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L. ROBERT SARKISIAN served for 28 years as the headmaster at Meadowbrook School, raising its endowment from \$21,000 to \$700,000.

New interim head of school named at JCDS

Headmaster of the Meadowbrook School named to one-year position

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PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) has hired L. Robert Sarkisian, the headmaster

Jewish ruach fills the air at Camp JORI

New Markoff Sanctuary is dedicated to kick off the camp's centennial celebration

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WAKEFIELD — On a beautiful summer Shabbat evening, as the sun set over Worden's Pond, the new Markoff Sanctuary resounded with the words of an old Camp JORI cheer, as members of the Markoff family joined together in expressing the incredible Jewish spirit that pervades Rhode Island's quality overnight Jewish camp:

*Boom tikka boom
I said a boom tikka
rocka tikka-rocka boom
Camp JORI
Rab-rab-rab-rab*

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Photographs courtesy of Camp JORI

Camp JORI President Michael Schuster praises the Markoff family for its support at the dedication of the 385-seat Markoff Sanctuary.



The celebration dinner brought together many former campers and supporters.

of The Meadowbrook School outside Philadelphia, to a one-year interim position. Sarkisian served for 28 years at Meadowbrook, the longest tenure of any elementary school head in the country.

"I bring a lot of experience and success in running an excellent, private independent school," Sarkisian said, sitting down with JCDS Board of Trustees President Bruce Wolpert at *The Voice & Herald*

office to talk about his new job. Sarkisian's arrangement is for one year; in the mean time, the school will conduct a search for a more permanent head of school. However, Sarkisian indi-

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As Israel-Hamas truce begins, Israelis warn war may follow

Mortar, rocket attacks from Gaza elicit no immediate response from Israel

By ROY EITAN
JTA Staff Writer

JERUSALEM (JTA) — While nowhere near coexistence, Israel and Hamas are trying out an accommodation of sorts with an Egyptian-brokered truce in the Gaza Strip.

The deal came into effect at dawn on June 19 and seemed to be holding until late Monday night, June 23, when a Palestinian mortar shell was fired into Israel. On Tuesday, June 24, several Kassam rockets landed in southern Israel, slightly injuring two people. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack.

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The Mother's Circle arrives in Rhode Island

Program supports moms who are raising Jewish children, but who are not Jewish

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PROVIDENCE — There are as many as 200,000 mothers in North America who are raising Jewish children — but who are not Jewish themselves. A new outreach program, The Mother's Circle, will begin here in September, offering a free, eight-month course to such non-Jewish moms, introducing Jewish rituals, ethics and the how-to's of creating a Jewish household.

The coordinator of the program, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJE) and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI), is Kit Haspel, a psychologist by training who recently completed her master's

degree in Jewish Studies at Hebrew College.

"Even today, women tend to be the ones who are primarily responsible for the religious upbringing of the children," Haspel said. "When the mother is not Jewish, but she is raising the children as Jews, it creates unique needs and issues. The Mother's Circle program," she continued, "provides a supportive environment to learn about being Jewish, empowering them to ask — and get answers — about Judaism."

Developed five years ago by the Jewish Outreach Institute, the first Mother's Circle

program was run in Atlanta, Ga. Today, there are some 30 programs now offered throughout the country, including programs in Boston, Springfield and Northampton, Mass., and Hartford, Conn.

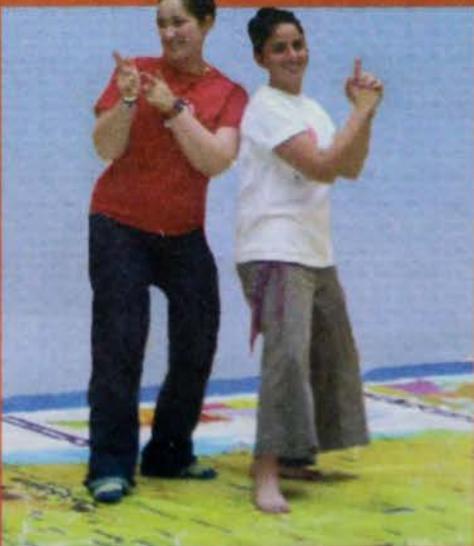


Photo by Richard Asinof

KIT HASPEL will be the coordinator of the local Mother's Circle program, working with BJERI and JCCRI.

The funding for Rhode Island's Mother's Circle comes from the Helene and Bertrum Bernhardt Foundation. The basics of the program include a free, twice-a-month educational session for eight months, with free childcare provided. The group becomes a supportive place where mothers who are not Jewish can ask questions — and

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Emissaries return to Israel

ISRAELI EMISSARIES Anna Esilovich and Hadas Naky will be returning to Israel shortly. They asked if their picture could be on the cover of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*. So, here it is, taken when they were part of an Israel@60 celebration at the Warwick Mall. Their e-mail addresses for Rhode Islanders who wish to stay in contact with them are: Anna, ani4ka222@gmail.com; and Hadas, udes123@gmail.com.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



"Just like setting a beautiful table for a Shabbat dinner, you need to set the stage well for proper negotiations."

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Cameras give voice to Israeli, Palestinian kids

Exhibit at Boston Public Library displays images in honor of Jerusalem Day

By PENNY SCHWARTZ
Special To The Voice & Herald

BOSTON – Two dozen Jewish and Palestinian kids from Jerusalem's Old City have turned Jason Eskenazi into a believer. Three years ago, the New York-based, award-winning photographer traveled to Israel for six months to teach a kids' photography class sponsored by Kids with Cameras, a non-profit group started by Zana Briski, the Academy Award winning photographer and director of "Born into Brothels."

Eskenazi spoke no Hebrew or Arabic. He arrived with little more than the tools of his trade – 24 cameras, 250 rolls of film, and a flyer translated into Arabic. He also says he didn't understand the ways in which photography or art could affect kids.

Through trial and error, mishaps, and a touch of serendipity, Eskenazi learned the transformative power of art, turning 24 kids into keen-eyed photographers who chronicled their lives and the world they inhabit. Along with developing pictures, he earned their trust and helped them

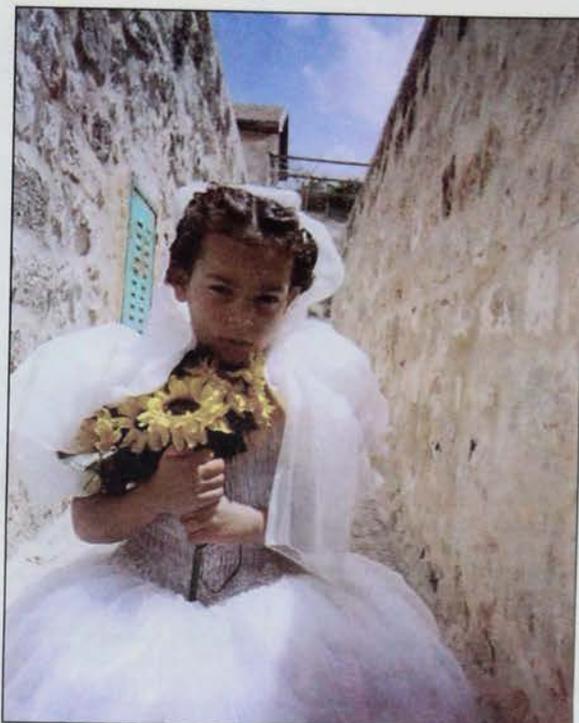


Photo courtesy of Jason Eskenazi
One of the images captured by the young photographers in Jerusalem. "The cameras gave voice to the kids," said Jason Eskenazi. "There was no hidden agenda, no political motivation."

develop an interest in learning about each other, as well.

An exhibit of their stunning photographs, "Kids with Cameras: Beyond the Wall," is now on view through July 31, at the Boston Public Library, co-spon-

sored by Zionist House/Israel Cultural Center and the Consulate General of Israel to New England.

"My goal was to empower [the kids] to see the world they live

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Sen. Pichardo shares history lesson on the Holocaust from Dominican Republic

In 1938 about 700 Jewish refugees from Europe arrived; each family was given 80 acres, 10 cows, a mule and a horse

By MARY KORR
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PROVIDENCE – State Sen. Juan M. Pichardo (D-Dist. 2) was born in the Dominican Republic but it was only recently that he became aware of the role his country played in rescuing Jews from the Holocaust.

In his office in the State House, he shows photos of himself and a joint Jewish-Latino American delegation visiting the remnants of the Jewish community in Sosua, a tiny seacoast town in the northeast part of the island where an amazing story began to unfold in 1938.

At that time, President Franklin D. Roosevelt assembled 32 nations in Evian, France, to address a growing international crisis – the resettlement of Jews escaping the Nazis. The Dominican Republic, under dictator Rafael Trujillo, was the only nation that committed itself to opening its door to as many as 100,000 Jewish refugees. (In

total, only about 700 would arrive.)

Why did Trujillo do this? Not out of altruism. He hoped the international community would overlook the massacre of 20,000 Haitians by his government in 1937.

He also wanted to “whiten” the island, hoping for eventual intermarriage among the refugees and Dominicans. In addition, the island, when it was known as Hispaniola, had a history of welcoming the Sephardic Diaspora. He also wanted to populate the island with citizens who would not become public charges.

The refugees, mainly from Austria and Germany, whose exodus and passage was accomplished by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), first passed through Ellis Island, and then



SEN. JUAN PICHARDO, right, with 100-year-old Luis Hess, the first refugee to arrive from Germany. Hess is holding a photo of his wife

Photo courtesy of Sen. Juan Pichardo

“The Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City is holding an exhibition of the Jewish community of Sosua in the Dominican Republic through Aug. 5.”

continued on their journey by steamer. They settled on abandoned property owned by the United Fruit Co., and which was bought by the JDC/Agro Joint. These European Jews became

dairy farmers for the most part; each family was given 80 acres, 10 cows, a mule and a horse. “It’s like the American homesteaders,” said Pichardo.

The Jewish community soon opened a cooperative dairy facility which produced milk, butter and cheese. A medical clinic soon opened as well, and a school.

“The refugees had a profound economic impact on the island,” Pichardo said.

Today, Productos Sosua provides most of the dairy products and meat for the island.

The state senator was raised by his grandparents in the small inland village of Jicome-Santiago until age 9, when he was sent to join his mother in Washington Heights, New York City.

He sees a correlation between the values he was raised with and those of the Jewish community. “We are taught to always remember where we came from and to give back,” he said.

Pichardo said the trip left a profound impression on him. While there he met with 100-year-old Luis Hess, the first refugee to arrive from Germany. He also met Denny Herzberg, the first Jewish child born in this Hispanic refuge, and visited the old “sinagoga” and the Museo Judío.

The April delegation was comprised of 27 members from the Dominican-American National Roundtable (DANR), the American Jewish Committee (AJC), Alianza Dominicana, the office of New York State Sen. Eric Schneiderman and a community college.

Over the past few years the AJC has partnered with the Dominican American community on immigration reform, the growing need for immigrant services, and building relationships between the Dominican Republic and Israel.

Pichardo said he will host DANR from Oct. 10-12 in Providence. He plans to invite Jewish leaders to continue the dialogue which began on his recent trip.



Two toddlers from the seacoast town of Sosua, where Jewish immigrants settled in 1938.



Torah scroll from the Sosua community.



Jewish immigrant farmers in Sosua.

Photos courtesy of Museo Judío

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Continued dark throughout the evening

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THE HEADLINE on this column is one of the famous lines from George Carlin's character, Al Sleet, the hippy-dippy weatherman. The late comic's genius was in his ability to use words to show the inanity of our world.

Dark. Continued dark. Here in Rhode Island, it's a forecast underscored by the current economic realities. "Housing recovery outlook bleak," the newspaper headline reads. It will take longer for housing prices in Rhode Island to rebound because the state is continuing to lose jobs, the story says.

Rhode Island's "economy is engulfed in a self-reinforcing negative cycle where the housing market has undermined the job market," says Mark Zandi, the chief economist with Moody's Economy.com.

Dark. Continued dark. The state's unemployment rate has risen to 7.2 percent, compared with the national rate of 5.5. Filling up the tank in your car now costs more than \$50.

At the State House, as the final details of the budget were being wrangled, programs and services were cut in an attempt to balance the ledger of state spending.

George Carlin would have loved the strange tale recounted by columnist Charles M. Bakst about the recent meeting of the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee, which decided to take a vote to kill a proposed bill, and only then hear the testimony. Such antics do not inspire confidence in the legislative decision-making process. Bakst rightly invokes the line from *Alice in Wonderland*: "Sentence first - verdict afterwards."

What is the appropriate community response? Activist Joyce Katzberg sat in the corridors of the State House, holding a sign that said: "Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction." However, her chance of influencing legislators may be about as great as finding the alleged weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Gradual light towards dawn. However disappointing - and divorced from reality - the legislative process may prove to be, there are continual signs of renewal and improvement in our own Jewish community. A new interim head of school has been appointed at the Jewish Community Day School. The dedication of a beautiful new sanctuary at Camp JORI, where Jewish continuity and *ruach* rules. A new outreach program for mothers who are not Jewish but who are raising Jewish children. The story of how some good luck - and intervention by the Jewish community - helped enable a young woman to pursue her dreams. The education of a state senator about his own native country's role in helping Jewish refugees during World War II. A new young assistant rabbi who has joined Temple Emmanu-El.

In the face of difficult economic times ahead, the Jewish community needs to be even more vigilant in its willingness to stand up and express the Jewish values we cherish.

THE AMERICAN Israel Public Affairs Committee, one of the most powerful lobby groups in the United States, just concluded its annual Washington conference. It drew a long line of administration officials and the presidential candidates to its doorsteps, all touting orthodox lines on what it means to be pro-Israel—messages carefully crafted to please the lobby. Now is a good time to ask, what exactly does 'pro-Israel' mean, and who is pro-Israel in the United States today? The ones who twist every arm in Congress



Rabbi
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Gopin

to be silent, to suppress what they know is right to do in terms of a fair Israeli-Palestinian deal?

We have before us now a hair-trigger set of confrontations from Lebanon to the Persian Gulf, with long-range missiles, chemical and nuclear capable, aimed at Israel from a country in the Persian Gulf that has no business in Gaza. And yet, due to the unending festering of the Palestinian tragedy, Shiite Iran has stepped into Sunni Gaza, in addition to Iraq and Lebanon, primarily because the United States failed to engage fairly or at all in the last eight years. Have our actions made Israel safer, and do they reflect a pro-Israel position? Or is this in fact an anti-Israel position that is sacrificing Jewish and Palestinian children on an altar of self-destructive fears and hatreds?

In the end, American politicians are going to say and do what the most effective lobbyists tell them to do regarding

What exactly is pro-Israel?

Israel. And that translates back to the American people and their voice. The American people must decide what is pro-Israel and what is anti-Israel.

LESSONS FROM N. IRELAND

Some interesting lessons learned come from Northern Ireland. On March 26, 2007 Ian Paisley, co-founder of the DUP party of Northern Ireland, sat side by side with Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, his most reviled enemy, and the two of them pledged their full participation in an Irish government. This is the same Ian Paisley who had consistently been the voice of Protestant opposition and demonization of Catholics. This is the same Sinn Fein that had represented the Irish Republican Army as it carried out decades of violence against Protestants. How did these

successfully outmaneuver the spoilers in the Irish/Protestant conflict. He explained to me: I had a pad of paper with my handwritten notes. "I had the only copy. On it I placed what each side pledged to do, and exactly when and in what sequence they would do it. I let them know that if either side failed in the sequence, then the President of the United States would publicly lay the blame for the failure of the entire accord on the side that had broken their word."

These words were so simple, so remarkable, so pristine in their understanding of negotiation and arbitration. And this is precisely what has been missing from Palestinian/Israeli peace processes from the very beginning. It goes without saying that the issues were exceedingly complex,

that it took years to identify the compromises, and that Mitchell's charisma and skills added up to much more than a pad of paper. However, what was irreplaceable was the American political will to authorize Mr. Mitchell to boil it all down to that pad of paper and its conditions.

Perhaps it is time to finally tell our congressmen to tell George Mitchell to go to the Holy Land, with a single pad of paper in hand, armed with the only weapon necessary: the American will to write on that pad of paper what needs to be written, what everyone knows must be written.

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"Senator Mitchell once told me in person exactly how he managed to successfully outmaneuver the spoilers in the Irish/Protestant conflict."

enemies get to 2007? There was a little stop along the way in 1998, in which the United States and one George Mitchell played a central role.

In 1998, former Senator George Mitchell, of Irish descent, oversaw the completion of the historic Good Friday Accord that led eventually to the power sharing arrangements which Northern Ireland now enjoys. He was supported by another man of partial Irish descent, President Bill Clinton.

Senator Mitchell once told me in person exactly how he managed to suc-

NOW BATTING

Obama, Carter, Kennedy, a closer look

THE RESULTS are in. Barack Obama and John McCain are the presumptive candidates of the two major parties. Barring unpredictable changes, one of these men will serve as the next president of the United States.



Alan
Zuckerman

Should you, an "American Jew," vote for Obama or McCain? Let's make some assumptions about "you" based on what is known about the party preferences of American Jews. You are very likely to have been raised in a household of Democrats and to prefer and to vote for the Democratic party and its candidates over the Republicans. Yes, there are Jews who support the Republicans, but they remain a minority, ranging between one-fifth and one-third of America's Jews.

Given these patterns, in this election, there is a strong probability that you and most other American Jews will vote Obama, unless you find reason not to do

so. Let me suggest that you give the matter careful consideration and not simply assume that he should get your vote.

No matter how long, detailed, fierce (and yes even tedious) was the campaign within the Democratic party, it is still not easy to associate Obama with a plan of action. Obama still stands more as a symbol - for "new America" in Peggy Noonan's words in a recent column in *The Wall Street Journal* - than a set of policies. Standing as a symbol enhances his electoral appeal for those people who assume that he will do whatever they like - hardly a reasonable assumption, more a dream or a fantasy.

