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On Aug. 25, this Jeep Cherokee slammed into the Chabad House on Hope Street and exploded.

Woman, baby survive fiery crash into Chabad center

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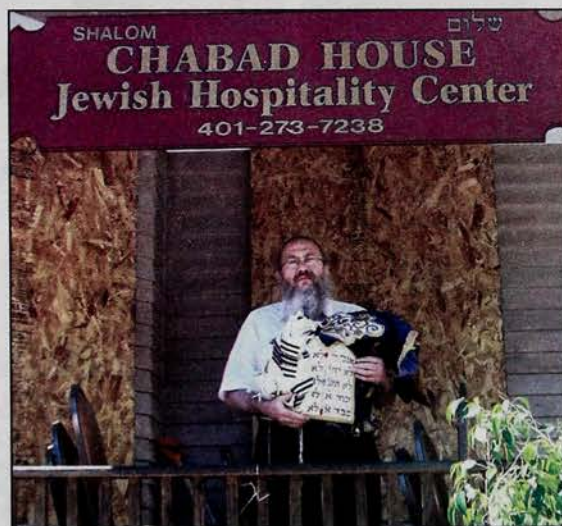
PROVIDENCE — Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer believes in miracles, both large and small.

Last week, he stands in the ruins of the Chabad House at 360 Hope Street, damaged when a speeding Jeep crashed into the brick foundation before dawn on Aug. 25 and caught fire.

"I keep seeing the shoes," the rabbi says. "One high heel and a baby's shoe on the back seat."

According to police, the Jeep had been speeding the wrong way on Thayer Street, and continued onto Hope Street, where it ran a red light and crashed into the triple-decker wooden building that bears the sign: Jewish Hospitality Center. You know it by the giant menorah on the porch roof.

Patrolman Robert Braddock Jr., who was in pursuit of the speeding vehicle, called for assistance and ran to free the driver. He was startled to hear cries coming from the back and found a baby lying on the floor. He pulled driver and child out,



Photos by Mary Korr

Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer in front of the Chabad Center on Hope Street, now boarded up.

moments before the engine block exploded.

Providence Police Chief, Col. Dean Esserman, was returning home from duty when he heard the call for back-up, and arrived at the scene at about 4:30 a.m. "I was shocked there were any survivors," said

Esserman, in a telephone interview last Friday. "The officer didn't see any brake lights when the car hit the building."

Braddock and Esserman dragged the semi-conscious mother and her baby further away as the house began to go

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ADL reinstates Tarsy

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League has reinstated Andrew Tarsy as its New England regional director. An ADL spokesman confirmed Monday that Tarsy would be rehired, effective immediately. Tarsy was fired Aug. 17 after publicly breaking ranks with the organization for its refusal to recognize the Armenian genocide. Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director, subsequently reversed himself, issuing a statement calling the World War I massacres of Armenians "tantamount to genocide." Tarsy's firing set off a mutiny in the New England region, one of the ADL's most active and influential. The regional board called on Foxman not only to rehire Tarsy, but to support a resolution in Congress that would recognize the genocide. Foxman continues to oppose the resolution.



Andrew Tarsy

Turkey: Genocide debate could hurt Israel

By Ben Harris

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League's reversal last week of its position on the Armenian genocide has set off a flurry of diplomatic activity in Turkey and Israel.

Officials in Ankara and Jerusalem, in coordination with American Jewish leaders, were working this week

to contain the fallout from the ADL's statement, which recognized the World War I massacres of Armenians by Ottoman Turks as "tantamount to genocide."

The ADL was forced to reverse its longstanding position — shared by other major American Jewish organizations — of neutrality on the

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Feinberg to chair Federation campaign

By Marty Cooper
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"When my father passed away in 1991, I went through my parents' financial records and noticed that virtually every other check written was to a charity. I asked my mom, 'How is it that we lived so simply, when we could have lived a lot easier?' My mother replied, 'We gave away the cream and kept the milk.' This comment further instilled my belief in *Tzedakah*," stated Doris Feinberg of Newport.

Feinberg serves as the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's annual campaign chair for the second year in a row; the campaign kicked off on Sept. 5.

Feinberg brings with her years of fund-raising experience and enthusiasm. A former nurse, she has a passion for caring for people.



Doris Feinberg

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Quote of the Week

**"Thank God for all the miracles protect-
ing everyone, and the Torah scrolls."**

— Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer. See Chabad House crash, page 1.

Year in Review



Rabbi James Rosenberg retired
after 33 years.



Jon Rubin departed as managing
editor. See Pages 11-14.

We are read everywhere
(Where in the world will we go next?)



In Istanbul

Above, Avi and Laura Nevel of Providence, took the JV&H on their trip to Turkey this summer and emailed this photo with the following missive: This picture is in the spice market in Istanbul. Thought we could help you add one more country to the list of where the Voice & Herald has been (I think now it will be 61) All the best and happy new year, Avi Nevel.

We have been to:

Jerusalem, Jordan, the Great Wall of China, Florida, California, Tanzania, Germany, a return trip to Israel and Turkey.

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Eager students return to PHDS

It's all about friends, favorite classes

Photo by PHDS

By Jessica Perlman

PROVIDENCE — After a long, hot summer, students returned to the Providence Hebrew Day School on Aug. 29, eager to resume their studies, and reunite with friends, teachers and staff.

"Well, so far my first day has been great," explained Ya'ela Goldblatt, a sixth-grader, from Sharon, Mass. "I really like school, and I've seen lots of my friends."

Citing Hebrew as her favorite subject, Goldblatt is looking forward to her art, recess and gym classes this year. "We play battle dodge, which is like dodge ball, and we play soccer and other games, and I like to paint in art class."

Shira Krinsky, also in the sixth grade, enjoys art class as well, but is really excited about history, where she previously learned a lot about the American Revolution. She also likes learning about computers, and in addition to typing, knows how to put together Power Point presentations. An avid reader, Krinsky mostly enjoys "realistic fiction."

"My favorite subject in school is Hebrew," explained Shifra Schectman, who, along with Goldblatt, is from Sharon, and is in the sixth grade. "I also like writing, gym, and recess."

Joshua Rosenbaum, a seventh-grader from Providence, is looking forward to science class this year. "I like to learn about animals, and animal science, and I've been excited about this year."

Renah Spilman, a senior from New Jersey, loves PHDS, and is looking forward to her senior year. Extremely active in the school,

Spilman enjoys the drama and production programs, and assists in the development of various school programs, parties and trips. In the future, she plans to attend seminary, and then go to college, but for now, is focusing on her last year at the PHDS.

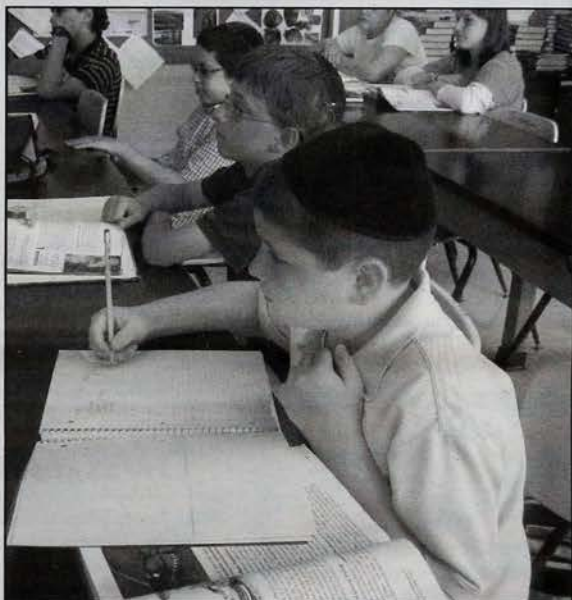
"We do so many wonderful things here, and I have a lot of really great friends."

As the oldest Jewish day school in Rhode Island, the Providence Hebrew Day School aims to achieve the "highest level of scholarship and academic excellence in both Torah and general studies," and includes a curriculum based on both Judaic and integrated secular studies.

Recently the school hired David Rose as the new Director of Admissions/Alumni affairs. According to Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, dean of the school, Rose hails from Beverly Hills, and spent a few years in Israel with his family. He graduated from a school training program, and will be assuming the position shortly.

For more information, go to www.phdschool.org.

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STUDENTS at the Providence Hebrew Day School enjoy their first day back.

Shanah Torah Happy New Year

May you and those you love be blessed with good health, happiness, and a world of peace.

On behalf of the leadership and staff of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and our worldwide Jewish family whom you help through your generosity,
thank you.



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From the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
Board and Staff



Candle lighting times for greater Rhode Island



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See page 28 for holiday candle lighting times.

Opinion

A MAJORITY OF ONE

Repentance in the modern world

Would you believe it is already September? This is the month that two activities engage the Jewish community, the High Holy Days and the opening of Jewish schools. Herewith, some reflections on each.

I have always envied Catholics their ability to confess sin anonymously to a priest and walk away absolved in the sight of God and other Catholics. This feeling becomes even more pervasive now that the High Holy Days are upon us and we Jews are expected to repent our sinful actions while sitting in the synagogue. I have been looking for a better repentance system and it seems that I may have found it.



Yehuda Lev

If you are a Catholic who has had improper thoughts or pushed an old woman out of your way or has otherwise transgressed the rules of social behavior, you can now write a description of your misbehavior, append your name and email address and send it off to any of a number of websites maintained by churches which will, in return, assign you an appropriate penance. Nor is this

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opportunity limited to Catholics; Protestants have set up their own websites even though formal repentance is probably easier for Catholics to deal with seeing as they have been doing it for centuries.

Where does that leave us Jews? We do have a website in Israel to which we can email requests to be placed in the cracks between stones in the Western Wall. That's not repentance, that's asking for favors. Catholic priests have adopted this new electronic system because fewer and fewer believers were making use of the confessional box. Sounds familiar? How much company did you have in shul last Shabbat compared to, say, a decade ago?

Which brings us to the obvious question. If we are going to trade our Jewish seats in shul for emailed repentance, how do we decide what is worthy of our admission of guilt? For insight into this we turn to September's second major annual event. Schools have reopened, there's no room to park on Thayer Street and you would think that matters are back to normal in the Jewish education world. Yes, but not quite. In

New York City and Hollywood, Florida, two public schools are centers of controversy involving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. To borrow a phrase from the gay and lesbian organizations, "We are everywhere."

In Florida, the Ben Gamla Charter School (Jewish), will open with grades K-8 and in New York City the Khalil Gibran International Academy (Muslim), will open as a high school. (Suggested solution — egalitarian Jews might enroll their children first in Ben Gamla and then in Khalil Gibran for a balanced education.) But balance is not what critics of the two schools expect from either one and therein lies the problem. Ben Gamla (named for a first-century rabbi who brought public schools to ancient Israel) and Khalil Gibran (named for the great Arab poet) will be funded by their respective states. In Florida, Ben Gamla students would learn Hebrew and in New York Khalil Gibran students would study Arabic. The Anti-Defamation League had its doubts about the Jewish school but is defending the Muslim school. Yes, you

read that correctly.

The ADL didn't think that Hebrew could be taught without involving religion, which it sees as breaking the wall that separates synagogue from state. Bowing to pressure, Ben Gamla has agreed not to teach Hebrew since, as a charter school almost independent of state control, the possibility of it becoming a state-financed Jewish Day School was worrying to many besides the ADL. The ADL doesn't object to Khalil Gibran teaching Arabic because the school is the responsibility of NYC's Board of Education which the ADL trusts to keep politics out of the curriculum. Opponents of Khalil Gibran have already forced the resignation of its first dean, a Lebanese woman, although she has won awards, including from the ADL, for her interfaith work. She has been replaced by a Jewish woman, non-Arabic speaking and with an Orthodox Jewish background. And the leader of the fight against Khalil Gibran is a man named Yerushalmi whose anti-Semitic statements are a matter of public record.

It begins to look as if a Jewish penance website might do a lot of business. Now, which rabbis, which set of Jewish laws and customs, will determine the price to be paid for such deviant behavior? It is something for us all to ponder upon as we sit in shul later this month.

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Shanah Tovah everyone

By Marty Cooper
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Happy 5768 to you. I hope that it will be one filled with peace, joy and harmony throughout the Jewish community.

A few weeks ago I asked the publisher of the Voice & Herald to consider me to be the interim managing editor of the paper. I did this without thinking about the ramifications of taking on this position nor my qualifications.

The reason why I stepped up to the plate was so I could make a positive difference and impression on a community I have learned to enjoy and cherish, the Rhode Island Jewish community.

As the New Year approaches I have a lot to be thankful for. I also have many concerns and hope that in my tenure as your interim managing editor I can help to influence positive change for our community.

The Jewish community, like our religion, is a basic yet complex and intricate one. Within our community is a group of many communities. Each one has its own dynamic and serves the needs within their community and the greater community. Our Jewish communities include our home, Temple, local, national, and international including Israel.

Compared to the rest of the world, the Jewish community is small in size

like Rhode Island is to the United States. But, we are by no means small in stature. For such a small group however, we certainly have a lot of opinions. In fact we take pride in being an opinionated group and often agree to disagree with one another. Through the centuries this has been a valuable characteristic of our people.

This coming year it is my vision to see that we will work together to build a stronger and prouder Jewish community in our homes, Temples, in our state, nation and the world. To do so we will have to learn how to agree and compromise more.

In my vision I see Jewish homes where the meaning of family is paramount. That we enjoy a *Shabbat* meal as a family more often and that we do good deeds for one another, including doing one's chores, attending family gatherings and, most importantly, being respectful to each other. As parents we would promote Jewish family values and *mitzvot* while at the same time making Jewish life fun and meaningful.

In my vision I see each synagogue growing and serving their Jewish community. I also see Temples working together for the greater good of the community. I also see its members attending services on a somewhat more regular basis as well as attending social events and participating in fundraising activities. My vision also sees members of

one Temple attending other Temples' programs and events. I also see a community's members doing things that are best for the overall growth of the greater community, with the possibility of sacrificing some of their own needs for the benefit of others.

A community is only as good as its support group. We live in a fast, dynamic and changing community. As such, our community now has more needs for services than ever before. Although we

have agencies that were created to provide this much needed support, they too are in need of additional support. This support is in the area of volunteerism and monetary contributions.

In my vision I see a Jewish community whereby those that can, will help to promote a better Jewish community for all of us. For being Jewish should have no boundaries.

A happy and healthy Jewish New Year to all.

Letter to the Editor

Newspaper should not charge for obituaries

It is beyond appalling that the *Voice & Herald* will now charge members of the Jewish community for publishing obituaries, thus joining the ranks of for-profit, large-city newspapers where corporate greed has long since strangled any commitment to fostering a sense of community. One is hard pressed to rationalize how this policy was approved for a newspaper published by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, which, after all, purports to be a builder of community.

Having been a consulting editor at the *Voice & Herald* during its creation five years ago, I am well aware that there is a need for the paper to generate income to help offset its Federation subsidy. However, putting a financial hammer to the bedrock of information needed by Rhode Island's Jewish residents can bring nothing but seriously compromised returns.

Let's remember that in its own self-description, the Federation lists as one of its missions "to ensure that the needs of Jews throughout our community are being met." Taking this shameless and insensitive whack at our fellow Jews in their hour of deep sorrow is hardly a sign of mission accomplished.

Gerry Goldstein
Greenville

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI *Teaching history, is not a pastime*

Much of today's paper concerns education. I've been engaged in the process my entire life, from first grade at the yeshiva of Flatbush (I was expelled) to the present as a college professor. I'm vain enough to think that some might like to know what professors (or at least one history professor) think of the process. I do not pretend that what I think about education is universally held, but I hope it is.

Let me begin with a negative. I don't teach to the student present; I teach to his future self. I don't only teach what happened, I teach methods of determining what happened; it's not the same thing. Some students take one course with me and love it, while others hate it, some take multiple courses with me either out of love for the way I present or as evidence of masochism. In all cases the goal is the same — to make of them thinking human beings.

I assign grades, but I know that their grade can only be determined in a dozen years. Do they remember the facts beyond the course? If "yes," fine; if not, it may not be important. Do they remember that they are part of history, not the end of it; that they are products of a chain of human endeavor inheriting from the past, contributing to the development, and then leaving the world to the next and the next and the next generations for as far as can be imagined? If so I have succeeded. If after a dozen years they are still asking of something they read or hear, "is this true?" then I have succeeded. If they become teachers and pass along the knowledge and the perspective I've taught, then I've succeeded. But whatever profession they enter, if when they hear a politician speak they can also hear Pericles, and Cicero and Caesar saying the same things, even if they don't remember exactly where they heard all that first, I've succeeded. If when entering a polling booth they take their obligations seriously, I've succeeded.

It is to them I teach, the students who are not yet there but the people they will be in a dozen years, hearing the echoes of the lessons; they are the ones at whom my class is aimed. How successful I am can only be judged by them. This past Fourth of July I met a middle-aged man who asked if I remembered him. I said his face and voice were familiar but that I couldn't place them. He had been a student of mine in the early 1970s and he said that what he had learned from me was vital in his career. I asked what that career had been, expecting that his reply would be "teacher" but, no, he said he had been employed in the defense intelligence establishment. What was useful to him was not the facts I taught, but the questions I'd taught him to ask of documents, the process of discovering truth. He remembered. I had succeeded.

Teaching, to me, is the transmission of the accumulated wisdom (and failed attempts at wisdom) of mankind from antiquity to yesterday. It is the role of the teacher in society, especially the historian, to distill this accumulated knowledge and present it in readily digested portions. I do not know everything that happened in Europe; I do not teach everything I know; I hope to stimulate my students to want to know more than I have taught them, more than I currently know, to understand their role in history, to understand what and how the present receives from the past and contributes to the future.

I encourage my students to challenge me when they disagree and to prompt me when they want more than I have given them. In the process I hope that they learn that authority may be challenged, should be challenged, and how best to challenge it. This process intimidates some students. They don't like their core ideas threatened and some don't like my making them think about things they have always taken for granted. Some realize that raising uncomfortable issues is to their benefit, allowing them the opportunity to confirm with knowledge that which they had previously held only as an opinion. Some appreciate new (to them) perspectives and change their minds about the issue at hand. I always require them to think about what they believe.

So, when I'm not typing columns on this old Olivetti, that's what I do.

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Josh Stein

NOT ALONE *Communal atonement*

During these days of the New Year, each of us stands alone before God. We seek forgiveness for our sins. We confront our Maker, in a solitary audience.

One-on-one. Alone. Right?

Well, no. Not really.

After all, each of us is there in synagogue, not alone, but surrounded by dozens or hundreds of others. Hardly alone.

And what do we say? Avinu malkeinu. OUR Father, OUR King, not MY Father, MY King. (In truth, although the Hebrew language is gendered, God is not, so we can think of God as Our Parent, Our Sovereign Ruler.) Indeed, many of our prayers, at this time of year and year-round, are in the first person plural, not the singular. And many of the ancient, sacrificial rituals concerned communal atonement. This included the most famous ritual of the Yom Kippur service, that of the two goats, one the scapegoat, upon which the community's sins are transferred before it is sent off into the wilderness and over a cliff.

The name and focus of this column is the fact that we are "not alone." Yet, it is perhaps startling to consider that our intimate relationship with God is not entirely one-on-one. During this season especially, we focus not only on our individual failings and positions before God, but our communal ones too.

We might, in this light, ask in what ways we have fallen short as a community or communities — whether in our particular synagogues,

schools, or other organizations, or in terms of the entire local or larger Jewish community?

As we recite the Avinu Malkenu prayer this year, we might imagine some additions:

Our Parent, Our Sovereign Ruler, we have sinned:

by not communicating with each other,

by contributing to divisiveness rather than unity,

by failing to build stronger relationships and institutions,

by substituting personal, individual interests for communal interests,

by failing to provide an affordable, profound, meaningful Jewish education for all of our community's children,

by assuming we were always correct and those who disagree with us incorrect,

by not cultivating a culture of accountability and transparency in our institutions,

by not celebrating enough our community's strengths and accomplishments,

by allowing yet another year to pass by in which we have fallen far short of fulfilling our potential as a community.

We need to realize that who we are and who we become as individuals is, to a great extent, shaped by the communities we live in and that nurture us. We ought to cultivate these communities with conscious conscientiousness, and help them live up to their potential to cultivate us, in an ongoing, cyclical process.

This means humility and caring. This means respect for human dignity, even while we maintain passionate and legitimate disagreements. And this means celebration of

community and a commitment to work together.

This means to stand before God not merely as individuals

but as a community, and to return, a year from now, closer to fulfilling our potential. Indeed, as Rabbi Yosef Szendro, a member of our community,



Alan Krinsky

recently pointed out to me, there is a traditional notion that while during this time of year even individuals can approach and stand before God, the community can do so throughout the year. God does not refuse us an audience when we stand together.

