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## Holocaust museum renamed; exec hired

By Mary Korr  
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PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Holocaust Museum has a new name, a new executive director and a new strategic plan.

The museum, which opened 20 years ago, will now be known as The Holocaust Education and Resource Center of Rhode Island. May-Ronny Zeidman, a Warwick resident and member of Temple Am David, has been named executive director, after serving most recently as administrator at the museum.

The Center teaches the history of the Holocaust and serves as a memorial to its victims.

“Our mission is to promote human dignity, universal justice and prevent bigotry and genocide,” Zeidman said.

She said the center, rather than functioning as a museum to house artifacts and mount exhibitions — although they have and do both — is primarily an educational resource for teachers, librarians and students from middle school through college. Fundamentally, it creates awareness and teaches the history of the Holocaust to diverse groups, framing it within the context of global issues, such as the genocide in Darfur, today.

One very effective program brings docents and Holocaust survivors into classrooms to tell their story; over 6,000 students a year participate. But with each year, the number of survivors decreases; currently there are seven who volunteer to speak.

The Education Committee is charged with developing additional innovative programming, such as a pre-school reading program on diversity for elementary schools, and a program for parents and adults in their 30s and 40s.

The name change emerged from a strategic growth and development plan unveiled in January, after more than a year of study and consultation with the Executive Service Corps in Boston, which was funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Rhode Island Foundation.

The center faces the challenge of many non-profits; a small staff, in this case one; relying on fundraisers for financing (the annual budget of the center is \$175,000; \$20,000 comes from the Jewish Federation of R.I., the rest is raised by its board and volunteers) and a basement facility in the JCC building that may

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## Shopping for Passover



Photos by Jonathan Rubin

Above, Nadav Herzog, 7, of Providence, and Aviva Berlinghouse, 6, of Norton, Mass., both students at the Jewish Community Day School, purchase kosher for Passover food for the Jewish Family Service’s food drive. The annual trip, which takes students to Davis Delicatessen on Hope Street in Providence, uses tzedakah money raised by students. At right, Joslin Davis, owner, and his son-in-law, Marc Glazer, ring up the orders.



## JTS to accept gays

## Conservative seminary moves to allow gay and lesbian students

By Ben Harris  
NEW YORK (JTA) — After months of deliberation, the Jewish Theological Seminary has decided to accept qualified gay and lesbian students to its rabbinical and cantorial schools.

The move was enabled by a December decision by the Conservative movement’s legal authorities to reverse the movement’s traditional ban on gay clergy.

Arnold Eisen, the sem-

inary’s chancellor-elect, announced the decision March 26 in an e-mail to the JTS community.

The change comes after months of consultation, including the commissioning of a

movement-wide survey that found support for the move among a majority of Conservative rabbis, cantors, lay leaders and seminarians.

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## APRIL 2 — 10 URI Hillel Passover

6:30 p.m. — First night seder, 12 Fraternity Circle, on the campus in Kingston. Open to students and non-students. Reservations required: call 874-2740 or e-mail [Hillel@urihillel.org](mailto:Hillel@urihillel.org). \$15 for students on dining plan, \$18 for other students and \$25 for non-students. Seder not held on second night; arrangements will be made for students to be hosted in local homes. Anyone wishing to host students or students wishing home hospitality should contact Amy Olsen as above. Passover meals will be served throughout the holiday including a matzah brei brunch Sun., April 8 at 1 p.m. For a complete schedule of meals & prices, visit [www.urihillel.org](http://www.urihillel.org) or 874-2740.

## ONGOING THROUGH APRIL 15 Children's Holocaust art exhibit

Artwork and poetry created by children facing the Holocaust. Exhibit sponsored by the R.I. Holocaust Museum on display at the Johnson & Wales Multicultural Center at 60 Broad St. in downtown Providence. Free and open to the public. For information or to arrange a tour, call 453-7860 or [rhodeislnhdhmm@aol.com](mailto:rhodeislnhdhmm@aol.com).

**TUES., APRIL 3**  
Am David/Beth David  
Family community seder  
6 to 8 p.m. Service followed by

second night community traditional seder at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Co-hosted by Temples Am David of Warwick and Beth David of Narragansett. Catered by Accounting for Taste; choice of chicken, salmon, brisket. Family tables available. \$39.50 adults, \$24 children 12 and under. Reservations required. 463-7944.

### Seder at Sinai

5:30 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Passover Seder conducted by Rabbi Peter Stein, limited to 150 people. Cost is \$18 (adults and children 12 and up), \$12 (children 10 and 11), \$9 (children 6 to 9) and \$5 (children 5 and under). Reservations. Call the Temple office at 942-8350.

### Agudas Achim community seder

5:30 p.m. Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main St., Attleboro. Community Passover Seder. The celebration will include a multi-course kosher dinner and the traditional Seder rituals conducted by Rabbi Elyse Wechterman and members of the congregation. The cost for congregation members is \$28 per adult and \$18 per child 12 and under, and for non-members, \$30/\$20. Children under 3 are free. Reservations. For more information, contact the synagogue at 508-222-2243.

**THURS., APRIL 5**  
Women's seder at Beth-El  
5:30 p.m. Orchard Ave., Provi-

dence. Festival of Freedom. Catered except for haroset and desserts, which will be potluck. Kosher-style, vegetarian options. \$25. Includes dinner and a donation to the NCJW project for the Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Call the temple at 331-6070.

## FRI., APRIL 6

### JCC lunch & learn

Noon. 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. "Internet Privacy" with Jess Stratton, computer safety consultant. Identity theft, credit card use on internet. Lunch, adults - \$5, seniors - \$3. Reservations required, call Elly at 401-861-8800, ext. 107.

## MON., APRIL 9

### About Israel, cont.

7:30 p.m. Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. "The Healing Heart" with Lisa Baumhover, RN clinical nurse specialist at Miriam Hospital, discusses her recent visit to Emek Medical Center in Afula. Refreshments.

## WED., April 11

### Urban League black-Jewish alliance corporate luncheon

Noon at the Westin Hotel, Providence. Lifespan to be honored; speaker George A. Veccione, president & CEO. Theme is "healthy communities through partnerships." \$150 per individual or \$1500 for a table of ten.

For tickets or information call 351-5000, ext. 129.

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**CANDLE LIGHTING**  
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**April 6 6:56**  
**April 13 7:04**  
**April 20 7:12**

See Passover candle lighting times on page 20.



# Rabbi trades Orthodox pulpit for pluralistic classroom

By Jonathan Rubin  
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PROVIDENCE — One test of educators is their ability to field tough questions. Here's one: The Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) normally requests that students bring dairy lunches, to respect the Jewish dietary laws of separating milk from meat. Twice a week, though, kosher hot lunches, often with meat, are provided as alternatives.

A perplexed student once asked, "Why do some kids get to eat meat when my lunch is dairy? It's not fair."

The student was in kindergarten.

"For students, *kashrut* is one thing, but fairness is pretty important as well," said Rabbi Mitchell Levine, the school's Judaic Studies director.

Working full-time in a school environment is a new endeavor for Levine; he's been there for more than a year, but that was only part of his portfolio; up until a few months ago he also served as pulpit rabbi at Congregation Beth Sholom, a Modern Orthodox congregation in Providence, and presided as head of the Va'ad Ha-Kashruth, the state's kosher supervisory organization.

Levine had worked at all three positions simultaneously and had been at Beth Sholom since 1995. He also taught Talmud for girls at the Providence Hebrew Day School and the New England Academy of Torah, taught fourth and fifth grade at the Striar Hebrew Academy in Sharon, Mass., and served as rabbinic associate at the Brown University Hillel from 2002-2006. He's now pared down his schedule and works solely at JCDS.

Yaakov Rosenbaum, president of Beth Sholom, said Levine's tenure there will be remembered "for his dedication to the pursuit of greater Jewish knowledge and for challenging the *shul* to view Judaism through the lens of modernity."

Beth Sholom is currently interviewing to fill Levine's position.

Levine grew up in North Carolina, and his parents were active and progressive members of a Conservative synagogue (his sister had the first Shabbat Haftorah in the synagogue's history). He always had an attraction to both text study and the Jewish community, and he was drawn to the rigorous approach to education offered in Orthodox Judaism. He received rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat HaMivtar, an Orthodox yeshiva located in Efrat, Israel, and returned to the U.S. to serve as a pastoral rabbi.



Photo by Jonathan Rubin

**RABBI MITCHELL LEVINE** chats with Minna Hammerstrom, at right, and Ashley Kimia, both of Providence, at the Jewish Community Day School about their Passover art projects.

The move from the Orthodox world to the pluralistic one at JCDS may seem paradoxical, but for Levine it's the result of a personal struggle with something that seems so closely associated with rabbis — the synagogue.

Levine compares 21<sup>st</sup>-century synagogues with restaurants; "They persist in offering full-course fare in an a la carte world."

Translation: Jews today need more than a "one size fits all" model when it comes to filling their social, spiritual and educational Jewish needs.

Levine, who admits jokingly that he's "not much of a *shul*-goer," said he became frustrated with the synagogue model because synagogues "tend to be narrowly defined by movement affiliation."

"One doesn't hear much about multi-denominational synagogues, just multi-denominational schools."

He said that trans-denominational schools — those that don't align with any single branch of the Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or Reconstructionist movements — mirror the variance in today's Jewish world. People seek variety and diversity; one couple might have a man who loves Orthodox prayer at a Chabad but the wife can't stand the *mebitzab* (separation) and prefers a more egalitarian service. Or someone might like to have holiday dinners at the Jewish Community

Center, attend a Jewish book club on Saturdays, perform social action projects on Sundays and study at the Kollel adult learning institute at night.

At JCDS, Levine supervises the Jewish Studies curriculum — the study of Hebrew texts, such as *Humash* (Bible studies), the Prophets, Talmud, Jewish values, holidays and history — and also leads the Jewish Studies faculty, and works closely with Dani Steiner, head of school, as well as teachers, administrators and parents.

He also interacts with the students, speaking on certain topics, like the making of *tefillin*,

or reading to students in the pre-kindergarten. He also helps students with independent projects, like a middle-schooler who was writing a *D'var Torah*, or small lecture, on Rambam, the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Jewish sage.

Levine said he looks forward to encouraging children to follow and validate their Jewish interests; whether it's Jewish film, Jewish prayer or anything in between.

He was recently accepted as a Fellow into the Day School Leadership Training Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, one of only 15 accepted nationally.

## Holocaust Museum becomes education, resource center

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not meet the needs of a growing center which is the primary source for the teaching of the Holocaust in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. The plan calls for a needs assessment on its site. At one time, it was to be housed in the planned Heritage Harbor Museum on the Providence waterfront; that museum has been scaled back from its initial conception.

The center is applying for an additional grant to implement the recommendations of the planning subcommittees, said Carol Sugarman, president, as

they emerge.

Zeidman said the center also hopes to secure a library grant to review and systematize its archives. Among its holding are taped recollections of Rhode Island Holocaust victims.

It also plans to develop a website, newsletter and seeks cooperation with other community agencies when appropriate.

"We want to assure that the organization is efficient and effective," Sugarman said.

## Opinion

## EDITORIAL

## Slavery today

On Monday, we will sit down at the first night's Passover Seder table and repeat the story of our journey from bondage to freedom. We will eat the bitter herbs.

And some among us will no doubt reflect on the slave trade that is taking place today in our state, cities and suburbs.

The Jewish community is leading the charge against trafficking in all its forms, whether it be indentured or sexual servitude. Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline and the R.I. members of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) have been instrumental in the formation of the R.I. Coalition against Human Trafficking ([riagainstrafficking.org](http://riagainstrafficking.org)) and in helping draft legislation to combat human trafficking here.

The media and the *Jewish Voice & Herald* have reported on the shadowy Pharaohs who operate in Rhode Island. Last year, federal authorities arrested 31 people in the state alleged to be participants in a major human trafficking ring that supplies women for brothels throughout the northeast.

In February, Rep. Joanne Giannini and Sen. Rhoda Perry sponsored bills which target the traffickers, and those who own the buildings where the sex trafficking takes place — on North Main Street, in downtown Providence, in brothels masquerading as spas and massage parlors; there are about a dozen "staffed" by South Korean women according to the Providence police. The coalition has also heard reports of Latino residential brothels.

The legislation would do several things; it would make it a felony to participate in human trafficking, close the loophole in the prostitution law to make indoor prostitution illegal, add a section that would provide equal punishment for "johns," who engage or attempt to engage the services of a prostitute as well as for anyone who knowingly permits prostitution on their property. And finally, it would establish a statewide task force.

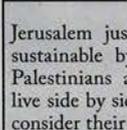
Tools to fight human trafficking in the state now lie in the legislature. It is incumbent upon members of the General Assembly to pass this legislation, and the community to put pressure on its elected representatives, and part the Red Sea of slavery one legal brick at a time.

(For information: 274-4970 or email [naswrutb@aol.com](mailto:naswrutb@aol.com).)

## A MAJORITY OF ONE Contesting peace

They are either late for Purim or early for April Fools Day, but the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has announced a contest to solve one issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. School officials are inviting individuals or teams from any country to participate in its "Just Jerusalem" competition. It is intended to find a way to make Jerusalem just, peaceful and sustainable by 2050 so that Palestinians and Israelis can live side by side in a city both consider their capital.

Yehuda Lev



The idea is that once the Jerusalem issue is settled, all else will fall into place. Methinks it will be to no avail if only because none of those in a position to promote peace really want to see it happen.

Take Israel, for example. For the first two decades of Israeli history its leaders insisted that they would talk with any Arab leader, Palestinians included, who was prepared to negotiate an end to the conflict. In fact, after the Six-Day War in 1967, Israel's General Moshe Dayan offered to return all of the occupied territories excepting Jerusalem's Old City in return for a comprehensive peace treaty. In response to this the Arab leaders met in Khartoum and issued a statement: No peace, no recognition, no negotiations.

It didn't take the Israelis long to recognize the security

and economic advantages of holding on to the occupied territories and they began establishing settlements in them. Neither Israel nor the Palestinians have ever given serious consideration of a final compromise agreement involving territory, the refugee issue and the status of Jerusalem. Two Arab states, Egypt and Jordan, have come to terms with Israel and signed peace treaties. But Lebanon has become a battlefield, Iraq is disintegrating, Syria wavers in its expressed desire to negotiate with Israel and Saudi Arabia has other problems to worry about involving Shiite and Sunni divisions in the Arab world. Behind them all looms the shadow of Iran, a non-Arab but Muslim state with nuclear ambitions and a certifiable president.

Today, Israel's government is more concerned with maintaining itself in power and placating its right-wing settlers and coalition partners than in getting tangled in the web of negotiations with all of the risks that entails. It flat-out refuses to meet with Syria or the Palestinians on the grounds that there is no one to talk with. The Palestinians say the same about the Israelis. Both sides are right.

The Palestinians, who for decades played the role of the football in the Super Bowl, are now speaking out. They have a government (but barely) and they control (mostly) the former Gaza Strip. But their government is headed by a recently formed coalition, one of whose two leaders has no hesitation about announcing his aims, the elimination of Israel from the map. This is hardly the kind of talk designed to encourage Israelis to negotiate.

It is not as if Israel is looking for encouragement. Its leaders claim that they are in no position to violate Bush's prohibition on talking with Syria and with Jerusalem so dependent on Washington for military, diplomatic and financial support, it's difficult to argue with them. And after Israel's military and political fiasco in Lebanon last summer, the Palestinians, with substantial aid from Syria and Iran, are better prepared to challenge Israel on the battlefield.

Syria is the independent variable in this equation. It has been very, very careful, since 1967, not to cause problems along its border with Israel and of late it has made no secret of its desire to negotiate with Israel. But earlier this month Syria's President Bashar Assad, while admitting that during Ariel Sharon's tenure as Prime Minister there were unofficial contacts involving Israeli and Syrian officials, said that there is no chance now of renewing diplomatic talks between the two countries. The reason? Israel's weak government and that, translated from political jargon means that Olmert cannot guarantee that any agreement he makes will be acceptable to his government or to its Jewish voters.

If you are thinking of entering MIT's competition, be wary. The Associated Press's story gave no address, no email address and no telephone number to contact. If you do reach them, let us know. We have some suggestions that might just win someone a \$50,000 MIT fellowship. Any takers?

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## Letter to the Editor

### Story recalls Jewish boxer of yesterday

As the niece of the 1930's boxing champion Barney Ross, I was pleased to read, in your March 16 issue, that rising Jewish boxer Mical Weisberg is proud of his religion and heritage, and has the Star of David embroidered on his boxing jacket and shorts.

Because Jewish boxers are few and far between, our young people look up to them, and it is therefore particularly important that they serve as good role models both inside and outside the ring.

I take pride in the fact that my Uncle Barney's accomplishments outside the ring were as impressive as the boxing skills that won him the junior welterweight, welterweight, and lightweight championships.

In response to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Barney, although well past draft age (he was 32), enlisted in the U.S. Marines. In the famous battle of Guadalcanal, he was seriously wounded while rescuing injured comrades from a Japanese ambush. His heroism under fire earned

him a Silver Star.

Thanks to research by the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, we know that upon Uncle Barney's return to the United States in 1944, he became active in the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, also known as the Bergson group.

Uncle Barney was also active in the American League for a Free Palestine.

Audrey Cantor  
Skokie, Ill.

## EDITORIAL

## Jews in step with Darfur divestment

On March 19, the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island voted to examine its approximately \$50-million endowment and to engage in a "targeted divestment" from companies contributing to the genocide currently taking place in Darfur, Sudan. This decision was spurred by the Community Relations Council, and the Federation is not alone. Brown University's governing board recently voted to divest, and on March 20, the R.I. Senate voted 33-0 to require our state to divest from companies in Sudan as well. The bill will now be forwarded to the House of Representatives, where Rep. Joseph S. Almeida of Providence is sponsoring identical legislation.

The tactic of divesting from a country by dumping stock or investments in order to put political pressure on decision-makers is something Jews are very familiar with; a well-publicized divestment campaign has been raging against Israel for the past few years. Divestment has a good track record on that continent; it worked very well during the 1980's global campaign against apartheid in South Africa. And it grabs headlines.

Divestment can work because the Sudanese government receives much of its wealth from foreign investment, and is therefore vulnerable to stock-based disruptions of foreign capital. The Sudanese government is infamous for diverting a disproportionate amount of its revenue towards the military while impoverishing its citizens; the Sudan Divestment Task Force estimates up to 80 percent of militia resources come directly or indirectly from oil revenues. If the military can't afford weapons, the benefit is obvious.

Targeted divestment seeks to impact businesses tied to the government and the military while attempting to skirt humanitarian organizations, large employers and those that comply with divestment requests. The rest, especially unrepentant and repeat offenders, are open game.