With very little track record on national policy of his own to assess - a benefit and a cost of his youth - you can only examine the themes of his campaign, the views of his advisors, and perhaps learn from historical analogies.

Consider the issues of national security, foreign policy, and Israel, prime considerations for many of you. Obama's campaign proclaims change: opposition to the foreign policies of the Bush administration; talking rather than fighting; negotiating rather than imposing; offering new ideas to replace the failed concep-

tions of the past; withdrawing American forces from Iraq rather than maintaining their presence. These are not policies; they are campaign slogans designed to attract support among Democrats, especially those who blame the Bush administration for the world's problems.

All reasonable people prefer talking over fighting, but not all people are reasonable, and we know that violence is a recurrent theme of international politics - whether initiated by states, rogue regimes, or terrorists. Presidents need to make policy and act in a world filled with unreasonable people. And so as his candidacy advanced towards victory in the Democratic contest and as Obama spoke to broader audiences, he has been pressed for details. He and his advisors have danced around issues and obfuscated.

Regarding Iran, he would negotiate without preconditions but not necessarily with the president. Speaking at the AIPAC convention, he eloquently supported united Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but the next day he and his advisors added that this would not preclude

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

As Tip O'Neill famously said: 'All politics is local'

HA! And you thought the recent Obama vs. Clinton rivalry was hot, that the upcoming Obama vs. McCain tussle will be rough and ready.



Josh Stein

Pshaw! You've not been paying attention if you think these political struggles are the most virulent around. Try the recent contest for Chief Rabbi of France. Now there, *mon Dieu*, is a struggle of epic proportions fought in hit-below-the-belt ferocity. I grant that it doesn't sink quite to the level of the recent Zimbabwe debacle, but still...

The incumbent was Joseph Sitruk, a 63-year-old Sephardic rabbi originally from Tunisia and known for his common touch. The challenger was 56-year-old Gilles Bernheim, an Ashkenazic philosopher from Alsace who is the rabbi of Paris' largest synagogue. As in Israel, Sephardic Jews had felt under-appreciated and sought a greater voice in communal affairs. This was achieved in 1987 when Sitruk was elected Chief Rabbi. Bernheim challenged his re-election in 1994 (the post is for seven years) and lost in the usual "Ho-hum-the-communal-leaders-are-choosing-another-figurehead"

election. Now, however, the gloves are off. Blame the internet. Martine Cohen, an expert on French Judaism at the National Center for Scientific Research in Paris does. She argues that "This is the first time such an election draws so much attention... The new technology allows many more people to 'connect' and to have rumors spread on the Internet." Fortunately that sort of thing never happens here.

Someone calling himself "an indignant rabbi" posted what was purported to be Bernheim's candidacy announcement in which he appeared to be making disparaging remarks about Sitruk.

But it was a fake, a French swift-boating. Another charge floating around was that Bernheim was spending too much time with Catholics. In France this is hard not to do. But then the accusatory piece went further, seeming to justify the crucifixion of Jesus. *Gevalt!* Catholics took note and were displeased.

The election, which took place on June 23, is not a democratic one. Three hundred rabbis and local communal leaders from around the country meet in conclave. It's not quite a white-smoke affair, but it's along the same lines.

(So that the suspense won't kill you, Bernheim won the election 184 to 99.)

BROOKLYN TURF WARS

Rabbinical infighting takes place in America, too, but in a localized fashion. In Brooklyn, amongst the Hasidim, there are two on-going disputes. In the Satmir community two brothers vied to succeed their father as grand rabbi and even brought their conflicting claims to the American legal system. The Chabad movement is split over whether the late Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson is or is not the messiah. The group that controls the basement synagogue of the iconic 770

Eastern Parkway headquarters argues that he is; the group

that controls the upper floors vehemently argues that he's not.

SARKOZY IN ISRAEL

Last week French President Nicolas Sarkozy was in Israel. He was greeted warmly as a friend by all factions. In his speech before the Knesset he said all the right things:

- Israel and France share deep friendship that has stood test of time.
- French ties with the Jewish people have enriched France's culture.
- French people will always stand by Israel when it is threat-

ened.

- France is committed to the struggle against terrorism.
- France will stop anyone who calls for Israel's destruction.
- Israel is not alone in its battle against Iran's nuclear ambitions.

On some other points, there can be disagreement:

- Palestinians have a right to a viable state of their own.
- Peace is not possible without the immediate end to Israeli settlement activity.
- There can be no peace without a solution to the problem of Palestinian refugees.
- Jerusalem must be recognized as the capital of two states as a condition for peace.

Jerusalem as a dual capital is suggestion whose practicality I question. The Palestinian refugee problem is a thorn. These poor people have been living in a virtual no-man's land ever since 1948. Is it Israel's fault that their Arab brethren didn't absorb them the way Jewish refugees were absorbed into Israel? Whether they left the territory that became Israel voluntarily or by force, it is impossible to repatriate them without Israel losing the essential nature of its mission. Arabs claim a right of return. It's not going to happen in any but a symbolic way. That Sarkozy chose to bring this issue up is unfortunate, but placed within the context of his overall message, that France stands with Israel. Zionists can be reassured of France's position.

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"It's not quite a white-smoke affair, but it's along the same lines."

CHANGE: Presidential campaigns, beyond the slogans

From Preceding Page

Jerusalem serving as the capital of a future Palestinian state – and so united and divided at the same time. Obama and the Democrats have insisted on immediate withdrawal from Iraq, but then expanded the meaning of immediate. Vague and confusing answers permit him to remain a symbol, but they do not allow the voter to assess what his future policies will be.

HISTORICAL ANALOGIES

Are there useful historical analogies to help with this decision? Some people might object to this line of reasoning; after all, no two cases are alike, but we reason by analogy all the time. When the Obama campaign equates McCain and President Bush, they, too, use analogies. When they do not offer detailed foreign policies and make it difficult to know Obama's plans,

they do not offer an alternative to historical analogy as the way to know their candidate.

Who is Obama like? There are two obvious answers: John F. Kennedy and Jimmy Carter, and the Obama supporters tout the parallel to the first and ignore the second. Like JFK, Obama is young, vibrant, attractive, a breaker of barriers, and a leader that will change the country. Like Carter, he is new to national politics, especially foreign policy, and draws on moral themes. Like both Kennedy and Carter, he opposes the failed policies of the immediate past (recall Kennedy's attacks on Eisenhower and the Republican's Cold War and Carter's attacks on the Vietnam War and Nixon). Like them, he offers a world of change.

Pursuing the historical analogies, however, raises worries

about an Obama presidency. Issues of foreign policy bedeviled young Kennedy as soon as he took office. The fiasco at the Bay of Pigs was followed by confrontations with the Soviets over Berlin, and then a disastrous meeting with Khrushchev in

"Issues of foreign policy bedeviled young Kennedy as soon as he took office."

Vienna in July 1961, three crises in the first six months in office. And then things got worse. In apparent compensation for the initial failures, Kennedy placed missiles in Turkey, which in turn led to a Soviet response and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Not a propitious start for that young president. And Carter: Didn't he bring about the peace treaty

between Israel and Egypt? The simple and accurate answer is no! Recall that Carter and Brzezinski immediately involved the Soviets as equal partners in the peace. Together, they organized the failed multi-party meetings in Geneva, whose most memorable

topic was the shape of the negotiating table. The joint Soviet and American actions frightened the Egyptians and the Israelis enough for them to engage in secret negotiations. These meetings led to Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and historic speeches by the Egyptian President and Prime Minister Begin. At Camp David, Carter helped to finalize and guarantee an agreement that occurred without fundamental American assistance. Sadat and Begin saved Carter, handing him his Nobel prize.

There are two primary con-

Letter to the Editor

Article on Herzl welcome

RREADING (Yehuda) Lev's article on Theodor Herzl, I much appreciate to be once again reminded of this great man, the founder of Zionism and the conceptual dream of returning as a nation to our Promised Land.

I always wondered why we Jews never pursued that dream. After all, on Seder nights we pray "next year in Jerusalem."

Some Orthodox Jews were opposed to a state before the coming of the "Moshiach." Sadly, there was no "Moshiach" to save the six million who perished in the Holocaust.

Youth movements in Britain and Europe during and after the war organized and trained for kibbutz life and were the first groups to return to Zion.

So Israel became a state where Jews have dignity. Our family has been restored, we are no longer orphaned in alien places.

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Yehuda Lev's column will return in August in *The Voice & Herald*.

cerns here: the less significant experience with issues of national security that a president has the more likely is that president to make mistakes and the less the experience the more likely are our enemies to see the president as an easy target. Taken together, these two factors raise serious worries about an Obama presidency.

You, like most American Jews – indeed like most every caring and sensitive person – want to see peace treaties between Israel and all of its Arab neighbors, including the Palestinians – indeed, you want peace not just signed documents. If the analogy to Kennedy and Carter hold, you should wonder about the likelihood of peace coming during an Obama presidency.

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CIRCLE: Eight-month course for non-Jewish mothers

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get practical answers.

Haspel, who recently visited with an alumni group of a Mother's Circle from Northampton, said that in many cases, the group continues to meet after the initial course ends. "The members didn't want the group to stop meeting," she explained. "They wanted to keep it going."

As part of the course, there are fun family events - usually done in conjunction with Jewish holidays, such as Hanukkah and Passover - which are free and open to the entire community.

"Organizing a Seder can be very intimidating, particularly if Passover has never been part

of your family tradition," Haspel said.

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reach out to the whole family, with events where husbands or partners and children can participate, such as a Shabbat

somewhere between eight and 12 women in the group. "Our goal is to lower any barriers to participation," she said, mentioning the free childcare and the tuition-free course. "We want to reach out to people who do not

already have some connection to the Jewish community."

For more information about *The Mother's Circle*, contact Kit Haspel at (401) 331-0956, or e-mail khaspel@hjeri.org.

"When the mother is not Jewish, but she is raising the children as Jews, it creates unique needs and issues. The Mother's Circle program provides a supportive environment to learn about being Jewish."

Kit Haspel

dinner, or an "Ask the Rabbi" session, according to Haspel. "Conversion," she said firmly, "is not a goal of the program."

In terms of plans for the first Mother's Circle, Haspel said that she expects there will be

N.J. Lutheran teens doing mitzvot in Rhode Island

Group sweeps, rakes and cleans up at JCC

By MARYLYN GRAFF
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PROVIDENCE — A group of 52 teens and 10 adults from the "Lord of Life" Lutheran church in southwestern New Jersey visited Rhode Island in the waning days of June to assist with local projects from building a fence around a community garden in Olneyville for Habitat for Humanity to helping at a soup kitchen.

They came here to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island shepherded by Pastor Jones and Dennis Yates, to improve the grounds around the building. They swept, raked and weeded the Holocaust Museum Memory Garden, along with the plantings around the perimeter of the building.

Called the "Senior High Mission Trip," these teens, not only willingly but joyfully raise money all year by holding car washes, bake sales and requesting donations "for a mile" to pay

their travel and other expenses.

Several of the teens do not belong to the Lutheran Church, in fact one worker was Jewish and one was Catholic. When asked why they do this every year they responded that they were inspired by teacher Donna Yates, they enjoy the work, the travel and the camaraderie, and one girl noted the satisfaction of seeing a finished job. Before beginning their

improvement of the Holocaust Memory Garden, the group was taken inside where May-Ronny Zeidman, director, spoke to them about the Holocaust. She asked them

"These youngsters who knew little about the Holocaust, came to a new understanding."

if they were leaving their homes and could only take three people, who would it be, and showed them the suitcase in which Holocaust victims had to choose all they could take. These youngsters who knew little about the Holocaust, came to new understanding to share with others at home.

It's not all work, though. These normal, healthy kids were having fun, too. They attended a Pawsox game, played miniature golf and did some sightseeing. They performed *mitzvot*, for us, not even knowing what *mitzvot* means".

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PJ Library marks end of successful first year

Jewish literacy, Jewish family relationships strengthened

By CLAIRE M. ROCHE
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AT THE START of this year, each household on the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's (JFRI) mailing list received the book, *Something From Nothing*, by Phoebe Gilman, from the PJ Library collection. This mass distribution of a most treasured book, laden with Jewish values, launched the Rhode Island Jewish community's very own PJ Library.

PJ Library, coordinated by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJE), provides children between the ages of six months and six years with a treasury of Jewish books and music.

Each month, a child enrolled in the library receives a book or CD in the mail, which communicates Jewish stories, heritage and values. The subscription is free for the first year, and costs only \$18 for each subsequent year. Children living outside of the greater Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts area can be enrolled at \$60 per year.

Since the program's launch

in greater Rhode Island in September 2007, PJ Library has increased Jewish literacy and Jewish family relationships throughout the state.

- 634 young children in greater Rhode Island, between the ages of six months and six years, receive a book or CD of Jewish content each month in the mail; this number exceeds 22,000 nationally, in more than 60 communities across the United States.

- 24 synagogues, schools and agencies have become partners of PJ Library, offering over 70 programs and events for families with young children.

- 1,500 copies of the first issue of *Leila Tov*: The PJ Library Newsletter, were created and distributed by our community's PJ Library Committee, chaired by Randi-Beth Beranbaum.

- The founder and national director of PJ Library, the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, refers new PJ Library communities to Rhode Island for insights and best practices, and has sent copies of the *Leila Tov* Newsletter to each community across the country.

To enroll a child in the PJ Library, call Nicole Katzman, PJ Library coordinator, at (401) 331-0956, ext.180, or e-mail her at nkatzman@bjeri.org.

Shining the PJ Library spotlight on 'Chicken Man'

Review of Chicken Man by Michelle Edwards, a PJ Library selection

By JOHN LANDRY
Special To The Voice & Herald

I COULD TELL right away that *Chicken Man* was different from other PJ Library books. It wasn't about a holiday or a folktale from the *shtetls* of Europe, or an ancient story from the Talmud. Set in the early years of the State of Israel, it doesn't even talk about the country's history other than to explore life in a kibbutz.

Still, it's become my favorite PJ book, and fortunately our twin sons, Aaron and Eli, like it, too. It tells the story of Rody, who gets his nickname from his work in the chicken coop.

Chicken Man likes working there, but in those days people on kibbutz tended to rotate jobs. And when a fellow kibbutznik sees how much he enjoys the chicken coop, she gets to work there after the next job shift while Chicken Man leaves his friends to work



A parent reads to his two boys from *Chicken Man*.

in the laundry. He turns out to enjoy that job, too, singing his way through the day, and soon another kibbutznik asks to go to the laundry.

BOOK REVIEW

Chicken Man goes through a succession of jobs this way until the kibbutz has a crisis: missing their old friend, the chickens have stopped laying eggs! The work committee decides that Chicken Man should work in the coop per-

manently. As soon as he returns, the eggs start coming.

The boys loved the title right away – what could be funnier than someone who's a chicken? And like so many kid's books nowadays, the illustrations are wonderfully expressive. Earthy pictures with small details to laugh about: cows kicking, kids making messes, half-naked babies around, and especially Clara the hen jumping on Rody

and pushing his hat down over his eyes. Aaron liked the map of the kibbutz, too – so we once had a mini story showing how people went about their day.

I hope they also appreciate what Chicken Man does in his gentle, unassuming way. He's sad to leave his friends, but he doesn't sulk or complain. He goes to the sterile laundry room and other jobs and makes the best of them, enjoying what these have to offer. Other

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KIDS: Capturing images that changed the way Israelis, Palestinians see the world

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in," Eskenazi said at a July 18 talk at the opening reception of the exhibit, in honor of Jerusalem Day. Twelve Israeli and 12 Palestinian children, who ranged in age between 8 and 12, were chosen to photograph the Old City and its ever-present strife, according to press material.

"There was no hidden agenda, no political motivation," Eskenazi said. "The cameras gave voice to the kids."

"It was important to have this exhibit in a public place, not in a religious setting, because it opens it up to many people from varied backgrounds," says Avis G. Jacobson, chair of the Jerusalem Day Celebration.

Jacobson, who says she is very impressed with the quality of work produced by the young kids, says exhibiting at the Boston Public Library gives people a



JASON ESKENAZI brought the two best Jewish and Palestinian students together to meet and look at each other's photos. The momentous scene is captured in the above photo, with Zvi, and Ranin, both 12-years-old, sitting on either side of Eskenazi.

chance to see something they're not expecting.

Standing in front of one of the photographs, "Pensive Girl Looks at City," by 11-year-old Tchiya, Eskenazi tells *The Voice & Herald* that he particularly likes the more personal photos shot by the kids. In the photo, a girl looks out over the Old City, at twilight.

"It's sort of mystical and magical. You can go into the head of the person pictured. The empathy

of that, to be able to do that, is very powerful. That's what I look for when I take photos," he commented.

Eskenazi described how the two different groups of kids accidentally discovered that he was teaching the other group. He used the opportunity to share the two groups' photo albums with each other. The kids' curiosity to see the others' photos and glimpse their lives trumped the



Photos courtesy of Jason Eskenazi

THE YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS caught in the act of taking photos.

initial school-yard type animosity, Eskenazi recalls.

He brought the two best Jewish and Palestinian students together to meet and look at each other's photos.

The momentous scene, of Zvi, and Raneen, both 12-years-old, sitting on either side of Eskenazi, is captured in a photo also on display at the Boston Public Library show.

By using cameras, the kids were able to find their own voices and learn how to see others, says

Nadav Tamir, Israel's consul general to Israel, who spoke at the reception. "It's a great lesson on how people can have different perspectives and different narratives and have empathy for the other.

"It's a good way for all of us in Jerusalem to learn how to live together," Tamir told *The Voice & Herald*.

The photographs have been exhibited across the country including New York City and Austin, Texas.

Eskenazi hopes to be able to return to Jerusalem and mount an exhibit, to bring the kids and their families together, and to expand the program throughout Israel.

Through the process, Eskenazi says he learned the only way to make a difference in big policies is to encourage change organically, through individuals.

"I'm into the Jewish proverb," admits the completely secular Jew. "If you save one life, you save the world."

