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## JFRI's annual meeting: Sage advice from Jonathan Sarna

May 11 community event to include awards and recognition

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PROVIDENCE — When Jonathan Sarna talks about American Jewish history, people listen. Sarna, who is the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University, will be the keynote speaker at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's annual meeting on May 11, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Sarna, the author of more than 20 books, including the acclaimed *American Judaism: A History*, will be talking about "the American Jewish community in a post-Madoff world." In an interview with *The Voice & Herald*, he sketched out some of his thoughts — without giving too much away.



Jonathan Sarna

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## Health & Beauty

### Toned arms fit for a First Lady

How can we get the same results?

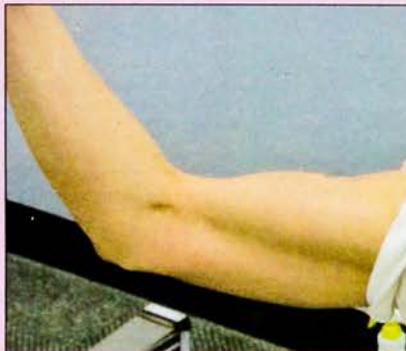
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**P**RESIDENT Barack Obama's million-dollar smile is awesome, but with summer weather coming, we wanted to learn more about Michelle Obama's fabulous arms and how we might replicate them.

I'm sad to say that word-processing, interspersed with gardening and grocery bag carrying, doesn't do it for me, given my less-than-impressive biceps and nearly nonexistent triceps.

So, I journeyed down to the JCC Fitness Center to talk with Carlene Barth, the assistant health and fitness director. Although she doesn't have any inside knowledge about the First Lady's fitness regime, she offered these suggestions,

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Photos by Nancy Kirsch

SOME OF THESE WOMEN'S ARMS are as fit as Michelle Obama's. The women who agreed to have their arms photographed were all working out at the Fitness Center.

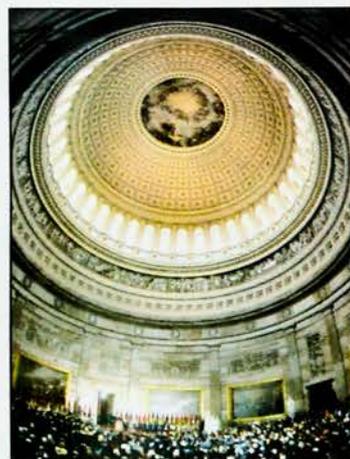


Photo: Marshall H. Cohen

PRESIDENT OBAMA speaks during the Holocaust Museum's Day of Remembrance Ceremony April 23 in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda



Photo: Marshall H. Cohen

FRANK SILVA, national commander, 26th Yankee Division Veterans' Association, takes photos at the event. His division liberated the Mauthausen concentration camp May 6, 1945.

## Physician unveils medical device for circumcision

Device called first innovation in 50 years

By PHILIP EIL  
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

**A**CCORDING to the Torah, Abraham was 99 when he received the command to circumcise himself and his 13-year-old son, Ishmael. He had no surgeon standing by, no directions and no medical instruments — only an ultimatum: "[I]f any male who is uncircumcised fails to circumcise the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his kin; he has broken My covenant."

If only he had had an AccuCirc.

"When the Bible was written, they didn't have any circumcision devices," says Dr. David Tomlinson, clinical instructor of family medicine at Brown University Medical School and inventor of the AccuCirc, a "precise, consistent,

**"It was strictly as a mechanical engineer looking at an existing problem in the world trying to solve it."**

Dr. David Tomlinson

and reliable" circumcision device scheduled for release this spring.

Even today, with a slew of available devices ([www.circulist.com](http://www.circulist.com) lists more than 30 cir-

cumcision devices), there is still room for improvement, according to Tomlinson. He says: "The existing devices can allow for potential injury to the child."

Tomlinson, a family practice physician who lives in Wakefield, was inspired by a close call while performing a circumcision on the infant son of a friend. "I almost amputated the glans of the child's penis," he says, a near-disaster due to mismatched parts for the device he was using. "I said, 'This is ridiculous,'" says Tomlinson. "Someone should fix this."

And so Tomlinson, who studied mechanical engineering at M.I.T. before medical school, set out to design a device that

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# Voice & Herald wins Metcalf Award for second year in a row

*Newspaper is recognized for its body of work during 2008*

By RICHARD ASINOF  
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PROVIDENCE – *The Voice & Herald* captured its second consecutive Metcalf Award (in the print, weekly/bi-weekly category), honoring journalists for outstanding work on issues of diversity and inclusion.

The award, established in memory of Michael Metcalf, the late publisher of *The Providence Journal*, will be presented at a ceremony on Thursday, May 14, at the Temple-Downtown Restaurant.

WJAR TV 10 General Manager Lisa Churchville will emcee the breakfast festivities; R.I. PBS President Bob Fish will serve as honorary chair.

In addition to *The Voice & Herald*, the 2009 Metcalf Award winners include:

- Dana Neugent, "Be A Nurse" (video);
- Gail Ciampa and *The Providence Journal*, "Taste of the Neighborhood" food series (print, daily);
- Northern Rhode Island YWCA – She Shines Magazine, (print, monthly/quarterly);
- RezaRitesRI.com, "Rhode to



THREE OF THE NINE articles that were recognized for their journalistic excellence.

- Africa" Podcast (Internet); and
- Megan Hall, WRNI, "Claggett Regatta" (radio).

In its submission to the Rhode Island For Community & Justice, which administers the award, *The Voice & Herald* chose to submit a body of work, rather than just one article, in order to "capture the consistent manner in which we have created engaging, educational and provocative stories that promote increased awareness of diversity and engagement and advocacy by the public."

The articles submitted were:

- "Jewish family copes with Iraq War's aftermath: Single mom and her injured son redefine 'family,'" May 30, 2008, by Nancy Kirsch;

- From the Executive Editor: "The Legacy of Dr. King," April 4, 2008, by Richard Asinof;

- "Traveling Holocaust museum exhibit explores Nazi persecution of gays: URI Fine Arts Center hosts show through March 29," March 7, 2008, by Alison Rose;
- "Between Work and Home: 'Life after divorce: charting a Jewish way,'" Jan. 25, 2008, by Barbara

**"Together, these articles represent the commitment of *The Voice & Herald* to publish community journalism that promote sensibility and awareness of diversity throughout our community."**

- "Y-Day in Rhode Island: Eve Ensler talks about her efforts to end violence against women," Feb. 22, 2008, by Nancy Slack;

- Fields;
- "Cape Verdean-Jewish seder: A link to the past: Found – another chapter in Jewish history," May

2, 2008, by Pedro Ben'Olief Chantre;

• "A father tries to save the world: As a daughter tries to save her father (excerpt from novel)," May 16, 2008, by John Clayton;

• "The road to legality for an A+ student: When a little bit of mazel (luck) went a long way," June 27, 2008, by Mary Korri;

• Medical Arts: "A remembrance of tenement life: Nourishment and continuity in a bowl of soup," June 13, 2008, by Stanley Aronson, M.D. (with poem by Rabbi James Rosenberg).

In its submission, *The Voice & Herald* wrote: "While each of these nine articles, written by nine different authors, is certainly worthy of recognition, together, they represent the commitment of *The Voice & Herald* to publish community journalism that promote sensibility and awareness of diversity throughout our community."

RICJ is a social justice organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism and promoting understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

Tickets for the event are \$40. For additional information, contact the Rhode Island for Community and Justice at 467-1717, ext. 101.



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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

"America venerates the individual cowboy, but we Jews have a long tradition of helping one another."

Jonathan Sarna  
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# Pioneering physician, Nobel laureate to speak at Miriam

*How doctor diplomacy helped to end the Cold War*

BY MARY KORR

Senior Contributing Writer

PROVIDENCE – In advance of his May 7 appearance and book signing at The Miriam Hospital, *The Voice & Herald* spoke with Harvard cardiologist and Nobel Peace laureate Dr. Bernard Lown, born in a *shtetl* in Lithuania 87 years ago, about his memoir, *Prescription for Survival, A Doctor's Journey to End Nuclear Madness*.

The book is set within the context of the escalating nuclear confrontation between the Soviet Union and the United States during the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1981, Dr. Lown launched an anti-nuclear movement with Soviet cardiologist Evgeni Chazov, when they founded The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). The two had collaborated for many years in the area of sudden cardiac death – Dr. Lown was the pioneer of the direct current defibrillator used in a cardiac arrest and developed the cardioverter used in correcting heart rhythm disturbances.

The American-Russian duo, who would become close friends, recruited more than 150,000 doctors worldwide, held international congresses that included

U. S. and Russian military leaders, met with numerous world political leaders, and appeared on television programs broadcast throughout the U.S.S.R. and the U. S.

In 1985, despite active opposition from the U. S. government and NATO, both physicians accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of IPPNW. Not all plaudits were laudatory; *The Wall Street Journal* published an editorial titled "The Nobel Peace Fraud."

The book explores the controversies which swirled around the two physicians, and offers many anecdotes about Dr. Lown's earliest years and his prescription for the present. History, he says, "is forged of ordinary people."

*V&H: The story of your return to your birthplace Utena, in Lithuania, and meeting one of the few survivors of the Holocaust who remembered you as a child, is remarkable. When you stepped up to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo in 1985, did you reflect at all on your earliest days, or your parents, or the grandfather who perished in the Holocaust?*

**DR. LOWN:** In that moment there is so much protocol, and so many things going on, it is hard to focus on anyone. My mother was there; she insisted on going, although she was very ill. When she arrived, she acted like a princess – here she was, the rabbi's daughter from a *shtetl* in Lithuania. She gloried in it.

When I learned about winning the Nobel, my wife and I were in Geneva. We called our three kids at home. I thought to call my mother, but was afraid to tell her over the phone. She



DR. BERNARD LOWN with medical students at Harvard.

was in her late 80s and sick with congestive heart failure. I was afraid she might have a heart attack at the news.

But we called and she already knew. She told me a CBS reporter had called her at 6 a.m., asked if she was the mother of Dr. Lown, and then asked her for a comment on his winning the Nobel Peace Prize. She answered: "The Nobel Prize for Peace? Oh, what a shame. My son should have won for medicine."

## "Historical amnesia is a prelude to repeated victimization."

Dr. Bernard Lown

*V&H: How has being Jewish framed your life's work?*

**DR. LOWN:** It means everything. My career in medicine, this book, could not have been experienced or written unless I was born in the Jewish culture of the *shtetl* and to my parents and grandparents, who gave me the perception and perspective of a broader agenda. I remember the talk when the Hitlerites came to Germany. Where is Hitler going? What is happening with Stalin Russia? Was little Lithuania next?

My grandfather was the rabbi in the town. He exposed my mother to the Talmud; she

was very astute and learned. She used to brag that by the time I was five I had read all the works of Dostoevsky and the great Russian writers.

When I came to this country, to Lewiston, Me., in 1935, with my father and brother, (his mother and two other siblings would follow), the schools didn't know what to do with me. I didn't speak a word of English but had read the great works of literature.

*V&H: Other than your parents, who has been the most important influence on you?*

**DR. LOWN:** My wife, Louise. I mention her frequently in this book. We have been married for 62 years. Without her at my side, my journey would have been inconceivable. I don't

know about Louise but I would say she was the wisest choice I have made in my life.

*V&H: Are there any collaborations you have been involved with in greater Rhode Island?*

**DR. LOWN:** Yes, with Dr. David Greer, an internist in Fall River, and former dean of medicine at Brown, and Dr. John Pastore. Both were among the earliest members of the IPPNW. It was David who urged me to take on Tom Grabows (of Fall River) as a medical student. Tom was to be my successor at Lown Cardiovascular, until he became disabled as a result of Parkinson's disease. It was very painful for all of us, extraordinarily traumatic, as we watched the progression of the disease unfolding.