Let us therefore take some time this year, this time of return and renewal, to expand our reflections beyond our own individual spiritual growth and consider the communities of which we count ourselves part.

Indeed, after the usually inward focus of the New Year, we turn to Sukkot—and not as an afterthought, but rather as the true culmination of this season. How so? During the Sukkot holiday, we extend our homes outward into the larger world and join together with others in celebration.

My prayer is that we all, as individuals and as community members, have a meaningful and joyous New Year and holiday season, and that all of us continue to come closer to fulfilling our potentials.

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Letters to the Editor

Longtime reader disappointed on charge

It was customary to have the Jewish Herald and the Jewish Voice in the home while living in R.I. for almost 65 years. Now it is customary to have the

Jewish Voice and Herald in the home while living in Florida.

Your paper keeps us informed of activities and life cycles and we still feel part of

the R.I. Jewish community. There are many positive things to be said about the paper.

There now appears to be a negative aspect to the paper, namely, you will now charge \$45 or more to list an obituary. I find this to be extremely disturbing. You state that you "appreciate your support and understanding of this delicate matter."

I do not appreciate, support nor understand your pathetic action in view of the numerous ads, annual appeal for funds and lack of compassion.

A. Harvey Silverman

How you made a difference

We received a call last week from a congregation in Taunton. The local Shaw's had \$2000 in Passover food to donate and they called her Temple. Since they did not need it, she looked in her Guide to Jewish Living and found JFS' number. We ended up taking all the food and, in addition to keeping some for our clients, we were able to donate some of it to three other organizations in the Jewish community. See how the Guide can have an impact!!

Sara Masri

Development and PR Coordinator Jewish Family Service of RI

Federation

From the Executive Vice President

Reflections at the New Year

One of the things I like about being Jewish is that each year I celebrate two new years, the Jewish New Year and the secular New Year.



Stephen Silberfarb

The way I see it, I have two shots every 12 months to start over — to reflect on the preceding 12 months, to reconfigure my life and to recommit myself to improving over the following 12 months.

This past year has been tumultuous. A big move and

adjustment for my family (they're doing great! Thank you for making us feel welcome.) And a big transition for me in becoming the Federation's chief executive officer, with the attendant issues of winning the confidence of new colleagues and community figures, and translating this community's hopes and dreams into action.

I think it's fair to say our community is living in challenging times. We are asking questions that prior generations would never have predicted, like "why be Jewish?" and "what does being Jewish mean?" On a local level, we are thinking about what kind of community we want to be and how we will address changing Jewish needs across the state. More practically and immediately, we have major decisions about building renovation, where

to build new facilities, how to engage more people in Jewish life, what our commitment is to Jewish education and so on.

For me and I hope for you, tumult means excitement. It means we have opportunities to innovate and change. And we need to approach this new period of Jewish life — and the important philosophical and practical questions — with a sense of adventure, curiosity and energy.

I acknowledge the frustrations of past years and recognize our shortcomings. We have to learn from our mistakes. But reliving them doesn't help anybody. It certainly doesn't help those in our own community or the thousands of people worldwide whose lives are made better by our work.

Because when all is said and done the core of our work

is tikkun olam. And Federation reminds us of our responsibility — and privilege — in giving of ourselves for the good and welfare of the Jewish people.

We have thousands of dedicated volunteers and donors who are committed to making our Jewish community vibrant and accessible. Each and every donor and volunteer is making a difference by improving our Jewish life. Every dollar, every volunteer hour helps the Jewish people. Sometimes those who are touched by our collective support are people we know. More often than not, they are anonymous, connected to us by virtue of our shared heritage, and by the bonds of our Jewish people.

It is particularly at this time of year that I consider how lucky I am. My family is in good health

and we do not lack the necessities of life. At this time of year I am reminded that helping the unfortunate members of our society is not only important but is commanded of us. But while a commandment, giving tzedakah is a privilege, not an obligation. As former President Bill Clinton says, "Nothing makes you feel better than doing or giving something for others...." If nothing else, we know that we would rather help to mend the world, than need to be mended.

Laura, Rebecca and Gavriela join me in wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and sweet 5768. L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu V'Tikatemu — To a happy New Year, may you be written and inscribed in the Book of Life.

Opinion

A special Labor Day

By Stuart Appelbaum

As is the custom, millions of American families flocked to beaches and backyard barbecues to celebrate the Labor Day just passed. Unfortunately, the reason for the holiday, recognizing the value of the labor movement, is too often forgotten. Of course, every family has reason to salute the contributions unions have made to our country. After all, it was organized labor that introduced the idea of the weekend and the 8-hour day. However, this year there's one group of Americans who have special reason to be thankful for organized labor — those of us in the Jewish community.

At a time when many in business, the media and other institutions are too timid to challenge the rising tide of anti-Semitism abroad, America's labor leaders did something extraordinary this summer. In a stunning show of solidarity with Israel the presidents of virtually every major US union signed on a declaration denouncing anti-Israel boycotts and divestment campaigns like the ones, which have been endorsed by several British unions.

The fact that unions representing everyone from teachers to truck drivers bashed the Israel-bashers is no small thing. Just ask Kenneth Stern, the director of the American Jewish Committee's department on Anti-Semitism and Extremism who described it

as "an important milestone in the fight against attempts to demonize Israel and Israelis."

"Our hope," said Stern, "is that other unions around the world will follow the example of their American counterparts and realize that it is morally wrong to focus solely on Israeli actions in this conflict and to realize that such bigoted behavior is entirely inconsistent with the norms and purposes of the trade union movement."

Is the U.S. labor movement's opposition to the Israel boycott having an impact? So far the answer is an unequivocal "yes." Many foreign unions who once may have been tempted to follow the lead of their British counterparts are having second thoughts. Perhaps most important of all, Israel's supporters within the international labor movement now know that they are not alone.

Clearly, the mobilization of the U.S. labor movement against the Israel boycott didn't happen on its own. It was organized by the Jewish Labor Committee, the national organization of Jewish union leaders and their supporters. But while it was the JLC who launched the effort it was hardly "a Jewish thing." The vast majority of labor leaders who backed the JLC's campaign were non-Jews. In fact, one of the first to endorse the effort was Bill Lucy, the influential president of the Coalition of Black Trade



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Unionists.

Some may ask why so many American union leaders decided to stand up against anti-Israel boycotts. After all, Jews today comprise only a minuscule portion of U.S. union members. The real question ought to be "why wouldn't they?" After all, whether it was opposing the Nazis, supporting Soviet Jewry, or challenging bigotry against Jews in our own country, the labor movement has never wavered in its opposition to anti-Semitism or its support for Israel.

Especially at this time we ought to reflect on the contributions unions have made to our country. But that's not all. We should also recognize that the American labor movement is one of the best friends Jews have ever had.

Stuart Appelbaum is president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union and president of the Jewish Labor Committee.

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Feinberg to chair Federation campaign

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If she could, she would take care of all of the world's problems. She has been on several missions to witness firsthand poverty, homelessness and illness around the world. Her missions have included trips to Israel, Odessa and most recently to Ethiopia where she met Ethiopian Jews making aliyah.

"In Odessa and Ethiopia I saw kids smiling and laughing even though they were living in sub-poverty conditions, where disease and sickness are commonplace. They have no idea how bad life really is for them," said Feinberg when asked to describe the people she met. "Our job as Jews is to help fellow Jews around the world, including here at home, to have a better life. We have done some incredible work, but there remains a lot more to do."

A high-energy person, Feinberg is also deeply committed to serving the Jewish community. She learned this early on, in Bayonne, N.J., where she grew up. "I relied heavily on the Jewish community when I was a child," said Feinberg. "My mother was chronically ill. The JCC and the Jewish community became my extended family. I would have been lost if it had not been for the help and warmth given to me by them."

"I hope that I can return that favor to at least one other child who needs it like I did," she states. True to her word, she became actively involved in a number of community youth programs and activities. She was the head of her teen travel camp and became president of the teen council at her JCC. It was activities such as these that gave her the self-confidence needed to become a fundraiser at Hasbro Hospital and then president of the Rhode Island Hospital Foundation. Today, Feinberg owns Prospero; a business dedicated to fundraising for nonprofits.

Feinberg, whose twins, Daniel and Sara, are now in their twenties, met her husband Alan, also of Bayonne, while they were both camp counselors. In the early 1970s, the Navy brought them to Rhode Island, where he began his dental practice. It was Alan who first became actively involved with the Federation and Jewish community. "Herb Epstein, a prominent Jewish businessperson, invited us to attend a Newport Federation fundraiser at Salve Regina College. The event was co-chaired by Joe Dannin and Michael Josephson. Charlie Samdperil, the Federation's campaign chair, was also there. The event included "card pulling," people publicly calling out their financial commitment. It was astonishing. Alan, whose father helped found a temple in Bayonne, did not hesitate to give," recalls Feinberg.

"The Federation is committed to *tikkun olam*, (repairing or perfecting the world). We are a special group that is well organized to serve our people. My personal goal last year was to bring the Jewish community back to the center by developing a strategic vision. Last year, in addition to raising \$4 million for the Federation, we also raised an additional \$930,000 to help the Israel Emergency Campaign. Before that we also raised funds to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina," said Feinberg.

This year the Federation's goal is to enhance donor relationships, and seek their input. This will help to drive philanthropy forward.

"Ultimately," says Feinberg, "the Federation is the community's shepherd. We work with all of the agencies and are accessible to donors on all levels. Every time I see the work of Federation I feel touched and privileged. We help give and restore dignity to people."



Doris Feinberg on a mission to Ethiopia this summer.

JFRI grants will fund six collaborative programs

By Mary Korr
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Jewish Federation grants totaling approximately \$64,400 have been awarded to a half dozen Jewish organizations throughout the state, from the South County Hebrew School in Narragansett to Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro. The grants were from the unrestricted

Endowment funds allocated by the Jewish Federation of R.I.'s board of directors in January. The application process began in May and the awards were distributed by July 31.

Amy Seigle, director of fund distribution, said priority was given to innovative and collaborative programming.

RECIPIENTS

The South County Hebrew School (SCHS) and community library and the South County Jewish Collaborative were awarded \$2,500 to purchase books and supplies to open a Judaic library for students and members of the community.

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Community

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has a home in a building on the Collaborative site in Narragansett, after meeting for over 40 years in various churches, campuses and libraries. Ethan Adler, school director, said the library would be located in a beautiful room overlooking a picturesque pond and would be a central repository for Judaica available to the South County Jewish community.

The Collaborative has a monthly book club, and additional adult and holiday programs will expand. "Since many of our school families are blended, this would be a good way to provide them with Jewish books and other materials," Adler said.

A grant of \$20,000 was awarded to Jewish Family Service and Congregation Agudas Achim. The Keshet (connection) program will support a licensed social worker, hired and supervised by Jewish Family Service, to work at the synagogue two half days a week.

Rabbi Elyse Wechterman has seen the need for this service grow over her six years leading the Attleboro congregation. "We are not immune to the ills of society. Jews traditionally don't know how to make use of services available to them. They feel ashamed. They are not going to walk into a social service agency or ask for state aid. In many cases they are not poor enough or not sick enough," she says. "But they will come in and talk to their rabbi."

She said she sees Jews struggling with alcoholism, with economic downturns and lost jobs,

with mental health issues and physical disabilities, with aging and isolation dilemmas.

The social worker will connect those in need with the appropriate services available to them.

The PJ Library program, administered by the Bureau of Jewish Education, received \$21,767 to establish a monthly Jewish book or CD club for children under six, at no charge for the first year. The following year the fee is \$18. Community programming and parenting materials supplement this program.

Nicole Katzman, who coordinates the program, said 230 children are signed up for the program to date. She said the goal is to have 375 children enrolled by the end of the year, but with such a good response, expects to reach the number sooner.

The PJ Library has set up a schedule of dates to introduce the program at various synagogues and venues. This week, a PJ representative and Agudas Achim presented "PJ Parties" at the Attleboro, North Attleboro and Norton public libraries.

The upcoming PJ events will be noted in the Calendar section of the Jewish Voice & Herald. An event is planned at the South County Hebrew School on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 5 p.m.

The Providence Kollel Community and the Jewish Community Center (JCC) were awarded \$11,750 to host inspirational community Shabbat services with dinner and entertainment or guest lectures several times a year for approximately 200 people at each event.

Rabbi Raphie Schochet,



Photo by Mary Korr

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR — Clean Water Action representatives Erica Aus and Denise Parrillo educated visitors at the environmental fair held at the JCC last Feb. 4 by the then-fledgling organization, the R.I. Jewish Environmental Alliance.

Kollel director, said about 180 people attended each of the five communal dinners held last year. He said there are singles, families, and couples of all ages, who meet each other and mingle, enjoying a Kosher Shabbat dinner prepared by chef Darren Bulley in the kitchen of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

The first dinner is set for tonight, Sept. 7, beginning with a service at 5:45 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. and talk and dessert at 8:15 p.m. with Rabbi Dr. David Gottlieb as guest lecturer. He will speak on "Mysticism, meaning and mitzvah."

Gottlieb spent 12 years on the philosophy faculty at Johns Hopkins University, and has a Ph.D. in mathematical logic and philosophy from Brandeis.

Cost is \$15, no charge for children under 8. RSVP at 383-2786 or Shabbat@providencerkollel.org.



Photo courtesy of SCHS

South County Hebrew School's new library.

The JCC and the R.I. Jewish Environmental Alliance were awarded \$5,000 to partner and provide innovative family programs that educate about the environment through a Jewish lens. They anticipate holding an

environmental fair around the Tu B'Shevat festival of trees holiday. This year's theme will be a celebration of the gifts of the trees said Alicia Lehrer, co-founder of the group. The tentative date is Jan. 20, 2008 at the JCC.

Collaborative holiday programs at kosher mealsites will continue with a grant of \$4,400 awarded to Jewish Family Service and the JCC. The funds will provide transportation for seniors in the dining program at the JCC to participate in holiday programs with those at the kosher mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

To receive notice about future grant opportunities, contact Seigle at aseigle@jfri.org.

The members of the Fund Distribution Committee for this year included: Susan Leach DeBlasio, Ellie Elbaum, Robin Engle, Alan Feinberg, Bonnie Steinberg Jennis, Gary Licht, Richard Licht, Susan Odessa, Jamie Pious, Jennifer Witt, David Yavner, chair; and Herbert B. Stern, ex officio.

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World

Deal adds \$250 M in reparations

BERLIN (JTA) — For Aviva G., the significance of last week's announcement that more Holocaust survivors like her will be eligible for pension payments from the German government was not about the money.

It was about principle and the notion that a certain degree of justice may now be done.

Aviva, 71, says there is no true compensation for years in ghettos, but she sees the new deal as a "recognition of suffering." Aviva asked that her family name be withheld.

After extensive negotiations with the Conference for Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Germany eased some eligibility requirements so more low-income survivors like Aviva can receive so-called Article 2 pension payments.

The agreement, which adds \$250 million to the pension fund over 10 years, may be one of the last and biggest breakthroughs in the area of reparations to survivors, according to the Claims Conference.

The deal affects survivors whose income levels made them ineligible for payments in

the past. Until now, those with annual income above \$16,000 were excluded from the payments.

Under the new deal, income received from other pension sources, including governmental pensions, disability payments, retirement plans and the like, or a spouse's income, will not be counted toward the \$16,000 total.

The change effectively enables thousands more low-income survivors to collect pension payments from Germany. The funds will be distributed starting Oct. 1 and continue for 10 years.

"It's a huge thing," Gideon Taylor, executive vice president of the Claims Conference, said in a telephone interview with JTA. "It will make a big difference for a lot of people worldwide."

Taylor said it took "a long battle" and months of negotiations to reach the agreement.

The Claims Conference will be launching a major advertising campaign to reach those who might be eligible, he said. Information about how to apply is

available at Claims Conference offices and on its Web site, www.claimscon.org. There is no deadline for applications, according to Taylor.

The decision to lower the bar for eligibility comes just as Germany has enacted a law granting pensions to victims of the German Communist regime. For these victims, too, pensions and income from spouses will not count against eligibility.

The Law for Support of Victims of the Socialist German Dictatorship, the third post-reunification law aimed at compensating victims of World War II, was enacted Aug. 29. Low-income applicants who were imprisoned under the Communist regime for at least six months may receive 250 euro per month.

The additional payments for Holocaust survivors will be from the Claims Conference Article 2 Fund pension program, which currently distributes pensions to 51,000 survivors. The new rules will lead to a 10 percent increase in those who qualify for payments, or about 6,000 people, the Claims Conference estimated.

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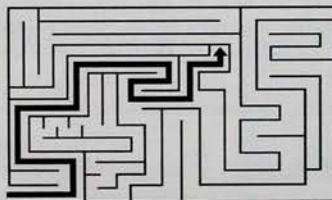
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Turkey: Genocide debate could hurt Israel

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genocide question amid growing dissension within its own ranks.

Jewish leaders warned that recognizing the genocide, as Congress is now considering, could undermine American strategic interests in the Middle East and Turkey's robust military and economic partnership with Israel. Also deemed at risk was the security of Turkish Jewry, which sent a letter earlier this year opposing a congressional resolution on the matter.

Nabi Sensoy, Turkey's ambassador in Washington, told JTA that his government was strongly opposed to any congressional action, but that the Turkish Jewish community had nothing to fear in any case. Sensoy was less sure that Turkey's relations with Israel and the United States would survive a resolution unscathed.

"I cannot really dismiss that if this resolution does pass that there will be certain impacts on certain relationships," Sensoy said. "There is no doubt about it."

Of those raising the specter of reprisals against Turkish Jewry, Sensoy said, "I'm very disturbed to hear this kind of remark coming from anywhere. They seem to be forgetting the history of Turks and Jews, which goes back at least 500 years. We've always had the best of relations between Turks and Jews

and the Turkish Jewish community is part and parcel, and an integral part, of the Turkish community."

What began more than a month ago as a small local protest against an ADL-sponsored program in the Boston suburbs has escalated into an international crisis with a nation deemed central to American interests and Israeli security.

Turkey is Israel's closest — and arguably its only — regional ally and is central to American policy in the Middle East.

Mindful of Turkey's importance, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations began a series of discussions on the matter last week. Malcolm Hoenlein, the group's executive vice chairman, told JTA that the conference had not yet decided how or whether to respond.

"As wiser heads have prevailed, people are looking for us to play a role in trying to control and calm down the situation so there are no ramifications and repercussions that have nothing to do with the substance" of the issue, Hoenlein said.

Though Jewish groups have toed a careful line on the genocide question for years, the issue exploded last month after the town council of Watertown, Mass., home to one of the country's largest Armenian communities, voted to sever ties with an ADL anti-bigotry program

in protest of the organization's refusal to acknowledge the genocide.

After the vote, the ADL's regional director in Boston, Andrew Tarsy, switched gears and condemned his organization's position. Tarsy was promptly fired by Foxman.

The Boston ADL leadership rebelled and with pressure mounting, Foxman reversed himself last week, acknowledging that the "consequences" of Ottoman massacres of Armenians were "tantamount to genocide." Tarsy was reinstated Monday as Boston director.

An outraged Turkey communicated its dismay to Israeli and Jewish leaders, with some Turkish officials suggesting that Israel had to "deliver" American Jewish groups on this issue.

Namik Tan, Turkey's ambassador, reportedly said that his country believed its strategic relationship with Israel also involved the whole Jewish world.

The Turkish people "cannot make that differentiation" between Israel and American Jewish organizations, Nan told The Jerusalem Post.

"On some issues there is no such thing as 'Israel cannot deliver,'" he continued, adding that this was one of those issues.

According to an unofficial translation, the Turkish Foreign Ministry issued a statement asserting that "the attempt of the ADL to rewrite the history is in contradiction with the realities, and the rationale behind this is incomprehensible."

On Sunday, the ADL released a second statement reiterating its support for a joint Turkish-Armenian commission to investigate the matter — a move Turkey supports — and its opposition to a resolution in Congress. Foxman also wrote to Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, "to express regret for any pain we have caused to you and the Turkish people in these past few days."

In Turkey, those steps were seen as backtracking. Erdogan said the ADL had rectified its "mistake," according to the Turkish Daily News. Sensoy said he felt the ADL had reversed itself again and that its current position reflected a more "balanced situation."

"We are expecting the American Jewish organizations to be neutral about this," Sensoy said. "Although we're aware of the fact that this is a very sensitive issue for the Israeli people and the Jewish community, what we have to seek is the truth."



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5767: The year in review

For the Jewish community: transformation is underway

(And, what will the future bring for Alison and Mikhael?)

