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JFRI campaign more critical than ever

'Here I am' theme timely, appropriate

By DEBORAH FINEBLUM RAUB
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE — The 2009 JFRI Annual Community Campaign supports essential programs and services here in greater Rhode Island and around the world. Deployed through a local, national and international network of agencies and programs, dollars raised in our community support initiatives in caring and social responsibility and Jewish life and learning here at home, as well as charitable work in Israel and overseas.

This year, the annual cam-

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MYRNA ROSEN talks with a potential donor on Super Sunday, which raised \$60,000 in pledges.



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS in Local 121's tap room were restored to their original luster.

Local 121: serving up fresh fare

Josh and Nancy Miller create a 'sustainable' menu

By MARY KORR
Senior Contributing Writer

PROVIDENCE — When you step inside Local 121, you enter remnants of Providence's colorful theatrical past and its "sustainable" future, say restaurateurs Nancy and Josh Miller,

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who opened the establishment in May 2007 in the former Hotel Dreyfus.

It is not, as some have suggested to the owners, a "union hall."

Local 121 is named for its address at 121 Washington St., downtown, and for its "locally harvested food and drink."

It is a member of Farm

Fresh Rhode Island and has a "forager" on staff to shop for seasonal bounty. Recently it signed on to the "think outside the bottle" campaign and has stopped serving bottled water.

But it might have the only "speakeasy" left in the city, or in the Northeast for that matter. This lower-level function room was the setting for

a spontaneous Obama victory gathering, as well as for a recent "Brotherhood" wrap party.

Local politicians were spotted there on a recent evening — no surprise, since Josh Miller is a state senator (Dist. 28, Warwick/Cranston).

There's also a burnished,

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Photos by Mary Korr

RESTAURANT ENTREPRENEURS Nancy and Josh Miller in the dining room at Local 121.



JTA Photo/Adam Muhlendorf

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER Tzipi Livni makes closing remarks to the 2008 UJC International Lion of Judah Conference. She received a standing ovation at the GA.

Up close and personal with Israel's leaders

First-person account of the GA in Israel

By MARTY COOPER
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I WAS ONE of more than 4,000 people who gathered recently in Jerusalem to attend the 2008 General Assembly of United Jewish Communities and federations of North America (GA).

This was a week of firsts for me. It was my first GA and my first time in Israel. To say that I was overwhelmed, in awe (or *farklempt*) would be an understatement.

The GA program included virtually a who's who of Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Ehud

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Minyanim: 'Most exciting development in American Judaism'

Movement has strong local roots

By PENNY SCHWARTZ
Special to The Voice & Herald

IT'S NO SURPRISE to Rabbi Avnan H. Kaunfer that his son, Elie, has started a *yeshiva*.

After all, the senior Kaunfer admits, starting schools is the family business.

During the last 30 years, Avnan Kaunfer, rabbi emeritus at Providence's Temple Emanu-El,

has led the efforts to create pioneering educational institutions for Providence's Jewish community, including the founding of the Alperin Schechter day school in 1978, and decades later, the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island. He has served as director at both schools.

By all measures, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, 35, is following his father's passion for breaking new ground. The younger Kaunfer, one of two sons of Rabbi Avnan and Marcia Kaunfer,



RABBI ELIE KAUNFER, one of the three founders of Kehilat Hadar, an independent *minyan* in New York City, spoke at the Nov. 10 Brandeis conference.

A new, creative expression of Jewish identity

By BEN HARRIS
JTA Staff Writer

WALTHAM, Mass. (JTA) — When Kehilat Hadar met for its first Shabbat morning service on Manhattan's Upper West Side in 2001, about 60 people showed up, some of them spilling into the hallway at the apartment of Ethan Tucker, one

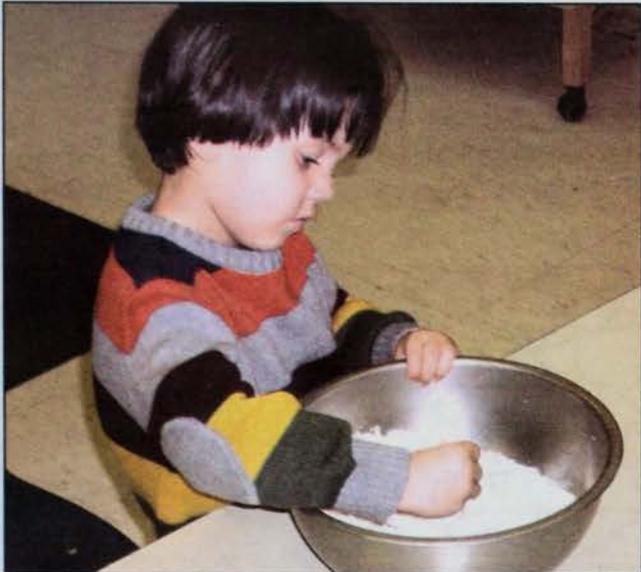
of the *minyan's* founders. Three weeks later the number had ballooned to more than 100.

"It was a wide range of people already there and I didn't know half of them," said Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, another of Hadar's three founders. "That's when I actually got a sense that this was bigger than just a couple of friends getting together."

Seven years later, Hadar now attracts some 200 worshippers on a typical Shabbat and has a mailing list of about

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Cooking with class!

TWO- AND THREE-YEAR-OLDS in the K'ton program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island work together on their cooking skills. Cooking is included in the program curriculum to teach cooperation, beginning math and science skills in a hands-on manner. Everyone gets to eat and enjoy the results. Here is a favorite recipes from the JCCRI Preschool Cookbook:

Pumpkin Bread

Ingredients:

3 1/2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. each: baking powder,

nuts, allspice and cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves
2/3 cup oil
1 can pumpkin (2 cups)
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. salt
4 eggs, beaten
1 cup water

Method:

Combine sugar, eggs and oil. Beat in pumpkin. Combine dry ingredients and add to pumpkin mixture. Add water. Beat until well-blended. Pour into greased loaf pans or oblong baking pan (13 x 9 x 2 inches). Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for one hour, or until it's done.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We are trying to create a small, intimate prayer community where people *daven* together, learn melodies together, week after week."

Naomi Stein

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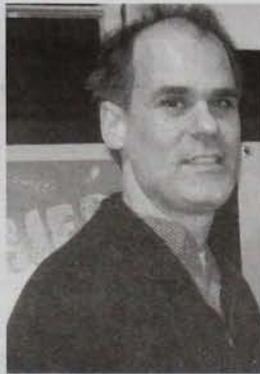
HAPPY HANUKKAH



Photos by Mary Korr
Maus by Art Spiegelman



The Jewish Cowgirl
by R. Crumb



JAMES STURM wrote The Golem's Mighty Swing.



SUPERMAN was created by two Jewish comic artists in the 1930s.



YIDDISH COMICS depicted immigrant Jewish life.

Comic art: century of Jewish wit and wile on display

From Superman to Sabraman, two exhibits showcase Jewish artists

By MARY KORR

Senior Contributing Writer

PROVIDENCE - Beginning in 1909, *Der Groyser Kundes*, *The Big Stick*, a satirical Yiddish weekly published on the Lower East Side, skewered leading politicians, theater impresarios, actors and social advocates with a scalpel, as two exhibitions on Jews and comic art at Brown University shows.

At the same time "Abie the Agent," the first syndicated Jewish comic character, created in 1914 by Harry Hershfield, began amusing readers of the Hearst publication, the *New York Journal*. Abie Kabibble was an immigrant car salesman given to saying things like: "Oy gevalt. It ain't the principle, it's the 10 cents," he told the waiter who had overcharged him.

The exhibitions capture the world of Jewish comic strip creators, from its nascent days in Yiddish newspapers such as the *Forvert* (*The Forward*) more than 100 years ago, to the creation of comic books

in the 1930s, through the underground and alternative comic press after World War II, to today's graphic novels.

Both exhibitions are based on work done by students in American Civilization Professor Paul Buhle's course, "Jewish Americans: Film and Comics."

At a comic art symposium, which opened the exhibitions on Nov. 20, Buhle spoke of the vitality of the Yiddish press and said that, to a great extent, Jews invented the comic strip industry.

He has recently published a book, *Jews and American Comics, An Illustrated History of an American Art Form* (2008, The New Press.)

For those who are not steeped in comic book lore, the exhibits show the Jewish roots of classic American superheroes, starting with none other than Superman. The exhibit notes the comic book hero was "started by two Jewish kids (Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel, first-generation Jews) who gave him an origin reminiscent of Moses. Superman's true name, Kal-El, strongly resembles the

Hebrew for 'the Voice of God.'"

One of Buhle's favorites growing up in the Midwest was *Mad* magazine, with an early cover on display at the Hay Library showing that classic, gap-toothed grinning cover boy, Alfred E. Neuman, created in

At the exhibition opening, he spoke of a "Golden Age" of comic book art that is on the horizon and that has been recognized most notably in the work of Art Spiegelman and his Pulitzer-Prize winning satiric graphic novel of the Holocaust,

Maus, which depicts Jews as mice, Germans as striped cats, Poles as pigs and Americans as dogs.

James Sturm, comic artist and the director of the Center for Cartoon Studies (White River Junction, Vt.), delivered the keynote address before the exhibition opening.

Sturm was acclaimed for his graphic novel, *The Golem's Mighty Swing*, about a Jewish baseball team called "The Stars of David" who are tough and tenacious,

and challenge Gentile teams and their anti-Semitic fans.

Sturm spoke of his love of comics as a child, especially "Peanuts," by Charles Schulz, which he called the "comic strip of the soul," and Marvel comics.

Sara Rosenbaum, a 2000 Brown graduate and member of the newest generation of comic artists, grew up in Brookline. She spoke about how, growing up, she felt herself "slightly different" as a Jew, giving her the perspective of being inside and outside - a duality she likened to the classic superheroes, who cannot reveal their true identity. The exhibitions also show the work of women graphic artists, who challenged gender and racial stereotypes.

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1952 by Harvey Kurtzman. The satire in *Mad* was satirical salvos "of Jewish liberal thought from New York reaching me growing up in the Midwest," Buhle said.

Jews and American Comics

An Exhibition of Popular Art is on display at the John Hay Library at 20 Prospect St., Providence, through Dec. 19. On display are examples of the art form drawn from the Hay's collection of more than 70,000 comic books. There is an original front page of *The Big Stick*. Artists in the exhibit also

include Rube Goldberg, Harvey Kurtzman, Al Capp, Will Eisner, and Trina Robbins. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

"Jews and American Comics: The New Generations," at the John Nicholas Brown Center's Carriage House Gallery, 357

Benefit St., presents images of recent comic book art. Artists in this show include Art Spiegelman, Miriam Katin, Eric Drooker, Sharon Rudahl, and James Sturm.

The exhibition runs through Jan. 30, 2009. Open Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m.

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FROM THE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Our sense
of Jewishness

By RICHARD ASINOF
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SHIVERING with fellow parents on the playing fields of Oberlin, watching our children in college compete in a scrimmage of the school's Ultimate Frisbee team, I had the chance opportunity to play Jewish geography with another parent.

We had both grown up in a small Western Massachusetts town, and once my sputtering brain synapses started firing, I recalled, to his amazement, a litany of his boyhood friends: Jimmy Sadowsky, Steve Leers, Robby Kimball, Seth Roberts, Barbara Cooley, Bruce Throne, Andy Wernick and Harold Levine.

It was a world where the community of Jewish families had grown up, went to war, returned, married, raised families, and stayed together – even in death (not unlike Providence, I suspect).

A recent walk through the cemetery where my parents are now buried was very much like walking through a neighborhood of families I had known. The cemetery, once on the rural outskirts of Springfield, is now hidden amongst industrial buildings near a connecting Interstate.

My son is taking a community seminar as a freshman, "What was a Jew?" One of the key texts for the seminar was written by Shaye J.D. Cohen – formerly of Brown, now with Harvard – *The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties*. My son was surprised to be reminded that, indeed, Cohen's wife and I had been colleagues, and in my previous work as editor at *The Jewish Advocate* in Boston, I had recruited Cohen to write for the newspaper.

My son lent me the book, saying he had found it very stimulating; long flight delays on the way home to Providence gave me ample time to read through it. Cohen's well-researched and well-written book explores how our sense of "Jewishness" evolved from a sense of national identity – belonging to the Judean nation-state – to a broader sense of religious and cultural meaning, often defined by the rabbinic leadership. As Cohen states in his epilogue: "Our post-rabbinic world mirrors the pre-rabbinic world of antiquity."

To some, Cohen's work may seem erudite if not arcane – and irrelevant to the modern world of 21st century Jewishness.

However, that very week, Brandeis University was host to a conference about the new *minyán* movement in America. This issue of *The Voice of Jewishness* features two stories about the *minyanim*. In creating communities with no rabbinic leadership, and

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Racism still exists, but it's a
new day in America

"LORD, we ain't what we want to be; we ain't what we ought to be; we ain't what we gonna be, but, thank God, we ain't what we was." According to *The New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristoff, in his Nov. 6, 2008 column, these words, first offered in prayer by a black preacher who was a former slave, were quoted by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his 1959 address to the



Rabbi Jim
Rosenberg

Hawaii legislature. The election of Barack Obama as our 44th president of the United States proves that – despite the many moral blemishes which still scar our society – "we ain't what we was."

On Tuesday night, Nov. 4, at

11 p.m., the very moment the West Coast states concluded their voting, I watched in awe as the TV cameras panned across a joyous throng of perhaps 200,000 Obama supporters, cheering and dancing and literally jumping for joy in Grant Park, the very same park in which Chicago police clubbed anti-war protesters during the 1968 Democratic Convention. I confess that seeing Jesse Jackson, veteran civil rights leader, weeping unabashedly, moved me to tears. To quote from a Bob Dylan song which reflected a major theme of the 1960s and which seems every bit as appropriate today, "The times they are a-changin'."

On Election Night, along with millions of other Americans, I was overcome with the sense of how lucky I was to be alive at such a watershed moment; we were all eyewitnesses to history. As an undergraduate student in the 1960s, I could not envision a black man being elected to the office of president of the United States within my lifetime. In those days I thought of myself as liberal and enlightened, uninfected by the national disease of racism. I took pride in the fact that I did volunteer work at Christ Community Church in central Harlem, that during my college summers I volunteered as a counselor for week-long sessions at an interracial camp. Indeed, if memory serves me correctly, I might even have had friends who had friends who were black.

And yet, despite my presumed lack of prejudice, I urged my two children and their spouses to support Hillary Clinton during the Democratic primary: "You aren't old enough to understand," I lectured them, "just how deeply racism runs in this country. If Obama wins the primary, he doesn't stand a chance in the general election. The country is not ready for him." Translation: "for him" equals "for a black man."

Today I celebrate, much of our country celebrates, much of the world celebrates

IT SEEMS TO ME
'We ain't what we was'

the fact that our young people, our own children, have proved us wrong. Of course, racism has not been eradicated either here or abroad. Of course, bad things will continue to happen to good people; and good things will continue to happen to bad people. The fundamental unfairness of our human condition has neither been repealed nor repudiated. We will still be ambushed from time to time by what Edgar Allan Poe refers to as "the imp of the perverse."

Nevertheless, many of us do sense the dawning of a new day; this time it really is morning in America. The torch

and as ancient as Isaiah, whose words you hear year after year in synagogue on the morning of Yom Kippur: "This is the fast I desire: to unlock the fetters of wickedness, to untie the cords of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free ... It is to share your bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched poor into your home; when you see the naked, to clothe him ... (Isaiah 58.6-7)"

A month or so before the election, I drove down to Baltimore with my brother Bill to participate in the funeral of an older cousin, Larry Goldberg.