And then there is Dr. Barbara

Roberts, now at The Miriam. She was the first woman to train in the cardiovascular post-doctoral program at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. She pulled a fast one on me once. She called and said she was bringing in a patient for consultation. I asked her who it was, and she said I would find out when they got to my office. It was Raymond Patriarca.

And John Nicholas Brown was one of my patients. He would arrive like royalty to the office, in his Rolls Royce he named the "Mazurka." The license plate was JNB 1. He spoke with a very British accent and was rather Lincolnesque.

*V&H: How did you, as a busy cardiologist, find the time to become involved with the nuclear arms issue and find balance in your life – or has this been elusive?*

**DR. LOWN:** I have condensed any number of careers in my first 87 years. I'm like a coil with intense passion, devotions and a sense of possibilities as well as outrage. I learned how to utilize this coil effectively. The most important thing is to live a life worthy of us as human beings – it always impresses me how much an individual can do. It's up to "We the People," and not just Obama. That's what a democracy is about.

*V&H: What do you view as your legacy?*

**DR. LOWN:** I don't think in terms of a legacy. What has been important to me is the people that I've trained, and the values I've been given and which we have passed on to our children – these values are the legacies that make a difference. That's what I'm going to talk about at Miriam – how we as individuals can save a world with 26,000 nuclear weapons from a sudden nuclear death.

**WHO:** Dr. Bernard Lown, Harvard professor emeritus  
**WHAT:** Talk, book signing  
**WHEN:** Thursday, May 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Hurvitz board room, The Miriam Hospital  
**MORE INFO:** 444-4800.

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FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

## Good news

**T**HE RECENT MOVIE, "State of Play," and its portrayal of the dying art form of big city newsrooms — is very much Hollywood's most recent celebration of the hard-boiled newspaper reporter seeking truth, justice and the American way.

However, not very much in my experience — with more than four decades in the newspaper business — lends credence to the idealistic ending portrayed in the film that good journalism will always triumph over corrupt decision-making.

More often than not, it's the sleazy practices of government officials in collusion with the press barons — from William Randolph Hearst to Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black — that triumph, in the end.

Yet, we are still ever hopeful, much like the apocryphal lad on the steps of the Chicago courthouse, imploring Shoeless Joe Jackson, one of the infamous White Sox baseball players accused of throwing the World Series, "Say it ain't so, Joe."

Sometimes, however, the good work of newspapers is recognized. *The Voice & Herald* did not win the Pulitzer Prize this year (a Purim *spiel* parody), but our Jewish community newspaper did just win the prestigious Metcalf Award in 2009 for its outstanding journalism in promoting diversity, understanding and inclusion. The award is named after Michael Metcalf, the late publisher of *The Providence Journal*.

Nine articles from nine different writers — Nancy Kirsch, Nancy Slack, Mary Korr, Stanley Aronson, John Clayton, Alison Rose, Richard Asinof, Pedro Ben'Olief Chantre and Barbara Fields — were submitted with the application, demonstrating the commitment of the newspaper "to publish community journalism that promotes sensibility and awareness of diversity throughout our community."

The broad spectrum of authors — which include editors, freelancers, columnists, and editorial board members — speaks to the strength of *The Voice & Herald's* journalistic endeavor and the quality of its product. Our community can say it loud and with pride: *The Voice & Herald* is a vibrant Jewish community newspaper.

That said, given the current economic downturn and the resultant shortfall in advertising revenues, *The Voice & Herald* is facing some difficult choices moving forward. We have already had to cut staff; we are curtailing freelance expenses; we have suspended our subscription to JTA. We need your help and generous support to be able to continue our journalistic excellence. We ask that you step up to the plate and renew your yearly contribution as a patron to *The Voice & Herald*. Thanks again for your support.

*David Gordis' new book raises some hard questions*

**I**F YOU CARE about the survival of Israel as a Jewish state, you must read Daniel Gordis' *Saving Israel* (John Wiley & Sons, 2009). Gordis, a prolific writer and respected Israeli intellectual, grew up in Baltimore; in 1998 he made *aliyah* with his wife and two young children.

As its subtitle implies — *How the Jewish People Can Win a War That May Never End* — Daniel Gordis does not foresee peace in our time. From his perspective, most Arabs are still unwilling to accept the existence of a Jewish state in their midst; indeed, they are unwilling to accept the very idea of a Jewish state.



Rabbi Jim Rosenberg

Given this stark reality, Gordis argues that no matter how much time and energy Israel devotes to the process of peace — peace with its Arab neighbors, peace with the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, reconciliation with the Arab minority within its citizenry — Jewish Israelis must somehow find a way to live with the reality of the "war that may never end."

Gordis most definitely does not suggest that Israel disengage from the peace process, frustrating and hopeless as this process may at times appear; nor does he suggest that the

IT SEEMS TO ME  
Can Israel be a Jewish democracy?

Jewish majority should cease working to improve the condition of the Arab minority within the borders of the state.

However, Gordis sees Israel's primary task as re-establishing a sense of national purpose, a purpose that will give its citizens the courage and the will to endure the hardship of unending conflict. That purpose, he writes, is nothing less than "the healing of the Jewish people, the creation of a space in which Jews can thrive as they could nowhere else."

Gordis is honest enough to point out this sense of particularistic Jewish purpose is in perpetual tension with the universalistic values of "pure" democracy. Indeed, it is this clash of values inherent in the notion of "Jewish democracy" that is one of the roots of Arab hostility — and the hostility of others as well — towards Israel.

Given the unique purpose of the Jewish state, Gordis insists that it is a profound error for either Israeli or Diaspora Jews to view Israel as essentially a Hebrew-speaking America. Because Israeli democracy is designed to perpetuate "the healing of the Jewish people," a specific ethnic group, the state must regrettably, in some sense, discriminate against the non-Jewish minority.

Consider, for example, Israel's Law of Return, which grants automatic citizenship to any Jew who so desires it. It is hardly a stretch to understand Arab antipathy to this law which gives every Jew in the world special status. As Gordis comments, "If the Jewish character of the country is to be safeguarded, Israel's supporters will have to accept that Israel's democracy can never be the model of

pure liberal democracy that political life in the United States approximates."

I find it deeply ironic that, according to Gordis, the effort to reestablish a sense of national purpose is severely handicapped by a generation of young Israelis who are, as Hillel Halkin puts it, "Hebrew-speaking gentiles."

To illustrate this point, Gordis tells of an 18-year-old *sabra* friend of his son, Avi, who had no idea what the *Shema* is; and he tells of a high-school student from Sderot who had never witnessed a *havdalah* ceremony until she visited California.

Moreover, Gordis points out that countless Israelis of all ages have, on principle, never set foot in a synagogue. How, Gordis asks, can Israelis recover a sense of national Jewish purpose if they remain so completely cut off from their Jewish roots?

Nevertheless, as many have argued, given all we have been through, the continued existence of the Jewish people is our greatest argument against despair. In Israel's renewed efforts to come to terms with what it means to be a Jewish democracy lies her best hope — and the hope of her supporters the world over — for a future bright with promise.

Daniel Gordis concludes *Saving Israel* with words of urgency and challenge: "Now is the time to reinvent Zionism, to re-create the conversations about why the Jews need a state and to ask what they are willing to do to preserve it. Nothing more ambitious is possible. And nothing less ambitious will suffice."

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## Letters to the Editor

to raise the American flag, I'm not sure if that is me raising the flag that day, but most of the boys would get that honor.

The bugler in that picture was one of the Maglins, either David, Sam or Richard. They were a large family.

I loved walking down and back Clarke Road to Scarborough Beach each weekday morning. Hardly anyone would be on the beach. It was like our own beach.

We even had a forest next to the camp where we would pick blueberries, and our cook, Mrs. Fine, would always bake delicious blueberry pies.

The camp operated during World War II, and a lot of the boys had by then entered the service. Both Ben and Jack were overseas. Ben in the Navy and Jack a frontline soldier of the "Battle Of The Bulge."

These were tough years for the older boys. I ended up in Japan with the Occupation forces.

Again, thanks for the article.

Charlie Weiss  
Providence

Support the fight against  
pancreatic cancer

**A**LTHOUGH IT WILL KILL more than 34,000 Americans in 2009, pancreatic cancer often went unnoticed and unacknowledged by the general public, until now. During the

past few years, the pancreatic cancer community has experienced an unprecedented moment in the spotlight, with the high profile and public battles against this disease by the inspirational Carnegie Mellon professor and author of *The Last Lecture*, Dr. Randy Pausch, actor Patrick Swayze and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, among others.

Sadly, Dr. Pausch lost his battle to pancreatic cancer in July of 2008.

While we mourn the loss of such a great and courageous man, we also point to his passing as an example of the tragic reality of the current state of pancreatic cancer treatment options and efficacy.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cancer killer in the United States, and the five-year survival rate is a dismal 5 percent, yet it receives a mere 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's budget.

On March 31, more than 400 volunteers visited Washington, D.C., to ask Congress to support the Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act.

Let us support the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and our neighbors who are fighting this disease or who have lost their loved ones to it as they advocate for greater awareness and more resources to fight pancreatic cancer.

Stan Roberts  
Cranston

Fond memories of  
Camp JORI

**I**ENJOYED your article on the Jewish Orphanage/Camp JORI ("The evolution of Rhode Island's Jewish Orphanage into a Jewish camp," April 17, *The Voice & Herald*).

My name is Charles Weiss, brother of Ben, Jacob and James Weiss. This article brought back many memories of both the camp and the orphanage. The orphanage was located on Summit Avenue, the present site of The Miriam Hospital.

The front stairs of the orphanage are still in place at The Miriam. But, my best memories were of Camp JORI.

We used to love that camp. We were so lucky that it was built especially in Point Judith.

I remember that the first thing we did every morning, just before breakfast was



Photo courtesy of Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

It takes a school to change the equation

*Donations of supplies to schools in Zimbabwe and Tanzania make a difference*

**W**ITH LUCK, I won't be trampled by an elephant in Zimbabwe next summer. This particular terror has never been high on my list of concerns. (Falling asleep during one of my own lectures is a much more frequent fear.) But then I got a note from an old college chum, Mark Grashow. In



Josh Stein

2002, he and his wife, Sheri Saltzberg, were attending a wedding in Zambia. Not far away in Zimbabwe is Victoria Falls. As he was a recently retired teacher (mathematics at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn) and she from a career in public health, it was suggested that they visit a school while in the area. What he saw was out of a Dante canto. "The school had no books, no pencils, no paper, no

desks, no blackboards, no chairs, nothing." He knew that schools in America throw out thousands of used books every year. It was almost an algebraic equation. There had to be some way to get the two together. So, that was the dream. I dream, too, but Mark and Sheri also had the will.

Upon returning to the United States, they established the U.S.-Africa Children's Fellowship Program (USACF). Schools in New York are partnered with schools in Zimbabwe and Tanzania. But they had to commit for three years, donating all old textbooks, library books and other materials no longer in use, packed and labeled.

Students in the American schools are asked to donate pencils, pens, notebooks and children's books, art supplies, toys, games, toiletries, sneakers, sports uniforms and musical instruments. Sometimes specific items are requested. One day there was a bicycle drive. Students brought their old bikes to a waiting U-Haul truck. Seventy bicycles were collected in a single day. (The school athletic uniform drive may have been too successful. Reports have reached Brooklyn of five Zimbabwe soccer teams showing up for a match,

each wearing the colors of Abraham Lincoln High School.)