By Yehuda Lev

Americans love stories with happy endings. Boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy marries girl. That sums up the plot of many a movie, novel and sitcom. But does it help in reviewing a Jewish year? Can a Jewish community find itself involved in a story that may or may not end "And they lived happily ever after"? Let's find out. No fair peeking ahead.

Passion aside, much of our community news this year concerned structural and substantive changes in the largest of our communal organizations, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI). (Full disclosure: The Federation is the publisher of the Jewish Voice & Herald.) It began the year with a new executive vice president, as well as proposal to reduce the Board of Directors from 180 to 40 members, and the creation of a Community Leadership Council to include representatives from every Jewish agency and synagogue as well as community leaders. The Council will help form the JFRI's agenda and discuss issues that impact the entire community.

The new Executive Vice President is Stephen Silberfarb, who came to us from Minneapolis, where he was the executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Hershey Rosen was our Interim Executive VP for almost a year during which time he attended, by his estimate, 600 meetings and watched over the rebirth of the Jewish Community Center and its fitness program, the creation of the Jewish Community Day School, among other major projects. And our Federation president, Herbert Stern, is entering his third and final year

in office.

Meanwhile, what about "happily ever after"? For that we go to Beersheba where Alison Golub, native of Seattle and adopted daughter of Rhode Island (she graduated from Brown University and worked in our Jewish community) has been living in recent years since making aliyah. Her experiences have been chronicled in these pages and at the start of this year we were introduced to her boyfriend, Michael (Mikhael), newly discharged from the Israeli Army. More to come.

Stay with Israel for a moment. Our ties with the ancient homeland continued to be strong. This year, as every year, we hosted two young Israelis who came as emissaries to work with Jewish schools and camps and to present a more positive picture of Israel than we find in the media. Two doctors also visited us from Miriam's sister hospital in Afula, one Jew and one Christian Arab, representing the mixture of faiths that depend upon the hospital as patients or who practice medicine there. A major mission by our community's Jewish leaders was taken in July; they traveled to Ethiopia and Israel, at a time when our special campaign to assist Israelis impacted by the War in Lebanon raised approximately \$930,000, in addition to the \$4 million contributed to Federation's annual campaign by the Jews of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts for the benefit of the local Jewish community and Jews abroad.

Supporters and opponents of Israel found themselves in an interesting ideological juxtaposition this year when Brown Hillel

invited Nonie Darwish, an Arab woman from Cairo and Gaza to lecture on the "The Road to Peace: Women's Rights." The invitation was withdrawn by the Hillel Jewish student leaders, and the cancellation turned into a media storm. The invitation was reissued, this time by another campus organization and Darwish gave her lecture. Darwish, who left the Palestinian cause and became a pro-Israel spokesperson, has written a book explaining her opposition to jihad and violence in the region.

Which brings us, somewhat circuitously, to Jewish education, always a big item on the community agenda. With two day schools, the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School program, a number of synagogue-sponsored schools and adult education classes everywhere, the Bureau of Jewish Education had its hands full. The day schools, the Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) and the Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) accounted for most of the education stories this year because of another matter high on the community agenda, funding, or more accurately, funding: lack of.



STEPHEN SILBERFARB joined the Jewish Federation as its executive vice president.

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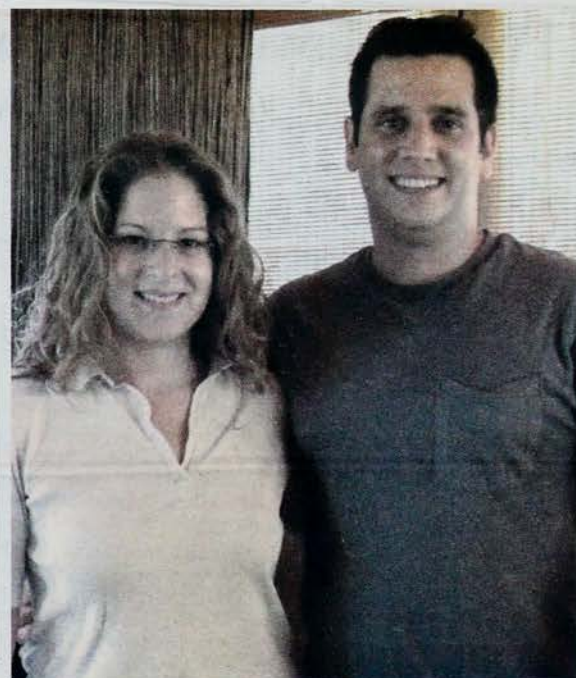
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Alison Golub and Mikhael Perez.

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PHDS, with an increasingly Yeshiva-Orthodox philosophy, has been losing students, some of whom are studying at Modern

Orthodox schools in Massachusetts and some who have transferred to JCDS. The decline has averaged four percent a year, from a peak of 195 more than 10 years ago to its current enrolment of 134. The Bank of America came to the rescue with a gift of

\$200,000 for the two schools, made possible because of changes in the state tax laws. Additional contributions and Federation grants added to the total and while money remains a problem, both schools are expecting a better year ahead.

In Beersheba, clouds appear on the horizon. Mikhael is from a traditional Moroccan Jewish family, Alison is a secular Jew. Sharing an apartment, she is learning about kashrut and the other laws and customs of Orthodoxy. Intending to marry, they

have gone to the rabbis to make the arrangements. The rabbis insist to Alison: Prove that you are a Jew. This could be a deal breaker. Stay tuned.

As ever, this was a year filled

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ELIE WIESEL visited Providence to announce a world youth peace summit.

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with less existential but rewarding and (sometimes) disappointing events. Izzy's café and catering closed down, depriving us of one of Rhode Island's Jewish landmarks. Rabbi James Rosenberg, a fixture at Temple Habonim for the past 33 years, retired. Elie Wiesel came here to announce a youth world peace summit in 2011, hosted by the Institute of International Sport. The Holocaust Center has a new director, May-Ronny Zeidman, and a new name, "The Holocaust Education

and Resource Center of Rhode Island". Jon Rubin, founding editor of the Voice & Herald, departed for the Northwestern University Graduate School of Journalism. Marty Cooper has stepped in as interim managing editor.

In Beersheba the clouds have brought on thunder and lightning. Alison misses Apple Jacks and other sinful luxuries of American life unavailable in Israeli shops and the rabbinate is as unwilling as ever to marry the young couple if she cannot prove her Jewishness. Can this be the end?

This year we suffered grievous losses.

Alan Axelrod, 52, died of cancer ending a lifetime of service to the Jewish community. He worked to feed the homeless through the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth-El, to house them through Habitat for Humanity, and to make all of our lives better by heading the Federation's Community Relations Committee at one time, and on the editorial board of the newspaper.

Barbara Jacobson, 64, an educator and community role model, died of cancer after a career of training bar and bat mitzvah students at Temple Beth-El. She also taught English as a second lan-

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A TALK BY THE PALESTINIAN but pro-Israeli author and activist Nonie Darwish caused an uproar at Brown University when her visit was canceled by the Hillel student leadership, and then took place under different university sponsorship.



THE PROVIDENCE HEBREW DAY SCHOOL showed their support for a corporate tax credit scholarship program at the State House.



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LEADERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY went on a Chazon (vision) mission to Israel that had been cancelled the summer before because of the war with Lebanon. Three members also traveled on a UJC mission to Ethiopia, to see the aliyah program first-hand. Above, some of Israel's newest citizens.



JONATHAN RUBIN departed as managing editor of the newspaper to attend graduate school for journalism at Northwestern in Chicago. He was the recipient of many journalism awards during his tenure.



RABBI JAMES ROSENBERG retired after 33 years at Temple Habonim.



RABBI ANDREW KLEIN took over as spiritual leader of Temple Habonim on July 1.



Charles Samdperil



Alan Axelrod

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guage at Martin Middle School in East Providence. Her funeral was attended by an outpouring of teachers from the region and dozens of her past and present students.

Charles Samdperil, 75, a past president of the Jewish Federation and very active in Temple Emanu-El, died of ASL (Lou Gehrig's disease), ending a long history of service to the temple and to the community. Samdperil created "mitzvah projects" long before the term became fashionable. He had a wonderful sense of humor and before his death asked Cantor Brian Mayer to chant the memorial prayer "with a smile."

In Beersheba the clouds have lifted, the rabbinate has backed off, and Alison and Mikhael will be married in Jerusalem on Oct. 16. Apple Jacks are not on the wedding menu.

And they will live happily ever after.

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Calendar

Correction: The issue of Aug. 10 incorrectly listed the phone number in an advertisement to call for the Charlie Samdperil dinner on Sept. 30. The correct number is 751-2470. See below for more information.

SAT., SEPT. 8

Temple Am David Havdalah

40 Gardiner St., Warwick. After Shabbat ends, join the Temple Am David community for Havdalah, followed by a movie and then Selichot, at 10 p.m.

Selichot at Etz Chaim

7:30 p.m. at the temple, 900 Washington St., Franklin, Mass. Dessert & movie. For info call (508) 528-5337

Emanu-El Selichot service

8:30 p.m. The program is called "Generations: Three Generations and their 'Judaisms.'" Followed by coffee hour and Selichot service at 10:30 p.m. led by Cantor Brian Mayer, Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Rabbi Alvan Kauner in the Temple Emanu-El Chapel. The program and service are open to the community. See Community.

Temple Sinai Selichot

9 p.m. breakfast followed by service at 10 p.m.

SUN., SEPT. 9

Temple Sinai Brunch/ first day of Sunday school

9 a.m. — 1 p.m. Sisterhood brunch for new, old & prospective members. Sunday school classes begin. Pre-K through 3rd grade session is from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Grades four through seven meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents are invited to meetings at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. A meeting of the parents of those students who will be consecrated will be held at 10 a.m.

JCC, Miriam road races

Youth races begin at 9 a.m., followed by the 5K race at 10 a.m. Both races will start at the JCC at 401 Elm Grove Ave. All children will receive medals and t-shirts. The adult 5K is open to men and women of all ages, with cash prizes. Refreshments, JCC open house. For more information visit www.jccri.org or call 861-8800.

Agudas Achim pre-Sukkot festival

11 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the temple, 901 No. Main St., Attleboro. Activities include Sukkah-related crafts, and foods, folk dances, food collections and more. Local produce, gourds and potted "mums" for purchase. For more information call (508) 222-2243.

JCC past presidents' event

6 p.m. Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk. Tribute to the past presidents. Doug Emmanuel, JCC vice president, will emcee the tribute, and Margaret and Bertram Lederer will chair. Tickets for the event are \$125 and include cocktails, dinner stations, and dessert. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Kevin Olson at 861-8800 or e-mail development@jccri.org.

Temple Am David school registration/ Memorial service

9:30 a.m. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. School registration and first day of classes.

10 a.m. Memorial service at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Ave. A, Temple Am David section.

URI Hillel beach bagel brunch

12:30 p.m. 12 Fraternity Circle. Students gather at Hillel at 12:30 p.m. and travel to Scarborough Beach for food and fun.

MON., SEPT. 10

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. "Reminiscences" — The Honorable Richard Israel

11:10 a.m. to 12 p.m. "I am my Beloved's" — Rabbi Natan Schaeffer, JERI

TUES., SEPT. 11

Chabad CHAI children's enrichment

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SUN., SEPT. 16

Sunday on Manning

2 to 5 p.m. Located at 60 Manning St. Holocaust Education & Resource Center of Rhode Island will join forces with the Women's Alliance. House tour of the home of Ms. Hope McCulloch, wine and light refreshments. All will receive a hand-made bracelet by Ms. McCulloch's daughter and her friends. The cost of \$36 to be donated to the Holocaust Education Center and the Women's Alliance. For reservation or more information, call May-Ronny Zeidman at the Holocaust Education Center at 453-7860.

Spiritual retreat to prepare for the High Holidays

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brown University Hillel House, 80 Brown St., Providence. Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener leading a spiritual retreat titled "Teshuvah: Return to Essence," where she will be bringing material from her recent studies of how our personalities help or hinder the transformation process. The registration fee is \$45, students \$10. Vegetarian lunch buffet. Spaces are limited, reserve early. For registrations or more information call Chaim at (401) 267-0029; email at info@rijewishhealing.org or visit www.rijewishhealing.org.

BBYO meeting at JCC

11:30 a.m. At JCC. Regional Director, Malki Karkowsky, will be holding an informational meeting. For more information, call (781) 341-201-6268.

Sinai adult education

10 a.m. Sundays, September 16, 23 and 30. "Welcome to the Torah" Part of Temple Sinai's Adult Education program, this class will be an introduction to classic Jewish texts. Learn what's in Torah, Talmud, Midrash, and other writings of the great sages. Attend any and all classes — each session will be open to new and returning participants. Please RSVP to the Temple at 942-8350.

MON., SEPT. 17

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. "The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot": Book review and discussion — Tess Hassenfeld

11:10 a.m. to 12 p.m. "SWAP: 30 Years of Affordable Housing" Jeff Austin, SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Properties)

Sinai Sisterhood

7 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Temple Sinai Sisterhood. Meeting will take place at the home of Debbie Roberts.

TUES., SEPT. 18

Sinai Hebrew School

Tuesday Hebrew School session begins from 4 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 20th — Thursday Hebrew School session begins from 4 to 6 p.m.

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Land for Jews only?

JERUSALEM: A major political battle is looming in Israel over a proposed Knesset bill that would limit the sale of land owned by the Jewish National Fund to Jews only. The bill passed its first preliminary reading and was quickly condemned as racist by Arab members of the Knesset. It was introduced by Uri Ariel of the National Religious Party and Ze'ev Elkin of Kadima. Ariel said that "(We) must honor the wishes of generations of Jews who wished to purchase land that would be sacred to the Jewish people." Ahmed Tibi called the bill "institutionalized Jewish racism and ethnic democracy going against anything that is Arab." The debate continues. (YEDIOT ACHRANOT)

Sderot shelling goes on

JERUSALEM: The Israeli-Gaza border is heating up again following a salvo of rockets fired at Sderot including one that narrowly missed a day-care shelter. No one was injured but 12 children were treated for shock.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert hinted that Israel's armed forces, now limiting themselves to strikes against Palestinian rocket crews, could now pursue those who are responsible for ordering the rocket firing. "We view this attack very gravely," he said. "The military has been instructed to destroy every rocket launcher and to strike all those involved in the firings." (JTA)

Iran steps up uranium processing

TEHRAN: Iran has announced a breakthrough in its nuclear program. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says the country is now running more than 3,000 centrifuges for enriching uranium, providing enough fissile material for an atomic bomb in about a year. In Washington, a former senior U.S. official, Lawrence Wilkerson, has written that Israel warned the Bush Administration early in 2002 that "If you are going to destabilize the balance of power, do it against the main enemy," referring to Iran. Israel did not counsel an immedi-

ate attack, wrote Wilkerson, but said that Washington "should not be distracted by Iraq and Saddam Hussein" from the Iran threat. (JTA)

Olmert-Abbas summit in D.C.

JERUSALEM: Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is not sure that he can reach a deal on principles when he meets in November with Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas. "I have been holding meetings with Abbas and I hope that in the near future this will lead to a joint declaration" he said. Olmert is seeking an agreement on a broad "declaration of principles" whereas Abbas wants a more explicit "framework agreement" with a timeline for implementation on the core issues of Jerusalem, borders and the fate of the Arab refugees. The November summit in Washington will include the participation of the United States which has not yet said what it expects from the conference. (BEIRUT DAILY STAR)

Two notable passings

NEW YORK: Two notable American Jews have died in recent days. Rabbi Judah Nadich, 95, was the long-time rabbi at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York, one of the nation's largest Conservative synagogues. As a chaplain during World War II, Rabbi Nadich served as the advisor on Jewish affairs to General Dwight Eisenhower, commander of the Allied forces in Europe. And Grace Paley, 84, a short-story writer, poet and essayist, whose work was critically praised, has died in her home in Vermont. She entered Hunter College at 15 and was promptly expelled for absenteeism but later studied under the poet W. H. Auden and became active in the anti-Vietnam War movement. (JTA)

Moderate Muslims ask for tolerance

ROSEMONT, ILL: American Muslims are asking that their fellow citizens learn to differentiate between mainstream Muslims and the small groups of jihadists and others who carry out terrorist activities. At the annual convention of the Islamic Society of North America, just ended, leaders attributed the growing intolerance they see as taking place to three main factors: global terrorists in the name of Islam, disappointment with the Iraq war, and attempts by supporters of Israel to undermine sympathy for the Palestinians. They expect the attacks to worsen as candidates for president criticize Islam to prove they are tough on terrorism. The lone Muslim in Congress, Keith Ellison (D-Minn), the keynote speaker at the convention, said stereotyping is ill-informed and typical of bigoted attacks that other minorities have suffered. (THE NEW YORK TIMES)

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TUES., SEPT. 18

Sinai adult education

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Suggestions and Good Deeds - What Are They? Part of Temple Sinai's Adult Education program, this class will survey the classic listing of 613 mitzvot in the Torah. Learn what they are and speculate on their importance in our lives today. Cost is \$10 for Temple members, \$20 for non-members. Please RSVP to the Temple at 942-8350.

WED., SEPT. 19

Yiddish language course

At the JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, taught by Mara Sokolsky, librarian at Temple Emanu-El. 11-week course for people with some knowledge of Yiddish. The classes will meet on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Sue Suls at 861-8800, ext.108.

Shofar making

6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. At the Jewish Collaborative of Southern RI, Narragansett. Fashion Shofar from an animal horn as you learn the entire process from the cooking to the final polishing. Admission \$2 for the demonstration, \$5 for each shofar. RSVP to Rabbi Yossi Laufer, 884-7888

NCJW open membership meeting

7 p.m. Nat'l Council of Jewish Women. At JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Speaker, Jametta O. Alston, Esq., RI Child Advocate. Short business meeting and 2007-08 calendar preview. All are welcome. Free.

SUN., SEPT. 23

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

2 p.m. Epoch, one Butler Ave., near the Eastside Marketplace. "Steven & Philip Martorella in concert - 1 piano, 4 hands"

Jewish Family Service family fun event.

1 to 3 p.m. JFS family

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Cranston High School reunion

Class of 1952 - 55th Reunion. Contact Norma Hill at 942-5328 or NHILL169@cox.net.

Temple Am David pizza in the hut

12 p.m. Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. RSVP 463-7944.

FRI., SEPT. 28

Sinai pot luck dinner

Annual New Member Pot Luck Dinner and Shabbat Services. Join us for a pot luck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by 7:30 p.m. services.

SUN., SEPT 30

Sinai program on colonial Jews

1 p.m. The Temple Sinai Sisterhood and the Seniors Group will present a special event featuring Keith W. Stokes, executive director of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stokes will be presenting "Faith, Family & Freedom: Colonial Jewish Families of Newport." This discussion will be detailing the early Jewish settlement of Newport in 1658 and the growth of one of America's earliest and most significant Jewish communities during the Colonial period. Refreshments will be served. This program will be held at Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston. It is FREE and open to the public. Please RSVP to the Temple Sinai office at 942-8350.

Charlie Samdperil event

6 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner, presentations and entertainment to celebrate the life of Charlie Samdperil at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. RSVP by Sept. 10.

TUES., Oct. 2

Chabad "Soup in the Sukkah"

7:30 p.m. Event in the "Women's Evenings" series by Chabad of West Bay. Variety of autumn soups under the stars with friends. Donation \$5. RSVP to Shoshana at 884-7888.

SUN., OCT. 7

BBYO new young teen program

9 — 11:30 a.m. for 7th and 8th graders. (Game Day) At Dave & Busters' Providence Place Mall. Pick-up and return at the Providence JCC. Kickoff

program. Power card, activities, breakfast, transportation to and from the mall included in \$15 cost. For more information call (781) 341-2016 ext 268 or Malki Karkovsky at mkarkovsky@bbyo.org.

MON. OCT. 8

Great Day of Service in Barrington

8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. B.O.W. community collaborative working for community betterment. For more information contact Amy Rovin at 258-6860, www.bowri.org or email greatday@bow.org.

MON., OCT. 29

Talmudic Ethics

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Plot shtick-ens on top-rated soap as hunk says sorry on Yom Kippur

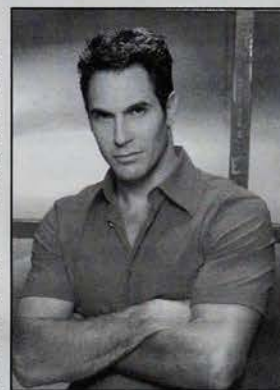
By Jacob Berkman

NEW YORK (JTA) — Soap opera plots are built more on the selling points of sin than on the healing powers of redemption, but one of the main characters on the Young and the Restless is about to do some Jewish-style repentance — just in time for Yom Kippur.