Larry lived a long and full life; he was blessed with a happy family – a loving wife, three children, six grandchildren. He was a superb businessman and remained economically secure into old age. In talking with Larry's son before the funeral service, he told me that his father's one regret was that he would not live to see the results of the election. Ever since that historic evening of Nov. 4, I have at unexpected moments sensed my cousin Larry's smiling presence. At such times, my cousin and I have joined together in jubilant celebration: "Thank God, we ain't what we was."

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"On Election Night, along with millions of other Americans, I was overcome with the sense of how lucky I was to be alive at such a watershed moment; we were all eyewitnesses to history."

has been passed to a new generation of leaders who yearn to restore the prophetic passion for justice and equality that is the soul of our nation. This urge to make our world a better place is as new as today



THE TEAM AT NBC10, who volunteered their time to transfer tapes to DVDs to enable Holocaust survivors' first-person stories to be preserved. From left: Betty-Jo Cugini, NBC10 VP of News, MacKenzie Iarossi, intern, Sara Coletti, intern, and Jim Martin, managing editor, NBC10 News

Much more than just the news

A letter to the
community

By RICHARD ASINOF
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THANKS to NBC10 and the leadership of Lisa Churchville, the station's general manager, personal stories of Rhode Island's Holocaust survivors have been preserved in DVD format and archived. "Digitizing the material preserves the testimony," she said.

Survivors such as Lenka Rose, whose gripping story is now preserved digitally, will soon be accessible on

the Rhode Island Holocaust Education and Resource Center's web site.

Before, these interviews, which were some of the Center's most important historic documentation of the Holocaust in its possession, were unable to be shown or displayed because of the outdated tape format.

The station's volunteer effort had a strong impact on the interns digitizing the stories. In the words of Sara Coletti: "The most important point that Lenka ... wanted to get across to her listeners was that the Holocaust was real and it did happen. She feared that the world would forget what happened."

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

Historical events that should not recur: we've had too many assassinations

Obama could restore grace, eloquence and wisdom to our nation

LAST SHABBAT I was reminded of how American and how Jewish I am. In *shul* we read of the death of Sarah, first of the matriarchs. We also commemorated the 45th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Ask any person of a certain age (my age) if they remember where they were and



Josh Stein

you will get a stream of reminiscence. I was just coming out of an art history exam, thinking about going home for Thanksgiving; I overheard a couple of other students talking

about presidents elected in years ending in zero dying in office and wondered why they were bandying about that old chestnut. Moments later I knew.

In my lifetime's memory, I can't think of a better, certainly not a more inspiring, president than JFK whose words were

eloquent, whose public actions were on the mark, whose wife added grace and charm to the stodginess of Washington. If things work out as we hope they will, now my children will have the experience of a Kennedy-like president in the White House - a man whose words are eloquent, whose public actions are on the mark, whose wife will add grace and charm to the stodginess of Washington.

At our house we commemorate the mournful event in Dallas as we always do, with song and quotation. We began with a toast made with Jameson Irish whisky, and sang, "Oh Danny

boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling From glen to glen, and down the mountain side The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying

"Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must abide."

One guest rose to recite a line from Edward Everett, the other speaker at the dedication of the Gettysburg cemetery and now inscribed on the Rhode Island World War II monument. "No

lapse of time, no distance of space, shall cause you to be forgotten." Then, unbidden, lines from a poem I'd memorized in seventh grade came to mind. It's from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Decoration

"My children will have the experience of a Kennedy-like president in the White House - a man whose words are eloquent, whose public actions are on the mark, whose wife will add grace and charm to the stodginess of Washington."

Day" a stanza of which seemed appropriate. From Jameson-affected mind to quivering lips it passed, including this stanza:

"Rest, comrade, rest and sleep! The thoughts of men shall be, As sentinels to keep Your rest, from danger, free."

I don't know if this will resonate with many, but two historical events, though I hope not precedents, intrude into my mind with nightmare vividness. Briefly in 1618 there was a king

and queen of Bohemia, Frederick and his English wife Elizabeth, who were of the same lofty plane as the Kennedys and the Obamas. So gracious were they, so open to the arts and sciences that this so-called Winter King - for so brief was his reign -

was a foretaste of last century's Prague Spring. But as in 1968, so in 1619 the forces of repressive reaction drove them from Prague and restored unimaginative conformity, while simultaneously ushering in the Thirty Years' War. Another historical model: The Gracchi, two brothers in second century BCE Rome, children of wealth and privilege who objected to the outsourcing of jobs (importation of slaves) and importing of cheap products (grain

which came virtually free into Rome from conquered provinces) and the displacement of the small farmers who could not compete, their lands snatched up by wealthy aristocrats for a song to grow not wheat but olives and grapes - and then when there was no Italian grain, the price of the imported stuff went sky high. The Gracchi sought to curb these abuses by, yes, by spreading the wealth, limiting the size of the great estates and

restoring to the displaced farmers new lands confiscated from those who had taken advantage of their poverty in the first place.

Naturally the forces of law and order (yes, Virginia, I am being sarcastic) took matters into their own hands and both brothers in their turn were brutally assassinated. John and Bobby were their modern day counterparts. Those who know me know that I don't actually pray. Usually. But this I do pray - that the Secret Service does its job. The brothers Gracchi and Kennedy were sacrifices enough.

As you read this, Thanksgiving will have been and gone. I hope it, the quintessential New England holiday, the holiday that doesn't exclude Jews, was a joyous one. Already we are being bombarded with Christmas music and decorations, but with the economy so bad and getting worse, who can blame retailers for rushing the season. So, in that spirit, though as I write this it's not even Thanksgiving yet, Happy Hanukkah to all, and to all a good 2009.

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AMAZING GRACE

A touchstone to the heart and soul

This Thanksgiving, recalling a tragic loss from depression

BY MARY KORR

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I CAN STILL hear Dora singing "Amazing Grace."

Dora died this year, on a cold February evening alongside a highway in St. Louis, her hometown. She killed herself in a rental car she drove from Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., to Missouri. She was just 22 and had suffered from depression since she was 16.

Dora was a friend of my son Josh. I met her last November, when she sang in his Division Three performance, a culminating concert he composed as a graduating music major at Hampshire.

After the concert, we all went out to celebrate and I spoke to Dora and told her how moved I was by her singing - it was a trembling touchstone to the heart and soul.

I asked her, as parents are wont to do, about what she was going to do when she graduated. I was struck by her beauty, her thoughtful responses and her vulnerability.

During February break several months later, word came to her friends that Dora was missing. She had suddenly left Hampshire to go home. She was feeling down, said her friend Juliana. My son kept calling her cell phone.

"Dora fought depression, with all her might. So did her mother. And her friends were by her side, or a cell phone call away."

Dora was surrounded by her many friends. She spoke to her closest friends about her depression and the different medications she was on. Every once in awhile they would stop working and her doctor at home would try another combination.

She was close to her brother and her parents, who were divorced. She was especially close to her mother and called her every day, sometimes several

times a day. When I heard that she was missing, I cried for her mother, for all mothers who have lost children. Today, the lifeline, the cell phone. And then when time runs out, nothing. Messages left unheard, unanswered.

On that fateful and terrible day, Dora called her mom at work and said she was meeting friends for coffee. She had completed her transfer from Hampshire College to a university in St. Louis, to

stay closer to home while she was not feeling well.

When she did not appear that evening, Dora's mom called the police.

The St. Louis papers picked up the story of a missing co-ed.

She was found an agonizing four days after she disappeared, in the rental car on the side of the road.

My son and Juliana flew to St. Louis for the funeral. The temple was filled with more than 1,000 mourners. It filled with the sound of her singing.

Dora fought depression, with all her might. So did her mother. And her friends were by her side, or a cell phone call away.



Dora and Josh at concert performance.

Photo by Mary Korr

Depression, especially over the long holiday period, and in winter, can be devastating.

On this Thanksgiving, I think about Dora, whom I only met once, and I am so sad.

But I know that somewhere over the rainbow, Dora is singing "Amazing Grace."

If you would like to hear Dora singing "Amazing Grace," go to youtube.com and search for Dora Magrath and click on "Her Homegoing," a Hampshire tribute which opens with her singing.

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THE BUILDING was renovated by its current owner, the non-profit arts organization AS220, over the course of several years and is now a mixed use building, with artists' apartments, administrative offices and Local 121.



Figure 1 - The Dreyfus Hotel circa 1890

THE HOTEL DREYFUS opened in 1890 at the corner of Washington and Matthewson streets to serve the vaudeville and theater performers.

FARE: Local produce featured at Local 121 restaurant

wood-paneled English-style tap room that adjoins the dining room and has its own entrance on Matthewson Street.

Tapas in the tap room, created by executive chef Dave Johnson, is a specialty; wine tastings are also offered. The tap room attracts an eclectic urban mix late night, attracted by the convivial atmosphere and hip DJs. You can order small plates and the usual pub fare there, or select from the full menu.

The building has had its share of celebrations over the past century. It opened in 1890 as the Hotel Dreyfus, to serve the vaudeville theater

circuit and theater-goers.

The wood-framed structure was expanded in 1917, by the

tions to what is a multi-use building, home to working artists and office space, as well as Local 121.

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architectural firm of William R. Walkers and Sons, which had built the Emery Majestic Theater, now the Trinity Repertory Co. The two buildings have similar details. The former hotel is a four-story brick-and-stone building with three-story arches on the upper floors framing the windows, extensive use of terra cotta trim and a heavy bracketed cornice.

A couple in their 80s, who came in to dine recently, told Nancy Miller that "the Dreyfus Hotel was the place to go" in the first half of the 20th century. In the 1950s, the hotel became more of a place for traveling salesmen to stay.

In 1975, the Dreyfus was sold to Johnson & Wales University and it served as a dormitory and faculty dining room for 30 years. It was closed in 2000 until the arts organization AS220 bought it in 2005 and began the renova-

It was the historic building and its intriguing interior space and original millwork that ultimately sold Josh Miller on the idea of opening another restaurant. He also owns Trinity Brewhouse and The Hot Club - his very first venture was the Met Café in 1975.

There were details in the decor of the hotel dining room - once known as the Café Parisienne - that hearkened back to its early days, such as lighting fixtures with comedy and tragedy masks affixed on them.

The stained glass windows and tap room wainscoting and paneling were in place but needed restoration. He likened the quest to turn the space into a restaurant as an "archaeology" dig.

When asked what ingredient is vital to running a restaurant, Nancy Miller quickly answers, "stamina."

Josh Miller says the building itself is emblematic of the history of urban areas, their ebbs and flows, and despite the economy, he feels inner city rehabilitation injects color, flavor and affordability to artists, entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Mary Korr can be reached at mkorr@verizon.net.



THE PREDOMINANTLY BLACK and white Art Deco-style dining room features leather-framed mirror panels, original columns and woodwork restored to a burnished finish, and gold velvet banquettes.

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COMMUNITY: Defining who we are

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where participants may be unlikely to affiliate in "traditional" ways - the *minyanim* can pose a particular challenge to some existing communal structures.

According to Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, the dean of the Hebrew College rabbinical school and a longtime member of a Boston-area *minyan*, "Significant numbers of Jews are rejecting a consumer model of Judaism and opting for a model where they see themselves as co-creators of Jewish life."

The world I grew up in,

that small town in Western Massachusetts, had a definite sense of boundaries, of us vs. them, and those boundaries were distinct between Jew and Gentile, providing a strong sense of community and belonging. In today's world, many of those boundaries and definitions are being redrawn.

I thank my son for providing me with fresh insight - by sharing his text for his freshman seminar - and helping me see my world a bit more clearly. It was a parents' weekend where I received an unexpected education.

CAMPAIGN:

Volunteers are cautiously optimistic

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ampaign is more critical than ever, particularly in Rhode Island. Just this week, for example, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank released a report which indicates that as many as 27 percent of Rhode Island families are now "food insecure," which means, as the words imply, that there are approximately 47,000 families who can't be certain that they will have enough food to eat from day to day.

In conjunction with the highest unemployment rate in the country, the cold winter months ahead, and other variables, Rhode Islanders — including members of the Jewish community — face significant challenges.

While keeping their focus on the annual campaign and the ambitious programmatic goals for 2009, JFRI staff and volunteers are preparing for increased requests for financial assistance because of the particularly challenging economic conditions here in Rhode Island.

"We are seeing more people at the food banks, and as winter sets in, we anticipate receiving more calls for assistance with home heating," said Patty Harwood, director of Senior Services at Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island.

In an open letter to the community published in *The Voice & Herald* on Oct. 31, Doris Feinberg, president of JFRI, and Stephen Silberfarb, executive vice president and CEO, affirmed JFRI's commitment to helping those in need in our own community.

It is JFRI's Caring and Social Responsibility subcommittee of the Community Development Committee, (formerly Planning and Allocations) that will coordinate with agencies and synagogues to identify people who need assistance and connect them with the resources they require, whether they need particular services or financial help.

Minna Ellison, JFRI's director of Planning and Philanthropic Initiatives, is in regular contact with Jewish Seniors Agency and Jewish Family Service, as well as synagogues and other organizations, in an effort to deter-

mine just what the need is.

"Just this week," Ellison said, "I received a call from a single parent who has no heat. We will help get the utility turned back on and do what we can to help keep this parent and child warm this winter."

Ellison indicated that the parent did not want to be identified by name.

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want people in our community to know that we'll do what we can, and that all requests will be handled with respect and confidentiality."

Bradley Laye, JFRI's chief philanthropy officer, echoed this, saying: "There are two kinds of people in our community today — those who can provide assistance and those who need assistance. Everyone should feel comfortable coming forward no matter what their circumstances."

CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC

Despite economic conditions, the Federation campaign leadership is "cautiously optimistic," as characterized by Ralph Posner, campaign co-chair. "Though the pace of the campaign is slower than is typical, at the moment, JFRI is seeing a slight increase in pledges made to date," according to Laye.

Lisa Shorr, Women's Alliance Jaffa Gate/Pomegranate chair, believes that this year's campaign theme, "*Hineni* — Here I am," is both timely and appropriate. "*Hineni* means 'here I am,' and when we ask a donor for a contribution, we're asking them to make that statement. To say 'here I am,' to the thousands and thousands of Jews JFRI serves and assists every year with the dollars raised in this community."

Anyone in the community needing assistance can call Beth Laramee at Jewish Family Service at 223-2335 or (866) 524-3935.

To make your pledge to the 2009 Annual Campaign, please go to www.JFRI.org or call Michele Gallagher at 421-4111, ext. 165.



JFRI PRESIDENT Doris Feinberg consults with Myrna Rosen on Super Sunday.

SUPER SUNDAY: BIG SUCCESS

ON NOV. 16, more than 65 volunteers gathered at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island offices for its annual phonathon, Super Sunday.

In the space of four hours, more than 300 donors pledged contribu-

tions totaling \$60,000 to JFRI's 2009 Annual Community Campaign.

The results for this Super Sunday, co-chaired by Maybeth and Jacob Lichaa and Bethany and Rich Sutton, exceeded expectations.

"We were so pleased by the

community response," said Bethany Sutton, "both in terms of the volunteer turnout and the donor response. I believe donors recognize that their contributions are especially important right now, and the results reflect that."

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Here I am.

I am focused on a future that looks bright

We have many reasons to feel optimistic

By DORIS FEINBERG
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ON THIS COLD November afternoon, I look out my window and see that the days grow shorter. The trees have shed their leaves and the economy seems to be heading for a freeze, too. Yet as Thanksgiving approaches, I believe that we have much to be thankful for and many reasons to feel optimistic.

Our community is blessed with talented people who devote themselves every day to working for the betterment of us all. We have generous donors who are dedicated to ensuring that the programs and organizations on which we depend continue to do their essential work. As president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, I want to tell you about

our efforts to make sure that our vital community resources continue to be managed in the most responsible way possible, to both fulfill the intentions of our donors and make sure that the less fortunate are cared for.