Students are encouraged to engage in an ongoing pen-pal program and schools to raise money for shipment of supplies to Africa. These supplies go in containers at a cost of about \$11,000 to Zimbabwe and \$10,000 to Tanzania. Each school is encouraged to raise \$400.

There are three permanent 40-foot containers in the back parking lot of Hanger B in Floyd Bennett Field. Donated materials are brought there pre-boxed. The

have been created; classes have textbooks; the passing rate of the seventh-grade reading exam has risen from 5 percent to 60 percent; art classes have been organized where none existed before; the population of many kindergartens has more than tripled with the introduction of toys.

Boys and girls are participating in sports when it was impossible before – they had no athletic equipment, and no shoes. In fact, students with shoes can now attend schools in the winter. Before, it was too cold to walk that far.

There have been difficulties. Hyper-inflation is the order of the day. Steve Hanke, an economist with Johns Hopkins and the Cato Institute estimates that, in the two years following January 2007, the rate of inflation is 89.7 sextillion percent. In other words, what cost one Zambian dollar then now costs – 853 followed by 21 zeros – Zambian dollars.

In this economy, combined with an epidemic of AIDS, and another of cholera, teachers are leaving the schools by the thousands. Students don't bother to return after vacation because there are no instructors. So USACF started a new program. It pays \$250 a year to high school graduates to cover

"distance learning courses" as long as they agree to teach in one of the Zimbabwean schools. In four years they will earn a degree. Currently, there are 40 to 45 students receiving these scholarships. More would if there were more money. Write me if you want to contribute; I'll send you the address; USACF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Mark does not describe himself as a religious Jew, but he wonders what great force brought him to that school to observe it. I wonder if he's not more Jewish than he thinks. There is the concept of *tikkun olam* reflected in his credo: "There's a big planet out there. Someone's got to fix it." Well, I give money; he does things.

Which brings me back to being stepped on by a pachyderm. Mark organizes trips to his African schools. He's invited his old college friends to join him, but he warns, "the safari part (six days) is in tents. Elephants wander through the camp site at night."

Next summer, I hope to see with my own eyes the results of his Herculean efforts. I'll report.

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**"There is the concept of tikkun olam reflected in his credo: 'There's a big planet out there. Someone's got to fix it.'"**

containers hold about 1,500 boxes weighing about 40,000 pounds. Four times a year the materials are brought by ship to Africa, escorted by Mark and Sheri, who supervise the distribution of the contents. Bill Clinton, in his new book, *Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World*, devotes a section to the effort. And his foundation donated \$25,000 to the cause.

So far the program has partnered with 100 schools. Libraries

We are witnesses to 21st century slavery

*Local coalition seeks action to stop human trafficking*

BY MARY KORR  
Senior Contributing Writer

**A** YOUNG JEWISH college student, who is a member of the R.I. Coalition against Human Trafficking, was pointing out suspected downtown brothels masquerading as "spas" to me. Some have been raided by the police in the past. She says she picks up locale tips from Craigslist and *The Providence Phoenix* adult section.

She told me how she and others have spent evenings "surveilling" these places. They count the customers going in and out, note the presence of "mama-sans," the languages spoken, and the number of out-of-state license plates.

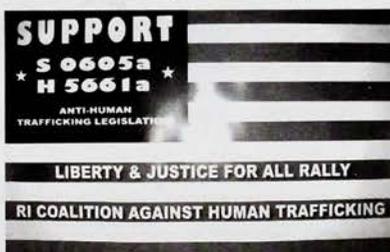
"Do the police know you are doing this?" I asked her. She nodded. I was also thinking: "Does your mother know

you're doing this?"

The state of Rhode Island is in bad shape when college students feel it necessary to take to the streets to gather evidence of the growing problem of human trafficking in the state.

The laws are too weak, she tells me. And, Rhode Island allows indoor prostitution. It shares that distinction with Nevada. This creates the context which is making the state a haven for the sex slave trade. She is writing her college thesis on the problem in the state and has decided to go to law school and work in this area.

On April 21, the anti-trafficking coalition, formed at a National Council for Jewish Women's forum held here three years ago, further shone a spotlight on the ugly specter of contemporary slavery taking place on North Main Street, in downtown Providence, and in



the suburbs as well by holding a rally at the Statehouse.

Sen. Rhoda Perry and Rep. Joanne Giannini spoke out on the pending legislation they have sponsored, which will toughen the law on human trafficking and "involuntary" servitude passed in 2007. There have been no prosecutions.

It's time there was. Call your legislators and ask them to support Senate bill 605 and House bill 5661.

Tell them we don't want slavery in Rhode Island.

And, we don't want our children skulking in the dark to document it.

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South County Jewish community holds remembrance service

BY THE REV. ETHAN ADLER  
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

**S**OMBER, TOUCHING, heartfelt, tearful, courageous are just a few descriptive words of the afternoon, set against the contrast of the clear and sunny day April 19, as the South County Jewish community joined together as "one voice" for a remembrance service for the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

The first annual event, called "Kaddish for Six Million," was held at the Village Inn, Narragansett. The purpose of this event is to bring generations together to remember our common history as well as our mutual dreams.

The service brought together a united community to speak of hope and promise of the Jewish people as well as people around the world. Members of the community talked about courage, dreams, hope and peace.

As part of the program, seven candles were lit as various readers quoted the stirring words of Elie Wiesel. These special readings reflected his

experiences and hope that history will never repeat itself; that oppressors will not be allowed to do the will of evil; that we learn not to stand idly by and do little. Israel's Declaration of Independence was read both in Hebrew and English, and children of South County Hebrew School joined in a song for peace. In a moving moment, a group Kaddish was recited by everyone, in testimony for all those who died at the hands of the Nazis.

One of the highlights was a most incredible story by Mrs. Ruth Goldstein who retold the history of the lives of two women who journeyed from the ashes of Europe to America.

One takes away a sense of belonging in the community and one of hope that each of us makes our mark in the world and that it needs to be one of compassion, tolerance, respect, hope and belief that people of the world can coexist peacefully. The afternoon was a true reflection that life is a gift that one needs to cherish and of our lives today and hope for the future generations.



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**What comes first, Iran or Palestinian conflict?**

*Israel, U.S. spar over priorities and two-state solution*

By **LESLIE SUSSER**  
JTA Correspondent

JERUSALEM (JTA) – As Israel's new government reviews its foreign policy options, Benjamin Netanyahu is coming under increasing pressure from Israel's main ally and biggest trading partner to stay on course for a two-state solution with the Palestinians.

The prime minister's refusal so far to make an explicit commitment to the two-state approach seems to have prompted both the United States and the European Union to link help toward major Israeli foreign policy goals to progress on the Palestinian track.

The United States is linking moves to stop Iran from going nuclear to serious Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, and the European Union is linking a promised upgrade in ties with Israel to a renewed Israeli commitment to the two-state model.

"For Israel to get the kind of strong support it is looking for vis-a-vis Iran, it can't stay on the sidelines with respect to the Palestinians and the peace efforts," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in

testimony to a U.S. House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee on April 23. "They go hand in hand."

Clinton argues that deadlock on the Palestinian track would make it much harder for the Obama administration to mobilize an alliance of moderate Arab states against Iran's nuclear program and, conversely, that Israel's opening of serious talks with the Palestinians would create the right conditions for moderate Arab states to

attempt at dialogue fail.

Just as during the first Gulf War in 1991, President George H.W. Bush urged Israel not to upset his anti-Saddam Hussein coalition by retaliating against Iraqi Scud missile attacks, Obama is urging Israel not to undermine his coalition-building efforts by bombing Iran's nuclear facilities.

Indeed, Obama wants Israel to give his coalition-building a boost by making goodwill gestures toward the Palestinians such as lifting roadblocks and removing illegal outposts in the West Bank, as well as holding serious peace talks based on the two-state model. Any preemptive Israeli action against Iran would undermine the new, more stable regional order Obama is trying to build.

The early signs are that the Obama administration views the Middle East as a set of interconnected problems it needs to address. Thus, just as progress on the Palestinian track would make Iran easier to handle, progress with Iran would facilitate peacemaking with the Palestinians by neutralizing the main potential spoiler.

Should dialogue with Iran bog down, Netanyahu might be ready for a deal under which Israel makes major moves against West Bank settlements

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join a U.S.-led campaign.

Clinton's view is part of what seems to be a new American *modus operandi* worldwide: solving international and regional problems by building large coalitions for joint action. After years of what the Obama administration views as George W. Bush's failed unilateralism, President Obama intends to return to a more multilateralist approach.

Obama believes that a large U.S.-led Middle East coalition both could help secure U.S. preeminence in the region and provide important support for dealing with Iran. Backing by much of the Arab world would lend greater weight to U.S. peace overtures toward Iran and, even more so, to tougher sanctions or the use of force should the

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## Cultivating the next generation of leaders

*JFRI's Women's Alliance mentoring program brings together talented, dynamic women*

By FAYE WISEN  
*Special to The Voice & Herald*

**T**HE JEWISH Federation of Rhode Island Women's Alliance mentoring program enables women in our community to come together to cultivate our next generation of leaders. Over the course of several months (and over cups

**"We have shared our strategies for successfully navigating the obligations of work, family, and volunteering."**

of coffee and glasses of wine), we've discussed the importance of women's philanthropy, we've worked on creating campaign literature, and we've learned from each other.

We have had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and leaders in other communities, who have shared with us their Jewish philanthropy journeys.

We have talked about our personal reasons for why we choose to give our time and money. We have shared our strategies for successfully navigating the obligations of work, family, and volunteering. And we have formed a connection with a group of

women who share our commitment to the Jewish community.

The tangible result from the Women's Alliance mentoring program will be the creation of a comprehensive women's philanthropy brochure. This project reflects the way the mentoring program approaches everything: working one-on-one in mentor-mentee pairs, each team researched one aspect of women's philanthropy

to create the framework for the finished product and craft the message the Women's Alliance seeks to convey.

On a personal note, the mentoring program has offered me an opportunity to get to know dynamic, talented women I might not have otherwise. This is the second mentoring program Women's Alliance has organized, and some of the participants who were being mentored

in the first group are now mentoring others. It's an opportunity to repay the generosity of those who mentored us the first time around and to help ensure a strong future for The Women's Alliance and for our community.

*Faye Wisen is the Women's Alliance Associate Vice President for Campaign.*

## JFRI's April 21 Cardozo Society event

*Lawyers discuss whether Israel can be democratic?*

By JACKIE SALETT  
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**O**N APRIL 21, Federation's Cardozo Society welcomed 25 Jewish lawyers at the offices of Adler, Pollock and Sheehan, PC – hosts of the event – to hear Jonathan Livny give a presentation entitled "Arabs and Religious Jews: Can Israel Be Democratic?"

Livny discussed the political and social difficulties underlying Israel's fight to maintain its Jewish identity while preserving itself as the region's strongest democracy. He focused his attention on the

practical difficulties that arise when large populations of the country are made up of separate and distinct groups, highlighting the tension between religion and democracy.

Livny certainly knows his topic. A prominent attorney practicing in Jerusalem, Livny was the presiding judge of the military court in Judea and Samaria, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel. Previously, he held the position of attorney general of the West Bank. He served in the Six-Day War, the Yom Kippur War and the war in Lebanon. He also served as chief military prosecutor for Israel's judge advocate's office, which involved the prosecution of criminal cases and drafting of laws for the West Bank.



Jonathan Livny

Livny has represented Israel in various international conferences and received wide recognition as one of Israel's more forceful spokesmen on television and radio. He has also served as assistant to the minister of tourism and legal adviser in the Knesset.

Livny will be taking on a new role of Israeli ambassador to Germany in the coming months.

