: \$18 (cocktail and dessert). Donation to the annual campaign required to attend event. For more information, contact Kerri Pariseault at 421-4111, ext. 163.

WED., NOV. 2

Cranston Senior Guild

1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Norman "Bud" McLeod, political activist in AARP and other organizations, will speak on the new prescription drug plan. Raffle and refreshments following. New members welcome.

THURS., NOV. 3

Jewish Family Service annual meeting

6 to 7:30 p.m. Hasbro, Inc., 1027 Newport Ave., Pawtucket. Open to all. RSVP at 331-1244 or info@jfsri.org. See community.

SUN., NOV. 6

Blood drive at Torat Yisrael

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Blood drive for Rhode Island Blood Bank. Open for donations from the general community.

'Kid's Stuff Sale'

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Indoors at the JCC at 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Annual Kid's Stuff Sale to benefit the JCC early childhood program. \$5 admission to shop early from 8 to 9 a.m., otherwise admission is free. Everything half price from 1 to 2 p.m. Sale includes toys, clothes, books, furniture, baby items, videos and more.

Fall River Yiddish Club

1 to 2:30 p.m. Adas Israel Synagogue, Fall River. Ruth Chebot will review Jonathan Safran Foer's book "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close." The story follows a Jewish family from the Holocaust to 9/11. For more information, call 508-678-4273.

JFRI donor event with Judea Pearl

6 p.m. Pacesetter dinner, 7:30 p.m. general program. Temple Beth-El, Providence. See story, page 1.

TUES., NOV. 8

March of the Living information session

7 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. For students and parents interested in learning about the 2006 March of the Living. For more information or to RSVP contact Rich Walter at 331-0956, ext. 178 or rwalter@bjeri.org.

THURS., NOV. 10

Rabbi Kaunfer at PC

4 p.m. Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer will be lecturing at Providence College on "What it Means to be Human: A View From the Ancient Rabbis." Interactive discussion. Free and open to the public, in Aquinas Hall. Call 865-1000.

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Sukkah snapshots...

Despite some harsh winds and pummeling rain, many Rhode Islanders still built *sukkahs*, temporary dwellings created to remind us of the Exodus from Egypt, the harvest season and the fragility of life on this world. Some organizations, such as the Miriam Hospital, built *sukkahs* only to see them blown about the next morning.



Photo by Meredith Einsahn

MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN hang out in the Jewish Community Center *sukkah* Oct. 21 after a Babies, Kids and Kibbitzing Women's Alliance program.



Photo by URI Hillel

URI HILLEL AND THE SOUTH COUNTY HEBREW SCHOOL combined forces to build and decorate the URI Hillel *sukkah* on Sun., Oct. 16. Pictured from left are URI students Laurel Lederman, Tamar Weinberg, Leslie Mandelbaum, and Alex Hershey holding decorations made by South County Hebrew School children.



Photo by Jonathan Rubin

RAIN AND CHILLS didn't stop Cranstonians from posing for a quick picture in the *sukkah* of Susan and Steven Adler.

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Opinion

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After the fasts, a Muslim-Jewish repast

The food was not for the calorically challenged: chocolate babka, hummus, dates, tabouleh, pita, biryani and peanut brittle, among other delicacies. Of the Jewish contribution to this cornucopia of delights, more anon. Suffice it to say, for one very satisfying evening your observer's perpetual diet took the night off.



Yehuda Lev

For the first time since 1973, the fast of Yom Kippur and the daytime fasts of Ramadan coincided on the calendar and the breaking of the fasts was jointly celebrated at Brown University as Muslims and Jews sat down together, first to eat, and then to talk about shared perceptions and misperceptions.

Such gatherings usually produce well-meaning clichés about how we share a common humanity, how we should get to know one another better and how our respective religions emphasize the

doing of good deeds though occasionally suffering from misrepresentation in the media as driven by the agendas of extremists. After a ritual exchange of platitudes, everyone goes home certain that the world is now a better place for our well-intentioned efforts.

I hope that this exchange will turn out differently. For some time in Los Angeles I belonged to a "Cousin's Club," Arabs and Jews who met monthly in people's homes and discussed the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, trying not so much to agree as to attempt to understand other points of view. Unfortunately the large majority of participants were Jews highly critical of Israel so that it was less a discussion group than a sharing of like opinions. After a while I tired of it and sought political stimulation elsewhere.

One of the hindrances to such laudable attempts to find a commonality of interests is an initial emphasis on how similar we are, but such groups are more effective if they begin with an attempt to understand how and why we differ, since these differences often underlie our misunderstandings. Case in point: Judaism is an exclusive religion, Islam and Chris-

tianity are inclusive. Jews are not looking for converts, we tend to discourage them. The other two faiths are expansionist; they have created empires with their conquering armies. It took us two millennia to regain a tiny sliver of land in the desert. So our worldviews differ and our relations with others are often affected by this.

This exclusivity leads also to isolation. Muslims and Christians can enjoy a dinner in my home but if I am an observant Jew I cannot eat in theirs. Most religions place restrictions on what and under which conditions their followers may eat, but few are as restrictive as the laws governing kashrut. Since social and other relationships are often developed over shared plates of food, these restrictions place us at a certain disadvantage.

A more serious difference concerns an issue fundamental to almost all religions, belief in God. You cannot be a Muslim or a Christian without believing in a supreme being. But you can be an atheist and still be accepted as a Jew by other Jews, not a "good" Jew perhaps, but as long as you were born of a Jewish

mother you will not be denied your inherent Jewishness. This is incomprehensible to most non-Jews, to whom an acceptance of the existence of a God, by whatever name the deity is called, is the foundation upon which religious belief and observance are built.

Why dwell on differences if Jews and Muslims want to come together to exchange ideas and bridge the chasm that separates them? Because to establish a genuine understanding of each other's positions these must first be acknowledged and accounted for. Then it may be possible to proceed on to genuine acceptance of the place from which the Other is coming, a result that I hope will emerge from an ongoing series of meetings such as this. A final suggestion to my fellow Jews. With reference to the meal with which the evening began, as our contribution to the festive board we have got to come up with something more interesting than bagels and cream cheese.

Yehuda Lev, a retired journalist, writes a regular op-ed piece for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

No accounting for cents and sensibility in Palestine

By Alex Grobman

When James Wolfensohn and Mort Zuckerman raised \$14 million to buy the Gush Katif hothouses from Israeli farmers to give to the Palestinians, many people were surprised. "We thought it was a chance to show the Palestinians that there were more benefits from cooperation than confrontation," Zuckerman explained.

Zuckerman's *New York Daily News* reported on Sept. 22 that "a week after they [Palestinians] descended like locusts on the greenhouses...looters continue to pillage what should be a prize asset for a fledgling Palestinian State." In response to this wanton destruction, Zuckerman said, "I'm just sad that they are cutting off their noses to spite their faces. ... It's almost inexplicable."

Later in the same article, 29-year-old Samir Al-Najar explained why he and eight of his men destroyed a half-acre greenhouse at the Neveh Dekalim settlement. He would probably rebuild the greenhouses he said, "but I want the greenhouses to be our own, not Jewish ones."

Attempts to convince the Arabs that they have more to gain materially by embracing the Jewish State than by trying to destroy it, is not a new phenomenon. Yosef Gorny notes that in 1907, Yitzhak Epstein, an intellectual and teacher, declared that the Arabs "must, for their own good, let the Jews into the country, for it is powerless to improve its situations and to extricate itself from its poverty and ignorance by its own efforts; only our people can provide for their

needs." It was to be a win-win situation. The Jews would reclaim their homeland and the Arabs would be able to improve their lives.

In 1921, Winston Churchill, then Colonial Secretary, echoed the same theme of "economic blessing" on a visit to Palestine. He urged the Arabs to give Zionism a "fair chance," since Zionism would be "accompanied by a general diffusion of wealth and well-being, and by an advance in the social, scientific and cultural life of the people as a whole."

David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, said he shared the view of many early Zionists that Jews would be welcomed back once the economic progress they brought with them "would convey a blessing to the Arab people." Years later he admitted that he was "naïve then to imagine that the Arabs think like us."

In 1936, for example, he acknowledged that "the economic blessing" had no impact on Arab leaders: "Even if they admit — and not all of them do — that our immigration brings material blessing to the land, they say — and from the Arab viewpoint I think rightly so — 'None of your honey and none of your sting.'"

Al-Najar's rejection of the Jewish hothouses was the same sentiment expressed to Ben-Gurion by a leading Arab intellectual in the 1960s. The Arab leader acknowledged the achievements the Jews had created in Israel, but it was irrelevant to him. He wanted the land to remain desolate until the Arabs themselves were capable of achieving these same feats. Even if this would take a

hundred years, he was prepared to wait.

Disregarding the experiences of previous Israeli leaders, Shimon Peres continued to espouse this failed approach in the early 1990s when he said, "A higher standard of living is a precondition for mitigating the tensions among the Middle Eastern countries." He wanted to fight poverty in the region "as if were a military threat."