Many Jewish groups have been leading the way in pushing for Sudanese accountability, including the Jewish Council

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI  
*People get ready*

**B**ecause they don't have to make their homes kosher for Passover (two sets each of dishes and flatware coming up and going down from basements or attics) Christians miss an essential element of Passover, the opportunity for a fresh beginning, at least symbolically. Yes, the backaches; yes

the period between a *chumitzdic* household and one that's ready for Passover is complex, (and if anyone knows the answer to the kosher for the Pesach pet food conundrum, please send me a letter) but when the process is complete, when the house is prepared, when the Seder is ordered, when the guests arrive for the annual re-telling, ironically there is within that ancient repetition a concurrent renewal.

Christians believe that Jesus, the lamb of God, was sacrificed for their sins. Jews don't perform sacrifices any more, but, unlike Christians, we don't believe that the Messiah has been here or will return imminently. When Christians celebrate Easter they are marking the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For Jews, Passover is the commemoration of the resurrection of the children of Israel, freed from the moral death of slavery. But were they ready? Does one have to be prepared for redemption?

My Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology, its binding showing the stress of decades of use, defines "redeem" (and hence its offspring "redemption") as buying back, freeing by payment, and then more religiously, as deliverance from sin. On my 31<sup>st</sup> day my father redeemed me by paying \$5 to a *kohen*, but as I was very young at the time the process seems not to have been entirely complete, as I'm now required to fast on the day of the first Seder or listen to the conclusion of a unit of study. Why I do these things escapes me, but do them I do, continuing traditions in which I have no faith. Do we really need the 10,000 Passover nitpicks of ancient (and medieval and modern) rabbis? Is that redeeming?

The redemption price of

our ancient ancestors was an unusual one—it was the Egyptians who paid dearly to release their captives, an O. Henry story set 3,200 years before the birth of Red Chief. It was a sudden rescue (pagan writers later claimed it was an expulsion, but what do they know?) without preparation, not only *sans* leavened bread, but worse, minus the moral preparation for dealing with freedom. The books of Exodus and Numbers reveal this. Our sainted ancestors came to the Sea and complained; (maybe slavery in Egypt wasn't so bad); they complained in the desert; (maybe slavery in Egypt wasn't so bad); they built themselves a golden calf ("Who needs *Shabarit* and *Minbahl Ma'arivi*? Those Egyptians really knew how to pray. Party, party, party..."); they rejected the advice of Joshua and Caleb that with God's help they could conquer the powerful Canaanites. Given the opportunity to err, they invariably did.

What Moses seemed not to have realized (or perhaps Someone even higher than Moses?) was that freedom takes practice. It's like a spring trap, hard to open, fast to snap shut and break an unwary finger. The great 19<sup>th</sup>-century Zionist Ahad Ha'Am knew this. You can't just take a bunch of Russian Jews and dump them into

the wastes of Palestine without first getting them ready for the task. Yes, establish agricultural training centers, but more importantly, prepare the culture of the immigrants; teach them what it means to be a Jew outside the ghetto's walls, teach them the roots of Judaism including, but not exclusively, the Hebrew language. Herzl, for all his genius, thought the Jews transplanted from Europe would speak German and live bourgeois European lives. Ahad Ha' Am taught that there was more to establishing a Jewish presence than the need to flee persecution. To be a Jew in Israel, doing God's work (man's work—it's often the same thing) was what mattered, not merely rescuing someone from Cossacks. Nobody seemed to anticipate the resentment of Arabs—who are not ready for freedom either, as witness their slaughter of each other in Gaza whenever they are given the opportunity.

That ancient Seder song *Dayenu* has it all backwards; it shouldn't be, if You only had given us this it would have been enough. It should be, there's never enough prep time. Is that the academic in me? Resurrect Moses; ask him what he thinks.

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Josh Stein

NOW BATTING...  
**This year in Jerusalem**

**M**ore than anywhere else in the world, in Jerusalem one experiences the interplay between symbol and reality. "Next year in Jerusalem" marks the climax of the Passover Seder. The Haggadah tells the story of deliverance from slavery to freedom, and the evening's rituals and festive meal re-enact that history. The call to return to Jerusalem is the prayer for ultimate redemption.

Jerusalem, the city holy to the three monotheistic faiths, exposes the varying abilities of these religions to respect each other. Not only were the Jewish temples in Jerusalem, but the Christian Messiah was crucified within its walls, and the Muslims proclaim that their founder flew to heaven from the Western Wall. And so each religion proclaims its special status in the city and doubts the validity of the others' presence.

Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel, evokes the new and ongoing threats to the state's existence. Only a true-believer in the theory of deterrence is not worried about the prospect of Iran with nuclear weapons. Only an inveterate optimist sees peace in the near future between Israel and the Palestinians. Only a person with no sense of history can ignore the equation between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism (and yes, John Mearsheimer's and Stephen Walt's analysis: "The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy" is anti-Semitic). Peace, like the Messiah, remains a powerful dream.

And sad to say, Jerusalem the capital also brings to mind the scandals that have reached the highest levels of Israel's government. Political corruption scars the Zionist reality.

Now let's look at daily life in Jerusalem, Passover 5767. What's it like to live here? The simple and direct answer is "wonderful." Roberta and I have rented an apartment in Rehavia, an easy walk to just about everywhere. I am working here, continuing my research and meeting with graduate students at Hebrew University.

In what ways is it wonderful? Consider last Thursday, March 22. In the morning, I prepared for a noon presentation at the Israel Democracy Institute (IDI). Perhaps Israel's most prominent and best appointed think tank about government, IDI, located in Talbizeh, is about a 10-minute walk from our apartment. The seminar went very well: sharp questions and an engaged audience, and several renowned social scientists and I continued the discussion down the street over coffee at the Jerusalem Theatre. Later that day, Roberta and I walked to Emek Refaim in the German colony, a bit more than a mile, to see a new German film on the Stasi and for dinner at one of the area's many restaurants. Then, we walked back to our apartment.

During the past six weeks, we have attended concerts (uniformly excellent); dined in many restaurants (highly variable), prayed at seven different synagogues (each attractive and not in its own way); shopped at the Malcha mall; benefited from several first-rate lectures on Judaic topics; taken buses around the city (sometimes the wrong ones); spent most Friday mornings at the Mahane Yehuda market; bought take-out food from the restaurant in the basement of Heichal Shlomo (the seat of the Chief Rabbinate); spent an enlightening and grim afternoon at the refurbished Yad Vashem; met family and friends, some of whom we have not seen since we were children; rolled our eyes in exasperation when the upstairs neighbors scraped their furniture; enjoyed the flowers and birds along the paths that surround the nearby monastery in the Valley of the Cross, as we take our exercise walks. Daily life in Jerusalem, for these two American Jews, is wonderful; indeed, it is peaceful.

Jerusalem evokes the contrast between the ultimate and the immediate. As one awaits the Messianic dream of ultimate peace, one experiences the demands, challenges, and pleasures of daily life. The fears are real, but so are the joys. The contrast provides material for serious thought.

Roberta and I extend our wishes for a happy, healthy, and kosher Passover.

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## ALISON ON ALIYAH

## Living painfully outside of the American bubble

(Part 2)

A good friend of mine—another American immigrant who has lived in Jerusalem for the past four years—came to stay with me this



**Alison Golub**

weekend, primarily as a result of our endless lamenting over our lack of exposure to all the latest American television shows and movies. In preparation, he had done some massive downloading, and I had bought a few DVDs of our favorites, and we decided together that our sole purpose in life for this

weekend was to “veg” out on the couch and do nothing but bask in the glories of our deeply missed and painfully missing (from Israeli cable stations) series. We zoned out on hours and hours of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Arrested Development*, *My Name is Earl*, and *Lost*. While two of these shows have long since bitten the dust in America (or so we have heard), they were reborn in a little apartment in Beersheva, as we experienced them anew.

I am slowly regaining consciousness after this couch potato-fest, and I find myself gripped with as strong of a longing for American pop culture as I generally feel towards American junk food (see *previous article*). Once again I feel steeped in a sense

of loss, like I will always be “one step behind.” I have a number of friends in the U.S. who I call religiously just so I can keep up with pop culture on the other side of the world. One good friend, Dave, who will always be famous in my mind as the man who introduced me to TiVo way back before I made *aliyah*, can always be counted on to regale me with the list of new series and particular episodes I should make sure to watch. I faithfully make my list as we talk, knowing that the piece of paper will be yellowed

*“The further and harder I try to escape my American-isms, the more I realize how deeply they are rooted within my being.”*

and time-worn by the time any of these shows surface on a channel near me.

Indeed, while a small number of “new” series (about 40 percent of what you view in a given week) does manage to make their way across the oceans, they arrive weathered and deflated, often poorly edited for time and content and always at least a season and a half late. This means that while my friends are currently giddy about the latest episode in the third season of *Lost*, we Israelis are about three episodes into the second season. I had been hearing rave reviews of *Desperate Housewives* for a full two years before I happened across it one day at 1 a.m. on Star World, our “hippest” channel. “Water cooler conversations” are officially *verboten* for me, as most of my international telephone calls begin with my rattling off the list of shows that cannot and must not, under any circumstances, be discussed within my hearing range. On the other side of the spectrum, I tend to hear a lot of, “You haven’t even HEARD of [fill in the title of any currently popular television series]?!?!? Are you living in a cave?!” To which I respond with a painful and heavy sigh, “No, we just get things a little bit later here.”

In our phone conversations, my mother is constantly asking if I have seen this or that other movie, to which my standard “I have no idea what you are talking about” comes tumbling out of my mouth before she has finished her sentence. The movie titles sound so foreign and nonsensical to me—I remember her telling me about “Borat” and how I couldn’t believe this could be a full-feature movie with any respectable number of viewers. I surf the web relentlessly, a desperate voyeur into a world that has become so distant. The entertainment pages and People magazine sometimes seem to me to be from a different planet. While there are, of course, many tried and true names that I can always trust myself to recognize, there are so many others that I have never heard of. I remember asking my friends who this Paris Hilton character was, and being stunned when I heard that Julia Roberts had given birth. Some-

times I feel like a foreigner, and other times I just feel *old*.

This “one step behind” feeling unfortunately extends to many other domains. I see my American friends finishing school, getting married, buying houses, and having children, and cannot help but view my own life as palling in comparison. It is easy to forget the massive journey that is involved in making *aliyah*, and to underestimate the amount of time, emotional energy, and overall struggle that is required. Therefore, placing this seemingly tiny accomplishment alongside those of my friends, who are clearly a bit further along on the socially acceptable biological clock scale, can be quite painful. It seems to me sometimes that everything is going to happen later for me here. Indeed, my studies have taken longer because of the Hebrew factor; saving up enough money to buy a house or even an apartment looks like it will take a lifetime, given the average salary in this country; and getting married?—well, you all know how *that* story is going.

Most of the time I am able to soothe myself through these feelings of loss by reminding myself why I came here in the first place, and why I remain here today. I came to Israel because I wanted to get away from American consumerism and the pervasive obsession with all things superficial. I knew instinctively that the pop culture that I loved so much would rapidly become my own personal death trap, leading me to a life devoid of deeper meaning and purpose. Of course, it was only after I got here that I realized how much I missed some of the facets of that so-called trivial life, and how difficult and sometimes burdensome it can be to live the opposite type of life over here. In Israel, I am nostalgic for so many things in America, but when I visit the U.S. for even two weeks, I find myself pining away for just as many Israeli facets of life. I suppose this is just another demonstration of that endless “living between worlds” from which I cannot seem to get away. The further and harder I try to escape my American-isms, the more I realize how deeply they are rooted within my being. And the 26 years that I tried to pinch and yank and push myself into the American lifestyle only propelled me to the decision to make *aliyah*. So I suppose I will just have to keep bouncing between my worlds...at least until I can afford to pay for a satellite dish.

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# Habonim names new rabbi

*Rabbi Rosenberg retiring after 33 years*

By Mary Korr  
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BARRINGTON – Temple Habonim has selected Rabbi Andrew Klein to become its new spiritual leader on July 1, when Rabbi James Rosenberg retires after 33 years.

For Rabbi Klein, this will mean a move from Great Barrington, Mass., where he is currently an associate rabbi of the Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. He has been there since his graduation from Hebrew Union College in New York City in 2001.

"I can't think of a better person to build the community at this point in the life of the synagogue," said Rosenberg. "I think Rabbi Klein has both the special skills and the energy to facilitate the necessary dialogue among the generations at the temple."

The search process began several years ago, when Rosenberg announced he would retire in July 2007. It was done under the guidelines and in accordance with the Central Conference of American Rabbis' rigorous parameters and thorough vetting. The process took almost two years.

At the end of 2006, more than a hundred temple members overwhelmingly elected Klein at a special congregational meeting called for that purpose.

In a telephone interview, Klein said he is excited to work in a "vibrant community with such a stable foundation." Two of his charges are to "bring in new families and expand programs."

Klein is 55 years old and is married to Adam Mastoon, a photographer and author.

The couple celebrated their



Rabbi Andrew Klein

union in 2003 at the Hevreh.

Prior to entering rabbinical school, Klein was a classroom teacher and reading specialist and a small business owner in Houston, Texas. He grew up in San Antonio, graduated from the University of Texas and holds a master's degree in Hebrew literature and letters from Hebrew Union College.

When asked if becoming a rabbi was a "second" career for him, he said he was very involved in the Reform movement as a youth leader. "My desire to become a rabbi was born in high school; it took a long time to come to fruition."

In college, he said, "I realized I was gay and coming out and that made the rabbinate off limits to me. It took a long time for the Reform Movement to allow openly gay and lesbian candidates."

When the movement changed its position about a decade ago, he began his formal rabbinical studies. In his 40s, "I was the oldest person in my class," he said with a laugh.

He said being gay is "an aspect of my life but not the focal point of my rabbinate."

In addition to his pastoral duties at his congregation, Klein has been active in the interfaith community and outreach. He has been adviser to the youth groups and has initiated and taught many adult education classes. He has been a participant in STAR PEER, a professional development program that trains rabbis in the integration of spiritual leadership and skillful management of religious non-profit organizations. He has also been involved in a capital campaign at his temple and in cultivating lay leadership.

He noted he is very excited to be working with rabbis he has known since his training, Rabbis Sarah Mack, Peter Stein and Les Gutterman.

In the meantime, he and Mastoon have bought a house in Barrington which they are fixing up.

And he has been visiting Habonim on several occasions; his next visit is scheduled for April 14-15.

"Rabbi Klein is truly a *mensch*," the temple's search committee, led by Paul Segal and Robert Kemp, told congregants. He is "profoundly aware of the significance of our name, The Builders, and cognizant of the responsibility that he and the lay leadership of our congregation will share."

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## DIVESTMENT

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for Public Affairs and the Union for Reform Judaism, both of which approved divestment resolutions this month. Indeed, four of the 12 groups that comprise the executive committee of the Save Darfur Coalition are Jewish organizations.

Of course, some of the mud thrown lands inevitably, and unfairly, on Jews; Sudanese tribal leader Mowadh Jalaladin said, "The root causes of the Darfur conflict are the doing of the Jewish organizations that financed this armed rebellion." Also, a socialist newspaper branded the Jewish support of the divestment campaign against the Janjaweed militias and the Sudanese government, who are Muslim and usually Arab, as

a "Zionist conspiracy." There is always room, apparently, for some sort of ulterior motive in even the most altruistic Jewish community action.

In today's world, "right" and "wrong" often move from black and white to murky grey, while inactivity and infighting allow evil deeds to run rampant. This is one case where much of the world agrees on an injustice, and supports a non-military solution to end a bloody killing spree.

This tax season, please examine your finances in a different way. You can make a difference. For more information about how you or your organization can engage in targeted divestment, visit [www.sudandivestment.org](http://www.sudandivestment.org) or [www.jcpc.org](http://www.jcpc.org).

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DANIELLE COHEN, at left, and Courtney Lamberton, both students at Cranston East, work their cutting skills.

**Soup kitchen warms hearts year-round**

By Jonathan Rubin  
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PROVIDENCE — Hairnets aren't at the top of most teenage fashion lists, but Danielle Cohen and Courtney Lamberton are happy to pull them over their long hair. It's 8 a.m. on a Sunday, and the two 17-year-old Cranston high-schoolers are sitting in Congregation Beth Sholom on Camp Street, chopping vegetables to help feed the less fortunate.

They sit elbow to elbow with other teens from Cranston, East Greenwich and Providence. They first heard about the soup kitchen — Judy's Kindness Kitchen — that is run out of a synagogue, from the Volunteer Center, a friend or through school. For many, it seemed like a good way to finish a community service project and do a good deed. When they had completed their hours, many kept coming back.

The room is humming with activity; more than 40 adults and teens are working assembly-line fashion to chop carrots, potatoes and celery for soup; while others are on sandwich detail — peanut butter and jelly, to be specific. Some volunteers are Jewish, but many aren't; the allure of a soup kitchen is universal. One woman helped cook and then went out to celebrate the Chinese new year.

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## JTS to allow gays

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Also Monday, the seminary announced it would extend the application deadline from Dec. 31 until June 30 to accommodate new applicants as a result of the policy change.

The change in admissions standards follows a similar one enacted by the movement's West Coast seminary, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, which recently admitted two openly gay students for the fall term.

Monday's decision follows a long and often divisive debate over Conservative Judaism's attitude toward homosexuality.

### Ruling

That discussion culminated with the decision by the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards to overturn centuries of legal precedent by allowing for the ordination of gay rabbis and for movement rabbis to officiate at same-sex commitment ceremonies.

In keeping with the movement's commitment to halakhic pluralism, the committee also endorsed two contrary opinions, or *teshuvot*, upholding the traditional position. Two additional opinions, both of which would have removed all restrictions on

homosexual activity, were not adopted. Still, four committee members resigned to protest the permissive ruling.

Though Eisen's leadership on this issue won broad praise for its transparency and inclusiveness, the challenges ahead may be formidable. In addition to pacifying elements in the movement that oppose the change, the Conservative leadership also faces resistance from those uncomfortable with an understanding of pluralism that tolerates the exclusion of gays and lesbians.

Rabbi Ayelet Cohen, a JTS graduate and associate rabbi at Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, a synagogue for gays and lesbians in New York City, took issue with the paean to pluralism issuing from the seminary Monday.

Cohen said welcoming people of all sexual orientations should be "a value and not an option."

"I think that we're dealing with a very long tradition of Jewish text and scholarship, and in the scope of Jewish history the movement toward equality and celebrating Jews of all sexual orientations and gender identities is fairly new," she said. "There's a lot we need to do to start teaching that as a value, just as there's a lot the Conservative movement needs to do to teach egalitarianism as a value."