This column is to bring you up to date on our work and to invite you to participate in a conversation about what we're doing. It's part of my commitment to you to communicate regularly and openly about what's happening at JFRI and in the community.

Right now, we have an opportunity to look with fresh eyes at the way our community is organized. We see opportunities to create new synergies between programs that, while run by different agencies, are delivering similar services. For example, the Jewish Senior Agency, the



JFRI President Doris Feinberg

Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Service all serve the elderly. But why should someone who needs elder services have to figure out whom to call? We addressed this issue last year with the

creation of AgeWell Rhode Island, a one-stop shop that connects community members with the services they need.

Now we are thinking more broadly: What agency structure makes the most sense, in terms of wise use of resources and addressing the community's needs? What is the most efficient way to use donor dollars and be as responsive as possible to our elder population?

We are asking other questions, too. Should we be supporting agencies whose functions are duplicated elsewhere in the community? How can we be more strategic about what we fund? Do Federation-funded projects address the community's

Jewish priorities, and if not, should the Jewish community be supporting them?

In spite of the current economic climate, I am focused on a future that looks bright.

"We have an opportunity to look with fresh eyes at the way our community is organized."

Our current reorganizing efforts will bring us a more effective and efficient structure in which our community priorities will be met, the needs will be cared for and our donors will be confident that we are using resources wisely.

My vision of the future is of a stronger, more vibrant, more responsive community. We have been blessed with predecessors who've built this community and gathered the resources. Communities have different phases, and it's time for us to move to the next.

This is the first in a series of columns by Doris Feinberg, president of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

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The power of women

Empowering those around us

By BETH DINDAS
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PROVIDENCE – *Hineni*. Here I am. Here I am learning the power of a woman making a gift in her own name carrying on a tradition so rich in history in this community.

Of course, we are equals, our mothers and grandmothers before us made certain of that. Of course, we share the responsibility of decision making in our households. Why wouldn't we?

But we are also unique; different in how we view philanthropy, why we give, and what it means to us to "be involved." We want to be part of something, and we want to empower those around us, and we want to make a difference.

This is why the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Women's Alliance is so important and relevant to OUR community. For women young and old, with children and without, married and not married, this is our opportunity to be counted as individuals regardless of our other roles in life.

The women of the Women's Alliance are proud of their efforts in fundraising, community organizing, volunteering and caring for those in need in Rhode Island and around the world. They've worked hard to build something in this community greater than themselves. We owe it to them and to ourselves to continue a legacy of caring and compassion.

For my generation it's not about women's liberation or equal rights. It's about the respect, honor and love we have for those who came before us. I am proud to be the Senior Development

Officer/Director of Women's Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. I'm proud to part of a legacy of tradition in the Rhode Island Jewish community.

Beth A. Dindas is Senior Development Officer/Director of Women's Philanthropy at Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. She comes to Rhode Island from Longmeadow, Mass., by way of Washington, D.C., and New York City, where she worked most recently at the JCC in Manhattan and UJA-Federation of New York.

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- 1D Jewish Jewelry Making** Learn basic beading and jewelry making techniques and create your own piece. Rachel Mersky Woda, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
- 1E Gematria** Gematria is a system of assigning numerical values to the alphabet and deriving certain meanings from them. Study several examples, and share your favorites. Ethan Adler, Congregation Beth David
- 1F Radical Amazement** Join us as we explore the groundbreaking philosophy of Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel through the vehicle of classical and modern poetry. Rabbi Joel Seltzer, Temple Emanu-El
- 1G The Second Commandment** The Jews created and collected 20th Century art in all its forms. What does this mean with respect to the 2nd commandment? Professor Michael Fink, Rhode Island School of Design
- 1B Ethical Wills** Ethical wills provide a way to communicate values to the next generations. What is the role of ethical wills in our tradition? How can you formulate your own? Rabbi Andrew Klein, Temple Habonim
- 1I The Sound of Silence** An analysis of aggadic passages of the Talmud concerning the embryonic stages of human life. Rabbi Raphie Schochet, Providence Community Kollel
- 1J The Last Lecture** Randy Pausch died of a fatal disease, but imparted to us a lecture, now a book. Reading the book is not required. A desire to live well is. Rabbi Asher Oser, Congregation Beth Shalom
- 1K Not Your Grandparents' Tallit** Dive into your creativity and design your own one-of-a-kind tallit. Bring your own scarf with 4 corners or use one of the scarves and strings available in the workshop. Note: Double session workshop, registration limited to 30. Shirah Bergman, The Cantor's Daughter
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- 1M Jewish Medical Ethics: An Introduction** What defines Jewish medical ethics? What are some essential precepts? How do they differ from mainstream American medical ethics? Bret Anowitz, M.D.
- 1N Jewish Camping: A Place of Our Own** Why is Jewish camping such a valuable experience? What can you expect when you consider enrolling your child in a Jewish camp? We'll discuss these questions and more. Ranni Guttin, Camp JORI

- 1O Sing, Dance, and Play: Developing Your Young Child's Love for Jewish Life** What can parents do everyday to instill a strong connection to Judaism in young children? Join us as we explore this question. Sharon Sock and Jeanine Silversmith, Shalom Friends
- 1P Where Does Inspiration Come From?** Join us as we discuss how both reality and imagination can serve as inspiration for compelling fiction and "faction" children's books. Tami Lehman-Wilzig, Children's Book Author
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- 1S The Truth** In the broader context of an evening of multi-denominational Jewish learning, we will explore texts and traditions about singularity and absolutism in Jewish thought. Rabbi Mordechai Rackover, Brown/RISD Hill
- 1T Sing Along** Sing along to your favorite Israeli songs with our community's own Israeli emissary. Ziv Assor, Partnership 2000 Israeli Young Emissary.

Session 2 9:20 pm - 10:00 pm

- 2A The Juggling Act** We'll talk about the ways we've found to juggle parenting, work, and Jewish communal involvement. Come prepared with one area with which you'd like help and one tip to help others. Miriam Esther Weiner, Providence Hebrew Day School
- 2B Jewish Mysticism and the Psychology of the Soul: Improving Our Lives and Relationships** Learn about the soul powers in each one of us, where they come from and how to reveal them. Focus on positive growth. Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, Chabad of Jewish Heritage Center
- 2C Creation and the Age of the Universe** Why there is no conflict between Torah and science concerning the age of the universe? Dr. Harold Gans, U.S. National Security Agency, Ret.
- 2D Navigating Two Identities: How Jewish and White Identities Work Together** We will look at models of racial identity development, and explore Jewish identity development. Eliza Sher, Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island
- 2E Medical Ethics and Terminal Illness** Explore the principles of medical ethics from a Jewish tradition and questions about the terminally ill. Michael Felder, M.D., Brown University
- 2F Making and Telling Jewish Stories** How can you take the glimmer of an idea for a story and shape it into a full-fledged piece? For lovers of stories, and those interested in writing or telling stories. Mark Binder, Children's Book Author
- 2G Israeli Dance** Enjoy learning Israeli dances, both old and new, with our community's own Israeli emissary. Zohar Bromberg, Partnership 2000 Israeli Young Emissary
- 2H Business Ethics** What do our texts and traditions tell us about the ethics of business? We'll discuss general concepts and specific examples. Rabbi Jonathan Berk, Providence Community Kollel
- 2I Kashrut in Our Time: Considerations of Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform Rabbis** The laws of kosher food are among the most significant in Jewish tradition. This panel will consider many perspectives on kashrut.

- Rabbi: Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College; Wayne Franklin, Temple Emanu-El; Asher Oser, Congregation Beth Shalom; Peter Stein, Temple Sinai, Elyse Wechterman; Congregation Agudas Achim
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- 2N Twenty Concrete Ways to Fun Jewish Family Life** We will explore 20 exciting ways to create the most moving, fun uplifting Jewish experiences in your life! For families small and large! Rabbi Allan Meyerowitz, Providence Hebrew Day School
- 2O Being a Jewish Grandparent of Children in an Interfaith Family** How can we be Jewish role models for grandchildren in interfaith families? Katherine Haspel, Mothers Circle Coordinator, Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island
- 2P Speech and Language Development** Speech and language milestones, red flags and strategies that foster speech/language development will be discussed. Mynde Siperstein, MS, CCC, SLP
- 2Q Finding Help for Struggling Teens: A Jewish Response** Many Jewish parents struggle in their efforts to find help for their teenage children experiencing mental health challenges, defiant behavior, substance abuse, and other self-harming behavior. Workshop provides an overview of helpful programs and schools. Professor Ric Reamer and Professor Deborah Siegel, Rhode Island College
- 2R Help! I Have Kids!** Setting high goals for our children, dealing with reality, and being able to effectively say "no." For parents of children 3-10 years old. Rabbi David Schwartz, Providence Community Kollel
- 2S Facing the Iranian Threat** Join us as we discuss the imperative to prevent Iran from getting the bomb, and the effective use of diplomatic, economic, and political pressure to stop her illicit nuclear pursuits. Eric Gans, Director, AIPAC New England
- 2T Tikkun Olam: Why and How Can YOU Repair the World?** Join us as we discuss why now—more than ever—it is our responsibility to help those in need. Entrance fee for workshop: 2 non-perishable food item for donation to people who are homeless. Dianne Neuman, YWCA Greater Rhode Island

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MOVEMENT: Co-ed, lay-led worship groups take hold

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is one of the three founders of Kehilat Hadar, an independent *minyan* in New York City that has inspired the rapid rise of more than 50 other independent *minyanim* across the country.

In 2007, building on the momentum of the spread of *minyanim*, Kaunfer and his colleagues, Rabbi Shai Held and Rabbi Ethan Tucker launched Yeshivat Hadar, a first-of-its-kind egalitarian *yeshiva* in North America.

Citing his leading role in the creation of independent *minyanim*, and his ability to attract the attention of Jewish funders, Kaunfer was recently named one of "The Forward 50," a recognition by *The Forward* for innovative Jewish leaders.

The emergence of the *minyanim* movement over the past seven years has attracted thousands of young Jews in their 20s and 30s who are creating dozens of lay-led worship groups that operate outside of the traditional rabbi-led, synagogue structure and prayer service.

Minyan-goers are full participants and leaders in the service, characterized by the intensity of the worship and the infusion of many new melodies.

In a phone conversation with *The Voice & Herald*, following the conference held on Nov. 10 at Brandeis University, the younger Kaunfer reflected on

the influence of growing up in Providence and on the creation of Mechon Hadar, an umbrella institution and resource center for independent *minyanim*.

Kaunfer credits his childhood experience at Temple Emanu-El for instilling an appreciation for the mystery and power of prayer.

"The experience of being in that sanctuary at critical moments during the Jewish calendar was very moving and affected my prayer in a deep way," he said. "In many ways, I gained what a model prayer service could be from my childhood."

But for the young Kaunfer, as for many of his generation, the rabbi-hazzan led service left a void, as well.

Living and studying in Israel, Kaunfer recalls, he found a wide variety of prayer styles that he had no access to in America.

"Seeing other models frees you up of what could happen in prayer space," Kaunfer said.

EMPOWERMENT

Kaunfer frequently uses the word empowerment to describe the *minyan* experience.

Minyan adherents do not need someone else to translate their own heritage for them, Kaunfer elaborated. "They have skills and confidence to access that condition," he said.

The significance of the *minyan* movement cannot be overstated, according to Jonathan Sarna, director of Brandeis University's Hornstein's Jewish Professional Leadership Program.

Speaking at the *minyanim* conference, Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis, and author of the award-winning book, *American Judaism*, said: "I have a sense that when we look back on the *minyan* phenomenon, we will

"We are trying to create a small, intimate prayer community where people daven together, learn melodies together, week after week."

Naomi Schorsch Stein

decide that it was really the most exciting development in American Judaism [in decades]."

For Elie Kaunfer, the pull to be an educator runs deep. He sees the *minyan* movement as one piece of a larger ethos of becoming empowered and engaged Jews.

"What we want to do is create an opportunity for lay people to study Jewish text in the origi-

nal. We want to create a cadre of young Jews who will further Jewish communities either by joining existing ones or creating new ones," Kaunfer says.

Yeshivat Hadar is the only coeducational *yeshiva* in the U.S., Kaunfer pointed out.

The first summer, 18 students enrolled. Last summer, the number doubled with students from all over the country, as well as from Israel, France and England. Next fall, the school will expand to a year-round program.

"There's a real desire for people to spend time in an intense immersive Jewish community gaining skills that will launch them into lifelong engagement of what it means to be empowered Jews," Kaunfer says.

The Conservative synagogue where Elie Kaunfer is now home to an independent *minyan*, according to Naomi Schorsch Stein, one of the group's founders and the admissions director at the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island.

Begun with only a handful of families in 2006, the *minyan* now attracts about 45 families to its twice monthly service held at Temple Emanu-El.

"We are trying to create a small, intimate prayer community where people *daven* together, learn melodies together, week after week to reach a level

of *ruach*, of spirited *davening*."

Despite growing up with a strong Jewish education, Stein read from the Torah for the first time last month.

"As a parent of three young children, it's a wonderful model," Stein said. "It doesn't have to be choreographed, with a cantor and a rabbi on the *bima*."

YOUNGER DEMOGRAPHICS

The average age of those who attend the *minyan* is 45, with many young families, including some from the Jewish Community Day School.

Stein sees a partnership between the community day school and the new *minyan* as an important draw for young Jewish couples and families moving out of places like New York, where many have participated in *minyan* groups.

"As a strong Conservative Jew, I hope that my *shul* can offer different types of services for different types of *daveners*," Stein said.

In many ways, Kaunfer says he is following in his father's path. Even though he helped birth the *minyan* movement, he is an educator in the *yeshiva*, offering Jews a window into Jewish experience and text.

"We don't really debate," Kaunfer says about his relationship with his father. "I've gotten a lot of support from my dad and he's gotten some *naches* with what's going on in these *minyanim*."

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2,500. More significantly, it has been joined by some 55 so-called independent *minyanim* across the country.

The Jewish institutional world is beginning to take notice.

On Nov. 10, representatives of dozens of the *minyanim* met with academics and communal professionals at Brandeis University for the second independent *minyanim* conference. The meeting provided a chance to discuss the manifold ways these communities pose both a challenge and an opportunity for established Jewish organizations.

"I think ultimately there will be a necessary transformation in what American Judaism and what the institutions of American Jewish life look like in the 21st century," said conference participant Felicia Herman, the executive director of Natan, a foundation that supports several emergent Jewish communities, including independent *minyanim*. "This is part of that reinvention. We're helping to build a new infrastructure, but we have no idea what it's going to look like."

Though the *minyanim* by nature are independent of the mainstream institutions of Jewish religious life, their rapid growth has made them difficult to ignore.

Typically they are lay-led communities with spirited prayer and an ability to attract

the elusive cohort of 20- and 30-something Jews that the organized community has struggled to engage in Jewish life.

There appears to be widespread agreement that the *minyanim* provide an avenue of engagement for what sociologists increasingly describe as a new developmental stage: the post-college and pre-marriage period, when many young Jews often fall off the communal radar.

Hadar's original Shabbat morning prayer community has spawned Mechon Hadar, an institute creating the first egalitarian *yeshiva* in the United States to train a corps of leaders for the *minyanim*, which require highly educated participants for their rabbi-less communities.

"We felt in the beginning that our added value in the field was focusing on unaffiliated Jews," Herman said. "That's changing over time and we've become much more willing to consider organizations that are developing Jewish leaders and that are just giving all kinds of Jews creative new expressions for their Jewish identity."

Most *minyanim* cluster around a point on the ideological spectrum between Orthodox and Conservative Judaism, finding a number of innovative ways to balance an egalitarian impulse with an otherwise

traditional prayer service. Most members define themselves as nondenominational, according to survey results presented at the conference.