Livny, a member of the UJC Speakers Bureau, is in high demand. In addition to his legal expertise, he is also an accomplished wine critic, with a particular expertise in Israeli wine. He generously agreed to conduct a wine tasting for a small group in the evening following the Cardozo event.

The Cardozo Society, a

group for Rhode Island Jewish attorneys, judges and law students, is named for former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo, and is designed to strengthen relationships among those in the legal profession through education and leadership, while working to enhance the quality of Jewish life in Rhode Island and throughout the world.

Chaired by Linn Freedman, the Society offers programming that integrates legal and Jewish concerns to demonstrate the unique contributions the legal profession can make to improve the Jewish community at large.

*For more information on the Cardozo Society, contact Jackie Salett, JFRI development officer, 421-4111, ext. 172, or jsalett@jfri.org.*

**Please join us in celebration as our community's teens are honored for their accomplishments.**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009**  
19 Iyar 5769  
7:00 pm

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## BJE to honor community teens at May 12 event

13 seniors will receive diplomas at Midrasha graduation

By JAMIE RICHMAN  
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On Tuesday, May 12, at Temple Am David in Warwick, the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJE) will hold the 5769 Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School Graduation and Teen Recognition Evening. Historically, Midrasha graduation has been a separate event, with BJE teen awards given at the Bureau's annual meeting. This year, however, the change of format reflects an initiative-in-progress.

Wayne Estes, chair of the Bureau's Teen Services Committee, with Bureau staff, is leading an effort to establish a community-wide Teen Services Council (TSC).

The TSC seeks to bring together all of the teen program service providers in our community to collaborate on community-wide teen events and to share information about informal programming and teen education.

The TSC will include communal professionals, parents



PAM WINKLER and ANA ESTES, with Miriam Abrams Stark, Midrasha teacher.

and teens. The primary goal, says Estes, is to "work together to provide comprehensive and seamless educational and programming opportunities for the teens in our community."

In light of this effort, an event honoring teens from throughout the community

Panim el Panim participants, the Kol Kesem Hazimir Youth Choir, the Perelman Family Madrichim participants, the Resnik Award winners, the JCC Outstanding Teen Volunteer, the JCC Maccabi Games & Artsfest delegation, and youth group presidents.

The evening will also feature performances by the Kol Kesem Hazimir Youth Choir and a keynote text study by Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple

**"The Teen Service Council seeks to bring together all of the teen program service providers in our community to collaborate on community-wide teen events."**

"just makes sense," says Estes.

This year, 13 seniors are graduating from the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School and will receive their diplomas at the event.

In addition, the Bureau will honor the BJE Special Education Program aides, Israel travelers, the Jewish Civics Initiative/

Emanu-El.

The evening will end with a dessert sundae bar and the opportunity for teens and their families to mix and mingle.

For info, contact Jamie Richman at 331-0956, ext. 181, or jrichman@bjeri.org.

## PJ Library Calendar

Jewish Bedtime Stories & Songs for Families

Saturday Friday

May 2

Tot Shabbat

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

WHEN: 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

May 8

Early Kabbalat Shabbat

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

WHEN: 5:45 p.m.

Thursday

May 7

Book Club

WHERE: Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence

WHEN: 3:30- 4:30 p.m.

Bedtime Stories

WHERE: Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington

WHEN: 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

All events are FREE of charge and open to the community.

Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas to all PJ Library events.

For more information or to make a donation to the PJ Library, contact Nicole Katzman, PJ Library Director, 331-0956, ext. 180, or nkatzman@bjeri.org.

The PJ Library

AN ABSTRACT drawing by Nathan Katzman during a PJ Library story time at Tamarisk



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## Happy Mother's Day

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The PJ Library Grandparents Corner



Grandparents Corner Chair, Barbara Sheer, enjoying a PJ Library book with her grandchildren

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**POLICY: Netanyahu, Obama appear to be on collision course**

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if Obama promises to do whatever is necessary, including the use of force, to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

The European Union's use of the linkage weapon has been far less sophisticated than Washington's. EU officials simply warn that, if Israel does not embrace the two-state model, work begun in 2008 on a planned upgrade of Israel's relations with Europe will be frozen.

During a late April visit to Jerusalem, Robert Rydberg, director general of the Foreign Ministry of Sweden, which assumes the union's rotating presidency in July, delivered the message in no uncertain terms.

Although other European officials have been saying much the same thing for weeks, some key European players oppose the linkage ploy. After a meeting last week with Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek, the current EU president, declared that: "the peace process cannot and should not be linked to relations between the EU and Israel."

Netanyahu intends to complete his foreign policy review within the next few weeks before his crucial first meeting as prime minister with

Obama, in Washington on May 18.

Given international pressure, Netanyahu is likely to tell Obama that he accepts the two-state model, but with two major provisos: that Israel be recognized by the Palestinians as the state of the Jewish people, and that the Palestinian state's sovereignty be limited to ensure Israel's basic security needs.

For Netanyahu, recognition of Israel as the state of the Jewish people is crucial for a number of reasons. It would enshrine in Palestinian Authority policy the Jews' right to the Holy Land. It would remove the legal and moral basis for Palestinians to continue attacking the state of Israel. And it would put an end to Palestinian demands for the right of Palestinian refugees to return to Israel proper.

But on April 27, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said he will not recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

"A Jewish state, what is that supposed to mean?" Abbas asked in a speech in Ramallah. "You can call yourselves as you

like, but I don't accept it and I say so publicly."

He continued, according to Reuters: "It is not my job to give a description of the state. Name yourself the Hebrew Socialist Republic – it is none of my business."

Abbas also said he will not resume peace talks until Israel enforces a complete settlement freeze and that Netanyahu must commit to the notion of a Palestinian state, not the "economic peace" the Israeli leader has been promoting.

"If you do not want the two-

the Jewish people is an essential and necessary step in the historic process of reconciliation between Israel and the Palestinians," the statement read. "The more the Palestinians assimilate this fundamental and substantive fact, the sooner the peace between the two nations will progress toward fruition."

Netanyahu is expected to put three major requests to Obama in mid-May: That the United States undertake to prevent Iran going nuclear, that it recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people, and that it back the notion of limited sovereignty for the Palestinians.

At the start of the policy review in early

April, Netanyahu seemed to make Palestinian recognition of Israel as the state of the Jewish people a condition for resuming talks. Now, however, he says there are no preconditions, but that such recognition and acceptance by the Palestinians of limited sovereignty will be imperative if future talks are to be successful.

The Americans seem ready to accept the idea of Israel

as the Jewish state. Special U.S. Mideast envoy George Mitchell, on his most recent visit to Jerusalem in mid-April, deliberately referred to Israel as such. The Americans also traditionally have supported the idea of limited sovereignty for the Palestinian state – for example, that it would not be allowed to maintain an army, conclude treaties with foreign powers hostile to Israel or control its air and electromagnetic space, and that its border entry points would be monitored for contraband weaponry.

Given the Obama administration's proactive, interlinked problem-solving approach, Israel and the Palestinians soon will be under strong pressure to re-engage. When they do, the degree to which Netanyahu is able to enlist American support for his vision of the Israeli-Palestinian solution will be crucial in shaping the final outcome.

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**"It is not my job to give a description of the state. Name yourself the Hebrew Socialist Republic – it is none of my business."**

Mahmoud Abbas

state solution, then what do you accept?" Abbas said.

Abbas also drew his red line on the final borders of the two states.

"We want a state on the 1967 borders, not a centimeter more, not a centimeter less," he said.

Israel's Foreign Ministry responded to Abbas' remarks in a statement released Monday evening.

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**SARNA: What history can tell us about challenges in American Judaism today**

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"Where we are today?" Sarna asked rhetorically. "We are really, at the moment, at the beginning of the crisis. In many ways, it is much like the different stages of coping with death – the first is denial." "We are a third-poorer than we were a year ago, at least," he continued. "It has not sunk in that we have to make cuts of about one-third. Not only are endowments down, but there are declines in gift-giving, even as needs are up."

Stepping back with his historical perspective, Sarna said: "This always happens in a depression; it resembles what happened in 1929." Sarna went on to talk about how the Bank of the United States, a Jewish-owned bank, when it went under, was responsible for, according to Sarna, a quarter of the American Jewish population losing money. "There are quotes from Mordechai Kaplan (rabbi and essayist and founder of Reconstructionist Judaism) about how much money he lost in 1929. The more things change, the more they remain the same."

Sarna cited the historical parallels because he believes that are important lessons to be remembered. "There are lessons from the Great Depression that are very relevant today.

"The most important one, the one that I'm most concerned about, is the abandonment in gains in Jewish education prior to 1929. The number of Jewish students enrolled dropped, adult Jewish education collapsed." Sarna says costs were huge. "Young Jews who grew up in the 1930s were as ignorant as any generation," he said. "We paid a huge price. It was a time when American Jews turned inward. We didn't pay as much attention to what was going on in Germany in 1931 as we should have."

Still, Sarna continued, from a historical point, the 1930s changed America in a very significant way, and it also changed the American Jewish community. "The five-day work week had enormous implications for the Jewish Sabbath," he said. "Government took more and more responsibility for community services; it was a model of centralization."

In an elliptical leap to the issues of today, Sarna juxtaposed the lessons of the New Deal under Franklin Roosevelt with the possibilities of becoming energy independent under Barack Obama. "If we really become energy independent, it will have an enormous impact on American Middle East policy and on the economics

of Arab oil supply," he said.

**THE MADOFF MINDSET**

Sarna also talked about how the 1980s influenced the American Jewish community. "Ronald Reagan said that government was the problem, not the solution. I think that the Jewish community was influenced by the anti-government currents."

In the new world of enterprise, Sarna continued, there was a feeling that there was a "bloated" central government

smart fund, one could almost get 10 percent guaranteed. That overconfidence led to the race to Bernie Madoff."

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There are some positive developments, Sarna said, in times of recession and depression. "Jews turn to one another, as part of faith and kinship and the traditions of self-help and mutual aid," he said. "There is always a strong sense of *mispuchah*."

"In the 1930s, the Jewish community assumed responsibility for helping their own. Generations lived together, often in a multi-generational home," he said. Today, he continued, "this is a marvelous time to strengthen the notion that all Jews are responsible for one another, one big family, and that we can help each other."

Sarna continued: "America venerates the individual cowboy, but we Jews have a long tradition of helping one another."

Sarna, who said he is very wary about predicting the future, warning that "prophecies are dangerous," said that he thought there were be many mergers in the future.

Quoting Warren Buffet, Sarna said: "You don't know who's swimming naked until the tide goes out; if the downturn

stretches beyond 2010, the question is: what naked bodies do we see? Who does not have the economic cover to survive?"

**TRENDS TO WATCH**

Sarna said that there are certain trends to watch. "We are seeing that several Jewish organizations have merged, or are close to being merged, with non-Jewish organizations," he said.

In Toledo, Ohio, a Jewish community center merged with the YMCA, Sarna reported. He cited the merger of Baltimore Hebrew with Towson State College in Maryland. "Look at Jewish hospitals – Beth Israel Deaconess couldn't have happened 70 years ago."

Also, Sarna said that many federations and Jewish organizations are beginning to re-engage with smaller donors. "Many federations began to focus on big givers, for purposes of efficiency," he said. "As a result, small donors felt neglected. The Obama presidential campaign taught us that is much easier to engage small donors efficiently."

*The JFRI annual meeting on Monday, May 11, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. In addition to the keynote address by Sarna, it will also be an evening of community awards and recognition. For more information, call 421-4111, ext. 158.*

**"Young Jews who grew up in the 1930s were as ignorant as any generation. We paid a huge price."**

Jonathan Sarna

in the Jewish community.

"New foundations emerged," he said. "There was a venture capital mindset, promoting innovation and experimentation. The new foundations felt that they were creatively spending the money."