That the Arabs have never renounced their desire to destroy Israel, that they persist in teaching hatred of Jews in their schools under Mohammad Abbas and assailing them in their mosques is either ignored or only perfunctory demands are made that it be stopped.

In light of the Wolfensohn-Zuckerman fiasco, perhaps we should finally understand that the Arabs will not be bought off. Zeev Jabotinsky, leader of the Revisionists, appreciated this fact in 1925 when he wrote, "I do not believe that we can reconcile them [the Arabs] to the possibility of a Jewish Palestine by offering them the bribe of economic amelioration."

The destruction of the hothouses and of the synagogues in Gush Katif

raises fundamental questions about the nature of Israel's "peace partners." What type of people delights in destroying synagogues, continues to live in squalor out of a sense of pride, yet takes handouts from the U.N., and when given a thriving business opportunity levels the site because they want to build their own some day?

The British, the U.S., the European Union and Israel have enabled Arab leaders to engage in this self-destructive behavior for decades by giving in to their endless whiny and unjustified demands, providing them with money that is rarely used for the welfare of their people, and not holding them accountable to agreements they make.

As long as the West and Israel continues this pathological response, the Arabs will wallow in their own self-pity, glory in their victimhood and focus their energy on ways to destroy Israel and the West.

Dr. Grobman has an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Hebrew University in contemporary Jewish history. His latest book, Zionism=Racism: The New War Against The Jews, was published in 2005.

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ALISON ON ALIYAH

Love, ambition and cultural differences

I consider myself a fairly ambitious person, and I think you all know how proud I am of myself for having made *aliyah* and for continuing to make it work on a daily basis (it is indeed work). It has always been of utmost importance to me to really ensconce myself in the culture here as much as possible, rather than allow myself to stay on the outskirts, in the American bubble that represents a trap into which far too many of us fall. My rapid Hebrew acquisition, my entrance into Israeli graduate school, and my constant attempts to keep the ratio of my non-American to American friends significantly high, are all valuable parts of this process for me. But lately, I've been starting to wonder whether I am simply *too* ambitious in this department, and whether I have finally reached the glass ceiling.



Alison Golub

I have been coming to terms with this possibility most acutely over the past three months, since I began to date a young man who was born in Morocco, lived in France for most of his teenage years, and made *aliyah* a few years ago. His mother speaks French and Spanish, while his father speaks French and a Moroccan dialect of Arabic. Neither of them speak more than a couple of words of Hebrew, nor does his brother or sister. Mikhael is fluent in all four languages, but, of course, English is not his strong suit. We speak only Hebrew together, which can make our daily dealings with each other problematic from time to time. However, while there are times that we have to repeat ourselves or simplify what we want to say, I have never reached a moment with him in which I felt that I truly could not express myself. When his mother and younger brother were here for a visit, on the other hand, I was reduced to smiling widely and nodding and gesturing maniacally, feeling fully unable to communicate with them in any meaningful way.

This is only the tip of the iceberg of differences between Mikhael and me. His conservative Moroccan upbringing has presented perhaps the most challenging obstacle for me. Indeed, seeing the gaping chasm between our cultural backgrounds up close has been the focus of ongoing fascination for me. Luckily, Mikhael would not be considered the "classic," stereotypical Moroccan, although I must admit he has had his moments.

Upon announcing our status as an item to my Israeli friends, I received scores of advice and warnings regarding our possible future life together: he won't "let" me work outside the home; he will want me "barefoot and pregnant" for 80 percent of my child-bearing years; his parents will never approve of me (and my American-ness, and my tattoo, and the difference in our ages); he will have a terrible temper; he will be difficult to get along with at times; he will beat me senseless, like "all Moroccans do."

I had heard many of these stereotypes early on in my life as an Israeli citizen, and continue to be mystified by them. Mikhael is, in many ways, the fundamental opposite of many of them: open, soft, caring, incredibly willing to change and compromise (even on fairly serious issues), and showing absolutely no frustration at all with the fact that I plan to continue on to my doctorate and have a full career throughout my adult life. Of course, he also wants no less than six children — but I'm hoping that's negotiable.

I continue to wonder when the "other shoe will drop," or whether I have, in fact, found the only Moroccan in Israel who doesn't fit into any of the preconceived notions. I have ultimately come to see the other side of the coin as well—the truly great things about Moroccans, every stereotype of which Mikhael embodies to the fullest. My good friend, Dudu, from the Jerusalem *shuk* (open air market), is also of Moroccan descent so I have learned these lessons well. These two men are absolutely, hands down, the warmest and most loving, supportive, loyal, trustworthy, and reliable people I have ever known—and from what I understand, this is "par for the course" in the Moroccan culture.

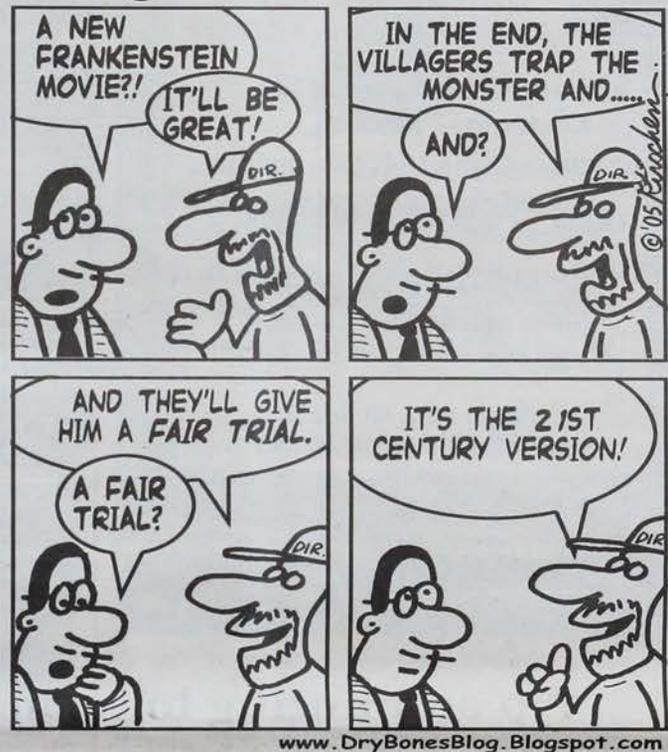
I would have to say the infamous Moroccan sensibility and emotionality are perhaps my favorite of their traits. The other night, Mikhael and I settled down together to watch "Seabiscuit." I promptly fell asleep, and was awoken two hours later by the sounds of my boyfriend sobbing and snuffling. It took him a couple of hours to fully recover after "Dead Poets' Society." I have to admit I was taken aback by these displays, finding them not a small bit embarrassing from the perspective of my American beliefs on male machismo. Last week, I promptly made a beeline for Dudu's store, to ask for his Moroccan opinion on the matter.

Dudu laughed, assuring me that this is purely Moroccan, and has nothing to do with Mikhael being particularly sensitive or effeminate. "This is the greatest thing about Moroccans," he expounded. "We feel everything deeply, and intensely. When we are sad, we can cry for days. When we are happy, we can celebrate like no one else. When we love, it consumes us. We treat our mothers and daughters and wives as if they are the only women on earth. And when we are angry, yes, we can lose our tempers."

This type of genuineness has always been the thing I have loved the most about Israelis in general, and I have come to realize that the Moroccan culture most intensely embodies this trait. I must admit, however, that as much as I love this quality, it is still very foreign to me. In many ways, I still respond to things as an American, and many of Mikhael's Moroccan reactions to a variety of situations surprise and confuse me.

Don't get me wrong — alongside of and in spite of (and perhaps because of) all of this, I love Mikhael completely and with abandon. We also have a tremendous

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amount of similarities between us. We both made *aliyah* alone, without family and with only an intense love of Israel to guide us. We have both succeeded in building homes and support systems for ourselves, separately, in a surprisingly short span of time. And we are both passionately committed to living in Israel for the rest of our lives. Of course, only time will tell whether we will be able to grow with and over all of the obstacles facing us, and whether or not my ambition really has gotten the best of me.

Alison Stern Golub was born and grew up in Seattle, Washington and is a graduate of Brown University. You can email her at Alison_Golub@hotmail.com, and read more about her adventures on her website at www.alisonsterngolub.com.

Letter to the Editor

Hadassah strong throughout the state

I was pleased to read the front-page story in your Oct. 14th issue about South County's planned growth for the Jewish community. The Jewish Collaborative of South County, under the leadership of President Richard Winkler, has been working for this progress for so long, and your feature article will, hopefully, draw attention to the needs in the southern portion of our state.

We in Rhode Island Hadassah commend and support their efforts, and one of our board members, Margalit Aharon, holds a dual position on their board. On July 31st, we partnered with the collaborative, hosting an exciting program on Jewish Romanian music, held in South County.

There is an error in your article, though, towards the bottom of the second column. You wrote: "Rhode Island's remaining Hadassah chapter holds its meetings in various synagogues."