The character, Brad Carlton, who entered the Y&R scene about 20 years ago as the gardener to the wealthy Abbott family of the fictional Genoa City, is not what you'd call a saint. The womanizing gardener, after all, worked his way into the Genoa City social elite in part by marrying a succession of rich women, the first of which was the insecure Abbott daughter Traci.

But last year the soap dropped a bombshell: The upwardly mobile stud was actually a Hebrew hunk. It turns out that Brad had been hiding his Jewish identity to protect himself and his mother, who had drawn the ire of Nazis because of her work as a Holocaust art restitution investigator.

"For 20 years, there was a complete mystery as to Brad's background," said Don Diamont, the actor who plays Brad, during a phone interview with JTA. "He



Don Diamont of the Young and the Restless.

knew that he was Jewish, but he lived as someone else a long time."

Diamont says that in his mind the character had on occasion celebrated some Jewish holidays in secret, but this year Brad will have the have his first opportunity to celebrate them openly — and he will do so on the show's Sept. 21 episode.

According to Y&R sources, Brad will not only attend services for Yom Kippur, which falls the day after the show airs on CBS, but he will openly ask forgiveness from two charac-

ters he has wronged during the past year: his daughter Colleen, played by Tammin Sursok, and Genoa City's wealthiest man, Victor Newman, played by Eric Braeden.

Here's why: Colleen, a college student, is dating her former professor. The professor had been offered a job at a museum in Paris. In a successful attempt to nix the deal and keep his daughter from moving overseas with her scholarly beau, Brad bribed the museum with a coveted piece of art. Colleen found out and cut off communications with her father.

Just before Kol Nidre services, Brad will try to make amends with Colleen, sources say. "The start of Yom Kippur. For Jews, it's the holiest day of the year," he'll say. "We fast, consider the wrongs we've done, and try to make amends."

He tells her that he would like to have her by her side on the first Yom Kippur he can attend in public since his childhood. But

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Nation

Fla. officials: Stop Hebrew classes

By Larry Luxner

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Less than 48 hours after classes began at the nation's only Jewish-oriented charter school, officials in Broward County, Fla., issued a command of their own: Thou shalt not teach Hebrew, at least for the time being.

The Ben Gamla Charter School ignored the ruling for one day, then decided to cooperate with the Broward County School Board — even though Ben Gamla's founder, former Democratic congressman Peter Deutsch, said Thursday that his Hollywood, Fla., institution is going strictly by the book.

"I had to literally run around school yesterday telling the Hebrew teachers not to teach Hebrew," Deutsch said. He insisted that there's a great deal of confusion over what is being allowed and what's not. "The school board says we don't have a contract at this point in time. We say we not only have a contract that allows us to teach Hebrew, but a contract that obligates us to teach Hebrew."

Nevertheless, Deutsch said that he and the superintendent of schools, James Nottter, want exactly the same thing: a Hebrew-English curriculum with no religious content. "It can't be religious — that would be unconstitutional," Deutsch said.

By definition, charter schools are publicly financed elementary or secondary schools that are managed privately, with minimal input from local school boards,



Photo by Avi Frier/The Florida Jewish News

A vote regarding the nation's first Jewish-oriented charter school drew a crowd to the Broward School Board meeting on July 24.

and whose innovative teaching methods are expected to produce higher academic results.

Ben Gamla's supporters were already told months ago that the school would be forbidden from teaching Torah or prayer; its original proposal was soundly rejected by school board members on the grounds that overt Jewish symbolism would be involved.

But the teaching of Hebrew as a foreign language was far less controversial and never emerged as a bone of contention until now. Keith Bromery, spokesman for the school board, said it's possible Hebrew-language instruction may resume Sept. 11, following the board's next meeting.

"We're not saying they can never teach Hebrew again. It's just a temporary suspension," he said. "We want to bend over backwards to make sure there isn't any proselytizing going on, other than casual references to religion. We are ultimately responsible for insuring there's separation of church and state."

Ben Gamla's director, Adam Siegel, says that the 400 students at the school — which is now off limits to reporters — are getting lessons in Israeli geography until the 25 faculty members are once again permitted to resume teaching Hebrew.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm not sitting here crying," Siegel

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said. "We don't get depressed. We still have a lot of other subjects to teach. I believe that within three weeks, we'll be able to resume teaching Hebrew for the rest of the year, and for years to come."

Siegel said a group of seventh-graders came up to him Thursday with a petition signed by several hundred students, declaring "We want Hebrew."

Siegel, 37, is an Orthodox rabbi who ran a Jewish elementary school in North Miami Beach before being hired by Deutsch to supervise Ben Gamla. He claims that the Hebrew teachers

under his supervision — working closely with the school board's foreign language department — presented the school board with a meticulously crafted 600-page curriculum.

"They found one reference to a website with religious content, out of the 600 pages we put together," said a frustrated Siegel, insisting that the school board's "no Hebrew" ruling has nothing to do with the curriculum itself. "Anybody who tells you that it does either doesn't know or is playing games with you," he said. "It's about money — people feeling that they're losing control of a customer base."

Eric Stillman, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Broward County, doesn't buy that. "As far as I can see, the

Broward School Board is focused entirely on the issue of separation of church and state. They are paying no attention whatsoever to the issue of competition or money," said Stillman, whose organization provides grants to private Jewish day schools.

"The question is whether the instruction is limited to conversational Hebrew, which is of no concern to us. The issue has to do with teaching Jewish culture, and whether religion would be included. At this point, the responsibility lies with the Broward School Board to monitor the school and make clear what is and what's not acceptable for the school to be teaching."

Stillman said it appears that the school board "is taking its role very seriously in making sure Ben Gamla is only teaching that which is within the boundaries of separation of church and state."

In the meantime, Bromery said there would be serious repercussions if Ben Gamla resumes Hebrew-language instruction before Sept. 11.

"If we find that they're flagrantly violating a board directive, we can take action up to and including revoking their charter," he warned. "I'm not saying we're going to do that, but that's the potential."

SOAP

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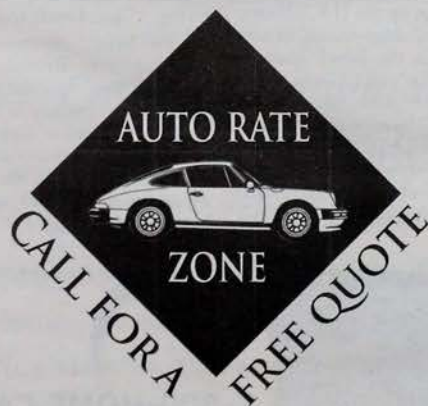
will she come with him?

Things with his soon-to-be ex-father-in-law Victor Newman are a little more complicated. The upshot is that in something of a love octagon involving blackmail, adultery and an attempt to keep Victor's son Nick — the son of a former stripper, Nikki — off of the board of Newman Enterprises, Brad had gotten Victor's daughter-in-law, Phyllis, thrown in jail for six years; he also cheated on his wife, Victoria — Victor's daughter.

So Brad plans to apologize to Victor. But will the mustachioed millionaire accept?

Brad's hidden Jewish identity resonates with Diamont, whose birth name is Donald Feinberg. The actor grew up in Los Angeles as a secular and unaffiliated Jew, and only had a bar mitzvah in his early 20s, after his father died and his brother Jack was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor. The two brothers studied together.

Now 44, he belongs to a Reform synagogue and celebrates some Jewish holidays, including Hanukkah, with his daughters.



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Rubinstein defends 'apartheid' speech

PRAGUE (JTA)—Ha'aretz columnist Danny Rubinstein had the unrepentant last word after being dropped by a British Zionist organization that objected to his calling Israel an "apartheid" state at a U.N. Palestinian rights conference in Brussels.

"I am not apologizing for what I said," Rubinstein told a crowd of about 100 Monday evening at the New North London Synagogue, according to several people in attendance. "People do use the word apartheid in my circles. My newspaper increasingly uses that word. This is nothing new."

"I only started using the word apartheid recently after Jimmy Carter's book, though I didn't like the book," Rubinstein said, referring to "Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid." He also noted that "even Ariel Sharon used the word 'occupation,' which was a word never used before."

Rubinstein, the Arab affairs editor for Ha'aretz and a member of the newspaper's editorial board, had been scheduled to speak Monday at the annual meeting of the British Zionist Federation, which has about 10,000 members.

After JTA reported on Rubinstein's Aug. 30 comments at the U.N. conference, however, the speech was canceled by mutual agreement, according to the Zionist group.

Sources familiar with the situation said that Rubinstein offered to cancel when he learned that the federation membership was angry over his remarks, but was hurt deeply by the overall controversy, including a slew of negative editorials around the world.

Several attendees at the London synagogue event said Rubinstein appeared tired, stressed and genuinely shocked

by the outcry his comments had caused.

"I never want to go through this again," Rubinstein was overheard saying to one audience member.

According to another source, Rubinstein had received 20 requests for interviews — and was ignoring all of them. He did not return phone calls from JTA.

In addition to highlighting the increasing use of the word apartheid in left-wing Israeli circles, the flap unleashed dueling waves of outrage between those who were upset by what Rubinstein said in Brussels and those who were appalled that he would be dropped by a major Zionist organization for speaking his mind.

The talk at the London synagogue was organized by the New Israel Fund, which promotes democracy and human rights in

Israel. In a statement explaining its decision to go ahead with the event, the organization rejected the use of the apartheid label but stressed the need to defend "free speech."

The controversy also underscored what some pro-Israel activists described as a general ignorance among Israelis when it comes to Diaspora life.

Paul Usiskin, a Zionist who heads British Friends of Peace Now UK, a group openly critical of Israeli settlement policy and treatment of the Palestinians, said Rubinstein should have been allowed to speak at the Zionist Federation meeting.

However, he also said that Rubinstein and other Israelis often do not understand how their words are used by those who are hostile toward Israel.

"There is a difficulty with Israelis, and Danny Rubinstein is not the only one who has fallen in on this, of coming out of Israel and going into another context," Usiskin said. He added later that "it's not necessarily the same left wing as what he knows at home."

Some British Jews cried censorship, but the Zionist Federation stood firm.

"The Anglo-Jewish community and other supporters of Israel have been fighting growing efforts by various British unions to boycott Israel, the latest being an attempt by the U.K.'s University and College Union to sever links with the Israeli academic community," said Gavin Gross, director of public affairs for the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. "By using the phrase 'apartheid state' to describe Israel, Danny has provided legitimacy to the pro-boycott camp."



Ha'aretz columnist Danny Rubinstein

During his talk in London, according to audience members, Rubinstein said he could not fathom why he should modify his positions for an audience abroad — even one that includes anti-Zionists.

"I have a professional responsibility to say what I think, and I won't change what I say or what I think depending on the place," he was quoted as saying.

Rubinstein made his controversial remarks in Brussels last week at a meeting put on by the U.N. Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. The committee, which was established by the U.N. General Assembly in 1975, the same day the world body adopted the infamous "Zionism is Racism" resolution, has a long history of anti-Israeli activity.

Pro-Israel observers who attended the Brussels event — titled "International Conference of Civil Society in Support of Israeli-Palestine Peace" and held in the European Parliament — say it lived up to their worst expectations and was anything but a peace meeting.

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Model airplanes and the children of the Depression

The autumn of 1930: What did eight-year-old Jewish boys in inner Brooklyn, growing awkwardly toward a distant maturity, dream about? Contrary to Roth,



Stanley Aronson M.D.

Mailer and a generation of post-Freudian writers, it was not sex, nor the Brooklyn Dodgers nor even the devastating Depression. The concerns of these pre-adolescent youngsters, living in physical surroundings that were wretchedly drab and unappealing, were more in finding means by which to rise above this squalor and finding ways to express their aspirations.

Trees did not grow in Brownsville; and while they may have flourished elsewhere in Brooklyn such arboreal paradises were as remote to the Brownsville youngster as Nepal. The local sidewalks were colorless and the natural soil of Brooklyn was therefore carefully hidden by layers of concrete lest its appearance remind the local youth that there were indeed meadows and gardens elsewhere. For the children, these sidewalks were reserved for their games and the intense discussions that only chil-

dren can generate.

"Hey, whatcha makin?" was the common greeting between the local male youngsters when meeting each other on these sidewalks. To an outsider, some one from New England perhaps, it may have sounded like an exotic tongue but to the children of Pitkin Avenue it clearly meant: "What are you making or constructing, currently? What new projects occupy your free time?" In an age and subculture without TV [or its interactive games], without toys or cameras, without athletic equipment save for the ever-present spaldeen ball and perhaps a pair of roller skates, the Brownsville children were constrained to find their own creative outlets. For the girls it meant reading, keeping diaries, knitting or sewing; and for the boys it meant stamp-collecting, reading and, to a great measure, "making things" with their unceasingly restless hands.

What indeed was "made?" Mainly, model airplanes of those military aircraft employed during World War I. Children, who could not distinguish a Ford from a Chevrolet, nor had ever flown in or even touched an airplane, could expound readily and learnedly about the structure, armaments and performance-characteristics of the military aircraft flown by Germany or the Allies during the

Great War of 1914 - 1918. They could tell you all about the various bi-winged SPADs [Societe Pour L'Aviation et ses Derives] flown by the French Escadrilles and the British Royal Air Force; that the plane was one inch short of 20 feet in length, had a wingspan of 26 feet, seated one, weighed but 1,124 pounds, was powered by a Hispano-Souza motor, but was not as agile in the skies as the German Fokker biplanes and triplanes. And, of course, they could relate the life story of the legendary Baron von Richthofen, the fabled Red Baron, who had shot down over 80 allied planes before he too was defeated in aerial combat.

How did the children of Brooklyn make these planes? There were numerous stores, often no more than kitchen-corners of tenement apartments, where strips of balsa wood, glue and construction plans of these aircraft were sold. It then took no more than an old razor blade, a work-board [usually made from discarded orange-crates], a bit of unoccupied floor space and a sense of resolute dedication to build these models. The final framework was then carefully covered by very thin tissue paper [called japan paper], glued to the ribs of the wings and fuselage and then painted with the appropriate colors. The finished product was

too delicate to fly or even handle and so they were suspended from the bedroom chandeliers by a length of sewing thread.

These models were not to be confused with sturdier model aircraft, powered by rubber-bands, which could actually be flown as much as 50 or more feet. Inner Brooklyn, however, had few unobstructed spaces that were as much as 50 feet in diameter and so the planes were often flown solely on early Sunday mornings when the street traffic was light.

For the earthbound youngsters of Brooklyn the fascination with model aircraft began as an innocent wonderment of flight and flying machines. Life, they instinctively knew, was too short to be earthbound.

To them, flight might also have been symbolic of an autonomy which elevated them above the squalor of Brownsville, the drudgery of both secular and Hebrew schooling and a future jeopardized by a devastating Depression. Somehow, too, making little model aircraft equipped these children with greater emotional latitude and allowed them to envision expanded options in life. And this new freedom became more than the mere capacity to do the unusual; it meant, rather, an escape from the daily impediments of their lives and the privilege to dream, unrestrained, of other possibilities.

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Jewish pride

When I was a child, matters Jewish were primarily equated with religious belief and practice. A Jewish family was identified by their affiliation (or lack of affiliation) with an Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform type of synagogue. Even the agnostics of the time, somehow, fell into one of those categories based on practices of their extended families.



Tema Gouse

This attitude persists until today. But today's Jews probably have as many secularists as it has religious observers. This is not a denial of being Jewish; it is merely a different perspective to their identity.

I am writing this just a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which is the time of year when even secularists remember they are Jews. Even the least observant are aware of these holidays. Some unexplainable part of them changes their behavior

on the Holy Days, and need to present the Jewish image to non-Jews, who would not understand ignoring the holiest days of the Jewish religion.

But there are other facets to the Jewish image, the Jewish pride, and continuing to feel Jewish. When someone Jewish has a great, published achievement, we gloat with pride. We "kvell" that one of ours is so accomplished. (Leo Rosten's "Joy of Yiddish" translates kvelling as "beaming with immense pride and pleasure").

When someone with a Jewish name is indicted for tax evasion or any crime, we cringe with embarrassment and shame, even though their misdemeanor has absolutely nothing to do with us as individuals. The only thing we share with them is a heritage. But Jews have psyches that lump all Jews in categories of pride or shame.

Long ago I studied what makes us "tick." But lacking in that curriculum was any interpretation of Jewish reactions. We watch the news on television and see good and bad news. Either way, one of the early reactions we have is "is it good for the Jews?" And if the achievement is positive, we talk

about it. Or if that Jewish boy misbehaved, we share his family's shame.

The question arises as to why Jewish people have become so secularized. (Please, remember that I am not referring to those who deny their Judaic background or convert to some other religion). Ironically, in many instances secularism is an outgrowth of the establishment of a Jewish homeland. Israel has given many Jews another source of Jewish identity and pride. We still say "next year in Jerusalem" in our prayers or rituals but Jerusalem awaits us and we can go tomorrow if we choose to. We no longer need to pray for that.

The struggles for peace in Israel, since its birth in 1948, have given Jews, all over the world, a Jewish cause to support. And that they have given, gladly, generously. And in the nearly 60 years since then, many of us have tended to identify more with Israel than with the religion. Rabbis would correctly argue that the devotion to both should be equal. However, we live in a world where perhaps it is easier to look to our brethren who often need help than to address our thoughts to prayer.

And what will evolve?

Many of the generation that is approaching adulthood have great interest in Israel, but little patience for time in the house of prayer. (Even if for only three days a year). My grandchildren will all visit Israel and happily come to "break the fast." But will they be synagogue members when they have their own families?

For most of us, the stance we take on being a Jew is derived from our backgrounds. My mother, who died young, kept a kosher home out of tradition; it also assured that my Zaydeh would eat in our house. My father, a product of a very deprived childhood in a Russian shtetl, was a lifetime Zionist who never joined a synagogue but insisted that his children learn Hebrew

so that they would be prepared when there was a Jewish state.

The result of all this was that Dad happily lived his later years in Israel. I married into an observant family and have been Temple affiliated for sixty years. My sons had Hebrew School training and neither have Temple affiliation, but their children are involved in Jewish community affairs and very pro-Israel.

I used to say that Judaism would last forever because it had room for every perspective. That is narrowing now but if we stay tolerant of our differences, being Jewish will continue to be a source of pride and identification.

Tema is a regular columnist and lives in Cranston.

Taglit-birthright israel opens winter registration

NEW YORK — Taglit-birthright israel opened registration online to young people in North America for participation in its winter 2007-2008 trips beginning Sept. 5. The organization provides the gift of first time, peer group, educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults.

Taglit-birthright israel operates on a belief that it is every Jewish person's birthright to visit Israel. To date, 145,000 young adults from 52 countries have traveled to Israel on the 10-day trips. The program is open to all Jewish young adults, ages 18 to 26, who have not traveled to Israel before on a peer educational trip or study program, regardless of religious affiliation, community involvement or financial wherewithal.

Due to the tremendous popularity of the program, registration has typically been closed before original deadline, once the program's capacity has been met. Applicants are encouraged to apply early as registration for December and January trips may close as early as Oct. 1; registration will be open for February and March trips only until Oct. 15.

Winter trips will run mid-December 2007 through March 2008. The dates and descriptions of specific trips are available on the Taglit-birthright israel website (www.birthrightisrael.com) from which applicants can select online.

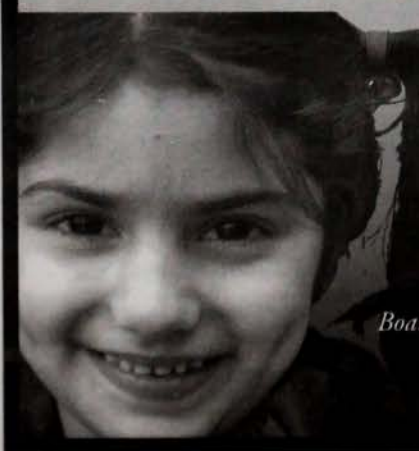
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CHABAD HOUSE

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Inside

German Betzalel Ortezcadena, an artist, was a guest on the third floor of the center. He could not sleep and began reading the Zohar, a book of the Kabbalah. Suddenly, he felt as though the building had been hit by an earthquake; the house shuddered and shook violently. From the window, he saw an SUV had slammed into the basement.

"In a way it could have been worse," Ortezcadena said. "The car came within inches of hitting the gas main. Had it done so, the whole building would have exploded."

Police back-up arrived and came inside to look for any occupants. Ortezcadena grabbed his passport and exited the building with two other residents.

Meanwhile, the Fire Department had arrived and the rescue vehicle took mother and baby to the hospital. The driver was later identified as Chantria Sar, 20, of Lowell, Mass. The baby was her 11-month-old son, Aysharian. The mother was taken to Rhode Island Hospital, and the baby was sent to Hasbro Children's Hospital, and later transferred to a Boston hospital. Family Services of R.I. dispatched social workers to the hospitals.