In the entrepreneurial world of venture capital, there was a growing overconfidence. "There was a feeling: smart Jews could make money, whatever the market did. For a price, we could also join a

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AS WE GROW OLDER

The obvious – and more subtle – signs of aging

*Forgetting of names is one of the unexplainable changes*

INDICATIONS that we are getting older are numerous. Some are obvious. Our hair turns gray and wrinkles become deeper and harder to disguise. Other signs are subtle and internal and tend to be private. But they are even more



Tema Gouse

telling of the advancing years and infinitely more annoying. We acknowledge how fortunate we are to live so many years, but we do not appreciate that longevity has a price. Decreased stamina is an annoyance that we feel is unjustified. We joke about the frequency of doctor visits we make and the ever-increasing number of specialists we now list in our phone directories.

We resent the high cost of pharmaceuticals that are not covered by the so-called Medicare Drug Assistance program. And, we feel deprived by the price

we pay for over-eating or indulging in overly rich food. Then, when our doctors (with great trepidation) hint that the causes of poor sleep, indigestion, backaches and exhaustion are attributable to old age, we resent their honesty and the lack of solutions.

Well, those are the obvious signs of growing old. But it is the unexplainable changes that are harder to understand. Let's begin with names, or the forgetting of names. Or, not even recognizing the lady you meet in the supermarket who greets you warmly (by name) whose name or identity are completely absent from your consciousness.

This seems to happen to me often, because people have seen my super photo on these pages. It is not only embarrassing, but it is very threatening to seniors who are daily realizing their diminishing recall.

But that is only the beginning. Then, they ask about your children – by name. And, it behooves you to reciprocate; only you cannot even recall whether they have ever had children, let



alone remember their names. It is the better part of wisdom not to inquire about the person's spouse, because they may no longer be married or the spouse (he or she) may no longer be amongst us.

**"There are pluses and minuses to this business of getting older, but those who are privileged to last a long time are the blessed ones."**

I will share a partial solution I have evolved about this dilemma. When I realize I am facing this situation, I immediately inform the unidentifiable person that I am old enough to admit that my memory is poorer, and I am no longer embarrassed about forgetting names.

If that does not resolve the quandary, then the problem is theirs, not mine.

The inability to keep track of where things are is a problem that starts young and is frustrating. But, with each decade, this intensifies and the capability of resolution decreases. It may have some relationship to the memory issues I just elaborated on. You happily find your car keys where they are supposed to be, but by the time you are leaving home, the keys are nowhere to be found.

It is not in good taste to make two appointments for the same day and hour. But we oldesters occasionally do that. If you start a book and then do not pick it up again for a few days, you may have to start over at the beginning.

You know you are getting old when you do not mind staying home all day. Or, for several days. You are

aging when heating leftovers is preferable to getting dressed and going to a restaurant.

It is shocking to realize that your friend's grandchildren have finished college, gotten married, and earn more than your final salary on the job. The diminishment of our senses is

staggering. I woke up one day and realized that I had totally lost my sense of smell. I woke up another day and found I could see better without glasses than I could wearing them!

I find myself frequently asking speakers to repeat themselves. And, after my 80th birthday, I realized that everyone on TV was speaking more indistinguishably. And, I am among the lucky ones of my generation where diminishment of senses is concerned.

We must examine these issues from the perspective of younger generations. I must admit that I enjoy being on the receiving end of regular phone calls from the offspring. It was not always that way. It is nice having them as consultants on purchases and mechanical problems. An astonishing number of young drivers stop their cars when they see I am waiting to cross the street. If it makes you feel older, then you have a problem. The grandchildren have a stronger Jewish identity than their parents have, and that is just fine with me.

There are pluses and minuses to this business of getting older, but those who are privileged to last a long time are the blessed ones!

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# Jewish Community Calendar

## Friday

### May 1

**Social Action Shabbat**  
Sister Anne Keefe of St. Michael's Church will speak.

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

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 331-6070

## Sunday

### May 3

**Blood Drive**  
Observe the *mitzvah of pikuah nefesh*.

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

**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 785-1500

**Jewish Historical Society Annual Meeting**  
Bernard Fishman discusses the role of history museums in Jewish life.

**WHERE:** JCCRI Social Hall, 130 Sessions St., Providence

**WHEN:** 2 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Info@rijha.org, or 331-1360

## Monday

### May 4

**Victory Day Concert**  
Concert will feature Russian pianist Boris Nosovsky.

**WHERE:** JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 861-8800, ext. 108

## Wednesday

### May 6

**Christine Amanpour**  
Rebroadcast of "Live from the 92<sup>nd</sup> St. Y" program

**WHERE:** JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 861-8800, ext. 108

## Thursday

### May 7

**Nobel Prize winning physician at Miriam**  
Dr. Bernard Lown will speak on "Doctor diplomacy helps end the Cold War."

**WHERE:** Miriam Hospital, Hurvitz board room

**WHEN:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** Register at 444-4800

**The Event for Women**  
Installation of JFRI's Women's Alliance president, Bonnie Stein-

berg Jennis.

**WHERE:** RISD Museum of Art

**WHEN:** 7-9 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 421-4111

**Circle of Consolation**  
Bereavement discussion group.

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

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 785-1500

## Monday

### May 11

**Jewish Community Annual Meeting**

A celebration of our community's achievements, with a talk by Jonathan Sarna on "The American Jewish community in the post-Madoff world."

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** JCCRI Social Hall, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence

**MORE INFO:** 421-4111, ext. 158

## Tuesday

### May 12

**Survivor shares her story**  
Alice Goldstein will speak at Laurelmead, in a program sponsored by the Holocaust Education & Resource Center of R.I.

**WHERE:** Laurelmead, 355 Blackstone Blvd., Providence

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THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATION and Resource Center of Rhode Island will honor its A-List – Alan Hassenfeld, Aram Garabedian, and Arthur Robbins – Tuesday, May 19, at a noon luncheon at the Providence Biltmore. If you would like an invite to attend, call 453-7860.

**WHEN:** 2 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 453-7860.

**Midrasha Graduation**

Program will be a teen recognition night

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

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 331-0956

## Saturday

### May 16

**It's a Grand Night For Singing**  
An evening of cabaret, fine wine and entertainment; fundraiser to benefit Temple Beth-El.

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m.

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

**MORE INFO:** 331-6070

## Friday

### May 15

**Shalom Playgroup**  
For children, newborn to six years. Listen to a story, participate in activity/craft.

**WHERE:** Learn All About It, 300 Quaker Lane, Warwick

**WHEN:** 10 a.m.

**MORE INFO:** Wendy Joering, 421-4111, ext. 169, or wjoering@jfri.org.

**Shabbat for Young Families**

Kid-friendly Shabbat dinner, followed by interactive service.

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

**WHEN:** 5:45 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 785-1800

**COST:** \$10/family

## Sunday

### May 17

**Yiddish Theater: A Love Story**  
Award-winning Israeli film documentary by Dan Katzir, ice cream social to follow.

**WHERE:** Location: Beth Shalom Synagogue Hall (Rochambeau & Camp Sts., Providence)

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 621-9393

**COST:** \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door.

**Annual Meeting**

The Rosalea E. and Newton B. Cohn 154th annual meeting, with Daniel Kertzner serving as chair.

**WHEN:** 4 p.m.

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

**MORE INFO:** 331-6070

## Monday

### May 18

**Charity Golf Tournament**

The 24th Annual JCC Charity Golf Tournament will be held at take place on an exclusive TCP course, home to the Deutsche Bank Championship.

**WHERE:** Tournament Players Club, 400 Arnold Palmer Blvd. Norton, Mass.  
**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m.

**COST:** Range of giving opportunities

**MORE INFO:** 861-8800 or fitness@jccri.org

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**Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Annual Community Meeting of Recognition**

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
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**Keynote Speaker**  
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## World-class medical care in community setting

*A Jewish hospital maintains its identity*

By NANCY KIRSCH  
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IT MIGHT BE the opening line from an old-time comic's shtick: "What do you get when you have a Muslim resident, an Orthodox Jewish resident and a Lutheran minister as the chaplain at a hospital that was founded by Jews?"

The punch line is: The Miriam Hospital; with a Muslim resident, an Orthodox Jewish resident, and a Lutheran chaplain, it embodies the *haimisch* nature of a small community hospital with the medical expertise and finesse of far larger medical institutions.

"I would take his pager when he needed to pray and he'd take mine when I went to pray," said Dr. Bashar Staitieh, a third-year resident at The Miriam Hospital, describing his pager exchange with Dr. Brian Barr, a first-year medical resident who is an Orthodox Jew.

As a Muslim, whose mother is Iraqi and whose father is Palestinian, Staitieh prays five times a day. He recently won the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award.

Both Staitieh and Barr commend Dr. Fred Schiffman and Dr. Dominic Tammaro,

program directors for the joint residency program in medicine between The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital, for being so accommodating of their respective needs.

Barr, who works on Shabbat, prefers working at The Miriam Hospital, as it's closer to his home and there are fewer stairs to climb.

"I've spoken to friends in other hospitals," said Barr, "and they don't have it as easy as I do." The program directors assigned Barr to Rhode Island Hospital in warmer months and The Miriam Hospital in colder months, so that his walk to work would be easier.

### THE MIRIAM

Founded as a Jewish hospital and described today by Debbi Gilstein Jaffe, chief development officer for The Miriam Hospital Foundation, "as a Jewish hospital that serves everyone," the hospital acts globally and locally.

### EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Emek Medical Center in Afula and The Miriam have a learning-exchange program with a small group from each hospital. "They've taught us a lot about emergency preparedness," said Jeff Brier, formerly the president of the board of trustees of The Miriam Hospital and now the president of the board of The Miriam Hospital Foundation. "We taught them to

do ultrasounds in the emergency rooms."

That both hospitals have chief executive officers who are women leads to other collaborations, he said.

### AIDS RESEARCH

Both Brian Jones, a former *Providence Journal* reporter who's now writing a history of the hospital, and Dr. Fred Schiffman, lauded the extraordinary role of Dr. Charles Carpenter, who has a nearly "(Albert) Sweitzer-like concern for AIDS patients," said Jones.

He immersed the hospital in AIDS work, at a time when the disease was despised and feared by many. His work in treating both ACI inmates and women with AIDS, two underserved populations, has been extraordinary, Jones said.

Carpenter's success in getting national funding for research and clinical care has helped make the hospital one of the nation's leading AIDS centers, Jones said.

The hospital also established Sunrise House, two homes for AIDS patients to live in.

### INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

Carpenter also established the international health program at The Miriam, said Schiffman. Through Carpenter, who practiced medicine in Calcutta, our physicians have learned that

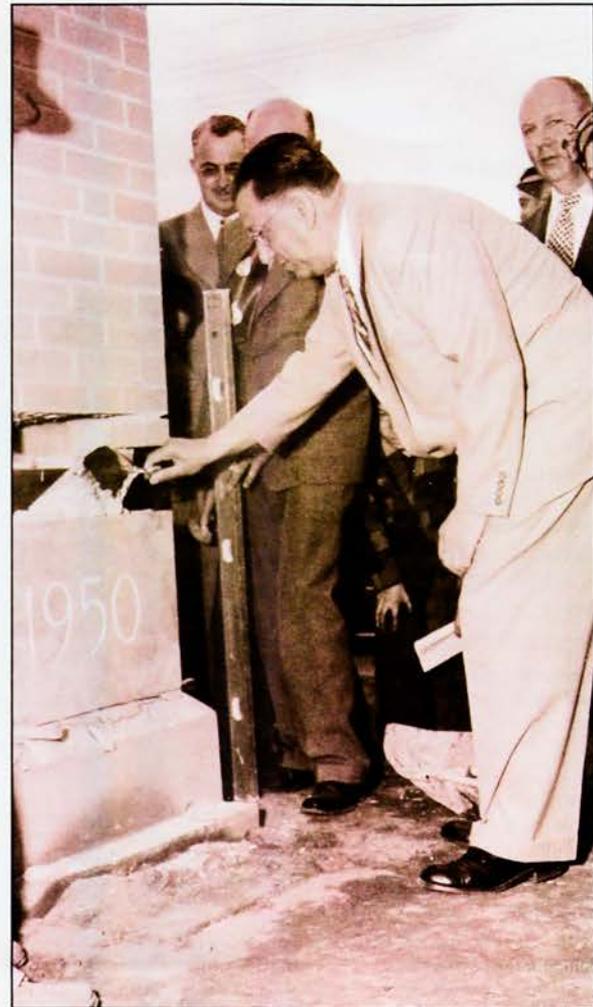


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**BENJAMIN BRIER** at the groundbreaking of The Miriam Hospital on Summit Avenue.