Rhode Island Hadassah, a Chapter

of (national) Hadassah, is a statewide organization, based in Cranston at 1150 New London Ave. In 2004, we reorganized, creating three geographic clusters, each with its own cluster liaison.

We hold our diverse events in a range of venues in various sectors of Rhode Island, such as the Jewish Collaborative of South County, Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, Brown University's Hillel in Providence, Tamarisk in Warwick, and the community room in the Public Safety Complex in Apponaug.

To clarify, the implication that there is a small "remaining Hadassah chapter" is inaccurate. We have an office and choose to utilize venues around the state for geographic diversity; we are not relegated to "holding...meetings in various synagogues" as though we were physically adrift.

Meredith Drench
President, Rhode Island Hadassah

Community

'Girlfriends are Forever'



Janice Kaplan and Lynn Schnurnberger, authors of "The Botox Diaries," will be speaking at the Women's Alliance "Girlfriends are Forever" event on Nov. 2.

'Botox Diaries' authors to address women's issues

PROVIDENCE — Janice Kaplan and Lynn Schnurnberger, authors of the edgy and popular best-sellers "The Botox Diaries" and "Mine are Spectacular," will be speaking at the Women's Alliance 2006 annual campaign "Girlfriends are Forever" event Nov. 2.

"While people used to think that midlife was a time that doors were closing we think there are all kinds of new opportunities for women our age...new jobs, second careers, going back to work after time out to raise kids; some women at 40 are sending their kids off to college, others at the same age are having babies," Schnurnberger says.

The event will be at Ledgeport Country Club, 131 Brown Avenue, Seekonk, Mass. from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event is open to all women who make a pledge to the 2006 Annual Community Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. An \$18 fee includes a cocktail and dessert. There will be a book signing before the event.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Remembering bounty in a time of harvest

The harvest festival of Sukkot which we just concluded provides many lessons and insights. We are told to eat our meals in a small hut, or *sukkah*, to experience the flimsiness of life that our forebears endured while in the wilderness and to remind us that even in more secure environments, life can present significant challenges.

We celebrate the completion of the Torah and immediately begin the next cycle on Simchat Torah at the end of Sukkot, as a demonstration that we will never end our studies nor forget our commitment to make the world a better place.

Perhaps, most visibly, we are reminded of the rich harvest that our ancestors reaped at this time of the year. As I spend my last several weeks as JFRI's Executive Vice President, I am grateful to be reminded by many in the community of the small seeds that have been planted by the JFRI over the past five years and the harvest that already has begun to be reaped. I would like to share just a few.

Just four years ago, for the

first time ever, we assisted a congregation, Temple Hab onim, in the completion of a capital campaign. Every single family in their growing congregation had made a financial commitment to improve the synagogue's facility. Now people would not have to march through the sanctuary to hang up their coats, and teachers in the religious school would be able to move about their classrooms.

The JFRI issued an endowment grant to complete the capital campaign, and gave seed money to begin a JCC pre-school in the new building. With this small seed grew even richer congregational life in the East Bay with increased leadership for the future.

Although communities around the country were seeing enthusiasm and support for growth in day school education, the R.I. Jewish community was experiencing a slight decline in student population. Our Demographic Study of 2002 indicated that there was a baby boomlet in the State that could add to the student base. So, after nearly two years of study and relationship building, last February the JFRI Board endorsed the concept of a Jewish Community Day School that will provide excellent Judaic and secular education to a broader base.

In support of this concept, the JFRI Board granted a signifi-

cant Endowment Grant. Today, a Jewish Community Day School of R.I. Board has been formed, a curriculum is being proposed, and the doors of a great institution are poised to open.

Israel was perhaps experiencing one of its most critical crises. Terrorists had killed more than 1,000 Israelis and injured many more. Children were suffering, the economy was in shambles. Through our generosity, we assured our Israeli brothers and sisters that they were not alone.

We raised \$1.4 million for crisis and security funding, one of the best per capita campaigns among federations. We provided an armored ambulance for our Partnership region of Afula. JFRI Endowment Mission dollars sent more than 200 individuals to Israel on six Solidarity Missions.

At this season that we give thanks for the bounty of our blessings, I am proud to report that our community and federation has planted small seeds that have resulted in a harvest of plenty in several areas of communal life.

We are at the cusp of significant achievements in the areas of facility development, efficient, cutting-edge human services, and leadership development initiatives. Please join me in savoring what we have planted and reaping even greater harvests in the new year.



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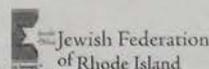
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Israel

Israeli Arab, retired factory worker among those killed in suicide blast

By Dina Kraft

HADERA, Israel, Oct. 27 (JTA) — Surrounded by scattered apples and onions, the blue-and-white checkered blanket covered most of the body lying on the pavement. But it was not quite long enough to cover the feet.

The body belonged to one of the five victims murdered by a suicide bomber's explosives in the Hadera market on Wednesday — among them an Israeli Arab who taught Hebrew in nearby schools and a retired factory worker who was watching his friend's vegetable shop.

The bomber detonated himself on a street lined with towering eucalyptus trees in front of one of Hadera's oldest and most popular falafel stands, Falafel Barzilai. After the bombing, the awning over the stand was left burned to shreds, and parsley and green onions spilled out from upturned plastic crates.

"I saw an ear, a head, a hand and the body of an old woman in a dress, her face covered in blood," said Idan Akiva, 23, who raced to the scene from his home just two blocks away.

The bomber was identified as Hassan Abu Zayd, 20. He was reportedly freed from Israeli prison recently as part of a pris-

oner release because he had not killed any Israelis.

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it came in retaliation for Israel's killing of one of the group's leaders, Luay Saadi, on Sunday in the West Bank.

Near the scene of the bombing, locals gathered to get a closer look. Some were yeshiva students, others were parents with young children. Among them was Yigal Cohen, 43, whose father's vegetable stand stood next door to the falafel stand. His father had left shortly before the bombing to attend the memorial service for his own father at a nearby cemetery. The father's friend, Ya'akov Rahmani, 68, had agreed to watch the stand. He was killed in the blast.

Cohen stood behind the police tape and looked at the destruction, his eyes wide and unbelieving.

"I usually come to the market and see friends and family and people I have always known. I sometimes come to help my father out and now I see all this," he said, his voice trailing off. "I grew up here, everyone knows each other."

Mimi Shosha, a 56-year-old secretary, surveyed the smoldering market, shattered glass covering its sidewalks.

"We are scared to go out in a situation like this, but despite everything we continue on," she said.

As she spoke, forensic workers in white jumpsuits picked through spilled vegetables and debris, collecting evidence. Swarms of police and border police blocked off the area. Slowly the bodies were placed in plastic white bags and quietly hoisted onto ambulances.

The five dead included Jamil Ka'adan, 48, of the Arab town of Baka Al-Gharbiye. The father of five taught Hebrew. He was at the market Wednesday after deciding to go to the bank before heading home.

Sabiha Nisim, 66, from Moshav Ahitov, retired recently and was in the market to get falafel when the bomb went off, killing her. Her husband, Aharon, reportedly hugged her body and would not leave the market until he was taken away by emergency workers. Nisim was the mother of six children and had eight grandchildren.

One of the dead in Hadera, a city with a large population of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, was Mikhail Koifman, 68, who immigrated to Israel in 1993 from Uzbekistan. He is survived by his wife, two children and grandchildren.

Pirhia Mahlouf, 53, a bank employee was also killed in the bombing. She had been in the market to shop for a meal for her two daughters who were about to begin college.

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Israel

P.A. pledges to reform security, but Israeli officials are skeptical

By Dan Barons

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24 (JTA) — The Palestinian Authority appears to be on the verge of a long-awaited security reform in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But Sunday's announcement of a plan to incorporate the Al-Aksa Brigade into the Palestinian Authority security services falls far short of the comprehensive crackdown on terrorism required by the U.S.-led "road map" for peace.

And with violence escalating between Israel and the Palestinians, hopes of Israel's Gaza pull-out spurring peacemaking could prove short-lived.

"We have agreed today to establish five new camps for training and hosting the stragglers," Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei told reporters, referring to the fragmented forces of the Al-Aksa Brigade.

Qurei said the effort would begin in Ramallah and Nablus, among the most volatile West Bank cities.

P.A. officials said the brigade, the terrorist wing of to the P.A.'s dominant Fatah faction,

would be reined in within weeks.

But it was unclear whether Abbas will be able to carry out the plan, which makes no provision for disarming and dismantling far more powerful terrorist groups such as Hamas.

Israel took a wait-and-see attitude. "We have heard this sort of declaration before. The time has come for action," one Israeli official said.

P.A. security forces, who participated in numerous terrorist attacks during the intifada, were weakened by Israeli reprisals and internal divisions. Militias such as Al-Aksa have stepped in to fill much of the void.

With Hamas set on taking part in Palestinian Authority parliamentary elections in January, a P.A. crackdown on its gunmen appears increasingly unlikely. Instead, P.A. officials are hoping that moderates will defeat Islamist extremists in the landmark poll.