Among the movement's international affiliates, some of which had warned that they might split from the movement in the wake of the December decision, the announcement was greeted with dismay.

Rabbi Wayne Allen, president of the Ontario division of the Rabbinical Assembly, the movement's rabbinic association, told JTA that some Canadian synagogues already were contemplating their long-term association with their American counterparts, and Monday's move only affirms the wide gulf between them.

"I do not think this decision is going to have a great impact on whether synagogues are going to be more inclined to progress with these decisions or less inclined," Allen said. "What is going on now is a process that is larger than any one issue."

### In Israel

In Israel, the board of the Schechter Rabbinical School has placed authority for the issue in the hands of the school's dean, Rabbi Einat Ramon, an acknowledged opponent of gay ordination. Ramon is said to be working on a position paper on the issue that will be released shortly.

According to the movement-wide survey, released in January, Israeli rabbis were divided evenly on the question of gay ordination. Canadian rabbis overwhelmingly

opposed the change, 82 percent to 18 percent.

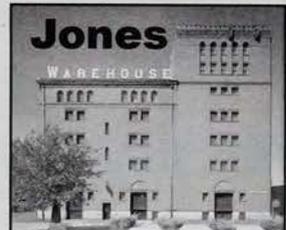
Sensitive to the ramifications of the decision, Eisen on Monday also announced a series of steps to contain the fallout, including a dialogue within the movement regarding the principles of Conservative Judaism and intensified contact with its international arms.

"I think we need to take steps to affirm again that more unites us than divides us," Eisen said. "That disagreement, if it exists, is accepted in a spirit of halakhic pluralism and mutual respect."

The debate over homosexuality for years has been a lightning-rod issue in the Conservative movement, with both sides warning of the dire consequences if the other position were accepted.

Opponents warned that a permissive ruling would undermine the movement's claim to be halakhic.

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**Soothing Jewish Congress affiliates: Bronfman says Singer took money**

By Michael S. Arnold

NEW YORK (JTA) — World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman says he dismissed Rabbi Israel Singer from the organization last week because Singer was taking money without proper authorization or documentation.

Bronfman made the allegations in a March 14 letter to European Jewish Congress President Pierre Besnainou. It came after WJC affiliates in Europe, Latin America and Israel expressed dismay about being notified in a conference call earlier that day that Singer — who had held a variety of top positions in the WJC over the past 30 years — had been fired.

Singer “helped himself to cash from the WJC office, my cash,” Bronfman wrote in the letter, a copy of which JTA obtained. “We thought we had that all cleared up, and then we discovered that he was playing the same game in Israel, taking cash from the office and never accounting for it.”

He continued, “The final blow came when we discovered that he was playing games with his hotel bills in Jerusalem.”

“Please understand that this was much harder on me than

anyone else,” Bronfman wrote. “It took me many weeks of crying to find out I was so badly used by a man I used to love.”

Singer released a statement Thursday through his attorney, calling the accusations “baseless” and adding, “I categorically deny them.”

“I am shocked and deeply saddened that Edgar, a man with whom I have worked so closely for 30 years would go to such lengths to publicly shame both himself and me,” the statement read. “For over 30 years, I have given of my heart and soul to achieve the objectives of the WJC and for the benefit of the Jewish people. I will not engage in any petty or mean-spirited or valueless arguments.”

He concluded: “I will spend the rest of my life in pursuing causes for the Jewish people and human rights, and to remedy injustices against those victimized by prejudice and ignorance. My efforts will never cease.”

In a statement Thursday afternoon, a WJC spokesperson replied, “These issues are now before the proper legal authorities.”

“Our sadness continues

because underlying these issues has been Mr. Singer’s inability to accept responsibility for his actions. Mr. Bronfman is committed to his continuing efforts to restore integrity to the World Jewish Congress, and that will remain his focus.”

Singer has been a major figure in Jewish life over the past three decades. A former chairman and secretary-general of the WJC — and a top official of the Claims Conference and the World Jewish Restitution Organization — he played a major role in winning billions of dollars from European banks and governments in restitution for victims of the Holocaust. He also helped to uncover the Nazi past of Kurt Waldheim, a former Austrian president and United Nations secretary-general.

Julius Berman, chairman of the Claims Conference, said he did not think the restitution negotiations with European governments would be affected by these developments.

JTA Editor Lisa Hostein and Staff Writer Ben Harris in New York, and Correspondents Dinah Spritzer in Prague and Florencia Arbisser in Buenos Aires, contributed to this report.

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# Giving a name to Lebanon war; Israel hopes to soothe bereaved

By Dan Baron

JERUSALEM (JTA) — After months of equivocation, Israel has formally recognized last year's offensive against Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas as a war and given it a name.

But while the chosen title — "Second Lebanon War" — may offer some comfort to Israelis who were bereaved by the fighting and want to know their losses were for a cause, it's unlikely to help the embattled Olmert government.

Designating the conflict as a war could fuel public ire at Israel's perceived hesitation to authorize a full-bore military assault after Hezbollah abducted two soldiers in a deadly July 12 border raid.

Instead, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Defense Minister Amir Peretz at first relied on air force and artillery shelling, which exacted a steep price on Lebanon's civilian infrastructure and drew international censure while leaving Hezbollah to launch thousands of short-range rockets into northern Israel. By the time troops and tanks were finally unleashed on Hezbollah's frontier strongholds, days before a U. N. -brokered ceasefire on Aug. 12, the damage to Israel's prestige was done.

Olmert and Peretz, sensing domestic support shifting toward the right-wing opposition, have insisted that the war improved national security by restoring Israel's military deterrence and boosting a foreign peacekeeper force and regular Lebanese troops in Hezbollah's former heartland.

"When they try to surface now they are disarmed and arrested by the international force and the Lebanese force," Olmert told reporters last month, referring to Hezbollah fighters. "I am not certain that they have any appetite to fight with Israel again."

But with ample reports that Hezbollah is rearming and that Israel's tactical setbacks emboldened its arch-enemies Iran and Syria, Olmert has had a hard time convincing his countrymen.

A recent poll found that if elections were held now, Olmert would take only 3 percent of votes.

His top rival, the hawkish former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, appears to be the frontrunner.

Olmert's fate may hinge on a committee of inquiry set up to investigate the war. The so-called Winograd Committee is expected to issue interim results next month, including conclusions about Olmert's and Peretz's responsibility for the campaign.

Under a High Court of Justice order, the Winograd Committee on Thursday published some of the testimony it took from high-level Israeli officials. One segment included an implicit critique of Olmert and Peretz by Vice Premier Shimon Peres, Israel's elder statesman.

"Had it been up to me, I wouldn't have gotten into this war," Peres said, adding that the military had not been properly prepared. Peres further rapped Olmert for declaring, early on in the campaign, that he would win the return of the two captive soldiers. This, Peres said, put Israel "at the mercy of the enemy."

For now, naming the Lebanon war answers the demands of relatives of the 117 Israeli soldiers and 41 civilians killed by Hezbollah gunmen and rocket crews.

The temporary epitaphs on the graves of the dead troops read: "Fell in combat in southern Lebanon." That stoked concern that the government might try to play down its role in the conflict's failings by designating it as less than a "war."

During the fighting, Israel made do with military codes for the campaign — "Operation Just Reward" and "Operation Change of Direction." But Cabinet Minister Yaacov Edri, who heads the government's Protocol and Ceremonies Committee, announced the new name Wednesday. It is expected to be ratified next week.

"Second Lebanon War" refers implicitly to Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon in an offensive against the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel did not officially call that campaign a war, but referred to it as "Operation Peace for Galilee."

Peace for Galilee led to the expulsion of Yasser Arafat and the rest of the PLO's leadership from its Lebanon base. Just a decade later, Arafat would become Israel's partner in the ill-starred Oslo peace accords.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces remained in southern Lebanon after the 1982 conflict, creating a security zone which, in turn, gave rise to Hezbollah.

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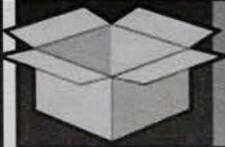
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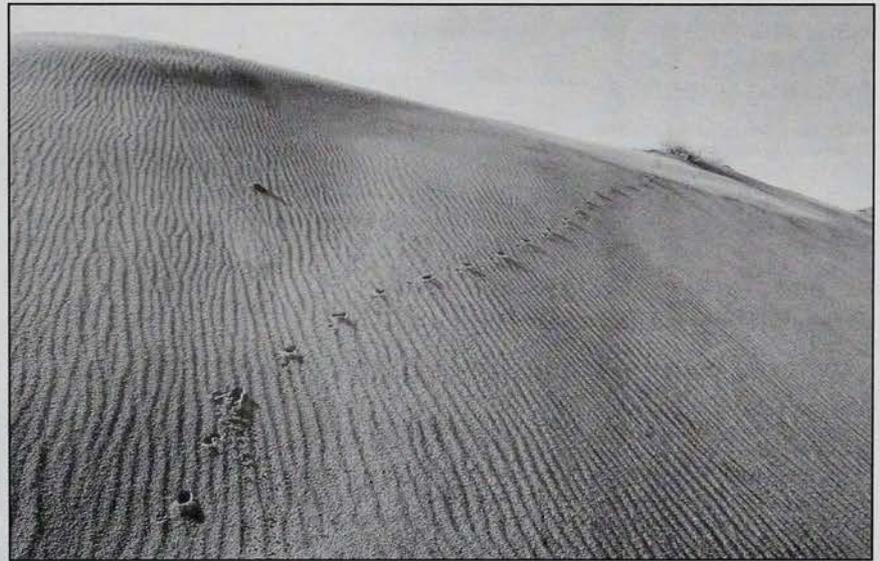
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**Israel**

**Israeli quandary over Sudanese: Let them stay or send them away**



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**FOOTPRINTS** traverse a sand dune on the Israeli-Egyptian border and Sinai Desert, close to where Sudanese refugees have come across on Feb. 12.

By Yosef Israel Abramowitz  
KIBBUTZ KETURA, ISRAEL — With two miles of bare footprints behind them, Ahmed and Fatima, and their three children, approached the border with Israel in the middle of a cold winter night. Snow was falling in the Sinai.

Avoid the Egyptian military patrols, they were warned by their Bedouin smugglers, whom they paid with money borrowed from Sudanese friends.

“If they catch you, you could be shot or deported back to Sudan,” the Bedouins said.

The 12-hour trip from Cairo was the last leg of a multi-year journey stretching from the violence of Darfur to Sudan’s dangerous capital, Khartoum, to the teeming streets of Cairo. Ahmed had been imprisoned in each city.

Israel was their last hope for what Fatima calls “a normal life” without the “fear of being sent back to Sudan.”

Two hours after dusting the sand off their dark clothing from crawling under two security fences, their 5-month-old baby’s cry pierced the silence of the frigid Negev air.

The response was an Israeli military spotlight.

“Do you know where you are?” the soldiers called out in Arabic.

“Yes,” they answered.

“Why are you here?”  
“Because we were mistreated in Egypt.”

“Who are you?”

“We are Sudanese.”

Ahmed lowered his 2-1/2 year-old son from his shoulders and held up his Sudanese passport, as well as the worn yellow card from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or UNHCR. The card had been obtained in Cairo and saved them from being deported back to Sudan, as the Egyptian police had threatened.

The Israeli soldiers gave the children their green military coats.

“We were afraid of the Egyptian army, not of the Israeli army,” Ahmed recalled later.

In an often reluctant ritual that has been repeated almost weekly for two years with Sudanese sneaking into Israel, Israel Defense Forces patrols gathered up the tired refugee family, placed them in an ambulance and handed them over to the Border Police.

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# Israeli quandary over Sudanese

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The Border Police sent Ahmed to Ketziot prison for violating the Infiltration Law, a 1954 statute enacted against enemy combatants.

If the experience of others before him is any precedent, Ahmed could remain incarcerated for at least a year, until Israel figures out what to do with him and the more than 120 other imprisoned Sudanese.

Fatima and the children were sent to a battered women's shelter in the western Galilee that has largely been taken over by Sudanese refugees whose husbands are in prison.

The failure of the United Nations to cope with the doubling of refugee applications in the past decade or to intervene to prevent the genocide in Darfur has had ripple effects throughout the world.

That now includes Israel and the Jewish world.

Faced with genocidal threats from Iran and terrorist groups, a legacy of the Holocaust, and even echoes of the Exodus 3,700 years ago, Israel is torn between its commitment to universal humanitarian concerns and its own security interests.

After two years of legal challenges and growing Israeli media attention, the issue now is coming to a critical juncture.

The practice of arresting and indefinitely detaining Sudanese asylum seekers on security grounds is being tested in the courts even as Israeli Border Police are showing signs of

resisting the orders to arrest and detain the refugees crossing the borders.

Major international human rights figures have embraced the cause, and a handful of Knesset members and activists in Israel are pressing for a resolution of the crisis. Some of these activists in turn have strong ties to the American Jewish community, which has embraced the cause of Darfur as a top humanitarian priority.

Some 200,000 to 400,000 people have been killed in the Darfur region of western Sudan. Another 2.5 million have been displaced.

Israel's quandary is a difficult one.

"Sudanese refugees are right now considered enemy nationals since Sudan is an Islamic fundamentalist country," explained Anat Ben Dor, the country's leading refugee rights lawyer, who has emerged as a top advocate for the Sudanese refugees. "Yet Israel is a signatory to the International Convention on Refugees, which guarantees humane treatment and a safe haven from genocide."

Israel helped author the convention in the aftermath of World War II. Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany were routinely refused safe haven because they, like the current Sudanese, were classified as enemy nationals.

Activists enjoyed a small victory March 21 when Israel's Supreme Court gave the state 45 days to determine whether the detainees were getting a fair and

proper judicial review.

"This is very significant," said Ben Dor, who together with the Hotline for Migrant Workers, filed the appeal to the court arguing that those Sudanese arrested and put in jail for illegally entering the country should not be charged as infiltrators of an enemy state.

The petition against Israel's defense and interior ministers argues that even though 150 Sudanese have been released into alternative detention, the lack of formal judicial review makes the detention illegal.

Under Israeli law, other nationals who sneak through the Sinai desert into Israel are charged with the Law of Entry. In those cases, the government must review their cases every 30 days and justify their imprisonment. But since Sudanese are considered "enemy nationals," they are charged under the harsher Infiltration Law, which has no official review mechanism and by which detainees can be held indefinitely.

*Yosef Israel Abramowitz is a journalist and the founder of socialaction.com. JTA correspondent Dina Kraft in Israel contributed to this piece. The names of the refugees have been changed to protect from reprisals against family members in Arab countries.*

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# Book explores disconnect between Poles and Jews

By Dinah A. Spritzer

WARSAW (JTA) - Back in 1995, two young adults on an official mission of multicultural tolerance get off a plane in Tel Aviv. One is German, one is Polish.

The Israeli host embraces the German with kisses and hugs.

But he stares coldly and suspiciously at the Pole, barely

willing to shake his hand, as if the elderly Israeli had come face to face with an unrepentant pogromnik.

To the Pole, Andrzej Folwarczny, the gesture spoke volumes about the success of German-Jewish reconciliation and the challenges that lay ahead for Polish-Jewish relations.

"I couldn't understand why

suddenly I was the enemy," he recalls.

During the same visit, Folwarczny overhears a German-speaking tour guide at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial tell German visitors, "Auschwitz was in Poland because the Germans knew that Poland was an anti-Semitic country."

In fact, historians say the death camps were built in Poland because of the country's large Jewish population and because it was an occupied country whose government had been deposed. The Nazi regime wanted to commit mass murder outside of its own territory where it sought popular support.

Regarding Auschwitz specifically, where most of the Jews killed were not from Poland, the location was convenient for railroad connections, historians say.

Such cross-cultural disconnects encouraged Folwarczny, now 37, to dedicate his life to Polish-Jewish relations.

Three years after the Israel experience he founded the Forum for Dialogue Among Nations, a nonprofit that runs tolerance workshops in schools and universities, meetings between Diaspora Jewish stu-

dents and Polish students, and an intensive education program on Jewish-Polish relations that brings together young Poles and Americans. The American Jewish Committee is a partner.

"In my personal opinion, people's attitudes have not changed enough" since the end of communism, Folwarczny said. "There is still Polish anti-Semitism, but also there are also still problems with the Diaspora attitude toward Poles. The only way to change this is education and interaction."

The culmination of the forum's educational efforts is the recent release of *Difficult Questions in Polish-Jewish Dialogue*.

The 260-page book, subtitled *How Poles and Jews See Each Other: A Dialogue on Key Issues in Polish-Jewish Relations*, touches on probing doubts and stereotypes that for decades have driven wedges between Poles and Jews.

Religious scholars, politicians, diplomats, historians and journalists from around the world address questions about the Polish pogroms during and after World War II, anti-Semitism in Poland today, Poland's relationship to Israel, why Jews don't accept Jesus as the messiah and the reasons Jews flocked to Poland 800 years ago.

Stimulating counterpoints are featured on similar subjects.

A major contributor to the book is Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, twice appointed Polish

foreign minister in the post-Communist era and a leading figure of Zegota, the underground army's movement to save Jews during World War II.

In the chapter "How did Poles behave during the Holocaust," Bartoszewski wrote that "all the political and social powers in occupied Poland similarly assessed German crimes against the Jews to be a willful and planned genocide."

But in a chapter titled "Why did Poles collaborate with Germans in persecuting Jews?" Warsaw-born Israel Gutman, who survived the Majdanek concentration camp to become chairman of Yad Vashem's scientific council, sounded a different note.

*Difficult Questions* is intended to combat the perception that Poles are a monolithic entity which should be held responsible for the Holocaust and pogroms, just as the large proportion of Jews in the Communist leadership after World War II is probed but then dismissed as a justification for anti-Semitism.

The book is based on questions that have been asked repeatedly in meetings between young Diaspora Jews and Poles organized by the Forum for Dialogue Among Nations.

Released in Polish at the end of 2006, the book is now available in English. It can be ordered through the AJCommittee at [ajc.org](http://ajc.org). Folwarczny is working on a Hebrew version as well.



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# Israelis fire back at Egypt over claims of war atrocities

By Dan Baron

JERUSALEM (JTA) — For more than 30 years they kept to themselves, hoping the memories of their ordeal in Egyptian captivity would be eclipsed by peace deals and the passage of time.

But accounts by former Israeli prisoners of war have been resurfacing of late, largely in retaliation to a flurry of atrocity allegations from Egypt.