They also seem to reject what several participants refer to as a consumerist model of Judaism, where members pay dues to synagogues in exchange for services provided, in favor of a more participatory experience.

But in creating communities with no rabbinic leadership, and where participants are unlikely

"Significant numbers of Jews are rejecting a consumer model of Judaism and opting for a model where they see themselves as co-creators of Jewish life," Cohen Anisfeld said. "In a culture of rampant commodification, this is an amazing achievement."

The *minyanim* also pose significant challenges to the rabbinate. Most of the communities are led by extremely knowledgeable lay leaders who conduct services and deliver Torah commentaries, as well as carry out many of the functions typically performed by rabbis. Even those *minyanim* that might want a rabbi may find themselves rubbing up against institutions that limit the range of positions their rabbis can assume.

"Independence is not compatible with the protectionist guild system that has a stranglehold on the American rabbinate, and I would say on rabbinic creativity," said Tucker, the Hadar co-founder.

Though Tucker, speaking in a session on *minyanim* and rabbinic authority, argued for changes to rabbinic roles and training, he and several others at the conference agreed that no long-term *minyanim* model was viable without some rabbinic guidance.

In this respect, as in many others, the *minyanim* have

looked for inspiration to the *havurah* movement, which saw the rise of similar lay-led and self-governed communities in the 1960s and 1970s. They were sort of a Jewish religious version of the larger countercultural movements of the time.

Rabbi Arthur Green, the rector of the Hebrew College rabbinical school and one of the founders of Havurat Shalom in Boston in the late 1960s, said during the closing plenary that a rabbi would have helped *havurot* avoid another pitfall that threatens the independent *minyanim*—the tendency toward cliquishness.

Though some of the independent communities are organized around a paid rabbinic leader, most are not, which makes a knowledgeable lay community integral to the continued growth of the *minyanim*.

"The No. 1 scarce resource for the *minyanim* is not dollars, it's human capital," said Kaunfer, now the executive director of Mechon Hadar. "What's crucial about these communities, it's not a single person who's in charge. It's not even five people. There's a premium on having a wide variety of people running services, teaching, etc. The question is how do you develop that pipeline of participant leaders who can continue to work and grow communities."

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Ethan Tucker

to affiliate in traditional ways — through synagogue membership, for instance, or by donating to federations — the *minyanim* pose particular challenges to existing communal structures.

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, the dean of the Hebrew College rabbinical school and a longtime member of a Boston-area *minyan*, joked that by existing communal standards, she probably would be counted as an unaffiliated Jew.



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Omert, President Shimon Peres, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and Defense Minister Ehud Barak. The newly elected mayor of Jerusalem, Nir Barkat, also spoke during the plenary.

In addition to listening to Israel's leaders speak, there were a number of break-out sessions to choose from, ranging from economic and education issues to art and culture as well as advocacy for Israel, and the Iranian issue.

I attended a standing-room-only session concerning recent opportunities and challenges of the elections in the United States. As community relations director for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, I found both this session and a second session, "A New Approach to Israeli Public Diplomacy," fascinating and informative.

For me, the highlight of the plenary was having the opportunity to listen to Israel's leaders speak to issues of concern for the whole nation of Israel and the international community. Except for the first evening when I sat in the

balcony, I was able to sit close to the stage, no further than six rows back. It was a real rush for me to be that close to Israel's leaders.

Prime Minister Olmert, like most of the speakers, spoke of the dangers a nuclear Iran would possess, not only to Israel, but to the rest of the world as well. He called on the United States to lead an international community to keep Iran from becoming a nuclear

power. Omert told the audience that everyone needs to play a role in order to exert additional pressure on Iran.

President Peres spoke to his vision of Israel's future. In a soft, eloquent and deliberate voice, Peres shared his message to President-elect Obama: "Be a great president of the United States." Peres also said that America was not a policeman for the world but a country that tells and wants other countries to remain free.

Benjamin Netanyahu, former prime minister and now head



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IN AFULA, ISRAEL, *The Voice & Herald* is read. From right, David Yavner, Marty Cooper, Nava Chin, Orit Ancelovits, Eshel Fram, Afula Mayor Avi Elkabetz, and Rob Adler, the president of the Southern New England Consortium (SNEC), Partnership 2000.

of the Likud Party, spoke substantively about Israel and its economy and outlined what the country needed to continue to be vibrant. This included lowering taxes, hiring more teachers while also making them more accountable and cutting government red tape, citing delays in improving the infrastructure of the country.

Foreign Minister and Kadima Party chief Livni was welcomed with a standing ovation and cheers of people yelling, "We love you, Tzipi." Livni responded with a highly

motivational speech saying that Hamas and others must accept Israel's right to exist, and that Israel must remain a Jewish and democratic state.

The GA, much like the mission, was an emotional and valuable learning experience that I recommend to everyone. Next year the GA will return to the United States. It will be held in Washington D.C.

Marty Cooper is the director of JFRI's Community Relations Council.

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Who will protect us in times of affliction?

A tale of 'GuyLom' and the Golem

ENTERTAINMENT during the Great Depression was largely a self-generated enterprise, but there had always been radio, the source of improbable tales (called soap operas), occasional news bulletins, endless advertising, Sunday evening comedians and, of course, popular music.

This was the era of the Big Bands, led by such fabled musicians as Benny Goodman, Glenn



Stanley Aronson MD.

Miller, Vincent Lopez, Fred Waring, Paul Whiteman, Ben Bernie and the immortal Guy Lombardo. Lombardo is remembered best for the dance music ("The Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven") that he provided each New Year's Eve. But for a small group of semi-literate adolescents in inner Brooklyn, he was revered, not as Guy Lombardo but as *GuyLom Bardo*, a mispronunciation based upon the second-syllable emphasis that radio announcers had placed upon Lombardo's family name: "Ladies and gentlemen, from the rooftop of the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City, we proudly present the world famous *GuyLom BARDO* and his Royal Canadians!"

To his parents, Guy was Gaetano Alberto, but to us kids in Brooklyn, he was our *GuyLom*; and only belatedly did we ponder upon why this great musician should have the name *GuyLom*, which we pronounced as *Golem*, a Yiddish sobriquet reserved for innocent fools and *sblemiels*.

It was only decades later that some of us realized that the mythological origins of the Golem, an early Renaissance legend, had no connection whatever with Mr. Lombardo.

The myth of the Golem surfaced in middle Europe somewhere about the 14th century, taking form amongst the Jews of Bohemia, a province of the Holy Roman Empire.

Faced with periodic pogroms and deportations, these middle European Jews cleaved to a legend of a savior, not a messiah, but something more earthbound, a robotic monster to protect them from the onslaughts of the governing authorities. It was the sort

of fragile legend that was whispered whenever Jews gathered and reflected upon their precarious status.

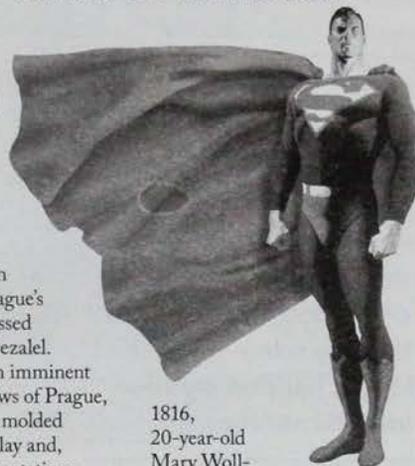
The first written narrative of the Golem is found in the 16th century tales of Prague's chief rabbi, the blessed Judah Loew ben Bezalel.

In response to an imminent expulsion of the Jews of Prague, the rabbi allegedly molded a robotic giant of clay and, through mystic incantations, provided the monster with life.

And thus was materialized a voiceless but protective guardian of the Prague ghetto. The clay robot was called "Golem," named for a Hebrew word in Psalm 139:16 ("Your eyes saw my unformed limbs.") It was a word meaning raw, uncultivated or unformed.

It was claimed, further, that Rabbi Loew animated the Golem by placing the Hebrew word, *emet* [meaning truth] on a fragment of parchment within the robot's mouth.

The myth persisted in various venues and forms. In the 16th



1816, 20-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, wife of the poet, composed the immortal story of a monster, crafted from dead body parts, by a reckless physician named Victor Frankenstein.

When the book was published Mary Shelley prefaced the book with the following quotation from John Milton: "Did I request thee, Maker, from my clay to mould me man? Did I solicit thee from darkness to promote me?"

The all-powerful protector is a universal image dreamed of by those who are downtrodden, weakened and without resources. In the depths of the Great

Depression, in last century's 1930s, two unemployed Jewish cartoonists (Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster) contrived to establish a cartoon figure, based remotely upon the myths of Hercules and Sampson.

They created the story of a mild-mannered newspaper reporter (named after two Hollywood actors then famous, Clark Gable and Kent Taylor) who was, in reality, Superman, guardian and protector of the downtrodden and oppressed. In Superman's first encounters, the antagonists were heartless slumlords, the KKK and even wife-beaters. Superman's range of enemies then expanded as his fame grew; and within a decade he was fighting world-class terrorists.

Brooklyn's children of the 1930s had no idea that their beloved *GuyLom* bore the same name [in their hearing, at least] as a robotic monster in 15th century folklore; and further, that the legendary Prometheuses, Sampsons, Golems, and even Supermen in human history, were all contrived as a means of establishing protection of the vulnerable during times of adversity.

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"The all-powerful protector is a universal image dreamed of by those who are downtrodden, weakened and without resources."

century it was said that Rudolf, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, promised Rabbi Loew that he would not unleash his planned pogrom if the rabbi would just deploy the robot, inactivated, in his synagogue's attic.

Four centuries later, the myth was remembered in World War II when German troops occupied Prague and a German officer was then sent to examine the contents of Prague's Central Synagogue attic.

In recent centuries, countless novels and short stories have incorporated the Golem as its central theme.

The monster is sometime docile and obedient, sometimes rebellious, and on occasion, even indiscriminate in its lethal attacks. In one *golemic* tale, the monster falls in love but subsequently enters into a deep depression when it realizes that it is bereft of a soul.

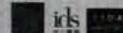
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The case of the disappearing red tape

New immigrant finds stories about Israeli red tape exaggerated

ONE OF MY biggest concerns before making *aliyah* was the necessity to deal with the Israeli bureaucracy.



Daniel Stieglitz

I had heard nothing but horror stories from people who had very negative experiences getting through Israel's red tape. Now, over a year after my own *aliyah*, I can safely say that the stories are exaggerated and

most Israelis are eager to help when given the opportunity.

The first of many examples took place just a few weeks after my arrival in Israel. Upon landing in this country I had decided to have all of my Israeli documents list my name as the transliteration of my full English name, "Daniel Brian Stieglitz," rather than my Hebrew name of "Daniel Dov Stieglitz" so that my U.S. and Israeli documents would perfectly match up.

However, I soon realized that as a Jewish Israeli citizen, it would be more appropriate to have my documents changed to my Hebrew name, and I decided to go through the process of having my name legally changed.

I went to Israel's Ministry of the Interior and, recalling how

many hours it took to get a new passport in the United States, I thought that changing my name in Israel might end up taking weeks or months. When my number was called I went to sit down with the attendant. I handed him the appropriate

"To my pleasant surprise, it was only about five minutes later that my name was called and I was handed my new identification card."

forms and waited patiently while he processed the information.

In the meantime I decided that it would not hurt to ask him about another item of business regarding obtaining

a temporary Israeli passport. You see, all new citizens of Israel within their first year of *aliyah* can receive a temporary passport, and after the one year anniversary of their arrival in Israel they can then obtain an official passport. However, they are only eligible for the temporary passport after their first three months in Israel. Even though I had only made *aliyah* a month before, I was hoping that perhaps this attendant could save me the trouble of returning for a visit two months later.

When I approached him with this request, he told me to wait a moment while he went into one of the back offices. Through the closed door behind which he stood, I could hear him tell-

ing his supervisor, "Come on, he's a new immigrant. Let's help him out a little here!"

A few moments later, he returned to his desk and told me that his boss would not allow him to process the temporary passport until the full three months had passed. However, he wrote down his name and personal extension on a piece of paper and said that if I had to travel out of the country within the next two months that I should call him directly and he would make sure I was issued a temporary passport.

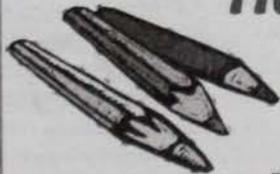
I thanked him for his time and effort and he handed me the documents I needed to obtain my new identification card. After bringing these over to a nearby counter where they would be processed, I decided to make myself comfortable

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TO HELP PRESERVE THE WARWICK MUSICAL THEATRE archives and create the Bonoff Theatre Fund to support theatre students at the University of Rhode Island, Larry Bonoff has created a 2009 calendar from the Bonoff Family Collection. Above, the promotion for the 1969 season - 40 years ago.

That's entertainment: the Bonoff legacy in R.I.

Preserving four generations of show business

By BRIAN C. JONES
Special to The Voice & Herald

AS THE LAST of four generations of concert and entertainment promoters, Larry Bonoff now spends his days preserving and telling his inherently American story not for himself (although I am sure it provides a great sense of catharsis as he enters the twilight of his life), but for future generations of scholars and theatre enthusiasts alike.

To that end, he created the Bonoff Foundation a few years back, an entity that exists to help promote the theatre arts in Rhode Island and Southern New England by providing scholarships and financial support for theatre productions.

While most Rhode Islanders know the Bonoffs because of the Tent and the Warwick Musical Theatre (WMT), most don't realize how deep or far-reaching their theatre roots go.

To take it way back, all eight of Larry's great-grandparents were Russian immigrants of Jewish faith. His grandfather on his mother's side, Sam Wasserman, was a showman and a promoter. In fact, he once produced a trade show at the Old Cranston Street Armory in 1949.

On his father's side, both his grandfather and great-grandfather ran movie houses in Connecticut; the relatives on his mother's side of the family spent years working the vaudeville circuit.

The man who would eventually be his father, Burton 'Buster' Bonoff, worked for Sam Wasserman - and that's how Buster got his first break in show business.

Over the years, Buster put his time in, learned the ropes, and then took a risky step by opening the Tent in Warwick, a move that represented a departure from the venues that marked his family's early successes.

His focus was live entertainment. The rest, as they say, is history.

From the stages at the Warwick Musical Theatre and the Phoenix Star Theatre, some of the biggest names in show business would entertain millions of people.

Success didn't come overnight, however, and that fact now drives Bonoff every day with thoughts and ideas about how to tell his family's story.

With that in mind, Larry recently announced a few projects.

The first is a partnership with URI, which will house and catalog thousands of theatre artifacts from his personal collection. Eighty-five years produced an unbelievable number of playbills, ticket stubs, merchandise, contracts, and the like. Now, scholars can access those items for research purposes immediately through the Special Collections Unit of the University of Rhode Island's Library.

A web portal accessible by the public is currently in the works and will be available in 2009, but a sneak preview of some of those items can be found at Bonoff's foundation web site, www.bonoff.net.

The 'Bonoff Theatre Fund' has also been created through the URI Foundation's Dean's Excellence Fund for scholarships and theatre production support.

In addition and in coordination with the 10th anniversary of WMT's closing, Larry asked me to spearhead the production of a documentary film about the 45-year history of the WMT. The feature will premiere at the

Providence Performing Arts Center sometime in late 2009.

To tell the story, archival news footage will be intertwined with new interviews from performers who appeared onstage, employees who worked the aisles, and the patrons who attended the shows.

Former theatre-goers and employees will be given the opportunity to come and recount their favorite WMT memories in person at a time and place to be announced in the future, or they can submit them electronically at www.wmtmovie.com.

Finally, Larry recently released a 2009 Warwick Musical Theatre commemorative calendar, which is available with a \$10-minimum donation to the Bonoff Foundation at select locations throughout Rhode Island. More than a calendar, this piece of history is packed with photos direct from his family archives. Information about the not-for-profit calendar can also be found at www.bonoff.net.

