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Day school seeks community input



ARTHUR ROBBINS poses a question while Jeff Gladstone, right, and Howard Tinberg, left, listen during a Dec. 19 discussion about the Jewish Community Day School.



(From Left) Pam Lavanos, John Landry, and Laura Mernoff discuss what they think would work at the new Jewish Community Day School. JCDS head Dani Steiner is seated in the background.

By Jonathan Rubin jrubin@jfri.org

PROVIDENCE - After innumerable discussions, community meetings and forums, it seems that the talk about a Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) may have turned a corner. Over the past six months, comments on the transdenominational model have gone from "It can't be done" to "It's been done but it can't be done in Rhode Island" to, at last, "OK, let's see if we can make it happen here."

A meeting was held at Temple Beth-El in Providence Monday night, the first of four community meetings to review what the main principles, or "essence," of the emerging school will be. (The Alperin Schechter Day School officially changed its name to the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island on Sept. 21.)

"This is a real opportunity schools don't usually have the opportunity to gather as a community and decide what their vision is going to be," said Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, chair of the Educational Excellence committee of the Partnership. The community day school board sponsored the event.

Kaunfer helped found the Schechter School more than 25 years ago, and he's just one of many educational heavyweights involved in the planning of the day school - they have principals and teachers from public and private schools, as well as Judaic studies and education professors.

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MAYOR DAVID CICILLINE presents a citation from the City of Providence to Janet Engelhart at a reception in her honor.

Engelhart: From Federation to a future of possibilities

By Mary Korr mkorr@jfri.org

PROVIDENCE — Janet Engelhart, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of R.I., left her office for the last time Friday as evening fell and the Sabbath approached.

The mementos, memorabilia and profusion of files and reports from her five-year tenure are gone. Her wedding portrait from her marriage to Rabbi Leslie "Les" Gutterman almost two years ago, framed in ornate silver, no longer stands on a corner table.

'In an organization, leaders sometimes make the decision they have done as much as they can do and realize it's time to go down a different path," she said.

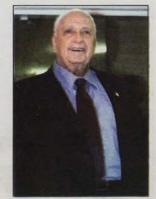
On Tuesday night, a reception was held for her at Temple See ENGELHART, page 3

Bush urges Sharon to diet, exercise

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Bush telephoned Sharon on Tuesday, two days after the Israeli prime minister was hospitalized after suffering a minor stroke.

Bush said he is "very concerned" about Sharon's health and suggested he watch his diet, exercise and cut down on working hours, a Sharon spokesman said in a statement. Bush added that he hoped to see a healthier Sharon when the two meet again in approximately two

Bush "said that when the prime minister had previously told him how many hours he



ARIEL SHARON leaves Hadassah Hospital on Tuesday.

worked per day, he got tired just hearing about it, and urged him to be careful," the spokesman said.

The two leaders also discussed developments in the Middle East. "I need you to be healthy," Bush told Sharon. "People love strong leadership that is built on principles, and you have proven

Community Calendar

SAT., DEC. 24 Hanukkah Klezmer

7:30 p.m. Fishel Bresler's Klezmer Hasidic Ensemble Hanukkah!" at Congregation Ohave Shalom Coffee House. Project Shoresh co-sponsors. 671 East Ave. in Pawtucket (corner of Glenwood). \$8 adults, \$3 chil-

HANUKKAH! SUN., DEC. 25 Chabad fun day

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 will perform "The Night Before family fun day at Chabad CHAI Center, 3871 Post Rd., Warwick. Olive pressing workshop, arts and crafts, dreidel games, pizza lunch, \$5 person and \$18 family. RSVP to Shoshanah Laufer, 884-7888.

Party in New Bedford

1 p.m. at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, 385 County St, New Bedford, Annual Hanukkah celebration. Comedy film "Angel Levine" with Zero Mostel & Harry Belafonte. Latkes, hot dogs etc. \$5 per person. RSVP to temple office at (508) 944-1760.

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Festive Hanukkah photo frame

By Charlotte Sheer

Your family's annual Hanukkah candlelighting photograph will be treasured even more when displayed in a unique, handcrafted picture frame. Even the youngest child can participate in the fun of creating this one-of-akind project.

Level: Easy to intermediate Materials:

8" x 10" cardboard moistened sponge cubes acrylic or tempera paints plastic lid or paper plate for paints

scissors, white glue 5" x 7" acrylic picture frame What You'll Do:

Arts & Crafts

1. Sponge paint a bright combination of colors to completely cover one side of the cardboard. Let dry.

2. From the painted cardboard, cut out 8 candles, each up to two inches in height. (For a vertical frame, they should be no wider than 3/8 inch each. They may be wider if the frame is horizontal.)

3. Cut out 1 slightly taller candle to use as the shammash or

4. Cut out 9 pointed oval shapes to use as candle flames.

5. Cut out two pairs of triangles to form Stars of David, or cut out two dreidel shape

Note - A child may have fun constructing a dreidel by putting together 3 recognizable shapes: a square for the dreidel body, a triangle (with its base the same length as the side of the square) for the bottom, and a small rectangle for the handle.

6. Arrange the candles and flames to form a Hanukkiyah (Hanukkah menorah) and glue into place across the bottom of the frame.

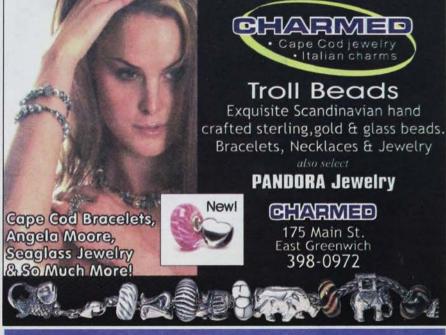
7. Glue Stars of David or dreidels in the top two corners of the

8. Set aside to dry.

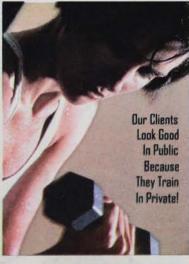
9. Carefully wipe away glue smears by using a slightly damp paper towel, or cotton swab, and gently drying.

Your finished frame can become a wonderful family keepsake or may be given as a special gift for someone else to enjoy.

Charlotte (Charli) Sheer is a Jewish and public school educator. She teaches fifth grade at the Foxborough (MA) Regional Charter School.



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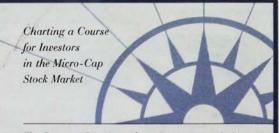
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Reception honors JFRI's departing exec. VP

Beth-El before a Federation board meeting. Mayor David Cicilline, a Beth-El congregant and JFRI board member, presented her with a citation from the City of Providence for her contributions to the capital city. He said he came to know Janet through the AIDS Task Force at Federation.

"She is a valued member of the Jewish and greater Providence communities, and will continue to be," he said. Her strength is as a consensus builder, he added, and that is a hallmark of leader-

Engelhart came to Providence after working for 20 years in the Pittsburgh Jewish community. Perhaps it was bashert, fate, that brought her here, where she would meet her future husband. She recalls driving to Providence from Pittsburgh after she had accepted the position here, the only woman to head a "Top Forty" Federation. A native New Yorker, she was happy to be heading back to the East Coast, a move which brought her closer to her daughter, Allison, now 28, who lived in Philadelphia. Engelhart was divorced and had been a single mom for a decade.

During the ensuing years, "Janet bailed me out of trouble many times," said former JFRI president Mark Feinstein. "She helped me to understand the nuances of issues and how to move initiatives forward.

Herb Stern, current Federation president, described Janet as a "protector, a guide and an inspiration. She has always gone out federation to a critical place — we are now poised to make dramatic Herald.

nity Relations Council (CRC) of the Federation. "In the years she's been here, I've grown to respect her more and more. She leaves



MEL AND JANET ZURIER congratulate Janet Engelhart on her accomplishments

us with extended boundaries; we feels great satisfaction in seeing community," she said.

Sharon Gaines, current chair Engelhart last summer on a had great sensitivity to the need study seminar with non-Jewish of the paper to be a "voice" for leaders in the state. She shared a lighter moment: "Janet's a great power shopper. We had a great Street (in Jerusalem) for everyone at home in the hour and a half we life. But first, a little R&R had to spare.'

Publisher

At Federation, Janet also of her way to lead our federation served as publisher, first of the with grace...she has brought the monthly Jewish Voice and then of the merged Jewish Voice &

"I will miss working with Maxine Richman worked Janet," said Eleanor Lewis, chair with Engelhart on the Commu- of the editorial board. "Her thoughtful collaboration with the editors and the editorial board really paid off. I know she

now have a more vibrant Jewish the changes and improvements in the Voice & Herald during her tenure as publisher. She should! of the CRC, went to Israel with Most important to me, she has the community as well as for the

Now, in this festival season time buying gifts on Ben Yehuda of lights, Engelhart is excited about taking the next step in her "I've been working non-stop for 38 years," she says. She and her husband will relax at their place on the Cape, and visit Arizona. She will read books, travel, volunteer and work with her hands, leisure pursuits she has not had the time for.

She expects her professional life will be centered around issues she cares about: economic development in the state, women and empowerment, and working bit bit bit with young adults or working on Life happens," she says.



presented Stern Engelhart with a handcrafted menorah from the Federation.

behalf of children.

Having worked in this community for five years, she reflects, it has become a part of who I am. In my life, I've never looked back. I've tried to seize the opportunity - but I remember that old Yiddish expression, translated to, "People plan while God laughs.

Jewish Voice & Herald restructures

Rubin named managing editor, Korr editor

PROVIDENCE - Starting this month, Mary Korr will be serving as the new editor of the Jewish Voice & Herald of Rhode Island. Korr, of Barrington has served as assistant editor at the Voice & Herald for the last two years.

Jonathan Rubin, who has been editor for almost four years, will be overseeing the business and management of the paper under his new title of managing editor.

"This paper has been growing exponentially, and staff changes will ensure future growth," Rubin said.

"Not a lot of people can be an editor in a community as dynamic and challenging as this," Rubin said. "I am extremely pleased that we have an excellent and seasoned professional to keep us on the path of editorial excellence."

Korr has a master's degree from the University of Missouri Graduate School of Journalism, and has worked for the Providence Journal, East Bay Newspapers in Bristol, and the Attleboro Sun Chronicle. She has won regional and national awards for journalism

A native New Yorker, she is married to Dr. Kenneth S. Korr, chief of cardiology at The Miriam Hospital. Her son, Joshua, attends Hampshire College in Amherst. She has two Portuguese Water Dogs at home, Winston and Maggie, and is a member of Temple Habonim in Barrington.

Since 2002 the Voice & Herald has doubled its sales staff, adding a business oversight committee and increasing the average issue size from 24 to 36 pages.

Opinion

A MAJORITY OF ONE

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ell, here we are at war again. No, not the one in Iraq, that's Bush's war And not the one in the Holy Land either, that's Israel's war. This is our very own war, prop-

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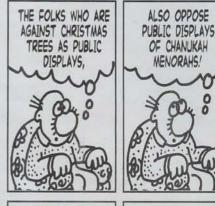
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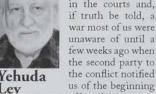


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Opinion

ALISON ON ALIYAH

(Part 3 of 3)

Tziki's impact on all of us

o there I was, out on a dusty road in the middle of nowhere with Yehuda, one of Tziki's youngest and most vulnerable hayalim bodedim (lone soldiers), feeling everything change within me. As it neared 2:30 a.m. and I prepared to say goodbye, Yehuda remarked that he was so grateful to have



to us. "It can be really rough out here," he said, "and I can't often find anyone to listen to me when I need to talk.