The latest contretemps to strain ties between Jerusalem and Cairo began when Egyptian media mistakenly described an Israeli television documentary, "Spirit of Shaked," as containing confessions about the killing of 250 Egyptian soldiers who were taken captive in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Denials by top-level Israeli officials hardly dented the

onslaught of recrimination from Egypt. So some of Israel's ex-POWs and military historians decided to fire back.

On an almost weekly basis, Israeli media have been carrying chilling testimony from the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when soldiers stationed along the Suez Canal were overwhelmed by Egyptian forces and many airmen were shot down over Egypt and captured.

The survivors told of dozens — possibly more — of fellow servicemen who were executed or tortured to death after surrendering.

"They murdered many captives," Giora Rom, a former deputy commander of Israel's air force, told Yediot Achrot. "Don't focus on those who remained alive but on those who were murdered."

According to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, Egypt captured 231 Israeli servicemen during the Yom Kippur War. The bodies of 39 slain troops were returned as part of a cease-fire, while other soldiers remain classified as missing in action. Somewhere among those figures lurk the Israelis who may have died at the hands of their Egyptian captors — crimes that Cairo insists never happened.

The *Jerusalem Post* quoted Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit as saying the idea that his country's armed forces unlawfully killed Israeli prisoners of war was "absurd."

Nonetheless, one Israeli military historian, Aryeh Yitzhaki, is seeking redress.

Yitzhaki announced last week that he had written to the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv with a

demand for a formal inquiry into the alleged 1973 atrocities against Israeli troops.

"The soldiers underwent barbaric abuse as POWs, and those who were not murdered suffered irreversible emotional damage," Yitzhaki told the news Web site NRG. Smadar Perry, Yediot's veteran Arab affairs correspondent, noted that Israeli efforts to address the Egyptian allegations from 1967 would be hindered by an incident from a previous war.

Aryeh Biro, a retired Israeli brigadier general, is on record as saying his men killed dozens of Egyptian soldiers taken prisoner during the 1956 Sinai Campaign.

At the time of this admission just more than a decade ago, Israel tried to calm Egyptian anger by promising a probe. Perry said no such thing transpired, and described an angry exchange she had on the subject with an unnamed moderate Egyptian intellectual.

"How would you react," she quotes the Egyptian as saying, "if our reserve officers were to come out with stories about murdering Israeli POWs?"

"Have there been such cases?" Perry asks, adding, "My interlocutor falls silent."

## Bull market or bear market, Jewish charities' assets growing

By Jacob Berkman

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish philanthropic world is not worried that a downturn in U.S. stock markets so far this year will hurt investment in Jewish causes.

The economy generally has been booming since the early 1990s. And despite a market crash when the high-tech bubble burst in 2000 and after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a bull market that resumed in 2003 pushed indexes such as the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrials Average back to record highs earlier this year.

The boom has led to an infusion of cash into the Jewish world.

Some comes from a huge growth in personal wealth, which has allowed the likes of casino mogul Sheldon Adelson to start a foundation that is expected to pay out more than \$200 million a year to Jewish causes.

It has let others make landmark individual gifts to Jewish institutions — such as the \$100 million gift this fall from Ronald Stanton, chairman of Transammonia, Inc., to Yeshiva University, and the \$75 million to Hadassah for a new inpatient tower at its Jerusalem hospital from William Davidson, president of Guardian Industries Corp., and his wife, Karen.

Some of the cash influx is due to the tremendous growth in the number of private foundations. There are 10 times as many private foundations today as there were 20 years ago, the Institute for Jewish and Community Research estimates.

With some \$30 billion invested in private Jewish foundations, which are required by law to pay out at least 5 percent of their assets each year, foundations now give more to the Jewish community than do federation campaigns. The private foundation world has given a huge boost to Jewish education initiatives and has spearheaded such landmark initiatives as birthright Israel.

And they could give even more in coming years: Assets of major general foundations rose 2.8 percent in 2005, according to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*. Though 2006 tax reports are not yet in, returns on their investments seem to have skyrocketed last year as well.

"Overall, foundations have seen real large growth," said Ian Wilhelm, a senior writer for the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* who covers foundations.

Foundations generally are safe even when the market dips, for several reasons. For one, they've been working in recent

years to diversify their portfolios.

In the 1980s most foundations kept their money in stocks and bonds, but since then they have begun following diversified investment strategies that universities such as Harvard and Yale have used to build huge endowments.

Especially in the past several years, foundations have invested heavily in alternative investments such as hedge funds, private equity, currency trading and real estate, according to Steve Voss, principal of Ennis Knupp, a consulting firm that advises foundations on investing.

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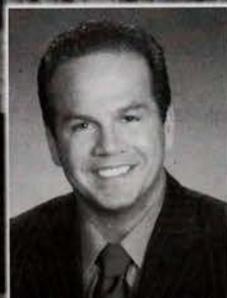


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## News Briefs

### Small gain in Rice trip

WASHINGTON: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is back home after her seventh Middle East trip in the last eight months and opinion is divided on whether or not she accomplished her goals in meeting with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, or even if her goals were clearly defined. Her one major achievement was an agreement by Israeli and Palestinian leaders to meet twice a month. Their meetings will not include negotiations on the three "final status" issues that have blocked all attempts at ending the conflict, Jerusalem, the fate of the Arab refugees and the borders of whatever Palestinian state emerges. "We are not yet at final-status negotiations," she said before leaving Jerusalem. Palestinians must know that their state must be viable; Israelis must know that a future state of Palestine will be a source of security, not a threat to it." (NEW YORK TIMES/LOS ANGELES TIMES)

### Report on Lebanon

JERUSALEM: Israel's political and military leaders are getting nervous over next month's "partial report" expected decisions by the Winograd Committee, set up to examine the cause of failures in last summer's war in Lebanon. The committee is to judge the actions of both the civilian government and the army and the "partial report" will deal with decisions made in the five

days that elapsed between the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers and the decision to respond in force. The final report, to appear this summer, will include full "personal recommendations" on the fates of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Defense Minister Amir Peretz and Chief of Staff Dan Halutz. (JTA)

### 2,000 settlers march

HOMESH, WEST BANK: More than 2,000 settler activists, most of them families with children, marched to the evacuated outpost of Homesh this week to demand that the outpost be re-established. It was evacuated in August 2005 when Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip and four outposts on the West Bank. The army did nothing to prevent their march, because it would have been impractical to close all of the routes available to the settlers. After an infant was circumcised, most of the activists returned peacefully to their new homes but several hundred remained behind, to be evacuated by the military. (HAARETZ/JTA)

### Islamic leader on reconciliation

LONDON: One of Britain's most controversial Muslim leaders has declared that there is an "enormous amount" that Muslims can learn from the way that Jews have integrated into the UK. Once regarded as an anti-Semite, Inayat Bunglawala, also demanded an end to Islamic anti-Semitism in what is being viewed as a remarkable move towards reconciliation between the two communities. In the past he has

claimed that the British media are controlled by Zionists and that the BBC allowed "highly placed supporters of Israel" to make political capital of the July 7 bombings in London. However in a recent interview, Bunglawala said that the Muslim Council of Britain, which he heads, has held talks with Jewish leaders about developing a grass-roots network of contacts between Jews and Muslims all over Britain to combat stereotyping and discrimination. "Both are minority and faith communities," he said "and both are suffering prejudice from the far right." (EUROPEAN JEWISH PRESS)

### Reform:

### \$100M to Israel

JAFFA: The American arm of the Reform Movement will invest \$100 million to expand its movement in Israel. Mishkenot Ruth Daniel, a \$12 million, five story building that is part community center, part synagogue and part hostel, opened March 18 for its first event. "If Reform Judaism wants to make it in Israel it has to be here," said Rabbi Meir Azari, referring to the center's location in Jaffa, one of the poorest areas of Tel Aviv, populated by immigrants, artists, Arabs and others. It is a long way from the moneyed northern areas of Tel Aviv where Rabbi Azari heads Beit Daniel, the largest Reform congregation in Israel. Reform leaders said they realize they have to tap into Israel's grassroots in order to make real strides, not just on issues like conversion but also regarding social involvement and spirituality. (JTA)

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**BRIEFS**

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**Saudi summit**

**JERUSALEM:** Apparently the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Israel-Palestinian conflict which failed to find much support in Israel or among the Palestinians when it was first suggested five years ago, is beginning to have traction and will be reintroduced when the Arab foreign ministers meet at the end of this week. The plan offers Israel normal ties with all Arab states in return for an Israeli withdraw from all land occupied after the Six-Day-War of 1967. Israel objected because it meant dividing Jerusalem and permitting the return of or compensation for the Arab refugees. Hamas will not accept it because it means recognition of Israel's right to exist. In Amman, Jordan's Prime Minis-

ter Marouf Bakhit said the initiative has to be marketed better to Israelis who don't understand its benefits. (BEIRUT DAILY STAR/JTA)

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Green Leaf Party (no Knesset members) has decided that hemp, one of the sources of marijuana, is not kosher for Passover and urges its followers to toss it out together with the hametz that is discarded before the holiday begins. But three rabbis at an Orthodox institute in Israel have signed a document permitting Jews to consume hemp and, presumably, get higher at the Seder than one normally does on four cups of wine. (THE NEW YORK POST/ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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7 p.m. "Turn to Mei" documentary about *Bikur Cholim* (visiting the sick) presented by the *hineinu* committee. Commentary by Elie Wiesel, and Rabbi TV Blanchard with introduction and discussion led by Rabbi Sarah Mack.

**THURS., APRIL 12  
Kosher deli lunch & learn  
at Temple Am David**

Noon to 1 p.m. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Kosher deli lunch and learn series (next is on May 3) with Cantor Richard Perlman. Weekly Torah portion discussion. For more information, call the temple at 463-7944.

**Discussion on democracy  
at Temple Sinai**

7 to 9 p.m. Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston. Learning and discussion: "Defending Democracy, Defeating Terrorism" with Professor William Rose of Connecticut College. Program sponsored jointly with Temple Am David.

**FRI., APRIL 13  
Yiddish shmooz**

10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Yiddish discussion and story-telling with participation by members. Final arrangements announced for outing to see play "Picon Pie" followed by kosher deli dinner. For more information,

call Elly at 861-8800, ext. 107. All are welcome.

**JCC lunch & learn**

Noon. 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence "Seniors' medications & interactions," with Lisa Cohen, pharmacy professor at URI. Lunch: \$5 adults, \$3 seniors. Reservations required. Call Elly, 861-8800, ext. 107.

**Shabbat for Young Families**

5:45 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. A program for young families consisting of a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner followed by an interactive service with stories, songs and prayers. Cost: \$10 per family. RSVP to Temple Torat Yisrael by April 10th, 785-1800.

**MON., APRIL 16  
About Israel, cont.**

7:30 p.m. Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. "An Approach to Peace" (Is there a place for a liberal in Israel?) Phil Rosen, co-chair of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (RI Chapter) will discuss the peace movement in Israel. Refreshments.

**TUES., APRIL 17  
Doctor to speak  
on breast cancer**

7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Informal presentation on hereditary breast & ovarian cancers in the Ashkenazi community with speaker Laura Nevel, MD, and how to manage them. Free lecture. For more information, call Sue Suls at 861-8800, ext. 108.

**WED., APRIL 18  
Author Jenna Blum to speak**

10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Awarded the Harold U. Ribablow Prize by Hadassah Magazine for excellence in Jewish-themed literature for her recent

book "Those Who Save Us." Lecture sponsored by the R.I. Holocaust Museum. Free, welcome. See community.

**Elie Wiesel slated**

7 p.m. (Private dinner, reception at 5:30 p.m.) at the RI Convention Center. Nobel Peace laureate and author Elie Wiesel will speak on "The role of youth in world peace," as a guest of the Institute for International Sport, located at URI. \$20 adults, \$10 students. Tickets can be bought at [www.international-sport.com](http://www.international-sport.com) or by calling Art Tix at 621-6123. For information on the private reception, contact the Institute at [iis102@etal.uri.edu](mailto:iis102@etal.uri.edu).

**FRI., APRIL 20  
JCC lunch & learn**

Noon. At the JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence "Meet Thomas Edison & other inventors," with Todd McLeish, Professor, URI Dept. of Communications. Lunch: adults \$5, seniors \$3. Reservations required. Call Elly at 861-8800.

**SAT., APRIL 21  
JCC bingo night**

5 to 10 p.m. at the JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Bingo and other events for parents and children. Early dairy dinner, dessert & coffee served. Costs from \$10 to \$25. See Community.

**"An Inconvenient Truth"**

7:30 p.m. Showing at Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 North Main Street, Attleboro. 508-222-2243. Free and open to the public. Bring a snack to share.

**SUN., APRIL 22  
Healing center program  
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2 to 3:30 p.m. Introduction to Kabbalah. RI Holocaust Museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence (in

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the JCC). Taught by Rabbi Aaron Lapin, the director of Project Shoshana, a popular teacher in the community. May be ongoing class if there is sufficient student interest. Fee: \$20. Prospective attendees are asked to reserve a seat in the class by email: rcenter@jamestownr.com, or phone (401)267-0029.

**Jewish Historical Association annual meeting**

2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. 53<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting. Marcy Brink-Danan of Brown University will deliver 37<sup>th</sup> annual Adelman lecture on the Jewish community of Turkey. All are welcome to this free meeting and social hour. See community.

**Hebrew Day "Prize is Right"**

6 p.m. at the Providence Marriott downtown. Annual raffle event with food and magic show. All are welcome. Purchase early bird tickets on line at *phds-event* or call the school at 331-5327. See community.

**MON., APRIL 23**

**Yom Ha-Atzmaut celebration at the JCC**

5 to 8 p.m. Israel Independence Day, dancing, childrens' activities. For more information, call Sue at 861-8800, ext.108.

**About Israel, cont.**

7:30 p.m. Tamarisk, 3 Shalom

Dr., Warwick. "Here and Now;" Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian discusses his recent experiences in Israel. Refreshments.

**TUES., APRIL 24**  
**NCJW David Project speaker**

6 to 7:30 p.m. JCC, 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence. "Pizza, Politics and Empowerment," understanding the Arab-Israeli conflict. With the BJE and the JCC. Especially helpful for high school students. RSVP to Shira Garber Strosberg at 331-0956, ext. 181 or sgarber@bjeri.org by April 17. See community.

**Israeli negotiator to speak at Beth-El**

7 p.m. Daniel Levy, former peace negotiator, think tank expert, journalist will speak on "How to be Pro-Israel." He will also comment on the Israeli-Palestinian history and the current Middle-East situation. See community.

**THURS., APRIL 26**

**Torat Yisrael fashion show**

6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner at Quidnessett Country Club. An evening of fashion & food for women and men. Fashions provided by Cold Water Creek, Sassy and Classy and Spardellos. \$30 per person (includes hors d'oeuvres and dinner). Call the Torat Yisrael office at 785-1800 for reserva-

tions. Deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**FRI., APRIL 27**

**JFS: Gutterman lecture**

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island will hold the eighth annual Julie Claire Gutterman Lecture at the Johnson and Wales Inn, Seekonk. Dr. Kenneth Hardy, a professor of marriage and family therapy at Syracuse University, will present "Working with Oppressed Clients: Understanding the Habits of Survival." For more information, or to register for the lecture, contact JFS at 401-331-1244.

**SAT., APRIL 28**

**Beth-El evening**

6:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El will hold "All Things Rhode Island: An evening of dinner, music and silent auction," its annual fundraiser for music and arts programming. Dinner provided by Guy Abelson & Russell Morin. Music by Mark Rasmusen & Mikelyn Roderick. Call the Temple office at 331-6070 for information and tickets.

**SUN., MAY 6**

**Mah jongg tournament at Am David**

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- Burning of Chometz: until 11:35 a.m.
- Passover begins: 6:52 p.m.
- Seder begins: 8:00 p.m.
- Passover ends: Tuesday, April 10  
8:15 p.m.

### Candle lighting times for Passover 2007

Providence time

- Monday, April 2.....6:52 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 3 .....8:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 6.....6:56 p.m.
- Sunday, April 8.....6:59 p.m.
- Monday, April 9.....8:09 p.m.

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RABBI DAVID BIELORY, at left, of the Kollel, hands a recognition award to Sue Suls, accepting for the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

ANDREW FRAWLEY, below, on drums and guitarist Ben Hymen of Soulfarm play at the Jewish Unity Live Siyyum Celebration sponsored by the Providence Community Kollel.

Photos by Jonathan Rubin

# Jewish unity celebrated at Kollel event



By Jonathan Rubin  
jrubin@jfri.org

WARWICK — Knowledge is power. On March 18, the simple task of reading one Jewish book brought hundreds of Rhode Islanders together in a celebration of Jewish learning. The Jewish Unity Live celebration, a program by the Providence Community Kollel, brought together more than 300 to the Crown Plaza Hotel for a classy night of caviar, music and celebrity.

Congressman James Langevin made some remarks about

his recent trip to Israel, and Alan Shawn Feinstein gave a televised "thank you," congratulating the group on bringing diverse Jews together for the sake of Jewish education.

"No matter how religious we are, or unreligious, we are all Jews," he said.

William Krieger led those assembled in a prayer said for a Siyyum, or the completion of a Jewish text. Adults and children participated in the second annual reading challenge, and the names and books of the read-

ers were posted in various locations around the city, including the Jewish Community Center and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

The event had a little bit of everything. There was live music, courtesy of the New York band Soulfarm. Achievement awards were given to Bea Ross and Dr. Michael and Elisa Felder, and another to the Jewish Community Center for its role in being a "center" of Jewish unity in the state.

At the gala event, Benjamin Brafman, criminal defense attorney to the stars (i.e. pop king Michael Jackson and hip-hop maestro Sean "P. Diddy" Combs) was the keynote speaker. He shared a story about how one Friday afternoon he successfully acquitted Combs of weapons and bribery charges in a highly publicized court case. When the media frenzy surrounded Brafman and asked if he was going to Disney World to celebrate his victory, he famously retorted, "No, it's Shabbat. I'm going to synagogue."

Jewish Unity Live was a local component of a national event; that week Kollles in New York, Florida, Texas and elsewhere held celebrations of their own.

The Kollel consists of four families who moved to Rhode Island in 2004 to act as full-time educators and programmers. They rent space in the Jewish Community Center and have added a dimension of study and scholarly work to the social service agency. The group received seed money from private philanthropists and now is trying to become self-sufficient through fundraising.

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## Survey finds 'April aggravation' for mixed couples

By Sue Fishkoff

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — December may be the cruellest month for intermarried families, with the annual tug-of-war between Christmas and Hanukkah.

But dilemmas surface again in the spring with Passover and Easter — especially when they fall in the same week, as happens this year.

A new survey of interfaith families shows that the spring-time holiday dilemma brings up the same issues as the Christmas-Hanukkah conflict, with some subtle distinctions.