"When dad was starting out, times were different," Larry said. "A night out at the theatre was a special night at a special place and always memorable. It seems like people wish they could go back to those days."

The Bonoffs were trail blazers, taking the road less traveled. Now, through these efforts, we can all get to experience their incredible journey. This is one already-traveled road worth taking.

Brian Jones is a former White House speechwriter.

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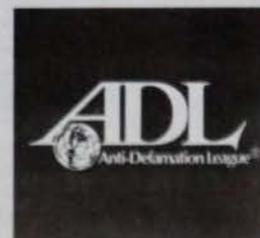
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THURSDAY

December 4

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WHERE: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

WHEN: noon - 1 p.m.

COST: Year \$52/year, \$10/session

MORE INFO: 463-7944

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FRIDAY

December 5

Shabbat Hallelu

A service in song. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. prior to the service.

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7 p.m.

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SATURDAY

December 6

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An engaging, fun and age-appropriate Shabbat morning services for ages up to 7 years with a parent.

Where: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

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SUNDAY

December 7

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WHERE: Gail Cahalan Gallery, 200 Allens Ave., Providence

WHEN: 1-4 p.m.

COST: \$10

MORE INFO: 785-1800 to RSVP

Hanukkah Sale

Open to the community, sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El.

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

WHEN: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-6070

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Hand-made gifts, books, jewelry, candles, Judaica items, scrapbook supplies, gift wrap, and local retail gift cards.

WHERE: South County Hebrew School, 375 Kingstown Rd., Narragansett

WHEN: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MORE INFO: 952-5807

Research Reuniting Families

Program by Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

WHERE: Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton, Mass.

WHEN: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

COST: \$5/non-members

MORE INFO: (617) 796-8522.

Concert

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WHERE: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

WHEN: 2 p.m.

COST: \$8

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WEDNESDAY

December 10

PJ Library Book Fair

Story times, live music, raffle, Hanukkah foods, Jewish jewelry design, Jewish adult book club, book fair discount on purchases.

WHERE: Barnes & Noble, 1350 Bald Hill Rd. # B, Warwick

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext.180

THURSDAY

December 11

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WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956, ext.180

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WHEN: 7 p.m.

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FRIDAY

December 12

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For families with very young children, ages toddler through grade one. Rabbi Sarah Mack leads service in Fain Sanctuary. Following the service, enjoy pizza and salad dinner in the boardroom.

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

WHEN: 7:00 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-6070

Kollel Shabbat

Providence Community Kollel hosts Shabbat dinner, with guest speaker Dr. Harold Ganz.

WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

COST: \$18/adult, \$12/kids
When: 5:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: RSVP

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SATURDAY

December 13

Evening of Jewish Renaissance

Presented by BJE and Dr. James Yashar and Judge Marjorie Yashar.

WHERE: JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

WHEN: 6:30 -10 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-0956

Silent Auction

With guest auctioneer Gene Valicenti. All items available for cash & carry.

Where: Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

WHEN: 6:30 p.m.

COST: \$15 before Dec. 5, \$20/door

SUNDAY

December 14

Concert

Rick Recht, the top-touring musician in Jewish music, will perform an all-ages family concert in Early Hanukkah Celebration.

WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

WHEN: 4:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: 331-6070

Camp JORI reunion

Campers reunite

WHERE: Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston

WHEN: 2-4 p.m.

MORE INFO: 463-3170



RICK RECHT will sing at an early Hanukkah Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 14, at Temple Beth-El at 4:30 p.m.

FIRST PERSON PLURAL

What is the historical relationship between Jews and food?

It's a question with lots of context and seasoning

JEWISH FOOD has no history. An absurd claim, you respond. Jewish food has a rich history. And Jewish history is unimaginable without food. As the joke goes, all Jewish holidays can be summed up with this simple formula: They tried to kill us; we overcame them; let's eat!



Alan Krinsky

How can someone suggest that Jewish food has no history? Let me explain. A single history of Jewish food is impossible because there is no genuinely universal Jewish food. There are many histories for the many foods special to different Jewish groups across the world and through history. But if eating and food in general unite Jews in something bordering on obsession, no particu-

lar food plays such a role. As logical as this may sound, it contradicts what many Jews feel in their *kishkes*: an almost instinctive association of Jewishness with specific foods. Bagels. Kugels. Brisket. Latkes. Blintzes. Gefilte fish.

Despite the images and emotions conjured up by these words among many Jews, and not only New York Jews, these words have little resonance to many other Jews, from many other places. There are Jews who have never eaten a bagel. (And there are even Jews who eat bagels in strikingly un-Jewish ways; my parents questioned my Jewishness when they saw me eating bagels with lox and butter.)

No doubt, the Jews of Yemen or Morocco or Mexico, let alone the Jews of 11th century France or those in the land of Israel during the Second Temple period, experience equally deep connections with the foods of their childhoods and cultures.

Aha, you think. What about *matzah*? Surely there's a food

that unites all Jews. And yet, *matzah* itself comes in many forms, even among many Sephardic Jews, I understand, as soft, unlike the hard, flat *matzot* of Ashkenazic Jews. Rather, they are thicker, like the large breads, the *aishtanor* used in

when kosher dietary laws no longer unite Jews – what do Jews share, at least in a cultural sense? That is, for Jews whose identity is fundamentally cultural, where the core of Jewish identity is entangled with specific foods, how is there a

connection to Jews of different cultures? Is the general focus on food and eating enough? Or, is what unifies Jews some-

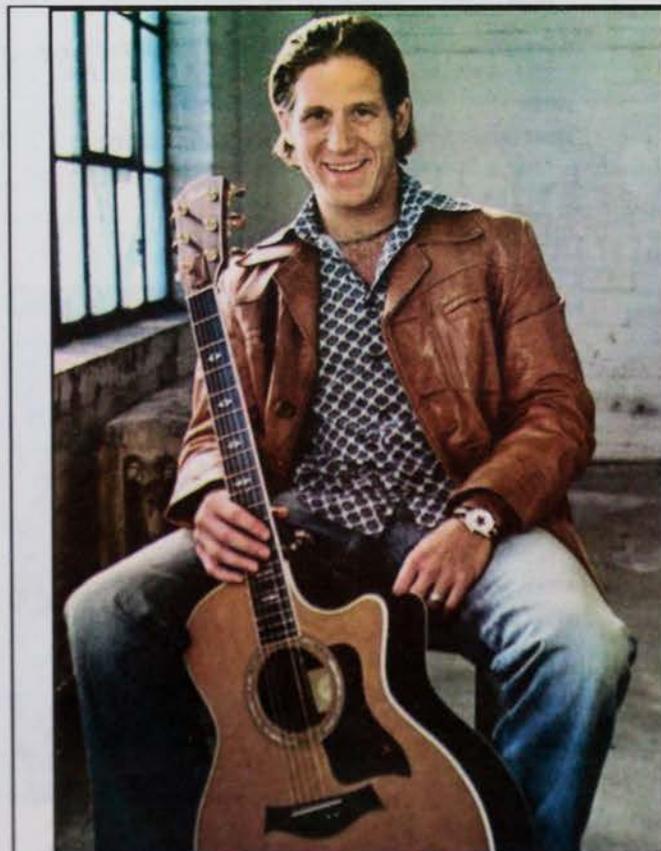
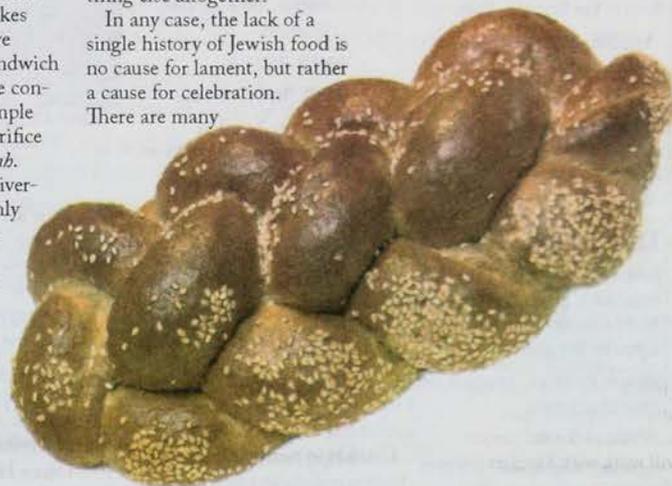
thing else altogether? In any case, the lack of a single history of Jewish food is no cause for lament, but rather a cause for celebration. There are many histories to be written of many Jewish foods and cultures. From a historical perspective, at least, there is greater richness in such diversity.

"A single history of Jewish food is impossible because there is no genuinely universal Jewish food."

Israel for *falafel* and *shawarma*. Indeed, a soft *matzah* makes much more sense when we think about eating the sandwich on Passover, and when we consider how Jews of the Temple periods ate the Pascal sacrifice in a sandwich with *matzah*.

Challah also is not a universal food. *Challah* refers only to the dough taken away, not the particular style of bread familiar to most of us. Any bread from which *challah* is taken can serve as *challah* in a religious sense.

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Kosher caterers: keeping up with the times

The market is growing for ready-to-go meals

By FRAN OSTENDORF
Special to The Voice & Herald

NOWADAYS, you don't have to have an affair for 200 or a brunch for 50 to reap the benefits of catering the way you like it. Whether you keep a strictly kosher home or you want food the way you remember Grandma made it, kosher style, it's available – catered – in our area.

Local caterers say more and more people want to pick up a few meals during the week for those busy days when everyone is working or perhaps for a Shabbat dinner or even to fill in at the holidays.

"Families are so busy," said Rose Forrest, executive chef and owner of Daniel Gourmet Kosher Catering in Providence. "People are working; we get more and more calls. Especially when Shabbat is so early now. It's hard to come home," she said, and find the time to prepare a meal.

Daniel's has seasonal menus and will work with families to make sure the children like the food. "We are extremely flexible and very accommodating," she emphasized.

The business, which is supervised by the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island, operates out of Congregation Beth Shalom. She said they are trying to put a little more emphasis on healthy, organic cooking. There have been so many requests for vegetarian meals that there is a cook on staff who specializes in vegetarian cuisine.

Other area kosher caterers are also accommodating more requests for ready-to-go meals.

Give Deb Blazer 24 hours, and she can satisfy your need for a family meal. She says her cli-

meal. But if you want to take a drive to Stoughton, Mass., you can visit NRM Catering, which has a retail store, A Perfect Taste, with a full range of prepared meals, all under the supervision of the Vaad Harabonim of Massachusetts.

"They are packaged fresh from one to whatever," said Neil Morris, owner. And they are freezer friendly; people come in and pick up meals for a week to take home and freeze. One day a week, he said he'll put out the chocolate fountain and patrons can buy dippers like assorted fruits, cookies and marshmallows to try. And he also has an all-you-can-eat soup bar. "There are 10 seats in the store. We have coffee and pastries available."

You might think that you can't afford a catered meal but every caterer said they are working hard to keep value and affordabil-

ity in their services. "People are afraid of kosher in these economic times," said Morris. "But there is value available."

If you feel like getting out for a meal, but you only eat at kosher restaurants, one caterer started a restaurant night at Providence Hebrew Day School. Divine Providence Catering will also do home meals. But at their

"Local caterers say more and more people want to pick up a few meals during the week for those busy days when everyone is working – or perhaps for a Shabbat dinner."

ents look to her for those kinds of things and she also prepares meals for various community organizations. Her company, Accounting for Taste, operates out of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, under the supervision of Rabbi Wayne Franklin.

Caterers in nearby Massachusetts will deliver to Rhode Island, though some have a minimum order requirement if you are looking for a family

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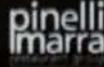
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What's Cooking?

A community's treasure trove of good food

By NANCY KIRSCH
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JEWISH MOTHERS – and fathers – in Rhode Island are lucky to have a veritable treasure trove of Jewish cookbooks published in the 1900s and beyond. Collected and preserved by the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, these cookbooks represent a culinary history that should not be forgotten. Today, cooks in the know

pour tablespoons of EVOO (“extra virgin olive oil,” for those who don’t watch cooking shows) into their sauté pans for latkes or other sautéed foods, while our mothers and grandmothers ladled Crisco, lard or schmaltz into a hot frying pan.

Even a sweet strudel recipe in *Famous Recipes for Jewish Housewives*, published by The Rumford Co., © 1949, calls for chicken fat. Reading this cookbook’s list of suggested dinner menus

made me feel full – each menu included appetizer, soup, meat or poultry, vegetable, starch and dessert. Do

dinner items – might be? The product of The Rumford Co., rather than a Jewish organization, the cookbook lists Jewish holidays and the Jewish months, with suggested menu items for each.

An even older cookbook, *Epicurean Treats from All Nations*, was published by the charity fund of Montefiore Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Association in Providence in 1907. Perhaps it’s no coincidence that the cookbook’s inside front cover is an ad for W.B. Corsets,

“... perfection for large women.” The ads reflect a bygone era – ads from ice companies, manufacturers of wool underwear, and coffee firms selling one-pound cans of coffee for 25 cents each. Many of the cookbooks reflect a different era, when married women allowed both their first and last names to be subsumed. Who remembers the first name of Mrs. William P. Weinstein, the chair of the *Recipes Old and New, Recipes Tried and True*, by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood? In the spirit, perhaps, of “Life’s uncertain, eat dessert first,” this cookbook defies

“Someone wanted to pay me a lot of money to buy the The Miriam Hospital Women’s Association 1975 cookbook.”

Anne Sherman
R.I. Jewish Historical Association

people eat like that anymore? And, does anyone know what “gedempfte meat” or “rice milk soup” – two suggested

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EPICUREAN TREATS inside cover, published by the Charity Fund of Montefiore Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Association of Providence – 1907. Prices for corsets shown above started at \$1.



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In the kitchen, cooking with Myrna

The tasty art of improvisation

By RICHARD ASINOF
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THE WORLD of cooking is often divided into two distinct philosophies; those who follow recipes to the exact letter of instruction, and those who improvise. For Myrna Rosen, cooking is very much the art of improvisation, following her taste buds and intuition, using whatever ingredients are handy. "I do not run out to the store; I find something that I can use," she says.

For her, cooking is fun, it relaxes her, and she loves to create dishes that her friends and family like to eat. Her kitchen is always "a warm, friendly happy place," she says, and almost always well-stocked.

Her husband is very partial to her brownies; for holidays, her chicken soup draws raves at family gatherings. Often, she creates what many might term "comfort" food.

A visitor would not be surprised to find Myrna humming a song while cooking; in her younger days, she often performed in local musical theatre, appearing as Adelaide in "Guys and Dolls" and the Navy nurse Nellie Forbush in "South Pacific."

Here is a sampling of recipes she shared with *The Voice of Herald*, with the caveat to her fellow cooks: Feel free to improvise and change them.

Myrna's Brownies

Ingredients:

½ lb. butter

- 4 squares of baker's chocolate
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 4 beaten eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup of nuts
- 1 cup small Nestle chocolate bits
- ½ cup mini marshmallows

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large saucepan melt the butter and baker's chocolate.

Remove from range when melted.

Mix in the sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla.

Add nuts, chocolate bits and mini marshmallows.

Place in a 9-inch x 13-inch pan. Bake for 23 minutes and then check with a toothpick, which should come out almost clean. Enjoy!

Myrna's Chicken Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 whole chicken, quartered
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- vegetable oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 parsnips, shredded
- 2 zucchini, shredded
- 4 carrots, shredded
- 4 stalks of celery
- 1 large onion, shredded
- handful of parsley
- handful of fresh dill
- ½ teaspoon of nutmeg
- 3 heaping tablespoons of Carmel chicken soup mix

Method:

Cover the bottom of a large stockpot with vegetable oil. Add 1 tablespoon of kosher salt and place one whole chicken – quartered – into the pot. When chicken is browned, remove it from the pot and set aside.