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ISRAEL: As truce begins with Hamas, many politicians are talking war

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Despite the apparent violations, Hamas said it was committed to the cease-fire, and the rocket salvo elicited no immediate response from Israel.

Hamas is expecting the cease-fire to bring a let-up in Israeli attacks and an easing of the Israeli blockade of Gaza, which was designed to weaken support for Hamas among the strip's 1.5 million, mostly aid-dependent Palestinians.

For Israel, the cease-fire is expected to bring a reprieve from Palestinian shelling and rocket attacks, though Tuesday's rocket attack fueled speculation that the quiet would not hold for long.

Palestinian rocket attacks have killed 16 people since 2004, including three in recent weeks, and raised the pressure on Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to order an invasion of Gaza.

The Gaza problem has presented the scandal-plagued prime minister with a thorny dilemma.

If Olmert were to order a major invasion, left-wingers would go after him, and the Israel Defense Forces could end up in the same insoluble quagmire it encountered in Lebanon in 2006 with Hezbollah. But by agreeing to a truce, the right-wing opposition has slammed Olmert for dealing, albeit indirectly, with Hamas, saying it will give Hamas time to rearm and enable the terrorist group to gain legitimacy abroad.

Some Israeli strategists suggest that the Olmert government may have to do both: Try out a truce, then invade Gaza if it fails.

"My feeling is that ultimately we are destined for violent con-



Photo courtesy of JTA/BPH Images

DESPITE THE CEASE-FIRE with Hamas that went into effect June 19, Israeli tanks remain poised on the Gaza border.

frontation" with Hamas, Deputy Defense Minister Matan Vilnai said last week during a visit to the Gaza-Israel border. "But before we send our boys to the battlefield, we have to know that we exhausted other options first."

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak told France's *Le Monde* newspaper, "Historically, we are on a collision course with Hamas. But it still makes sense to grasp this opportunity."

Olmert was unapologetic last week about his agreeing to a cease-fire – a decision that was backed by his security Cabinet – and said Israel would resort to force if the cease-fire fails.

"The terrorist organizations that control the Gaza Strip have been under continuous military and economic pressure in recent months as a result of the government's policies. It was they who

sought the calm," Olmert said in a speech on June 18, using Israel's more amorphous term for the truce. "I would like to emphasize and make it clear that we did not hold – and I will not hold – negotiations with any terrorist organization. We have no illusions."

Hamas, which found itself cut off in Gaza after seizing control

plan to use the quiet of the cease-fire to stockpile weapons and train fighters.

"It seems that the people who turned a blind eye to the rocket fire on Sderot and continued to turn a blind eye to the rocket fire on Ashkelon will continue to turn a blind eye now if Hamas begins to fire rockets at Ashdod and Kiryat Gat and, who knows, maybe even further north than that," said Eyal Zisser, an expert at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle East and African Studies at Tel Aviv Univer-

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Prime Minister Ehud Olmert

of the territory from the Fatah faction of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas last June, has demanded an end to Gaza's "siege."

Hamas' armed wing, which lost a gunman to an Israeli airstrike just hours before the truce began, also has said it is ready to resume attacks. The terrorist group has made no secret of its

sity.

"Israel, therefore, is waking up to a reality in which a hostile entity that is not interested in a peace process and historic reconciliation with it has been formed on its southern border," he said. "This entity is prepared to have a truce with Israel, but similar to the quiet – or, should we say,

truce – that exists on Israel's northern border with Hamas' twin sister, Hezbollah. It seems that in this case we are talking about a temporary state of calm that is not going to lead Israel and the entire region in a positive direction."

Hamas refuses to renounce its mission to overthrow the Jewish state, but its leader in Gaza, Ismail Haniyeh, the deposed P.A. prime minister, struck an unusually conciliatory note last week.

"Should Israel honor the calm, it will also provide some relief to the Israelis," Haniyeh told reporters.

Olmert flew to the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh this week for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak about staunching arms smuggling from the Egyptian Sinai to Gaza and stepping up efforts to secure a prisoner swap involving Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit.

Shalit, who was taken captive two years ago, would be swapped for Palestinian terrorists jailed in Israel.

Shalit's father, Noam, told Israeli media he felt "cheated" by the government's willingness to enter a Gaza truce without a guarantee that his son would be returned.

But Israeli officials said Egypt has agreed to hold off on opening its border with Gaza – a key Hamas demand – until there is progress in talks on Shalit's return.

In any case, the IDF is expected to be ready for a last-resort invasion of Gaza, if the cease-fire fails.

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Intervention helps Ethiopian-Israeli teens

Advocates visit JFRI, an original supporter

By MARY KORR
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PROVIDENCE – Two visitors from Israel recently shared the dire situation of Ethiopians in Israel, who number about 120,000: Families are large and many are headed by one parent; most of these *olim* do not have a formal education and 72 percent live in poverty. The community suffers from cultural alienation, alcoholism, drug abuse, poor academic performance, high drop-out rates, and disproportionately high statistics of domestic abuse and violence.

One program has been attempting to turn those statistics around, but is in desperate need of funding.

The Ethiopian National Project (ENP) was formed by the Israeli government to assist in the absorption process and address the social and educational gaps which must be overcome for the community to fully integrate into Israeli society. In addition to government funding, the Jewish Diaspora and the earlier Ethiopian immigrants have helped fund the project.

"Today, there are 3,000 university graduates as a result of our program," said Grace Rodnitzki, director of international relations at the ENP, now in 27 cities in Israel. "Through targeted action, we change their reality," she said. "Given the opportunity, the Ethiopian teenagers run with it."

She noted that the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI), through United Jewish Communities (UJC) and its overseas partners, was one of the first to donate to the program when it was just an idea.

The program has reached more than one-third of the cohort it sought to help since its inception in 2004, and has been evaluated



Photo by Mary Korr

GRACE RODNITZKI, director of international relations at the Ethiopian National Project, and Avraham Neguise, board member, visited Providence recently.

by Israel's social science research institute, Myers-JDC-Brookdale, as a model of success, as reported in the institute's executive summary this year.

However, funding is running out, said Avraham Neguise, chairman of a network of Ethiopian non-profit organizations, and an ENP board member. The Israeli government has announced it will subsidize the program with an additional \$3 million over three years.

The financial figures are stark: ENP's budget for 2008-09 is \$18.5 million and ENP has raised half that amount. They have enough to keep going until January 2009, according to Neguise.

He made *aliyah* in 1985 during Operation Moses, and subsequently attended Hebrew University, where he earned a degree in social work. In 1988, he earned his master's in business.

ENP's program, called SPACE: School Performance and Community Empowerment, targets several fronts. It works within schools to provide intensive after-school supplemental teaching and tutoring with professional teachers and

youth counselors. There are 8,500 students benefiting from this program at a cost of \$1,250 per student per year. The numbers are growing; the number of Ethiopian students in the program matriculating has risen from 17 to 31 percent.

It also runs 24 youth outreach centers which teach skills and offer leadership training, as well as social activities, parent workshops, and substance abuse prevention programs. There is an emphasis on trying to work with the entire family, and not just the student involved; this has proven to be not an easy task. Parents don't speak Hebrew or English; and Neguise is the rare Ethiopian social worker. The program also has street workers, ready to intervene in a crisis.

The program also includes a lunchtime meal that for some is as critical as the scholastic assistance they receive. And, all the students receive assistance in preparing for army service – a rite of passage for all Israeli young people – helping to expand their range of opportunities in the army.

For more information on the program, visit www.ujc.org/enp.

Ethiopian *aliyah* ends, advocates step up campaign

By URIEL HEILMAN
JTA Staff Writer

NEW YORK (JTA) – With the final plane load of Ethiopian immigrants scheduled to land in Israel early next month, advocates of Falash Mura *aliyah* are hoping a last-ditch intervention by Israel's prime minister will extend immigration rights to thousands more.

Former Israeli Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar held a closed-door meeting with Ehud Olmert in late May in a bid to convince the prime minister to order the immedi-

ate screening of an additional 8,500 to 8,700 Ethiopians for immigration eligibility.

Also, a coalition of advocates is petitioning Israeli Knesset members, rallying American Jews and filing lawsuits to force Israel to take in thousands more Ethiopian immigrants.

The campaign, has taken on renewed urgency following several court rulings rejecting the advocates' petitions, the termination of United Jewish Communities funding of aid activities in Ethiopia and the imminence of the planned end

of mass Ethiopian *aliyah*.

With more than 17,000 Ethiopian immigrants having come to Israel since Sharon's government decided to expand mass *aliyah* in 2003, it appears finally to be at its end.

Israel's Interior Ministry, which was responsible for verifying who was eligible for immigration, several months ago finished going through a list of potential Ethiopian immigrants dating back to 1999. That list is now closed, according to ministry spokeswoman Sabine Hadad.

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JCDS: New interim head of school brings decades of experience

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cated he may be a candidate for the longer term position. "Let's see how it's going," he said.

On Wednesday evening, June 25, JCDS scheduled a reception to introduce Sarkisian to the community.

At that gathering, Wolpert said, he will also announce that recently retired Rabbi Alvan Kaufner and his wife, Marcia will serve as consultants to the Judaic studies team at the school. For Rabbi Kaufner, who helped found the school when it was known as the Solomon Schechter School, it's coming full circle, according to Wolpert. "We're building a very strong Judaic studies team," he said. "The Kaufners will spend at least one day a week at the school."

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Sarkisian, in a confident, direct manner, said that JCDS had hit the ground running. "The school has sent out a message, loud and clear, that we're serious about being successful," he said.

With his hiring, Sarkisian continued, the school has brought in a head of school with great experience. "I have the longest tenure of any elementary school head in the country," he said. "We're serious about building and making the school as good as we can."

Sarkisian and his wife, Sally, a former elementary school teacher, have two adult children, Aram and Caitlin, who reside in Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. The Sarkisians are in the midst of securing residential accommodations in Providence.

What was most exciting to

stabilize the staff – and make the curriculum as strong as possible – both for Judaic studies and secular studies. This is vital to what Jewish families are looking for in education," he said.

Wolpert reinforced Sarkisian's approach about outreach. "One of the things we're going to make a point of doing is reaching out to our Board of Rabbis and re-establishing those relations," he said.

In addition, Sarkisian said, he will be working to build the board of trustees of the school. "I know how to work with a board, to point them in the right direction," he said. "I also know a lot about budgets and how to fund raise. In today's economy, raising money and finding donors who want to support the school are vital."

Sarkisian said that he had previously only been to Providence once, when he came and visited a friend at Brown University.

Sarkisian, who attend Colgate University as an undergraduate, played third base on the college's baseball team. "I was not as good as I thought I was," he said, with a laugh. When asked about his feelings towards the Red Sox, Sarkisian said that he was Philadelphia Phillies fan.

"Don't worry," Wolpert interjected. "We'll convert him."

"The school has sent out a message, loud and clear, that we're serious about being successful."

L. Robert Sarkisian

Sarkisian about the opportunity at JCDS, he said, was "the passion of the people I've met about the mission of their school to make a difference in their community."

During his initial short visit here in Providence, Sarkisian said he has met with the staff and the admissions director, discussing ways to increase enrollment for next year. "Internal marketing is everything, in my book," he said. "It's very much about how people perceive the school."

Sarkisian said he wants to reach out to all parts of the Jewish community. "With my experience, I can help build and

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Dorit and Ben Genet, left, with Sderot resident Natan Galkowicz, whose daughter was killed in 2005 by a Kassam missile, stand beneath a banner in Hollywood, Fla., expressing solidarity with the people of the besieged southern Israeli town.

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The road to legality for an A+ student

When a little bit of mazel (luck) went a long way

By MARY KORR
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PROVIDENCE – In a cavernous hall on the second floor of Hope High School, Ana de Pina seems so small as we walk toward Carole Marshall's classroom. There, in Room 202, Ana's dreams took flight. With help from teachers, mentors – and a chance encounter over coffee – the young woman from Cape Verde has secured legal status and will attend Providence College on a four-year scholarship in the fall.

At Hope High School, Marshall was one of Ana's English teachers and the journalism advisor for the school newspaper. Ana, who became the sports and then opinion page editor, achieved across all disciplines and won numerous awards. The prestigious Anthony Medal for Writing and the Harvard Prize Book, awarded to outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and in other non-academic areas, are two notable examples.

But when Ana did not accept an internship at U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy's office last summer, Marshall and others became aware she was not a legal resident.

"All doors are closed when you are illegal; you can't do anything with-



ANA DE PINA at her Hope High School graduation ceremony, where she was valedictorian. Her mother proudly looks on.

out worrying," Ana said. "I can now live freely."

EARLY YEARS

Ana's mother brought her to Providence from Praia, Cape Verde. She was a tiny 10-year-old who spoke no English. When her mother returned to the island, she entrusted Ana to a Cape Verdean family she knew here.

"She wanted me to do many of the things she was unable to do with her life," Ana said.

She has not been back to the island of her birth. If there were hard and lonely times, she does not speak of them.

"I knew I had to be No. 1 in my class. I knew I had to get straight As. Coming from Cape Verde, I know the daily struggles people have to go through. I never gave up. And I am very grateful for the help of everyone who made this possible."

Marshall gradually became aware of the challenges Ana

faced in her personal life, which left very little time for friendships or free time. She describes Ana's life as "bleak."

She speaks of "the angels" who rescued Ana.

Their wings were set in motion about six months ago over a cup of coffee.

"I was having breakfast at Seven Stars and talking to Richard Shein about Ana," Marshall says. "I told him I've never seen a student as

"Through this experience, I have learned that there's always someone to give you a helping hand. That's how the world is supposed to be, isn't it?"

Ana de Pina

willing and able to work as hard as Ana. In my many years teaching English, I have seen a good number of former students go on to exceptional academic institutions, but I have never seen a student as deserving as Ana."

Shein immediately called Marty Cooper, director of the Community Relations Council at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI), to ask who might offer legal advice on immigration issues. Cooper, in turn, called immigration lawyers in Rhode Island.

"In the Jewish tradition, we are obligated to help the stranger among us," Cooper said.

Ultimately, an attorney from Boston took on the case, after a review by two Rhode Island immigration lawyers (all *pro bono*). Because Ana was not yet 18, the woman with whom she was living was appointed

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The human face of undocumented immigrants at the border

A rabbi's encounter with immigrants along the Arizona border

By RABBI STEVE GUTOW
Special to The Voice & Herald

THERE is one problem that stays on our radar screen: the problem of undocumented immigrants in America. We



Rabbi Steve Gutow

work on this issue with the engagement of many other Jewish organizations, and we relish the American Jewish community that understands the Torah's injunctions to care about the stranger. In March, while in Tucson,

I had the privilege of a surprise encounter with five young undocumented individuals from Mexico. The experience was overwhelming.

The immigration debate has been raging for quite some time and Congress still lacks consensus on meaningful, comprehensive immigration reform. The system is broken, and there are no quick fixes.

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs has worked extensively on the immigration issue, but I realized that working from New York, there is much I don't understand. So last month I took a trip to the Arizona border with the Jewish Community Relations chair from Tucson and two members of a group called the Samaritans.

The mission of the Samari-

tans is to bring food, water and medical assistance to the hundreds of immigrants who cross the border illegally and are often left to die in the hot desert.

I learned that there is literally a civilization of people respon-

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sible for preventing Mexicans from crossing the border. The increase in personnel and infrastructure has been significant, and the truth is it will be hard to diminish the program of "prevention and capture" because it employs so many people and has become so large.

We saw some less-than-friendly border patrol agents rounding up some immigrants. We asked if we could provide them food and water, and we

were gruffly told, "No."

As we were driving toward Nogales, we saw five young Mexican men on the road ahead of us. Their *coyote*, the person who agrees for a fee to sneak them across the border, and five of their undocumented colleagues had been picked up by the border patrol and been left to wander in America.

I could now understand how many of these immigrants had died. These men were 18 miles of rough desert terrain from the border and 40 miles from Tucson. We could feed them and speak to them, but if we put them in our car, we could face up to 15 years in prison.

The young men realized they were out of options and had us call the border patrol. The border agents

assured us that they would simply bring them back to Mexico and release them.

Though the Mexicans' crossing attempt was unsuccessful and fraught with danger, I left them feeling that they would try again and again until they secured safe passage and their American dream.

How we treat the 12 million like them who are already here, in many ways colors who we are as Americans. How we react to those who want to enter our borders and become part of our country says a lot about how well we remember our own stories when we were immigrants looking for a safe haven from religious and ethnic persecution, a place to rest and live and prosper.

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CAMP: Jewish camp spirit and continuity celebrated at Camp JORI

From Page 1

The official opening of the Markoff Sanctuary on June 20 culminates the remarkable growth of Camp JORI under the leadership of President Mike Schuster, from the purchase of the 72-acre parcel of land on Worden Pond through the renovation and upgrading of the camp's facilities. Today, the facility serves 400 children, with plans to increase enrollment to 500 in the near future.

"Camp JORI instills essential Jewish values and traditions – experiences that extend well into adult life," said Richard Winkler, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island area vice president in his greetings. "The campers and counselors here today will become the future leaders in our community."

The new Markoff Sanctuary seats 385 – and will double as a theatre and a performance space for campers. Some of the seating includes beautifully restored wooden pews from the former Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island, including the original tags on the back of the pews. The new sanctuary's ark is from Temple Beth David and also has been beautifully restored.