The third annual Passover/Easter survey by InterfaithFamily.com, an organization that promotes intermarried couples making Jewish choices, looks at the holiday behaviors and attitudes of 236 interfaith couples raising their children solely as Jews. The survey was conducted in February, and results were released this week.

It found, among other things, that whereas the Christian partners in such relationships are comfortable with Passover, and even look forward to it, the Jewish partners do not feel the same about Easter. Seventy-eight percent of the Christian respondents look forward to Passover, while only 13 percent of Jewish respondents said they look forward to Easter.

And whereas no Christian respondents said they weren't looking forward to Passover, 29 percent of the Jews said they weren't looking forward to Easter. More than half, 51 percent, of the Jews said that participating in Easter celebrations made them somewhat or "very uncomfortable."

"It's interesting that both the Jewish and the non-Jewish respondents say they're comfortable with and are anticipating Passover, but it's a totally different picture with Easter," says Micah Sachs, InterfaithFamily.com's online managing editor. "The Jewish respondents have a high level of discomfort with Easter and are not looking forward to it."

Comparing those results to the group's Christmas/Hanukkah survey reveals a similar attitude on the part of Christian partners every December — 88 percent said they look forward to Hanukkah, and none said they don't look forward to it "at all."

But the survey shows that Jewish partners are much more accepting of Christmas celebrations than of Easter — 42 percent said they look forward to Christmas and only 8 percent don't look

forward to it "at all."

Ed Case, president and CEO of InterfaithFamily, points out that Easter and its resurrection story is the central component of Christian faith, which could have a lot to do with Jews' reluctance to celebrate it.

Christmas, however, can be approached as a historical story and a time for the family to get together.

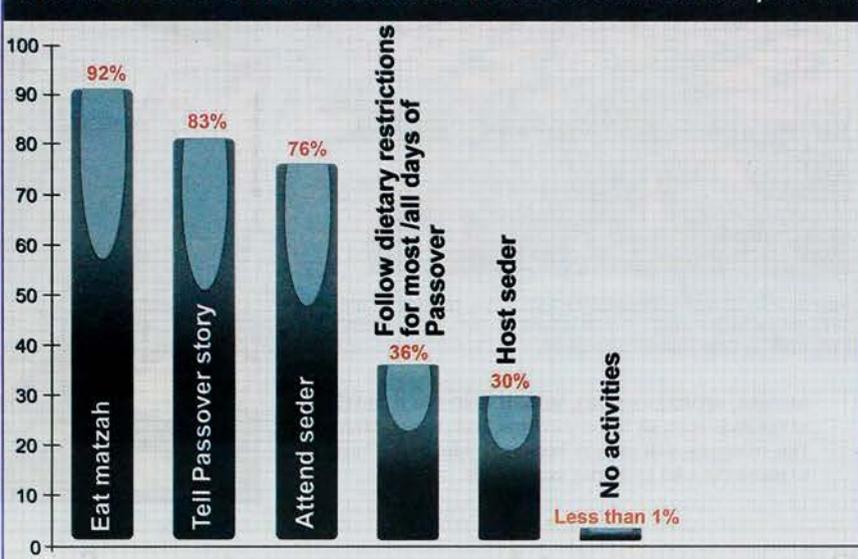
"While the culture in general, and probably many non-Jews, see Easter as secular, Jews still see it as a religious, potentially anti-Semitic holiday, but see Christmas as a more secular celebration," Sachs says.

While few of the intermarried families surveyed said their celebrations of Easter or Passover are deeply religious, many more said their Easter celebrations are entirely secular (67 percent) than the small number who said they treat Passover as entirely secular (2 percent). It's clear, Sachs and Case maintain, that both partners in these interfaith families are more comfortable with the religious aspects of the Jewish holidays than the Christian ones.

A second intriguing result of the Passover/Easter survey is the impact of the mother's religion on an intermarried family.

Numerous other studies indicate that a family's religious tone is more often set by the mother than the father. But this survey shows that the mother's religion has significant impact on an interfaith family's Easter celebration, whereas it does not seem to

What Passover activities will intermarried families take part in?



Source: InterFaithFamily.com

affect the family's participation in Passover.

Easter activities are much more common in families where the mother isn't Jewish.

Fifty-three percent of the non-Jewish women responding said they will decorate Easter eggs (versus 16 percent of the Jewish women); 47 percent will take part in an Easter egg hunt (versus 19 percent of the Jewish mothers); and just 15 percent will not take part in any Easter celebrations (versus 33 percent of families with Jewish mothers).

But participation in Passover is high whether it's the father or the mother who is Jewish: 80 percent of families where the woman is not Jewish plan to attend a Passover seder, versus 76 percent of families where the woman is Jewish; 45 percent of non-Jewish women will host seders, versus 54 percent of Jewish women; and almost all will eat matzah and tell the Passover story.

Sachs and Case emphasize that their survey results are not applicable to all intermarried families, but only to those that

have chosen to create Jewish homes and raise Jewish children.

They look at the holiday behaviors and attitudes of this group to bolster their organization's position that intermarriage in and of itself does not preclude the raising of Jewish children.

In fact, they say, the intermarried families in their survey, who all have chosen to raise their children exclusively Jewish, exhibit similar Jewish behaviors as those found by the 2000-2001 National Jewish Population Survey in families where both parents are Jewish.

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Above, KOSHER FOR PASSOVER COOKIES, roll off a conveyor belt ready to be packed into boxes at the Aviv matzah factory in Bnei Brak, Israel, March 19.



At right, WORKERS SORT, WEIGH AND PACK MATZAHS at the Aviv matzah factory in Bnei Brak, Israel, March 19. The company will export kosher products for Passover to more than 40 countries worldwide.

## Passover provides opportunity to focus on elders' spiritual needs

By Ben Harris

NEW YORK (JTA) — Four years ago, Pastor Stephen Weisser found himself struggling to meet the religious needs of Jewish residents of Paul's Run, an elder-care facility in Philadelphia affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

Roughly one-third of the 500 residents at Paul's Run were

Jewish — the percentage has since risen to half — but there was little opportunity to satisfy spiritual needs that many experts say increase with age. Many Jewish residents were unsure they could still be Jewish outside the context of synagogue membership, let alone in a Lutheran institution, Weisser said.

With help from materials prepared by Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism, a division of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Weisser will help lead two Passover seders at Paul's Run this year, serving roughly 140 people. The materials, part of a series called Sacred Seasons, are designed to help caregivers who

may not be familiar with Jewish traditions provide a spiritual outlet for Jewish elders.

"I've learned some of the songs. 'Last year I led 'Dayenu,'" Weisser said. "I put the stuff on my iPod so I can practice the singing, right from the Sacred Seasons materials. It was ringing in my ears on my way to work."

Sacred Seasons holiday kits have been downloaded from the rabbinical college's Web site by more than 240 communities across the world. But Jewish professionals say holiday celebrations are just one of many challenges facing older persons, a category that now includes a demographic never before seen: recent retirees in their 50s and 60s "sandwiched" between aging parents in need of care and their own children, who often still need help themselves.

According to the most recent National Jewish Population Survey, 19 percent of the Jewish population is over age 65 — compared to 13 percent of the general population — and the proportion is rising.

Older persons are the fastest-growing segment of American Jewry. Though a host of new initiatives has cropped up to equip communities to serve them, some Jewish professionals warn that the baby boomers face the possibility of several decades of good health post-retirement, with the attendant spiritual questions of later life, in a community obsessed with the needs of its younger members.

Rabbi Dayle Friedman, Hiddur's director, says the Jewish community — with its focus on the young and issues of Jewish

continuity — is largely ill-equipped and ill-prepared to deal with the changing demographics. Synagogues measure their vitality by the ratio of members to children in the religious school, Friedman says, a metric that discounts the value of an engaged older population.

"We've tended to look at elders as a population to be cared for or served, or a problem to be solved, as opposed to a vibrant potential population to engage," Friedman said. "We are aging. We can't stop that. We are going to have increasing numbers of elders in our midst, and we better start to revalue that and recast that as something positive."

With life-spans extending and many people now enjoying years of vitality and good health after retirement, Friedman says the wealth of time, wisdom and money today's elders enjoy can be a tremendous untapped resource for the Jewish community. But retired elders approaching the end of life often endure profound spiritual challenges that Jewish professionals may be unprepared to address.

As a result, recent retirees increasingly are looking beyond the synagogue to find meaning later in life, according to Rabbi Richard Address, director of the Department of Jewish Family Concerns at the Union for Reform Judaism, the department that runs the union's Sacred Aging initiative to meet the needs of the elder population.

"People in their 50s and early 60s, with less of a commitment

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## Books

### Who's afraid of Passover?

(The following suggestions are from the Bureau of Jewish Education Library compiled by Judith S. Greenblatt, Director of Library Services.)

New this year, from the author of "A Different Night: The family participation Haggadah": "A night to remember: the haggadah of contemporary voices." By Michael and Noam Zion. Zion Holiday Publications, 2007.

This new haggadah is about five books in one. The traditional text is all there - you can find it easily because it's the part on white paper. In addition to the complete order of the seder, there's a list of "side dishes," that includes children's activities, stories, women and liberators, social conscience, and discussions. There is new discussion about almost everything, and suggestions for raising and discussing many issues. The haggadah is replete with illustrations, many amusing, many thought provoking. One caution - don't try to use everything here at one seder, you won't finish until next Passover.

And for a very different guide, take a look at:

"Pesach for the rest of us: making the Passover Seder on your own." By Marge Piercy. Schocken, 2007.

Piercy's aim is to make the haggadah more accessible to secular Jews, with emphasis on contemporary and feminist

ideas. Food preparations are "heavy on the convenient" in order to focus on those aspects of the holiday she finds important, such as adding the Cup of Miriam, and including a fifth child in memory of those murdered during the Holocaust. There are frequent suggestions to change the seder to suit your needs. Included is a chapter of recipes, and histories of the origins of wine, horseradish, and other seder foods.

**More traditional is:**

"The art of Jewish living: the Passover seder." By Ron Wolfson. Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, 1988.

A step by step guide to preparations for, and conduct of the seder. Includes Hebrew, English, and transliteration.

**A new children's book:**

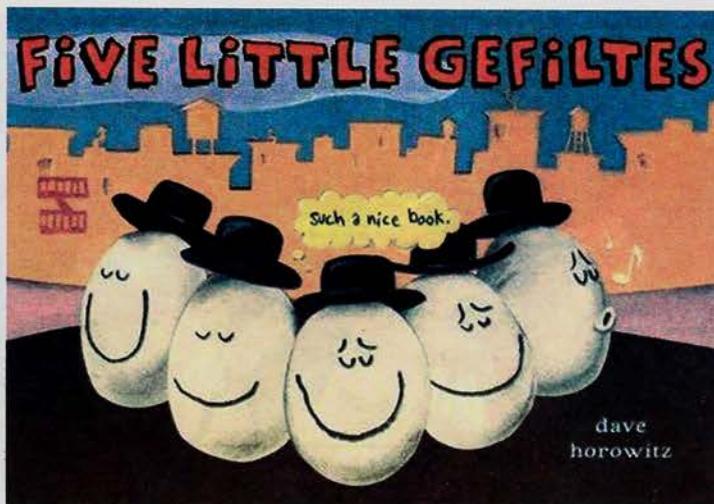
**Five little gefiltes.** By Dave Horowitz. Putnam, 2007.

A take off on five little ducks, these gefiltes escape from the jar so they can do a little exploring in New York City. They take a yellow cab, visit theaters and delicatessens, and swim in the bay. In addition, the book introduces Yiddish expressions. This is one that's just for fun.

**Old favorites:**

"The carp in the bathtub." By Barbara Cohen. Kar-Ben, 1987.

If you saw the carp swimming in your bathtub for a week, would you eat the gefilte fish?



"Only nine chairs." By Deborah Uncill Miller, Kar-Ben, 1983.

Twenty three people came to the seder, but there were only nine chairs. What to do?

"The Passover parrot." Kar-Ben, 1983.

About a parrot who lives in Brooklyn, chants the Ma Nishtanah, and loses an afikomen.

**And don't forget:**

"Abuelita's secret matzahs." By Sandy Sasso. Emmis, 2005. A New Mexico grandmother tenderly reveals the

family secret to her grandson: she is from a Marrano family.

"The secret seder." By Doreen Rappaport. Hyperion Books for Children, 2005. Jacques and his family attend a secret seder while hiding in a small village in France during World War II.

"The seder activity book." By Judy Dick. UAHC Press, 2001. Clever puzzles and activities about the seder.

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Facing the camera are, from left, Sydelle Rozbruch of Cranston, Esther Yanku of Cranston, and Bette Pitchon of Warwick.



Enjoying themselves at the seder were, from left, sisters Florence Wexler and Shirley Weiss, both of Cranston; Myron Winoker of Warwick and Cynthia Russian of Warwick.



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**Food**



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RIMON AJAMI checks a batch of her home-baked pastries in her Jerusalem kitchen on March 13.

## Catering to a cook's talents

*Catering classes offer woman a new road to self-sufficiency*

By Dina Kraft

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a kitchen stocked with round glass jars of pickled lemons, baby eggplant, and baskets of garlic and red peppers, Rimon Ajami is beginning to prepare a Passover seder for 40 people.

The client is one of Ajami's regulars now that she has started a business with the assistance of a program that trains low-income women to start catering companies, offering professional courses and microfinancing loans.

"When you cook out of love it changes the taste. It's not cooking for cooking's sake, it's an art form," Ajami said of her traditional Kurdish dishes like kubbeh, a bulgar wheat dumpling stuffed vegetables and cauliflower flower salad.

More than two years since joining the "Women Cook Up a Business" program, which receives funding from the Jerusalem Foundation and the New Israel Fund, Ajami is running a thriving catering business.

She caters dinner parties and

receptions, makes hot lunches for organizations and hosts meals at her home.

Ajami and her husband, Shmuel, can begin to pay back the debts they accrued when they sank into economic despair when his business as a building contractor crumbled after he started losing his vision.

Now Shmuel is in the kitchen with Ajami, cutting up artichokes for salads, shelling peas and making numerous runs to nearby Machane Yehuda, the capital's open-air fruit and vegetable market.

"My business saved not only myself but my husband," Ajami said.

She remembers the day she begged to be let into a cooking course the program was sponsoring. The family was struggling mightily; collection agents would come to the Ajami home almost daily to repossess belongings.

She would pass by beggars in the street and wonder if she would soon be among them.

In the two-year course, Ajami and about 25 other women have taken classes with a professional chef, who taught them how to cook in mass quantities. They learned about economic inde-

pendence and running a business from business consultants. And they were given personal counseling and coaching to help them stay focused on their goals.

The idea to turn women's cooking talents into income was the brainchild of Yosefa Tabib-Calif. At the time she ran the program in conjunction with two women's empowerment groups. She currently is a coordinator for economic and community projects for Shatil, the New Israel Fund center that consults with and trains non-profit organizations in Israel's civil society sector.

"People asked why would we put women back in the kitchen," Tabib-Calif said. "The idea here is to take women already in their 40s and 50s and not to fundamentally change their lifestyle and promise them they'll have new careers as doctors and lawyers, but to say, 'Here, we'll give you the tools to take your talents and translate them into making a living.'"

She hopes the program will be replicated elsewhere in Israel.

Sitting at her kitchen table shelling peas, Ajami said she shudders to think where she would be without the program.

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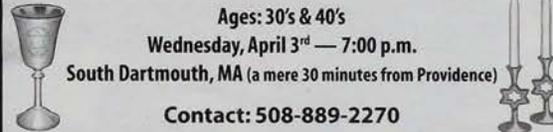
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**Food**

**CATERING**

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"I don't even dare think about it," she said, recalling the days she worried about putting food on the table.

The first daughter born to a Kurdish immigrant family from Turkey after four boys, she has been cooking since she was a young girl. She learned most of her recipes from her mother, but likes to experiment. For example, she makes vegetarian kubbeh stuffed with mushroom, pine nuts and onion; sweet potato pancakes; and grape leaves stuffed with brown rice.

She and her husband also make their own dessert liqueurs. Ajami shows off a vat of fermenting

pomegranates that soon will be ready for making into a sweet wine. Among her most popular liquors are cherry with almond, as well as strawberry. She serves them when guests come for meals to her home off a narrow street in the Nachlaot neighborhood.

Ajami would like to have more tourists from abroad come for such gatherings when they

**"When you cook out of love it changes the taste."**

visit Jerusalem.

Along with planning the seder, Ajami has a lengthy list of orders to fill. She sits back at the kitchen table and scribbles down recipes. Here's one:

**Kosher for Passover Kubbeh**

**For the dough:**

- 1 pound matzah flour
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt

**For the filling:**

- 1 pound minced meat
- 4 celery leaves
- 1 onion
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 3/4 ounces pine nuts

**Preparation:**

1. Cook meat over medium heat in a deep pan for about 20 minutes.
2. Add diced onion.
3. After onion becomes

translucent, add chopped celery leaves.

4. Let cook on low for approximately another 40 minutes and season with salt and pepper.

5. After mixture cools, add pine nuts and set aside.

6. Mix matzah flour with eggs, cracking in one egg at a time until the consistency is like bread dough. Mix in the water.

7. Take a small amount of dough, about the size of a tennis ball, and mold it with fingers into an oval shape (about 4 inches long).

8. Make a round hollow hole in the dough with fingers and fill with the meat mixture. Make sure to pat the dough over to close the hole.

9. Fry in olive oil until color is toasty brown.

Note: The uncooked kubbeh can be made in advance and frozen. The recipe should make about 20 kubbeh.

**One too many sufganiyot, and a 1000 calories behind**

By Reuven Yavner  
 Special to the JV&H

Okay, confession time. I've eaten my fair share of sufganiyot. One too many to be exact.

Welcome to the culinary world of Israel, where escalating cholesterol is the norm. A world where nutritional values fly beneath the radar, and where "fat free" is the equivalent of snowing in August.

Blame it on the fact that today's palette has no tolerance for any kind of mediocrity, never mind bad taste. Blame it on the fact that kids nowadays think it's our birthright to eat anything we see simply because that's what we've always done. Blame it on anything you want.

Add it all up, though, and what you get is the landscape of Israeli food; a culinary journey that had me eating salad in a pizza shop on a Saturday night, as trendy as wearing a pink shirt to synagogue. Roll the credits, fade to black.

But dieting is no Hollywood script. Ordering a salad in a pizza shop is like walking on some plank, out there by yourself, staring at the black water that swirls around you. The emotional energy it took to keep chasing this dream of a diet soon dwindled, perhaps a result of this feeling that someone's hand was in my wallet when I went into any establishment, which would be classified as healthy, the type of establishment nutritionists would mortgage their mothers for.