When I get out for the weekends, I usually just sit with Tziki and let it

been able to really talk

all out, but I haven't had the chance to do that in a while. I have friends here in

the army, but no one wants to hear about my problems. Everyone has the same problems here, and mine aren't any more important than anyone else's."

As he said this, I was hit with the reality of his situation. I had never really thought through what this experience must be like for these young bayalim bodedim. They cannot call their parents in America to talk about being scared, or lonely, or angry. None of their friends in America have any frame of reference to understand what they are doing, guarding a checkpost in the middle of "enemy territory" in a faraway country. Even their friends in the army can't possibly constitute a solid support network, as they are dealing with their own worries, fears, and experiences.

Tears sprang to my eyes, and I

rushed to hug Yehuda goodbye, so that he wouldn't see any signs of my worry for him. He hugged me tightly in return, and I whispered in his ear, "You know you can call me anytime, don't you?" He pulled away from me momentarily, looked me in the eyes, and said with complete sincerity and utter surprise, "Really?!" Shocked and a bit ashamed that I hadn't managed to convey this to him sooner, I just hugged him tighter. I left him there on that road, his eyes glistening and a huge smile on his face.

I spent the drive home thinking about Tziki, and about the financial and emotional output that he makes on a daily basis. Tziki and his family give so much of themselves to these young, lone soldiers. In fact, they sometimes give more than they have to give. Tziki's old, battered van recently gave out, and he had to take out huge loans to finance the purchase of a new one. He needs a van so that he can continue to chauffeur all the boys and their piles of belongings, and the gas costs are a tremendous burden for him. He spends a considerable sum each Friday just for his weekly Shabbat dinners. There are also 20 soldiers who tend to need more special help, both

financially and otherwise. As if this isn't enough, Tziki also takes care of a particularly special young Ethiopian man, an orphan since age 7, whom he has taken under his wing and is now endeavoring to finance his way through a college preparatory program (and hopefully, ultimately college).

Tziki willingly gives to these soldiers time and money that he doesn't have, and sacrifices sleep constantly to answer midnight phone calls from soldiers filled with fear, or anger, or frustration. They cry with him, and yell at him, and complain to him, and he counsels them all, with the calm (and calming) voice and caring manner of an experienced father. And we all soak it in — his warmth, his sensitivity and his giving nature. We all clamor to be around Tziki and his family because they are filled with such love for each other and for all of us, and we become filled with it just by being around them.

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Letters to the Editor Joseph Wilson's speech at Brown

Joseph Wilson is a very brave man in America today. He is willing to stand up and tell Americans what he knew about uranium from Africa. As a diplomat, he had spent many years in Africa, knew the leaders intimately as well as Saddam Hussein. Kudos to Brown Hillel for inviting former Ambassador Wilson to Rhode Island.

When Wilson speaks out against a vindictive national government, ours, he takes his place in history. Free speech, open debate, and dissent are cornerstones of our democracy, fundamental to protecting all of our other rights under the Constitution.

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) believes that all Americans have the right to question the policies and direction of our leaders and government, and that the exercise of this right should be valued as courageous civic engagement.

We deplore the current climate of intolerance and recent efforts to defame or intimidate those who disagree with public policy. Members of Congress impugning the patriotism of colleagues who oppose the war, extremists comparing those who disagree with policy on reproductive choice to Nazis, supporters of judicial nominees labeling colleagues who disagree with them as anti-faith—all are disturbing signs that the freedom to dissent is under attack.

NCJW urges all Americans to stand up for the right to dissent and to repudiate those who would stifle open and candid discussion about the future of American policy.

As the oldest Jewish volunteer organization in the US, NCJW works continually to improve the quality of life for women, children and families, and to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all through our network of 90,000 members, supporters, and volunteers nationwide.

Carol R. Brooklyn R.I. NCJW public affairs chair

Last Bar Mitzvah at Shaare Tzedek

I enjoyed reading your article about Shaare Tzedek very much. I was very involved with Shaare Tzedek while living in Providence and still keep in touch Joe Margolis, Phil Rosenfield and David Zemel.

I wanted to share with you that my grandson, Max Torgovnick, had his Bar Mitzvah in the synagogue in 1997. He conducted the Thursday morning service. Max lives in New York City and wanted to have his Bar Mitzvah in Shaare Tzedek because of our family involvement with the shul. I believe Max's Bar Mitzvah was probably the last one held there.

Sam Kerzner New York, NY

Thanks for the Miriam memories (and the nickel)

Thank you, Geraldine Foster, for bringing back such wonderful memories of the Miriam Hospital when it first moved to Summit Avenue. I worked in the laboratory next to your father's pharmacy and spent many hours talking to him about my grandmother, Annie Weiner, who was a friend of his through many years of raising monies for the many Jewish causes worldwide.

Dr. Joe Weber removed my appendix when I was 3 1/2 at the Parade St. building, offering me a nickel to stop crying. He finally gave me the nickel one day as he passed through the laboratory. Rose Duggan, my boss, could never understand the friendship I had with these two outstanding men.

Esther (Morse) Gold Rutland, Vt.

Passport to Israel

By Deborah Furman

This past summer I participated in the B'nai Brith Youth Organization's (BBYO) "Passport2Israel" Journey. BBYO is the leading trans-denominational Jewish teen movement, bringing meaningful Jewish experiences to tens of thousands of Jewish teens around the world. One of BBYO's summer Passport2Israel programs is called the Israel Journey. It is a three-week trip that takes you throughout Israel – from the highest point in the northern Galilee to the warm waters of the Red Sea in the south.

When I was looking for an Israel trip, I wanted a balance between religion and relaxation. I chose BBYO based on the following criteria: a summer trip that was about 3-4 weeks long; a trip that explored Israel from end to end (since I had never been before); and a non-religious trip (without a lot of praying). I also wanted to sleep outside as little as possible. I wanted to see the Kotel (Western Wall). I wanted to climb Masada. Most of all, I wanted to go to Eilat.

BBYO was a perfect well-rounded Israel experience. I would not have changed a thing! I saw everything that I had learned about in my nine years of day school, and learned some new stuff, too. I was constantly challenged: I learned to pitch my own tent, hike in extreme heat, and function with a 3:45 a.m. wake-up time to see a beautiful sunrise. I was able to see the true culture of Israel – something that I never could have learned from a book or teacher – something you have to experience for yourself. Although all trips are slightly different from each other, they all see the main highlights of Israel. Whichever trip you choose, you'll travel on a bus with 40 other kids your age – and being with those kids 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is what makes every trip, including mine, so great.

Deborah Furman, 16 lives in Providence and attends the Lincoln School.

For more information about Israel programs, contact Shira Garber at the Bureau of Jewish Education of R.I. (331-0956, ext. 181; sgarber@bjeri.org).

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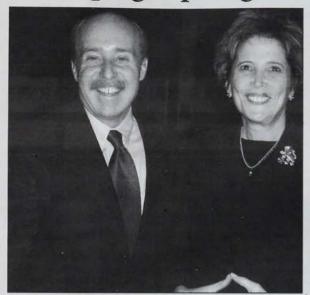
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Faces of Federation Campaign spotlight



Alan Litwin, shown with Doris Feinberg, is current campaign chair.

By Mary Korr mkorr@jfri.org

PROVIDENCE — Alan Litwin keeps an eye on the future grounded in lessons from the past, learned by the example of his late father, Paul, who was a leader in the Jewish community.

For the second year, Litwin is chair of the Jewish Federation of R.I.'s annual campaign, targeted at \$4.2 M.

It's a daunting task, with the demand for charitable dollars up since 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and locally, a quarter-of-a-million-dollar drop in United Way funding to the Jewish Community Center (JCC) and Jewish Family Service (JFS).

What's the hardest part of his job at the campaign helm?

"The planning and execution. That's what it comes down to planning for an uncertain future, for five years down the road."

It's the kind of answer — and strategy — you would hope for from an accountant, which he is, a principal in the firm of Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co. Or from a coach — which he is as well. Basketball is his game; he began playing in his youth at the "old JCC."

He said the success of the annual campaign has historically rested with 110 families, who account for 80 percent of the donations. But demographic challenges loom large as the community ages, diminishes, or moves away.

A one-on-one, multi-generational, donor cultivation program is a central tenet to his strategic vision. "People give to people. It's the personal touch."

One young Jewish family, new to the area, donated this year in thanks for the Shalom Baby basket they received from a Women's Alliance program.

Litwin, himself, was touched when he recently learned a client, a non-Jew, has been contributing to the annual campaign as a way of thanking him.

Elisa Heath, campaign director, points to some of the successes the campaign has funded: the JCC has opened Jewish satellite preschools; URI Hillel finally has a home; doulas from JFS assist new mome, and volunteers with the JERI program visit Jewish nursing home residents.

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Around the world

Heath said there are 230,000 elderly Jews in the Former Soviet information in one-stop-shop-Union who need Federation help to subsist. In addition, Israel faces the challenge of absorbing entire cultures, such as the Ethiopian Jews. "The country does not want to see a bottom tier of poverty develop," she said.

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All these programs add up. "It's not just a cost-of-living increase," Litwin says.

And just as Litwin learned by the example of his parents, he and his wife Marianne hope to pass the volunteer torch on to their children, David, 15, and Madison, 13.

In the end, the message of the campaign is clear: "We are saving lives and rejuvenating Jewish communities," Heath said.

Photos of the week



Photos by Meredith Einsohi

KIDS AND PARENTS made Hanukkah decorations Sunday at "Babies, Kids and Kibbitzing," a program of the Women's Alliance. The event was held at the JCC in Providence. The 'crayon set' are, above, Walter Zogoff; upper right, Rich and Zachary Sutton, and lower right, Ayala Bielory, at left, Chani Schochet, and Mordechai Bielory.





Sorting out Medicare miasma

By Jonathan Rubin jrubin@jfri.org

CRANSTON — Sydelle Rozbrach is a senior citizen who's done her homework on Medicare Part D. But the piles of data kept getting higher and higher, and some information kept changing or seemed contradictory. Would she still be covered after May 15, and how much would she be getting? What's this "donut hole" everyone's talking about?

Susan Adler, director of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island (JERI), has a suggestion for those in mental anguish over medicines:

"Stop reading all the information out there!" Then, take two deep breaths. Then stop running around and get your "medical information in one-stop-shopping," and for free, no less.

Adler and JERI will be helping the seniors navigate among the myriad choices; and make the potential penalties for lateness a little less harrowing. It's a program organized through the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Elderly (RIPAE), the state-sponsored drug plan for seniors.

She and her friend, Falco
Deingenis, heard about the program at Jewish Family Service's said
Kosher Mealsite at Temple Torat
Yisrael in Cranston and met with
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In less than an hour, Adler had plans recommended for both of them.

"Both of you will see a savings right off the bat," Adler

Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, a program of Jewish Seniors Agency, will be holding office hours at various locations. Some home visits may be possible. For more information, call





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DAY SCHOOL

From page 1

Bill McCarthy, head of day-today operations and Dani Steiner, in charge of transforming the concept of the community day school into reality, introduced themselves to the audience of community leaders and parents of current and potential students.

A group of about 75 attendees were handed a two-page working draft of the pluralistic school's mission statement and its core Jewish values, such as Klal Yisrael (inclusivity), Kebila (community), Neshama (the soul, the individual) and Da'at (knowledge, wisdom).

Interesting additions, suggestions and testimonies followed.

John Reed, a day school parent, laughed at the awkwardness of introducing himself as a father who sends his son to "what used to be called Schechter."

Rachel Friederberg liked the proposed wording under the spiritual aims of the school, which read, "The school will devote itself to the spiritual development of all members of its community and strive to create a sense of wonder and awe."

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Minna Ellison, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish

The school's two directors, Education, suggested that the role in the greater Jewish community (Schechter leadership had frequently complained that it was viewed as a Conservative rather than a community institution).