Place in pot: 1 tablespoon of kosher salt, 4 cloves of garlic,

the parsnips, zucchini, carrots, celery and onion. Brown all the veggies. Place chicken back in pot and add the parsley, fresh dill, nutmeg and Carmel chicken soup mix.

Add cold water, enough to cover chicken, and cook for a couple of hours.

Remove the chicken from the pot and separate chicken meat from bones, and set aside the meat. (Throw out the bones.) Place small pieces of chicken meat back into the soup and adjust seasoning. Serve with rice or noodles.

Refrigerate, and skim off the fat. Reheat before serving. Check seasonings.

Myrna's Grilled Chicken and White Bean Salad

Ingredients:

- 5-6 boneless breasts of chicken, grilled
- 2 cans of white beans, cooked
- ½ cup of roasted pepper strips
- ½ cup scallions
- ½ cup black olives
- ½ cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- ¼ cup olive oil

Optional:

Half cup of asparagus, pea pods, green beans, frozen peas, zucchini

Method:

In a large frying pan add olive oil, salt, pepper and garlic over a low flame. Add beans and grilled chicken, roasted peppers and olives. Raise flame to medium and bring to simmer. When hot, fold in scallions and basil and vinegar. Serve hot or at room temperature.

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Jewish 'farm boy' spreads sustainable wealth

Farm Fresh RI offers year-round local produce

By NANCY KIRSCH
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IF NOAH FULMER'S dream comes true, people in Providence and around the state will be able to visit a public market open year round, to buy local food – from Rhode Island grown peaches and apples to milk, cheese and honey. Why is consuming local food so important? For Farm Fresh RI Executive Director Noah Fulmer, who has called Rhode Island home since before his 2005 graduation from Brown University, the reasons are many.

Farm Fresh RI, a nonprofit organization that Fulmer helped create while still at Brown, is working hard to get more people to eat locally. It's a win-win for all involved, Fulmer explained. Eat locally and you: consume food grown for taste and flavor (rather than being grown for cross-country durability and long shelf-life), reduce pollution (less transportation required of foods), support local farmers, keep money earned here in the state, and help preserve existing farmland.

Our food processing industry doesn't work for us today, he said. "It may have been good during



FARM FRESH RI staff (left to right): Sheri Griffin, Noah Fulmer and Jessica Gordon before our yearly Local Food Fest in August.

Photo courtesy of Noah Fulmer

the Depression and World War II, but now, we're selling people food with lots of empty calories."

Fulmer cited corn, as an example, of wasteful agricultural policies; so much corn is grown and it's not even used to feed people. Instead, it's used to make high fructose corn syrup, ethanol or animal feed.

Too, our national food distribution system has caused problems and, in effect,

shut down access. Earlier this year, tomatoes were nowhere to be found in any market or

their food came from, we'd have better access to healthier foods.

Growing up in Freehold,

N.J. – the land of Bruce Springsteen – Fulmer felt fortunate to eat fresh produce nearly every day. His grandmother grew potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, blueberries, apples, and so much more, he recalled.

In fact, she grew the nuts and apples for her rugelah. His grandmother's produce, along with fresh

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Noah Fulmer

restaurant because of salmonella scares. If consumers – or "eaters" in his terminology – knew where

produce purchased at nearby farm stands "spoiled me and opened my eyes," said Fulmer.

His parents, role models for social justice and environmental activism, succeeded in their efforts to keep New Jersey from becoming over-developed and ensuring nearby farm land would remain. Growing up in a Conservative household, Fulmer and his family kept kosher at home and that, too, informed his thoughts and decisions about food consumption. "Keeping kosher is a way to structure people's lives and a way to think about food in a critical way," he explained. "When I'd go visit a friend who wasn't Jewish and I'd explain why I couldn't eat certain foods, it made me conscious of how food affected my life and how food choices affect all of us."

Fulmer also credits his Habonim camp experiences that emphasized social justice and hagshama, that really defined his sense of self and the world. "Habonim made social issues relevant within a Jewish framework and was integral to developing the internal confidence that motivated me to take on a project like Farm Fresh. My kids will definitely be going to a Habonim summer camp!"

Before Farm Fresh was established, finding local food was a hit or miss operation for most

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What's Cooking?

Pass the turkey, b'vakasha!

*There's no seudat
for thanks*

By EDMON J. RODMAN
Special to The Voice & Herald

LOS ANGELES (JTA) – How Jewish is Thanksgiving? With relatives flying in from *eretz* everywhere, with drama in the kitchen and at the table, and a time to give *modim*, thanks, and say *shebechyanu* for being able to celebrate together another year, how can we not think of Thanksgiving as an adopted Jewish day of family gathering?

Though Judaism is a religion of feasts, with a *seudat mitzvah* – a feast commemorating the completion of a *mitzvah* – for circumcision, consolation, completing a tractate of Talmud or preparing for Purim, there is no *seudat* for thanks.

Deuteronomy does tell us, however, that upon being brought into the land of olive trees and honey, "When you have eaten your fill, give thanks." Even considering a tough economic year with retirement funds shrinking, and the cost of food and tuition growing, whichever calendar you follow, are there really ever enough available days to give thanks?

With mainstream culture where we lie and rise, it's a struggle being a religious minority in America. Every so often Jews need – without the threat of identity loss – an opportunity simply to fit in. We need to bring home the turkey like everyone else, then sit around after dinner sleepy, stuffed and watching football.

A national holiday since 1863, Thanksgiving for many Jewish families is a time to meet, greet and eat between Sukkot and Hanukkah. It's especially so for college students, who travel home to show off new boyfriends and girlfriends, hairstyles, beards and

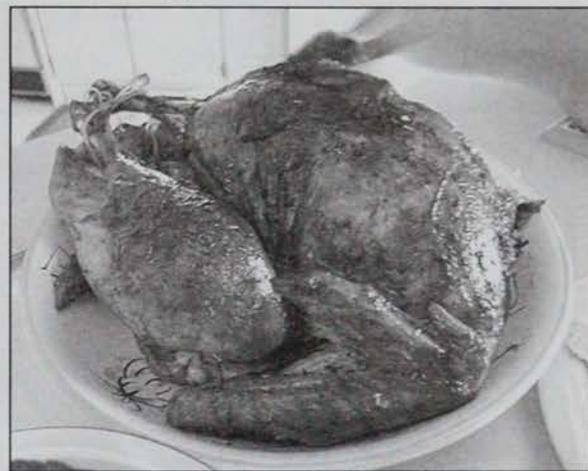


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Raising kosher turkeys is a major Israeli industry.

learning. Even the dirty laundry becomes part of the ritual.

The day can be a test, too. A non-Jewish publisher for whom I once worked asked, "Do Jews celebrate Thanksgiving?"

Surprised at first, not sure how to respond, I finally answered with a question: "It's an America holiday. We qualify, don't we?"

"Do Jews celebrate Thanksgiving?"

"It's an America holiday. We qualify, don't we?"

It's an American holiday with origins in a persecuted religious group who makes an exodus and finds its way if not to a promised land, then to a land of religious freedom. Ring any bells, dinner or otherwise?

Some think Thanksgiving feels much like Sukkot. Both are harvest holidays where thanks and praise are given, and mass quantities of food are communally shared. Each involved a wilderness pilgrimage. Each has origins in makeshift living

accommodations.

So while we're shopping for decorative cardboard Pilgrims, perhaps we should throw in an Israeliite or two. Or while watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, just imagine a giant inflatable *etrog* floating by.

As for the main course, it's the Jews who have the inside scoop

on the lifestyle and husbandry of America's favorite Thanksgiving entree. Israel is a major turkey-producing country, with many *kibbutzim* specializing in turkey ranching.

Many who have visited Israel, especially students, have had the opportunity

to observe turkeys doing more than gobbling. My wife, while in Israel, tended a turkey co-op for a month – the month that lasts a lifetime. Every Thanksgiving she regales us with stories of corraling, feeding, even injecting turkeys while on every evening of her stay dining on turkey *schnitzel*. So, pass the turkey, b'vakasha!

Edmon J. Rodman is a Los Angeles writer and designer.

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The beef is no kosher meat

By BEN HARRIS
JTA Staff Writer

NEW YORK (JTA) – A supermarket in New Jersey with a large kosher section has shelves nearly empty of kosher beef. In New York, a kosher steakhouse says its customers are canceling reservations because choice cuts aren't always available. And the nation's largest kosher meat producer, reportedly besieged by new orders, is turning away new customers.

The kosher meat market is in a tailspin as production at the Agriprocessors' meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa,

which had been operating at a fraction of its normal capacity since May, finally ground to a halt this week. The company, whose meat was sold under the labels Rubashkin's and Aaron's Best, among others, filed for bankruptcy Nov. 4.

"What I'm hearing all over the country is that one day you can get poultry in some places, one day you can get brisket, the next day you can't get pastrami," said Menachem Lubinsky, the publisher of *Kosher Today* and a former consultant to Agriprocessors. "People are being very innovative in how they're getting their products."

In the wake of a federal immigration raid in Postville on May 12, meat buyers began shifting their purchases to other companies, which have struggled to meet the increased demand. Alle Processing, a New York City kosher meat supplier that has become the largest in the United States with the collapse of Agriprocessors, has had to place a moratorium on new customers, according to several industry insiders.

At Heimin's, a specialty foods supermarket in the greater Cleveland area, the shelves have been without kosher meat for months.

Going nuts over pecans? Ask Margaret Lederer

Local entrepreneur follows her passions

BY NANCY KIRSCH
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WHATEVER possessed Margaret Lederer, a woman who reads in four languages (English, French, Italian and German) and holds an undergraduate degree (a B.A. in art history from Carnegie Mellon) and a master's in business administration (from UCLA) to study for a two-year associate's degree?

In short, her father's advice: "Follow your passion - life is short," her father told her, shortly before he died of cancer.

She took his advice and set out to earn a two-year degree from Johnson & Wales University so she could learn how to make really great lemon meringue pies.

Some might find Lederer's unpredictable career path as nutty as the Buttery Pecans and Ginger Pecans she sells through her company's web site and to 18 or so stores and markets in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts.

Nonetheless, nut lovers everywhere should be grateful - in her newest venture, Purple Pear of Providence, she makes and sells two flavors of temptingly rich Georgia pecans, made even more delectable by Lederer's flavorings.

Nuts are her newest, but not



MARGARET LEDERER shows some of her Purple Pear of Providence nuts

her only, foray into the worlds of food and work. The name, Purple Pear of Providence, proudly references the company's roots in Providence and, says Margaret, a purple pear is a rare find to be treasured.

A native of South Orange, N.J., she worked for the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Mass., and Hospital Trust for several years before Margaret and Bert's son, Jacob, was born.

She left the professional world to raise their son. He left for boarding school, and her father had a rare form of cancer that affected his taste buds - he could only taste lemon flavors. So, her weekly visits to him always included marathon baking sessions, where the two of them



Photos by Nancy Kirsch

A DISPLAY OF PURPLE PEAR of Providence nuts with cheese, fruit or wine - all good accompaniments.

would make one more lemon meringue pie after another. A doctor who'd always enjoyed baking as a hobby, he experimented: What will happen if I add more lemon juice or substitute cornstarch for arrowroot?

In response to her father's question about what she really enjoyed doing, she said, "I really like making lemon meringue pies." He urged her to attend Johnson & Wales to learn how to make a superb lemon meringue pie.

As a J&W student (she graduated summa cum laude with an associate's degree in applied science), she was as old or older than some of her instructors and

her fellow students' parents. After her 1998 graduation, she baked fruit tarts, cook-

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CONSUMPTION: Focus on local food

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people. Now, it's a mouse-click away — www.farmfresh.org lists the state's 600 food-producing farms so "eaters" can find baked goods, meat and produce to seafood, wine and liquor, and more. It's a bit ironic that the Internet has brought neighborhood farm stands and local food closer to home than ever before.

If your child complains — or raves — about the food in the school lunch, check the site to see if his school cooks with local foods; if you're in the market for a caterer or restaurant, click to find out. This summer, when you want to know the closest place to pick strawberries, or where the farm stands nearest the beach might be, click to find out.

For Fulmer, the Jewish concept of living with intention, or *kavanah*, has informed both his choice of career and how — and what — he chooses to eat. "Judaism asks us to be intentional about the way we eat and connect our meals with attaining a more just world," he said. "Part of that intention, for me, is seizing the opportunity to get my potatoes, eggs and herbs for *pesach* at the Wintertime Farmers' Market. Part of that intention is by sharing this fresh food with people through my work at Farm Fresh

RI and also at home over dinner

Rhode Islanders don't need to postpone purchasing fresh, locally grown foods until spring. An indoor Wintertime Farmers' Market will run every Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from Dec. 6 until warm weather return at Hope Artiste Village in Pawtucket. There, you can find cheese, jams, and other foods locally grown during the winter.

Even in tiny Rhode Island, collaborations are essential to any success and many Farm Fresh collaborations are noteworthy. Johnson & Wales and the University of Rhode Island held cooking demonstrations for children and their parents (particularly valuable to new immigrants, said Fulmer, who might not know how to prepare kale, for example); and several independently owned markets are promoting locally grown Rhode Island Royal potatoes (from a cooperative of local potato farmers pooling their resources).

"Judaism has a lot to do with making the world a better place," he said, and I feel lucky to have so much opportunity to positively impact the environment and people's health and jobs. It's a delicious little revolution we're creating."

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PARASHAT TOLDOT
GENESIS 25:19-28:9

This week's parashah cautions us against putting our physical needs above our spiritual ones.

BY RABBI SHRAGA SIMMONS
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

JACOB and Esau, the twin sons of Isaac and Rebecca, grew up vying for their father's attention to see who would inherit the mantle of Jewish leadership.

The Torah (Genesis 25:29-34) describes the pivotal incident:

"One day Jacob was cooking lentil stew, and Esau came in hungry from the field. Esau declared, 'I'm famished. I beg you to feed me that red stew!' Jacob said, 'In exchange, sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'Behold, I am dying, so what good is this birthright anyway?!' So Esau agreed to sell the birthright. Jacob gave him bread and lentil stew. Esau ate and drank, and went on his way, despising the birthright."

Why would Jacob take such unfair advantage of his hungry brother? There was no unfair advantage because Esau didn't want the birthright in the first place. The birthright primarily entailed spiritual, rather than material, wealth, and included

being a role model for the Jewish nation. As Esau wasn't looking for more responsibility, the Torah says that he "despised the birthright." Esau is driven by physical desire. He demands instant gratification.

Every human being is comprised of two components — the physical (body) and the spiritual (soul). Each needs to be nourished and sustained. The body seeks comfort and immediate gratification: food, sleep, money. The soul seeks longer-lasting, eternal pleasures: meaning, love, good deeds, connection to God.

Today, we fight Esau's battle: Body versus soul. The ability to moderate our physical needs gives us the freedom to pursue our spiritual needs. Our lives are only as good as the soul we've nurtured.

Next time you're at a funeral, listen closely to the eulogy: he was a devoted parent, he donated money to help build a hospital, and he cared for others. You will never hear about the car he drove, the different restaurants he tried, or the money he invested. At that moment of everlasting truth, it's clear what is truly important.

Rabbi Shraga Simmons is co-editor of *Aish.com*. Reprinted with permission.

The Afro-Semitic Experience heats up URI campus

Rich blend of musical styles from Jewish and African diaspora

By URI HILLEL STAFF

Special to The Voice & Herald

URI WILL BE "hot, hot, hot" in late January when The Afro-Semitic Experience, a jazz ensemble of Jewish and African-American musicians, comes to participate in a two-day residency. The ensemble, dedicated to preserving, promoting and expanding the rich cultural and musical

"The concert hall becomes a whoopin', hollerin', testifyin' celebration of multicultural soul music."

heritage of the Jewish and African diaspora, presents interpretations of music from the rich traditions of gospel, klezmer, Yoruban drumming, nigunim (wordless Jewish chants), spirituals, funk and swing.