So I now seem to be staring at a future filled with, what I refer to as, glorified garbage.

And, yeah, I know that it's the marketplace, and, yeah, I know that it's no different from America. But that doesn't make it any less obnoxious.

Has anyone else had enough yet? I sure have.

Sometimes, I even question whether I'm just a lonely voice crying in the wilderness, as irrelevant as the humus left over after a falafel is finished.

Whole foods, I turn my lonely eyes towards you.

There's also a certain irony here, in that Israelis continue to stroll along as fit as ever. Seemingly immune to the plague of obesity that has stricken our planet. Think about that for a second. It almost defies belief.

Trouble in Paradise?

No, just a kid sick of the food. It's easy to be all lovey-dovey when you're eating well. Songs around the campfire, and pass the marshmallows. When you're not it gets more complicated, though. Egos are bruised. Fingers are pointed. Turf



Israeli jelly doughnuts

gets defended.

Not that I'm wide-eyed in all this, either. I know that when I have one too many doughnuts there's discontent, the price tag for growing up in a health-aware household. Don't misunderstand.

I still love this country, love the religion that surrounds it.

It's the food I'm sick of.

(Reuven Yavner, a former intern at the JV&H, filed this report several weeks ago from Israel, where he is studying for the year.)

MEDICAL ARTS

(Part 1) **Yellow fever: the great American plague**

In the early decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century a small wooden building, little more than a rudimentary shack, was erected on a promontory adjacent to Narragansett Bay. Its purpose was to provide quarantine quarters for those on sailing vessels showing the visible signs of a terrible pestilence called yellow fever. This was a disease of puzzling properties. It didn't seem to be contagious yet it spread, much like a contagion, through



**Stanley Aronson M.D.**

affected communities. Quarantining in this marine hospital did not diminish the local outbreaks of yellow fever but it served to show a credulous populace that the Rhode Island government was doing something to confront this fearful pestilence.

Yellow fever attacked Rhode Island in the last decade of the 18th century. But other than the local epidemic of 1797, the state escaped the major yellow fever devastations experienced by cities such as Philadelphia [in 1793], Memphis [in 1878] and New Orleans [in 1903].

**Spread**

To understand the manner by which yellow fever spreads from one victim to another, it is necessary to review its mortal path through recent human history, beginning with the rampant colonialism initiated by European nations in the 16th century.

In his journal for the year 1648, the Spanish archivist, Lopez de Cogolludo, recorded a terrible pestilence in the Mexican Yucatan peninsula. He described the malady as beginning with intense headache, muscle pains, raging fever and, what made the illness so distinguishable, the emergence of a yellow tint to the skin and eyeballs of the victim. Death was a common outcome. He noted, particularly in fatal cases, that the victim also developed persistent vomiting [with the vomitus looking like coffee-grounds]. In latter years the disease became known as Fiebre Amarillo, Fievre jaune, yellow fever or simply yellow jack.

The Spanish presumed that it was a local pestilence confined to the Caribbean islands and neighboring Mexico although the Portuguese had independently encountered the illness in their newly established colonies on the Brazilian coast. The mortality rate



(Dean Cornwell, Conquerors of Yellow Fever, 1941.)

amongst both European colonials and indigenous native Americans was tragically high but less so in slaves of African origin. The disease festered during the next century but was considered to be, like other alleged Caribbean sicknesses, a reasonable price to be paid for colonial exploitation.

In 1778 there was an outbreak of yellow fever in British troops stationed in Senegal, Africa. And the epidemiological question then emerged: Did yellow fever arise first in the Western Hemisphere or, alternatively, in Africa; or, independently, in both? The question remained unanswered until 18<sup>th</sup>-century explorers colonizing the upper Niger River noted areas of endemic yellow fever in villages bordering upon the rain forests of the African interior. The disease was particularly prevalent in male workers cutting down trees in response to a European craving for lumber. Yellow fever, amongst the native Africans, however, tended to be mild with a low mortality rate.

**Stimulus for the slave trade**

The Caribbean islands were progressively colonized by Europeans, particularly from Spain, England and France, during the beginning decades of the 18th century; and yellow fever, accordingly, became transformed from isolated outbreaks to a devastating disease of epidemic proportions changing the course of Western Hemispheric history. The Caribbean plantation workers, originally derived from the European [particularly English] unemployed, were decimated by the disease; and history has ascribed two monumental effects of Caribbean yellow fever: First, it became the major stimulus for the slave trade, from Africa, to replace the Europeans sickened by yellow fever since it was

believed that Africans were partially immune to the disease; and second, it encouraged France to abandon its plans for an income-producing colony in Haiti [and later, to forgo its plans, also, for a French Empire in North America by selling the Louisiana Territory to the United States in 1803].

The 19th century saw no lessening of the mortal effects of yellow fever, particularly on the Caribbean islands. And while it assumed the dubious role of becoming the Great American Plague, curiously, it never spread to the great population centers of Asia.

The United States witnessed three major yellow fever epidemics. The first paralyzed Philadelphia in 1793, then the young nation's capitol. The fever had been brought to the Delaware River region by refugee plantation owners, and their families, fleeing the revolution which had overtaken in Haiti.

The island of Cuba, a Spanish possession, became the endemic center of yellow fever in the 19th century; and represented a major public health problem to the invading American armies in the Spanish-American War commencing in 1898. It was the need to lessen the burden of yellow fever, both upon the American military in Cuba and the American workforce in Panama [where they were trying to construct an interocean canal] that finally led to a solution to how yellow fever was transmitted from one human to another; and how, by having this precious information, the disease might ultimately be contained.

*A second and concluding column on yellow fever will appear in the subsequent issue of the Jewish Voice & Herald. Dr. Aronson can be reached at smamd@cox.net.*



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AS WE GROW OLDER

# How did I become so cynical?

**L**ike most people, I consider myself fair and not judgmental. But, unfortunately, we all have biases and are judgmental. Instead of age mellowing me, I have become more wary — and, yes, quite cynical.



**Tema Gouse**

Mostly I have been optimistic, but realistic. And with a few dramatic exceptions, life has treated me well. It is rather morbid that now when I hear dire predictions, my first reaction is to be glad that I will not be alive to witness those disasters. But I experience only momentary relief because I remember my kids, and their kids, and the country that I criticize but love. And the potential problems can victimize all of them. And that is primarily why

***"It is difficult to remain optimistic when those in power are destroying the environment, pandering to the wealthy, cutting vital social programs, mucking up health initiatives, being diplomatically inept, ..."***

I am cynical. I see greed in forms never previously anticipated. "ME" has become more important than "THEY" and often, more important than "WE".

The idea of Today motivates more concern than Tomorrow. Individuals want instant gratification and instant solutions to problems, whether we are addressing problems of the workplace, the marriage, the child rearing — or the state of the union. And this impatience does not bode well for the future. The

future is theirs, not mine, but that does not diminish my anxiety.

One way to describe the early naivete that evolved into cynicism is to talk about elections. The first time that I voted in a presidential election was on November 2, 1944. (Yes, I am that old). And, of course, I voted for FDR. Didn't everybody? Well, as I matured, I learned that he too was not flawless but on 11-2-44 I was convinced that my vote ensured the best possible government.

But the real significance of that vote was that it was the last time I cast a vote with enthusiasm and naïve confidence. Every vote since then, be it municipal or statewide or federal has not been cast with expectation, but rather has been a vote for the lesser of two evils. And all too often, the worse of the two evils has gotten the majority vote. (How often in the last year have you heard someone express their inability to believe that the majority of the electorate made the choices they made?) And, not all my friends are liberals.

But it is difficult to remain optimistic when those in power are destroying the environment, pandering to the wealthy, cutting vital social programs, mucking up health initiatives, being diplomatically inept, ambivalent about illegal immigration, and showing no ability to end an unwarranted, costly war? It's scary.

Now to more mundane issues. Who else? The kids and their kids. You know who I mean. Those who alternate between giving you pride and terror. We taught our kids that saving was a virtue. They have taught their kids the virtue of being eligible for multiple credit cards. School problems were viewed by our parents as school problems. Today's parents view school problems as teacher or administration-founded. For my money, today's problems originate with the student or their parents. And I am no advocate of today's school systems.

I regret that the younger generation is not always committed to helping resolve the needs of others and worthwhile endeavors. They spend zillions on ear-destroying music and outrageous apparel while the symphony orchestra struggles to survive, and good taste seems to have gone out the window. As you can see, I am really crabby and disenfranchised.

Advertising in newspapers and on TV border on being insulting. Values are selfish and expensive. To replace my car would cost much more than my wonderful house that gave us comfort for 47 years.

Our generation acquired their tastes and principles from their caretakers, their parents, grandparents, and caring relatives. I am petulant and cynical because we have been less successful than those who raised us in transferring positive influences. We take pride in the accomplishments but are never free of concern for their futures. And we also worry that they do not share our concerns enough to contribute more to improve the world. Our generation, despite wars and depression, were aware of obligations.

Well, most of us were. And now, even though it is no longer our responsibility, we worry about the future. And that is why I so frequently sound off on today's politics, life styles, selfish self-interest, etc. etc. So, besides being cynical, I am often regarded as a pain the neck.

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



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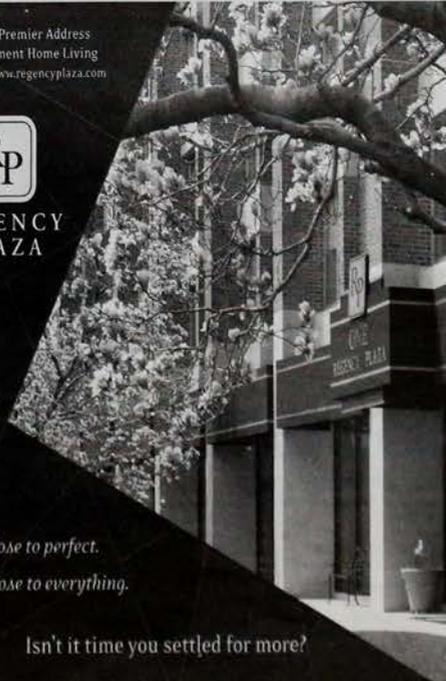
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The program is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, the Bureau of Jewish Education and the JCC.

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JENNIE (JEAN) DWARES, with her daughter Brenda (Dwares) Burkholder standing behind her, holds up a copy of The Jewish Voice & Herald, in the Leichtag (Seacrest Village) Family Assisted Living Residence in Ensenitas, Cal., where she lives. A R.I. resident for 47 years, Jennie moved to Sarasota, Fla., in 1995, and then moved with her daughter to California.

The newspaper invites readers to take the newspaper on their travels, snap a photo, write a caption, and send it to voiceherald@jfri.org. or mail to 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI, 02906. We will print it in our new interactive photo feature, "We are read everywhere."

**Historical meeting to spotlight Jews of Turkey**

PROVIDENCE — The 53rd annual meeting of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. All are welcome to this free program and social hour.

Marcy Brink-Danan, Dorot Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies and assistant professor of anthropology at Brown University, will deliver the 37th annual Adelman Lecture. Her topic will

be, "My Experiences with the Jewish Community of Turkey."

A graduate of Barnard College and Stanford University, Brink-Danan has won numerous research fellowships and has taught at Tufts and M.I.T. At Brown, she teaches courses on linguistic anthropology, Israeli society, and Sephardi and Mizrahi diasporas.

**Officers' slate**

The Historical Association will install the following officers:

Stephen M. Brown, president; Mel Blake, first vice president; David Gitlitz, second vice president; Maxine Goldin, secretary; and Jack Fradin, treasurer.

New members of the board of directors are: Kenneth Abrams, David Bazar, and Harris Weiner. Michael Schwartz will chair the annual meeting.

For additional information about the meeting and membership, call Anne Sherman at 331-1360.

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**Community**

**PHDS plans 'Prize' event**

PROVIDENCE — The "Prize is Right" is back again. Providence Hebrew Day School is holding its annual prize event on Sunday, April 22, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Providence downtown Marriott. This year the hosts are Arthur and Judy Robbins.

Besides the raffle, entertainment is planned featuring Ben Cohen, an illusionist and magician from New York.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Raffle prize drawings begin at 9 p.m. Minimum ticket purchase is \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased on-line at phds-event.com or call the school at 331-5327, ext. 9 to get a booklet or for more information. All are welcome.



ELISA FELDER shows off some of the prizes for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual 'Prize is Right' raffle and music event, to benefit the Providence Hebrew Day School.

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**'Leaders' meet at PHDS**

PROVIDENCE — Several dozen prominent figures from the worlds of science, culture, religion, and government arrived at the Providence Hebrew Day School on Wednesday evening, March 14, for "Meet the Leaders" night. They came from across the globe and across the centuries, the culmination of two months of research and writing on the part of the school's first through sixth graders.

The students dressed up as the leaders they had researched, stood in front of project displays and answered, in character, questions posed by parents, teachers, and fellow students. The great leaders included Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, various queens of England, Thomas Jefferson, Clara Barton, Claude Monet, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Walter Reed, as well as a number of important rabbinic figures and Jewish women leaders.

Maureen Sheehan, the general studies principal, oversaw the project. The students all received certificates of recognition for their work.

One parent, Dr. Michael Felder, said, "I have to say that last night's leadership program was absolutely fantastic. I enjoyed it so much and it seems to have had a wonderful educational benefit too."

The school's dean, Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, echoed this sentiment, noting the project's cross-curricular integration which included writing, research, art, and drama skills.



ELI WEISMAN with Ellen Corbett, judge, who is a former computer teacher at PHDS. Eli performed his research and was acting the part of Rochambeau.



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MEMBERS OF CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM hike Nahal David in Ein Gedi. In the front row are Aaron Rudnick and Rachel, Kim and Chelsea Bodemer. In the top row are Yonaton Weiss, Israeli Madrich, Becky Kalish, Tessa Rudnick, and Avi Nerenberg.

**Agudas Achim in Israel**

ATTLEBORO — Twenty-two members of Congregation Agudas Achim escaped the cold by traveling to Israel during February vacation week. This trip was the first ever-congregational mission to Israel for the community and was the first trip to Israel for all but three of the participants.

The group traveled with members of Congregation Hillel B'nai Torah of West Roxbury, another Reconstructionist congregation of similar size. Rabbis Elyse Wechterman and Barbara Penzner, of each congregation respectively, led the journey.

"We were on a whirlwind tour of Israel," Wechterman said. "We started in the southern Negev desert, just as our ancestors did and worked our way north toward the Galilee and Tiberius, over to Haifa, eventually ending in Jerusalem for Shabbat."

The group traced Jewish civilization and stopped to pray, study and celebrate in each place. "We studied portions of Pirke Avot from the Mishneh in the ancient synagogue of Tzippori, the very city in which Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi compiled the Mishneh," she said.

Other highlights of the trip included climbing Masada; the underwater observatory at Eilat; hiking Ein Gedi; studying with Agudas Achim's former Rabbi Gail Diamond in Jerusalem and celebrating Shabbat in the holy city.

Portions of this trip were subsidized by a Jewish Federation of R.I. missions' grant and by donations from the community.



CHELSEA BODEMER, 9, of Taunton checks out the three-week-old lamb at Moshav Tzippori in the Galilee.

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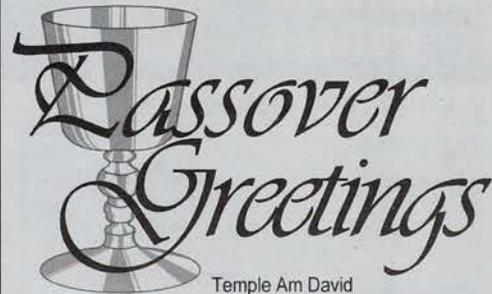
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The kitchen staff, from left, are Michael Frank, Kevin Dwares, Aaron Rosen, Michael Penn, Reid Redlich, Mindy Redlich and Barbara Dwares.

**Am David holds Meir Panim annual dinner**

By Jessica Perlman

WARWICK — It's not a secret that poverty and hunger are among Israel's largest dilemmas. According to its annual poverty report, 1.7 million people are living below the poverty level; 738,100 of them are children.

In 2000, David and Rivka Zilbershlag established Meir-Panim non-profit relief centers in Israel, to help those in need. The organization consists of soup kitchens, meals on wheels, after-school youth clubs, and provides meals for school children. It collects donations of toys, clothing, furniture, and electronics, as well as other amenities. The centers also offer vocational training, senior citizen's clubs, and counseling.

After Cantor Richard Perlman of Temple Am David showed a video tape of his visit to a Meir Panim relief center, Barbara



JACOB GOMEZ, 13, of Jamestown, and Benjamin Sack, 11, of East Greenwich, sell raffle at Temple Am David's annual fundraiser held March 10.

Dwares and her Dalet/Hey class decided to organize annual Meir Panim dinners for their mitzvah project, and have been doing so for the past three years.

This year the dinner took place on March 10. Members of Temple Am David, led by Dwares, volunteered to work in the kitchen and cook the traditional spaghetti and meatballs meal with the trimmings. Students in the Dalet/Hey class served the food, while others went around the room selling raffle tickets. The music of the evening was provided by Michael Sarenson, of Music Express.

Also in attendance were three Israeli emissaries, who emphasized the importance of a strong community.

"Being here gives us a lot," explained Ron Marom, 19, an emissary presently living in Worcester, Mass. "People want to contribute to our country, and strengthen the bonds between the Jewish community and Israel."

This year, approximately 180 people attended the event which raised almost \$ 2,500.

For more information, call 1-877-736-6283 or visit www.meirpanim.org

Jessica Perlman is a freelance writer from East Providence. She can be reached at perlman\_jessica@yahoo.com.

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**Let the mah jongg games begin!**

*Am David holding May tournament*

WARWICK – The women at Temple Am David are sponsoring a mah jongg tournament on Sunday, May 6, beginning at 1 p.m. with coffee and registration.

Two rounds will be played from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. After a refreshment break, round three will start at 4 p.m., with awards and prizes to follow at 5 p.m.

The cost for the tourney is \$18 and all players must register by April 20. The tournament is individually played and players should bring their 2007 score-cards. East will remain stationary and keep score.

Send checks to Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, R.I., 02888 payable to the temple. Include your name, address, phone number and email address, and whether you



want to be East and if you are bringing your own set.

For more information, call the temple at 463-7944.

On the previous Tuesday,

from 4 to 6 p.m., the women of Temple Am David will instruct novices to the game; there will be a further session at 11 a.m. on the morning of the event.

**Healing center plans class on Kabbalah**

PROVIDENCE — The R.I. Center for Jewish Healing will hold a study class on introduction to Kabbalah from 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 22 at the R.I. Holocaust Museum, located in the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave.