> for the new school - that the art curriculum will be more intense department, or, conversely, that younger grades will get a some-what "less serious" workload. Others hoped that the diplomas will still say "Alperin Schechter Day School" on them, or that the school's focus will be on training future Jewish leaders.

Someone asked, "Is the JCDS just Schechter warmed over?" Vicky Bharier, chair of the policy committee, said one crucial difference is in terms of input / output. "We currently welcome everyone, but until now the output has been in a Conservative ideology. Now, there will 40 Gardiner Ave, Warwick be a wider spectrum."

"Schechter used to have a nice dence motto — 'We make mensches.' What happened to that?"

nder and awe." Miriam Ross, former co-"I think it's beautiful," she president of ASDS, said, "As a parent, I want to create a school where people aren't afraid to ask questions.

Others felt that "pluralism" is new school's mission include its a nice enough concept, but it can just as easily become a word on paper. "We want to see the school embrace the diversity of backgrounds besides just religious but cultural, white-black, and Some spoke about their hopes rich/poor," said Janine Schwartz, of Providence.

At the end of the lively twoand integrated with the Judaic hour session, Steiner said he thought the session went well but felt that some were holding back. "People are being too nice," he said with a smile. "I know that in the beginning, these changes can bring a lot of pain. Next time, I want people to think of big fears, what they would give up in order to have a community school. This is serious work."

> Upcoming sessions are open to the community and will continue to work on "big picture" issues. They will be at 7 p.m. on Mondays at the following places:

- · Jan. 9, Temple Am David,
- · Jan. 30, Congregation Beth A parent exclaimed that Sholom, 275 Camp St., Provi-
 - Feb. 13 Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

For more information, email info@jcds.org or visit www. ravsak.org

A message from Ronald S. Lauder



A little more than a year ago, Jewish National Fund embarked on a challenge, a long-term vision: developing the Negev into a hospitable, habitable, profitable environment that would become home to an additional 250,000 people.

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are very low and unemployment hovers at 90%. Opening up the Negev economically will positively impact their future as well. This is a vision for all of Israel.

Blueprint Negev builds on the extensive work already achieved by KKL/JNF. Over 30 JNF reservoirs already in the Negev translate into 10 billion gallons of water. In Beersheva, new housing and large parks are being built. Together with the Beersheva Foundation, KKL/JNF and the Or Movement are creating a \$300 million consortium of projects that will transform Beersheva into a bustling metropolis.

JNF, together with the **Or Movement**, has established the Negev Central Information Center, which gathers up-to-date data on communities, job opportunities, housing, and education. Already, 10,000 names of Israelis interested in moving to the Negev are in our central database and we have identified 960 new employment opportunities in the Negev. Today, our vision is turning into a reality.

Blueprint Negev allows us to be 21st century pioneers and to once again be part of a nation under creation.

Twenty-five communities are planned; seven are already established. Residents of Sansana, Harouv, Shomria, Givot Bar, Be'er Milka, Kmehin, and Merhav Am, the newly established communities, give testament to these ideals.

Our Economic Development Fund helps them finance the move. Our involvement shows our partnership.

Blueprint Negev answers the need for Jews in the Diaspora looking to make aliyah the pioneering way. Nefesh B'Nefesh has been very successful in bringing highly qualified North American immigrants to Israel, yet many settle in established communities, seeking an English-speaking population. We are working with them to set up English-speaking communities in the Negev, such as Carmit, and allow the Diaspora Jew to change the quality of life and image of the Negev. It doesn't get more pioneering than that.

At Ramon Air Force Base, whose home is already in the Negev, congregations across the U.S. are participating in a \$10 million initiative to build a central park with a 3,000-seat amphitheatre and recycled water reservoirs. If your congregation has not yet signed on, be a part of history.

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Tourism, which will bring even more employment opportunities, features heavily in our blueprint. Our plans include building a new bike path in the Southern Arava, with bike rental stations



Young families are calling the Negev hor

Bird watchers from around the world will flock to Israel, following the migrations of millions of birds, from world-class centers in Eilat, up to Kibbutz Lotan then north to the Hula Valley.

All of these are examples of our Negev Plan in action, bringing people to the Negev, and creating jobs that will transform the Negev into a desirable place to live. Our plan encompasses so many projects: building new communities, revitalizing established towns and cities, bolstering services and opportunities throughout the region, improving quality of life, and making all this possible by building vital reservoirs. Singly, they are just projects; together, they form a vision. The **Blueprint Negev** vision.

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Saudi gives \$20M to Harvard, Georgetown Jewish groups keep watchful eye

By Chanan Tigay

(ITA) — Harvard and Georgetown universities both say a Saudi input whatsoever over appointprince attached no strings when he gave them \$20 million gifts but at a time that Arab influence in American classrooms is coming under scrutiny, some observers are taking a wait-andsee approach.

"We realize that this is a sensitive topic, but the purpose of this gift is to support the study of Islam as a religious and cultural tradition, which is a significant factor in today's world," Harvard spokeswoman Sarah Friedell

The schools announced earlier this week that Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al-Saud had made the contributions to further Islamic studies at both institutions, which were planning to rename centers after the prince.

A recent JTA investigation linked bin Talal with a group producing teaching materials for American public school students. The materials contain content that is pro-Islamic, anti-American, anti-Israel and anti-Jewish. In 2001, the prince donated \$10. million to a fund for the families of uniformed workers who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But then-New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani refused the money after learning that al-Saud had tried to link the attacks to U.S. support for Israel.

Some observers of academia are wondering if the gifts to Harvard and Georgetown may be the latest in a series of attempts by the Saudis and other Arab countries to influence how the Middle East is taught in U.S. schools.

According to federal law, the schools are required to file papers disclosing the amount and date of foreign donations as well as a description of any conditions or restrictions on the gifts.

Though the money was designated for Islamic studies, both Georgetown and Harvard say the prince has no say in the hiring of professors or in curriculum.

"The funds are designated, but there are no strings attached," said Erik Smulson, assistant vice president for communications at Georgetown. "Georgetown University has final say on how the gift will be used, consistent with its mission.

Harvard, too, said the prince will not be involved in hiring decisions.

"Consistent with university policy, recognizing the parament decisions," Friedell said.

But it's not the prince and his money per se that concern Daniel ing an open door, because the was launching an Israel stud-Pipes, founder and director of the Middle East Forum, a Philadelphia think tank. The forum runs Campus Watch, which reviews and critiques Middle East studies on American campuses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 freedom in fact and in appear-monopoly" that he says academ-gifts to ensure that Israel stud-A) — Harvard and George ance, the donor will have no ics espousing anti-American and ies are taught at U.S. colleges as anti-Israel points of view hold on well. university positions.

> The donations are "pushacademics who are dealing with

Concerned about the perceived anti-Israel tilt in academia, its multiple facets

Pipes frets about the "virtual some universities have received

UCLA's International Institute announced last year that it ies program, which its creators Islamic studies are, in general, said would be the first teaching, already quite willing to go along research and community program ing, to be renamed the HRH with the Saudi outlook," he said.

ar an American university focusing solely on the lewish state in

In 2002, the Helen Diller Family Fund committed \$5 million to the Jewish studies program at the University of California at Berkeley, to bring an Israeli professor to the university each year.

Georgetown will use bin Talal's gift to bolster its Center for Muslim-Christian Understand-

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'Tis the season to struggle

Mangers, menorahs By Matthew E. Berger

WASHINGTON railing against the marginalization of Christmas has become the new tune of this holiday season.

Across the country, from

Led by evangelical groups, (JTA) who say the holiday's religious The sound of angry Christians significance is being ignored, some Christians are fighting back. They're threatening to sue schools singing of Christmas carols and

department stores to town halls, other places where "Happy Holibattle lines have been drawn over days" has replaced "Merry Christand the public square how to mark the winter holidays. mas" as the preferred greeting of the season.

> Evangelical leaders don't cast the Jewish community as the Scrooge, yet efforts to highlight Christian themes and celebrations districts that have banned the at Christmas historically have come at the expense of religious diversity and tolerance - and Jewish leaders fear that stressing Christmas' religious significance could highlight Jews' minority status in the United States. "It is not a movement prompted by an animus against Jews or the Jewish community, but the unintended consequence is that Jews may be blamed for it." said Abraham Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League,

> > Much of what evangelicals criticize consists of efforts to include religious minorities in holiday celebrations, say Jewish community leaders, who fear that adding more religious expression in schools and government could make Jews feel like second-class citizens.

> > Rabbi Leah Richman of Pottsville, Pa., received angry letters and phone calls when she called for the removal of a nativity scene in her town square.

> > "The non-Jewish people in the area are very interested in promoting Christmas and they believe that church and state



THIS DISPLAY in the window of a New York bank balances a Christmas tree with a menorah.

should be more mingled," Richman said. "They're taking my stand as being anti-tolerance and anti-diversity, because I'm not tolerant of their

Instead of opposing the nativity scene, some respondents said Richman should place a menorah nearby.

The onslaught of Christmas decorations and programming for years has been a source of quiet frustration for American Jews, but decisions about how to handle it have varied. Some Jewish groups have worked to ensure that religious Christmas displays don't enter the public square, while others — predominantly the Chabad movement — sought equal treatment for menorahs and other Hanukkah decorations.

The inclusion of Hanukkah, and then the African-American holiday of Kwanzaa, has forced retailers and municipalities to seek more generic and inclusive ways of acknowledging all faiths. That has led to claims that Christianity has been taken out of Christmas celebrations.

The city of Boston renamed a tree in Boston Common a "holiday tree." Target, the giant retailer, was criticized for airing commercials in December that did not specifically mention Christmas. Even Pope Benedict XVI has weighed in, declaring Sunday that a "commercial pollution" of Christmas could alter the holiday's true meaning. He suggested families erect nativity scenes in their homes.

The pro-Christmas movement comes at a time of growing evangelical political strength, giving their message increased weight and attention. Evangelicals have fought this year against efforts to remove proselytizing from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and for the teaching of "intelligent design" in public schools. Nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court have been weighed in part on their church attendance and their public proclamations of faith.

"They've come to feel a certain strength in their position in America and in the public that they didn't feel under President Clinton," said Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder and chairman of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

Even the White House has been chastised this year for writing "Best wishes for the holiday season" on its annual Christmas cards. Last year's cards also referred to the "holiday season" rather than Christmas, and both years' cards included a quote from Psalms.

"The Jews I know are not offended by the words, 'Merry Christmas," "Bauer said. "The controversy doesn't seem to be coming from believing Jews."

Jewish backlash

But Christian leaders often accuse Hollywood, the media and the American Civil Liberties Union of taking the religion out of Christmas — and all three groups are seen as run by Jews, Foxman said.

Eckstein warned of a backlash if Jews are perceived as being on the front lines of the fight.

"What we're seeing in America today, with the evangelical emphasis, will be looked back on as the last gasp to hold onto an America that is Christian," said Jonathan Sarna, a professor of American Jewish history at Brandeis University.

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Israel

Netanyahu wins Likud race

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (JTA) ment it heads could fall apart Benjamin Netanyahu is back in the saddle and raring to retake justice minister, responded by the Israeli premiership -- but it's not clear if his Likud Party has like-minded politicians with a enough strength to take him to

Netanyahu won Monday's politics. Likud Party leadership primary with 47 percent of the vote, well ahead of the 32 percent taken by his top rival, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom.

The victory helped rally a right-wing party still reeling from the defection last month of its previous chairman, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The fact that Netanyahu's victory came as Sharon recovered from a mild stroke he suffered Sunday only raised the stakes in a general elec-tion scheduled for March 28.