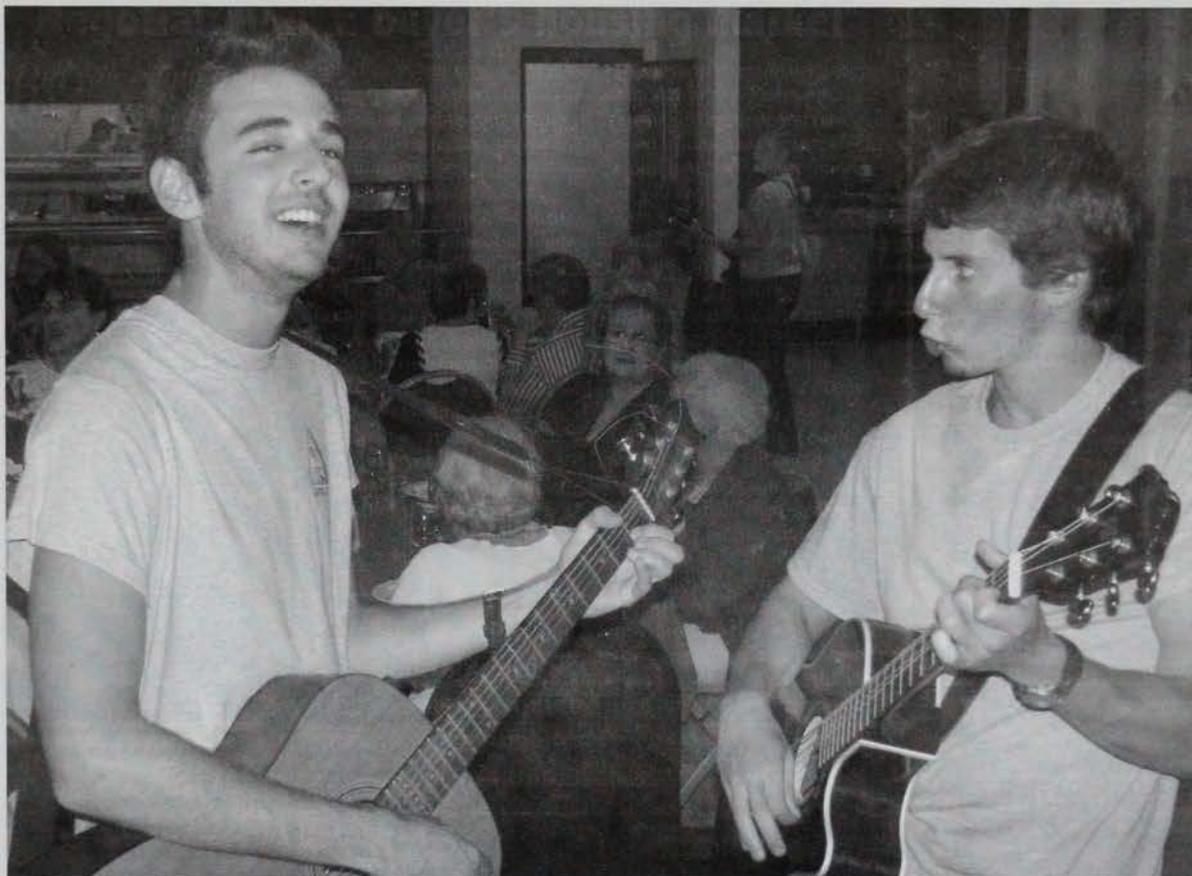
In his remarks, Schuster praised the leadership and support of the Markoff family.

"We are here to celebrate a wonderful family, who has provided leadership to accomplish a wonderful thing. When the camp was struggling, the Markoff family helped keep us going. When we tried to expand Clarke Road, the Markoffs made the lead gift. When we were fortunate to buy this

property, the Markoff family doubled its gift," Schuster said.

"The Markoffs didn't just help to change a person, they helped change a community. They provided the light," Schuster continued.

In addition, Schuster cited the impressive fundraising accomplishments of Camp JORI in being able to gain support from the Kresge Foundation, the Weinberg Foundation, the Spielberg Fellowship in Theater Arts, and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. In addition, he cited the accomplishment of the camp receiving Ameri-



THE DINNER was often interrupted by impromptu cheers and songs, led by a number of roving troubadours.

can Camping Association accreditation on its first application in 1998.

As part of the ceremony and service, Rabbi Herb Tobin led the *Kabbalat* Shabbat, and President-to-be, Rob Stolzman, also spoke, praising Schuster's leadership.

The evening celebration featured a dinner at which

former campers mingled with current counselors, with everyone sharing stories, coincidences and memories.

The candle lighting was led by Terry Schuster, the *Kiddush* by Jeffrey and

Jessica Brier, and the *Motzi* by Sam and Sue Suls.

The dinner was often interrupted by impromptu cheers and songs, led by a number of roving troubadours.

Halee Brown, a counselor from East Greenwich, spoke about the strong attachment she had developed with Camp JORI, both as a camper, a CIT, and now a counselor.

"I get that special feeling



Photos courtesy of Camp JORI

COUNSELORS AT CAMP JORI are part of a remarkable legacy of Jewish continuity.

being here," she said. "And when I'm not here, I miss it."

Florence Markoff spoke about the tremendous sense of community that Camp JORI has created within the Jewish community here in Rhode Island, beginning with

its beginnings as the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island. The mural hanging outside the dining room, she said, had been painted by one of the orphans who had attended the camp – and who was present at the dinner and celebration.

Camp JORI still holds true to its mission and core values "that no child will be denied an opportunity to attend due to an inability to pay," providing more than \$178,000 in scholarship assistance each year.

Temple Am David celebrates 50th anniversary

Cantors Perlman perform at gala

By JESSICA PERLMAN
Special to the Voice & Herald

WARWICK — As Temple Am David in Warwick celebrated the 50th anniversary of the synagogue as well as its spiritual leader, Cantor Richard Perlman's *chai* contract, one could barely notice the complication that had begun plaguing Perlman two weeks prior to the gala; a badly-timed upper respiratory infection complete with bronchitis and laryngitis.

"I could barely speak, never mind sing," laughed Perlman. "Every day I was hoping to get better but it just got worse."

However, the infection, which peaked that very weekend, was kept skillfully hidden. Perlman only spoke when he had to, saving what was left of his voice for the Friday and Saturday Shabbat services and the concert on Sunday, which he performed alongside his four brothers and some special guests.

"Even with Cantor Perlman having a cold, everything worked out very well," explained Ron Freeman, president of Am David. "His voice was still strong and very few people knew just how sick he had been."

The festivities began on Friday night as Perlman was re-installed as spiritual leader by his father, Cantor Dr. Ivan Perlman, Cantor Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El. Various dignitaries attended the service and Shabbat dinner, offering kind words to both Perlman and the temple's milestones, including Stephen R. Silberfarb, Executive Vice President/CEO of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI); Congressman James Langevin; Sen. Jack Reed was unable to attend but sent greetings, and Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian, who declared June 13 "Temple Am David Day," and "Richard E. Perlman Day."

Fellow clergymen and friends



Photo by Aaron Weintraub

THE CANTORS PERLMAN BROTHERS, above, from left, Manny, Rick, Josh and Eli Perlman performing at Temple Am David's 50th anniversary gala.

EARLY DAYS: The deed to 2 1/3 acres off Warwick Avenue, Hoxsie, is presented to Temple Beth Am-Warwick Jewish Community Association by Bernard Wiatrak, building and site committee chairman. From left are members of the building committee: Bernard Silver, first vice president; Jack Mossberg, president; Mr. Wiatrak and Israel Moses, honorary president and legal counsel.



Photo courtesy Temple Am David

of Perlman, Bishop Ken Erickson of the African Evangelical Church, and Father Bert Anderson of St. Rita's Church in Warwick, shared stories of working alongside Perlman, including leading a special memorial service for 9/11, taking part in a joint Passover Seder, and discussed that they are in the midst of planning a reburial service for recently discovered remains of

Native Americans.

On Saturday morning, many of Perlman's students, past, present, young and "not so young," led the Shabbat service in honor of their spiritual leader, allowing Perlman a much appreciated opportunity to rest his voice. The service was followed by a *kiddush* sponsored by the Temple Am David Board of Directors.

The gala concluded on Sunday,

Father's Day, with a free Cantor Perlman Brothers 4 concert, which was open to the public. Both Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, and Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer, Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, spoke at the concert, congratulating both Temple Am David and Perlman.

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Temple Am David: the beginnings

By MARYLYN GRAFF
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IN THE EARLY 1950s, Israel Moses, the first Jewish lawyer in Warwick, realized that there was a burgeoning Jewish population in the area and, along with Jack Mossberg and Dr. Sidney Goldstein, agreed that the city needed its own synagogue. In April of 1954, Moses had compiled a list of Jewish residents in the city and sent a letter inviting them to a meeting in Hangar #1 at Hillsgrove (now Green) airport.

Within a year the Warwick Jewish Community Association was chartered with Moses as president. There was much discussion as to whether the goal should be a social and a community center or a synagogue. Moses' view prevailed and it was decided that it would become both a house of worship and a community center under the name Temple Beth Am.

In 1958 land was purchased on Gardiner Ave, and a building fund drive with a goal of \$100,000 was initiated that October. The following September the cornerstone was placed and the first High Holy Days services were held in the unfinished building in 1959.

Over the years, Men's Club, Sisterhood, and youth groups were formed. The Hebrew and religious school grew rapidly, including the Eunice Zeidman pre-school, offering Jewish education for ages from four to 17.

By 1979 there was a need for building expansion, and in 1980 Beth Am merged with Temple Beth David,

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What about Gilad Shalit?

After cease-fire, questions linger about Shalit

JERUSALEM (JTA) – The Hamas-Israel cease-fire's fiercest critics are those some expected to be its greatest beneficiaries: the parents of captive Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. Having pursued a largely low-key campaign for the liberation of their son since he was abducted by Hamas-led gunmen two years ago, Noam and Aviva Shalit have reacted furiously to the exclusion of their son from the Egyptian-brokered Gaza truce.

On Sunday, the Shalits filed a petition with Israel's High Court of Justice demanding that one of the key components of the cease-fire — the easing of Palestinian movement across the Gaza border — be blocked until Israel commit to retrieving their son.

And in a slew of media interviews, the couple accused Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of potentially having destroyed any chance of getting the 21-year-old hostage back soon — or even ever. Enlisting Gilad in absentia, they published a recent handwritten letter in which he wrenchingly begs to be freed.

Their criticism has roiled the Israeli public and fueled public debate about the efficacy of Israel's cease-fire with Hamas.

A poll in *Yediot Acharonot* found that 78 percent of Israelis think the Gaza truce should have been condi-

tioned on Shalit going free, while only 15 percent disagreed. Asked if they agreed with Noam Shalit's assertions that his son had been "forsaken" by the state, 68 percent of respondents said yes and 24 percent said no.

The public's outrage may seem surprising given the Olmert government's repeated assurances that Shalit is integral to the truce, which began June 20. Olmert is to fly to Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt this week for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on speeding Shalit's release.

Hamas wants Israel to free hundreds of jailed Palestinian terrorists in exchange for Shalit. Israel has balked at some of the names on Hamas' list, arguing that returning mass murderers to the West Bank or the Gaza Strip would be disastrous for the embattled, relatively moderate Palestinian Authority.

But in recent days Israeli officials have hinted that they could relax their criteria. Israel hopes for similar flexibility from Hamas, though it has shown no signs of that.

The ace up Israel's sleeve is Rafah, the main terminal on the Gaza-Egypt border, which was shut by Cairo after Hamas seized control of Gaza a year ago. Israeli officials say Rafah will not reopen unless there is "significant progress" in efforts to free Shalit, though what this would constitute remains unclear.

Olmert averts crisis

JERUSALEM: Ehud Olmert averted a crisis in Israel's coalition government over a motion to dissolve the Knesset. Defense Minister Ehud Barak's Labor Party, the Israeli premier's junior coalition partner, was to have voted Wednesday in favor of an opposition bill to dissolve the parliament and bring on early elections. But Labor backed off at the last minute when Olmert's envoys said the ruling Kadima Party will hold an internal election by Sept. 25, allowing his rivals to challenge him for the chair. Barak came out against Olmert after Israeli police announced an investigation into the prime minister's finances last month. But neither leader is seen as interested in triggering an early election given the likelihood they would be beaten by popular opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Olmert presses Egypt on Shalit

EGYPT: Ehud Olmert flew to Egypt to press for progress in efforts to retrieve captive Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. The Israeli prime minister arrived in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik on Tuesday for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, whose government brokered last week's Gaza Strip truce. Mubarak told reporters at the opening of the meeting that Egypt was "making efforts in the case of Gilad Shalit." Olmert's aides said the prime minister received an Egyptian pledge to keep the Rafah crossing closed until a prisoner swap deal is in place which would return Shalit, who was abducted to Gaza by Hamas-led gunmen two years ago. Hamas and the Olmert government have been wrangling, via Cairo, over how many jailed Palestinian terrorists Israel should release as ransom for

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Photo: Ron Csilag
UNCERTAINTY HANGS over the 12,000 Ethiopian Falash Mura who gather at the synagogue of a Jewish aid compound in Gondar, Ethiopia, seeking to make *aliyah*. Israel's Interior Ministry several months ago finished going through a list of potential Ethiopian immigrants dating back to 1999. That list is now closed. In addition, the UJC announced recently it had exhausted the \$71 million it had raised and was ceasing its funding in Ethiopia.

the soldier. Egypt has voiced hope that the Gaza cease-fire will speed a prisoner swap.

Gazans shell Israel

GAZA: Palestinian terrorists shelled Israel from the Gaza Strip, breaching the almost week-old truce in the territory. Islamic Jihad fired at least four rockets at Sderot on Tuesday, lightly wounding two residents. The Palestinian faction described the salvo as retaliation for an Israeli raid in the West Bank which killed one of its local leaders there. Hours earlier, unidentified Palestinians fired a mortar bomb from central Gaza into Israel, causing no casualties. The attacks were the first of their kind since Gaza's Hamas rulers and Israel entered an Egyptian-brokered truce last Thursday. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, fresh from talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik, condemned the shelling as a "grave breach" of the cease-

fire. Israel is "weighing a possible response," an aide quoted Olmert as saying.

Suicide mars

Sarkozy departure

TEL AVIV: An Israeli guard killed himself near the airport farewell ceremony for French President Nicolas Sarkozy, causing a security scare. A paramilitary policeman securing the perimeter of Ben Gurion Airport shot himself Tuesday as Sarkozy and his wife were being seen off by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Shimon Peres.

Hearing the shot, bodyguards rushed the Sarkozys into their plane and tried to lead Olmert to his armored car. Within seconds, as the nature of the incident became clear, Olmert and Peres boarded the plane to wish their guests farewell. Police said the guard committed suicide. Earlier reports were that he may have fainted in the summer heat and accidentally discharged his gun.

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ANA: Road to success

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her guardian in Probate Court, freeing Ana to apply for legal residency as a juvenile.

It was a race against time. Ana was about to turn 18, effectively disqualifying her from this legal recourse.

Meanwhile, Ana was completing applications to 20 colleges. She wasn't even sure admissions' officers would read them once they saw the blank space where a social security number should be.

But, "miracles just kept happening," Marshall says.

Three days before she turned 18, Probate Court approved her guardian and an interview at

immigration services was completed swiftly. She had secured her "green card." Other good news arrived in the mail — college acceptances and scholarships. Ana hopes to become a doctor and is a summer intern at Rhode Island Hospital.

"Through this experience, I have learned that there's always someone to give you a helping hand. That's how the world is supposed to be, isn't it?" Ana asks.

It doesn't hurt to have a sprinkle of *mazel* along the way.

IMMIGRATION: Journey to the border

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Citizenship must be attained lawfully — by no means should this country open its borders. However, we cannot go to the other extreme and close them. We must make the legal path to citizenship more accessible by clearing backlogs and speeding up the application process.

As Americans, we stand to lose everything our country was founded on if we do not fix our badly broken immigration system.

The 12 million illegal immigrants living in the United

States are not going away, and countless others will die trying to join them. Illegal immigration affects us all, so we all benefit from a real solution.

I received hosts of angry e-mails from Americans who felt that I was too concerned about people who were breaking our laws. Some wanted to come and speak with me; this made me a little nervous. But there were also those who thanked me for the article, who said it needed to be written.

I am glad I felt a tiny fragment of the agony of those who try to enter our borders.

It helps even as it hurts. We will suffer the summer heat in the weeks and months ahead but our hearts will likely recognize that there are some who will be struggling in a far more difficult heat.

Our hearts will be open and our minds will be engaged in thinking through the very best way to help these people find the peace that all of us so deserve.

Rabbi Steve Gutwin is the executive director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

Jewish Community Calendar

FRIDAY

June 27

Yiddish Shmooze Celebration
Sixth anniversary celebration for Shmooze members; entertainment by Amy Olson and Christina Crowder.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence
MORE INFO: 861-8800

SATURDAY

June 28

Family Arts Day

Free event around theme of styrofoam. Includes art making, gallery games, and live performance. Complimentary refreshments. Big Nazo Puppets on the museum's front lawn.

WHEN: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
WHERE: RISD Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Providence

MONDAY

June 30

El Greco to Velasquez
JCCRI museum trip includes transportation to and from museum, special exhibit admission, and audio guide.

WHEN: Bus will leave JCCRI at 9:15 a.m.; return at 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.
COST: \$60
MORE INFO: Sue Suls 861-8800, ext. 108 to RSVP

TUESDAY

July 1

Parenting Class
"Parenting: Raising Kids without raising your voice," led by Rabbi Schwartz, sponsored by Providence Community Kollel.

WHEN: 7:45 p.m.
WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence
MORE INFO: 383-2786

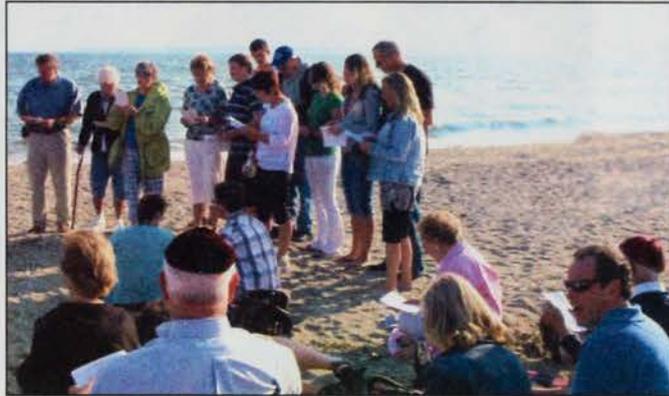


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TEMPLE HABONIM will be holding outdoor Shabbat services this summer, open to everyone. The next Shabbat service will be on Friday, July 11, at 6:15 p.m. at Colt State Park in Bristol. Above, at Barrington Beach, services were held on Friday, June 20, which included the family of Jared Silk, whose Bar Mitzvah was the following morning.