Israeli officials have backed off from the suggestion, made last month by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, that Israel might hinder the election to block Hamas' participation.

"It is not in Israel's interest," Justice Minister Tzipi Livni told Israel Radio.

On Monday, Palestinian rockets from the Gaza Strip landed near the southern Israeli town of Sderot, an apparent reprisal for the killing of an Islamic Jihad terrorist kingpin.

The tit-for-tat strikes capped a weekend of violence.

Undercover Israeli commandos killed the Jihad member, as well as a member of the Al-Aksa Brigade, in an exchange of fire in Tulkarm overnight Sunday.

The death came after soldiers killed a Palestinian suspected of planting a mine on a road outside Ramallah on Saturday.

Though it turned out that the man's bag contained only rocks, security sources said the Palestinian put it by the roadside to test the army's alertness ahead of a planned bomb attack. Last Friday, soldiers killed two Palestinians who attacked army units.

One was a fire-bomber shot near Bethlehem, the other a gunman from Tulkarm. The army also arrested at least 11 suspected West Bank terrorists over the weekend.

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Nation

Navy rabbi brings Yiddishkeit to the fleet

By Chanan Tigay

NEW YORK (JTA) — As a rabbinical student in New York, it seemed unlikely to Daniella Kolodny that not long after ordination she'd be leading High Holiday and Sukkot services on an American military base in Yokosuka, Japan, as she is doing this year.

On the other hand, considering that Yokosuka is on land, it was probably a more likely place to be leading a congregation than the spot in the middle of the Persian Gulf where Rabbi Kolodny, now a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, spent Passover this year.

She marked the Jewish celebration of liberation from Egypt aboard the U.S.S. Carl Vinson, an aircraft carrier then on duty in the Middle East.

"If you want to talk about galut," or exile, "and the edge of the Diaspora, that's what it is," she says of life on the ship. "People there are quite devout. We were not so far from Bavel," or Babel, which was in modern-day Iraq, "but in many ways, we were far from anything Jewish."

Kolodny, 39, a 2004 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the flagship institution of the Conservative movement, is the only active-duty female rabbi in the Navy. When she's not traveling, she works at the National Naval Medical Center

in Bethesda, Md.

On the holidays, she has been deployed to serve both Jewish and non-Jewish members of the American military.

"It's difficult for Jews who observe a regimented system called halachah," or rabbinic law, "to live in another regimented system called the United States Navy," she says.

"The military tends to be quite a religious place, and if you are from a small faith group you can feel isolated from others," she adds. "The chaplains, by and large, do make every effort to find places for Jews and to provide for them. But since they are a small group, they're going to feel isolated come Sunday morning or Erev Shabbat."

Before rabbinical school, Kolodny — who has a Master's degree in Jewish Communal Service from Hebrew Union College — worked for The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland doing programming for young professionals, and also worked in family programming at a Long Island, N.Y., synagogue.

At the time, she says, learning was an avocation, and working for the Jewish community was her vocation. The rabbinate allowed her to combine both interests.

During her last year in rabbinical school, Kolodny says she began examining the opportunities available to new rabbis. Rabbi Irving Elson, a Navy chaplain who also had graduated from JTS, visited the school and

suggested that Kolodny give the military a shot.

"He said, 'Just try it; go into the basic course,'" Kolodny recalls. She completed the 10-week basic course, followed by a summer session.

"I said, 'This is something that is going to be a real opportunity — an opportunity to serve Jews and an opportunity to serve people who need chaplains at a difficult time,'" she says. "It's a way to serve Jewish people that is neglected."

Elson, for his part, says the biggest challenge a Jewish chaplain in the U.S. military faces is educating people who are not familiar with Judaism. It's a task that Kolodny is well suited to carry out, he says.

"She's working in a place that has a very, very unique mission," says Elson, deputy command chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. "She might be involved in educating the National Naval Medical Center on issues from kosher food to Jewish practices in death and so on. She has her work cut out for her."

"She's good at what she does for several reasons," Elson adds. "No. 1, she believes with all her heart in what she's doing; No. 2, she's very good at it, she's just a good rabbi; No. 3, she's very personable. And she's a wonderful role model."

The Navy has seven active-duty rabbis. Four are Conservative, two are Reform and one is Orthodox, Kolodny says.

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World

German book fair sells anti-Semitic tracts

By Toby Axelrod

BERLIN (JTA) — Anti-Semitic tracts are on sale at the Frankfurt Book Fair again this year.

English-language copies of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and Henry Ford's "The International Jew" were displayed on the shelves of one of the Iranian booksellers at the fair, according to German political scientist Matthias Kuentzel, who purchased the books there last Friday.

Last year, the book fair, one of the world's largest gatherings of publishers, was criticized for allowing Arabic book publishers to display Arabic versions of Holocaust denial books and other anti-Semitic texts.

Kuentzel, an author and educator specializing in anti-Semitism and Islam, told JTA that this year the books were available in English.

He found at one Iranian booth the "Protocols," in an edition published by the Islamic Propaganda Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Ford's book, published by the Department of Translation and Pub-

lication, Islamic Culture and Relations Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran; and "Tale of the 'Chosen People' and the Legend of 'Historical Right'" by Mohammad Taqi Taqipour, who writes that a global Islamic movement will soon destroy Israel.

The "Protocols," the most famous of these books, outlines a supposed Jewish plan for world domination.

"I think the German public should press the point: Either you can't invite a country that wants to destroy another country... or you have tighter controls so that this does not happen again."

German law prohibits the sale of some books, including the "Protocols" and Hitler's "Mein Kampf," but organizers of the fair, which ended Sunday, told JTA they could take no action unless an official complaint was lodged.

"I could not imagine it," said Kuentzel, author of the 2002 book "Djihad und Judenhass," or "Jihad and Jew-hatred." He added, "It astonished me to see these books in an Iranian stand, in English."

A spokesman for the book fair, Holger Ehling, told JTA about the procedure for complaints.

If a visitor to the fair spots books that may be illegal, the police are called. Last year, they took no action when called about the books in Arabic, he said.

"We will not enter into any arguments," Ehling said. "It is not our right to judge and we are not able to judge," adding, "I have things I feel very strongly about, but this cannot be the basis on which I am allowed to let books in or not."

He said there are 380,000 titles on display at the fair and publishers are not required to submit lists to the fair organizers.

Kuentzel said it is important that the issue be dealt with differently next year.

"I think the German public should press the point: Either you can't invite a country that wants to destroy another country" to take part in the Frankfurt fair, "or you have tighter controls so that this does not happen again."



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News in

Jewish charities on list

The United Jewish Communities was the top Jewish group on the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* list of the top 400 charities in America. But the UJC fell from 25th best overall last year to 42nd on this year's list. More than 25 Jewish groups made the list. The top five Jewish groups include the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee at 60, the Jewish Communal Fund at 82, the UJA-Federation of New York at 83 and the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago at 133.

Also making the list were Yeshiva University at 192 and Brandeis University at 239; and Hadassah at 183. (JTA)

Iranian vitriol condemned

TEHRAN: The president of Iran has called for the destruction of Israel, voicing hope that Palestinian terrorism "will wipe off this stigma from the face of the Islamic world." Addressing an Iranian conference called "The World Without Zionism," Mahmoud Ahmadinejad added that "Anyone who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury," the hard-line president said, adding that the recent Israeli withdrawal from Gaza was a "trick" used by the Jewish state in a bid to normalize its relations with the Arab and Muslim world. In response to Ahmadinejad's

comments, Israel called for Iran to be ousted from the United Nations. "It is inconceivable that the head of a U.N. member state would call for genocide," Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres said. Ahmadinejad's comments were condemned by leaders throughout the West, with Russia saying they would give a boost to efforts to have the Security Council impose sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program. (JTA)

Joint missile program

WASHINGTON: The Senate has approved almost double President Bush's requested funding for the Arrow, a joint U.S.-Israeli anti-missile program. This month the Senate approved \$143.6 million for the project. Now the House and Senate bills go to conference to reconcile their differences. (JTA)

Positive relations

TEL AVIV: In Shfaram, an Arab town in Israel where four residents were murdered by an Israeli extremist last August, the Jewish Agency for Israel gave each of the four families checks for \$5,000 in compensation for their loss. It was the first time the Jewish Agency's Fund for the Victims of Terror has provided compensation to Arabs. And Syrian sailors have rescued two Israelis whose boat sank off Cyprus. A third Israeli drowned when their catamaran capsized in a storm. (JTA)

Calendar girls

BOSTON: *Sports Illustrated's* annual swimsuit edition has some serious competition from a new calendar just published by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute. It features Jewish female athletes, including 14 current stars and 13 legends, from the past including Judo star Yael Arad who won Israel's first Olympic gold medal. Thelma Eisen, now 83 and still directing youth baseball clinics, played in the Girls Professional Baseball League for 12 years. There is no indication that any of the athletes or legends posed in bathing suits. (*Los Angeles Jewish Journal*)