Before the primary, opinion polls showed the Likud trailing both Sharon's new centrist Kadima movement and the center-left Labor Party. With Netanyahu at the Likud's helm and Sharon's health in doubt, however, the political prospects could change.

Sharon on Monday appeared to be recovering well from his stroke, but his illness probably will have some political rami-fications. His health likely will become a campaign issue, with rival parties contending that Sharon's brief hospitalization highlights the fact that Kadima is a one-man party. If anything happens to Sharon, the argument goes, Kadima and any govern- of Hebron.

Kadima's Tzipi Livni, the saying that Kadima is a party of clear agenda, and would continue to operate even if Sharon left

Sharon's health means Kadima may be forced to address the succession stakes in the runup to the March election, something it would have preferred to avoid. The main candidates would be Livni and Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

Sharon, 77, was rushed to the hospital Sunday night after the stroke. He was released Tuesday. Despite his age and obesity, Sharon has been relatively healthy. He will need his strength to fight off Netanyahu, 56, a polished campaigner.

Scion of a well-know Revihas had a high-profile but patchy history with the Likud. He made his name as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations in the early 1990s and went on to oppose the Oslo peace accords with the Palestinians.

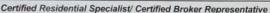
Following a spate of Hamas suicide bombings, Netanyahu defeated Shimon Peres to become prime minister in 1996. He continued the Oslo process despite his misgivings and, under U.S. pressure, signed the Wye River Memorandum, which gave the Palestinian Authority control over much of the West Bank city



Benjamin Netanyahu

Netanyahu was defeated in 1999 general elections by Ehud Barak, and bowed out of a 2001 race that brought Sharon to power. He served for a time as Sharon's foreign minister, becomsionist Zionist family, Netanyahu ing finance minister after Sharon was re-elected in 2003.

Netanyahu is credited with pulling Israel out of recession through public-sector cuts and anti-union actions but his policies may have undermined his popularity among the country's growing underclass. Netanyahu quit Sharon's government days before the beginning of the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip this summer, a step that he warned would embolden Palestinian ter-





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A U.S. federal judge ruled that "intelligent design" cannot be taught in science classes as an alternative theory to evolution. The judge ruled Tuesday against the Dover Area School Board in Pennsylvania, saying it violated the Constitution when it ordered "intelligent design" to be included in the district's biology curriculum. "The citizens of the curriculum. "The citizens of the Dover area were poorly served by Union for Reform Judaism "does the members of the Board who not speak for us." The URJ and its

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WASHINGTON: taken out full page ads in the New York Times and other major ments might suffer from serious voted for the I.D. Policy," wrote Judge John E. Jones III. Jones been calling for the United

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said he does not believe intelligent States to begin withdrawing from design is science. Many Jewish Iraq. The RJC claims that this people. Such charges," the presigroups supported the plaintiffs, is "misleading and wrong" and dent said, "hurt the morale of our who sued the school objecting to its executive director, Matthew the curriculum. They claimed it Brooks says that the URI "doesn't was a repackaging of creationism, speak for all Reform Jews and which is illegal to teach in public they don't speak for all American

Gaza kids adjust

JERUSALEM: Despite fears Republican Jewish Coalition has that children of families who were evacuated from the Gaza settlepsychological problems, psychologists working with the evacuees report no significant differences between them and similar Israeli children who did not endure as drastic a change in their environment. One psychologist said there are some mental health problems among the youth "but nothing that wouldn't exist in any norma-tive society." The settlers' strong religious faith and communal organization, he said, have given the children strength and focus. The Jerusalem Report

Bush: no Iraq link to Israel

WASHINGTON: Blaming the Iraq war on U. S. support for Israel is irresponsible, President Bush told an audience in Washington earlier this month. "One of the blessings of our free society is that we can debate these issues openly, even in a time of war. Most of the debate has been a credit to our democracy but some have launched irresponsible charges. They say we act because of oil, that we act in Iraq because of Israel,

troops." -JTA

Vote for WZO

delegates NEW YORK: What may be the world's largest international election is now taking place and most of its eligible voters are unaware of it. The balloting is for delegates to the Congress of the World Zionist Organization, which will convene next June in Jerusalem. Adult American Jews, all of whom are potential voters, are casting their ballots by mail or on the internet for their choice among 12 different slates, all of which are affiliated with Zionist organizations. In 2002 almost 89,000 American Jews ticipated in the vote. The WZO wields a strong influence over the programs of the Jewish Agency for Israel whose annual budget for Zionist programs in Israel and the Diaspora is \$350 million. - JTA

> Green Party: **Boycott Israel**

NEW YORK: The United States Green Party, whose presidential candidate was Ralph Nader, has called for divestment from and boycott of Israel "until such time as the full individual and collective rights of the Palestinian people are realized." This would include the right of all Palestinians who were displaced by Israel's 1948 independence war and their descendants to return to also backs the "serious consideration" of replacing Israel with a secular, democratic state in Israel and the Palestinian areas. - The Jerusalem Report Forward

Believe it or not 'Rabbicops' on patrol

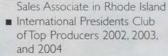
Hundreds of Israeli policemen are believed to be obtaining rabbinical ordination to boost their salaries. Citing Justice Ministry sources, Ha'aretz reported in a weekend expose that as many as 600 policemen have taken courses for the Orthodox clergy so they could receive \$430 monthly stipends. According to the newspaper, some of the "rabbicops" are openly secular, and the sages administering the ordination courses have been known to allow their students to abbreviate the studies for the sake of convenience. Police spokesmen declined comment on the affair, citing a probe already

Widows OK 'Munich'

TEL AVIV: The widows of two of the Israeli athletes slain by Palestinian terrorists at the Munich Olympics in 1972, were given a special preview of Steven Spielberg's latest film "Munich" and said they were satisfied with the film despite the controversy over the depiction of Israel's reprisal campaign against those who planned the attack. One of the women said, "For me, it was their pre-1948 homes. The Greens important that the film does no dishonor to the memory of the murdered athletes, nor to the image of the State of Israel. - The

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Steven Spielberg's 'Munich'

Film on massacre of Israeli '72 Olympians provokes controversy

LOS ANGELES (JTA) "Munich." Rarely in the annals of motion pictures have keen minds written and speculated so much about a movie they haven't seen.

All the buzz and fuss isn't about the quality, pacing, acting, music and cinematography of the movie. After all, the label Steven Spielberg film" is a Hollywood gold standard, the source of mega-hits from "Jaws" to "Schindler's List" to "Saving Private Ryan.'

The interest in 'Munich' looks deeper than that. For one, it's about a filmmaker's obligation to historical fact. At the most profound level, it confronts the old and new question of how war and terrorism transform the perpetrator and, even more, the one who takes up arms to oppose

The film opens with stillhaunting black-and-white television footage from the 1972 Olympics in Munich, as newscaster Jim McKay reports on the capture, and eventual murder, of 11 Israeli athletes and coaches by Palestinian Black September ter-

When a botched attempt by German police to rescue the Israeli hostages fails, we hear McKay's somber, "It's all over, they are all gone.'

Although there are flashbacks to the massacre throughout the film, the main focus shifts to a meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir and her top military and intelligence leaders.

The decision is made to send a Mossad team to Europe to hunt down and assassinate 11 of the massacre's participants and plan-

Tapped to lead the team is agent Avner Kauffman (Eric Bana), son of a Holocaust survivor (Gila Almagor), whose wife is expecting the couple's first baby.

His companions make up a properly diverse, if fictitious, team - it includes an aggressive hit man (Daniel Craig), a meticulous bourgeois type (Ciaran Hinds), a toymaker-turnedbombmaker (Mathieu Kassovitz) and an expert document forger (Hanns Zischler).

From this point, the two-and-half-hour film incorporates three storylines.

The first is that of a firstclass action thriller, as the squad tracks and hunts down its targets in Italy, France, England and Spain. There are some hits, some misses, lots of explosions and shootings, James Bond capers, a few car chases and a bit of sex.

All along, Avner is fed tips,



TOYMAKER-TURNED-BOMBMAKER, Robert, played by Mathieu Kassovitz, left, and Mossad agent Avner Kauffman, played by Eric Bana in a scene from Steven Spielberg's 'Munich.'

seemingly unlimited contacts, will ever lead to a solution. who may also be a double agent.

The movie's second storyamong the team's five members, (Geoffrey Rush).

At first, they talk shop about the technical aspects of their job, responding strongly when it's but as some of their hits lead to threatened," the filmmaker told overkill, the discussions turn Time Magazine. "At the same more subtle and intense.

Some wonder if there is a moral dimension to their work, and if this is in conflict with millennia of Jewish history and teaching.

The concerns of the "moralists" are followed by those of the team's "pragmatists," who ask

in exchange for hefty payments, if the constant cycle of attack, by a mysterious Frenchman with retaliation and counterretaliation

Spielberg has said repeatedly that this question is at the top of line centers on the interactions his mind and he cleverly stresses the point by alternating headand occasionally with their hard- lines of a terrorist airport bombnosed Mossad boss in Tel Aviv ing, a Mossad assassination, and a plane hijacking.

"I am always in favor of Israel time, a response to a response doesn't really solve anything. It just creates a perpetual-motion machine."

A third subplot, relatively brief but central to Spielberg and screenwriter Tony Kushner, is a confrontation between Avner and

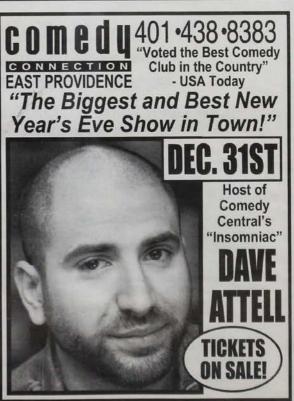
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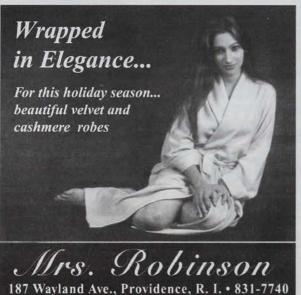






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Ali, the young leader of a PLO Los Angeles and one of the few squad, in which the aims and Israelis to have seen "Munich." justifications of the Palestinian's High-ranking Israelis, in a violence are discussed.

ical, is a well-handled piece of not one had been consulted by theater, and as an Israeli official Spielberg or Kushner, and nei-who has seen the movie put it, ther has Prime Minister Ariel "There isn't a Palestinian spokesman who could express his case the intelligence service. in three minutes as well as Ali."

an especially introspective type is, however, beginning to be torn the post-Munich reprisals. between the voice of his mother, who tells him that he is the kind cited by the filmmakers as a main our security officers will not cross of man the victims of the Holocaust prayed for, and the pull of his wife and new-born child.

In the end, Avner demands to know whether all the men he has killed were actually involved in the Munich massacre, but From page 2 receives no direct answer.

Since "Munich" started filming last June in Malta and

Because of, or despite, the constant stream of critical reports from Israel, most denouncing the historical inaccuracy of the film.

"This is simply fiction, not at www.tourofraternal.org documentary," said Ehud Danoch, Israel's consul general in

High-ranking Israelis, in and out of the Mossad, have expressed The encounter, while polem- astonishment and annoyance that in the Mossad and only served Sharon's office, which oversees dition of anonymity.

It is not clear if the filmcooperation, since Israel has never remains mission-oriented. He acknowledged that it carried out

Jonas, has been widely discred- of arms," said the official.

"The man who came to Jonas and represented himself to be, in effect, the Avner character of the movie, was actually never a few months as an El Al security guard," said a knowledgeable Israeli official, who spoke on con-

He cited a number of obvious technical inaccuracies, but what Throughout, Avner - not makers would have received any most upset the official was the depiction of some of the Mossad agents' actions.