WEDNESDAY

July 2

Torah Class

Class on the Torah portion (*parsha*) of the week, given by a rabbi from the Providence Community Kollel. (Class will be held for four consecutive weeks: July 2, July 9, July 16 and July 23.)

WHEN: 7:45 p.m.
WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence
MORE INFO: 383-2786

THURSDAY

July 3

Leisure Club

What does Judaism say about afterlife; with Rabbi Wayne Franklin

WHEN: 10-10:50 a.m.
EXPERIENCING BERLIN, WITH HELEN KAGAN
WHEN: 11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WHERE: Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence
COST: \$18/yr.
MORE INFO: 331-1616

TUESDAY

July 8

Liability Seminar

Rabbi Schochet will talk about "Liability for the spread of infectious diseases," sponsored by Providence Community Kollel.

WHEN: 7:45 p.m.
WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave, Providence
MORE INFO: 383-2786

THURSDAY

July 10

Leisure Club

My Life's Journey, with Cantor Leslie Hamilton

WHEN: 10-10:50 a.m.
"Where were you on May 14, 1948?" Gerry Foster
WHEN: 11:10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WHERE: Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence
COST: \$18/yr.
MORE INFO: 331-1616

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Author & Book Luncheon

Authors Sophie Freud, Melissa Clark, Robin Aronson and Mary Jane Begin will be appearing at a luncheon to benefit the Holocaust Education & Resource Center of Rhode Island on Wednesday, July 30, at 11:30 a.m. at the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk. RSVP by July 18. Call (401) 453-7860 for more information.

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Rabbi Joel Seltzer begins position at Temple Emanu-El July 1

New assistant rabbi, 27, says he is impressed with the vitality of Jewish life in Providence

By MIRIAM FURMAN
Special To The Voice & Herald

RABBI JOEL SELTZER first visited Temple Emanu-El in Providence more than a dozen years ago when he spent the night en route to Boston with Camp Ramah.

Now, as fate would have it, he's returning to Rhode Island's flagship Conservative synagogue as the new assistant rabbi under Senior Rabbi Wayne Franklin. Rabbi Seltzer is moving to Providence with his wife, Eliana Katz, who will be teaching at the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island. He starts his new position July 1.

Fresh out of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), Rabbi Seltzer, 27, brings six years of teaching Hebrew high school and two years of training as a rabbinic intern to the pulpit.

As a teacher at Temple Beth Shalom of Roslyn Heights, N.Y., he engaged his students through thought-provoking discussions and spirited musicianship, playing the mandolin in a class on Israeli music.



Photos by Miriam Furman

RABBI JOEL SELTZER and his wife, Eliana Katz, at his ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

As an apprentice to Rabbi Alan B. Lucas and Rabbi Jeni Friedman, he acquired hands-on training in the rabbinate, helping to officiate at High Holy Day services and giving sermons before more than 1,000 congregants.

A dynamic and compelling speaker, Rabbi Seltzer says he learned from a master: Rabbi Lucas, who sits on both the Seminary's Chancellor's Rabbinic Cabinet and the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.

"I had great support and feedback [from the Temple Beth Shalom rabbis]," said Rabbi Seltzer. "They gave me the freedom to write and deliver 'speed bump' sermons, which helped me develop my rabbinic voice."

"Joel's going to be one of the great rabbis of the coming generation," predicted Rabbi Lucas. "We're proud to have played a small part in his development." As one of the stars of his rabbinical school class, Seltzer was selected by his peers to give an

address at the JTS graduation in New York. "I told them that even as rabbis, we never cease being students," he said. Of the 24 newly ordained rabbis, he received the Sidney Greenberg Award for homiletics. He also chaired a committee in his last two years at JTS to bring Israel-themed programs to campus, which culminated in a major celebration of Israel's 60th birthday.

STRONG JEWISH SPIRIT

Camp Ramah in the Poconos — where he spent his summers since the age of six — instilled in Seltzer the desire to become a rabbi. His parents both worked there at camp and for the local Jewish Federa-

tion. He spent his early years in "religiously connected Philadelphia," attending services at Adath Jeshurun, a congregation in Elkins Park, Penn. His family moved to Boca Raton, Fla., shortly after his bar mitzvah. There, he studied with Rabbi Jack Reimer, a prominent conservative rabbi now retired from the pulpit. In high school, Seltzer was senior class president, an actor in school plays and a director. "These experiences gave me a strong skill set in public speaking, which is incredible training for the rabbinate," he said.

He attended Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he majored in history and reli-

gion, studying Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic with Christian classmates who sought to read the Bible in the original Hebrew. He went straight to the seminary after college.

"The rabbinate was a natural route for me," Seltzer said. "The JTS years were incredible; it was a challenging education that pushed me to use my full intellect."

His wife had been a camper and counselor with Seltzer at Camp Ramah, as well as a JTS graduate student in Talmud and Jewish education. They were married in 2005, and spent their honeymoon year in Jerusalem while Joel completed his fourth year of rabbinical school.

"Eliana is beautiful, intelligent and warm, and loves doing for others" he said. She's also the daughter of Rabbi Michael Katz from Temple Beth Torah of Westbury, N.Y.

"These two are a Conservative movement success story," says Gila Hadani Ward, director of lifelong learning at Temple Beth Shalom, who made them an *aufref* at the temple a few years ago. "Joel's bright and accessible. He speaks at a high level, but in an understandable way. Eliana is a gifted Jewish educator in her own right."

At Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Seltzer will take an active role

in the adult institute program, the Hebrew school, the family bar and bat mitzvah program, and the Midrasha, the community Hebrew High School. He will also officiate at the High Holy Day services that run concur-

rently with those in the main sanctuary.

Rabbi Seltzer said that he's impressed with the vitality of Jewish life in Providence and the many warm and kind Temple Emanu-El leaders and congregants he's already met. "There seems to be a strong spirit of volunteerism," he said. He adds that he felt "almost an immediate connection" with Rabbi Franklin, "who is caring, wise and experienced in the complicated world of being a pulpit rabbi."

Miriam Furman is a journalist who lives in Roslyn, N.Y., and belongs to Temple Beth Shalom.

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Summer desserts: cool, light, and pretty

A perfect light end to a summer meal

BY MARYLYN GRAFF
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HERE ARE TWO winners from Susie Fishbein's *Kosher by Design Entertains* cookbook.

MELON GRANITAS

10 - 12 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3-4 lbs. ripe seedless watermelon, honeydew or cantaloupe
- 1/2 bunch fresh mint leaves, stems discarded
- fresh mint leaves for garnish

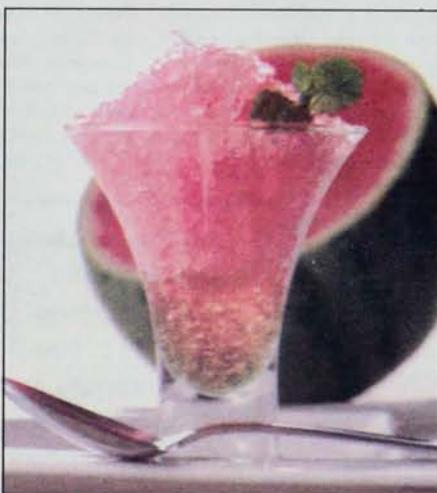
Method:

Place the sugar and water in a small pot, bring to a boil and simmer for two minutes. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature.

Remove the rind and any seeds from melon and discard. (Unless you are making watermelon pickles like my mother used to do.)

Chop the flesh into 1 1/2 inch chunks. Puree in a blender until smooth, in batches if necessary. Strain through a mesh sieve into a large bowl and discard the pulp. You should have 4 cups melon juice. Add 1/3 cup of the sugar syrup to the melon juice. (Save the rest.)

Pour the mixture into a large shallow non-reactive pan, glass or stainless, not aluminum. The larger and shallower the pan, the faster the granita will freeze.



LEFT: a gorgeous little layered ruffle of sorbet and ice-cream. ABOVE: a watermelon granita served in a crystal glass make the crystals shimmer.

for 15 minutes. Remove from freezer and spread an even layer of the vanilla over it. Repeat with the mango sorbet. Cover pan with plastic wrap and freeze overnight or up to 4 days.

When ready to serve, invert each cup onto a dessert plate, remove paper cup and place a whole berry on each.

"WATERMELON" SURPRISE

(Back by popular demand)

Ingredients:

- 1 qt. pistachio ice cream or parve
 - 1 qt. vanilla ice cream or parve
 - 1/2 gallon raspberry sorbet
 - 1-2 cups chocolate chips
 - Green food coloring
- Chill a large round bowl (the bowl from an electric mixer is perfect). Soften pistachio to a spreadable consistency and spread all over the inside of the bowl. Put into freezer until firm. Soften vanilla and spread on inside of pistachio. Freeze again. Soften raspberry and stir chocolate chips into it evenly. Fill center of mold and level top. Cover with plastic wrap and return to freezer. When ready to serve, unmold onto a plate. Mix green coloring with a little water and brush all over. Slice in wedges like watermelon.

Cover with plastic wrap and place into freezer. Stir and scrape with a fork every 30 minutes. Be sure to scrape ice crystals off the sides and into the center of the pan until too frozen to stir, 3-4 hours.

Put mint leaves and 1/4 cup of the remaining sugar syrup into blender and puree until smooth.

When mixture is frozen solid, scrape with the tines of a fork, pulling the mixture in rows toward you, to make the mixture fluff up into large ice crystals. If too frozen to scrape, leave at room temperature for 10 minutes. Place into clear serving glasses

(wine glasses are perfect). Garnish with a drizzle of the mint syrup and a couple of fresh mint leaves.

You can also make espresso granitas by following the same procedure and substituting 3 cups cooled espresso or strong coffee and garnishing with a dollop of whipped cream.

SORBET RUFFLES

Ingredients:

- 1 pint raspberry sorbet
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, can be parve
- 1 pint mango, passion fruit or lemon sorbet
- 16 (standard) muffin-size

pleated paper cups

Dessert sauces

16 red or black raspberries

Method:

Place paper muffin cups into pans. Soften sorbets and ice cream at room temperature for 15 minutes. Spread an even layer of raspberry sorbet into the bottom of each cup. Place in the freezer

I scream, you scream, we all scream for homemade ice cream!

BY MARYLYN GRAFF
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THERE IS NOTHING better than homemade ice cream. The best part is that you know what's in it — no strange chemicals or preservatives. The kids will love to help make it. If you don't have an ice-cream maker, beg, borrow or buy one. If this isn't an option you can use your refrigerator freezer. Mix all ingredients and freeze to a slush in a metal pan, take it out, scrape into the bowl of your electric mixer or processor and beat until well mixed and no lumps remain. Put back into the pan and refreeze. Do this a few times and the result will be surprisingly good. This works especially well for sorbets and sherbets.

PEACH ICE CREAM

Makes about 1 1/2 qts.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. peaches, (about 6 medium) peeled and pitted. (Make sure they are nice

and ripe. They should yield slightly when pressed.)

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 cups heavy cream
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tps. vanilla extract

Method:

In a large bowl mash the peaches into a coarse (lumpy) puree. Stir in 1/4 cup of the sugar and the orange juice. Let stand 1 hour. Add the cream, milk, remaining 3/4 cup sugar and vanilla to peaches, stirring to blend.

Refrigerate covered until very cold, at least three hours. Stir to blend, pour into ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's directions or follow instructions above.





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Stephen Early: The man who shaped FDR's image

The story of Stephen T. Early, FDR's top press aide

THE FOLLOWING is an excerpt from *The Making of FDR*, by Linda Lotridge Levin, Professor of Journalism at the University of Rhode Island. It is taken from "Launching the Juggernaut," Chapter Six.

By LINDA LOTRIDGE LEVIN
Special To The Voice & Herald

"It was much like the bugle call I heard in 1917 when I resigned from the AP to go into the Army. So I resigned from Paramount. I reported to FDR for duty in the Mayflower Hotel on the evening of March 3, 1933, the eve of his first inaugural. I went into the White House with the understanding that I would serve two years and then be permitted to return to private life."

— Stephen Early

EARLY CLAIMED that Roosevelt's request for him to handle press relations for the White House came as a surprise. Perhaps it did. But in reality, while Early had no official ties to the President-elect, he

had kept in touch with Roosevelt over the years, apprising him of political gossip in Washington when he was with the Associated Press and Paramount, attending the annual Cuff Links dinners to celebrate FDR's birthday, and, on request, shipping the latest films from Paramount to the Governor's mansion in Albany.

It is hard to believe that as election day grew closer and it became apparent that his old friend Franklin Roosevelt would be elected President of the United States, Early did not speculate on what role, if any, he might be playing in the new administration, especially since he had seen

Paramount reduce salaries and lay off employees during the last three years. Soon after Roosevelt was nominated, he telephoned Early and asked him to help run his campaign. Early replied, "You don't need me, and after

all, in 1920 I helped you to be the worst defeated candidate in Democratic history."

Nonetheless, in December, Roosevelt called Early to Warm Springs, Georgia, where Roosevelt stayed

frequently to enjoy the baths that soothed his crippled legs, and the President-elect asked Early to become one of his three secretaries to handle the press. The two old friends discussed the job offer.

But first they undoubtedly reminisced about cronies from the Navy Department, about the ill-fated 1920 campaign, about

"In the final analysis, the two men recognized they played well off each other's strengths and vulnerabilities. They nurtured each other professionally and even socially."

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STEPHEN EARLY, left, with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the President's office in the White House, in the late 1930s.

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New book chronicles German consul's relationship with Boston Holocaust survivor community

A NEW BOOK by Susie Davidson, *In Gratitude and Hope*, was released June 22, chronicling the post-war relationship that German Consul General Wolfgang K. Vorwerk established with Boston's Holocaust survivor community during his four-year term, which ends June 30.

The book was handed out to Holocaust survivor community members at a June 22 luncheon at Temple Emeth in Chestnut Hill.

While serving in Boston as Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Wolfgang K. Vorwerk distinguished himself as a German Consul who has reached out to and established an especially warm relationship with Boston's Holocaust survivor community.

In 2005, he became the first German Consul to speak at the annual Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Day commemoration at Faneuil Hall, and he has spoken each year since.

The 2008 ceremony included Annette Lantos and Katrina Lantos Swett, the widow and daughter of Tom Lantos, who died in February and was the only Holocaust survivor to serve in Congress.

During his service as consular, Vorwerk gave speeches at various Holocaust-related events in New England, and



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CONSUL VORWERK, left, with Israel Arbeiter, a Holocaust survivor and his great-grandson.

helped to advance and build German-Jewish relations by supporting the four area German-Jewish Dialogue groups and by funding several Holocaust-related initiatives.

Holocaust book author and poet Susie Davidson, a Brookline resident, has edited and annotated a collection of 14 of the Consul's remarks into a new volume, *In Gratitude and Hope: Remarks by Dr. Wolfgang K. Vorwerk, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany to Boston, 2004-2008*, published by Somerville-based Ibbetson Street Press.

Bringing your own book to life

South County author serves as a book coach

By MARY KORR
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SAUNDERSTOWN – At any given time, Lisa Tener is holding literary telephone conversations with a wide variety of students, coaxing and encouraging would-be authors in two-hour teleseminars over an eight-week period. By the end of that time, a first draft, table of contents, and query letter will have been written for a fiction, non-fiction or e-book.

The young wife and mother of two young boys, an MIT undergraduate and graduate school alumna and Harvard lecturer, she finds a great deal of satisfaction in the business she has set up.

Her students have appeared on Oprah, Montel Williams, CNN, Fox News, and more. She is also a published author and has appeared on ABC World News with Peter Jennings and other national news shows, PBS, and has been quoted in national publications and newspapers.

She holds an advanced degree in management, so it is no surprise she is an

entrepreneur.

But the roots of her enterprise arise from a cultural cradle.

"Jewish people have a love of the written word. We are the People of the Book," she said over coffee at Starbucks on Wayland Square.

Tener grew up in Queens, N.Y. Her father was an English teacher.

"As a kid, I always valued writing. But it took me a long time to feel good about my own writing," she said.

She describes the creative process of writing as a "dynamic tension, a questioning and quest, endless circles and arguments and debates within the writer's mind. I help people bring out their art."

And, of course, she works on fundamentals: the details, the verbs that propel a piece forward, character development. She is a panelist on many literary workshops and is the founder of the South County Writer's Seminar.

As a book coach, she describes herself as "honing in on the creative mind like a bee to honey."

Tener's five-step guide to success and information on upcoming seminars is described on her web site, lisatener.com. She can be reached at (401) 295-0160.



LISA TENER hosts a variety of seminars on how to write and publish a book. She is leaning on a stack of her clients' books.

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the Newport Navy affair, about their respective families, about the recent campaign and probably the health of Louis Howe, which by now was rapidly declining.

They may even have harked back to their first meeting, at the Democratic National Convention in 1912. Roosevelt may have thanked Early again for being his eyes and ears in the nation's capital. Certainly their conversation must have touched on the condition of the economy, especially the massive unemployment and the bank closures.

However the conversation went, Roosevelt asked Early to come with him to the White House to handle the press. Early then gave him an ultimatum: he would stay with Roosevelt for only two years. It's easy to imagine that Roosevelt told him that two years would be fine, but secretly he knew he would be able to persuade Early, his loyal friend of so many years,



Photo courtesy of the FDR Library

A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE held in late December 1941, with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, left, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Stephen Early is seated in the back center of photograph.

to remain longer when the time came.

In the final analysis, the two men recognized they played well off each other's strengths and vulnerabilities. They nurtured each other professionally and even socially. FDR had once wanted to be a journalist, but found he was a far better politician; Early wanted to be part

of the power structure and had found his way there by being a successful journalist. Both appreciated a good joke, verbal or practical; they enjoyed the sweet success of winning a bet, or in Early's case, a winning horse. As adults, they knew each other better than some siblings do.