Last Friday, Sar was released from the hospital, according to a Rhode Island Hospital spokesperson.

"Thank goodness everyone survived," Esserman said. He expressed pride in his men who buddied up to enter the building to evacuate occupants. The house next door was also evacuated.

At 5:30 a.m. that morning, Rabbi Laufer hurried over



Damage done to a bedroom.

Photo by Mary Korr

to the center from his home on Savoy Street. He conducted services in the backyard, and held a havdalah service under the stars that evening.

Three Torah scrolls, one of which was a scroll inscribed by Rabbi Laufer's uncle, and hidden by him during the Holocaust, were taken safely out of the building. The family scroll has traveled far and wide, from Poland to South America to Detroit to California to Rhode Island.

The Jeep remained lodged throughout the day until the house could be shored up by structural engineers, the rabbi

says. "Thank God for all the miracles protecting everyone, and the Torah scrolls."

Esserman said the case continues to be under investigation; as of last Friday no charges had



RABBI LAUFER in the basement where the Jeep narrowly missed the main gas line. The two gas meters, at left, were mangled.



Photo by Noah Schwartz

GERMAN BETZALEL ORTEZ-CADENA, with his ash print on the Zohar, the book he was reading when the Jeep hit. This photo was taken at the Lower East Side festival two days later.

been filed against the driver.

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(Joshua Stein contributed to this article.)

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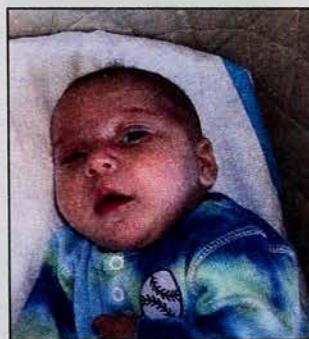


Liam and Maya Alon with big brother Adam.

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Jesse Aeton Hellring

Breslow, the late Charles and Gaye Jamison and Barbie Hoeffling of Monument, Colo.

Paternal grandparents are Lawrence and Abby Hellring of Coral Gables, Fla. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Kopel Rothberg of East Greenwich and Sharron Rothberg of Smithfield.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mildred Hellring of Springfield, N.J. and the late Julius Hellring, in whose memory Jesse has been named; Esther (Millman) Rothberg and the late Maurice (Moishe) Rothberg. Maternal great-grandparents are the late James and Estelle

Ross receives Grossman scholarship

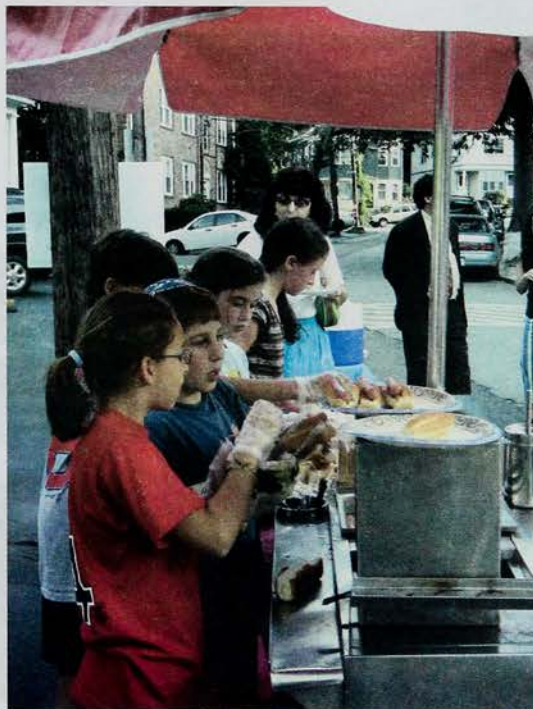


Michael Ross, Stanley Grossman, and Kathleen C. Hittner, MD, president and CEO of The Miriam Hospital.

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JCD'S Block Party



The Jewish Community Day School held a block party on Tuesday evening to celebrate the start of the school year. Students served hot dogs from the new hot dog stand, a band played "Here Comes the Sun," and parents, teachers, staff and students mixed and mingled. The sizzling burgers were a return favorite for all.

Photos by Jessica Perlman



RACHEL SOKLOW, 5, of Cranston, had her face painted by **Hannah Feinstein**, 10, of Providence, at the Jewish Community Day School's block party.



B'nai Israel, a small treasure of Judaism in Woonsocket

By Jessica Perlman
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WOONSOCKET — At Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, the High Holiday services are sure to offer everything from the warmth of community, to the intensity of prayer, as this small congregation prepares to entice all with its tremendous dedication to Judaism.

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With approximately 100 families, services at B'nai Israel are generally small, and there are plenty of opportunities for congregants to take active roles in the services, which are led by Spiritual Leader, Cantor Jeffrey Cornblatt.

There is also a Hebrew school, currently with 11 students, each receiving a well-rounded, education based on Jewish history, language, tradition and prayers.

Special art/jewelry display

For the High Holy Days, B'nai Israel will be welcoming Rabbi Elyse Winick, to lead the services, and Brenner is expecting about 100 people, including an estimated 15-25 children.

In addition to the traditional services, B'nai Israel will be hosting an art and jewelry display created and designed by Michal Maoz, to raise awareness of the autistic spectrum community at large. Maoz has Asperger's syndrome, which is one of the five autism spectrum disorders, and she has two children also on the autistic spectrum. Maoz's work will be on display throughout the high holidays, in the lounge.

Yom Kippur discussion

On the first day of Yom Kippur, there will be a discussion group led by Peter Tedeschi, who is a producer at CNN, and a member of B'nai Israel. Currently, Tedeschi is in Dachau, Germany, and is in the process of beginning research for a documentary that he is both producing and writing.

"Recently, some amazing sketches have been unearthed, apparently drawn by a Jewish prisoner in Dachau, while in captivity in the Holocaust," explained Brenner. "They made their way to another survivor who kept them hidden in a closet for decades."

Tedeschi will be in Germany for a few weeks, and will be accompanied by "noted Holocaust historian" Michael Berembaun, and Avi Hoffman, who is the executive director of the National Center for Jewish Cultural Arts. Beginning at 4 p.m. on Sept. 22, Tedeschi will lead the discussion, explaining the documentary, and what he discovered while in Germany.

Break fast

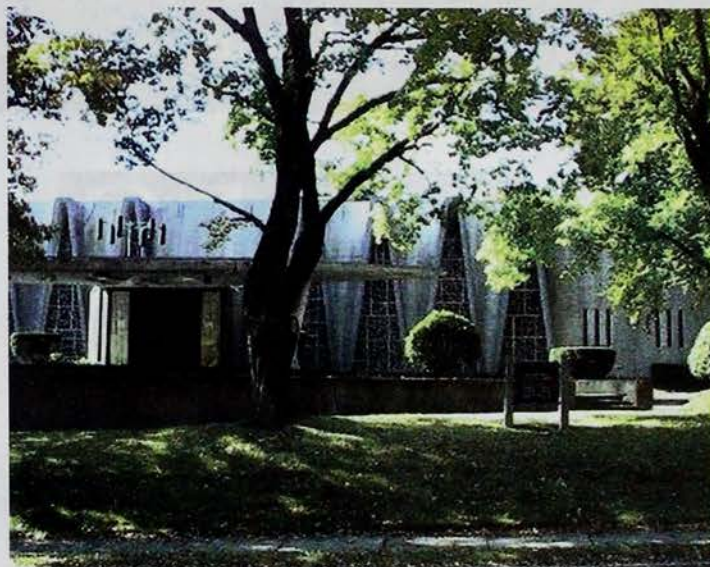
The afternoon on Yom Kippur is also one of the most spectacular times to be in the synagogue and witness its true beauty, as the stained glass windows bask in the glow of the sun.

"When the sun drapes in, it's absolutely my favorite time to be in the sanctuary. It's just so peaceful and calming," Brenner said.

As the day comes to an end, B'nai Israel offers the annual break-fast. "In the evening, we have a long-standing tradition of breaking the fast as a community. Whether people are alone or sharing the holidays with family, everyone is invited," said Brenner.

People wanting to take part in the High Holiday services and activities at Congregation B'nai Israel are asked to call the synagogue office at 762-3651. There is a charge for the break-fast (\$6 adults, \$2 children 5-12.), and attendees must RSVP by Sept. 12. For more information, go to www.shalom-cbi.org.

Jessica Perlman is a freelance writer and lives in East Providence.



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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 21, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 22, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 22, 2007 4:30 p.m.

Break the Fast following concluding service on Yom Kippur

Services led by Jerome Fischer

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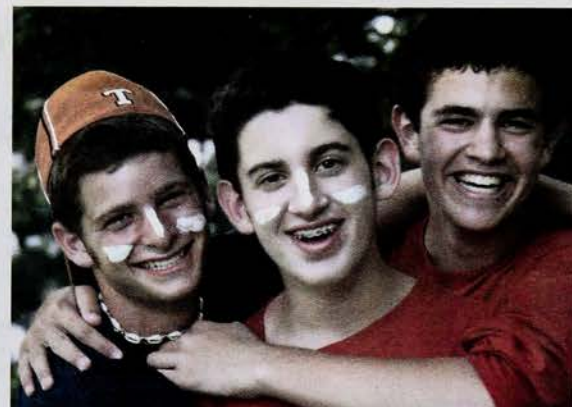
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BBYO begins early-teen program

An information meeting will be held at the JCC on Sept. 16.

The B'nai Brith Youth Organization is starting a new program to bridge the gap between the bar and bat mitzvah and the high school years. In an effort to address the decline in participation in Jewish activities from the seventh to the twelfth grade, new experiences will be provided for the middle school group, ages 12 to 14.

Malki Karkowsky, BBYO regional program director for New England, will be in charge of "Teen Connection" in Rhode Island. She says, "The years following a teen's bar or Bat Mitz-

vah are integral to forming a strong Jewish identity."

She will give an informational talk on Sun., Sept. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Providence.

The first New England event will be "Game Day" at Dave and Buster's in Providence Place Mall on Oct. 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The \$15 fee will include breakfast beforehand at the JCC, where kids can be dropped off and picked up, transportation to and from the mall, and a Powercard.

Future events of the coming season will be a winter pool party, a Celtics game, a Hanukkah party and a field day in the spring.

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High Holiday Schedule

Trying to figure out what time morning services start on Rosh Hashanah or when Youth or Family services begin at your Temple? This year the Voice & Herald has created a listing of schedules from many of the Temples in the area to help you plan your holidays. If your Temple is not listed, we recommend going to your Temple's website as many do list their services schedule. If you do not know your synagogue's website address we suggest you "Google" or go to another search engine site and simply type in the Temple's name and the city and state it is located.

BARRINGTON

Reform

Temple Habonim

WED., SEPT. 12

8 p.m. Evening service

THURS., SEPT. 13

9 a.m. Family worship service

10:45 a.m. Morning service

3:30 p.m. Tashlikh service

FRI., SEPT. 14

10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah (second day) morning service

FRI., SEPT. 21

8 p.m. Kol Nidre evening service

SAT., SEPT. 22

9 a.m. Family worship service

10:45 a.m. Morning service

3:15 p.m. Yizkor afternoon service

6 p.m. Break the fast

BRISTOL

Conservative

United Brothers Synagogue

WED., SEPT. 12

Rosh Hashanah

Services 8 p.m.

THURS., SEPT. 13

Services 10 a.m.

FRI., SEPT. 14

Services 10 a.m.

FRI. SEPT. 21

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre 8 p.m.

SAT., SEPT. 22

Services 10 a.m.

(No tickets necessary)

CRANSTON

Reform

Temple Sinai

WED., SEPT. 12

8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service

THURS., SEPT. 13

10 a.m. Morning service

3:30 p.m. Tashlikh service

FRI., SEPT. 21

8 p.m. Kol Nidre service

SAT., SEPT. 22

10 a.m. Yom Kippur morning service

1:15 p.m. Discussion

3 p.m. Afternoon service

4:30 p.m. Memorial service

5 p.m. Concluding service

Conservative

Temple Torat Yisrael

WED., SEPT. 12

6 p.m. Ma'ariv evening service

THURS., SEPT. 13

8:30 a.m. Shaharit morning service

6:15 p.m. Tashlich/Minhah service

8 p.m. Ma'ariv service

FRI., SEPT. 14

8:30 a.m. Shaharit service

7:30 p.m. Shabbat service

SAT., SEPT. 15

9:15 a.m. Shaharit service

FRI., SEPT. 21

6 p.m. Kol Nidrei/Ma'ariv services

SAT., SEPT. 22

8:30 a.m. Shaharit/Yizkor Memorial service

5 p.m. Minhah/Nilah services

7:44 p.m. Group Shofar blast and Havdalah

Non-denominational

Kingston/University of R.I.

URI Hillel

Rosh Hashanah services

THURS., SEPT. 13 — FRI., SEPT. 14:

6 p.m. Memorial Union Atrium I, 50 Lower College Rd. Rosh Hashanah evening service and dinner. High Holiday Services conducted by executive director Amy Olson. Dinner is free for students and \$15 for non-students. Reservations are required by Sept. 10 and may be made by emailing Hillel@uri.edu or calling (401) 874-2740.

9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah morning service.

MIDDLETOWN

Conservative

Temple Shalom

WED., SEPT. 12

7 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

THURS., SEPT. 13

First day of Rosh Hashanah

9 a.m. Morning services

7:30 p.m. Evening services

FRI., SEPT. 14

Second day of Rosh Hashanah

10 a.m. Morning service

7:30 p.m. Sabbath of Repentance

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SERVICES

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FRI., SEPT. 21

6:15 p.m. Kol Nidre

SAT., SEPT. 22

Yom Kippur

9 a.m. Morning service

NARRAGANSETT

Conservative

Congregation Beth David

All High Holy Day Services at
St. Veronica Chapel

Except: YK, Sep. 22, Afternoon
(Nelliah) is at Beth David.

WED., SEPT. 12

6:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

THURS., SEPT. 13

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah First day

5:30 p.m. Tashlich - Narragan-
sett Pier Gazebo

6:30 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

FRI., SEPT. 14

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah second
day

6:30 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

FRI., SEPT. 21

6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre

SAT., SEPT. 22

9 a.m. Yom Kippur/Yizkor

4:45 p.m. (Temple) Minhah/
study session

6:15 p.m. (Temple) Ne'illah

7:30 p.m. (Temple) Havdalah/
Shofar

PROVIDENCE

Non-denominational

Chabad House Jewish Heri-
tage Center

WED., SEPT. 12

Rosh Hashanah

6:50 p.m. Evening service

THURS. SEPT. 13

9:30 a.m. Morning service

11:30 a.m. Sounding the Shofar

6:50 p.m. Evening service

FRI., SEPT. 14

9:30 a.m. Morning service

11:30 a.m. Sounding the Shofar

6:50 p.m. Evening service

FRI., SEPT. 21

Yom Kippur

6:30 Kol Nidrei service

SAT., SEPT. 22

9:30 a.m. Morning service

11:40 a.m. Yizkor

5:15 p.m. Neilah

7:29 Fast ends

(No charge for services)

Orthodox

Congregation Mishkon
Tfiloh

Erev Rosh Hashana

WED., SEPT. 12

6:43 p.m. Candle lighting

6:45 p.m. Minhah

7:46 p.m. Ma'ariv and Tzais

THURS., SEPT. 13

Rosh Hashana

8 a.m. Shaharit

9:32 a.m. End Shema time

11:15 a.m. Tekias Shofar

6:20 p.m. Minhah

7:44 p.m. Ma'ariv and Tzais

SAT., SEPT. 15

Shabbos Shuva

6:38 p.m. Candle lighting/
Minhah

9 a.m. Shaharit

9:33 a.m. End Shema time

6:15 p.m. Minhah Shabbos after-
noon

SUN., SEPT. 16

Tzom Gedalya

8 a.m. Shaharit

6:20 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

7:39 p.m. Fast ends

Weekdays

6:15 a.m. Shaharit

6:25 p.m. Minhah Ma'ariv

FRI., SEPT. 21

Erev Yom Kippur

6:30 a.m. Shaharit

TBA Minhah

6:10 p.m. Kol Nidrei

6:28 p.m. Candle lighting

7:31 p.m. Ma'ariv and Tzais

Pray for Peace

May it be Your will, G-d of our ancestors, that You grant my family and all Israel a good and long life. Remember us with blessings and kindness. Fill our homes with your Divine Presence. Give me the opportunity to raise my children and grandchildren to be truly wise, lovers of G-d, people of truth, who illuminate the world with Torah, good deeds and the work of the Creator. Please hear my prayer at this time. Regard me as a worthy descendent of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, our mothers, and let my candles burn and never be extinguished. Let the light of your face shine upon us, and bring true peace to Israel and the world.



Blessings for Shabbos

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
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BO-RUCH A-TOH ADO-NOI E-LO-HEI-NU ME-LECH
HO-LOM A-SHER KI-DE-SHA-NU BE-MITZ-VO-SOV
VI-TZI-VO-NU LE-HAD-LIK-NER SHEL SHA-BOS
KO-DESH

Blessed are You, G-d our Lord, King of the universe,
who has hallowed us through His commandments,
and has commanded us to kindle the lights of the holy Shabbos

Blessings for Holidays

Select the proper ending for the appropriate Yom Tov:

BORUCH ATO ADO-NOY ELO-HAY-NU MELECH HO-LOM
A-SHER KID-SHONU B'MITZ-VO-SOV V-T ZI-VONU
L'HAD-LIK NER SHEL

(on Friday add — SHA-BOS V-SHEL)

Pesach, Shavuot and Succos:.....Yom Tov

Rosh Hashanah:Yom-Ha-zi-Koron

Yom Kippur:Yom Ha-Kippurim

Add this blessing following each of the above blessings
except for the last holidays of Pesach.

BORUCH ATO ADO-NOY ELO-HAY-NU MELECH HO-LOM
SHE-HEH-CHE-YONU V'KEE-MONU V'HEE-GEE-ONU
LEEZ-MAN HA-ZEH

Special instructions for holidays (but not on Shabbat). It is
forbidden to create a new fire by striking a match, lighter, etc.,
However, it is permissible to use a flame already burning since
before the inception of the holiday, such as a pilot light, gas or
candle flame.

CAUTION FOR FRIDAYS:

DO NOT light candles after sunset so as not to desecrate the
Shabbos. It is forbidden to light candles after sunset.

CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

5768 (2007-2008) Providence, Rhode Island

| September, 2007 | October, 2007 | November, 2007 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 7 6:49 | 3 Shmini Atzeret 6:05 | 2 5:20 |
| 12 Rosh Hashanah 6:41 | 4 Shmini Atzeret 7:08 | 9 4:12 |
| 13 Rosh Hashanah 7:44 | 5 Simchat Torah 6:01 | 16 4:05 |
| 14 Rosh Hashanah 6:37 | 12 5:50 | 23 4:00 |
| 21 6:25 | 19 5:39 | 30 3:57 |
| 26 Sukkot 6:17 | 26 5:29 | |
| 27 Sukkot 7:20 | | |
| 28 Sukkot 6:13 | | |

Daylight savings time ends Nov. 4

| December, 2007 | January, 2008 | February, 2008 |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 7 3:55 | 4 4:08 | 1 4:41 |
| 14 3:56 | 11 4:15 | 8 4:50 |
| 21 3:58 | 18 4:23 | 15 4:59 |
| 28 4:03 | 25 4:32 | 22 5:07 |
| | | 29 5:16 |

Daylight savings time resumes March 9

| March, 2008 | April, 2008 | May, 2008 |
|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| 7 5:24 | 4 6:55 | 2 7:26 |
| 14 6:32 | 11 7:03 | 9 7:33 |
| 21 6:40 | 18 7:10 | 16 7:41 |
| 28 6:47 | 19 Passover 8:16 | 23 7:46 |
| | 20 Passover 8:17 | 30 7:52 |
| | 25 Passover 7:18 | |
| | 26 Passover 8:24 | |

| June, 2008 | July, 2008 | August, 2008 |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| 6 7:57 | 4 8:04 | 1 7:44 |
| 13 8:01 | 11 8:01 | 8 7:35 |
| 20 8:03 | 18 7:57 | 15 7:25 |
| 27 8:04 | 25 7:51 | 22 7:14 |
| | | 29 7:03 |

The above times are for Providence, RI.
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of the Holiday is usually about one hour after
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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SAT., SEPT. 22

Yom Kippur

9 a.m. Shaharit
9:35 a.m. End Shema time
11:15 a.m. Yizkor
4:15 p.m. Minhah
6:44 p.m. Shkia
7:29 p.m. Tekias Shofar/Tzais

SUN., SEPT. 23

6:45 a.m. Shaharit
6:23 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

Reform

Temple Beth-El

WED., SEPT. 12

8:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah evening

THURS., SEPT. 13

10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah morning

FRI., SEPT. 21

8:15 p.m. Kol Nidre
10 a.m. Yom Kippur morning

SAT., SEPT. 22

2:30 p.m. Afternoon service
4:30 p.m. Yizkor/concluding service
6 p.m. Break the fast

For more information and on services and tickets, contact (401) 331-6070

WARWICK

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WED., SEPT. 12

Rosh Hashanah
6:50 p.m. Evening service

THURS., SEPT. 13 – FRI., SEPT. 14

9:30 a.m. Morning service
6:50 p.m. Evening service
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids hour
11:30 a.m. Sounding of the Shofar

6:50 p.m. Evening service

FRI., SEPT. 21

Yom Kippur

6:30 p.m. Kol Nidrei

SAT., SEPT. 22

9:30 a.m. Morning service
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids hour
11:40 a.m. Yizkor
5:15 p.m. Neilah
7:29 Fast ends

Conservative

Temple Am David

SAT., SEPT. 8

Selichot
Havdalah 7:53 p.m.
Movie 8 p.m.
Service 10 p.m.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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WED., SEPT 12

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Minhah-Ma'ariv 6 p.m.