"You can argue that violence Also, within Israel the book begets violence, but there is a line source, "Vengeance" by George and that is the ethos of the purity

CALENDAR

SUN., DEC. 25 Agudas Achim Hanukkah party

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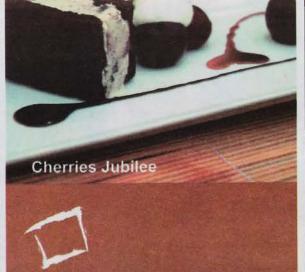
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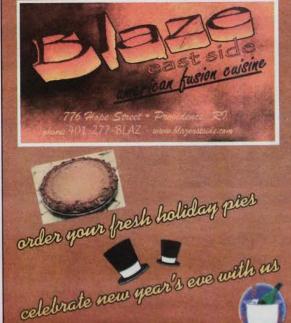


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Dining & Food

Frittata & fruits for New Year's brunch

By Marylyn Graff

Frittata is an Italian omelet with vegetables, and it's easy to make. If there will be at least eight people at brunch beg or borrow extra pans and make 2 or 3 different ones.

Frittata for four

The vegetables that are sautéed can be done right in the 10-or 12-inch skillet. The others can be prepared in advance.

First peel and slice veggies where necessary. You can use more than one kind and any others of your choice but here are some suggestions:

2 large onions, halved and thinly sliced. Sauté in butter or olive oil until lightly caramel-

8 oz. mushrooms cut up or sliced, sautéed in butter or oil

1 large sweet red pepper roasted and cut into strips

1/2 lb. asparagus, tender parts cut into inch long pieces and sautéed or parboiled

1 lb. potatoes (preferably Yukon Gold, or small red, boiled or steamed and sliced or 1 inch dice.

10 oz. pkg. frozen artichoke hearts, thawed and cut up, sautéed briefly to heat and get rid of moisture

2 small zucchini, sliced and lightly sautéed

Cherry tomatoes, cut in half or grape tomatoes, whole, briefly

For each frittata

6 extra large or 8 large eggs, 1/4 tsp. salt

Freshly ground pepper

2 Tblsps. butter

Break eggs into a bowl, stir in salt and pepper and whisk until well blended. Heat a 10or 12-inch pan and melt butter. Sauté your choice of veggies until almost tender. If using potatoes or other precooked vegetables, into a glaze. Brush over pears

a minute or two. If the butter has browned, remove vegetables, wipe out pan and put in fresh butter, melt until it foams, turn heat down as low as possible, put vegetables back and pour in eggs. Cook for about 15 minutes until eggs have set and only the top is runny, sprinkle on cheese and slide under the broiler until just firm and cheese barely melts, less than a minute.

Loosen frittata and slide onto a platter or serve from pan. Cut into wedges to serve.

Cheese platter: Arrange several kinds of cheeses on a platter with crackers and mini rye bread

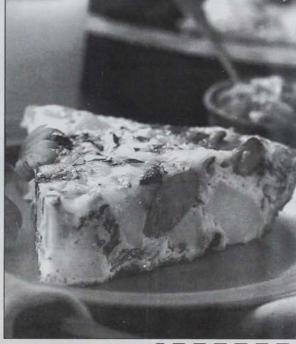
Asst. pastries & mini bagels: Arrange on platters or in bas-

Fruit centerpiece:

1 fresh pineapple: remove top and save. Cut pineapple into quarters the long way, cut off tough center strip and run knife between fruit and skin to loosen. Cut into horizontal slices about 1/2 inch thick. Place quarters on a cookie sheet, sprinkle lightly with sugar and roast in 350 oven about 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Peel and core a few firm, tart apples such as Granny Smiths, put enough sweet Marsala wine or apple juice into a pan to cover wi h a Tblsp. of whole cloves and i cinnamon stick. Put in apples and bring to a simmer. Remove apples when barely tender. Reduce syrup until very thick, and brush over apples to glaze.

Core 4 firm pears and cut a slice off bottom so they will stand. Do not peel. 1/2 cup parmesan or other upright and close together in a cheese, grated or shredded pot with enough white wine or white grape juice to barely cover, adding 1/2 cup sugar, slices of one lemon and one orange. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 1/2 hour or until barely tender. Remove pears and reduce liquid



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and put a couple of mint leaves on top of each pear.

Stand pineapple frond in center of a platter and arrange pineapple quarters pointing toward it, with a fancy toothpick in each slice, stand a pear on each side and fill in with the apple quarters. Decorate with grapes or strawberries. To serve pears, cut into slices.

Have a pitcher of orange juice on the table along with champagne, Asti spumante or sparkling cider, which can be mixed with the wine to make mimosa, and coffee or tea.

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World

Israeli Arabs back 'right of return'

Most Israeli Arabs believe Palestinian refugees should be allowed to settle in the Jewish state, a poll found. According to the survey published over the weekend by the Arab Center for Applied Social Research, 80 percent of Israeli Arabs want refugees from the 1948 war granted a "right of return" to lands now in Israel. Successive Israeli governments have ruled this out as a recipe for demographic suicide, and have called on the refugees to be absorbed by a future Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Seven percent of Israeli Arabs polled by the research center agreed with the general Israeli view, while another 12 percent said the "right of return" should be granted to Palestinians, but only for those with a proven need to be reunited with relatives in Israel.

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A one-day-old and as yet unnamed elephant calf stands with his 20-year-old mother Tamar in the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo on Dec. 10. The calf, which weighed almost 200 pounds at birth, is the first Asiatic elephant to be conceived in Israel through artificial insemination, and one of the first such births in the world. Tamar was impregnated long distance 21 months ago by Emmet, who lives in an English zoo and whose sperm was flown to Israel.

SAUDI GIFTS

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for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

Harvard said it would create a new Islamic studies program,

increasing faculty in areas such as American speakers. the history of science and adding new area studies. "For a university with global aspirations, it is critical that Harvard have a strong program on Islam that is worldwide and interdisciplinary in scope," said Harvard University Provost Steven Hyman.

This is not the first time a Saudi Arabian has given money to an American university: Last year, media reports had an unidentified Saudi giving Columbia University \$250,000. A Saudi Arabia-based foundation led by Prince Faisal bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz al Saud endowed a \$5 million Arab studies program at the University of California at Berkeley. Harvard's program in contemporary Middle Eastern studies was the beneficiary of a grant of some \$2 million from Saudi businessman Khaled al-Turki.

The school has also donations from the bin Laden family (though not from the terrorist leader Osama bin Laden) for the study of Islamic law and architecture. And the late Saudi King Fahd gave about \$20 million to create a Middle East center in his name at the University of Arkan-

In 2003, Rachel Fish, then a graduate student in Harvard's Divinity School, campaigned successfully for the school to return a \$2.5-million donation from United Arab Emirates President Sheik Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, who had backed an Abu Dhabi-based think-tank that sponsored anti-Semitic and anti-

As for bin Talal's gift, Fish, now director of campus strategy at Boston's David Project, hopes Harvard will select new faculty carefully. "I think what would be a true test for both Harvard and Georgetown would be who they decide to hire for these professorships," she said.

Bin Talal's is the second-largest single gift in Georgetown's history, and is among the 25 largest gifts made to Harvard. The prince also recently agreed to fund a new Islamic wing at the Louvre and has previously given \$5 million to establish the Center for American Studies at the American University in Beirut, \$10 million to the American University in Cairo and more than \$1 million to the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at England's University of Exeter.

As far back as 2003, Martin Kramer, now a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, lamented the Saudi influence in American academia.

Saudi money "has already compromised the research agenda in Middle Eastern studies," he wrote on his Web site. "Prince Alwaleed's buying binge is liable to reduce the entire field to a cargo cult, with profs and center directors dancing the 'ardha,' a warriors' sword dance, "in the hope of attracting the flying prince. "This is great for Saudi Arabia," Kramer wrote. "It's not at all great for the American public, which seeks objective assessments of the Saudi kingdom."



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Books

Happy Hanukkah: A selected bibliography

By Judy Greenblatt

PROVIDENCE — At the Bureau of Jewish Education, we are blessed with materials of all kinds that can help us enjoy a wonderful Hanukkah. We have the following videos:

Chanukah Shalom Sesame. 1990. Celebrate Hanukkah in Israel with Jeremy Miller and other stars. 30 minutes.

Chanuka at Bubbes. Mishuga Productions Puppeteers. A motley crew of puppets prepare for dinner at bubbe's while learning the significance of the holiday. 42 min.

Ha' Sevivon (The Dreidel). This is a lively animated film in easy Hebrew. "The dreidel" tells the story of an unhappy dreidel who is looking for a friend. Includes cassette.

Lights. Presented in cartoon format, this is a quite sophisticated story of the conflict in cultures that led to the Hanukkah story. 26 min.

Not In Our Town. California Working Group, 1995. Edited versions, showing mostly the difficulty of the Schnitzer household, whose window holding a Hanukkah menorah was destroyed. The story of the people of Billings, Montana, who took a standagainst a series of hate crimes in their community. 10 minute edited version of original video.

Parpar Nechmad — Lovely Butterfly, 1989. With puppets, songs, and text in Hebrew with English dubbing this video tells about Hanukkah. 30 minutes.

Zlateh The Goat. 1980. The charming Isaac Singer story of the goat who saves a young boy during a snowstorm. 20 minutes.

Music:

Celebrate Hanukkab. Sherman Oaks, CA, Craig 'n' Co., 1999. Collection of Hanukkah songs includes songs performed by Linda Hirschhorn, Laurence Juber & Craig Taubmam, Joe Black, Judy Frankel, Kandelikas, Peter Yarrow, Yom Hadash, Debbie Friedman and others.

The complete Chanukah songbook. Transcontinental Music, 2003. Hanukkah songs from many traditions, in piano/vocal/guitar format. Includes brief description of Hanukkah, a bibliography, and a list of other music resources available from Transcontinental.

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Wolfson, Ron: "The Art of Jewish Living: Seder Hanukkah." Federation of Jewish Men's

Clubs/University of Judaism, 1990. Aimed at enabling Jewish family celebration. Puts the December dilemma in perspective.



Glaser, Linda: "The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes." Albert Whitman, 1997. A young girl finds a way to include an elderly neighbor in her family's Hanukkah celebration. Pri.

Ramsay, Betsy & Schuman, Burt E.: "Chanukah on the prairie." UAHC, 2003. A family travels from Galicia to Grand Forks North Dakota and celebrates its first Hanukkah on the prairies.

Brodmann, Aliana: "The Gift." Simon and Schuster, 1993. In postwar Germany, a young girl tries to decide what to buy with her Hanukkah money.

Burstein, Chaya: "The Hanukkah Cat." Rockville, MD, Kar-Ben Copies, 1985. The story of Hanukkah is interwoven with the tale of a mischievous stray cat that Lenny feeds. Will he be able to keep her? Pri/int.

Cohen, Floreva G.: "A Hanukkiyah for Dina." Board of Jewish Education, 1988. A gentle Hanukkah story in which Grandpa helps Dina make her very own Hanukkiyah.

Koss, Amy Goldman: "How I Saved Hanukkah." Dial Books for Young Readers, 1998. Marla was the only Jew in her fourth grade class. She has always longed not to be different, and t to celebrate Christmas, until she decided to find out about Hanukkah. Int/Jrhs

Gellman, Ellie: "Jeremy's Dreidel." Kar-Ben Copies, 1992. On Jeremy's dreidel, the letters are in Braille.

Zalben, Jane Breskin: "The Magic Menorah." Simon and Schuster, 2001. When Stanley cleans the menorah, an old genie appears to grant him three wishes. An imaginative Hanukkah tale. Pri.