As newspaper stories about

Early throughout his years in the White House never failed to mention, the two men traced their friendship to 1912. In fact, until he died Early kept on the wall of his den at home a photograph of a young and stern-faced Franklin Roosevelt, inscribed "To Steve Early with more warmth and informality than this picture would indicate." It

was dated 1914.

Roosevelt was never considered an intellectual, nor was he a man who dealt in the abstract. Pondering the ramifications of an idea for any length of time, looking at the philosophical structure of a plan of action, did not in the least interest him. Neither did Early, the newsman, used to racing out to cover an event and then hurrying back to the office to write an account of it before moving on to the next story, care to look too deeply into the issue of the moment.

Thus, the professional marriage of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Stephen T. Early, after years of friendship, was consummated the moment that Early agreed to sign on as the Presidential secretary in charge of press matters.

Professor Linda Lotridge Levin chairs the Department of Journalism at the University of Rhode Island. She also serves as the president of the New England Press Association. Levin, who has documented the history of the Jewish "alternative" press in Rhode Island, was the recent keynote speaker at The Voice & Herald's editorial board retreat.

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Negotiating in a buyer's housing market

Did you know that 80 percent of buyers begin shopping for a home on the Internet?

WHETHER YOU are a buyer or a seller in today's market, chances are you will probably be asking the same questions: Has the market hit bottom?



Sally Lapides

Do you think something better will come along? Are you being represented well? These days, in a frustrating economy, the natural tensions that exist between buyer and seller are easily aggravated. However, I have found that labels and attitudes never work to put a deal together. Just like setting a beautiful table for a Shabbat dinner, you need to set the stage well for proper negotiations.

There is always a lot of ego involved in a home sale. We often seem to tie our personal value to the value of our houses. The truth is, one has nothing to do with the other.

When an offer comes in on your home and it is low, no matter what you are thinking or feeling when you hear that

number come out of your agent's mouth, take a deep breath.

Instead of asking your agent to relay a flat rejection, consider rethinking your strategy.

Keep the negotiation alive; thank them very much for their interest in your house. Let them know that it is too low – but counter with something that indicates that you are interested in working with them.

If the house is new on the market, you can always say it hasn't been tested for a long enough time to lower the price substantially.

If it has just been reduced, let them know that you have just taken the fluff out of the price and the reduced price is bringing

Your motivation may change from day to day. Perhaps you are getting divorced, or you have found a home that you are dying to purchase, or you just found out you are being transferred out of state.

Each of these scenarios indicates different amounts of motivation. Given the fact that the buyer wants to buy and the seller wants to sell, then fair market value of your home is determined by what the market will bear.

If you are selling in a down market, you are buying in a down market. If you are selling in a hot market, then you are buying in a hot market. The differential will be the same.

Today, from a buyer's perspective, there is a lot of inventory on the market. It can take weeks to see all the houses in a price range. More than 80 percent of buyers begin their shopping for a home on the Internet. Buyers are better educated than ever before.

If you are on the selling side, make sure that you are as educated as the buyer coming into your home. Spend time online and learn about your competition.

Ask your agent for as much information as is available, so that when the offer comes in, you will be prepared to work in a partnership with your agent and the buyer to fulfill each of your goals and dreams.

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"Just like setting a beautiful table for a Shabbat dinner, you need to set the stage well for proper negotiations."

in much more activity.

Remember, the last negotiation of your first offer is almost always your best offer. This has been proven to be true in any market condition.

In this market, you will be both a wise and successful seller if you view each offer as an opportunity. Even if you are thousands of dollars apart, you are still closer to a deal than not having an offer at all.

the chickens and the kids. When he's lonely in the laundry, instead of feeling miserable, he sings and feels closer to the chickens he left behind, and he makes time to visit them. He brings them flowers when he's the gardener. For all we know, Chicken Man is no

characters. So I can talk about how Dov the disgruntled cow tender, or Bracha the angry baker, learned to connect to the animals or people around them. They may live in a kibbutz, but they can still better appreciate the rabbinic reminder to be connected to their community. I just have to remember the essential details about cow poop or cookie dough.

Chicken Man may be a new story, but it's still about something old, something I like being reminded of too. In the daily struggle of ordinary life, I try to celebrate with Chicken Man the wonderful life we have.

John Landry is the editor for Harvard Business Review. He lives in Providence with his wife, Rochelle Rosen and their two twin boys, Aaron and Eli, age five.

"In the daily struggle of ordinary life, I try to celebrate with Chicken Man the wonderful life we have."

better at tending animals, washing, gardening or child care, but the way he connects with animals and people gives him good results in the long run.

At bedtime I usually read a book to Aaron and Eli, then once they're in bed and the lights are out, I tell them a story. With Chicken Man's example, it's easy to make up a story revolving around one of the secondary

STORY: Chicken Man has plenty to teach adults, children

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people see only the disadvantages of their jobs and imagine that other places are better. It's like the saying from Pirkei Avot: "Who is wealthy? One who rejoices in what he has."

This comes out nicely when Chicken Man's in charge of day care at the house of the most misbehaving kids. Instead of telling them to clean up their mess, he immediately starts playing, and keeps the games going as he shifts into cooking breakfast.

The end result is that the kids, having found someone who "gets" them, actually eat their breakfast instead of throwing it at the grown-up. The understated prose communicates all this without being preachy or sentimental.

And how does Chicken Man get the energy to find the good in things? He's all about relationships. He connects easily with



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A new, kosher bakery with a French twist

Amelia's Patisserie in Wakefield is a labor of love for Chef Noah Davis

BY NANCY SLACK
Special To The Voice & Herald

There is a new kosher bakery in Rhode Island. That is noteworthy, by itself. This new establishment on Main Street in Wakefield, however, is also a traditional French patisserie.

Visitors to Amelia's Patisserie may find themselves saying both *C'est magnifique!* and *Mazel tov!* to owner and chef, Noah Davis.

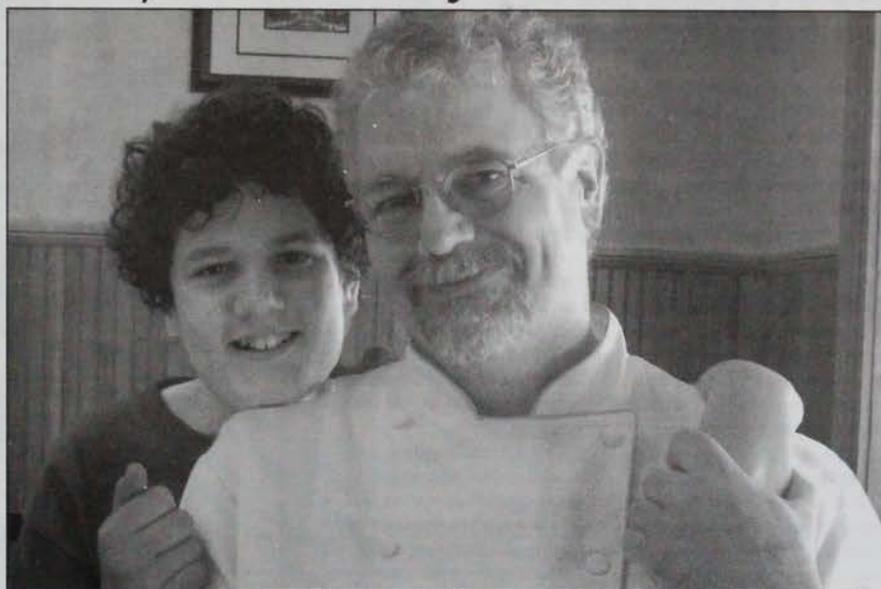
"I go to Paris often, and I wanted to make breads and pastries that are delicious and beautiful. I'm not really trying to generate a lot of business. I want to meet my new customers and get to know them – to greet

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them by name," said Davis, who is suitably attired in a spotless, bright white chef's jacket with thin gold piping down the stylish side closure, highlighted with "Chef Noah Davis" embroidered in subtle gold script at the top.

Davis, with full head of curly grey hair and beard, talks in an animated, passionate manner that bubbles over when he talks about the opening of the bakery, which he says is "his passion."

In his previous life experiences, Davis has had a fascinating combination of careers. He was educated in engineering, computer science, and behavioral sciences. He held senior positions in engineering research and design, working with AT&T, and also as an inventor of computer games.



Chef Noah Davis and his son, Oliver.

Photo by Nancy Slack

In addition, he also trained in baking at Johnson & Wales.

"The human condition is very complex," Davis said. "I think people should do many things in their lives – have several careers – that's what keeps us interesting." Then quickly, he adds, "But the story isn't about me – it's about the bakery!"

Davis offers a quick tour of his bakery, shepherding the reporter around the counter and through the kitchen door.

Immediately, one is surrounded by the color white. White is everywhere in the spotless preparation room, along with meticulously clean and shining stainless steel appliances. Davis proudly shows off mixers, freezers, and storage areas.

The tour continues down to the basement, where cement and stone surfaces look sandblasted to almost an unbelievable level of perfection. Then it is back upstairs, through a stainless steel door, and right into the walk-in

pick out.

The floor throughout the back of the bakery is white tile. "I don't want to see tile again for a very long time," he said, explaining that he lost 40 lbs. during the six months of preparation for the bakery's opening, with many days of hard labor and little eating or sleep.

In the bakery, there is an impressive display of cookies, tarts, cakes and more. All are lined up in their assigned

rows, waiting to tempt anyone who comes in, whether it is for a traditional French pastry or to order a *challah* for the Sabbath.

"Everything here is kosher and made from scratch. All my fruit purees are imported from Paris," Davis said. All the food is kosher

dairy, except for *challah*, which is kosher *parve*. Kosher certification is provided by Ethan Adler.

Davis owns the building he shares with several small businesses; the large, multi-paned picture window that draws one's attention.

Silhouetted are wrought iron tables and chairs that provide a comfortable and welcoming dining-in area – with a Parisian flair. Seated at one table are two frequent late afternoon customers, Alex Butler and Jacob Sargent, both students at South Kingstown High School.

Opting not for a bag of chips and a soda from the local drug store, these boys are eating a two-layer brownie ganache made with three kinds of chocolate, and a raspberry chocolate brownie. Alex takes a chocolate mousse to go.

"He took a mousse, too?" Davis shakes his head with a smile as the boys.

Davis and his wife have six children, so the topic of fast food comes up easily.

"I decided years ago when I began planning for this, that we were going to change what we put into our bodies – no more fast food, because we were too busy and didn't have time to stop and cook," Davis said. "We Americans are victims of the mass-market food industry."

The conversation moves to a discussion of cholesterol and high blood pressure, obesity and chronic diseases such as heart disease.

"I'm a good chef," Davis continued. "We, as a family, eat good food now. And, we eat for less."

At the end of each day, anything unsold is donated to Welcome House, a local program

"The human condition is very complex. I think people should do many things in their lives – have several careers – that's what keeps us interesting."

Chef Noah Davis

refrigerator.

"This is what it's about," Davis says proudly, showing his perfectly lined up prepared doughs and products.

When Davis opens the door to the bathroom, there is a burst of color – a bright orange – a color he said that he let his children

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AS WE GROW OLDER

Making a list, losing it twice...

I HAVE NEVER been accused of being a list-maker. Quite the contrary, I tend to rely on my (now unreliable) memory to keep me alert to grocery needs, birthday and anniversary dates, and what day in the month the credit card bills are due.

I admit that I have been lucky enough to experience few disasters by my reluctance to make lists. My marriage has, by some miracle, lasted for six decades, despite resisting lists even though it drives my engineer-husband

crazy. He makes lists and is annoyed by my resistance to them but persist I have. UNTIL RECENTLY.

Lately, I discover that I go to the supermarket because we are out of milk. (Milk is my Staff of Life). You know the end of that story; I spend \$50 on sale items and am so impressed with my savings that I get home having forgotten to buy milk!

Even before the insult of \$4 a gallon gasoline, I always felt one should have several destinations when running errands. And overall I still do quite well. Benny's is near Stop & Shop, and Stop & Shop is near my beauty parlor. But the most important stop was to go to

the bank to get some cash. I do not have to tell you that I forgot to go to the bank.

In March I realized that there were important occasions that month for four important people in my life and I sent out congratulatory cards. The sad part of that story is that I got all four dates wrong!

Well, you are beginning to get the point of this discourse. Like most seniors who live longer than they expected to, my memory is not as good as it used to be. Do not stop reading. I am not about to describe the symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease. But we do have to give some serious thought to not alarming our 50- and 60-year-old children about our deterioration; which means we need a game plan.

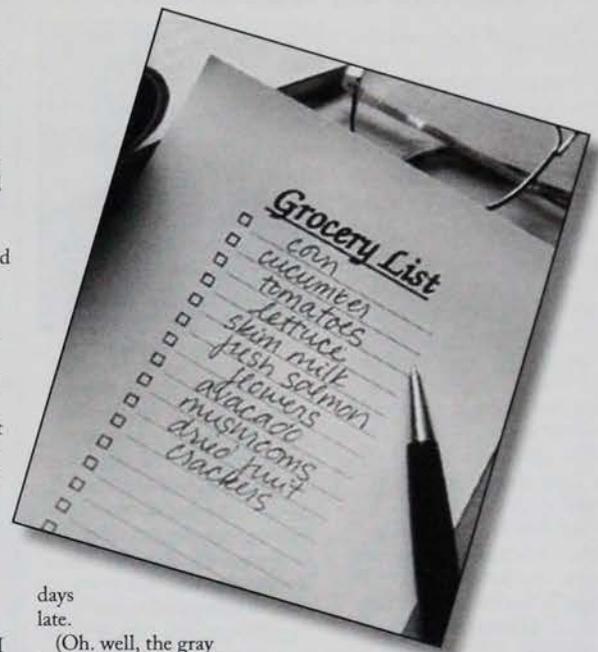
And, despite my disparagement of my husband's orderliness, he is correct. We should make lists. Now let's not get goofy and overdo this, but there are a few lists that are obvi-

ous and a few that I have just dreamed up. It will not, cut and dried, solve all of your memory lapses but it may help some.

The first is to make an on-going list of food and other grocery items that you need. And realize that it is not your mother's old-fashioned grocery store that you will be going to. The supermarket sells everything from food to medicine cabinet needs, so it is acceptable to put toothpaste, detergent and unmentionables on that list.

I have been making the grocery lists for awhile now and find them helpful, on those occasions when I do not leave my list at home, which happens an embarrassing number of times each month. And when you see bathroom needs on sale, you must remember that you bought them by the case at Sam's Club last week. (I have not yet found a suitable list for my purchases at Sam's.)

As to card-sending, gift giving reminders, I thought I had solved this problem when I noted those dates on the oversized desk calendar, which I had started using because I had messed up many appointments. I now check the calendar on a



days late. (Oh, well, the gray hair and wrinkles merit us some tolerance).

Certainly, the most painful list is the one that itemizes "Things I Must Do". I always felt they were obvious and needed no reminding. I am talking about the unrewarding, but necessary things which are not part of regular schedules but have a way of haunting you. You have not forgotten them, though you would like to. I speak of straightening out drawers and throwing out clothes that will never fit again. If you are a homeowner, getting rid of college

text-books, getting rid of pictures of people you cannot recall and clearing out the garage so that the car can fit in. If you actually complete those chores, you will leave your surviving children with pleasant memories of you.

One last suggestion. Leave a list of your lists and their whereabouts on your bathroom mirror because otherwise (if you are like me) you will never remember where you left them.

Tema Gouse writes a regular seniors' column for the Jewish Voice & Herald.

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The first is to make an on-going list of food and other

daily basis. The only problem is that when I see your birth date listed on the evening of Nov. 2; even if I can remember to send you a card the next morning, I am already a minimum of two

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Long-term teacher retires at Habonim

Donald Solomon serves temple for 45 years

By MARYLYN GRAFF
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BARRINGTON — Temple Habonim, at a special *Kabbalat* Shabbat service on May 30, celebrated the nearly 45 years of Donald Solomon's dedicated tenure as its first-grade religious school teacher. The students in grades one, two and three recited original creative prayers and poems of thankfulness to God, the Torah and the good things in life, which were printed and passed out to the congregation.

There were a number of parents present who had themselves been taught by Solomon in their early years at Habonim's religious school. The music for the service was led by Marc Katz, a former student of Solomon's, who is studying for the rabbinic. Solomon's granddaughter, Elisa Chubka, teaches second grade at Habonim and great-granddaughter, Esabel Chubka, attends fifth grade.

At the service Solomon was presented with an engraved leaf to be placed on the temple's tree of life, along with other gifts. This modest man thanked everyone in emotional terms, saying how much he loved the temple and how he always felt welcomed and comfortable, like a second home. He remarked that he had seen not only the growth of the congregation over the years but the transformation of the temple building to the "beautiful edifice it is today."

Rabbi Emeritus James Rosenberg spoke of how Solomon brought his professional training and know-how to the school. His wisdom and inspiration, Jewish knowledge, and teaching skills encouraged and inspired Rabbi Rosenberg as principal of the



Donald Solomon

school. In addition, this gifted teacher had a keen insight into each boy or girl that he taught.

A professional elementary school teacher (and later principal), Solomon has always enjoyed working with young children.

In religious school he says that his constant aim was to create a love of Judaism using four main themes: bible tales, Jewish holidays, Shabbat and the tangible symbols such as menorahs and seder plates.

Before coming to Habonim, Solomon taught for 16 years at Temple Beth-El in Providence and before that, in the early 1950s, at the former Congregation Beth Israel.

Also a gifted artist, Solomon designed and helped the students make several wonderful wall hangings on Jewish themes which decorate the temple. His collages, meaningful and colorful, grace a number of homes. He creates abstract wood sculptures based on bible and holidays which are also on display in the religious school area. His love of art carried over into his classrooms as he used arts and crafts to make lessons come alive for the children.