THURS., SEPT. 13

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Morning service 9 a.m.

Jr. congregation 10:30 a.m. —

12:30 p.m.

Tashlich 5:15 p.m.

Minhah/Ma'ariv 6 p.m.

FRI., SEPT. 14

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Morning service 9 a.m.

Jr. congregation 10:30 a.m. —

12:30 p.m.

Ma'ariv 6:15 p.m.

FRI. SEPT.15

Yom Kippur

Minhah/Kol Nidre 6 p.m.

SAT., SEPT. 22

Morning service 9 a.m.

Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m. —

12:30 p.m.

Sermon/ Yiskor around 11 a.m.

Study 3:30 p.m.

Minhah 5:30 p.m.

Ne'ilah 6:15 p.m.

Shofar/Havdalah 7:28 p.m.

(call the temple prior to the holidays to purchase tickets, (401) 463-7944)

WOONSOCKET

Conservative

Congregation B'nai Israel

WED., SEPT. 12

Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:30 p.m.

THURS., SEPT.13

Rosh Hashanah first day

Morning service 9 a.m.

Evening service 7:15 p.m.

FRI., SEPT. 14

Rosh Hashanah second day

Morning service 9 a.m.

FRI., SEPT. 21

Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre 6 p.m.

SAT., SEPT. 22

Yom Kippur

Morning service 9 a.m.

Yizkor will be recited

Concluding Neila service 7:28 p.m.

Massachusetts

ATTLEBORO

Reconstructionist

Congregation Agudas Achim

SAT., SEPT. 8

7 p.m. Slichot

WED., SEPT. 12

8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

THURS., SEPT. 13

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah first day service

4 p.m. Tashlich at the duck pond following service

FRI., SEPT. 14

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah second day service

FRI., SEPT. 21

Yom Kippur

6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre

SAT., SEPT 22

9 a.m. Morning service

5 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

7:24 p.m. Break fast

FRANKLIN

Reform

Temple Etz Chaim

WED., SEPT. 12

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

THURS. SEPT. 13 –FRI., SEPT. 14:

10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah service

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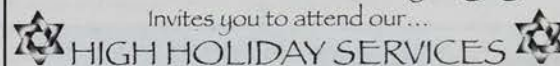
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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SUN., SEPT 16

10:00 a.m. Annual Memorial Service at Sharon Memorial Park

FRI., SEPT. 21:

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre and Shabbat service.

SAT., SEPT. 22

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6:45 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

FRI., SEPT. 21

Yom Kippur

2:30 p.m. Minhah

6:30 p.m. Kol Nidrei

SAT., SEPT. 22

8:30 a.m. Shacharit/Preliminary

9 a.m. Shacharit

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4:30 p.m. Minhah

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Rosh Hashanah first day

8:30 a.m. Morning service

4:30 p.m. Tashlich at Buttonwood Park

5:45 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

After 7:26 p.m. Candle lighting

FRI., SEPT 14

Rosh Hashanah second day

8:30 a.m. Traditional service

10 a.m. Contemporary service

5:45 p.m. Minhah/Ma'ariv

6:36 p.m. Candle lighting

FRI., SEPT 21

Erev Yom Kippur

7:15 a.m. Shacharit

1 p.m. Minhah

6:15 p.m. Kol Nidre

6:24 p.m. Candle lighting

SAT., SEPT. 22

Yom Kippur

9 a.m. Morning service

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4:30 p.m. Minhah

5:45 p.m. Neilah/Ma'ariv

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Beth-El prepares for 2,000 congregants

By Marylyn Graff
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PROVIDENCE — While the rest of us were letting down over the summer, there was still a hum of activity at Temple Beth-El in Providence, a Reform congregation and the largest Jewish congregation in Rhode Island, in the knowledge that the High Holy Days would soon follow.

To get ready for the approximately 2000 worshipers who will be attending the various services, programs and other items need to be printed, schedules set up, ushers, traffic, police, and security arranged for, and rabbis meeting to plan the services, according to Rabbi Sarah Mack, Beth-El's associate rabbi.

Although there is a basic rhythm and order to the services in the prayer books, the rabbis have some latitude. There is much musical preparation. And of course, there are sermons for the rabbis to give their attention to.

Ruby Shalansky, executive director of the temple, noted that the

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Community

Am David votes Perlman leader for life

WARWICK — On July 25 the board of directors of Temple Am David unanimously voted Cantor Richard Perlman the congregation's spiritual leader for life. The temple's president, Richard Levenson, in making the announcement, said that in Cantor Perlman's six years with

the congregation he has been "Spiritually a leader who not only guides us with his compassion, strength and wisdom, but inspires us and our children to be active members in the Jewish faith. The board, along with temple officers, and the ritual, school and finance committees, in making this deci-

sion feel that Am David is now on a firm and secure footing."

Cantor Perlman responded that he is "overwhelmed by the confidence placed in me by the congregation but I could not have done it without the outstanding dedication and commitment of the temple leadership."



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Peanut butter and jelly brigade

Inspired by the late Max Dwares, members of Temple Habonim and Temple Am David recently met at the home of Paula Goldberg to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Crossroads. Fifteen loaves worth of sandwiches were delivered to Crossroads on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

From left to right are: Myra Shays, Micki Silverman, Ellen Shaw, Betty Pichon, and Rhoda Mossberg.

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Emanu-El to hold 'three-generations' Selichot program on Saturday

PROVIDENCE — Temple Emanu-El will be presenting a special program for Selichot evening, Saturday, Sep. 8 at 8:30 p.m. The program is called, Generations: Three Generations and Their 'Judaisms.' Seven congregants from three different generations will reflect on how their particular generation has related to Judaism.

One "set" of participants will include three generations of the Fine family: Sy, the grandfather,

Michael, the father, and Gabe, the teenage son will each present a personal perspective on Judaism.

In the second "set," Florence Markoff, the coordinator of the program, will also be a participant representing an "older" generation. The "middle" generation will be portrayed by Gershon Levine, and the "younger adult" generation will be represented by Shira and Nathaniel Strossberg, who are in their 20s.

Markoff, the program's producer, has been designing and producing dramatic presentations for over 50 years.

The program will be followed by a coffee hour and a traditional Selichot service beginning at 10:30 p.m., led by Cantor Brian Mayer, Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer in the Temple Emanu-El Chapel.

The program and service are open to the community.

Yiddish classes to begin at the JCC

PROVIDENCE — Yiddish has seen a revival at the JCC in recent years with the now five-year-old Yiddish Shmooz group. This group meets twice monthly for socializing, laughter and learning.

Due to the efforts of several

group members, the JCC is offering an 11-week class for those who have a beginner's knowledge of Yiddish, the "Mama Loshen". The class will begin on Wed., Sept. 19 from 11:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the JCC and will be taught by Mara Sokolsky.

The cost is \$40 for JCC members, and \$45 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up or for more information on the class or Yiddish Shmooz, call Sue Suls at 861-8800, ext. 108.

Temple Sinai offers incentive for its 50th

CRANSTON — In honor of Temple Sinai's 50th anniversary (coming up in 2008) the temple is offering a reduced dues incentive for new members. The incentive applies to those who join from now until Dec. 31, 2008. If you are interested in learning more, call Betsy Shimberg at 398-0098 or Dottie in the temple office at 942-8350.

JESNA releases two new publications

NEW YORK — JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America) recently put out two new publications: 1) Redesigning Jewish Education for the 21st Century and, 2) Making Jewish Education Work: Community Hebrew High Schools - Lessons Learned from Research & Evaluation in the Field.

Redesigning Jewish Education for the 21st Century is the product of more than a year of research and deliberations by Dr. Jonathan Woocher and a distinguished Advisory Council of educators, religious, communal, and philanthropic leaders, and experts from domains outside Jewish education.

The publication was produced by Dr. Leora Isaacs and Dr. Tobin Belzer. A hard copy of the report can be obtained by emailing Vernessa@jesna.org; an electronic version can also be downloaded from the JESNA website (www.jesna.org).



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Habonim to participate in day of service

BARRINGTON — Temple Habonim will participate in "The Great Day of Service," a collaboration of individuals, groups and companies joining to provide much-needed services to various public works and agencies in and around the East Bay and beyond. Everyone is invited to participate.

Event kick-off and registration will be at 8:30 a.m., Mon., Oct. 8, (Columbus Day), at Barrington High School, 220 Lincoln Ave. Work will begin at 9 a.m. and most sites will be open to 1 p.m.

After a morning kick-off event, volunteers of all ages will proceed to various agencies in the area to lend their help. Anticipated volunteer activities include: gathering donations for Tap-In, landscaping help with the Barrington Land Conservation Trust, making sock-monkeys for children affected by domestic violence, visiting senior citizens at East Bay Manor, making cards for servicemen, baking cookies and pizza for firemen and policemen, sandwich making for Crossroads, craft making for patients at Hasbro Children's Hospital and local park clean-ups. Most sites are suitable for families to work together. The Rhode Island Blood Center will also be on hand to accept blood donations.

The event is organized by Beyond Our Walls (B.O.W.), an interfaith, outreach and social action organization established in Barrington in 2005. B.O.W. members include people of vari-

ous faith traditions, as well as the religiously unaffiliated, who share a common goal of community betterment.

The event uniquely brings together agencies in need of support, citizens of all ages giving of their time, participation of civic

groups, and the sponsorship of local companies and institutions. Everyone's participation is not only welcomed, but encouraged.

For event information contact Amy Roving, (401) 258-6860, visit www.bowri.org or email greatday@bowri.org.

Habonim plans Israel trip

BARRINGTON — Temple Habonim has announced that it is planning a trip to Israel which will take place from Feb. 14 through 25, 2008, to correspond with school vacation. The varied itinerary will combine historic, religious and fun times, including Jerusalem, Galilee, the Dead Sea, Eilat and Tel Aviv. Israel Discovery Tours will lead the trip.

The application deadline is Sept. 12. For more information and an application call the temple at 245- 6536.

Temple Shalom registering for religious school

MIDDLETOWN — The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School at Temple Shalom in Middletown is commencing its 18th year of providing a Jewish education for the children of Newport County and surrounding areas. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons and two Sunday mornings each month.

The school is for children of all ages and has a graded and varied curriculum. Throughout the year it provides family workshops for holidays and a parent education program as well as Shabbat and festival worship.

Registrations are now being accepted for the coming year.

For more information, call Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer at 846-9002.

Chabad to hold shofar factory in Warwick, Narragansett

The Rhode Island Chabad is holding its annual shofar factory to teach about shofars and how

to make and sound the ancient instrument. All are invited to fashion their own real animal horn shofar from cooking to final polishing.

Shofar factories will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at Chabad of Warwick, 3871 Post Rd., and Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:15 p.m. at the Jewish Collaborative of Southern Rhode Island, Narragansett.

There's a \$2 fee for the demonstration and \$5 for each shofar. For more information or to RSVP call Rabbi Yossi Laufer at 884-7888.

Course on Talmudic ethics

WARWICK — A course on Talmudic ethics will be held for six Mondays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning Oct. 29. It is sponsored by the Jewish Learning Institute of Chabad of RI.

It will be held at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Center, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick. The cost for the course is \$118, text book included. Scholarships are available. To register, or for more information, call Rabbi Laufer at 884-7888.



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building must be working and looking its best, both inside and out, with the entire support staff, both professional and volunteer, working hard to make it so. She went on to emphasize that, especially at this time of the year, special attention is given to the spiritual and physical well being of the congregants.

The less fortunate are also thought of, with large paper grocery bags laid out to pick up and fill, to be returned on Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Mack said that Temple Beth-El has a tradition of encouraging and including the younger members of the congregation to participate in the services. All the B'nai Mitzvah of the previous year will offer an Aliyah on Yom Kippur and all the Yom Kippur Torah readings will be by high school students. This also requires considerable preparation. In addition there will be special services for the grade-schoolers, planned for by the religious school educators.

Cantor Judy Seplowin is

responsible for the music, an essential part of the services, which adds to and deepens the spirituality. She prepares her voice and her physical well being for the extra demands of the High Holy Days. (Comfortable shoes are a must.) The usual quartet of singers is enlarged to an octet, extra instrumentalists are brought in to elevate and enhance the musical selections, which themselves must be carefully chosen. All this requires much planning and rehearsing. In addition, Seplowin works with the students who will be doing the Torah readings to make sure they are fully ready.

Temple Beth-El alternates with Temple Habonim in Barrington in observing the Selichot or pre-holiday service which this year will have Heath Marlow, cellist, performing a musical meditation, as the Graubart Irving concert endowment. In other years there may be different music or an alternate plan of service such as study.

This will be the fifth year that Temple Beth-El has observed Tashlich or casting bread upon the waters during the Rosh Hashanah second-day afternoon service, (in this case the waters

are the Seekonk River, with the congregation marching en masse down the hill.)

Closer to the approach of Rosh Hashanah the side curtains in the sanctuary will be opened to enlarge the seating. Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, after Shabbat Shuvah, the Torahs will be dressed in their special white holiday garb, to remain until after Simchat Torah.

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Jewish self-growth books flooding the shelves

By Sue Fishkoff

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Got a question?

Rabbi Jennifer Krause has the answer: Keep asking questions.

"I want to help people trust their ability to come up with the answers that fit their own lives rather than depending on the one-size-fits-all answers that others give them," says Krause, a New York rabbi whose first book, "The Answer: Making Sense of Life One Question at a Time" (A Perigee Book), is scheduled to hit the shelves Oct. 2.

Krause divides her self-help book into seven chapters, each of which addresses a universal "why am I here" question. It's action oriented: Written exercises at the end of each chapter encourage readers to identify their personal needs and obstacles.

"Use your 'highlighter,'" she urges on page 166. "What stirs your heart to action? What will you 'walk the line' for?"

Although her book is aimed at the general reader rather than a specifically Jewish audience, Krause says this method of self-improvement, which relies on

conversation that emerges from questions, is deeply Jewish.

"I'm not giving people answers," she says. "I want to reintroduce the power of the questions themselves."

"The Answer" is part of the hugely popular and still-growing genre of personal growth literature that has spilled over into the world of Jewish publishing with a vengeance.

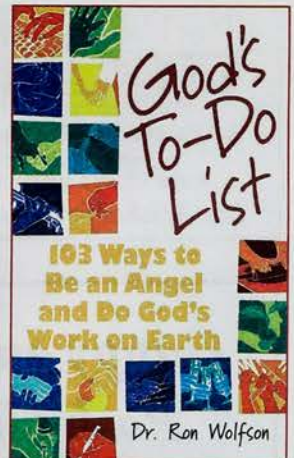
"Self-help books are very much a function of the age," says Rabbi Elliot Dorff, the rector of the American Jewish University, formerly the University of Judaism, in Los Angeles and author of "The Way into Tikkun Olam," published this spring by Jewish Lights Publishing. "People are focused on themselves, and it's not seen as narcissistic."

Written frequently by rabbis or Jewish educators, Jewish self-help books range from those that advocate a return to religious observance to ones based loosely on Jewish values. What they share is the aim of using these spiritual or psychological tools to set an ethical path aimed at improving one's life and the world at large.

It's no coincidence that many of these books appear in late summer or early fall, right around the High Holy Days — a period when Jews traditionally are engaged in self-reflection. Krause says she didn't plan for her book to come out during Sukkot, but nevertheless considers the timing "bashert," or decided by heaven.

Jewish Lights this fall is publishing "Happiness and the Human Spirit: The Spirituality of Becoming the Best You Can Be," by Abraham Twerski, a prominent Orthodox rabbi and psychiatrist who has written dozens of books about spirituality and self-esteem.

Twerski, who developed many of his ideas as medical director of The Gateway Rehabilitation Center he founded in rural Pennsylvania, posits a defi-



RON WOLFSON, author of "God's To-Do List: 103 Ways to Be an Angel and Do God's Work on Earth."

nition for spirituality that has little to do with God or Jewish theology.

For him, being spiritual is developing one's human capabilities to the fullest, "to be the best we can be, to exercise all the qualities and traits that are unique to humankind," Twerski says. And only by reaching for

that spiritual development can one be happy, he concludes.

Like Krause, Twerski writes about actual exercises for the reader, from being nice to someone against whom you hold a grudge to mowing the lawn for

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The event recreated the sights, sounds, and feel of New York City's Lower East Side during the early

20th century, when many Jews immigrated to the United States.

Featured entertainers included: Grammy Award winner Bill Harley, the Klezphonics, Mashke, and Benjamin the clown. Local merchants were on hand to market their wares.

Many Jewish organizations were on hand to inform festival

goers of their upcoming events.

The festival was also sponsored by the city of Providence and several of its departments.

The festival, in its third year, attracted record numbers. It is designed to showcase the neighborhood's unique character and foster a sense of community pride and unity.

Photos by Mary Korr



Shar Forstadt tries out the shofar he made at the Chabad table.

EMILY, MIA, 4, AND STEVEN SHALANSKY took a break from festival activities to watch the passers-by.



ONE CHICKEN, why not three? Benjamin the Juggling Clown performs for the young and young at heart. He is a professional clown with the Moscow Circus.



THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS of R.I. gave out information on the organization that dates back to the Civil War period. From left are Herman Wallock, David Penn, Harvey Green, Sanford Gorodetsky and Naftali "Marty" Weissman.

Books



ABRAHAM TWERSKI, author of "Happiness and the Human Spirit: The Spirituality of Becoming the Best You Can Be."

Jewish self-growth books flooding the shelves

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your father. The reader is encouraged to keep a journal to record these deeds.

"Remember, you are not doing this for someone else," writes Twerski, who now lives in Monsey, N.Y. "You are doing this to improve your character, to be more spiritual, to be a happier person."

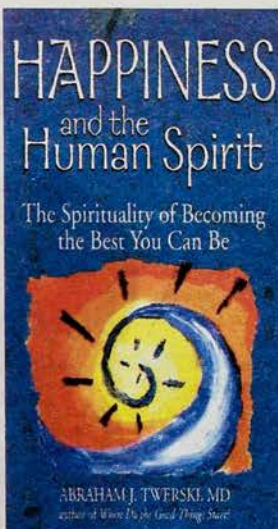
Like many other authors of Jewish self-help books, Twerski takes the universal human desire to be happy and shows how it is intertwined with doing good — which means, doing Jewish.

Even more clearly aimed at High Holy Days reading is "God's To-Do List: 103 Ways to Be an Angel and Do God's Work on Earth" by Ron Wolfson, an education professor at the American Jewish University and co-founder of Synagogue 3000, a synagogue renewal initiative.

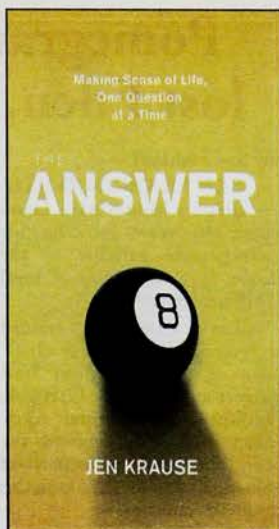
First published by Jewish Lights last October, the book has caught on among rabbis and teachers this year as a foil for High Holy Days programming. Some 12,000 copies have been printed, which Matlins says testifies to the popularity of the genre as well as "God's To-Do List."

Some rabbis are devoting their Rosh Hashanah sermons to the book, asking their congregations to read it during the 10 Days of Awe — the book is divided into 10 chapters to facilitate that use — and coming together as a group afterward for discussion.

The lessons in these Jewish self-help books are universal, say the authors.