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♥ You can get good biceps or good triceps, but an overall great looking, strong arm requires strong shoulders and upper back muscles, so you need to exercise the rear deltoids, rhomboids and deltoids.

♥ While some people prefer to work out on machines, Barth prefers free weights, as they provide more flexibility and exercise choices.

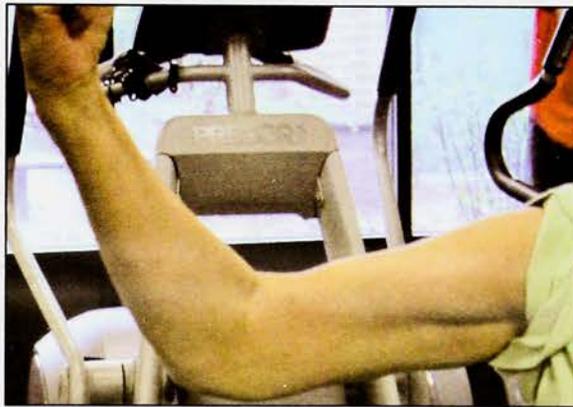
♥ Whether you use machines or free weights, you can't just go through the motions, said Barth. There's a real mind-body connection, she said, so focus on the exercise and pay attention to what the muscle is doing for the best workout.

♥ Getting overall cardio exercise is important, too, to burn fat and allow muscle definition to show.

♥ Kick-boxing, circuit training and full body workout classes are excellent ways to build and strengthen arm and shoulder muscle definition. Specific targeted exercises, such as shoulder presses, upright rows, lateral raises, front raises, bicep curls and tricep dips, are key to building better arms.

♥ As we age, women's triceps, in particular, need extra attention. The flabby under-arm (or what I call the "flag" or "wave") is a challenging area that normal every day chores – gardening or raking, for example – won't necessarily address.

♥ Reading no, music yes, said Barth, so those of us (I count myself among the guilty) who read while exercising should stop. Just as we shouldn't distract ourselves with reading or watching TV while we're eating, we should focus our attention on the actual exercise, she explained. Music, on the other hand, can energize our brains and our



EVERYONE, IT SEEMS, is talking about First Lady Michelle Obama's arms, a fashion statement for women today.

bodies. The more energized and excited our minds are, the better our bodies perform.

♥ It's a lifetime commitment, like fidelity, said Barth. You can't do it for a while and then stop doing it and expect to look and feel as good. It's not easy, but it's worthwhile.

Albin Moser, director of rowing with the Narragansett Boat Club (NBC), offered some thoughts about rowing and why it's great for our arms and our entire bodies.

♥ It's a total body experience that works all the major muscle groups of the legs, the lower back, the shoulders and the arms. Someone who really pursues rowing develops an incredible cardiovascular capacity, similar to that of cross-country runners.

♥ It's better to be cardio-fit and then begin rowing, Moser said, than to row as a means of becoming fit. That's because it takes some time before someone can get the cardio benefits of rowing. Learning to row can take as little as two to three months for someone who's already athletic and who commits the time and effort it takes.

♥ Rowing on the indoor rowing machines – such as those at the JCC Fitness Center – is a great place to start, as long as you have a coach watching you row. Bad rowing techniques – not using your legs properly, over-using your back, rowing short and high, for example – will lead to unproductive rowing and possible injuries or unnecessary strain.

♥ NBC has a range of boats – from a single scull boat that weighs about 31 pounds to an eight-oared shell holding nine people that weighs less than 200 pounds and many more – available for club members and classes.

♥ Moser, who has been rowing since 1964, encourages

**"You can get good biceps or good triceps, but an overall great looking, strong arm requires strong shoulders and upper back muscles."**

people who have never rowed to attend the club's beginner classes.

♥ Quoting from a January 21, 2008 *Providence Journal* column by Harold Ambler, "Rowing is the only sport in which novices have become Olympians in as little as two to three years, and that is not because it is easier than other sports or because there is less competition for spots. The competition for spots on the Olympic team is fierce."

Even if you have no desire to reside at the White House or be an Olympic contender, you can get those arms in better shape. If Michelle Obama finds time to exercise, surely we can, too.

For a list of JCC fitness classes or info about a personal trainer: [www.jccri.org](http://www.jccri.org), 861-8800, ext. 117. For info about NBC classes or the upcoming open house: [www.rownbc.org](http://www.rownbc.org), 272-1838. JCC members can get discounts on NBC classes.

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## From makeup to Botox, spa offers treatments to improve our looks

BY NANCY KIRSCH  
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**I** CONFESS: I'm "style-impaired." I don't get manicures, I'm all thumbs trying to style my hair with a blow dryer, and my teen-aged daughter bemoans my lack of artistry with makeup and fashion. Nevertheless, when I saw the "before and after pictures" of women – and men – who had a little help along the way from Sea Mist Skin Rejuvenation Center, and because I crave new experiences, I put myself in the capable hands of Ellen Scobie, R.N., the owner of Sea Mist, a medi-spa offering Botox, facials, massage, treatments for acne, brown spots, hair removal and more.

The salon in South Kingstown now sells Bare essentials, an all-natural makeup line by bare Minerals, and Biophora Skin Care Line, which offers all-natural cleansers, toners moisturizers, eye creams and night creams.

My initial visit, briefly described in the January 23, Bridal 2009 Showcase issue of *The Voice & Herald* ("Spa treat-

## Facial fillers work wonders



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ments: A little luxury goes a long way"), was followed with another appointment – where I received injections into my cheeks of calcium-based dermal filler,

made by Radiesse, that "restores volume and promotes the growth of the body's

own collagen," according to Radiesse's written materials.

In addition to being "style-impaired," I'm not a big fan of needles or pain. The good news, though, is that Scobie adds

some lidocaine, a local, fast-acting anesthetic, to the mix. She's also incredibly patient and reassuring, as she prepared me for the injections, reminding

me to use the same breathing/panting techniques that help women during

labor and delivery.

While getting three injections in each cheek wasn't exactly fun, the outcome was worth it. In less time than it takes to visit the dentist for a routine

**"In less time than it takes to visit the dentist, I looked lighter. My face looked less droopy, less drawn."**

cleaning, I was done and looked, to my eyes, noticeably, well, lighter and happier. My face looked less droopy, less drawn. I could see an immediate, yet subtle, difference. Scobie sent me on my way with reminders to apply ice to the area for a few minutes at a time to reduce the swelling and risk of bruising; a day or two later, she called to see how I was feeling.

When I think about it, it's all somewhat ironic. So many of us spend countless hours and lots of energy dieting. Yet, as we age, we look better with more facial fullness.

Since I'm relatively thin, I had to rely on the Radiesse injection to make my face look fuller. It does look fuller and now, I can actually feel my cheekbones. The injections' benefits are expected to last six months or so.

Unlike manicures or new lipsticks, which are fairly inexpensive indulgences, these treatments required some financial planning, at least for me. Some people may buy Coach bags or Stuart Weitzman shoes, but I'm saving my nickels, dimes and quarters to spend on Radiesse. Unlike purses and shoes, I've only got one face and I'm determined to make it look as good as possible, even with my "style impairment."

For more information, contact the Center, 36 South County Commons Way, Suite C-5, South Kingstown, at 782-2400 or [www.seamistrejuvenation.com](http://www.seamistrejuvenation.com).

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PROVIDENCE – Open since August of 2008, Summit Commons, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center on Hillside Ave. in Providence, now offers a secure special care unit for patients with Alzheimer's or other related dementia and memory conditions. The 50-bed unit, called Candlewood Care for the Memory Impaired, which opened earlier this week, is expected to fill up quickly. Other areas of the nursing home have beds available, especially in the short-term rehab area.

The building, formerly the site of The Jewish Home for the Aged and, more recently, Hillside Health Care Center, went through a complete upgrade, said Tom Lavallee, Summit Commons' administrator. In addition to addressing the physical plant itself, "we put in electric beds and plasma TVs in all the patient rooms, vinyl wall coverings, beautiful paintings, and new rehab equipment," said Lavallee. Summit Commons has also been able to provide kosher meals for those who request them, he said, with catered meals from Divine Providence Catering Services.

In all, the facility hosts 130 beds in a combination of private or double rooms; and people are there temporarily for rehabilitation, hospice or respite care, or long-term. The facility accepts Medicaid, Medicare, most private and managed care insurance plans.

In Rhode Island, Radius Management Services owns two skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, Summit Commons on the East Side of Providence, and Water-view Villa in East Providence; the company owns eight other facilities scattered around metropolitan Boston.

For more information about Summit Commons, at 99 Hillside Avenue, Providence, contact 574-4800 or [www.radiushealthcenters.com](http://www.radiushealthcenters.com). Melissa Mitchell, admissions coordinator, is available to give tours and provide information.

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presented by Bill Johnson LICSW  
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## Adoption Options informational meeting

PROVIDENCE – Adoption Options will hold a free informational session for individuals considering adoption or wanting more information about adoption on May 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Jewish Family Service, 959 North Main Street, Providence.

Licensed adoption workers will attend the meeting to provide information and answer questions. Adoption Options, a nonsectarian, nonprofit adoption program of Jewish Family Service, works with prospective adoptive parents, birth parents and those who have been adopted. Licensed in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the agency works to help all individuals understand their options and make the most informed decisions possible.

For more information, contact Peg Boyle at 331-5437 or visit [www.AdoptionOptions.org](http://www.AdoptionOptions.org).



STUDENTS COME TOGETHER in the Nir School of the Heart. Picture courtesy of Dr. Jacques Benun

## R.I. doctors plant volunteers in Middle East

*Lessons of the heart open doors to building connections among youth*

By NANCY KIRSCH  
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THE NIR SCHOOL of the Heart, established in 1998, aims to enrich Middle Eastern teenagers' development by teaching them the medical sciences, with an emphasis on cardiology, and engaging them in bridge-building social and cultural activities.

Some 40 to 60 teens - Arab Israeli, Jewish Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian - participate in the program that meets four times during an 18-month period. In that time, the group meets generally for a week at a time and most often in Israel, though last year, they also met in Jordan.

"The groups are split into different color teams," said Jacques Benun, M.D., a pediatrician with Hasbro Hospital and one of the two local physicians who participate in this initiative. "Through group dynamics and games, they learn to coexist and they discover how much they have in common." English is the common language.

Benun, who attended a Jewish high school in his home country of Canada and went to Israel as a teenager, said, "I've seen the Jewish side, but (now) I see Israel from Palestinian and Arabic perspectives. I would never have met Palestinian or Arabic teens (without this program)." It gives me a changed perspective, he said.