Israeli immigration up

JERUSALEM: Improved security and economics in Israel are credited with a rise in the number of immigrants who arrived there in the Jewish year just ended. A total of 23,124 have immigrated since September 2004, a rise of several thousand over the previous year, the first annual increase since 1999. (*The Jerusalem Post*)

Kabbalah wedding

LOS ANGELES: Aston Kutcher and Demi Moore were married recently in a "Kabbalah ceremony," the details of which have just been made public by *OK! Magazine*. In ten pages it describes the chuppah, the wine, the breaking of the glass, the seven circles and more. (*Forward*)

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Books

REVIEW

Author faults *Times* for coverage of Holocaust

Buried by the Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper, by Laurel Leff, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

By Stanley B. Abrams

In the introduction to her book, *Buried by the Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper*, Laurel Leff quotes from a report issued by the Jewish National Committee operating somewhere in Poland:

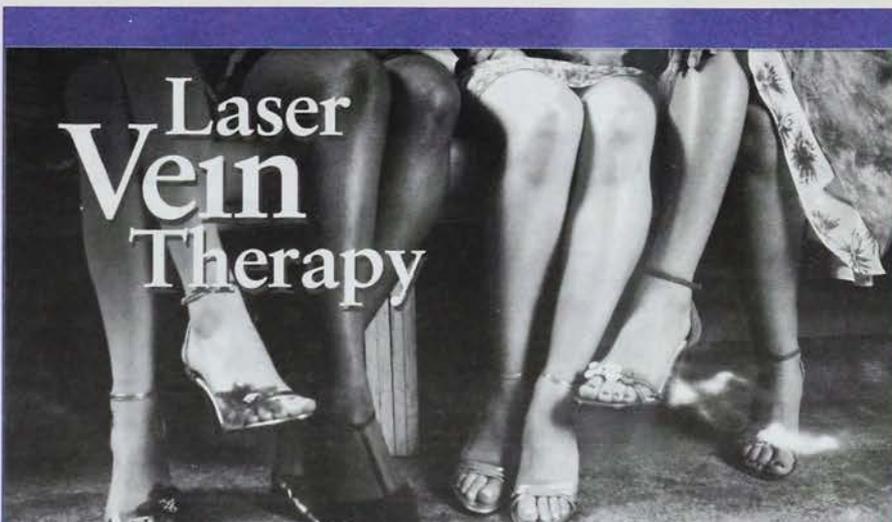
"In our last moment before death, the remnants of Polish Jewry appeal for help to the whole world. May this, perhaps our last voice from the abyss, reach the ears of the whole world."

The date of this plea was March 2, 1944. By that time the Nazi aim of murdering European Jewry was not only proving successful, but was not encountering any serious physical or verbal opposition. Specifically, the world media had not responded with urgency to the genocide. When the last voice from the abyss reached the ears of journalists at *The New York Times*, it was treated as routinely as had hundreds of other reports the past 2,076 days.

Buried by the Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper is the definitive answer to why and how America's most influential newspaper failed in its coverage of the fate of European Jews from 1939-1945. The book is thoroughly researched and written in a clear narrative form. The author, Lauren Leff, a journalist for over 18 years, is presently professor of Journalism at Northeastern University. Her answers to—how and why—result in a thorough and crushing indictment of *The New York Times*.

Leff attributes the failure of the *Times* to assume its journalistic commitments to the mindset of its owner and publisher, Arthur Hays Sulzberger. He was firm in directing and controlling the editorial policy and general news flow of the *Times*. Sulzberger was a reform

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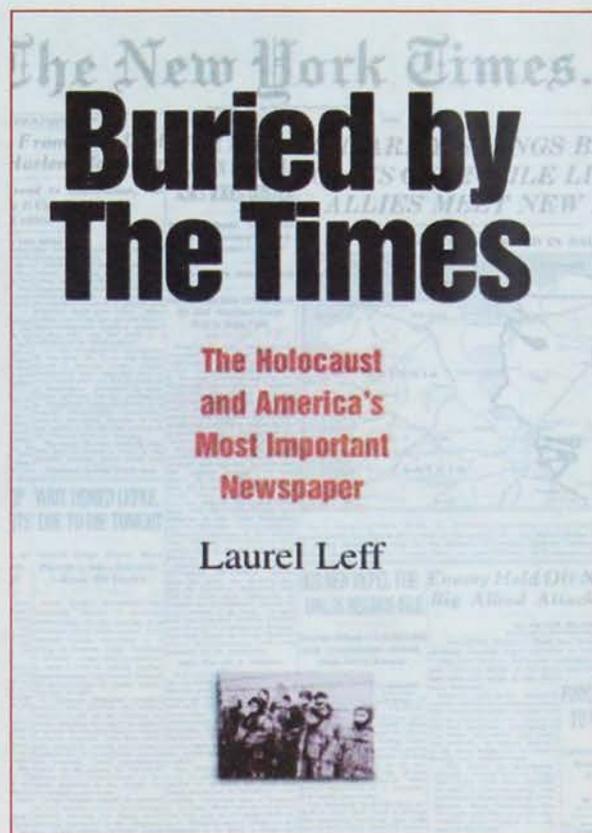
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German Jew who considered himself fully assimilated into the American scene. He had very specific opinions about how Jews ought to be represented in his newspaper. His view is defined by Leff, who writes: "The *Times* could, indeed should, report what was happening to the Jews, but it would not treat them differently than other groups. There would be no special attention, no special sensitivity, no special pleading."

She adds that Sulzberger wanted to persuade his readers that the situation of the Jews was no different from that of other

oppressed people. Even before the outbreak of war in 1939, *Times* editorials maintained that the refugee crisis was not a particularly Jewish problem. During the war years, Sulzberger held fast to his personal beliefs and directed his senior staff to conform accordingly.

Throughout the war years, the *Times* reported regularly inside the paper on the execution of the Jews. However, Leff reveals that the hard facts for the year 1943 were "buried" inside. Stories on the mounting death toll appeared on pages 9 and 7. A story on the methods used at the Treblinka death camp appeared on page 11. Accounts about the end of indi-



three-paragraph front page story reporting on hearsay events of the Warsaw ghetto uprising appeared in the *Times* on April 22, 1943. By the next day, the real story of the heroic struggle by 35,000 condemned Jews was buried inside the newspaper. Many other incidents and events that resulted in the crime of the century were, at the time, minimized or slighted in the pages of the newspaper.

The answers to why the *Times* did not fulfill its journalistic responsibility in its reportage of the Holocaust are complex and in some instances speculative. The easiest and quickest explanation is to castigate owner and publisher, Arthur Hays Sulzberger. Leff considers him the primary antagonist. But she recognizes the no-policy attitude of the United States government toward the Jewish genocide. The prevailing anti-Semitism in the United States certainly influenced the low key approach by the *Times*. During the war, the bulk of the American Jewish population was also silent—possibly even more so than *The New York Times*.

Buried by the Times should be read by anyone interested in media and responsibility and especially in this important facet of the Holocaust.

Stanley B. Abrams is vice president of the R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum.



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vidual ghettos appeared on pages 10 and 5. She writes that, "the plight of the Jews still was not considered important enough for

the front page."

As Leff argues, front page stories "were most important in shaping the paper's character." A

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Emanu-El dedicates chapel

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with a verse from the traditional prayer, Adom Olam, which those assembled sang after the Torahs had been placed in the ark.

The chapel was named after the Fishbein family, long-time supporters of the Temple, and after Joe Fishbein, the shul's president.

As part of the renovations, the temple has also added an elevator that allows wheelchair access to the new chapel, and a youth lounge. Tours were given of the Adler breakfast room, named after ritual director Edward Adler, and the relocated gift shop.



Photos by Jonathan Rubin

Above, Larry Perlman plays trombone while Mike Goldberg drums during the celebration.

Below, students from the Temple Emanu-El religious school and the Jewish Community Day School place flowers inside the new ark in the Fishbein Chapel.

Top right, Sam Miller blows the shofar as Torahs scrolls are carried out of the main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El and toward the newly dedicated Fishbein Chapel Oct. 20. Holding Torah scrolls are Richard Borenstein, left, Jeffrey Brier, right and Melvin Alperin (observed behind Rabbi Franklin.)

At right, Dodi Kadmon, 9, smells a flower while escorting the Torahs to their new home.



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Food

Fish soups for a cold day

By Marylyn Graff

As fall days turn chilly, it's time to think about hearty soups for dinner. The following are a few favorites.

Mediterranean fish soup, Jewish style

For stock:

3 - 4 lbs. whole fish such as trout, sole, flounder, haddock or others, cleaned and scaled, including heads and bones.

2 carrots, peeled and halved
 2 onions, peeled and quartered

2 stalks celery, in 4-5 inch pieces

3 or 4 cloves garlic

Couple of branches of flat leaf parsley

Chop fish into 2-3 inch pieces and place in a large pot with vegetables. Add 2 qts. water and bring to a simmer. Cook about 2 hours. Strain and discard fish and vegetables.