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Pomegranate authority mourns lost Eden, but fruits of labors live

By Sue Fishkoff

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Gregory Moiseyevich Levin spent 40 years building his pomegranate paradise in the Kopet Dag mountains of rural Turkmenistan.

Levin, a Leningrad-trained agronomist who became chairman of the subtropical fruit project at the remote Garrigala Turkmen Experimental Agricultural Station, amassed the world's largest collection of pomegranates — 1117 varieties from 27 countries.

The blue pomegranate. The black pomegranate. The pink-petaled pomegranate. The small-fruit pomegranate. The dwarf pomegranate. Collecting the exotic fruit frequently used on Rosh Hashanah was a labor of love and devotion for only a certain kind of research scientist.

Levin collected many varieties himself on dangerous yearly treks through the mountain gorges of Turkmenistan, a Central Asian region that is the birthplace of the pomegranate and one of the last places on earth where it still grows wild.

But the Soviet Union collapsed and state funding for

research dried up, so Levin was forced to abandon his agricultural station in 2002 and immigrate to Israel. He lives there quietly with his wife in a small apartment in Petach Tikvah.

"It was unbearably painful to witness the collections perishing, dying," he wrote in "Pomegranate Roads," his memoir published last year by Florent Press, a small California publishing house. "In the wake of the collapse, the Soviet Union and the agricultural institutes abandoned their scientists and researchers. We were assigned to the emergent sovereign states, left without any protection, without any possibility of continuing to work."

Soon after Levin's aliyah, the Turkmen government ordered his research station bulldozed to the ground.

Levin's tale is not unfamiliar. He is one of many former Soviet scientists, artists, doctors and intellectuals who were ripped from their culture and their work who now live in Israel, their contributions forgotten, their world a close-knit circle of Russian-speaking colleagues.

One thing, however, sets Levin's story apart. Before he left Turkmenistan, he sent cuttings of his precious pomegranates to scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba and the University of California, Davis. Those cuttings, planted and now flour-



Virtually all the pomegranates sold in the United States today are one variety, called "Wonderful" — the familiar large, red fruit with semi-soft seeds.

ishing, have become his living legacy.

"They're all in our orchard," said Jeff Moersfelder, greenhouse manager at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wolfskill Experimental Orchard, which sits on University of California, Davis, land. Levin sent 90 varieties of pomegranates to Davis, most of them between 1999 and 2000.

Those pomegranates have a rich future, Moersfelder predicts.

Virtually all the pomegranates sold in the United States today are one variety, called "Wonderful" — the familiar large, red fruit with semi-soft seeds. Some of Levin's varieties have soft, edible seeds that have great commercial potential.

"Big growers are certainly looking at Levin's material," Moersfelder said. "It will become a big part of what people are growing."

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- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pepper to taste
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

Directions:

Cook noodles according to package directions, drain. Toss the noodles with everything but the parsley, which can be added as a garnish just before serving. Recipe from: www.jewishrecipes.org

Chicken Soup

Ingredients:

- 1-2 pkgs boneless chicken
- Chicken/Beef broth to cover + 3 cups
- 2 large turkey necks
- 2 carrots, peeled and halved
- 2 onions, peeled
- 2 leeks
- 1 green pepper, seeded and halved
- 3-4 stalks celery
- 3 small zucchini, peeled
- 1 small-medium sweet potato, peeled and halved
- 3 small white potatoes, peeled
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- Fresh dill and parsley sprigs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon chicken soup powder (optional)

Directions:

Boil chicken and turkey necks in a 10-quart soup pot. Place the prepared vegetables, except for the zucchini and potatoes, in the pot. Add herbs and spices and bring to a boil. Cook covered over medium-low heat for about 2 hours. Add the zucchini and potatoes in the last hour of cooking. Recipe from: Enlightened Kosher Cooking By Nechama Cohen

Charayonnaise (horseradish mayonnaise) - Great addition to Gefilte Fish!

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup prepared red horseradish
- 1 1/2 cups light mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon dry white wine
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and finely minced, or crushed in a press

Directions:

With a wire whisk, combine the mayonnaise with the white wine. Add garlic and horseradish. This can be mixed by hand, but the consistency will be smoother if pulsed in a food processor. Add water for desired consistency. Recipe from: Enlightened Kosher Cooking By Nechama Cohen

Coffee Float (Dairy)

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups strong, cold coffee
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk
- 4 cups seltzer
- 4 small scoops coffee ice cream
- Chocolate syrup (optional)

Directions:

Make the coffee with the vanilla extract in advance and refrigerate. Pump or whip milk until thick and divide evenly among 4 glasses garnished with chocolate syrup. Divide coffee evenly into glasses and top with 1 small scoop of ice cream. Fill each glass with seltzer and enjoy! Recipe from: Enlightened Kosher Cooking By Nechama Cohen

Apple-Honey Dessert Pizza

Ingredients:

- 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- Flour for dusting
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 cup applesauce
- 2 medium apples, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup ground nuts
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease cookie sheet or pizza pan. Remove pie crust from foil pan, dust lightly with flour, and roll into 12-inch circle directly on sheet or pan. Crimp edge of dough to form rim, prick with fork and brush with honey. Cover with applesauce to rim. Top with apple slices in concentric circles. Sprinkle with nuts and raisins. Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is firm and golden brown. Cut into wedges. Add chocolate chips, nuts, finely chopped maraschino cherries or honey to garnish. Recipe from: www.jewishrecipes.org

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Challah marks the circle of the year

By Marylyn Graff
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Homemade challah, especially at Rosh Hashanah, is a reviving art, judging by the specialty cookbooks we have received. The newest is "A Taste of Challah" by Tamar Ansh, which not only gives recipes

and how-to's, but has beautiful illustrations and instructions on braiding and shaping. Beyond that, the book tells about the religious significance of the whole process of challah baking.

Another good book is "The World's Best Challah" by Mark Binder, a paperback with very

easy instructions.

The round challah of the New Year reminds us of the continuity of life as the year turns. Challah baking is a wonderful way of including the children in holiday preparations.

Many bakers take satisfaction in the mixing and kneading. However, it is possible to make the dough in a bread machine, taking it out for the shaping, final rising and baking. Follow the instructions of the machine. You can also mix and knead in a food processor or heavy-duty mixer.

Here are two recipes, one with and one without egg.

From "The World's Best Challah"

Makes two good-sized loaves. (You might want to cut this recipe in half.)

Ingredients:

2 cups warm water (about 120 degrees F.)

2 packets or 1 1/2 Tblsps yeast

1/2 cup sugar

About 8 cups flour

1 Tblsp. salt

2-3 eggs (1 for the challah & 1-2 for the wash)

1/2 cup vegetable oil (canola oil works well)

1 tsp water for the wash

In a big bowl mix together the 2 cups warm water, yeast,



sugar and 1 cup of flour. Wait a minute or two to make sure it bubbles (this means the yeast is alive and active.) Add and mix in 2 more cups flour, the salt, 1 egg, slightly beaten, and oil. Continue adding flour by the cup or two until dough starts to make a ball and pulls away from the sides of the bowl. Take out and place on a well-floured board or tabletop. Knead the dough by folding, pushing and turning, adding flour as needed, until the dough feels like a baby's bottom (yes, it says that in the book...)

Put dough back into the washed and dried bowl. Cover and let rise until doubled. (An hour or so depending on the warmth of the room. (I put a pan of hot water on a lower rack of the oven and the bowl on the upper rack and close the door to make a warm rising environment.) When risen, beat down the dough and turn out onto a well-floured board. Take a bit of dough, say the blessing over the

dough and burn the bit.

Cut the dough in half, cover one half, knead the other half a little more, cut into as many pieces as you wish to braid. For the New Year you can roll dough into one strip, make a round snail or circle and join the ends; or roll two or three pieces, braid and connect into a circle. Repeat with other half of dough. Place on a greased or parchment papered baking sheet and let rise again until doubled, at least 45 minutes.

Mix extra egg with a little water and paint loaf (yes) with a soft pastry brush. Bake in preheated 375 oven for 45 to 60 minutes, depending on size. Loaves should be nice and brown and feel firm.

Cool on a rack.

Note: you can make one huge challah or individual challahs, (The kids love these.) Baking times will vary.

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Holiday baked goods are sweet without butter, margarine

By Linda Morel

NEW YORK (JTA) A desire for a sweet new year, often expressed in honey cake and apple crisp, brings Jews with differing needs together on Rosh Hashanah, when the menu often revolves around meat or chicken.

Many observe kosher laws prohibiting dairy products and meat at the same meal. Some eschew butter because of high cholesterol, or allergies to dairy products. Jewish vegans won't eat meat, eggs and dairy foods for health and humane reasons.

Yet all want perfect endings to Rosh Hashanah celebrations.

The kosher baker's best option when meat was served was to replace butter with margarine. But home bakers now can produce luscious desserts equal if not better in taste than their buttery counterparts without margarine.

Isa Chandra Moskowitz, a vegan since the 1980s, is a co-author of "Vegan Cupcakes Take Over The World: 75 Recipes for Cupcakes That Rule" (Marlowe & Company, 2006), her second cookbook.

Moskowitz, 34, has spent two decades experimenting with

dairy-free baking. The results could revolutionize pareve pastries, raising them from a compromise to a contender when pitted against dairy desserts.

For ethical reasons Moskowitz avoids cooking with eggs, a boon to those with high cholesterol or an intolerance to eggs. In lieu of dairy products, she turns to full fat soy milk and non-hydrogenated coconut and canola oils. She imitates the silkiness of butter with tofu.

Don't be scared off by these ingredients. One bite of her cupcakes will compel you to reach for more.

During two decades of trial and error, Moskowitz aced the chemistry of dairy-free baking. She learned that in most pastry recipes, when substituting oil for butter, less oil is needed than the butter measurement.

To encourage flakiness, she keeps oil in the freezer for several hours before making dough. To achieve thick, fluffy frostings, Moskowitz sometimes relies on margarine, but only the non-hydrogenated variety.

Her Web site, www.ppk.com, features sweet and savory vegan

recipes for Jewish holidays.

The following cupcake recipes are by Moskowitz and Terry Hope Romero from "Vegan Cupcakes Take Over the World."

Basic chocolate cupcake

Equipment:

12-muffin pan
cupcake liners

Ingredients:

1 cup soy milk
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup canola oil
1 t easpoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup cocoa powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

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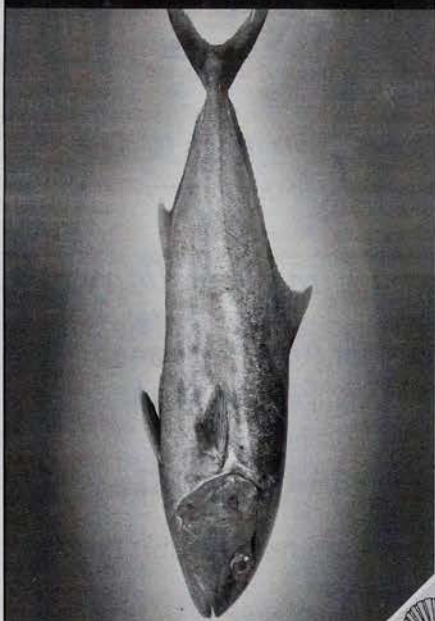
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Holiday baked goods

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Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pan with cupcake liners. Whisk together the soy milk and vinegar in a large bowl. Set aside for a few minutes to curdle. Add the sugar, oil, vanilla extract and almond extract to the soy milk mixture. Beat until foamy.

In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Add in 2 batches to wet ingredients. Beat until no large lumps remain (a few tiny lumps are OK). Pour into liners, filling three-quarters of the way. Bake 18 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Transfer to cooling rack and cool completely. Frost with Chocolate Mousse Topping (below). Yield: 12 cupcakes.

Chocolate mousse topping

Ingredients:

2.3-ounce package extra-firm silken aseptic tofu, such as Mori-Nu, drained of excess liquid
1/4 cup plain soy milk
2 tablespoons agave syrup or maple syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preparation:

Crumble the tofu into a blender. Add the soy milk, syrup and vanilla. Puree until completely smooth. Set aside.

In a double boiler, melt the chocolate chips. Use a rubber spatula to mix the chocolate as it melts. Once melted, remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the chocolate to the tofu and blend until combined. Use the spatula to scrape down the sides of the blender every so often. Transfer mousse to an airtight container. Chill for 1 hour before frosting cupcakes.

Honey Cake

Ingredients:

2 cups cake flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 tsp. ground allspice
4 large eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup honey
1 cup vegetable oil

Lemon sorbet as an accompaniment

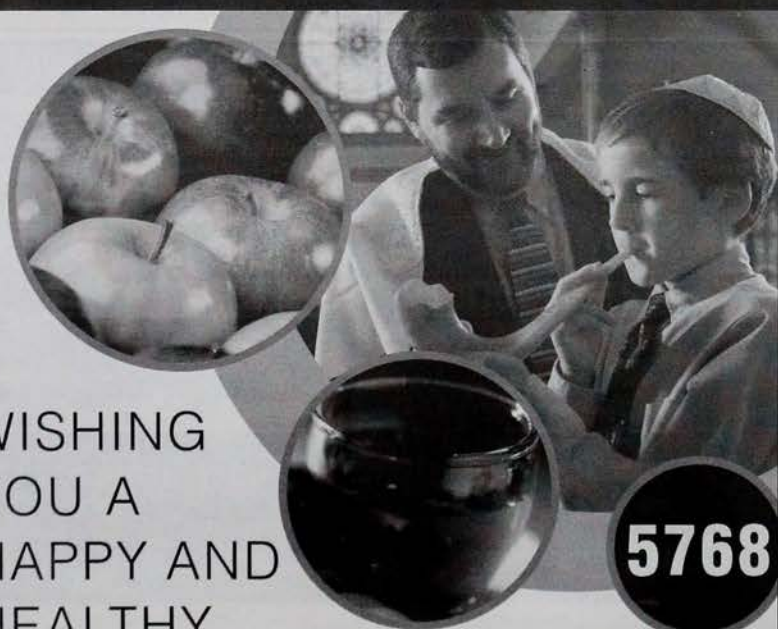
Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat loaf pans with no-stick spray. Line pans with 2 pieces of parchment paper and coat paper with no-stick spray.

Sift the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and allspice into a bowl. Set aside. Place the eggs and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment. Beat on high speed until the mixture is light and fluffy. Reduce the speed to low and add the honey, then the oil. Mix on low for 2 1/2 minutes, then on medium for 2 1/2 minutes.

Fold in the flour mixture by hand in several additions, mixing well with a spatula. Spoon the batter into the prepared pans, dividing evenly. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until domed, set and a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. (The loaves will crack during baking.) Don't open the oven doors until the cakes have domed, as this could cause them to collapse.

Cool the loaves in their pans on racks for 1 hour. Unmold the loaves onto racks and wrap tightly in plastic wrap while they are still slightly warm to preserve moistness, until ready to serve. At room temperature, cakes will remain fresh for 3 days, or freeze them for 1 month. Serve with lemon sorbet. Yield: 10 slices per cake or 20 slices in all.



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POMEGRANATE

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The pomegranate supposedly has 613 seeds — the same number of commandments, or mitzvot — and thus is eaten on Rosh Hashanah.

Others have unusual flavors, while still others are being eyed for their hardness or pharmaceutical uses.

Each fall, Moersfelder holds a private tasting of Levin's pomegranates for researchers, growers and other industry insiders.

"The opportunity to taste all these different varieties is very exciting," he said.

Along with "Pomegranate Roads: A Soviet Botanist's Exile from Eden," Levin wrote another book about his work — a highly technical botanical study published in 2006.

"Pomegranate Roads," intelligent and highly readable, is filled with historical and literary references, pomegranate lore and inspiring adventures. From early tragedies, including his father's death as a soldier in World War II, his childhood survival of the German siege of Leningrad, now St. Petersburg, and his refused admission to academic institutions because of his Jewish background, Levin's life soared once he arrived at the Garrigal station.

His stories of following peasants through treacherous mountain passes in search of a single thicker of wild pomegranates are riveting. His description of Stalin's destruction of Soviet science, its eventual rebuilding and final dismantling in the 1990s is heartbreaking.

The book was written for a lay audience at the request of Barbara Baer of Floreant Press, an editor and amateur fruit enthusiast who had been enthralled with Levin's story since hearing him on public radio in 2001. Baer finally located Levin through the help of the Israeli Embassy in Washington and began an e-mail correspondence that continues to this day.

"Gregory has nothing but his reputation," Baer said. "He is a true exile."

Baer has become a hardcore pomegranate fan, traveling to fruit festivals and bookstores, reading from Levin's book and offerings tastings of his pomegranates from Davis. She says

Fun facts about pomegranates

By Sue Fishkoff

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Pomegranates have existed for 50 million to 70 million years. They were domesticated about 5,000 years ago in the Fertile Crescent and 2,500 years ago in Armenia and the Crimea.

Pomegranates were first carried beyond those areas by military conquerors who brought them home as booty. Silk Road traders brought the fruit to Egypt, and then to Carthage in the ninth century BCE. They arrived in Italy in the second century BCE. The Phoenicians and later the Moors brought pomegranates to Spain, and the early Conquistadors brought them to the Americas.

About 1 million pomegranate bushes grow wild today in Eurasia, from the Balkans to the Himalayas. About 100,000 are on the territory of the former Soviet Union.

Pomegranate plants live 100 to 150 years in the wild, 300 years or more in cultivated gardens. They bear fruit in their second or third year, and can produce 440 to 660 pounds of fruit annually.

The world's largest pomegranates grow in Afghanistan's Kandahar oasis.

Pomegranates were prized by many ancient cultures as symbols of beauty and fertility. King Solomon had a pomegranate orchard, and pomegranate flowers and fruit were embroidered on the robes of the Temple priests. The Torah mentions it as one of the "seven fruits" of the Land of Israel, and its Semitic root was found in many city names in ancient Canaan by the conquering Israelites, such as Rimmon, Gaf-Rimmon and En-Rimmon.

Today it is traditional to have pomegranates on the table at Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of trees.

(Information taken from "Pomegranate Roads" by Gregory M. Levin).



popular interest in the fruit has skyrocketed among backyard growers and the scientific community.

At a conference in Turkey last year, where Baer delivered Levin's keynote address because he was too ill to travel, she said Israeli researchers told her "the pomegranate is not a trend, it's a tsunami."

Israel leads the world "in everything pomegranate," Baer said, from horticultural methods to pharmaceutical research.

The pomegranate supposedly has 613 seeds — the same number of commandments, or mitzvot — and thus is eaten on Rosh Hashanah as Jews at the New Year figuratively show their hope to fulfill the commandments.

Levin is glad his work is living on, although at 74 he makes only nominal contributions to it. For a few years he maintained a test site in Bet Shemesh, just outside Jerusalem, and published three articles on succulents. Promises of other collaborative efforts have come to naught, he said.

He and his wife live on a monthly pension of about \$1,000, supplemented by contributions from his son, who lives nearby. They buy most of what they need, including the Russian-language weekly Vesty, from two Russian-owned shops. Like most immigrants his age, Levin hasn't managed to learn Hebrew.

Reached by phone, Levin said he and his wife are hunting for a new apartment, as their landlord just sold the one they were renting.

"This is the price of capitalism," he joked. Living in Israel is "a rather expensive experience for a 100-percent Soviet person."

JTA correspondent Igor Serebryany contributed to this story from Moscow.

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Sweet rewards of Rosh Hashanah rituals

The change was subtle but undeniable. A slightly deeper shade of brown; carrots cut lengthwise rather than sliced; some scattered sprigs of rosemary. Any other day of the year, such a discrete rift in a recipe might have gone unnoticed. But this was not any other day of the year — this was Rosh Hashanah.

"What's up with the brisket, Grandma?" my preteen son asked, echoing my suspicions that bubbe's famous brisket—the eternal pillar of my family's High Holiday feasts—had undergone an unprecedented facelift.

"I thought I'd try something a little different this year," answered my mother (who had recently been possessed by Rachael Ray of the Food Network).

"But I like the old brisket," said my younger son.

"Me, too!" agreed my daughter.

"Oh, no. Not the brisket!" added the eldest of my grumbling foursome.

"Shh, I'm sure it's delicious," I said, trying to mask my own disappointment in the demise of the dish of honor.

Don't get me wrong. It's not that my kids and I didn't appreciate the wonderful meal my mother had prepared. (We did.) And it's not that the updated version of bubbe's famous recipe wasn't a legitimate improvement over the original. (It was.) It's just that it didn't matter whether

Rachael Ray herself had prepared that brisket—it wasn't about taste at all.

In fact, prior to that particular evening, my children had scarcely given our traditional Rosh Hashanah brisket a second thought. It was not until it went MIA—and was suddenly replaced with a swankier roast—that my kids came to appreciate its significance in their lives.