To end the service they all sang "Bereshit" with full hearts.

The service was followed by an *oneg* at which everyone crowded 'round and wished "Mr. Solomon" well. He will be very much missed.

"His wisdom and inspiration, Jewish knowledge, and teaching skills inspired Rabbi Rosenberg as principal of the school."

Miriam Women honor Baxt, give generously to hospital

By MARY KORR
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SEEKONK, Mass. — The Miriam Hospital Women's Association honored Gussie Baxt with its 25th annual recognition award for "her lifetime of commitment" at its 111th annual meeting held at the Ledgemont Country Club May 21.

She first joined the Women's Association about six decades ago, when she was newly married. "I found this association a warm, committed group who wanted to raise funds for the hospital and who achieved their goals with good programs that educated the community and uplifted patients," she said.

She has volunteered to fill many roles at the hospital, from staffing the information desk in the foyer, to planning galas. She has also served as the association's treasurer.

Gussie and her husband, Victor, are long-time friends and supporters of The Miriam Hospital. Through their generosity, a gift of \$5 million, the Victor and Gussie Baxt building opened at the hospital.

The Women's Association has a long history of providing for needs at the hospital and this year the group again set an admirable philanthropic pace. The group presented Jeffrey Brier, chairman of the hospital board, with gifts from



GUSSIE BAXT, right, received the Miriam Hospital Women's Association's 25th annual recognition award at its annual meeting May 21. She is shown with Lillian Zarum.

the Brick program (\$12,000), the Gift and coffee shop (\$40,000 with an additional \$40,000 pledged by the end of the year) and three video laryngoscopes (\$29,000) from the 2008 equipment event.

All proceeds from the Gift Shop, managed by Sandy Simon and Sally Irons, benefit the hospital. The shop carries a wide array of unique products from around the world.

At the event, the late Alan

Gilstein, former chairman of the board at the hospital and husband of one of the association's members, Suzanne Gil-

"All proceeds from the Gift Shop benefit the hospital."

stein, was remembered for his dedication and compassion to the hospital.

Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner, Miriam's president and CEO, conveyed the gratitude of the hospital over the association's century of contributions, which began when the hospital was just an idea in the minds of Jewish women in Providence, who saw the need for a Jewish hospital.

Tina Odessa, chair of the event, welcomed over 100 members to the luncheon. Rabbi Leslie Gutterman made the *motzi*. Rabbi Wayne Franklin installed the officers and board members. Officers for 2008-09 are: Co-presidents Melissa Baker, Joyce Leven, Renee Vogel; Vice presidents Judy Blau, Amy Goldstein, Maybeth Lichaa, Karen Trinkle; Recording secretary Barbara Sheer; Treasurer Sue Suls, and corresponding secretary Judy Matt.



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This year's graduates from the New England Academy of Torah, are, from top left, Toby Haldorsen, Shifra Albert

Andelman, Atara Kaufman, Sara Renah Spilman, Tova Simenowitz, Shira Hassan, and Sophie Felder. Bottom

row: Shifra Isaacs, Sarah Shafner, Elkie Schuff, Miriam Diamond, and Victoria Devora Maldonado.

NEAT, PHDS graduates 8th-graders, high school

PROVIDENCE — The New England Academy of Torah (NEAT) graduated 12 young women on June 18. The graduating class consists of a melting pot of students from Providence, Sharon, Mass.; Springfield, Mass.; Monsey, N.Y.; Baltimore, Md, and Passaic, N.J.

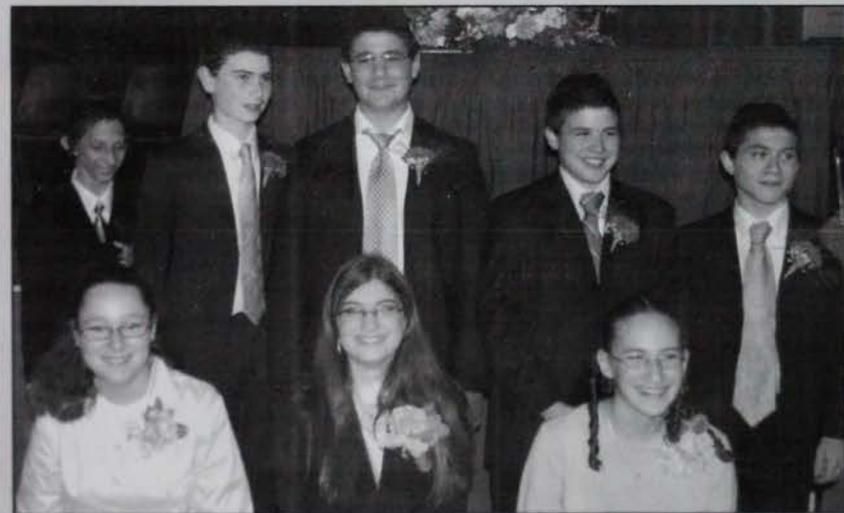
One of the values of NEAT is to promote Israel - its land and people. Ten of these graduates have decided to pursue their first year of college

studying in various schools in Israel. The graduating class created the core of the mock trial playoff team and many graduates were cited as Rhode Island Scholars, National Honor Society inductees, a Patrick Kennedy Award recipient, and other local academic awards. Aside from their academic skills a number of girls have served as interns in local agencies and one attended this year's "March of The Living" trip to Poland and

Israel, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

PHDS

The young men in the eighth-grade graduating class of Providence Hebrew Day School will be attending Yeshiva University High School, Yeshiva of Scranton, Chofetz Chaim in Rochester, N.Y., and Yeshiva of Atlanta, Ga. The graduating girls will be attending the New England Academy of Torah.



THE EIGHTH-GRADE graduating class of the Providence Hebrew Day School included, from right,

Binyomin Weiner, Eliyahu Simcha Raskin, Yisochor Jakubowicz, Dovid Shmuel Weissman, and Aryeh

Rosenfield. Front row, from right, are Aviva Kaufman, Shira Diamond, and Sorah Hinda Taitelbaum.

JCC teen athletes are training for Maccabi Games

Generous sponsors make Team RI possible

By SHANA SCHNEIDER
Special to the Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI) announced that a record number of 15 teen athletes will represent Rhode Island in the 2008 JCC Maccabi Games in Detroit from Aug. 17-21. For the first time ever, the JCCRI will field a soccer team and will also send athletes to compete in tennis, dance and swimming.

The JCC Maccabi Games are the largest program for Jewish teens in the world. For nearly 25 years, young Jewish athletes from across the United States and Canada, as well as around the world, have benefited from the Games. Over 2,000 athletes will convene this year to participate in a wide range of sports.

In addition to Coca-Cola, a continental sponsor of the JCC Maccabi Games, Team Rhode Island has received grants from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI), the Touro Fraternal Association's community involvement committee and the Kate DeCubellis Memorial Foundation. Dr. and Mrs. Albert Glucksman of Barrington have also provided generous funding.

"We are proud of teens competing in this year's JCC Maccabi Games and are grateful to our sponsors for making this

possible. Our athletes and their families are preparing earnestly for the competition and raising additional funds to make it possible for Team Rhode Island to travel to Detroit," said Kevin Olson, JCCRI executive director.

Dr. Glucksman became enamored of the JCC Maccabi Games as an opportunity for Jewish teens to enhance their athletic skills while also learning about teamwork and responsibilities to take care of other people and the community.

"It is my goal to inspire athletic excellence in Jewish youth. I believe that all youth can improve on their level of athletic achievement, and competition is a great motivator for this," said Glucksman.

Andy Lamchick, chair of the Community Involvement Committee at the Touro Fraternal Association, said, "Touro Fraternal Association is dedicated to assisting Jewish youth in our region and is pleased to work with the JCCRI on this exciting project."

In addition to supporting the 2008 JCC Maccabi Games, the flexible allocation dollars grant from JFRI will also be used to provide support to send teens in the summer of 2009 to participate for the first time in the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest, a week-long gathering of Jewish teens from around the world interested in the arts. The support from JFRI will help build a new program at the JCCRI that will serve Jewish teens from across the state.

JWV holds convention

WARWICK — The Jewish War Veterans, the Department of Rhode Island, held their 63rd annual convention on Sunday, June 22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. Lt. Col Michael Feldman, an orthopedic surgeon, who just returned from Germany from treating wounded GI's, was the guest speaker.

The following officers were re-elected: Department Commander

Sanford Gorodetsky; Senior Vice Commander Marty Weisman; and Junior Vice Commander Herman Wallock. The convention honored Murray Cohen for 36 years of service as quartermaster.

New members were sworn in by Past Department Commander David Penn and Harvey Green was the Officer of the Day.



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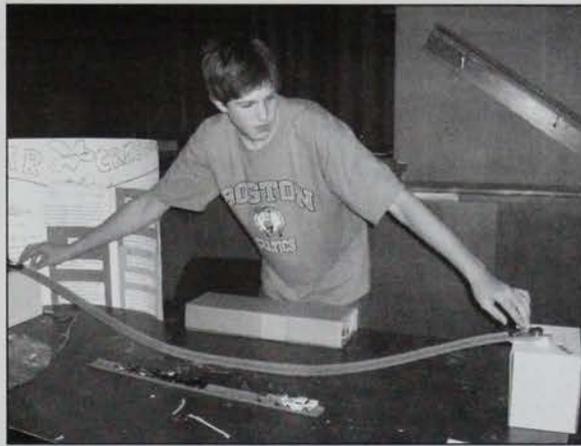
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Science Expo at JCDS

PROVIDENCE — The Jewish Community Day School's scientists showed parents and visitors what they have been working on under the guidance of their

science and math teacher, Elana Riffle, above right. At top left, Natasha Berezin, a 6th grader, put on goggles and apron before using a grill lighter to sink an

egg in a glass bottle. It was not a shortcut to hard boiling eggs but rather a demonstration of atmospheric pressure.

Center, Danilo Milevsky set

up a car track to demonstrate laws of physics, measuring mass and intensity by crashing two identical cars and then crashing a larger SUV and a smaller vehicle.

The 39 "lab rats" from the Middle School studied astronomy, chemistry and physics, most stating lab was the best part of their coursework.

"Tee Up" for JSA's golf event

CRANSTON — The Jewish Seniors Agency (JSA) of Rhode Island is planning a golf event on Aug. 6 (rain date Aug. 7). The public is invited to "Tee Up" for JSA at Mulligan's Golf and Entertainment, New London Avenue, Route 2, Cranston.

The event includes miniature golf, pitch n' putt, a kosher cookout, raffles and live entertainment. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and Tee time is 6 p.m. The top raffle prize package includes a limo ride, dinner in Boston and Red Sox tickets.

The cost per person is as fol-

lows: pitch n' putt + cookout - \$48; miniature golf + cookout - \$36; children to age 17- \$18; and cookout and entertainment only - \$28. All proceeds will be used to support the programs of JSA including: Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, Shalom Apartments, The Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence and the To Life Center adult day services.

For further information and reservations, contact Susan Adler at 401-351-4750. For more information about JSA programs visit: www.jsari.org.



The JSA Tee-Up committee includes, front row, from left: Julie Pierno, Dianne Giammarco, Elaine Creem, Martha Wexler, and Roberta Sinapi. Standing from left are: Debbie West, Jim Galkin, Beverly Narciso, Susan Adler and JSA executive director, Paul Barrette.

Students confirmed at Habonim

BARRINGTON — On June 8, 10 tenth-graders at Temple Habonim celebrated their confirmation. The confirmands, who have all been in religious school together since kindergarten, studied weekly with Rabbi Andrew Klein.

At the service, students chanted the Ten Commandments from the Torah, and spoke about their relationship with Judaism. They will continue their Jewish education next year in monthly post-confirmation classes.

BEGINNINGS: there was much growth in the years ahead

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eventually resulting in the new name of Temple Am David, "People of David." Construction on a new chapel and enlarged sanctuary began in 1981, with the original mortgage being paid off.

In 1988 the congregation granted equal status for women giving them full involvement in all temple rituals.

The congregation found its full-time cantor, spiritual leader, Hebrew teacher and school administrator in 2000 in Cantor Richard Perlman, a member of a prominent Rhode Island cantorial family.

AM DAVID: Congregation celebrates golden anniversary at Temple Am David



THE NEW 2008-2009 TEMPLE AM DAVID EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS are, from left to right, Herbert Singer, corresponding secretary; Paula Olivieri, financial secretary; Beth Veltri, recording secretary; Susan Adler, 4th vice president / membership; Debra Johnson, 3rd vice president / programming; Aaron Weintraub, 2nd vice president / Ways & Means; Ronald Freeman, president. Not available for picture: Edward Fink, 1st vice president; Arthur Mossberg, treasurer.

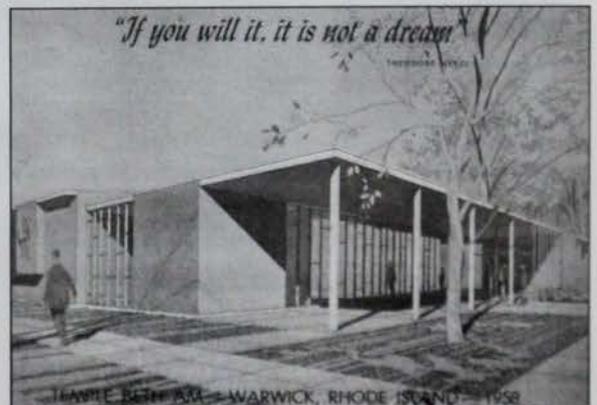
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"He's truly a partner, a close friend, and a great credit to your congregation," Rabbi Franklin said.

The brothers performed a combination of pop and Israeli music, which was a preview of

the concerts planned for the Israeli troops, when the Perlman Brothers go on a family mission to Israel at the end of this month.

Throughout the concert, various guests performed with the brothers including matriarch



In March, 1960, the congregation saw the culmination of six year of work and devotion. With the Torahs in the Ark, the lighting of the Eternal Light and the affixing of the Mezzuzahs, the new synagogue and school building of Temple Beth Am were formally dedicated.

Muriel Perlman; Ari Perlman, son of Josh, and Jessica Perlman, daughter of Richard. At the age of 83, Cantor Dr. Ivan Perlman took to the stage, performing with his sons on a most appropriate occasion.

"Look at this," he proudly

addressed the audience, "Four sons, all Cantors. Now you understand why every day of my life is Father's Day."

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*Amidst seemingly
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By RABBI MARC WOLF
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

A COLLEAGUE and friend who shares my fascination with golf as well as my plague of performing poorly, recently gifted me with a book entitled, *Golf is Not a Game of Perfect*.

It is another one of the ever-expanding genre of self-help books in sheep's clothing in which the subject, in this case, golf, is viewed as a microcosm of life. Accordingly, the sport is given a philosophical reach that outdistances any drive from the tee. It is filled with pithy moral teachings such as, "Golfers must learn to love the challenge when they hit a ball into the rough ... the anger, fear, whining, and cheating do no good." Through tangible advice on the game, it subtly links such challenges as hitting a 40-foot putt to reaching for personal and professional goals. Books like this one and others of this ilk by sports personalities like George Forman and Michael Jordan tend to see an ecumenical relevance in seemingly mundane activities. Our culture is filled with

such moral tomes. And while I am sure I can learn a lot from George Forman's lesson of picking yourself up off the canvas when you're down, the aisles of Barnes and Noble are not necessarily the first place we should go in search of ethical teachings. There is much our own tradition teaches us about living life morally, beyond our expected ritual obligations.

The gift of Judaism is that within the nuanced discussions of ritual obligations, moral lessons emerge. They are, in fact, inextricably connected and should be viewed as a whole — each dependent on and enhancing the other. In the latter half of our parashah this week, after the famous earthly consumption of *Korah* and his followers, the focus shifts to the laws, rights, and obligations of the priestly class. Their ritual obligation is to perform the sacrifices and engage in holy activities of the Temple — work that is replete with measurement and detail, and seemingly devoid of moral lesson.

Maimonides, in *The Guide for the Perplexed*, (3:32) talks about the deeper meaning of sacrifices and asserts that if the ritual detail is of paramount importance to the *avodah*, then there would be more leniency about where they can be held instead of restricting them to the Temple. Thus, there must be a more profound

meaning imparted to the sacrifices. Moreover, he adds, the prophets—the champions of ethics and morality — frequently spoke out against observing ritual law that does not include a corresponding moral code.

All this is to say that rather than consult the self-help aisles of the local book store, our religion can serve as a moral and ethical compass. Our commentators bring law and ritual to life and instill it with a meaning relevant to our daily lives. Looking within our tradition for inherent moral structure will provide guidance with context and depth that is relevant to us as Jews — it just may be a little more challenging to find our moral guidance here than in a book by Michael Jordan.

Our challenge, then, is to approach our tradition and discover the morals behind what may appear to be outdated and irrelevant ritual detail. To quote a popular statement from Pirkei Avot, "turn it over and over, everything is contained within it."

Our tradition is living and evolving, the challenge of relevance is yours, and the next time you're playing golf, remember sometimes a sand trap is just a sand trap.

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East Side Prescription

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Highland Court

Jewish Fam. Service

Judaic Traditions (Hope Street)

Lasalle Bakery, 993 Smith Street

Laurelmead

Miriam Hospital

Miriam Hospital (outpatient Bld.)

Palmieri Bakery (Federal Hill)

Providence Hebrew Day School

Providence Public Library (down-

town)

Rochambeau Library

Spoons, 485 Angell Street

Swan Liquor

Tealuxe, 225 Thayer Street

Temple Beth El,

70 Orchard Avenue

Temple Emanu-El, Taft Avenue

Tockwotton Home

Village Health

729 Hope Street

Seekonk

Seekonk Liquors

Wakefield:

Wakefield Prescription

Warwick:

Barnes + Noble

Coffee Grinder

Food Challet, Post Road

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Ulpan Hebrew classes slated for July

PROVIDENCE — Simcha Pe'er and Rachel Ziv, educators from Israel, will be conducting their annual *ulpan* Hebrew classes. The two-week session will meet Monday through Thursday, from July 7 through 10 and 14 through 17 at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island.