In a letter to Benun, one student wrote, in part, "We all learned to love each other and were like a big family and you're like our father. Keep being

the wonderful person you are and healing sick people to live normal lives and share your intelligence with us." In the signature line, she demonstrated some of her acquired knowledge by including a hand-drawn heart that identified the right atrium, left atrium, right and left ventricles and the septum.

Although he's a doctor and not a politician or a seer, Benun responded positively to the question, "Is there hope for peace?" "Yes, there is," said Benun. "It's what inspired me to go (on this program). I hope they will become future leaders and put the past behind them. I hope to inspire one or two of them to look beyond all this and try to make peace."

After several years in operation, the program now has an alumni group and many of the students come back to volunteer, said Benun. The program charges no tuition or fees to the students, he said, but parents must support their children's involvement. Benun and a fellow Hasbro physician, Dr. Adam Pallant, take vacation time during the summer to volunteer with the program.

*The NIR School, a nonprofit organization based in Israel, hopes to play a constructive role in strengthening cross-border social and professional relationships. Contact information is at [www.nirschool.org](http://www.nirschool.org) or [info@nirschool.org](mailto:info@nirschool.org).*

## Vascular disease often goes undetected

*Smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol are risk factors*

By VOICE HERALD STAFF  
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FALL RIVER, Mass. - The Center for Vascular Disease includes a group of three vascular surgeons, all board certified, who specialize in diagnosing and managing vascular disease. Unlike many surgeons, these doctors focus first on counseling and treatment of vascular disease and only later on surgery.

Risk factors for stroke and cardiac disease are also risk factors for vascular disease - smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and a family history of the disease. According to Martin Fogle, M.D., a physician in the practice, cramping in legs when walking is one early

symptom of peripheral arterial disease (PAD), and PAD in the legs can be associated with vascular disease in other parts of the body which can be precursors of strokes or other serious medical conditions.

They emphasize counseling and lifestyle changes and procedures to prevent the devastating outcomes of stroke, amputation or aortic rupture, said Fogle. While carotid surgery is sometimes necessary, they can often treat the problem with less invasive endovascular surgical techniques.

*The Center for Vascular Surgery, part of Prima CARE, a 17-year-old practice of 56 physicians, is based in Fall River, Mass. They have privileges at Fall River's St. Anne's Hospital and Charlton Memorial Hospital, Newport Hospital, and The Miriam Hospital in Providence. For more information, contact 508-673-4329 or [www.prima-care.com](http://www.prima-care.com).*

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ON WORDEN'S POND

**MIRIAM:** The Jewish community's hospital maintains its identity

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"the world is our responsibility," said Schiffman. One-third of our residents work overseas, he said.

Although he grew up in the heartland of America – Kansas – Staitieh hopes to eventually practice, at least for a while, in Morocco, where his father has friends, and then Beirut. "There's so much need," he said, for doctors in these places.

**HOSPITAL SERVES EVERYONE**

Recognizing the value of promoting health and fitness and being part of the Jewish community, the hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Kathleen Hittner, immediately agreed to sponsor the JCC road race when asked.

"The Miriam Hospital is one of the Jewish agencies and we want to be part of the Jewish community," said Brier. Supporting the road race and talking with other Jewish agencies about their needs, as well as including the president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and a Rhode Island Board of Rabbis' representative as ex-officio members of the hospital board, demonstrate that involvement.

The annual Jewish medical ethics forum, first established in 1998, is another way we maintain our Jewish history and culture, said Jaffe. The annual conferences are open to the public and engender valuable discussion about significant medical ethics issues.

**JEWISH PRESENCE**

There is Jewish art in the building, mezzuzot at each patient room (a project that engaged the students of the Jewish day schools, said Brier) and special mezzuzot for building entrances, kosher-style food served to patients and in the cafeteria, Judaica sold in the gift shop and holiday treats (such as apples and honey at Rosh Hashanah) prepared by members of the hospital's Women's Association for the patients...the Jewish connection continues.

In fact, said Brier, after the hospital became part of Lifespan, an ad hoc committee was formed out of concern that "The Miriam might lose its unique Jewish identity."

A study ensued and several recommendations were adopted, including, among others, the installation of the mezzuzot, developing or collaborating on several programs with other Jewish agencies, sharing the hospital's community education and screening program and quality measurement tools with the entire Lifespan community, having a manual door for Shabbat use, sharing the Jewish



FRED SCHIFFMAN, MD, FACP, is the clinical director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Rhode Island, The Miriam and Newport hospitals.

Photo by Nancy Kirsch



SANDY COLETTA, the hospital's former chief operating officer, Jeff Brier and Dr. Kathleen Hittner at the May 25, 2005 groundbreaking for the Baxt Building.

Photo courtesy of The Miriam Hospital

holidays calendar with Lifespan and encouraging it to refrain from scheduling meetings on Jewish holidays.

**CARING FOR PATIENTS**

You never want to be a hospital patient, said Jaffe, but "Miriam's nurses and doctors treat you as part of The Miriam family. It's a spectacular environment."

The hospital's desire to always strive to improve were cited by both Schiffman and Jones, who lauded Hittner's openness in discussing and publicizing the wrong-site knee surgery that was performed last September.

The hospital has received the Magnet nursing award

three times for nursing excellence. According to the Lifespan web site, of the 67 Magnet hospitals in the U.S., The Miriam was the ninth to achieve the Magnet status and the first in New England.

"We're all former camp counselors who want to get the best of everyone," said Schiffman. "We have brilliant students to work with."

Schiffman credits his father, an award-winning teacher, coach and guidance counselor, as his role model. Although Schiffman was eager to show me pictures of his grown children and young grandchildren, he never mentioned the awards

from Brown Medical School, fellow physicians and students recognizing his teaching and clinical skills that hung on his office walls.

The hospital's leadership, under Hittner, and the multi-generational involvement of so many men and women in the hospital, were two key attributes many interviewees cited as reasons for its unique character.

"My paternal grandfather (Benjamin Brier) was involved with The Miriam years ago," said Brier, whose grandfather dug out some soil when the facility moved from Parade Street to its current Summit Avenue location. "I was within feet of the spot where he stood when I helped at the groundbreaking of the Baxt Building."

As chairman of the board of trustees of The Miriam Hospital, Ed Feldstein said, "In my role, I hope to continue the tradition of a high-quality hospital serving the Rhode Island community. We're very fortunate to have a very dedicated, high caliber group of hospital trustees and governors and The Miriam Hospital Foundation trustees and other volunteer groups, such as the Women's Association, that help out at the hospital."

Finally, Rhode Island native Kiley Toder, the daughter of Dr. Scott and Kim Toder, residents of the Oak Hill neighborhood of Pawtucket, will come home, as she will be a first year resident at the hospital this summer. She wrote, "As a middle school student, I slammed my finger in the car door in an attempt to beat my sister to ride 'shotgun' on Rosh Hashanah. I ended up riding 'shotgun' to The Miriam and spent Yom Kippur atoning."

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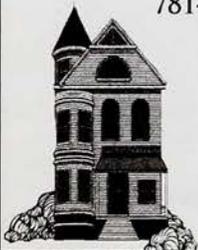


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**The flavors of spring**

*Artichokes, fava beans and strawberries are colorful additions*

BY NANCY KIRSCH  
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**S**PRING BRINGS a substantial bounty of delectable fruits and vegetables, and many of them make delicious appetizers, desserts and more. Why not make some of these for dinners at home, with your family, or for special occasion meals? These recipes represent the 'book-ends' the meal, with two salads and two desserts.

**Coleslaw and Radish Salad**  
Ingredients

- 1 large red cabbage, grated (remove core first)
- 1 large carrot, grated
- 4 radishes, grated
- 1 small mild onion, grated
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon brown mustard salt and pepper to taste

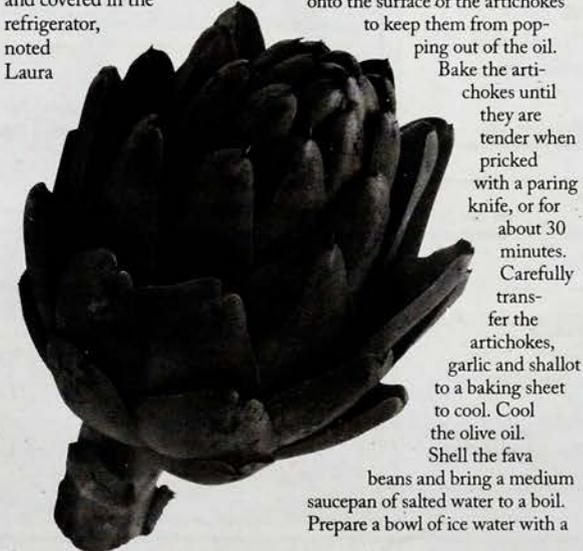
**Method**

Mix together cabbage, carrot, radishes and onions. Stir in vinegar, sugar, olive oil, mustard, salt and pepper, mixing well. Refrigerate before serving. Makes 6 servings.

*Recipe from Eat! Enjoy! The 101 Best Jewish Recipes in America, by Honey & Larry Zisman, published by St. Martin's Griffin, 2000.*

**Artichoke Confit and Fava Bean Salad**

The artichokes can be prepared up to one week in advance, the fava beans can be prepared up to two days ahead and the confit olive oil keeps for several weeks, each stored separately, and covered in the refrigerator, noted Laura



Frankel, author of *Jewish Cooking for All Seasons*.

**Confit Ingredients**

- 1 lemon
- 8 baby artichokes or frozen artichoke bottoms, thawed
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 thyme sprigs
- 1 medium shallot
- about 2 cups extra-virgin olive oil

**Remaining Ingredients**

- 1-pound fresh fava beans in the shell
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint leaves
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 4 cups mixed salad greens

**Method**

Preheat oven to 275°. Cut the lemon in half, squeeze the juice into a medium-sized bowl with water, and place the lemon in the water.

Snap off the outer leaves at the base of the artichoke. Trim off the green outer layer of the stem, and leave the stem attached to the artichoke. Continue to peel off the outer layer of leaves from the artichoke. Continue trimming until the inner leaves are half green and half yellow, then cut off the top half, leaving a cup-shaped artichoke.

Scoop out the fuzzy choke in the center with a melon ball or small spoon. Drop the cleaned artichoke into the bowl of lemon water. Clean the remaining artichokes in the same manner.

Drain the artichokes and shake off any excess water. Place artichokes (or thawed artichoke bottoms, if using them) in a shallow ovenproof casserole or small baking dish. Add the garlic, thyme and shallot. Pour in enough olive oil to completely cover the artichokes. Loosely cover the casserole with a piece of crumpled wax or parchment paper, pressing it onto the surface of the artichokes

to keep them from popping out of the oil. Bake the artichokes until they are tender when pricked with a paring knife, or for about 30 minutes. Carefully transfer the artichokes, garlic and shallot to a baking sheet to cool. Cool the olive oil. Shell the fava

beans and bring a medium saucepan of salted water to a boil. Prepare a bowl of ice water with a



strainer that fits inside the bowl. Cook the fava beans until tender, about 5 minutes, and drain them into the strainer. Immediately shock the fava beans by plunging them (in the strainer) into the ice water. When favas have completely cooled, remove the strainer from the ice water and peel the transparent skin off the beans.

To make the salad, slice the artichokes in quarters and toss them with the fava beans, mint, parsley, 2 tablespoons of the reserved confit oil, the lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. If desired, chop the confit garlic and shallot and toss with artichoke mixture. Serve on salad greens, sprinkled with additional salt and pepper. Extra confit oil can be stored in a container with a tight-fitting lid and used for vinaigrettes or for sautés. Makes 8 servings.

**Strawberry Sorbet**

Use the sweetest, freshest berries, fresh or frozen, for this sorbet. It can be made 4 days ahead and kept frozen.