Of course, if you asked Tevye the Milkman of Fiddler on the Roof fame, the power of tradition is not breaking news. Yet, in our rocket-paced, technology-based, achievement-driven, media-ridden society, the presence of family rituals in our children's lives may be more integral to their emotional well-being than ever before.

Fortunately, Jewish life is positively bursting at the seams with ritual opportunity for modern parents: lighting the Chanukah candles, welcoming Elijah to our Seder table, eating challah on Shabbat—all these experiences fill our children's lives with spirituality, security and predictability. Yet the defining rituals of the Jewish New Year play an especially vital role in our children's overall well-being, as they also carry meaningful symbolism and essential life lessons. What follows are a few of our rich Rosh Hashanah traditions and the ways they strengthen and prepare our children for the coming year—and far beyond.

10 New traditions for the



Sharon Duke Estroff

New Year

To help ensure your family enjoys all the sweet rewards of the Jewish New Year (while simultaneously taking advantage of the bountiful benefits of family rituals), here are some outside-of-the-box, ripe-for-the-picking Rosh Hashanah traditions:

1. Visit a paint-it-yourself ceramic shop, and decorate Kiddush cups, apple plates or honey bowls together.

2. Put together baskets of apples, honey, raisins and other sweet treats, and deliver them as a family to a hospital or nursing home.

3. Give the world a birthday present by planting a tree. (You'll have a whole Rosh Hashanah grove before long!)

4. Let your kids design your Rosh Hashanah tablecloths, placemats and challah covers using fabric crayons or markers. (Hint: for younger children, try cutting an apple on its side to reveal a star in the middle, dip the fruit in fabric paint and let your little stars stamp away.)

5. Take a Rosh Hashanah family nature hike. Sit down in a shady spot and have everyone share what he or she appreciates about one another.

6. Go apple picking. Use your haul to make Rosh Hashanah apple cakes, kugels and other goodies.

7. Have a shofar-blowing showdown.

8. Gather family pictures from the past year, and work together to create a "year-in-review" collage.

9. After lighting the Rosh Hashanah candles, join hands and let everyone share hopes and dreams for the coming year.

10. Leave Hershey Kisses on your children's pillows every erev Rosh Hashanah along with a note wishing them a sweet New Year.

Sharon Duke Estroff is an internationally syndicated parenting columnist, award-winning Jewish educator and mother of four.

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Spiritual rehabilitation

The life and death imagery of Rosh Hashanah is meant to spur people to improve their behavior.

By Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin

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One grand lesson of Rosh Hashanah is not that we have to be perfect, but that we are, and can continue to be, very good. It is sufficient if we strive to achieve our potential. It is only when we fail to be the fullness of who we are that we are held accountable.

Rabbi Zusya said, "In the world to come, they will not ask me, 'Why were you not Moses?' They will ask me, 'Why were you not Zusya?'"

The language of our prayers imagines God as judge and king, sitting in the divine court on the divine throne of justice, reviewing our deeds. On a table before God lies a large book with many pages, as many pages as there are people

in the world. Each of us has a page dedicated just to us. Written on that page, by our own hand, in our own writing, are all the things we have done during the past year. God considers those things, weighs the good against

also atones for our wrongdoings. After the atonement, we greet the afterlife pure and cleansed, ready to enter the Garden of Eden, paradise.

This theology of punishment and atonement held sway for

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the bad, and then, as the prayers declare, decides "who shall live and who shall die."

In order to make sense out of the conundrum of life and death, many Jews of old came to believe that death is a punishment for our sins. Others came to believe that death not only punishes—for what value lies therein?—but

centuries and is preserved in much of our liturgy. It is easy to understand why, for that belief brings order and meaning to the world. People find it preferable to believe that we are responsible for our own suffering than to imagine that suffering is random and meaningless. It is tempting to choose a world of guilt and punishment over a world of capriciousness, in which there is no apparent moral relationship between our actions and our suffering or our rewards.

Nonetheless, while classic rabbinic theology promotes belief in sin and punishment, it takes every opportunity to soften that belief. The best punishment is the one that is averted. That is, the goal of the theology of retribution is not to punish but to redirect. "I set before you life and death," God says in the Torah, "therefore choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19). That is why, according to the rabbis, the rules of God's court are different from those of a worldly court. In a worldly court, the task is to discover the facts of the case and mete out justice. In God's court, the task is to explore the goodness that dwells inside each person, and to help it grow.

Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin is the director of Jewish Life at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore and is the chair of the editorial committee of *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility*.

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Obituaries

Abraham Belilove, 88

PROVIDENCE — Abraham Belilove, 88, died Aug. 22. He was the husband of the late Sylvia (Kaufman) Belilove. Born in Providence, a son of the late David and Lena Belilove, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was a graduate of Brown University and Boston University School of Law, where he graduated Summa cum Laude. He had been an attorney for 65 years and was principle in the firm of Arcaro Belilove & Kolodney. He was a member of the Rhode Island, Massachusetts and American Bar Associations.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Temple Beth-El, and a former president of B'nai B'rith. He was a lover of books.

He is survived by his children; Karen Gesmondi of North Providence and Holly Silverman and her husband, Marvin, of Providence; three grandchildren, Elyse, Lori and David, and three great-grandchildren; Ben, Grace and Derek. He was the brother of the late Saul Belilove and Esther Specter.

Contributions may be made to the ALS Association, RI Chapter, 2915 Post Rd., Warwick, RI 02886.

Andrea B. Cook, 59

EAST PROVIDENCE — Andrea B. Cook, 59, of Riverside, died Aug. 31. She was the wife of Robert Cook. They were married for 34 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Arthur and Lucille (Abramson) Morse, she had lived in Riverside for 34 years. She was the owner of Video Plus in Smithfield for 10 years, owner of ARC Productions for 15 years and worked as a waitress for five years.

Mrs. Cook was a volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for many years.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Nadine Chay and her husband Samnang of Riverside; and two grandchildren, Paul and Sarah. She was the sister of the late Gary Movsovit.

Contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 501 Centerville Road, Warwick, RI 02886.

Ronnie Einhorn, 82

WARWICK — Ronnie Einhorn, 82, died Aug. 26. She was the wife of Ernest Einhorn. Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Morris and Anna (Horowitz) Denmark, she had lived in Cranston for over 40 years before moving to Warwick four years ago.

Mrs. Einhorn was a jewelry designer for Pakula Company in Cranston for many years before retiring 15 years ago.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Stuart Einhorn and his wife Carol of Providence; a daughter, Judith Picciotto and her husband Daniel of Arnold, Md.; and three grandchildren; Ellis, Matthew and Jaime. She was the mother of the late Morey Einhorn.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906.

Mildred Feldman, 85

FALL RIVER — Mildred (Faryniarz) Feldman, 85, died Aug. 27. She was the wife of the late Richard Feldman. Born in Fall River, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Sewerya (Zibrowska) Faryniarz. She graduated from BMC Durfee High School and attended the Rhode Island School of Design, studying photography and portrait painting. She held the positions of manager and photographer at several area studios and out-of-state branches. She was briefly in the antique business in Fall River.

Mrs. Feldman was known for two portraits she painted of Charles Braga, the first Fall River native to be killed in World War II during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. One portrait was presented to the City of Fall River following the dedication of the Braga Bridge and was displayed on the USS Massachusetts docked nearby, and the other was given to the Braga family.

She was a member of numerous organizations: Temple Beth El and Adas Israel synagogues and their Sisterhoods, the Fall

River Art Association for 40 years, the Fall River Historical Society, the Brandeis Women's Association, The Women's Auxiliary of the Charlton Memorial Hospital, the Women's Club of Fall River and the Friendship Club. She earned an honorary 50 years at the Fall River Country Club, and also belonged to the Quequechan Club.

A member of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, she funded art scholarships for students at Bristol Community College. She also traveled extensively.

Mrs. Feldman leaves a son, Kenneth Feldman and his fiancée Sharlene Best, both of Rhode Island; a brother, Theodore Faryniarz of Virginia; a sister, Alyce Barnes of New Jersey; and several nieces, nephews and numerous relatives from her late husband's family. She was the mother of the late Richard Feldman, and the sister of the late Stephen, Edward, Stanley, Josephine and Stephanie Faryniarz.

Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Pola Greenstein, 87

WEST WARWICK — Pola Greenstein, 87, died Aug. 26. She was the wife of the late Norman Greenstein. Born in Romania, a daughter of the late Mendel and Shandel Fish, she had lived in West Warwick for 14 years, previously residing in Cranston for 27 years.

She was a clerk in the CCRI Library for 20 years before retiring.

Mrs. Greenstein was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and also a literacy volunteer.

She leaves two sons, Malcolm Greenstein and his partner, Stan

Kern of Austin, Texas; Marshall Greenstein and his wife Patricia of Cassadaga, N.Y.; a daughter, Sheila Greenstein and her husband, Edward Biondi of North Haven, Conn.; and six grandchildren; Moriah, Caitlin, Kyle, Jonas, Naomi and Nora. She was the sister of the late Moishe Fish and Ruth Zatz.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of R.I.; Kent Hospital Fdn., or a charity of choice.

Dr. Henrietta Leonard, 53

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, Maine — Dr. Henrietta Leonard, 53, an internationally esteemed researcher in child psychiatry, died on Aug. 15. She was the wife of Dr. Kenneth Rickler.

Dr. Leonard came to Brown University in 1995 as a professor of psychiatry and human behavior. While here, she received more than a dozen grants for investigation of childhood psychiatric disorders. During her career as researcher, educator, mentor and clinician she was awarded numerous honors.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Alexander and Nathaniel.

A memorial service was held at Temple Beth-El in Providence on August 21.

Contributions may be made to Chebeague Island Recre-

ation Center, 382 North Rd., Chebeague Island, ME 04017 or Gillette Center for Gynecologic Oncology, c/o Dr. Richard Penson, 55 Fruit St., Yawkey Center, Boston, MA 02114.

Charles Parness, 82

EAST GREENWICH — Charles "Danny" Parness, 82, died Aug. 29. He was the husband of the late Shirley (Glantz) Parness. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Frank and Becky (Silverman) Parness, he had lived in East Greenwich for 24 years, previously residing in Cranston.

Mr. Parness was the owner of Ace Refrigeration for 25 years, retiring 17 years ago.

He was a volunteer at Kent Hospital with over 10,500 hours of service time.

He leaves a son, Floyd Parness of Northford, Conn. and a daughter, Tina Fain and her husband, Richard of Cranston; four grandchildren; Bethany, David, Todd and Jennifer; a brother-and sister-in-law, David and Arlene Calderon of Cranston; a nephew, Bob Calderone; and a friend, Twila. He was the brother of the late Mack and Clare Parness and Ethel Markowitz. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Kent Hospital Foundation, Emergency Room Memorial, 455 Tollgate Road, Warwick, RI 02886.

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Vanik, 94, helped free Soviet Jewry

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Charles Vanik, the congressman whose name graces legislation that helped free thousands of Soviet Jews, brought liberal civil rights luster to the hard-edged Cold War battle for human rights.

A Democratic member of the Ohio delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives from 1955-1981, Vanik died August 29 in Florida. He was 94.

Vanik joined U.S. Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.) in authoring the historic 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Reform bill that stipulated free emigration markers in order for the Soviet Union to qualify for favored trade status. Leaders of the movement to free Soviet Jews say the amendment was critical to allowing thousands of Jews out of the Soviet Union.

Natan Sharansky, the Israeli leader and former prisoner of the Soviet Gulag, cites the legislation as a hallmark of how governments should approach human rights abuses.

Vanik's commitment came not just from his lifelong closeness to Jews in his native Cleveland, but to his impassioned support for civil rights. His other famous act was quitting his safe, heavily Democratic seat in 1968 so Louis Stokes could run and win to become the first black congressman elected from Ohio. The

same year Vanik took on a popular incumbent Republican in the neighboring district — and won.

"He was one of the real liberals in the Congress, a leader in passage of social legislation," Stokes, now retired, told the Associated Press.

His liberal ethos was key to understanding his commitment to Soviet Jewry, said Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice-chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "For him it was a matter of principle, values, a commitment to justice and freedom," said Hoenlein, who as head of the New York Council on Soviet Jewry worked with Vanik. "It wasn't a Cold War strategy."

Vanik was also praised in a statement from Ed Robin, the chairman of NCSJ: Advocates on behalf of Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States and Eurasia. Vanik had worked closely with NCSJ in its former incarnation as the National Council on Soviet Jewry.

"The entire NCSJ family is saddened by the loss of a legislative giant who, with great vision and compassion, authored legislation that changed the course of how the United States confronted the forces of oppression," Robin said.

"We are blessed to have known him and worked with him over the years to make both



Source: Congressional Briefs by Congressman Morris Udall

CHARLES VANIK, with bowtie, visits an Arizona Samsonite plant in June 1978 that was part of the "twin plant" concept that created hundreds of jobs in the United States and abroad

"Literally tens of thousands of Soviet Jews owe their freedom to Rep.

our country and the world a better place," said Howard Dean, the Democratic National Committee chairman. "Literally tens of thousands of Soviet Jews owe their freedom to Rep. Vanik and Sen. Jackson, who together created legislation that required the United States to link human rights records with special trade privileges."

Ira Forman, the executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council, called Vanik "a strong friend to the

Jewish community who gave his heart and soul to the cause of Soviet Jewry."

Vanik, the son and grandson of Czech-descended butchers, grew close to Cleveland's Jewish community just out of college in the 1930s when his first job as a lawyer was working to settle Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe.

The stories he encountered in that role, the friendships he forged and his deep Roman Catholic faith guided him for the

rest of his life.

Curiosity drew Vanik to the Soviet Union around 1972, said Talisman, who by then was working for the congressman. In the USSR, Vanik, known stateside for his trademark black bowties, sported a biker's leather jacket, standing out as an American.

Arriving in Moscow, Vanik encountered Jewish protesters who were just beginning to feel the brunt of discriminatory taxes aimed at squelching the emerging Jewish free emigration movement.

"He came back and wanted a solution for this terrible thing," recalled Talisman, who is also a founding vice-chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Vanik and Talisman worked closely with Jackson and Richard Perle, then a staffer for the senator and later one of the architects of Bush's Iraq war policy.

The quartet immediately faced resistance, chiefly from the business community seeking to make inroads into the USSR's vast markets, but also from the Nixon administration and even from some in the Jewish community who feared using trade as a weapon.

President Nixon and his secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, already disliked Vanik — he was among the first Democrats to introduce articles of impeachment. Talisman said he felt the pressure close to home, where leading members of the Cleveland Jewish community — under pressure, he believes from Kissinger, asked him to influence Vanik to suspend the vote.

In the end, the measure passed overwhelmingly and was signed into law by President Ford.



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My Voice

Pawtucket resident shares story of cancer survival

PAWTUCKET — Janice Newman, a resident of Pawtucket and member of Temple Emanu-El was the featured speaker recently at the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Corporate Kickoff Breakfast. The invitation-only breakfast for 500 participants was held August 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. Its purpose was to recruit teams and provide awareness about the importance of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at Roger Williams Park in Providence.

Newman was diagnosed with breast cancer two and a half years ago. "At that time, everything seemed so out of my control. So I asked a lot of questions. I read everything I could. I'm a teacher. I believe that knowledge is power. I took stacks of books out of the library. The American Cancer Society's website was a great resource for me. I wanted to understand everything that was happening, and what was to come.

"My husband and children were there for me from the start — they were truly my pillars of strength and I knew I had to be brave for them — but we all had the same question in our hearts. Was I going to make it?" Despite all that was happening, Newman got through it with her inspirational spirit and sense of humor. "I tried to maintain a positive attitude. Tried not to complain. I took daily walks which kept getting longer and longer. It was spring and it was so beautiful out. I smiled and laughed as much as possible."

Newman is an art teacher in the Attleboro public schools. She projected messages and drawings from her students' get well cards to illustrate both funny and poignant messages throughout her speech. "I received thousands of get well cards over the course of that year. The ones from my youngest students were sometimes grammatically challenged and contained misspelled words. One first grader's card read "I hop you fel god". He was probably wishing me "I hope you are feeling good" but when he wrote "god" — (as in) "I hope you are feeling God"... it touched my heart and made me realize that I did feel God throughout the whole ordeal. I felt God through others, through my Jewish community — through every card, every smile, every bouquet of flowers, every little gift, every phone call, every visit, every homemade meal delivered to our door. So many acts of kindness, I can't begin to thank everyone enough. So I try to pay it forward.

"My first walk was in October 2005, just ten days after my final surgery. I was still bandaged and sore, but there was nothing wrong with my legs! So I walked in one of the most moving experiences of my life." Newman invites everyone to 'walk the walk', and if you don't have a team to join, she invites you to walk with her. If you'd like to join the walk or contribute to Newman's fund-raising, log on to www.cancer.org/stridesonline, click on Rhode Island, and then "Walker Donation" and type in her name. "It's great fun, and so very meaningful to everyone who participates; but more importantly, it's for every one, every man, every woman, and every child, who benefits from all that the American Cancer Society offers."

This year's four-mile walk will begin at the Temple of Music at 8:30 a.m. Registration will be from 7 — 8:30 a.m. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a noncompetitive walk designed to heighten awareness

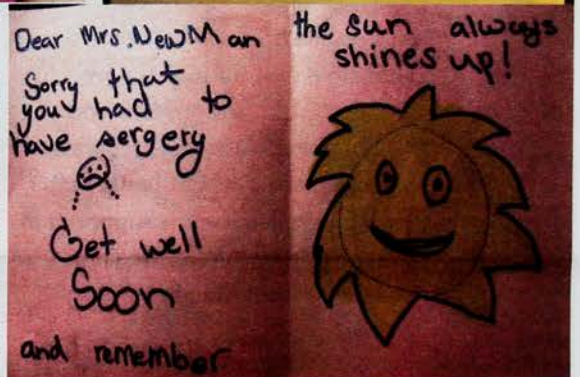


Janice Newman, above, at right, cards sent to her from her students.



of this disease. In the coming weeks, hundreds of people will be raising money to fight breast cancer. Area businesses, schools and other organizations are forming teams. Since its inception 12 years ago, the walk has helped to raise millions of dollars for breast cancer research, early detection and patient support programs. Many walkers are motivated by family members, friends and coworkers battling the disease, or by their own experience with breast cancer.

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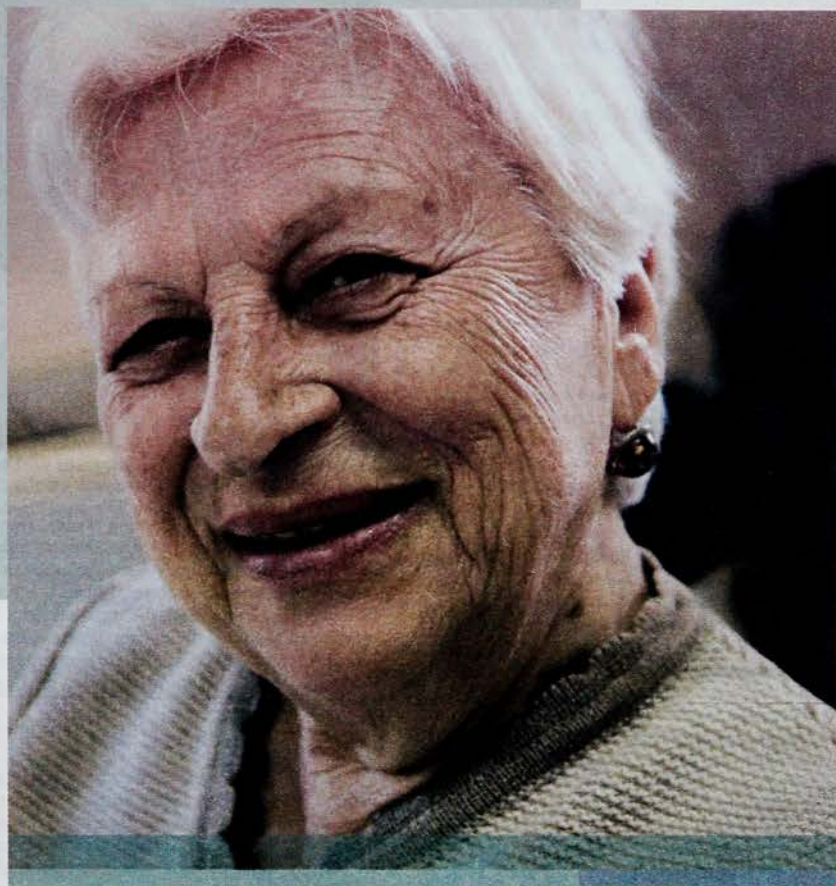
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