Conway, Diana Cohen: "Northern Lights." Rockville, MD, KAR-BEN, 1994. A Jewish family celebrates Hanukkah with an Eskimo family and discovers that they share many customs.

Collection of Hanukkan includes songs performed Polacco, Patricia: "The Trees of the Dancing Goats." Simon & Schuster, 1996. As Trisha's family prepares for Hanukkah, they discover their neighbors have scarlet fever, and cannot prepare for Christmas. The family brings Christmas treats, and when the neighbors Yarrow, Yom Hadash, recover, they bring a hand carved menorah in return.

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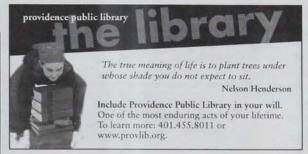
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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS are, from left, Marcia Gerstein, Anita Stein, Niecie Weiner, and Sylvia Brown

Teddy Bears: A Jewish invention

JSA women's group immigrants who lived in Brook-range of programs and services. It lyn. This was the first toy they also helps to provide financial supwill deliver teddy bears to nursing homes

PROVIDENCE - Do you know the history of the "Teddy Bear?" Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island's (a program of Jewish Seniors Agency) staff member, Michele Keir, does and shared the secret with the JSA's Wom-en's Association. This year all Jewish nursing home residents will receive a teddy for Hanukkah from Jewish Eldercare volunteers. The Women's Association donates gifts to Jewish nursing four times per vear.

Teddy bears are a symbol of cuddly gentleness and security the world over. It is well known that the teddy bear is named for President Theodore Roosevelt, Less well known are the inventors of the teddy bear, Rose and Morris Michtom, two Russian Jewish

made and eventually led to their founding of the very successful Ideal Toy Company.

The Women's Association helps to support the Jewish Elderholiday observances program, friendly visits to nursing home residents, JSA special projects, and has funded improvements in the Comprehensive Adult Day

The Association helps to raise funds and coordinate volunteers

port to the JSA through its membership fees, annual raffle, and the proceeds from its knit shop, which is located at Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. The knit shop care of Rhode Island (JERI) offers hand knitted children's sweaters (for infants through size 4), Afghans and lap robes. To arrange an appointment to see the knitted wear, call 944-8398 or 921-2130. Annual membership in the Women's Association is \$15. A lifetime membership is available for \$200. For memberthat together complement its entire ship information call 994-8398 or 944-8397

R.I. Holocaust Museum trains docents

volunteers recently trained to ing the material needed to teach become docents for the Rhode groups of school children or Island Holocaust Museum. They

PROVIDENCE - Fifteen attended three sessions learnadults about the Holocaust and its meaning.

In actuality, Rhode Island Holocaust Museum "docents' don't give a tour of a museum, but present basic information about the Holocaust, its significance in world history, and its implica-tions for people today. They then introduce a Holocaust survivor to tell his or her personal story to the group. These presentations are made both at the museum and at schools and other sites.

The fall 2005 docent training class was made up of Stan Abrams, Myrna Aronson, Janet Bazar, Judi Blau, Susan Bromberg, Veda Decof, Lynn Glick, Mort Gilstein, Steve Lehrer, Susette Rabinowitz, Andrea Schachne, Barbara Schwartz, Barbara Sheer, Al Silverstein, and Bob Starr.

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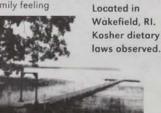




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TOVA STARK, at left, with her friend, Rachel, rides a camel in the Negev.

Teen trips to Israel

(Editor's note: The Israel Desk at the Bureau of Jewish Education will be holding an information session about other high school and college programs Jan. 4 and 8. Below is an account from a recent trip taken by a high school traveler. There is also a viewpoint shared by Deborah Furman on page 5.)

By Tova Stark

This past summer I traveled through Israel with a Jewish teen group called Nesiya. Nesiya literally means "a journey" in Hebrew, which is exactly what I experienced an incredible six-week journey. Nesiya is unaffiliated with any group or movement, giving the program the freedom to welcome American Jews from a variety of backgrounds. There were Modern Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and secular American Jews on my trip. Everyone felt comfortable while learning a great deal about each other and the different streams of Judaism.

In addition to having Americans from all over the U.S., Nesiya always has a group of Israeli teens. The Israeli teens enrich the program by educating the Americans about the life and culture of Israel; and helping us to learn and practice Hebrew. Traveling around the country with Israelis is very different than traveling on a bus filled with Americans in Israel.

Community service, intercultural events, and the arts are important components of Nesiya. Our group volunteered at a large foster home to play with the children; a fun experience for the kids in foster care, and a meaningful and eye-opening one for us.

For inter-cultural activity, we went to a Bedouin school and met with their teens. We became acquainted through art projects, playing games and shopping in a Bedouin shuk (marketplace). We spoke about politics and discussed



Deborah Furman of Providence on Mount Tzefachot in Eilat, Israel. See page 5 for her "Viewpoint."

our very different everyday lives. It was truly an experience to listen to a dialogue translated from English to Hebrew to Arabic and back to

There are also three workshops through the Nesiya program that include drama, art, singing, music and writing. When we were in the Negev, I painted a picture of the desert, but the artist I was working with challenged me to try something new — to work with a different medium: the result was a beautiful desert scene in charcoal.

Tova Stark, 17, lives in Providence and attends Maimonides School in

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How to celebrate Chanukah

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

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

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

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

Menorah Kindling Blessings Before kindling the lights, recite

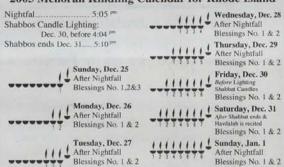
- 1. Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E- lo-hey-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lom A-sher Kidi-sha-nu Bi- mitz-vo-sov Vi-tzi-va-nu Li-had-lik Ner Cha-nu-kah. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.
- 2. Bo-ruch A-toh A-do-noi E-lo-hey-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lam She- a-sa Ni-sim La-a-vo-sey-nu Ba-ya-mim Ha-heim Bi-z'man Ha-zeh. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who wrought miracles

for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

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

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

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D'var Torah

GENESIS 42:1 - 44:17

Edah D'var on Miketz

By Rabbi Mitchell Levine

The concluding portions of for a remarkable transformation in Jewish identity. Previously, being "Jewish" was evidently understood by its adherents as being primarily a personal matter. Abraham conferred his distinct and intimate relationship with God upon only one of his two sons. That son, Isaac, followed suit, and his son Jacob alone inherited the mantle. It is Jacob's sons who defy this emerging pattern, and most dramatically. All 12 of Jacob's sons are to be blessed with a lewish mission. This family will endure with sibling bonds intact. In Shemot, being Jewish will expand upon this foundation to entail membership in a nation, Am Yisrael. What did Jacob perceive that enabled him to set this new course? The answer is a concept that not only restored hope to Jacob's scattered and beleaguered family. It provided a durable mechanism for generating Jewish peoplehood that continues to unify us even today.

Due to the machinations of the viceroy of Egypt, Jacob finds himself in a difficult situation. His family, teetering on the brink of starvation, desperately needs food from Egypt. The seemingly capricious viceroy has demanded that the brothers bring the youngest, Benjamin, with them on their next appeal as the price for humanitarian assistance, and is holding another brother, Simon, as hostage. Having long ago lost Joseph, and now also Simon, Jacob has learned that leaving the boys to their own devices risks a diminishing of their number. He is understandably reluctant to accede to the Egyptian's imperious request. It

brother, Reuben, makes a bizarre to the brothers' plea. The solemi Bereshit prepare the groundwork and disturbing proposal. He says, assertion of responsibility, with "You may kill my two sons, if I do not return him [Benjamin] collateral, has achieved wha to you". Although Jacob does even the offer of terrible persona not even consider this outlandish sacrifice could not. Jacob's acquioffer, perhaps it is worth speculating why it was even made. Reuben seeks to reassure his father by demonstrating his total of his descendants, long after the dedication to the cause. Conceivably, Reuben took the Akedah, the readiness of his great-grandfather Abraham to sacrifice the life of his grandfather Isaac, as a precedent. Regardless of the effi- which one Jew may discharge a cacy of this supreme sacrifice as a mitzvah obligation on the behalf way of serving God, it is a nonstarter as a basis for the resolve that would force Jacob to relent.

> Immediately, the famine worsens and the family's provisions are depleted. The task of negotiating with their father is taken up by Judah. In order to win Jacob's concession to take Benjamin to Egypt, Judah declares, "I will be a pledge for him". That is, Judah commits to becoming a guarantor for Benjamin, as if he were to co-sign a loan on his brother's behalf. This concept, arevut, transcends the natural obligations implied by filial ties Congretion Beth Sholom

is at this moment that the oldest to the point that Jacob now yield one's own integrity offered a escence at this juncture signals new framework that will eventually secure the mutual allegiance bonds created by family ties have waned. However, Arevut is even more than the "social contract" of the Jewish people. Halachically, it is the mechanism through of his/her fellow. Midrashically, it is the promise of our common

> Judah's innovation was likewise vindicated by history. Aside from the Levites, all of the tribes founded by the sons of Jacob were lost, save that of Judah and Benjamin, whose identities eventually merged completely. Jacob's rejection of Reuben's proposal, and his acceptance of Judah's, perhaps accounts for why today the descendants of Jacob are unified as a single nation.

Rabbi Levine is the rabbi at

Menorah to be lit at state house

PROVIDENCE — A lighting of the menorah will take place on the State House lawn at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Gov. Donald Carcieri will represent the state. Children and other members of the Jewish community will sing Hanukkah and other songs of freedom.

NCIW announces scholarships

The Rhode Island section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) has announced its scholarship program for 2006. The scholarships are available to students who will be entering college in the fall of 2006 and are Rhode Island residents.

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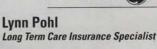
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Newman Lives in Warwick with his wife, Maro, and their four children. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army special forces, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant; and holds an 8th degree black belt. A graduate of Los Angeles City College in marketing and business, he has owned plastic and assembly companies in the past.

Simchas

Wedding



Ellina Khaykin and Bryan Max

Ellina Khaykin, daughter of Raisa and Lev Khaykin of Cranston, and Bryan Max, son of Bobbie and Bert Max of Yardley, Pa., were married on June 5, at the Providence Biltmore. Rabbi Michael Panitz, of Norfolk, Va., officiated.

The bride is the granddaughter of Enna and Yefim Khaykin of Providence.

She is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and earned a doctorate of pharmacy degree. She is completing a one-year primary care pharmacy residency at the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

The bridegroom is the grandson of Ruthie Max of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Providence, and the late Teddy Max.

He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine, Philadelphia, and is completing his internship at Mercy Medical Center,

The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

They plan to move to Boston next June where Bryan will be completing a residency in anesthesiology at the Brigham & Women's

Births

Reva (Schlessinger) and Peter Winston, along with big brother Ethan Samuel, of West Roxbury, Mass., welcomed a daughter, Lily Judith, on Nov. 17. Paternal grandparents are Arthur and Joan (Davidson) Winston of New York City and Sarasota, Fla. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Gus and Ina Schlessinger of Providence.

The baby is named in memory of Peter's grandmother, Lillian Morgenstern, and his mother, Judith Morgenstern Winston.



Lily Judith Winston



Talya Frieda Davis

Larry and Lisa Davis of Pawtucket welcome a daughter, Talva Frieda, born on Nov. 29. Her big brothers are Liam and Elija. Paternal grandparents are Mel and Glenys Davis of Needham, Mass. Maternal grandparents are Seymour Angert of Chicago and Evelyn Angert of Louisville, Ky.