The concert hall becomes a whoopin', hollerin', testifyin' celebration of multicultural soul music. The band frames its music by telling stories about what the pieces mean, how they relate to individual members of a community, and how they reflect upon the relations between African-Americans and Jews both as



Members of The Afro-Semitic Experience.

ethnic and religious communities.

"We're thrilled about this collaboration between Hillel, the Multicultural Center and the Jazz Music Program," says Amy Olson, executive director of Hillel. "It represents URI Hillel's commitment to create artistic opportunities that illuminate the Jewish experience as well as build cultural bridges among campus groups of varying backgrounds."

The Afro-Semitic Experience will hold a free public workshop, participate in a music convocation and perform in concert during the Jan. 28-29 session, all as part of Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrations at the University

of Rhode Island, Hillel - The Jewish Student Center, in association with the URI Multicultural Center and the Jazz Music Program,

The residency of The Afro-Semitic Experience is funded, in

part, by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and events are co-sponsored by the URI Student Affairs Diversity Committee, the URI Chaplains Association, the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Rhode Island Chapter

of Hadassah.

For more information, please contact Amy Olson, at 874-2740 or amyolson@mail.uri.edu.

Lisa Van Allsburg will present 'Forgotten Judaica'

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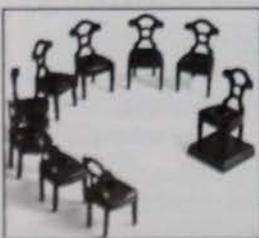
LISA VAN ALLSBURG, a globe-trotting seeker of 18th and 19th century Judaica, will show some of her unique discoveries in her presentation of "Forgotten Judaica" on Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., at Temple Beth-El in Providence. She has channeled her "love

and enjoyment of Jewish life and its rituals" into her passionate search in out-of-the-way places for figurative Judaica that may reconnect us with the stories of our traditions. She has found precious items of Judaica that had been plundered by the Nazis.

Raised in an observant Jewish home, she holds degrees in art education and design, and is married to author and illustrator Chris Van Allsburg.

Van Allsburg's presentation is one of a series of social and educational events offered this year by Hadassah, the American Women's Zionist Organization. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

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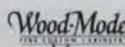


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We sell, and buy a second home where we spend the next 15 or 20 years in a "larger nest."

We renovate it, redecorate it several times and create some of our best memories at this address. This home is generally twice the size of our starter home. It is where we raise our children, entertain our friends and family and enjoy the roller-

coaster of life's accomplishments.

Then, before we know it, the children move out and begin their independent lives. The need for large entertainment areas decreases as we realize our independence – it is much more fun to go out to eat when there aren't children to cook for (let someone else do the cooking!), and the yard that used to be "easy" to take care of now seems superfluous.

So, what do we do when we realize that the only three rooms we really care about or need are the kitchen, den and bedroom? We pick up the phone and call our real estate professional to talk about downsizing.

I started thinking about this a few years ago after a 75-year-old listener called into my radio show, Real Estate Insight, one Sunday morning. She told me that she had a big Victorian house that she maintained and loved with a yard that brought her joy every day, but she felt like she was rambling around in too much space.

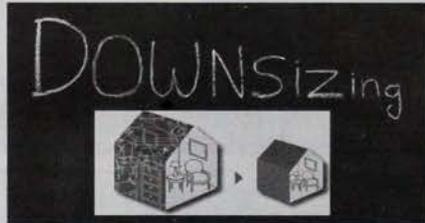
She wondered if the time was nearing for her to downsize.

We talked about the options of a smaller house, a condominium or a multi-unit. Nothing appealed so I said to her: "Have you ever heard of Satchel Paige (the long-lived baseball pitcher, whose autobiography was

not ready to sell your house; call me when you feel 75."

Clearly, my listener wasn't ready to downsize. However, when others reach the empty-nester stage, they might prefer to discontinue responsibilities of caring for a larger home and want to allocate more of their resources to other interests or needs. A smaller home or condominium can reassure a new-found freedom.

"What do we do when we realize that the only three rooms we really care about or need are the kitchen, den and bedroom?"



entitled *Maybe I'll Pitch Forever*).

The listener told me she had. I responded, "Well, Satchel Paige once asked: 'If you don't know how old you were, how old would you be?'"

The listener paused and answered, "45."

I answered: "Well, you're

QUESTIONS TO ASK AND ANSWER

There are several questions you must ask yourself before starting this process. Among them: What is your motivation for downsizing? Are you looking to make a lateral move or put money in your pocket based on the differential? Most people think that downsizing defines smaller space and equity in bank.

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So, here is my best advice. Have a real estate professional come to your house and do a market analysis to determine the value of your home. Have a conversation with him or her about what you are looking for in your next residence. Be clear about how much money you hope to put in the bank, and then enjoy the opportunity to downsize.

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I watched my parents go through this emotional process and they eventually ended up with a perfect home for themselves. Large enough to entertain or host guests, small enough to take advantage of its amenities, and a perfect small garden in which to read. As we enter this next unfamiliar territory in our lives, it is this equilibrium in our housing needs that I would wish for everyone who wants downsize.

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Temple Beth-El welcomes visiting professor Katharina Galor

Recent archaeology discoveries in Israel

By TEMPLE BETH-EL STAFF
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

PROVIDENCE—Katharina Galor will speak on her recent archaeology discoveries in Israel at a free event on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth-El. Galor, a visiting assistant professor at the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World and the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown University, has taught Syro-Palestinian archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (The Rothberg School for Overseas Students), the École Biblique et Archéologique Française in Jerusalem and Tufts University in Massachusetts.

She has excavated at a number of sites in Italy (Vigna Barberini in Rome), France (Old Jewish quarter of Cavaillon and the Byzantine church at Roquevert) and Israel (Jerusalem, Sepphoris, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Ramat Hanadiv and Tiberias). She is currently co-directing the excavations at Apollonia-Arsuf, a joint Brown University-Tel Aviv University project.



Photo courtesy of Katharina Galor

Archeology professor Katharina Galor at a dig.

Striar JCC announces winter classes

STOUGHTON, Mass. — Registration for winter classes at the Striar Jewish Community Center in Stoughton opens on Dec. 15 for JCC members and Dec. 18 for non-members. There are more than 100 classes for children and adults, and classes officially begin Jan. 11.

Programs for children and adults include sports and recreation, cultural arts and health and fitness. Children's classes include aquatics, swim team, Kidzart, dance, yoga,

karate, cooking, and a sampling of adult classes include aquatics, fitness, weight loss program, dance, men's and women's basketball leagues. A new master's swimming program, for adults 18 years and older and for all aquatic fitness levels, will begin in January.

The Striar JCC is open to the entire community. To register or for more information, visit www.striarjcc.org or call (781) 341-2016.

Shirlala CDs perfect year-round gifts

By NICOLE KATZMAN
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

PROVIDENCE — The PJ Library is selling Shirlala CDs before and during the Dec. 11 concert. "My kids listen to Shira Kline every time we're in the car. And with four kids, you know we're in the car a lot!" said one parent.

With Hanukkah fast approaching, these are a wonderful, and reasonably priced, gift for your kids or grandkids.

The CDs for sale are ShirLaLa Shabbat, ShirLaLa Pesach and ShirLaLa Chanukkah. Each CD costs \$15, but if you buy three, you get a

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Tikkun olam, sightseeing and Israeli food

Hadassah mission: an extraordinary experience

By MICHELE KEIR
Special to The Voice & Herald

I WAS FORTUNATE to be one of 29 women from across the United States to participate in the first

Hadassah Quest Mission to Israel. I joined women, ages 46-60, from South Dakota, Colorado, Louisiana and other states for an extraordinary experience; I was the only woman from New England on this Nov. 6-14 trip to Israel. Our journey was led by Quest Mission co-chair, Paula Jarnicki,

and the former national president of Hadassah, Marlene Post.

In our visits to many Hadassah sites, including Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, Hadassah College Jerusalem, Young Judea and the Meir Shfeya Youth Aliyah Village, we were impressed with how meaningfully our fundraising dollars have been used. Planting a tree in the JNF (affiliated with

Hadassah) forest at Modi'in had a special impact on me since we were standing where the Maccabees lived and fought.

"Planting a tree in the JNF forest at Modi'in had a special impact on me since we were standing where the Maccabees lived and fought."

In the distance, down the slope, was an army post where we could hear target practice going on as we planted.

The trip was filled with



HADASSAH QUEST group visits the Western Wall. Michele Keir is second from left.

Photos courtesy of Michele Keir

heartwarming and inspirational highlights, including a visit to a woman who had received a stem cell transplant at Hadassah Hospital and is now home, with her cancer in remission. Her husband, renowned artist Avner Moriah, created the beautiful Moriah Hagaddah. We loved touring his studio and seeing an illuminated *megillah*

that he had just completed.

No trip to Israel is complete without visits to such sites as Masada, the Dead Sea, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Israeli Supreme Court, the Western Wall and the tunnel behind it. We managed to fit in some brief indulgences, as well: our overnight stay at the Mt. Carmel spa, eating delicious foods at

a kosher Moroccan restaurant with belly dancing, and a tour of the Carmel winery, which dates back to 1889, that included dinner and klezmer music.

For more information about the Rhode Island chapter of Hadassah, call 463-3636 or visit www.rhodeisland.Hadassah.org.

NUTS: Finding the passion for life in cooking and baking

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ies and other small pastries for people who ordered them. The desserts were so delicious and word-of-mouth so strong that she was busier than she wanted to be, especially at times she'd anticipated spending with Bert and Jacob, on his visits home from boarding school. With their house under renovation and a sense that the business was "taking over her weekends," Lederer stopped baking for customers.

Working with Rhode Island School of Design's continuing education program played to her business and culinary skills, but Lederer soon realized she wanted something different. This time it was Bert who encouraged her to follow her dreams. The rest is history: for the past two years, she's been selling nuts wholesale - and the business incorporates her entrepreneurial,

business and culinary skills.

As delicious as the pecans are, Lederer didn't develop the recipes in a vacuum. "Rosalie Fain is the best cookie maker I know," Lederer said emphatically, "and she gave me the recipe for the Butter Pecans.

"Rosalie Fain gave me the recipe for the Butter Pecans. Although I've changed the quantities and procedures, her recipe was my inspiration."

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She loves being able to provide something unique in our market, as there are no other candied ginger pecans quite like those she makes. Though Lederer won't reveal recipe details, of course, she explains that the pecan size, coating and ginger flavor are

unique here. "It's a great feeling of satisfaction to have people taste my handcrafted goodies and hear them say, 'Oh, this is fantastic.'"

If she could magically create more hours in every day to accomplish all her tasks and have pans and bowls that wash themselves, she'd be thrilled. Since neither of these is likely, Lederer is a "one-woman" band who does it all - she imports the pecans from Georgia, makes the nut mixtures (at Temple Beth-El's commercial kitchen, which she rents by the day), packages them up, and sells them into

family-owned markets, such as Farmstead and Eastside Marketplace, and national chain Whole Foods (all the Rhode Island Whole Foods' stores and one in Massachusetts carry the Purple Pear of Providence line.)

Lederer has all the Rhode Island and FDA certifications required for selling wholesale

food, she said.

Several friends - Susan and Saul Kaplan, Mitzi and Bob Berkelhammer, Barbara Binder and David Katzen, Marilyn and Glen Shealey and, of course, her husband Bert - are among her loyal and lucky "tasters." More flavors are on the horizon, Lederer said, though she's not sure what they will be.

You can buy Margaret Lederer's Purple Pear of Providence nuts online or learn which stores

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Obituaries

Donald H. Cohen, 85
WINCHESTER, Mass. — Donald H. "Buddy" Cohen died on Oct. 23, at the age of 85. He was born in Providence to Nat and Lillian Cohen.

After graduating college in 1943, he joined the Army and was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., during World War II. He had been the executive vice president of Morton Shoe Stores, Inc. and later founded Linton Associates, a specialty advertising company. He was active in Temple Emunah where he held numerous board positions.

Mr. Cohen leaves his wife of 62 years, Lillian, a daughter Lynne (Shapiro) of Bloomfield, Conn., three sons, Robert of Foxborough, Mass., Steven of Natick, Mass., and Lee of Holliston, Mass., and eight grandchildren.

Bertha Grossman, 92
CRANSTON — Bertha Grossman, of 41 Fordson Ave., died Nov. 12 at home. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Leberstein) Grossman. She had lived in Cranston, previously living in Providence. She was a clerk at Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 30 years, and was a member of the Retirees Association at Metropolitan.

Sister of Myer Grossman of Warwick, Sarah Zenofsky of Cranston, Emma Cohen of California, Florence Sarenson of Cranston and the late Samuel Grossman, Dora Galer and Miriam Kalmick. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, N.Y. 10305.

Ferdi Kahn, 96
PROVIDENCE — Ferdi Kahn, of Providence, died Nov. 11 at Summit Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation. He was the husband of the

late Lucy (Taub) Kahn. Born in Germany, he was a son of the late Hugo and Irma (Kapp) Kahn.

Prior to his retirement, he worked for many years as a dry goods salesman. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves his daughter Elaine Zoldan and her husband Allan of Wesley Hills, N.Y., and his three grandchildren, Joseph, Michael and Melissa Zoldan.

Contributions may be made to American Friends of Shalva, Attn: Jonah Halper, 315 Fifth Ave., 6th floor, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Suzanne Knight, 52
PROVIDENCE — Suzanne (Seltzer) Knight, of Providence, died Oct. 15 after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband Grover Knight, her son Alexander Scott Knight, her sisters Nadine Harris, of Barrington, and Stacey Lyev of New York, N.Y., her nephews David and Joshua Lyev and her niece Sarah Lyev.

She was a realtor at Coleman Realtors in Providence. Contributions may be made in her name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Melvin N. Levin, 84
PROVIDENCE — Melvin Norman Levin, of Providence, and formerly of Warwick, died Nov. 10 at the VA Medical Center. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Israel and Edith (Latt) Levin.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran where he served in the medical corps and was involved in the invasion of Normandy (D-Day). He attended Bryant College and Johnson & Wales University. Before retiring in 1982, he had worked for 35 years as a credit manager for American Tourister, Inc. He was

a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Redwood Lodge F & AM, B'nai Brith, and the Jewish Federation of RI.

He leaves his brother and sister-in-law, David and Devorah Levin, of Providence, and many cousins.

Contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906, Jewish Federation of RI, 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I. 02906, or the Jewish Community Center of RI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Celia Mazo, 96
EAST PROVIDENCE — Celia (Friedman) Mazo, of East Providence and formerly of Providence, died Nov. 16 at Orchard View Manor. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Hyman Mazo, and her daughter, the late Susan Gourley.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Annie (Elkind) Friedman. She had been an active volunteer at Federal Hill House for many years.

She leaves her three sons, David Mazo and his wife Angela of Raleigh, N.C., Elliot Mazo of Providence, and Joseph Mazo and his wife Deborah of Barrington; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Earle and Murray Friedman.

Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Bernice F. Schwartz, 89
PROVIDENCE — Bernice F. Schwartz, of Steere House, died Nov. 13. She was the wife of the late Sheldon Schwartz.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., a daughter of the late Philip and Esther (Miller) Shultz, she had lived in Warwick for 35 years before moving to Providence two years ago.

She leaves a son, David Schwartz and his wife Sharon of Coventry, and Robert Schwartz and his wife Dianne of Burlington, Vt. She was the sister of Beverly Cussell, Selma Reservitz, Muriel Falk, Clare Wampole and Herbert Shultz.