You can store this in containers in the refrigerator for a day or so or freeze.

For soup:

1 medium onion in large dice

1 green pepper, diced (optional)

1-2 Tblsps. olive oil

2 lbs. mixed fish filets, such as sole, scrod, or other white fish, cut into 1 to 2 inch chunks.

1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes or a cup of fresh tomatoes, peeled and diced or canned stewed tomatoes cut up.

1 tsp. dried basil or 1 Tblsp. fresh chopped basil

1 tsp. dried tarragon

2 tblsps. chopped flat leaf parsley

Salt and pepper to taste.

Stock from above recipe.

Heat olive oil in large pot and add onions and green pepper. Sauté until limp. Add stock and tomatoes. Bring to a simmer and add fish. Cook barely at a simmer until fish is just cooked, about five minutes. Season with salt and pepper. You can make this spicy by adding about ½ tsp. red pepper flakes or a few shakes of hot sauce.

Toast slices of crusty French bread in a 250 oven until hard. Brush with olive oil and rub with peeled cloves of garlic.

Place a slice of the toast in bottom of each soup bowl and ladle soup over.



Fish chowder

Make a fish stock as above.

2 lbs. boneless, skinless fish such as scrod, or other kinds of fish, cut into 1 inch chunks

2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and cut up into ½ inch dice

1 medium onion, diced

1 stalk celery, sliced thin

2 Tblsps. butter or margarine

½ to 1 cup light cream

Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter or margarine in a large pot and sauté onion and celery until limp. Add stock and bring to a simmer. Add the potatoes and cook for about 15 minutes until almost tender. Remove about a cup of the potatoes and mash very smooth. Return to pot and stir well. Add fish and cook about five to eight minutes until barely done. Stir in cream and heat just to a simmer. Season and serve at once.

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Family Service to honor 'strong families' during National Family Week

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social networks, and services.

Since National Family Week falls during National Adoption Month, Jewish Family Service will be honoring advocates for adoptive families at an event on Mon., Nov. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Books on the Square (471 Angell St., Providence). The honorees are Representative Anastasia Williams, Senator Rhoda Perry and Gayle Goldin, all longtime advocates for adoptive families at

a statewide level.

In addition to the ceremony, there will be a reception for the families and other guests. Artwork created by children from adoptive families will be on display in the front store window.

John Shalett, Executive Director of JFS, said, "JFS is pleased to recognize Perry, Williams and Goldin—each in their own unique style has either lent support or been at the forefront of crafting legislative efforts on behalf of adoptive families, advocated for policy that has enhanced the lives of families, and has worked to advance policy initiatives that ultimately will strengthen Rhode Island families."

For more information, or to RSVP for the event, please contact Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 or info@jfsri.org.

Kaunfer to Lecture at P.C.

PROVIDENCE — Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer will be lecturing at Providence College, 549 River Ave., on Thursday, November 10 at 4 p.m. His topic will be "What it Means to be Human: A View From the Ancient Rabbis." In this program Rabbi Kaunfer, of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, will explore several texts from Midrash which focus on interpretations of the creation of

Adam. The philosophical ideas contained in these texts will highlight how the rabbis and other philosophers understood the nature of what it means to be a human being.

Part of the program will be an interactive discussion. The program is free and open to the public, and it will take place in Aquinas Hall. Call 865-1000.

Hebrew crash course at Torat Yisrael

CRANSTON — Opening their doors to all members of the community, Temple Torat Yisrael will be one of 1,000 Jewish institutions across the continent this year to host "Read Hebrew America."

Led by Susan Smoller, the free five-week Hebrew reading crash course will focus on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills to Jews

with little or no background in Hebrew. Classes will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 with the final class on Dec. 7 at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. To register, call the temple office at 785-1800.

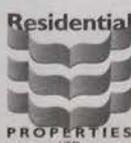
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Nov. 7: "Bizarre Creatures in Narragansett Bay," David Beutel, Fisheries Researcher, URI Speakers Bureau

Nov. 14: "Moral Issues in Modern Medicine," Dr. Stanley Aronson

Dec. 5: "Franz Rosenzweig: Founder of Modern Jewish Philosophy," Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer

11:10 a.m. to noon

Oct. 31: Book reviews: "Love with Noodles" by Harry Freund, and "Thoughts from a Queen-sized Bed" by Mimi Schwartz — Mara Sokolsky, temple librarian

Nov. 7: Book review: "What Would Have Happened if Charles Lindbergh Had Become President the United States" by Philip Roth. — Carl Feldman

Nov. 14 and Dec. 5: "Jewish Memoir and Autobiography" — Claire Roche, BJE

THURS., 10 to 10:50 a.m.

Leisure Club

Nov. 3: "The meaning of life and leisure" — Rabbi Natan Schaefer

Nov. 10: "Contemporary German Jewish Literature: The Writings of the 2nd Generation Jews in Germany" — Dr. Thomas Kniesche, Associate Professor, of German Studies, Brown U.

Nov. 17: "The Scituate Health Care Plan," Dr. Michael Fine

Dec. 8: Stem cell research — Dr. Andrew Blazer
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SUNDAY, 2 p.m.

Leisure Club

Nov. 13: "The legacy of corruption in R.I." — Edward Achorn, deputy editorial page editor, *Providence Journal*

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PAWTUCKET — Jewish Family Service will host its annual meeting on Thurs., Nov. 3, at Hasbro, Inc, 1027 Newport Ave. The meeting will celebrate the agency's accomplishments over the past year, honor outgoing board members and welcome new volunteers. The event is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to all who are interested.

RSVP by Mon., Oct. 31 to 331-1244 or info@jfsri.org.

New JCC class for Jewish family life in November

PROVIDENCE — The JCC Early Childhood Center is offering a three-session introductory class on Jewish home rituals for families with young children. Classes will be held Nov. 10, 17 and Dec. 1 (7 to 8:30 p.m.).

The program, Enriching our Jewish Family Life, was designed for families with young children who are interested in introducing Jewish rituals into their home life. Shabbat celebrations, every-

day blessings and daily routines, such as bedtime and morning will be discussed. Participants will examine traditional texts and explore some creative new ideas.

For information or to register, call Shirley at the JCC at 861-8800, ext. 130. Couples are encouraged to register together. Registration fees: members: \$30, non-members: \$40. For couples: members: \$45, non-members: \$50.

Educational opportunities

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THURS., NOV. 3

Adult learning at Torat Yisrael

7 to 9 p.m. 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Torateinu, Jewish learning, fall semester. (Also Nov. 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22). From 7 to 7:50 p.m. Rabbi Amy Levin will present "A Guide for

the Perplexed Part II: "The Amidah — understanding this prayer at the heart of every service." From 8:10 to 9 p.m. Ethan Adler will present "Biblical families in conflict: Interpreting their stories to bring insight into our own lives." Refreshments. Fee \$18. Call the temple office, 785-1800, to register.

NCJW to hold meeting on domestic abuse

PROVIDENCE — The National Council of Jewish Women, R.I. Section, with co-sponsors Brown Hillel and the Bureau of Jewish Education of R.I., will be holding an open program on domestic violence education and awareness titled Tackling the Evaded Curriculum: Educating for Healthy Relationships, on Wed., Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Brown Hillel Glenn & Darcy Weiner Center, 80 Brown Avenue, Providence.

Guest speaker is Shira D. Epstein, assistant professor in the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS).

A 1994 Brown University graduate in women's studies. Epstein teaches curriculum design and informal Jewish education at JTS. During her years at Brown, Dr. Epstein was both an active member of Hillel and worked with Sexual Assault Peer Education (SAPE).

Dr. Epstein was a plenary speaker at the second international conference on domestic abuse in the Jewish community in March, 2005.

Attendees are requested to bring a gift of children's underwear for the Women's shelter.

For further information call 272-3649.

Holocaust and N.Y. Times

WARWICK — Author, journalist Laurel Leff will speak about her new book, *Buried by the Times, The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper*, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St. Books will be available for signing. Leff is a professor at Northeastern University.

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Support group on loss at Agudas Achim

ATTLEBORO — Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island has announced a support group to help individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are finding it difficult to cope. The 6-week group sessions will be held on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 1. All sessions will be held at Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro, MA and will be facilitated by Dan Kane, LICSW.

Kane has been working as a counselor at JFS since 1998 and has previously facilitated loss and transition groups for JFS. Prior to his arrival at JFS he had varied experience working with people going through a traumatic loss, including hospice care and with individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

People from all religions are welcome to attend. The sessions are free of charge, although pre-registration is required by Oct. 21. Call Rabbi Wechterman at (508) 222-2243, or Dan Kane at (401) 331-1244 for information or to register.

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To share in this offer, agencies and schools must send a copy of their tax-exempt status with a typed cover letter bearing their full name and address, during the first week of Jan., 2006 to: Alan Shawn Feinstein, 37 Alhambra Circle, Cranston, RI 02905. The letter must show the total money or food raised in Nov./Dec. using this offer only. Food items are valued at \$1. per lb.