Rabbi Avi and Sara Greene of Los Angeles, Calif., announce the birth of their second daughter, Shoshana Leah, on Nov. 22. The grandparents are Henry and Arlene (Fellner) Winkleman, of Brookline, Mass., formerly of Providence, Pawtucket and Sharon, Mass., and Rabbi Kenneth and Karen Greene of Freehold, N.J.

Shoshana's great-grandparents are William Fellner of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Pawtucket, and the late Lillian Fellner and Sholom and Naomi Staiman of Hollywood, Fla. The late Max and Edythe Greene of Framingham, Mass., and the late Charles and Jennett Winkleman of Cranston were also great-grandparents.





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Obituaries

Carl Adler, 87

PROVIDENCE Carl Adler, 87, died Dec. 9. He was the husband of Betty Adler.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Fred and Esther (Kotlen) Adler, he was the co-owner of Adler's Hardware for over 75



He served in the U. S. Army in the Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Adler was a longtime volunteer and life member of the Miriam Hospital, a member of Temples Torat Yisrael and Emanu-El, and a faithful attendee at minyans at both temples. He was also an ardent supporter of Hadassah and Israel.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Marc Adler and his wife Janice of Barrington, and two grandchildren, Rachel and Jonathan. He was the brother of the late Irving Adler.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Miriam Hospital, Hadassah or the Jewish National Fund.

Newton B. Cohn, 81

B. Cohn, 81, died Dec. 15. He Island. was the husband of Rosalea (Elowitz) Cohn for 56 years. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Albert A. and Ida (Klemer) Cohn.

He was a graduate of Classical High School and Bryant Col-

Mr. Cohn was a certified public accountant for 50 years before merging his firm with Carlin, Charon and Rosen. He was a life member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Rhode Island Society of CPAs, having served as chairman of the tax committee, and also as president of the Estate Planning Council of Rhode Island.

A lifelong member of Temple dence, RI 02906. Beth-El in Providence, he was an honorary life trustee and chaired several committees. He was a member of the Redwood Lodge of Masons and the Silver Haired Legislature, of which he was

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Ellen S. Cohn of Portsmouth, N.H., and Anne Martha Pitegoff and her husband John of West Hartford, Conn.; three grandchildren, Erica Sug arman and Curtis and Molly Pitegoff, and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Shirley Kestenman and Madaline Stone

Contributions may be made to the Newton B. Cohn fund at Temple Beth-El.

Harold Coleman

MASHPEE, Mass. Harold Coleman, formerly of Cranston and Providence, died

Dec. 18. He was the husband of the late Shirley (Nulman) Cole-

Mr. Coleman was the founder and former owner of Hoxie Cleaners in Warwick. He also served as a senior insurance PROVIDENCE - Newton examiner for the state of Rhode

He was a past president of Touro Fraternal Organization.

He leaves a daughter, Arline, and her husband Sidney Volin of Mashpee, formerly of Sharon, Mass; a brother, Sydney Cohen of Warwick; four grandchildren, David and Laura Volin and Julie and Kenneth Gray; and six greatgrandchildren, Sarissa, Tabitha, Brady, Alexandra, Brett and

He was the brother of the

Contributions may be made to Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, 229 Waterman St., Provi-

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park

Phyllis Corwin, 88

PROVIDENCE -Phyllis Littman Corwin, 88, died Dec. 4. She was the wife of Jerome Corwin. Born in Manhattan, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Anna (Kenner) Littman.

She graduated from Classical High School and Pembroke College of Brown University in 1934 with highest honors.

Mrs. Corwin became a social worker and received a master's degree at age 60 from Rhode Island College.

She traveled the world with Girl Scouts, the Association for the Blind and Bradley Hospital. She was active as a docent and associate at the RISD and Boca Raton Museums and in the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El and at Brown Alumnae.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Stuart and his wife Susan of Petaluma, Calif., and Robert of Philadelphia. She was the sister of the late Charlotte Cohen.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Claire B. Dember, 86

PROVIDENCE -Claire Blanche (Klitzner) Dember, 86, died Dec. 17. She was the wife of Irving Dember. They were married for 57 years. A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Frances (Pocker) Klitzner.

She was a graduate of Columlate Ernest Coleman, and Albert, bia University School of Nursing Martin and Jeanette and was an assistant supervisor of the District Nurses of Providence, retiring in 1949.

Mrs. Dember was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Lei-

the Chopin Club.

She leaves a son, James and a daughter, Lynn. She was the sister to Temple Emanu-El. of the late William and Robert Klitzner and Thelma Ross.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El.

Herbert Fine, 69

WARWICK Herbert Fine, 69, died Dec. 11. He was the husband of Janice (Prisco) Fine. Born in Providence, a son of the late Simon and Nettie (Millman) Fine, he had lived in Warwick for 28 years.

He was a graduate of Classiher husband, and worked for the cal High School, URI and Bryant College, where he received his master's degree in taxation.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Fine was the proprietor of Herbert Fine CPA where he worked alongside his wife for 25 years. He also taught at Bryant College, Johnson and Wales University and Roger Williams University, where he was also dean of admin-

He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Besides his wife of 30 years, he leaves a daughter, Deborah Freedman of Albany, N.H.; and a brother, Stanley Fine of Coconut Creek, Fla.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Hope Finkel, 63

KINGSLAND, Ga. - Hope Iris (Paige) Finkel, 63, died Dec. She was the wife of Freeman A. Finkel. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Philip and Elizabeth (Young) Paige, she had lived in Georgia since 1999.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Sherri Iones and Lisa Randolph of St. Mary's, Ga.; a brother, Morton Paige of Cranston; a sister, Ruth Paige Levin of Providence; and three grandchildren, Joshua, Steven and Philicia.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA

Kenneth L. Hak, 53

CHARLESTOWN Kenneth L. Hak, 53, died Dec. 16. Born in Boston, the son of Gertrude (Goldberg) Hak of Pawtucket and the late Philip Hak, he moved to Charlestown in 1973.

He attended the University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Hak was a construction worker for over 10 years.

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Martin B. Kalman, 86

WARWICK -Martin B. Kalman, 86, died Dec. 6. He was the husband of the late Ilse (Huterer) Kalman. Born in the Bronx, N.Y., he lived in New Jersey until retiring to Highland Beach, Fla., 16 years ago, and then moving to Rhode Island in

He was a graduate of St. Johns University Law School and founded the law firm of Kalman, Kaufman and Rosenblatt, practicing law in New York City for 47 years.



He was a staff sergeant in the U. S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Kalman loved traveling and music

He leaves a daughter, Lynn Glick and her husband Richard of Cranston; a brother, Dr. Harold Kalman of Jupiter, Fla.; sister, Doris Shapiro, of Boca Raton, Fla.; two grandchildren, Laura and her husband Jayson, and Cheryl; and a great-grandson, Isaac. He was the brother of the late Blossom Wasserman.

Contributions may be made to Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick, RI 02886.

Pearl Lavine, 92

PROVIDENCE (Burbill) Lavine died Dec. 11. She was the wife of the late Avery Lavine. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Nathan and Dora (Blacher) Burbill, she lived in East Providence for 25 years before moving to Providence in

Mrs. Lavine was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, and of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association.

She leaves two sons, Lawrence Lavine and his wife Pamela of Purchase, N.Y., and Bennett Lavine and his wife Claire of Needham, Mass.; and four grandchildren, Jason, Allison, Jessica and Matthew. She was the sister of the late Martha Emers.

Burial was in Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery in Woon-

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 275 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903.

Richard Hellman, 92

KINGSTON - Richard Hellman, 92, professor emeritus of economics at the University of Rhode Island, died Dec.7. He was a resident of Kingston. He was married for 66 years to the late Violet Grace (Zeitlin) Hellman, a linguist and dancer. Born in New York in 1913, he was the son of the late Abraham and He leaves a daughter Rachel, Sarah (Levine) Hellman.

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HELLMAN

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in Washington, D.C., before tration. moving to Rhode Island in 1970. At

France in 1952-3.

in Admiral William "Bull" Halsey's fast carrier task rank of Lt. Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Professor Hellman had a wide-ranging, 34-year career as a research economist for the federal government. His expertise York; and two daughters, Eliza-

economics. From 1967-70, he was Professor Hellman and director of planning and research his wife lived for many years of the Small Business Adminis-

At the University of Rhode He was a Pulitzer scholar Island, Professor Hellman was at Columbia University, class of director of the Research Center 1934, and a Fulbright Scholar in Business and Economics and was also editor of the R.I. Busi-During World War II, he ness Quarterly. He was author of was gunnery officer the book "Government Competion the USS Mansfield tion in the Electric Utility Industry of the U.S." (1972) and, with Caroline Hellman, of "The Comforce in the Pacific. He held the petitive Economics of Nuclear and Coal Power" (1984). He was "Faye" (Botvin) Ollove, 88, fora director of the R.I. Audubon Society and was active with the Jewish Federation of R.I.

included energy policy, econombeth S.L. Cooper of New York ics of nuclear power, and airline and Caroline J.C. Hellman of Cambridge, Mass.; three brothers, Robert Hellman of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Charles Hell-man of Hastings-on-Hudson, member of Temple Sinai, the N.Y., and Benjamin Hellman of Roslyn Heights, N.Y.; and four Women's Association, a former grandchildren.

Burial was in New Fernwood Cemetery, Kingston. Contributions may be made to The Violet Grace Hellman Endowed Prize in Languages at the University of Eleanor Cohen and her hus-Rhode Island.

Frances Ollove, 88

CRANSTON — Frances merly of Cranston, died Dec. 17. She was the wife of the late George Ollove for 54 years. Born He leaves a son, Peter of New in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Rebecca

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(Drancoff) Botvin.

She was a graduate of Hope High School.

former Jewish Home for the Aged member of the Ledgemont and was active with her Hope High School reunion.

She leaves two daughters, nity theater. band Allan of Randolph, Mass., and Elizabeth and her husband Martin of Cranston; a sister, Ruth Robrish of Narragansett; six grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. She was the sister of the late Beatrice Strauss and May Levy.

Cemetery, Warwick.

to the Alzheimer's Association, tion. 245 Waterman St., Suite 306. Dr. Lee G. Wilkins Providence, RI 02906.

Irwin M. Weinstein, 66

and Cranston, died Dec. 16 in El Paso. He was the husband of Rebecca and David Abowitt. Rachel (Sosnowsky) Weinstein. They were married for 36 years.

son of the late Herman and Ethel (Konisky) Weinstein.

He attended Hope High School, graduated from Cranston High School and received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Bryant College. During his senior year, Irwin served as president of Sigma Lambda Pi fraternity.

In El Paso, he was a sales-

and book distribution industry for many years, retiring in 2001. After his retirement, he was a consultant for several magazine publishers and volunteered as a reading mentor for children.

He was a member of Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso, where he taught Sunday school. Mr. Crestwood Country Clubs and Weinstein was a patron of the arts and enjoyed traveling, reading and participating in commu-

> He was the father of Hilari Weinstein of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mitchell Weinstein of Lansing, Mich. He was the brother of Wendy Leib of Worcester, Mass., and the late Gerald Weinstein. He is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Contributions in his memory Burial was in Lincoln Park may be made to Hospice of El netery, Warwick. Paso, American Cancer Society Contributions may be made or American Diabetes Associa-

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. - Dr. Lee G. (Abowitt) EL PASO, Texas - Irwin Wilkins died Dec. 11. She was M. Weinstein, 66, of El Paso, the wife of the late Benjamin Texas, formerly of California Wilkins. One of 12 children, she was the daughter of the late

She leaves a daughter, Dr. Jane Wilkins, of New York City; Born in Providence, he was a a brother, Morton Abowitt and sister Mildred Lazar, both of Warwick, and several nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Sydney Joseph of California, Munroe and Harold Abowitt of Rhode Island and Irving Abowitt of New York. She was also the sister of the late Frances, Marion and Jessie

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Lights of Hanukkah burn brightly in this family



HOLIDAY PORTRAIT

— The author sits on his dad's lap in 1956, just before going on a family Hanukkah visit.