Kabbalah is considered to be the basis of Jewish mysticism.

Much of Kabbalistic tradition arises from the Zohar, and from the teachings of the 14<sup>th</sup>-century mystic Isaac Luria.

The class will be taught by Rabbi Aaron Lapin, the director of Project Shores. Currently he is leading a monthly class in the Mussar tradition, in addition to his other communal

teaching responsibilities and his private Torah study with individuals.

This will be an ongoing class if there is sufficient student interest.

The fee is \$20 for the class. Reserve a seat by email at ricenter@jamestownr.com, or phone at 267-0029.

**JCC plans bingo night**

PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Community Center is holding a bingo night on Sat., April 21, from 5 to 10 p.m. There will be special events for both adults and children.



This event is planned to raise funds to buy equipment for the children, youth, and camp department. While the parents play, the kids can enjoy movies, swimming, board games, and more.

The program is open to ages 5 and up, whether the parents are playing bingo or not. Anyone age 18 or over, with or without kids, can participate.

The kids night out program is \$25 per child for 5 - 10 p.m. (includes a dairy dinner) or \$15 per child for 7 - 10 p.m. only.

Bingo night includes dessert and coffee, with an entrance fee of \$10, and \$18 for one packet of cards (covers all the games).




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**Peace negotiator to speak at Beth-El**

PROVIDENCE — Daniel Levy, former peace negotiator for Israel, think tank expert, and journalist, will speak on Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m., at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Avenue.

His topic is: "How to be Pro-Israel." While this talk will include personal reflections on what it means to support Israel, Levy is also expected to comment on the history of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and the current Middle East situation.

This talk is co-sponsored by the Rhode Island chapter of Brit Tzedek v'Shalom — The Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, and by the adult enrichment committee of Temple Beth-El.

As a former Israeli government official, Levy is intimately familiar with the ups and downs of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. In 1995 he worked on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's "Oslo 2" team, which arrived at terms to implement the Oslo peace agreement.

In 2001 he was one of Prime

Minister Ehud Barak's negotiators at Taba. In 2003 he was head of the working-level Israeli group at discussions resulting in the Geneva Initiative, an unofficial model for a peace settlement negotiated by prominent Israelis and Palestinians. He was the lead Israeli drafter of that agreement.

Additionally, as an Israeli government official, he often dealt with relations with Palestinians. From March 2000 to March 2001, Levy was senior policy adviser to Minister of Justice Yossi Beilin, responsible for coordinating policy on peace negotiations, civil and human rights, and the Palestinian minority in Israel.

During the Barak government, he also worked in the Prime Minister's office as special advisor and head of the Jerusalem affairs unit under Minister Haim Ramon.

Since leaving the government, Levy has been in residence at various Israeli and American

think tanks, authoring several reports on diplomacy, the Middle East, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Currently, he is senior fellow and director of the Prospects for Peace Initiative at the Century Foundation and a senior fellow at the New America Foundation. He has written extensively for a broad range of publications including Ha'aretz, The Jerusalem Post, The Boston Globe, United Press International, The American Prospect, The International Herald Tribune, TPMCafe.com, and The Evening Standard. For more information, contact Phil Rosen at 247-4734 or email Philip\_Rosen@brown.edu.

**Environmental Alliance to meet**

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Jewish Environmental Alliance is hosting a special meeting for new members at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Lounge.

**Author Blum to speak on 'Those Who Save Us'**

PROVIDENCE — The R.I. Holocaust Museum is planning an open forum and discussion with Jenna Blum, author of "Those Who Save Us." This free presentation will be held April 18 at 10 a.m. at Laurelmead, 355 Blackstone Blvd.

Hadassah Magazine awarded Blum the Harold U. Ribalov Prize, for excellence in Jewish-themed literature.

The Boston Globe describes Blum's work as "vast and intimate in its reach."

Hazel Rochman of Booklist wrote that Anna's story is a gripping mystery in a page-turner that raises universal questions of shame, guilt and personal responsibility.

For information or to reserve a spot, contact May-Ronny Zeidman at 453-7860.

**M.D. to speak on Ashkenazi cancer risk**

PROVIDENCE — An informal presentation on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer and the Ashkenazi Jewish risk will be given by Dr. Laura Nevel on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave.

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**BUSINESS PROFILE**



Photo by Frank Belsky

(From left) Saul Spitz (seated), with Paul Levitt, Judi Blau and Claire Sennott at Spitz-Weiss Realty

## Age-defying realtor in the biz for half a century

By Frank Belsky

PROVIDENCE — At 93 years old, Saul Spitz finally decided that he wanted a little more time for himself, so he downshifted his work schedule; now he only puts in eight hours a day, seven days a week. This gives him a little more time to ride his stationary bike or swim a half-hour in the mornings (he wakes up at 5:30).

The dynamo founder and president of Spitz-Weiss Realty, on Hope St., in Providence, credits his work ethic for fueling his 51 years of growth in the East Side's lucrative real estate market. He also has a phenomenal memory, and has a mental rolodex of hundreds of phone numbers. He lives in a newly built ranch house on Eighth Street.

Few know Hope Street and the East Side as intimately as Spitz; he built a good portion of it while he and his brother-in-law ran a construction company, Heritage Estates, and supervised the construction of an estimated 1,500 new area homes. (He said many of those he didn't build on the East Side he often ended up selling, sometimes four or five times over the years).

He worked as vice president of a retail store, The Gob Shop, and then in the 1950s ended up in Florida where he went to real estate school. He returned home, and the rest was history.

He says his "supposedly advanced age" hardly encroaches on his life style, although he does lament the passing of close friends and family, including his daughter and beloved wife.

"My wife was my best friend and remained my high school sweetheart throughout our marriage," he said. She passed away 10 years ago.

Besides his stint in Florida Spitz has spent most of his life in Rhode Island, and was a member of Brown's class of '36. "This has always been a stable, close knit community," he said, but over the years things couldn't have changed more; gone are the five and ten cent stores, independent drug stores, movie theaters, hardware stores and markets like the old A & P. Instead, another industry supplanted them

— Hope Street has become "restaurant row."

Then again, lots of numbers are different today; A house that sold for \$200,000 two years ago might be worth half as much today. Given the real estate slump, it also won't move as quickly as it did then and advertising disbursement has become complex since the emergence of the Internet.

The Spitz-Weiss "team," includes Judi Blau, Paul Levitt, Claire Sennott, Aleen Weiss, and brothers Jon and Howard Weiss. They extend a special invitation to first-time buyers who receive custom designed advice regarding insurance, mortgages, home improvements, lead inspection and more.

Spitz considers himself fortunate to associate with a family-oriented business. "Everyone here is close, especially my partners, Jon and Howard Weiss," who is also his son-in-law.

Finally, Spitz offers his own invitation: "I'm here 56 hours a week to answer questions and discuss any issue." Readers may drop in to the office at 785 Hope Street or call 272-6161.

Frank Belsky is a freelance writer and owner of IBS printing. He lives in Pawtucket.

## Jewish Convalescent Home expanding

NEW BEDFORD — A major renovation project is planned by the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home on Hawthorn Street.

A gift from the Tatelbaum family in memory of Matthew Tatelbaum has allowed the Home to begin the project, which includes the reconstruction and modernization of an enlarged physical, occupational and speech therapy room on the first floor. The second phase involves a two-story build-out on either side of the front of the building. The new construction will house the displaced offices, as well as a new sunroom and activities room, a more welcoming entrance and seating area for residents and visitors, and additional front-office and reception space.

**BUSINESS BRIEF**

## Percelay buys Moshassuck Square apts. for \$10M

Bruce A. Percelay is founder and Chairman of the Mount Vernon Company of Boston, which announced this month his purchase of the Providence apartment complex, Moshassuck Square, for \$10 million.

The 122-unit apartment lies near the intersection of Charles and North Main Streets was built in the 1970s.

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Percelay was born in Providence and raised in Pawtucket, where his parents still reside. He currently lives in both Boston's Back Bay and Nantucket.



Bruce Percelay

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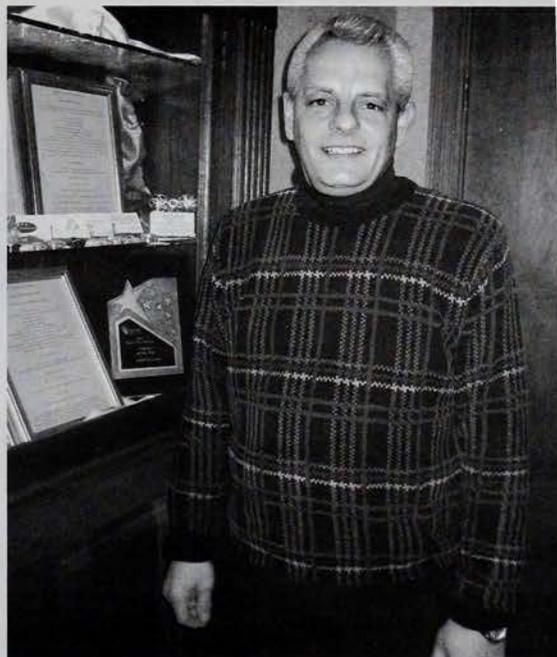
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**What's the best thing about your work?**

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**Any volunteerism or Jewish community involvement you'd like to mention?**

Our daughters Amanda, Samantha and Rebecca have received their Jewish education at the South County Hebrew School. My wife, Joni, and I along with our three daughters, attend services at Temple Beth David in Narragansett. Amanda has been Bat Mitzvahed. Samantha and Rebecca will be working towards their Bat Mitzvah in the near future.

Frank Belsky is a freelance writer and owner of IBS printing. He lives in Pawtucket.



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**KITCHEN**

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Every single week (except in summer), the all-volunteer kitchen makes enough food for 200, and then delivers it to Crossroads Rhode Island, a homeless services agency on Broad Street in Providence.

The program is named in memory of educator and soup maven Judy Mandelbaum, mother of congregation member Dr. David Mandelbaum. Her vegetable soup recipes are used every week.

The kitchen has grown to involve hundreds of volunteers and supports itself through donations. Much of its growth is credited to a small dynamo with a penchant for brightly colored hats named Harriett Frank. Soft-spoken but intensely driven, Frank maintains a massive email list from which she sends out the call — and thank yous — every week.

She makes it fun — she distributes T-shirts and gives the kids a pep talk about the *mitzvahs* they are doing for their commu-

nity. She's created partnerships with the Martin Luther King School, whose students donate their "dress-down day" funds to the Kitchen. Other groups send volunteers their way on a regular basis, including local churches and synagogues, scout troops, high schools like St. Mary's Bay View Academy and Barrington High, Johnson and Wales University and the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"Helping out here is a quick *mitzvah*," said Frank. She said she was inspired by St. Patrick's Church on Smith Street, which has operated a soup kitchen for more than 25 years. Judy's Kitchen opened its doors on Thanksgiving 2004 and originally used the synagogue as a dining area. In 2005 it switched to bringing the food to Crossroads.

It opens for business at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays and prepares food until 10:30. A second round of volunteers, including some from the first shift, show up at Crossroads at 11, and help deliver and serve the soup, sandwiches

and cookies to a series of packed rooms. Others stay behind at the synagogue and help clean up.

The group tries to create a "dignified" setting; rather than have people line up for food, volunteers act as wait staff and serve to those seated at tables.

The group also collects winter clothes and toiletries.

Sonya Feldman is a regular at the kitchen. She's slaving over a hot stove — literally — stirring a massive cauldron of soup.

"I cannot give money, but I can give myself," she says.

Frank says that cleaning pantries for Passover can yield a lot of unwanted food that can be "regifted."

Even though the soup kitchen will be closed for Passover, individuals in the community are making food out of their homes so no one is left disappointed this holiday.

Children eight years and up are welcome to volunteer.

For more information, call 722-5645, email [billharriettfrank@cox.net](mailto:billharriettfrank@cox.net) or visit [www.judy'skindnesskitchen.org](http://www.judy'skindnesskitchen.org).

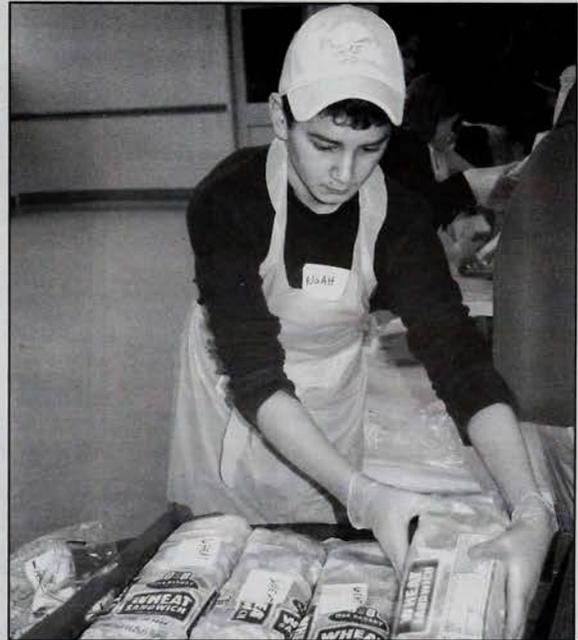


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**NOAH JENNIS, 13, of Providence, stacks peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless at Judy's Kindness Kitchen at Congregation Beth Shalom. He learned about the program during his bar mitzvah preparations.**

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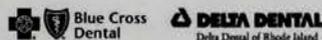
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### Mifflin C. Bunting, Jr., 70

PAWTUCKET — Mifflin C. Bunting, Jr., 70, died March 8. He was the husband of Lenore (Levin) Piper Bunting. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Mifflin C. Bunting, Sr. and the late Mary (Digby) Bunting.

A graduate of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., he was employed as a systems engineer with IBM and NCR prior to retiring in 1998.

 He served in the Air Force National Guard.

Mr. Bunting was a member of Temple Beth-El and its social action committee.

Besides his wife, he leaves four stepchildren, Lisa Piper Gilbert of White Plains, N.Y.; Marc L. Piper of North Dartmouth, Mass.; Molly H. Piper of Newton Highlands, Mass.; and Rachel Kennedy of Amherst, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Jacob and Owen Piper, Meira, Eden, Josiah and Elijah Gilbert and Sarah and Caleb Kennedy. He was the brother of the late Dorothy Bunting.

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### Lillian R. Crock, 93

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Lillian R. Crock, 93, formerly of New Bedford, died March 7. She was the wife of the late Jerry Crock. They were married for 62 years. She was a daughter of the late Julius and Fannie Kivowitz.

She leaves a son, Stan, and his wife, Pam Brown, of Chevy Chase, Md.; two daughters, Betty Shapiro and her husband, Peter, of Concord, N.H.; and Judi Mickelson and her companion, Paul Cromwell, of New Bedford; two sisters, Bea Horvitz of Delray Beach and Barbara Gotlib of North Dartmouth; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Haskell Kivowitz.

Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

### Mary (Kantorwitz) Engle, 83

PROVIDENCE — Mary (Kantorwitz) Engle, 83, died March 10. She was the wife of Melvin Engle. They were married for 60 years.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, David and Ronnie Engle of Cranston and two daughters, Carol and her husband, Robert Stupell, of East Greenwich, and Ellen and her husband, Rob Connor, of Winchester, Va.; and five grandchildren, Henri, Todd, Lane, Jordan and Lauren.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

### Harold Fishman, 94

WARWICK — Harold Fishman, 94, died March 20. Mr. Fishman was born in Providence Aug. 7, 1912, one of eight children of the late Louis and Sarah (Spivack) Fishman. He was the husband of the late Tessie (Walder) Fishman for 53 years.

A lifelong resident of Rhode Island, he was a painting contractor for many years.

 He served in the Army during World War II.

An avid baseball fan, Mr. Fishman was active for many years in the amateur baseball leagues, both as a player and a manager, and was proud of the many championships won by his teams. He was instrumental in bringing Little League baseball to Rhode Island, and coached Little League teams for many years. For his Little League activities, he was honored with induction into the R.I. Little League Hall of Fame.

He leaves two sons, David, and his wife, Linda, of Bloomfield, Conn. and Green Hill, R.I.; and Charles and his wife, Margaret, of Washington, D.C.; four daughters, Kayla Fishman of Newport, Bernice Simons of Bradenton, FL.; Laura Landes and her husband, Jerald; and Susan Anderson and her husband, Timothy, all of Parrish, Fla.; a sister, Mildred St. James, of Warwick, formerly of Cranston; 13 grandchildren, Douglas Fishman and his wife, Willa Bloch; Dr. Sarah Boyle and her husband, Hugh; Morgan Fishman and his wife, Melayne; Jessica Fishman and her husband, Dr. Greg Bisson; Jonathan Chernov and his wife, Jolita; Daniel Chernov, Elizabeth Fishman, Lawrence Kemick and his wife, Melissa; Marc Kemick, Brent Landes, Adam Landes, Amanda Anderson and Timothy Anderson; seven great-grandchildren, Mathias and Casey Boyle, Heather and Nicholas Kemick, Zoe and Lili Fishman, and Lucy Bisson, and several nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Daniel, Nathan, and Irving; and his sisters, Bessie Goldman, Lena Zettel, and Anne Armstrong; and grandfather of the late Sarah Chernov.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center.

### Oscar Gelbtuch, 94

PROVIDENCE — Oscar Gelbtuch, 94, died on Feb. 8. Born in Poland, he was the son of the late Alexander Gelbtuch and Pearl (Katz) Gelbtuch. He is survived by his wife, Frieda.

A Holocaust survivor who spoke English, Yiddish, German and Russian, he and his wife came to Rhode Island in 1950.

Mr. Gelbtuch was a member of the former Shaare Tzedek Congregation in South Providence and Congregation Beth Shalom. He was also a member of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum.

He worked at American Insulated Wire for 25 years, retiring in 1978.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Sam Gelbtuch and his wife, Madeleine; and a daughter, Bernice Fishman and her husband, Eric, of Silver Spring, Md.; five grandchildren, Daniel, Ruthi and Gabriel Gelbtuch; Rachel and Michael

Fishman and his wife, Shira; and several cousins. He was the brother of the late Israel Gelbtuch.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom or the Providence Hebrew Day School.

### Claire Grossman, 87

PROVIDENCE — Claire Grossman, 87, died March 18. She was the wife of the late Samuel Grossman. Born in Germany, a daughter of the late Abraham and Laura (Grub) Melzer, she had lived in Providence for 71 years. She was an executive housekeeper for the former Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence for 10 years, retiring in 1985.

Mrs. Grossman was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Hadassah and ORT.