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Senior Guild to hear talk on prescription drug plan

CRANSTON — The Cranston Senior Guild will meet on Wed., Nov. 2, at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

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as an introduction to the Friday evening Kiddush, and are a central element of the liturgy on Shabbat eve.

"God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because on it God ceased from all the work of creation that He had done." (Genesis 2:3)

Pinchas Peli, in his *Shabbat Shalom*, said "The stars and

the planets, having once started on their eternal rounds, go on blindly, ceaselessly, driven by nature's law of cause and effect. Man, however, by an act of faith, can put a limit to his labor, so that it will not degenerate into purposeless drudgery. By keeping the Sabbath the Jew becomes, as our Sages say, *domeh l'yozer* - 'like God Himself.' He is, like God, *work's master, not its slave.*"

In *The Sabbath*, Isadore Grunfeld writes "The world in itself is not holy. Nature is desacralized in the Bible. Only God and humanity made in His image are able to make it holy.... The human person is capable of transcending the material world, while being in it and with it. To prove this, there is a 'holy' (i.e., 'special') day, hallowed by God."

Courtesy of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (www.uscj.org)

Torah Portion in a nutshell

The Torah begins with God's work of creation. Chapter 1 describes a very orderly process. Cosmos, replete with earthly flora and fauna, replaces chaos in six days of divine effort. Humankind is the crowning achievement of God's creation, introduced on the sixth day.

The goodness of the physical world is repeatedly asserted. This goodness seems to reach its peak only with the creation of humanity: "God saw all that He had made, and found it very good." The seventh day is blessed by God as a sacred time of rest. Chapter 2 recasts the creation narrative with conflicting (or complementary) details: Man is created first, later made complete through the creation of woman - all after a far less orderly divine process of trial and error.

The moral education of humanity begins in the paradisiacal setting of the Garden of Eden. At the infamous urging of the snake, "shrewdest of all the wild beasts," the first humans consume forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowing Good and Evil, and are banished from the Garden.

The second generation of humans, nevertheless, continues to interact with God: Cain and Abel each bring offerings as gestures of worship. Alas, they also introduce murder into human history, as Cain, whose offering is rejected, kills his brother Abel. In the generations that follow, descendants of the Eden's inhabitants initiate various areas of industry and creativity: agriculture, construction, metallurgy, music. By the time of Noah, introduced in the closing verses of the portion, God seems to have despaired of his human creatures, and the moral corruption that has come in their wake.

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Community

JUDEA PEARL TO SPEAK

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Who: Judea Pearl, father of slain reporter Daniel Pearl
What: Talk: "Being Jewish in the 21st Century: The Unyielding Message of Daniel Pearl" & book signing
When: Sun., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Temple Beth-El, Providence
Why: Jewish Federation of R.I. donor recognition event

that all the time."

He is a professor of computer science at the University of California in Los Angeles; his area of specialization is artificial intelligence. He came to this country with his wife, Ruth, who is an electrical engineer, to do post-graduate work.

These were his son's last words heard on a videotape of his execution.

When he speaks in Providence, Pearl hopes listeners will leave "with the message Danny sent us - we are proud of who we are and what we stand for as Jewish Americans; the world

they have used throughout their careers to look for ways to root out the inhumanity and hatred that killed their son.

"Jewish youngsters are the elite troops in this battle, they are the army of decency," he says.

One Pearl Foundation program, "Harmony for Humanity," is a worldwide music event and was held recently.

"Danny was passionate about music," his father said. "He was born with perfect pitch. He played the violin as a child, and then the mandolin and electric fiddle. He brought his music with him wherever he went."

Danny played classical, jazz and bluegrass and had considered a career in music while a student

"My father is Jewish, my mother is Jewish, I am Jewish."

— Daniel Pearl's last words heard on a video tape of his execution.

She was born to a Jewish family in Baghdad, Iraq; her family immigrated to Israel in the 1950s. The Pearls now live in Encino, California; it was here they raised their two daughters and son. In addition to Adam, they have two granddaughters.

The couple have recently edited a book of reflections, called *I am Jewish* (Jewish Lights), with short essays from contributors around the world. In the preface, Pearl writes: "Danny was killed for what he represented and what he represented is each one of us...If you are a Jew, it was your voice that reverberated from that dungeon in Karachi and blended with the voice of your ancestry in that ultimate affirmation of identity: "My father is Jewish, my mother is Jewish, I am Jewish."

expects this of us - that we will continue our commitment to *tikkun olam*, repair the world."

One way the Pearl family does this is through the Daniel Pearl Foundation (www.danielpearl.org), which encourages cross-cultural music and journalism programs to fight the hatred in the world.

"We have a common enemy - hatred - and we have to link hands with our Muslim brothers," Pearl said. "We have a problem and we have to solve it," he continued.

He shuns any suggestion of "noble aspirations" on his or his wife's part. He is a scientist and his wife is an engineer and Pearl said they use the problem-solving professional tools and approaches

at Stanford University, but ultimately picked a career in journalism. "He had a love of writing," his father said. "He was rich in gifts."

Pearl encourages musicians, performers, teachers, and students to learn about his son's universal message of humanity and join in next year's October event, which culminates on Oct. 10, his son's birthday. He would have been 42 this year.

This year's artists included Elton John, Los Lobos and the London Philharmonic, Pakistan's MTV award winning band Strings, as well as hundreds of performers worldwide.

Pearl himself is a guitarist, and he plays international folk music with a leaning toward Spanish and Hebrew tunes, and does play some Bob Dylan as well.

The Foundation has also established, in partnership with the Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships, the Daniel Pearl Fellowship which brings promising, mid-career foreign journalists to work for six months in a U.S. newsroom.

One of its missions is to encourage innovative and creative thinking to build bridges of understanding.

All donors who make a minimum donation of \$1,000 are invited to attend the event, which will include a book signing. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., in Providence.

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ROSEN

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Harris "Hershey" Rosen

active in Federation affairs for 50 years. This is the second time he has filled in as interim head - the first was in 2000.

He is a solicitor with the Pacesetter Division of the Annual Community Campaign, and serves as chair of the newly established JFRI Endowment Oversight Committee.

A trained and skilled mediator, Rosen mediates cases in Superior, District and the Housing Courts of Rhode Island. He is the immediate past president of the Community Mediation Center of Rhode Island.

Married to Myrna Rosen, former president of the JFRI Women's Division and past general campaign chair, she is an actively

involved in the Jewish community. The Rosens are the parents of five children and have 10 grandchildren.

"We are so very fortunate that Hershey has agreed to again assume the position of interim executive vice president," said Herbert B. Stern, JFRI President. "With Hershey's wisdom and experience both as JFRI president and interim executive, his leadership will ensure that the business of Federation will move ahead smoothly and completely until we engage a new permanent executive vice president."

Rosen is serving as the lead

professional for the 11-person search committee, chaired by David Hirsch, another former JFRI president. Those on that committee are: Stacy Emanuel, Jon Fain, Doris Feinberg, Linn Freedman, Sharon Gaines, Robert Mann, Darrell Ross, Gary Siperstein, and Herbert Stern.

The committee will be meeting formally for the first time on Nov. 21. It will be working with the Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence of the United Jewish Communities, the national umbrella organization of the Federation system, which will direct a national search.

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Obituaries

Catherine Abrams, 91

PROVIDENCE — Kay (Lehrhaupt) Abrams, 91, died on Oct. 9. She was the widow of the late Irving Abrams. Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Bertha (Metzger) Lehrhaupt. She was a Providence resident for over 60 years.

Mrs. Abrams was a life member and active volunteer in many organizations: Hadassah, the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital and Hope Link #46. She also volunteered as a Gray Lady for the American Red Cross, and served as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout den mother.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a son, Mark Abrams; a daughter, Roberta Blum; four grandchildren, Irwin and Wendy Blum, Linda Elman, and Audrey (Elman) Izzo and three great-grandsons, Arthur Izzo, Brandon Lane and Dylan Elman. She was the sister of the late Abraham and Manuel Lehrhaupt and Esther Koenigsberg. The late Helene (Abrams) Elman, daughter of Irving Abrams, was like a daughter to her.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Rhode Island Hadassah, 1150 New London Ave., Suite #3, Cranston, RI 02920.

Sarah Barcilon, 93

PROVIDENCE — Sarah (Alhadeff) Barcilon, 93, died Oct. 10. Born in Rhodes, Greece, she subsequently lived in Egypt, Italy and Providence.

She leaves two daughters, Yvette Spencer of Miami

Beach and Sylvia Moubayed of Providence; three brothers, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial was private. Contributions may be made to Steere House, 100 Borden St., Providence, 02903 or to Colin Myers Memorial Fund, Rhode Island Foundation, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903.