Grandmother of Emily, Monique, Gabe, Donia and Amanda.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Steere House, 100 Borden St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

Sandra S. Silverstein, 71
NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Sandra S. Silverstein, a resident of New Bedford, Mass., died Nov. 16 at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

She was the wife of Bernard Silverstein to whom she had been married for 32 years.

Born in Boston, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Harold and Miriam (Sloan) Shenker. A graduate of Lesley College, she had taught kindergarten. She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation, its Sisterhood, and Hadassah.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her two children, Suzanne Wise of Newton, Mass., and Peter Wise of Grafton, Mass.; her two stepchildren, Robin Kellman and her husband Howard of Indianapolis, Ind., and Jay Silverstein of North Dartmouth; her brothers, Ronald Shenker of Boston, Mass. and Harris Shenker of Mashpee, Mass. She was the grandmother of Breana and Michael Wise and Kate and David Silverstein.

Contributions may be made to: The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 347 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 3, Arlington, Mass. 02747 or Tifereth Israel Congregation.

William Allan Sydney
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — William Allan Sydney, of Costa Rica, died on Oct. 16. Before moving to Costa Rica in 2006, he had lived in Palm Springs and Jerusalem.

He was the husband of the Sydelle (Posner) Sydney. He was born in Providence in 1928 and was the son of the late Jacob T. and Ada (Schlager) Sydney.

He was the president of Sydney Supply Company, and had served in the U.S. Navy. He was an active member of the Redwood Masonic Lodge, B'nai

Brith, Temple Emanu-El, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Providence Hebrew Day School, Jewish Community Center of RI, and Shaarei Tzion in San Jose, Costa Rica. He held leadership positions with many of these organizations.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two daughters and sons-in-law: Dr. Marcia Sydney Zax and Dr. David Bruce Zax of Ithaca, N.Y., and Linda Sydney Mermelstein and Dr. Simon Mermelstein of San Jose, Costa Rica; six grandchildren: Behamin, Rachel and Aryeh Zax, Daniel, Max and Joshua Mermelstein. He leaves his brother, Stanley Sydney, of Brookline, Mass., his sister, Joyce Sydney Rifind, of Toronto, Canada. Brothers Albert and Irwin Sydney predeceased him.

Contributions may be made to The Sydney Family, Endowment Fund of Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906 or The Laurelmead Scholarship Fund, 355 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Moshe Aroche, 72
BARRINGTON, R.I. — Moshe Aroche, a resident of Barrington, died on Nov. 24 following a long illness. He was the husband of Nancy (Hillman) Aroche to whom he had been married for 18 years.

Born in Jerusalem, he was the son of the late Aharon and Simcha (Sason) Aroche. Mr. Aroche received his education in Israel. Before retiring, he had been a self-employed mechanic specializing in antique car engines as well as boat and diesel engines.

Besides his wife, he leaves his sons, Avraham Aroche and his wife Susan of Jerusalem, and Aharon Aroche of Eilat, his brother Yehuda Aroche of Miami, Fla., his sisters, Yiddah Shulov and her husband Yossi of Jerusalem, and Penina Levine of Tel Aviv, and three grandchildren. He was the grandson of the late Rabbi Sason of Jerusalem.

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Friday – Dec. 5
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Temple Emanu-El
99 Taft Ave., Providence
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Saturday – Dec. 6
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Tuesday – Dec. 9
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occasional restaurant nights, you can bring the family and socialize and eat some wonderful food, all under the supervision of the Vaad. Chef Daren Bulley said he's done pizza nights and an all-you-can-eat pasta bar with different kinds of pastas and sauces that have been "hugely popular."

He says there have also been Chinese and Indian nights. "This is an affordable way to get great food," he says.

All the caterers are doing the traditional *bar* and *bat mitzvah* parties, and weddings as well as *Kiddush*, business meetings and other types of functions.

The kosher caterers cook in their own kitchens, under the watchful eyes of their supervising rabbis, and transport the food to your venue.

The kosher-style caterers, who are not supervised by rabbis and who do not have separate facilities for meat and dairy, will cook in their own kitchen, your kitchen or at your function. Companies like Amalfi Caterers in South Country and Pinelli Marra do small

and large functions like *bar mitzvahs* and weddings. But their kitchens are not kosher.

The Eastside Marketplace in Providence and Local Hero Caterers in Pawtucket will make traditional platters and meals with *kugels*, fruits, lox and bagels and all your favorites. But they are kosher-style, not strictly kosher.

"We have a nice case of kosher-style foods," said Jackie Teer, part of the catering team at Eastside Marketplace. She does the platters and she says they can also do a meal. "Our cheese noodle *kugel* is our most popular."

At Local Hero Catering, they are relatively new to the catering business, but they are doing a lot of kosher-style platters and meals, said Sandy Ross, partner with Andrew Esposito in the business. She says they have been doing a lot of dairy dishes, but they hope to build their clientele with meals for groups of 20 or more as Passover approaches. They are building on Esposito's Local Hero Deli business.

COOKBOOKS: Our community's culinary treasure trove

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tradition, as it begins with 30 pages of dessert entries.

In keeping with the dessert theme, the Women's Association of the Jewish Community Center published *Kitchen Cupboard Cake Book*, in May 1953, which includes desserts besides cake. Some of the recipes look timeless, such as Mrs. Abraham Adler's chocolate orange torte or Mrs. Ben Rabinowitz's sour cream cake. Others may not stand the test of time: a recipe for prune crescents, which calls for one cup of 'Spry.'

What is 'Spry'?

From *Flour to Flower*, produced by Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood and Garden Club, contains rabbinic blessings and congratulations from Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen and Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman. This, the Sisterhood's second cookbook, contains rules of *kasbrut*, explanations of major Jewish holidays, blessings in Hebrew, transliterated Hebrew and English, as well as cooking definitions for the inexperienced or insecure.

Those of us who cook might laugh at definitions – bake, preheat, toast, dredge, braise and poach. Still, I remember a Jewish colleague of mine who asked: "The recipe says 'separate two eggs.' How far apart am I supposed to separate them?" She had never learned to cook.

Recipes in this 200-plus page book range from the familiar – cheese blintzes, chopped liver and brisket – to the less-than-familiar – sweet and sour mackerel, pineapple vegetable dressing, and spinach pancakes (made with canned spinach).

Tasty Treasures, published in 1978 by the the Cranston Jewish Center Sisterhood, also includes information on the Jewish holidays, a description of *kasbrut*, and some of the timeless clas-

sics, such as potato *kugel* and cheese cake, New York style.

No story about cookbooks is complete without a mention of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association cookbook, *Simply Delicious*, published in 1975. The price was a bargain – \$7.95 plus 65 cents for shipping and handling – for a cookbook with 295 pages of recipes from some of Rhode Island's best home cooks.

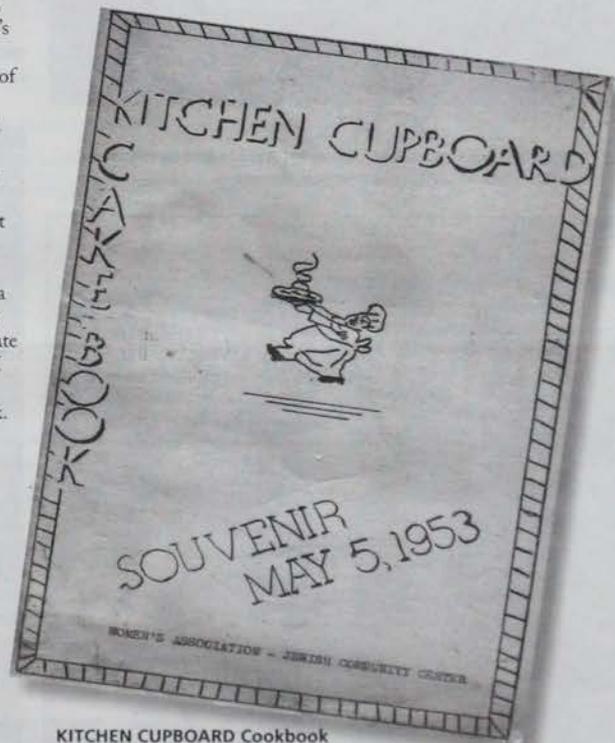
It's a hot commodity, even years later. "Someone wanted to pay me a lot of money to buy the cookbook," laughed Anne Sherman, office manager of the R.I. Jewish Historical Association.

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association is hard at work on an updated version of *Simply More Delicious*, which is due to

be released in May of 2009.

A word to the wise: Don't throw out your old cookbooks: they represent our histories. The cookbooks with chocolate spatters, burn marks and tattered pages are those I turn to again and again.

Want to check out old recipes? Stop by the R.I. Jewish Historical Association between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to look at them. You can copy recipes, but the cookbooks are not lent out. For more information, contact Anne Sherman at 331-1360.



KITCHEN CUPBOARD Cookbook from the Women's Association of the Jewish Community Center – 1953

SMILES: Politeness, good humor help overcome Israeli bureaucracy

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and read a good book since I reasoned that it would undoubtedly be several hours before they would complete the task at hand. To my pleasant surprise, it was only about five minutes later that my name was called and I was handed my new identification card.

Skeptical that this process could have been so quick and simple, I quizzically asked the woman who gave me my new card, "That's it?" to which she responded, "That's it."

Still certain that there must be some other hoops to jump through, I again asked her, "Really, that's it?"

With a look of astonishment on her face, she again answered, "Really, that's it."

With a smile on my face, I left the Ministry of the Interior and headed for the Ministry of Absorption to have my New Immigrant Card (which allows me to claim the numerous benefits that I am entitled to as a new immigrant) corrected as well.

When I entered the building

there was no one at the reception desk and a line of people waiting outside various offices. Not wanting to wait several hours only to find out that the person I needed to speak with was unavailable, I politely knocked on a nearby office door, which stood slightly ajar.

I poked my head in to find a woman turning off her computer and picking up her purse. I apologized for disturbing her and asked who I would need to speak with to have my New Immigrant Card updated. She responded,

"That would be me, but I don't work in the afternoons."

I let out a gentle sigh and asked when I could return to meet with her. She looked at me for a moment, put her purse down, turned her computer back on and said, "Sit down. I'll be with you in a minute."

A few minutes later, she had updated my New Immigrant Card, which basically meant that it had taken me longer to walk from one office to the other, then the combined time it did to actually have my name changed on both documents.

Even though not all of my experiences with Israeli bureaucracy have been as accommodating and painless as these experiences, I can honestly say that the vast majority of issues have been relatively simple and painless. Is Israeli bureaucracy perfect? By no means, but then again, what bureaucracy is? Sometimes all it takes is a smile and treating someone kindly, with respect, and a little bit of humor in order to be treated similarly in return.

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Old Jaffa, Israel

MICHELE KEIR is in Old Jaffa, with Tel Aviv in the background, with *The Voice & Herald*.



Oberlin, Ohio

RICHARD ASINOF of Barrington displays *The Voice & Herald* at the Allen Memorial Art Museum at Oberlin College, during Parents' Weekend on Nov. 7-9, where he was visiting his son, who is a freshman.



Yerevan, Armenia

PAUL AND ESTA AVEDISIAN of Cranston pose with their copy of *The Voice & Herald* outside their hotel in Yerevan, Armenia. They attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Paramaz Avedisian Building of the American University of Armenia; the building is named for Paul's brother.



Oaxaca, Mexico

DR. GEORGE GOODWIN and his wife, BETSEY (not shown), brought *The Voice & Herald* along on a trip in October to the Zapotecan Ruins of Monte Alban near Oaxaca, Mexico.

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Africa: Tanzania, South Africa
Antarctica
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Azores: Ponta Del Gada
Brazil
Cambodia: Angkor Wat
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China: Beijing, The Great Wall

Colombia: Bogota
Croatia: Dubrovnik
Czech Republic: Prague
Egypt: Luxor
England: London
France: Paris
Germany
Greece
Hungary: Budapest
Iceland: Reykjavik
India: Taj Mahal, Mumbai
Israel: Tiberias, Jerusalem, Masada, Golan Heights, Tel Aviv

Italy: Rome, Tuscany, Venice
Japan: Okinawa
Jordan
Laos
Mongolia
Mexico: Oaxaca
Nepal
Peru: Chiclayo
Poland: Warsaw
Portugal: Lisbon
Russia: Moscow
Singapore
Scotland

Spain: Barcelona
Taiwan
Turkey: Istanbul
Ukraine: Kharkov
United States: Alaska, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Washington
Thailand: Bangkok, Sukothai
Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City
Uzbekistan

The Voice & Herald invites readers to take a copy of the paper on their next trip and send us a photo. Photos can be e-mailed to voiceherald@jfri.org, with "We are read everywhere" in the subject line. Or, send to JV&H at 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I., 02906.

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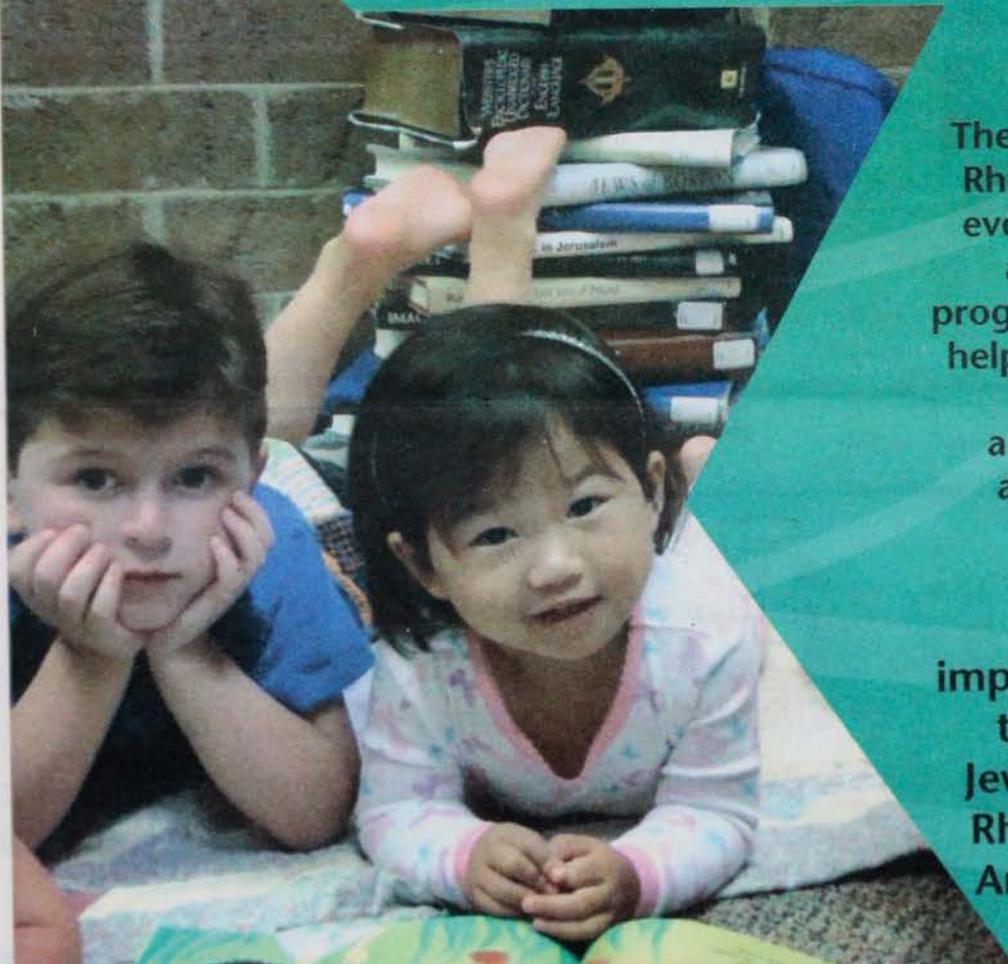
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