She leaves two sons, Jerry Grossman and his wife, Rhoda, of Edison, N.J.; and Ted Grossman and his wife, Ruth, of Sharon, Mass.; seven grandchildren, Craig and Alison Grossman, Cara and Jeffrey Klein, Aaron and Melissa Grossman and Michael Grossman and his wife, Molly Jacobson; and five great-grandchildren, Spencer, Griffin, Bennett, Liza and Samson. She was also a sister of the late Asher and William Melzer and Dora Laster.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

### Milton S. Horowitz, 91

CRANSTON — Milton S. Horowitz, 91, died March 15. He was the husband of Rita (Berger) Horowitz. They were married for 61 years. Born in Cranston, a son of the late David C. and Bertha (Wollman) Horowitz, he had lived in Cranston since 1955.

Mr. Horowitz was the owner of Bond Mfg. Co., Providence and the former M&F Casting Company for 20 years, retiring in 1980.

 He was a World War II Army veteran serving in the military police.

He was a member of Jewish War Veterans Post 23, Disabled American Veterans, Temple Torat Yisrael and B'nai Brith.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, David Horowitz of Warwick; two daughters, Elaine Phillips of Naples, Fla., and Davina Placella and her husband, Louis, of Glenwood, Md.; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Naomi, Sarah, Luke, Samuel, Grace and Nathan and a great-granddaughter, Sara. He was the brother of the late Josephine Weiser.

Contributions may be made to Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02905.

### Alfred Jaffe, 88

PROVIDENCE — Alfred Jaffe, 88, died March 18. He was the husband of Betty J. (Rossyn) Jaffe for 53 years. Born in Newport, May 13, 1918, he was the son of the late Max and Bertha (Nass) Jaffe.

He attended Rogers High School, Rhode Island State College (URI) and Columbia University, where he received three degrees. He was the first university trained orthodontist in Rhode Island and practiced here and in Newport for 45

years.

 He served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a dentist, and saw overseas duty in Okinawa, rising to the rank of captain.

Active in the community, he was a long-standing member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves a sister, Rose Prescott of Providence; a son, David, and his wife, Cori Miller, of Manhattan; two daughters, Miriam Jaffe, and her husband, Martin Browne, of Newton, Mass.; and Sarah Jaffe and her husband, Richard Eisert, of Manhattan; and four grandchildren, Zachary and Sydney Jaffe and Alexander and Nathaniel Eisert, all of Manhattan. He was the brother of the late Harry Jaffe of West Hartford.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made to the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

### Sarah R. Kietzmann, 30

BOULDER, COLO. — Sarah R. Kietzmann, 30, died Feb. 28. She was the wife of Joseph Kietzmann. Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of Louis Silverstein and the late Donna (Mello) Silverstein.

Mrs. Kietzmann received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, in 2000 and graduated with honors in 2002 from The Institute of Culinary Education in New York City. She completed an apprenticeship at the Radius restaurant in Boston before returning to Boulder in 2003, where she was the sous chef at Whole Foods. She was formerly the sous chef at Redfish Boulder and executive sous chef at the St. Julien Hotel and Spa. She recently taught in the Culinary School of the Rockies.

Besides her husband and father, Mrs. Kietzmann leaves two brothers, Harry Silverstein and his wife, Nicole, of New York; and Jeffrey Silverstein and his wife, Ann, of Maryland; two sisters, Amy Breaud of Florida and Audrey Henry of Massachusetts; her mother and father-in-law, Gary and Rita Kietzmann of Ft. Collins, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Janelle Kietzmann of Ft. Collins and five nieces and nephews, Max, Rosie, Meghan, Matthew and C.J.

Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Contributions may be made to Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, MA 02747 or Friends Academy, 1088 Tucker Rd., No. Dartmouth, MA 02747.

### Elizabeth Lassofo, 93

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Elizabeth Lassofo, 93, formerly of Hartford, Conn., died March 3. She was the wife of the late Fred Lassofo. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rebecca Hirshkowitz.

Mrs. Lassofo loved to travel, was an avid reader and enjoyed intellectual discussion. She was a liberal and a supporter of Israel.

She was a member of Temple Beth Israel in Hartford and later joined the Golden Lakes Temple in West Palm Beach.

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**OBITUARIES**

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She leaves a son, Dr. Gerald Lassoff of Hemmet, Calif.; a daughter, Linda Waxler and her husband, Robert, of Dartmouth, Mass.; two brothers, Harold Grabow of West Hartford and Milton Grabow of Vero Beach, Fla.; and two grandsons, Jeremy Waxler and Adam Landau. She was also the sister of the late Francis Rosenblatt and Shirley Tulin and grandmother of the late Jonathan Blake Waxler.

Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

Contributions may be made to: Jonathan Blake Waxler Memorial Prize for Social Justice, UMass Dartmouth Foundation, UMass Dartmouth, MA 02747.

**Jean Yaffe Lieberman, 78**

MANCHESTER, Conn. — Jean Yaffe Lieberman, 78, also of Delray Beach, Fla., died March 18. She was the wife of Morton Lieberman.

Mrs. Lieberman was an accomplished tennis player, avid bridge player and a voracious reader, having been the head librarian of Sadd Memorial Library in South Windsor. She enjoyed world travel and bird watching and was a lifelong Democrat.

She attended the University of Connecticut and was a Huskies sports fan.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Joshua Karlin of Providence; Philip Karlin and his wife, Rhonda, of West Hartford, Conn.; a daughter, Rebecca Karlin Fox of South Windsor, Conn.; a step-daughter, Andrea Lieberman of Hanover, N.H., and four grandchildren, Jonah,

Daniel and Nina Karlin and Noah Fox. She is also survived by two of her three sisters, Ruth Radin of Center Valley, Penn., and Ester (Sis) Rothenberg of Delray Beach, Fla. She was the sister of the late Miriam (Mimi) Cohn.

Burial was in Temple Sinai Memorial Park in Connecticut.

Contributions may be made to the World Wildlife Fund or Temple Sinai in Newington.

**Gertrude Orenberg, 80**

CRANSTON — Gertrude Orenberg, 80, died March 13. She was the wife of the late George Orenberg. Born in Newark, N.J., a daughter of the late Samuel and Sophie (Lokin) Levine, she had lived in Cranston for 47 years.

She was a graduate of Newark State College, now Kean College of New Jersey and received a master's of education degree from Rhode Island College.

Mrs. Orenberg was a first grade teacher at Hope Elementary School in Scituate for 30 years, retiring in 1994.

She was an active member of NAMI ((National Alliance on Mental Illness) serving in various offices of the New Avenue affiliate and as a volunteer at Butler Hospital since 1995. She served on the board of directors of Gateway Healthcare and Riverwood Mental Health Services.

Mrs. Orenberg was a member of Temple Beth-El.

She leaves two sons, Robert Orenberg and his wife, Lisa, of Hollis, N.H., and Kenneth Orenberg of Bristol; two daughters, Sandra Greenspan of Housatonic, Mass., and Amy Orenberg of Cranston; a sister, Lillian Schwartz of Marlboro,

Mass.; six grandchildren, Marc, Jennifer, Alison, Ian, Mikayla and Abigail; and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Jetrin and Caitlin.

Contributions may be made to NAMI, 82 Pitman St., Providence, RI 02906.

**J. Joslyn Presser, 88**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — J. Joslyn Presser, 88, died March 10. He was the husband of Marilyn Presser. He was previously married to the late Betty Goldin Presser.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Isadore and Rose (Hecker) Presser.

Mr. Presser, a retired math teacher, was an active member of Temple Beth-El and taught in its religious school for many years. He was also an active member of Temple Emanu-El prior to moving to Knoxville in 1993. More recently he was involved in the Heska Amuna Synagogue of Knoxville.

He was a veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Robert Presser and his wife, Enid; and Sheldon Presser; a daughter, Anne Franklin, and her husband, Wayne; and two stepchildren, Lisa and Michael Cohn; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the brother of the late Sadye Goldstein, Sylvia Kelman and Jessie Presser.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery.

**Abraham M. Treiff, 94**

FALL RIVER — Abraham Treiff, 94, died March 11. He was the husband of Mildred (Friedman) Treiff. Born in New York City, a son of the late Nathan and Rachel (Sanders) Treiff, he had lived in Fall River

since 19+8.

Mr. Treiff was the founder and president of the former Center Garment Co. of Fall River. He was recognized as one of the leaders in dress manufacturing when he was voted by the Fall River Chamber of Commerce and the New England Apparel Assoc. as the apparel manufacturer of the year in 1988. He was a member of the board of directors and a founder of the Connecticut Dress Manufacturers Assoc. and a member of the Joint Board of Dress Manufacturers Assoc. of New York. He was a past member of the board of Popular Price Assoc. of Contractors and a past member and member of the board of the New England Apparel Manufacturing Assoc.

Mr. Treiff was a member of

Temple Beth El and Congregation Adas Israel. He was a former member of Crestwood Country Club, the Watuppa Lodge of AF & AM of the Masons, and the Kavodian Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Harvey Treiff of Fall River, Richard Treiff of Fall River and Ronald Treiff of Newburyport, Mass.; six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Cindy, Anne, Daniel, Jessica and Emily; and four great-grandchildren, Brett, Zachariah, Evan and Alex. He was the brother of the late Solomon Treiff, Rachel Treiff and Edna Cohen.

Burial was in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Fall River.

Contributions may be made to the Fall River Diabetes Assoc., 170 Pleasant St., Fall River, MA 02720.



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# My Voice

By May-Ronny Zeidman

**P**assover has been my favorite holiday since I was a child. I looked forward to every detail in preparation for this wonderful week celebrating the Exodus.

When I married, I knew that Passover would be more elaborate and special because I could now make it the Passover of my dreams. I took chunky applesauce from a childhood friend's home and the search for *chumetz* from another. I read and incorporated all these traditions into my home.

When my first husband's grandfather died in 1972, Bob and I brought the Seder into our home. Oh what joy, the Seder and all it entails is ours! Second look, oh what work! We made two Seders and invited both our families and friends to join us. Most years there were at least 35 people at our table. As we sat down, Bob at the head of the table and me at the foot, we would smile at each other and silently acknowledge each others contributions to bringing this glorious family and friend gathering together.

After Bob's death, my sons and I continued to make the Seders. New friends joined the table, but there was always the missing seat. Preparation became more stressful because of memories of that empty seat.

With my marriage to Rubin, Passover Seder took on a new look...his family joined ours. We now had my family, Bob's family and Rubin's. More work, more stress, but the joy of sitting down with all these loved ones was worth every weary feeling. When the last dish

## Passover and empty spaces at the table



was washed and I could finally sit down after a long week of preparation, and enjoy the enormous feeling of happiness and accomplishment that we were brought together another year in celebration and in re-telling the Exodus.

As the years passed, Rubin passed away, as did parents, other dear relatives and close friends. Preparation for Passover became a doubled-edge sword. A holiday filled with excitement and anticipation of again bringing loved ones together and the terrible feelings of loss for those empty seats added major stress and anxiety to my holiday. Although those closest to me knew how I felt, there was no way they could help me free myself from my deep sadness.

Miracle of miracles! While

telling a friend of my pain for my empty seats, she made the suggestion that I set a table for all my lost souls at the Passover table, if only in my mind. I gave this considerable thought and told another friend about her suggestion. This friend suggested that I take out pictures of these people and keep them in front of me as I prepare for the holiday.

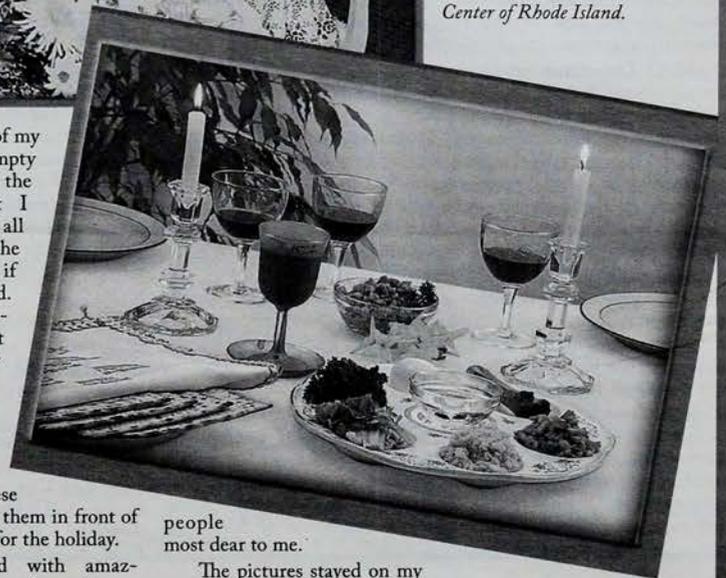
This I did with amazing results. There they all were watching and encouraging me as I wore myself out doing what I love best...sharing my talents with the

feel better, I accepted the fact that there is no growing older without having empty seats at a table.

Before the Seder, I mounted all the pictures on a board and brought them into the dining room. As I greeted my guests before we began, I acknowledged those who were no longer with us. I told my guests that much of who I am today is because of the influence these people had on my life and although they are not physically here they certainly are in my heart and in many of their hearts.

The empty seats are now filled with young souls who hopefully will remember Seder at *bubbe's* as a time of joy, family, friends and retelling the Exodus. I guess in the end it all comes down to L'Dor V'Dor.

May-Ronny Zeidman is the executive director of The Holocaust Education and Resource Center of Rhode Island.



people most dear to me.

The pictures stayed on my kitchen counter in a beautiful array of smiling faces reminding me of the joy they brought into my life. As I began to

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to the congregation as a transcendent Jewish institution, are basically leaving," Address said. "This generation has much more of a fee-for-service mentality."

At Congregation M'kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, N.J., a committee of seniors held a senior seder March 8 that attracted 80 people. The seder followed a special haggadah prepared for the occasion that reworked aspects of the Passover story to include themes that resonated with older people.

The Ten Plagues, for example, were recast as afflictions like

loneliness and disability that affect seniors. A number of musicians enlivened the festivities with age-appropriate tunes like the Beatles' "When I'm 64."

"It came from the idea that each of us has our own Mitzrayim from which we have to escape and seek redemption," said Joyce Kay, who helped organize the seder. "Mitzrayim" is the Hebrew word for Egypt, but also is used to mean a spiritually narrow or restrictive place.

Though the seder wasn't formally a product of the Sacred Aging initiative, its objectives —

particularly in providing a social opportunity for older congregants — meld nicely with Address' relationships-based approach to serving older congregants.

"Our whole approach to Sacred Aging is really our whole theology of relationships, based upon a simple idea that the most powerful thing that congregations can create is opportunities to be in relation with one another," Address said. "We're finding that people want to be in connection with other people. This whole exposition of Jewish spirituality, I'm convinced, is part of this."

The Conservative movement has adopted a similar strategy with its Hazak program, modeled on its popular USY youth group. The program boasts roughly 8,000 members spread among 103 chapters and is mainly an opportunity for seniors to gather together for services and social activities.

But Friedman believes the challenge of an aging population requires more than "cohort-based programming," envisioning an integrated approach that welcomes elders as integral members

of the community. It also requires expanding beyond providing for the material needs of elders — an area in which the Jewish community traditionally has excelled — to serve their spiritual needs as well.

"The purpose of later life is really to go deep spiritually," Friedman says. "This is the time to really live in the spiritual dimension, when you've done your work in the world and now you can really cleave to God and search your soul and find meaning."

# Simchas



**April Eve Olshansky**

Myra and Irwin Shane Olshansky of Tamarac, Fla., formerly of Philadelphia and Providence, announce the birth of their first grandchild, April Eve (Havah) Olshansky, on March 17.

The parents are **Orit and Victor "Tory" Olshansky** of Hollywood, Fla.

Sharing in their happiness is Carole Olshansky of Providence, the baby's great aunt, and Lior and Sivan Friedman of Aventura, Fla., the baby's aunt and uncle.

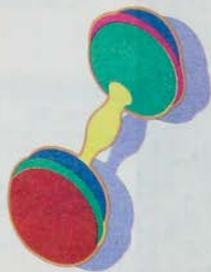
Maternal grandparents are Yael and Yosi Friedman of Hollywood, Fla.; and maternal great-grandmother is Esther Eres, formerly of Kvar Sirkin, Israel, and the late great-grandfather Baruch Eres.

Of blessed memory are paternal great-grandparents Sally and Samuel Olshansky, late of Providence, and maternal great-grandparents Ada and David Unterberger of Philadelphia.

## **Alexandra Shepard**

Barry and Ellen Shepard of Cranston proudly announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Alexandra, born Jan. 11. Alex joins her loving family,

Adam and Mary Shepard and her two brothers, Mark Joseph and Michael William of New York City.



**Elissa Rose Bookbinder**

**Joan and Evan Bookbinder** of Lees Summit, Missouri, announce the birth of their daughter, Elissa Rose, on Jan 18. Elissa weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and was also welcomed by her big brother "Jake."

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Bookbinder of Warwick, and Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kessler of Parkland, Fla.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Randy Galbraith of Brookville, Penn., and Gerry Fitzsimmons, also of Brookville. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bookbinder of Boca Raton, Fla.

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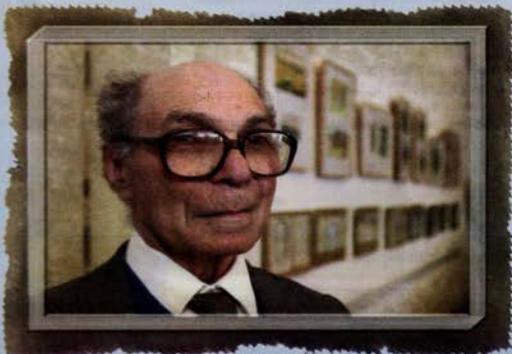
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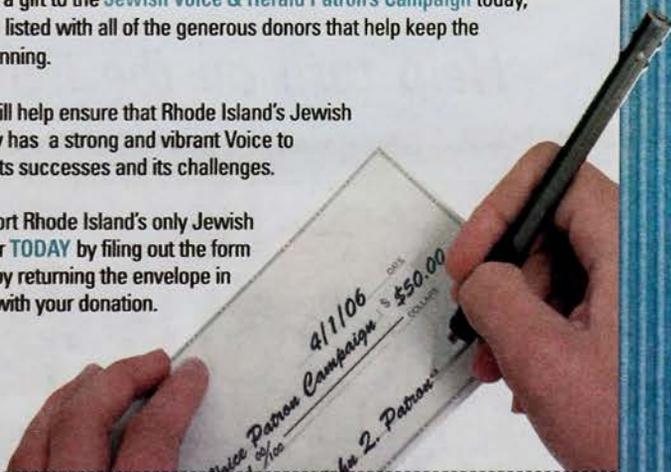
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