Leonard Bergman

PROVIDENCE — Leonard Bergman died Sept. 30 in Florida. He was the husband of the late Frances (Reiter) Bergman.

Mr. Bergman was a salesman for 50 years with RAU Fastener Co. of Providence.

He was a former member of the Big Brothers of America.

He leaves a son, Clifford F. Bergman; a daughter, Marilyn Gralnick; three grandchildren, Nicole Bergman, Stefani Favali and David Marsocci, two great-grandchildren, Evan and Melissa; and two sisters, Sylvia Kopstein and Blanche Oppenheim. He was the brother of the late Ruth Goldberg and George Bergman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Lillian R. Berman, 85

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — Lillian R. Berman, 85, died Oct. 18. She was the wife of Harold Berman. They were married for 64 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Sam and Rose (Glasten) Kaplan, she had lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Pembroke Pines.

She leaves two sons, Donald Berman and his wife Carol of Wilton, Conn.; William Berman

and his wife Lynn of Jamestown; and two grandchildren, Michael and Jennifer. She was the sister of Muriel Goldblatt of Boynton Beach, Fla., and the late James and Joseph Kaplan.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Michael Eisenstadt, 54

TAMPA, Fla. — Michael Ross Eisenstadt died Sept. 2. He was the husband of Debbi Eisenstadt. Born in Bristol, R.I., he was the son of Dorothy Buckler Eisenstadt and the late Herbert M. Eisenstadt.

He lived in Tampa for many years, where he was active in the Jewish Community and a well known musician as leader of the Mike Eisenstadt Band and host for more than 20 years of the WMNF radio show, "The Sunday Simcha."

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves two sons, Mark and Keith; a brother, Carl and a niece, Emily Ann Eisenstadt, all of Columbia, S.C.

He is also survived by an uncle and aunt, Nathan and Blanche Eisenstadt, and two aunts, Leah Eisenstadt Abrams and Rosalie Kessler Buckler, all of Rhode Island.

Burial was in Gan Shalom Cemetery, Tampa.

Lillian Gorden, 91

WARWICK — Lillian Gorden, 91, died Oct. 17. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Israel and Rose (Fineman) Gorden, she had lived in Warwick for 31 years.

Miss Gorden was an employee of the former Outlet Co. in Providence for 40 years.

She was the sister of Sally Gorden of Warwick and the late Jacob, Harry, Joseph and Morris Gorden.

The funeral was private.

Helen Gustat

SARASOTA, Fla. — Helen (Shulman) Gustat, formerly of Framingham, Mass., died Oct. 17. She was the wife of the late Louis Gustat. Born in Worcester, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Joseph A. and Anna (Silverman) Shulman. She lived in Framingham for most of her life until moving to Sarasota in 1988.

Mrs. Gustat was an honorary life member of Temple Beth Shalom, Framingham, and its Sisterhood, where she was a past president. She was also a life member of Brandeis University, Hadassah, Hebrew Home for the Aged, Chelsea Ladies Charity and the Framingham Union Hospital Aid Association.

She leaves a daughter, Janet Schectman of Old Saybrook, Conn.; two granddaughters, Beth Veltri of Warwick, and Susan Pollack of West Hartford, Conn.; and four great-grandchildren, Jennifer and Brian Veltri and Sarah and Michael Pollack. She was predeceased by a sister and four brothers.

Burial was in Framingham Natick Jewish Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Louis Gustat Youth Activity Fund, c/o Temple Beth Shalom, 50 Pamela Rd., Framingham, MA 01701.

Rea Holland, 96

EAST PROVIDENCE — Rea Holland, 96, died Oct. 19. She was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Holland had been a dental assistant and sold fine clothing for women.

She leaves a son, Howard Holland and his wife, Temma; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was also the mother of the late Sandra Miller.

Burial was in Lincoln Park

Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Temple Hahonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington 02906.

Florence Kaplan, 83

PROVIDENCE — Florence (Silbert) Kaplan died Oct. 23. She was the wife of the late Max Kaplan. Born in Providence, the daughter of the late Morris and Ida (Taplitsky) Silbert, she was a lifelong resident of this city.

Mrs. Kaplan was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves two sons, Alan Kaplan of Morristown, N.J., and Ronald Kaplan of New Bedford; a daughter, Sasha Kaplan-Miner of Portland, Ore.; and six grandchildren. She was also the sister of the late Sarah Goodblatt and Ethel Lerner.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El.

John Joseph Kerzner, 97

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — John Joseph Kerzner, 97, a retired delicatessen owner, died Oct. 25. He was the husband of the late Bessie (Broomfield) Kerzner. Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Henry and Rose (Weiner) Kerzner.

He and his wife, "Bessie", established what was to become a landmark deli called Bessie's on Broad Street in Providence in 1945. They operated it until they retired to Florida in 1976.

In 1926, at the age of 18, he graduated from Rhode Island College of Pharmacy & Allied Sciences, now a part of URI.

John Joseph Kerzner, 97

Mr. Kerzner was a member of the Congregation Sons of Abraham, Providence; Congregation Beth Shalom, Clearwater, Fla.; he was a 32nd degree Mason &

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Shriner, lifetime member of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, Touro Fraternal Association, and a charter member of the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

He leaves two sons, Maurice of Clearwater, Fla., and Alan of Boynton Beach; two daughters, Kathleen LaRoche of Palm Harbor, Estelle Yurman of Clearwater; a brother Samuel of New York City; a sister, Ruth Kenner of Boca Raton, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late David, Louis, Chaim, Max and a sister, Sylvia.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arthur Kline, 74

WEST WARWICK — Arthur Robert Kline, 74, a retired jewelry store owner, died Oct. 14. He was the husband of Brenda (Wilkening) Kline. They were married for 46 years. Born in Cranston, a son of the late Samuel and Bella (Elman) Kline, he had lived in West Warwick for 17 years, previously residing in Providence.

He was a 1950 graduate of Durfee High School in Fall River.

He was a Navy veteran stationed on the U.S.S. Randolph serving in the Mediterranean during the Suez Canal crisis of 1956.

He was the owner of Arthur

Kline Jewelers on Thayer Street in Providence for 10 years, retiring in 1986. He previously worked for Ross-Simon Jewelers of Attleboro.

Mr. Kline was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, R.I. Jewish Fraternal Association and Temple Emanu-El. He was an avid golfer, reader and sports fan.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Steven Kline of Wrentham, Mass.; and a daughter, Andrea Venooker and her husband Eric of Ellicott City, Md.; and five grandchildren, Daniel, Alison, Samuel, Tess and Nathan. He was the brother of the late Ruth Horvitz, Irving Kline and his twin, Gerald Kline.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc., 222 Richmond St., Providence, RI 02903 or a favorite charity.

Ronald Samuels, 63

CRANSTON — Ronald Samuels, 63, died Oct. 11. Born in Providence, a son of Helen (Berman) Samuels of Cranston and the late Paul Samuels, he had lived in Cranston for 45 years.

Mr. Samuels was an employee of Foxwoods Casino. He belonged to the Masons and the Shriners.

He was the brother of Andrea Levinson of Swansea, Mass. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association

Leo Sonkin, 94

BETHESDA, Md. — Leo Sonkin, 94, formerly of Providence, died Oct. 8. Born in New York City, the son of Jacob and Anna (Wicknin) Sonkin, he resided in Providence until retiring to Lake Worth, Fla., with his late wife, Libby (Lillian) in 1978.

Mr. Sonkin was a graduate of Pawtucket (Tolman) High School, Rhode Island State College (URI), and Boston University Law School. He was a partner in the Providence law firm of Zeitz, Sonkin, and Radin.

He served as a warrant officer in the United States Army during World War II.

While in Rhode Island he was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Board of Jewish Education, Roger Williams Lodge of B'nai Brith, and the Anti-Defamation League.

He leaves a daughter, Ellen-Sue (Sonkin) Brown of Potomac, Md.; two grandsons, Andrew Brown of Philadelphia and Mark Brown of Bethesda; and

two sisters, Eva Sheer and Edith Garden, both of Providence.

Burial was in Menorah Gardens in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Evelyn S. Zisserson

NISKAYUNA, N.Y. — Evelyn S. Zisserson died Sept. 21. She was born & raised in Providence and spent her married life in this city. She was a social worker with the Jewish Community Center. Later moving to Chicago, she worked in the same capacity and was also involved in a mother-child intervention program. She was also the assistant director of Head Start for the city of Chicago, and then that city's human relations officer.

Mrs. Zisserson retired to Arizona where she worked for Southern California Elderhostel programs and volunteered for the Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the Red Cross and other organizations.

She leaves two children, Berni Zisserson of Boston and Warren Zisserson of Nova Scotia; two grandchildren, Benjamin

and Joshua Zisserson, and a sister, Phyllis Friedman of Schenectady, N.Y.. She was the sister of the late Ralph Winn.

Burial was in Memory's Garden, Watervliet Shaker Rd., Colonie, N.Y. Contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Northeast NY Chapter 12, Avis Dr., Latham, NY 12110.

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