By Marty Cooper

While Hanukkah is not considered a "major" Jewish holiday, it is in my home, when we celebrate the love and spirit of family. And, unfortunately, it has borne the burden of anti-Semitic tension as it "competes" with a more popular religious holiday, Christmas.

One of my first and fondest memories of growing up outside of Cleveland, Ohio, was Hanukkah. Unlike other Jewish holidays, the aroma and sounds of a home-cooked festive meal were not present. (Unless you consider the smell of overheated cooking oil and the painful cries of my mother burnt by latke spatter festive.)

What was apparent during Hanukkah was family, much like all of the other Jewish holidays. Hanukkah, however, took on its own special significance. My mom and dad owned a small business that required a lot of work and time. Money was tight, and therefore gift giving was exciting and appreciated by everyone. After lighting the menorah, which was two generations old, we would sit down in the living room to see what Mom and Dad got us as gifts. Every year I hoped I would get something special, (usually a toy that was advertised as the latest and greatest toy of the time). But every year we got gifts that were practical: pajamas, socks, underwear, or a winter or spring coat that was always two sizes too big so we could grow into them. One year I got a Perry Como (cardigan) sweater two sizes too big. My brothers and I also got three other gifts for Hanukkah: candy cigarettes or colored sugar dots on paper, a book (Who likes to read when you're a child?) and

a board game to share with the rest of the family. (My favorites were Concentration, CandyLand, Password and Fascination). It really wasn't much, but we truly appreciated the gifts.

What made the Hanukkah holiday even more special was that my aunts, uncles and cousins would come by to celebrate with us. That meant more food, playtime with the cousins and, of course, more gifts, (more clothing like a flannel shirt or a corduroy shirt with a patch on the sleeve. What is that all about?) I loved being spoiled by my aunts and uncles.

When Hanukkah came when school was in session, my Christian friends would ask me questions, often difficult ones, about the holiday and why I did not celebrate their holiday. I am not sure I ever had an answer. Being young and a minority, (usually the only Jew on the bus or in class) it was hard to explain my heritage and traditions. Some of the kids in class would ask me why I was so special to get gifts for eight days. My reply was usually defensive such as, "Usually we do not get eight gifts and the gifts we get are not nearly as good as the ones you get."

It was also during this time, now called "The December Dilemma," that my three brothers and I would get picked on by the non-Jewish kids in the neighborhood. Teachers sometimes would make callous remarks about our faith. Although this was a joyful time at home, it was a tough time outside of the home. On one such occasion someone in the neighborhood put a For-Sale sign on our house. A couple of months later we moved to University Heights, a predominately Jewish neighborhood in the Cleveland area.

Growing up and celebrating in University Heights as a Jew was much different. My schoolmates and I talked about what we got for Hanukkah. To my surprise, many got the same gifts as I had; socks, PJs, underwear and a coat. I did not have to worry about being Jewish.

Today, over 40 years later, my family and I live in North Kingstown. The family has kept many of the traditions I had growing up. We light the menorah (each child has their own), we sing Hanukkah songs, and we have latkes at dinner with apple sauce, sour cream, or tuna. But, unlike in my youth, their Hanukkah gifts are often electronic in nature — although we do make sure each member of the family gets a book.

Unfortunately, our three children, one now in college and a daughter and son who are juniors in high school, have had many of the same problems I had growing up in a predominately non-Jewish area. When they were in elementary school the "holiday" tension was so bad that they frequently stayed home the week before the winter holiday began.

In retrospect, I developed a deep appreciation of what it means to be Jewish through my Hanukkah experiences.

How I sometimes long for the Hanukkahs of my youth — for the pajamas, the socks, the underwear, and the coats that were two sizes too big.

Marty Cooper is a resident of North Kingstown and a member of the Jewish Voice & Herald editorial board and business committee.

Hanukkah Art Contest Winners

And the winners of the Hanukkah

art contest are...

Again this year there were many enthusiastic young artists from the schools and synagogues around the area sending their entries to the *Voice and Heraid's* annual Hanukkah picture contest. The judges had a hard time choosing the winners in the three age groups: 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 13, from among 114 entries. This year's theme was "Hanukkah in the year 3,000." The categories were: closest to the theme, most original, most artistic and best overall.

The JV&H sounds a drum roll for the following winners:

Most original: Bina Leah Haldorsen, age 4, of Pawtucket

Theme: Rochel Weiner, age 6, of Providence

Artistic: Noam Uriel Schectman, age 6, of Sharon, Mass.

Overall: Kayla Gillman, age 6, of Cranston.

Ages 7 to 9

Most original: Jamie Kestenbaum, age 9, of North Dartmouth

Theme: Talia Bessler, age 9, of Providence

Artistic: Jason Martin, age 9, of South Dartmouth

Overall: Samuel Ackerman, age 9, of Cumberland

Most original: Allegra Horstman, age 10, of Marion, Mass.

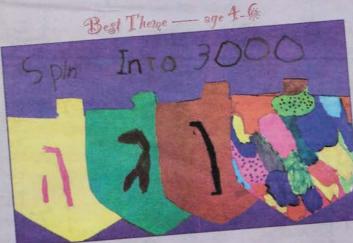
Theme: Thomas Levine, 5th grade, Dartmouth, Mass.

Artistic: Ezra Felder, age 10, of Providence

Overall: Avichai Kapach, age 10, of Providence

All entries will be on display in the lobby of the Providence Jewish Community Center from Mon., Dec. 19, until Tues., Jan. 3.

The Hanukkah picture contest party will be on Tues., Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.



Rochel Weiner

Most Original - Age 4-6



Bina Leah Haldorsen



Most Artistic - Age 4-6

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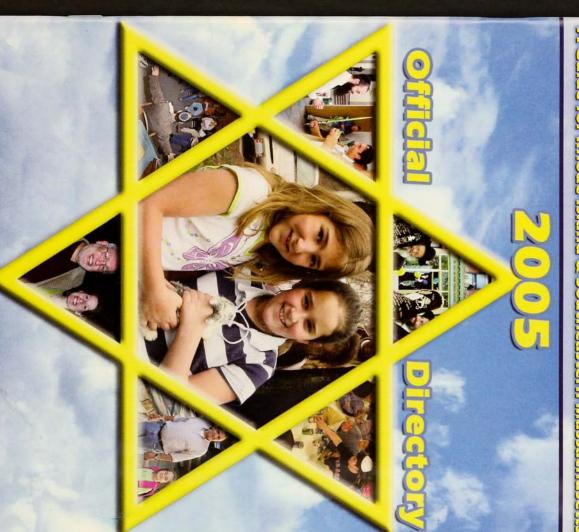
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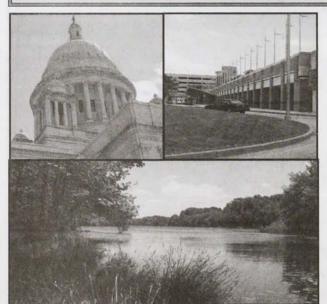


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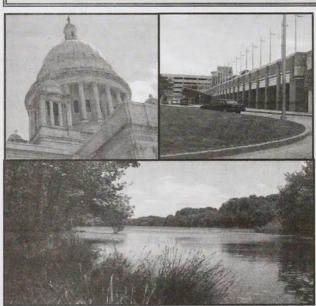


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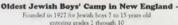
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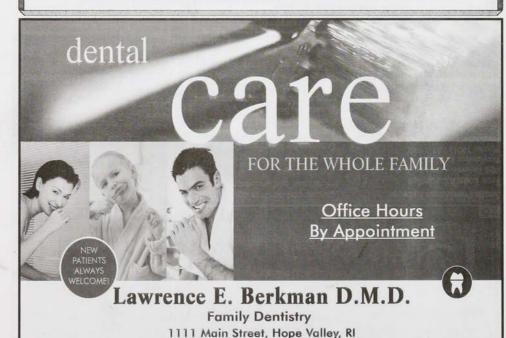
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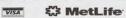
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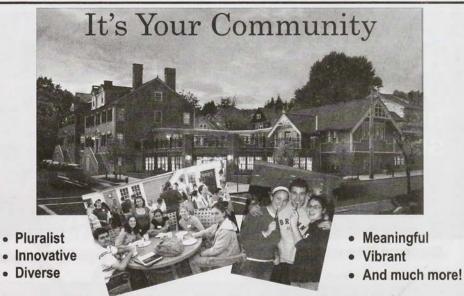
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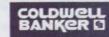
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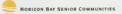
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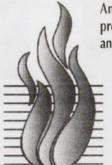
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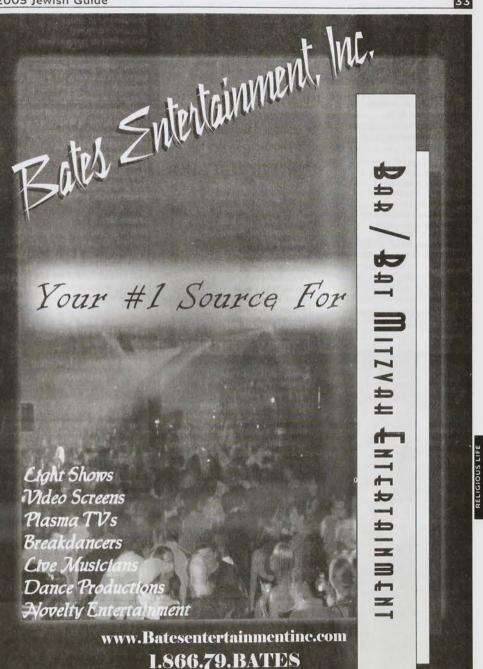
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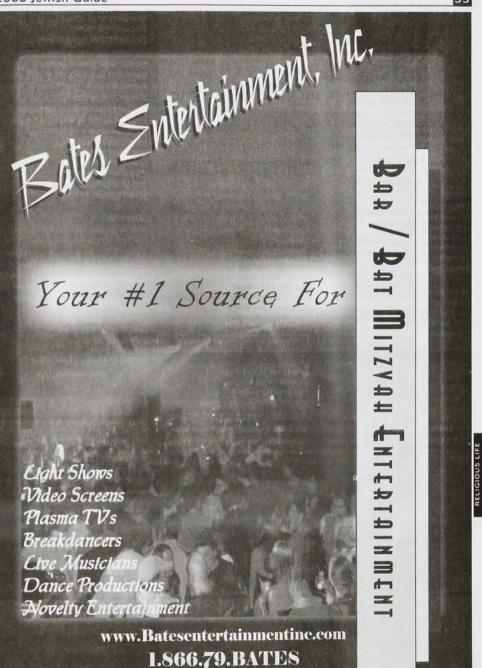
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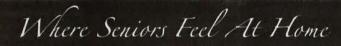
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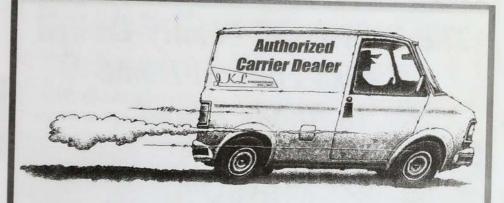
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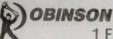
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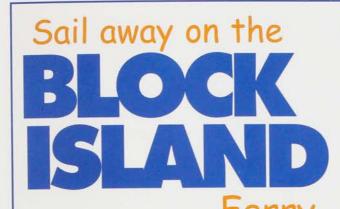
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