Beginner's and advanced conversational classes will be held from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Intermediate conversational and

advanced intermediate conversational classes will be held from 2 to 4:15 p.m.

The programs are open to adults and high school students. The fee is \$50 per person or \$36 for BJE affiliated schools and students, due by the first day of classes.

Register online at www.bjeri.org or email Diane Cerep at dcerep@bjeri.org. Indicate which section you would like to attend.

Adoption Options plans July meeting

PROVIDENCE — Adoption Options is holding an informational session for those considering adoption.

Licensed adoption workers will be available to provide information and answer questions.

The next meeting in R.I. is scheduled for July 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Jewish Family Service, 959 North Main St., Providence.

Adoption Options, is a non-sectarian, non-profit, comprehensive adoption program of Jewish Family Service. The agency is licensed in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with offices in Rehoboth and Providence.

For more information, contact Peg Boyle at 401-331-5437 or visit www.AdoptionOptions.org.

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Elaine Cohen, 87

EAST PROVIDENCE — Elaine Cohen, 87, died June 11. She was the wife of the late Bernard I. Cohen. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Berger) Guny, she was a lifelong resident of Providence.

She was a bookkeeper in her husband's business, Cohen Mfg., Providence, for 20 years, retiring in 1994.

She was a graduate of the Rhode Island College of Education, earning a degree in teaching.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves two daughters, Norma Goldberg of Homer, N.Y., and Margery Cohen-Jacoby of Sharon, Mass.; a sister, Ida Millman of Connecticut; and three grandchildren, Tara, Greta and Rebecca.

Burial was in Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, 401 Reservoir Ave., Providence.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Paul Cohn, 62

PROVIDENCE — Paul Cohn, 62, died June 23 at RI Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Maureen (Rafferty) Cohn. Born in Providence, a son of Nellie (Goldman) Cohn of Warwick and the late Frank Cohn, he had lived in Cranston since 1976. He was a jewelry plater for G.T. Tanuary Co., Johnston. Paul was a graduate of Central High School, Class of 1965. Dear brother of Harold Cohn of Coventry. Funeral services were held in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd, Suite 3004, Warwick, RI 02886.

Gertrude K. Franzl, 92

PROVIDENCE — Gertrude K. Franzl died June 18. She was the wife of the late Robert Franzl,

Ph.D. Born in Providence she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Goldie (Rose) Kopec.

A graduate of Brown University, she completed her post graduate studies at Columbia University. Prior to her retirement, her career was in medical research, where she authored many professional articles.

She was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue.

Mrs. Franzl leaves a daughter, Lynn Contreras of California; three grandchildren, Cheryl Hernandez, William Contreras, and Richard Brizuelas; and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Albert, David and Irving Kopec.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Contributions may be made to Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence.

Benjamin Furman, 80

CENTERVILLE, Mass. — Benjamin Furman, 80, of Centerville and Delray Beach, Fla., died unexpectedly on April 8 in Florida. He was the husband of Temma Furman. He lived in North Kingstown from 1953 to 1960, and in Warwick from 1960-1997, and spent his retirement in Florida and Cape Cod.

Formerly the owner of fabric chain H.I.M. Mills, in Cranston, North Kingstown and Newport during the 1960s and early '70s, he later worked for American Tourister Luggage and as an executive recruiter for Positions, Inc. He began his career in textiles as a principal in his father's woolen manufacturing business, Allenton Mills, moving into retailing after that business ceased.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Miriam Silverman of Roslyn, N.Y., and Ivy Kolb of Barrington, and three grandchildren, Ilana Silverman and Jeffrey and Adam Kolb.

Mr. Furman was a lively, personable man who loved interacting with

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people, and enjoyed golfing, bridge, singing in the men's chorus at his Florida condominium complex, and playing in the condo's production of "Guys and Dolls." He remained youthful all his life.

A founding member of Temple Beth Am (now Am David) in Warwick, R.I., Mr. Furman served as membership chairperson for several years. After he retired, he was a member of Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis, Mass.

David Glantz, 81

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — David Glantz, 81, died June 19. He was the husband of the late Lilian (Group) Glantz. Born in New York, N.Y., he was a son of the late Harry and Sadie (Smith) Glantz.

He was in the U. S. Navy during World War II, serving in the European Theatre.

Mr. Glantz was the proprietor of several clothing manufacturing businesses in the greater New Bedford area before becoming the credit manager for the Pride Auto Group in 1985, retiring in 2002.

He was a member of Ahavath Achim Synagogue and a former member of Tifereth Israel Congregation.

He is survived by three sons: Michael Jay Glantz of St. Cloud, Minn., Howard Brian Glantz of Amsterdam, N.Y., and Joel Phillip Glantz of Pepperell, Mass.; three grandchildren; Mark James, Brianne Marie, and Cheryl Ann, and a great-grandchild; Anthony John. He was the brother of the late Victor Glantz.

Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Contributions may be made to Ahavath Achim Synagogue, 385 County St., New Bedford, MA., 02740.

Rose (Ponce) Holland

NORTH LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Rose (Ponce) Holland, formerly of Providence, died May 13. She was the wife of the late Harry Holland, who died this past March.

They were married for 72 years.

She leaves a son, Irwin and his wife Bernice, of Brockton, Mass.; a daughter, Lynn Frank of Florida; a sister, Beatrice Sydney of Cranston; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Abraham Ponce.

Burial was in North Lauderdale. Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Pearl Kaufman, 80

PROVIDENCE — Pearl Kaufman, 80, died June 12 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Milton Kaufman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Sarah Davis (Landerman).

For several years, she worked in the accounting department at the Outlet Co. in Providence. She was a former member of the Mishkon Tfiloh Synagogue in Providence.

She leaves a son, Allan Kaufman, a daughter Debra and her husband Paul Formal, three grandchildren, Stacey, Bruce and Maxie, a brother Joslin Davis and his wife Roberta all from Providence.

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick, RI. Contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Albert J. Krasner, 83

PROVIDENCE — Albert J. Krasner, 83, died June 14. He was the husband of Eleanor (Berstein) Krasner. Born in Providence, a son of the late David and Elizabeth (Grant) Krasner, he had previously lived in Cranston for 45 years.

He was the owner of a service station in Providence, retiring 10 years ago.

He was a World War II Army veteran serving in the European Theater and a recipient of the Purple Heart for his service

in Normandy. He was a member of the R.I. Jewish War Veterans.

He was a former member of Temple Beth Israel and Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves three daughters, Paula Krasner of Warwick, Robin Cossin of Longmeadow, Mass., and Jane Revkin of East Greenwich; a sister, Harriette Zarchen of Cranston; and five grandchildren, Ben, Elizabeth, Talia, Leah and Zev. He was the brother of the late Beatrice Mushlin and Ernest Krasner.

Contributions may be made to The Jewish War Veterans, 1811 R St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Eli Markoff, 84

WARWICK — Eli Markoff, 84, died June 16. He was the son of the late Abraham and Minnie (Cohen) Markoff, and the brother of the late Rose Sachs and her late husband Douglas.

He was a graduate of the University of California (UCLA).

He was an Army veteran serving during World War II. He was a 51-year resident of Warwick, moving to Cranston in 2007.

Mr. Markoff was a Certified Public Accountant for many years with an office in Providence. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants.

He belonged to the Redwood Lodge of the Masons, the Shriners, and was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was a voracious reader.

He was the uncle of Paul Sachs and the late Cynthia Sachs Marone and the longtime companion of Margarete Willard.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Sheldon Pomerantz, 51

CRANSTON — Sheldon Pomerantz, 51, died May 31. Born in Providence, he was a son of Morton and Annette (Silverman) Pomerantz. He had lived in Lutz, Fla., for 20 years, previously residing in Cranston. He was a cytotechnologist for many years.

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Mr. Pomerantz was a 1978 graduate of the University of Rhode Island and later of the University of Miami School of Cytology.

He leaves a brother, Paul Pomerantz and his wife, Judith of Sharon, Mass.; and two sisters, Lynne Pomerantz of Johnston; and Jill Goodman and her husband Gary of Cranston. He was the uncle of Lindsay, Reuben and Nathan.

Sarah Reffkin, 83

CRANSTON — Sarah "Sally" Reffkin, 83, died June 14 at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was the wife of Burton H. Reffkin. They were married for 65 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Alfred and Ethel (Bell) Davis, she had lived in Cranston for 55 years.

Mrs. Reffkin was a former member of the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital, a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood and Temple Sinai.

She leaves a son, Stephen M. Reffkin of Cranston and a daughter, Lesley A. Bower of Twickenham, England; and two grandchildren, Laura and Jonathan. She was the sister of the late Frank, David and Anna Davis and Jeanette Herman.

Contributions may be made to a favorite charity

Julius Schaeffer, 79

PROVIDENCE — Julius Schaeffer, 79, died June 13. Born in Fall River, he was a son of the late David and Anna (Ehrenhaus) Schaeffer. Mr. Schaeffer was a past president of B'nai Brith, a member of Mensa, the ACLU, and the Masonic Order.

He was a U.S. Army veteran having served during the Korean War in the Intelligence Dept.; and received high honors for his service.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed collecting all kinds of books.

He leaves a son, David Schaeffer of Providence. He was the father of the late Andrew Schaeffer; and the brother of the late Sydney and Lester Schaeffer.

Besides his son David, he leaves five nieces.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to: New England Rabbinical College, 262 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, R.I., 02906.

Calvin Sugarman, 82

PROVIDENCE — Calvin Sugarman, 82, died June 8. Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Estelle (Rubin) Sugarman, he had been a lifelong resident of Providence, and wintered in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past 20 years.

Mr. Sugarman was a graduate of Hope High School, attended URI, and was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

He worked for the former Max Sugarman Funeral Home, and later for the Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel.

He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the South Pacific, and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Community Center, and Touro Fraternal Association.

He had a passion for duplicate bridge, and also for analyzing and investing in stocks and commodities.

He leaves two brothers; David P. Sugarman of Gouldsboro, Maine, and Louis Sugarman of Bristol; a sister, Rachael Spector of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Mashpee, Mass.; four nieces; Jill, Kari, June and Elizabeth, and three nephews; Richard, Mark and Daniel. He was the brother of the late Mitchell Sugarman.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

If Israel attacks Iran, what would the U.S. do?

By RON KAMPEAS
JTA Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As the question of an Israeli attack on Iran edges from if toward when, a new question looms: What would the United States do?

The question is preoccupying not just the White House but the Obama and McCain presidential campaigns, although neither would address the matter on the record.

A number of neoconservatives in Washington, known for their closeness to the Israeli defense establishment, now predict that Israel may strike between the election in November and the inauguration of the next president on Jan. 21, if only because that's a time when Israel can count on U.S. support.

"Israel would be unlikely to do it before the U.S. election," said John Bolton, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations who is close to the pro-Israel community in the capital. "But after the election and before the inauguration would be a window."

Israeli officials will not name

a date, but some have grown more pronounced in recent weeks about the increased prospect of a strike should Iran develop nuclear weapons capability.

"A year from now Iran will be very, very close to the

Bolton says that is not an unreasonable conclusion with the current administration.

"From past policies, they know that Bush holds a favorable view of Israel's right to self defense," Bolton said of Israeli officials.

Israel's closeness to Bush has led Bolton and fellow neocons such as

William Kristol to predict that Israel may time its strike before Inauguration Day on Jan. 21, 2009, particularly if U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), the Democratic nominee, wins the presidency.

"The thing that makes an Israeli strike more likely is when any U.S. politician gets up and says Iran can be contained," said Michael Rubin, a colleague of Bolton's at the American Enterprise Institute and an alumnus of the Bush administration's Pentagon policy unit on Iran.

Obama argues for tough diplomacy with Iran — carrots of engagement backed up by sticks of increased sanctions — and insists that such diplomacy may yet contain the threat of a nuclear Iran.

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completion of its first nuclear bomb," Ephraim Sneh, a member of Israel's ruling coalition, said earlier this month at the annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee policy conference. "I may predict that there is — will be no government in Jerusalem which would allow it to happen."

Asked to predict what the buzz would be at the May 2009 AIPAC policy conference, Sneh said, "If we are alone we will have to act alone. This will be the subject of May '09."

Shaul Mofaz, the Israeli transportation minister, said this month that an attack would be "unavoidable" if Iran had the bomb. As Mofaz also is the top Israeli negotiator in the U.S.-Israeli strategic dialogue, his remark suggested that he is confident of U.S. support for an Israeli attack.

BAKERY: Kosher, French and delicious

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organizations offering shelter and services to the homeless, and a daily soup kitchen to the community.

"The Jewish community is important to me. I will stop and do what is important," Davis said, including making

special breads for a temple service or Bar Mitzvah.

Davis said he looked at many places when he decided to relocate his family and begin his new venture; he chose Wakefield because his wife's family was here, and the sense of community gave him

a feeling of home.

His son, Oliver, came into the bakery, interrupting the interview, reminding his father to take him to his Bar Mitzvah preparation class. Davis hurriedly leaves, but turns to see a customer waiting for service at the counter, and calls

out to one of his employees, "Evan! You have a guest!"

Whether it's for a kosher French fruit tart, the bakery's most popular item, or a Sabbath *challah*, Amelia's Patisserie may soon become a destination location for the Jewish community.

Jewish Community Calendar

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FRIDAY

July 11

Outdoor Beach Service

Join Rabbi Andrew Klein to welcome Shabbat in an outdoor service. All are welcome.

WHEN: 6:15 p.m.

WHERE: Colt State Park in Bristol

MORE INFO: For directions, call 245-6536

Shabbat Services

Informal study group led by Scott Tepper to follow Oneg. This service replaces usual first Friday of the month. All are welcome.

WHEN: 8 p.m.

WHERE: United Brothers Synagogue, 205 High St., Bristol

MORE INFO: 253-3460

THURSDAY

July 17

Leisure Club

Life after retirement, with Paul Segal

WHEN: 10-10:50 a.m.

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WHEN: 11:10 a.m. -12 p.m.

WHERE: Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

COST: \$18/yr

MORE INFO: 331-1616

Bereavement Group

Hug N'hamah group for those mourning the loss of loved ones. Facilitated by Dr. Judith Lubiner and by Rabbi Amy Levin.

WHERE: Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 785-1800

FRIDAY

July 18

Shabbat Under the Stars

Shabbat with song and stories, celebration of summer birthdays, and summer treats.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, in the

Julie Claire Gutterman Biblical Garden, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

MORE INFO: 331-6070

THURSDAY

July 24

Leisure Club

Learn with the new rabbi, with Rabbi Joel Seltzer

WHEN: 10-10:50 a.m.

A musical stroll down memory lane, with Norman Rosenfield

WHEN: 11:10 a.m. -12 p.m.

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UZBEKISTAN

RACHEL WASSER, above, is on the move again. Here she is in front of a 500-year-old hammon in Uzbekistan. A hammon is a mideastern bath house.

SOUTH AFRICA

ELAINE AND STEVE SHAPIRO left, of East Greenwich took a three-week safari tour of South Africa to celebrate their 35th anniversary recently. Here they are at The Cape of Good Hope with the *JV&H*.

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Turkey: Istanbul	Singapore
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Croatia: Dubrovnik;	Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City
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Daniel B. Neill and Rebecca Judith Leeman

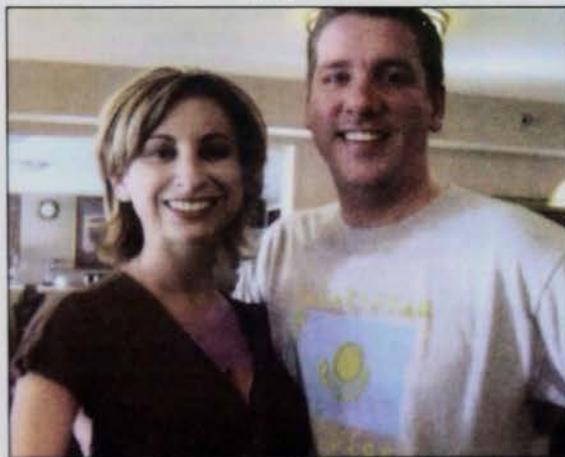
DANIEL B. Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wise of Tampa, Fla., and Rebecca Judith Leeman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Leeman of Newton, Mass., were married on May 25 in Boston. Rabbi Saul Leeman, the bride's grandfather, officiated along with Rabbi Carl Perkins of Needham, her cousin.

The bride is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brandeis University. She was awarded a full seven-year scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, which will lead to both an M.D. and a Ph.D.

The bridegroom is a summa cum laude graduate of Duke University and is a professor of computer science at Carnegie Mellon University.

The couple is making their home in Pittsburgh.

Engagement



Robyn Lee Meierowitz and Kevin Barry

PAUL and JANIS MEIEROWITZ of Midland Park, N.J., formerly of Rhode Island, announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Lee to Kevin Barry, son of John and Joan Barry of Morristown, N.J.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Madison High School. He is currently employed as a senior education specialist for Caldwell Banker Real Estate. The future bride is a 1995 graduate of Mahwah High School and a 2003 graduate of the Medical and Dental Institute of N.J. She is currently employed as a flight attendant for Continental Airlines.

A wedding is planned for September, 2008.

Saffersons celebrate 50th; grandson's Eagle award

NATHAN AND SYLVIA Safferson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Nathan and Sylvia Safferson of Warwick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 1, in Virginia.



Eagle Scout Alan Safferson

On the same day, they celebrated their grandson, Alan Safferson, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

First birthday



Sara Claire and Ava Pearl Martin

SARA Claire and Ava Pearl, the twin daughters of Stephen and Jill Martin of Carmel, Cal., were one-year-old on May 25th.

Maternal grandparents are David and Elaine Seidman of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Claire Rugg of Carmel and Robert Martin of Laguna Beach, Cal.

The great-grandparents were the late Julius and Pearl Phillips of Cranston and the late Philip and Ida Seidman of Providence.

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