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups water (bottled water yields a tastier sorbet)
- 1 and 1/2 cups sugar
- 5 cups best-quality fresh or frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

**Method**

Heat water and sugar in a medium saucepan over low heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Remove the pan from the heat and let cool. Stem the strawberries and puree them in a blender or food processor. Blend the strawberry puree, lemon juice and sugar syrup in a blender or using an immersion blender, and chill the mixture at least 2 hours. Process the sorbet mixture in your ice cream machine, following the manufacturer's instructions. Transfer the sorbet to a covered container and freeze until hard, at least 4 hours or overnight. Makes 4 to 6 servings

*Recipes from Jewish Cooking for All Seasons, Fresh, Flavorful Kosher Recipes for Holidays and Every Day, by Laura Frankel, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2006.*

## Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation distributes funds

*R.I.'s Jewish organizations are primary beneficiaries*

BY NANCY KIRSCH  
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PROVIDENCE – Thirty-eight different nonprofit organizations, most with a “Jewish Rhode Island” focus, received funds from the Helene and Bertram Bernhardt Foundation, ranging from a minimum of \$200 to \$178,354 to Temple Beth-El, where Bertram Bernhardt was the president of the synagogue’s board.

In total, the Foundation disbursed \$411,354, slightly more than last year’s disbursement. The increasing need for services, coupled with a decline in giving dollars generally, led the trustees to authorize these payments.

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

It’s clear that education and Jewish causes were near and dear to the Bernhardts, who never had children. Education-themed grants included funds for a scholarship at Hebrew Union College (\$15,000), The Mothers Circle (\$10,000), URI Hillel (\$10,000), Jewish Community Day School (\$5,000), PJ Library (\$5,000), the Holocaust Education and Resource Center of Rhode Island (\$3,500), Roger Williams University (\$1,000) and Volunteers In Providence Schools (\$1,000).

Additionally, the Jewish

Seniors Agency received \$20,000, Hospice Care of Rhode Island received \$10,000, and Jewish Family Service received a total of \$55,000 (\$25,000 for AgeWell RI, \$20,000 in unrestricted funds and \$10,000 for Keshet).

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island received \$30,000, The Miriam Hospital was given \$20,000, Camp JORI received \$20,000, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island received \$15,000, the Providence *mikveh* was given \$2,500 and Jewish scouting received \$1,000.

Those organizations with a Jewish orientation which received the \$200 gifts are Hadassah, Brown/RISD Hillel Society, American Reform Zionist Association, Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island, National Council of Jewish Women, Touro Synagogue Foundation and New England Rabbinical College.

When the foundation was established, the corpus of the trust was about \$10 million; today, after the stock market’s roller coaster ride, it



Photo courtesy of Jewish Historical Association of Rhode Island

BERTRAM AND HELENE Bernhardt

is worth about \$8 million.

### REMEMBERING THE BERNHARDTS

Helene Donig Bernhardt was always a strong supporter of the Jewish Community Center

**“Never mind who this is, what do you need at the school?”**

### Helene Bernhardt

of Rhode Island, The Miriam Hospital, Jewish Family Service and Temple Beth-El, said Mel Zurier, who had been the lawyer to the Bernhardts before their deaths (Helene’s in 1998 and Bert’s in 2005) and now serves as secretary to the Foundation.

As a young married couple, Bert and Helene moved in with her parents, Daniel and Helen

Donig, to their home on Elton Street. Bert and Helene stayed on there for decades and grew very close to Temple Beth-El’s rabbi, Leslie Gutterman, who lived on the same street. “Les was their virtual son,” said Zurier, and that relationship grew closer after Les’ parents

moved from Michigan to Providence, he added.

In fact, said Zurier, Leslie Gutterman is one of two Foundation trustees, but he recuses himself from any

decisions about disbursements to Temple Beth-El; Zurier, as a lifetime trustee of the Temple Beth-El board, similarly he does not get involved in synagogue decisions pertaining to the Foundation.

Strong-willed and independent, Helene wanted things done her way, Zurier said. A generous woman who often wanted her giving to be anonymous, Helene contacted the principal of Hope High School around 1980 about some philanthropic giving. Zurier explained: “She called up the

principal and said, ‘What do you need?’ He asked, ‘Who is this?’ She replied, ‘Never mind who this is, what do you need at the school?’”

In the course of the conversation, she learned the school needed band uniforms with a \$40,000 price tag; the next day, a \$40,000 check from Helene arrived at the school.

After learning that the women who worked in Temple Beth-El’s main office were frequently cold, due to drafty windows, she made a \$80,000 donation for new windows. She and Bert also established the Helen Donig Talking Books Fund, at Temple Beth-El, in honor of her mother, who had impaired vision.

“Bert was active in cause like ADL and B’nai Brith,” said Zurier. “He was a wonderful salesman, with a natural charm that shone through. Even when he had Alzheimer’s, he was charming.”

### HOW DOES AN AGENCY APPLY?

Zurier emphasized that not-for-profit organizations seeking funding must request in writing a grant application. The organization must be established as a 501 (c) (3) organization and must complete a written grant application. Agencies that wish to request an application should submit their written request to Melvin Zurier, Esq., 123 Dyer St., Second Floor, Providence, R.I. 02903. Applications can be submitted between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31.

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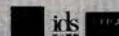
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**Obituaries**

**Esther H. Alter, 90**

WARWICK — Esther Alter, of Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, died April 12. She was married to Albert Alter, who predeceased her, for 68 years.

Born in Willamantic, Conn. to the late Morris and Ida (Litwak) Hazen, she had lived in Warwick for four years, previously living in Providence for 52 years. She was the office manager for her husband's business, retiring 27 years ago. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, a life member of Hadassah, a board member of the Jewish Seniors Agency and was active in the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged, serving as president for three years. She was a graduate of Colt Memorial High School.

She was the mother of Marcia Rouslin and her husband Edward, of Barrington and Lee-Ellen Stutman and her husband Robert, of Boca Raton, Fla.; sister of the late Benjamin Hazen; grandmother of Lawrence, Deborah, Brian and Kimberly; great-grandmother of Henry, Sylvie, Joshua, Jordan, Jillian, Alexandra and Madison; and great-aunt of Meryl.

Contributions may be made to Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick, R.I. 02886.

**Ruth Bilgor, 70**

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Ruth Schor Bilgor, of East Brunswick, New Jersey, and formerly of Providence, died April 25, after a brief illness.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she received her undergraduate degree in fine arts from Syracuse University.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, William, and two daughters, Lesli Bilgor of New York City, and Jayme Totten of Flemington, N.J.

Donations may be made to the Animal Rescue Force, www.arf.petfinder.org.

**Susan Janet Entin, 60**

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Susan Janet Entin, of Fall River, Mass., died April 17. She was the daughter of the late David Entin and Helen (Horvitz) Entin.

Born in Fall River, Mass., she attended the James Tansey Elementary School and graduated from Riverview-Hopefields School in Sandwich, Mass. She worked in her father's law office in Fall River, Mass. She lived in Stockbridge, Mass.; in 1998, she moved to Sakonnet Bay Manor in Tiverton and the Fall River Jewish Home.

Active in Special Olympics, she played the piano and painted; one of her oil paintings won a Massachusetts award and was displayed at the Statehouse in Boston.

She leaves her brother Jeffrey S. Entin and his wife Theresa, of Bristol; her nephew Jonathan Entin, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and her niece Julie Entin Bettencourt and her husband Chris, of Fall River, Mass.

Donations may be made to the Fall River Jewish Home, 538 Robeson St., Fall River, Mass. 02720.

**Gracia Feirouz, 71**

BARRINGTON — Gracia Feirouz, of New Meadow Road, died April 22, at the Lahey Clinic, in Burlington, Mass. Born in Cairo, Egypt, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Esther (Nasi) Shammam.

She was the mother of Liliane Schaperow of Waterford, Conn.; Esterina Lipschutz of Lexington, Mass.; Elie Feirouz of Lexington, Mass.; Jacqueline Feirouz of Narragansett and Joseph Feirouz of Acton, Mass. She was the sister of Dr. Elia Shammam of Providence, and Benoit Shammam, Albert Shammam and Rachel Marzouk, all of Ashdod, Israel; and the grandmother of Samuel, JoAnne, Janice, Daniel, Eric and Elizabeth.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma

Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, Mass. 01202.

**Aaron M. Fox**

PROVIDENCE — Aaron M. Fox died April 24, at the Tockwotton Home. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late David and Anna (Levenson) Fox.

He was a graduate of Hope High School and the University of RI, Phi Kappa Phi, Class of 1951.

A life-long member of Temple Beth-El, he served in the Air Force in Bavaria during the Korean War. He was employed by the Westinghouse Corp. and Benny's for many years.

He was the brother of Morton and Wilma (Fox) Meyers, and the uncle of Stephen P. Meyers, MD; Barbara E. Weber, MD; David and Beth Meyers; Sara Meyers Ata and Edizkan Ata. He was the great-uncle of Anna Rachel Meyers and Noah Daniel Meyers.

Donations may be made to the Tockwotton Home, 75 East St. Providence, R.I. 02903 or the charity of your choice.

**Milton Hodosh, DMD, 83**

PROVIDENCE - Milton Hodosh, DMD, of 2 Harian Road, died of

pancreatic cancer on April 25 at home. He was a practicing dentist, researcher, inventor and scholar.

The son of the late Samuel and Eva Hodosh, he was the husband for the past 56 years of Jacqueline Cohen Hodosh. He is survived by Dr. Steven Hodosh of Barrington; Gail Hodosh Gibbs and her husband Randall of Houston, Texas; and Dr. Alex Hodosh and his wife Cornelia of Jamestown; his four grandchildren, Cameron, Ainsley, Sarah and Benjamin. He was the youngest of five children: Ruth Abramson of Newport, David Hodosh of Providence, Isabel David of Pennsylvania, and the late Mildred Colitz.

A 1950 graduate of Brown University, he received his dental degree from the Tufts School of Dental Medicine, and practiced

dentistry in Rhode Island for more than 50 years. He served on numerous national, regional and state boards including the national dental examination, and held academic appointments at such universities as Harvard, Tufts and Brown.

A pioneer in the field of dental implants, he conducted extensive research and held more than 40 domestic and foreign patents. He patented the key chemical formula for the treatment of dental hypersensitivity that is now the essential ingredient for desensitizing toothpastes worldwide. He continued to actively invent and publish research until the end of his life.

As an athlete, he received five All-State honors in high school in javelin and shot put. At Brown, in 1949, he received an Honorable Mention All-American in football. Inducted into the Brown Hall of Fame for football, he was chosen as the Brown Football All-Decade Team linebacker.

A World War II veteran, he was a hand-to-hand combat instructor in the Navy.

Donations may be made to the Dana Farber Pancreatic Research Center or a hospice organization of your choice.

**Lenka Rose, 84**

PROVIDENCE — Lenka Rose, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died April 17. She was the wife of Max Rose. Born in Czechoslovakia, she was the daughter of the late Zalman and Helen (Klein) Kopolowitz.

A Holocaust survivor, she lived in Providence for more than 50 years before moving to Florida in 2007. A founder of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, she was also a former member of Temple Emanu-El, a life member of Hadassah, and a past president of the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her son Harold and his wife Eileen, of North Attleboro, Mass.; her grandsons Gregory and Mitchell; and her brothers Bernie

Koplin of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Louis Koplin of Milwaukee, Wis.

Donations may be made to the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

**Marjorie L. Tolchinsky, 56**

ELSEWHERE — Marjorie Lynn Tolchinsky, of Alte Monte Springs, Fla., died April 20 at Florida Hospital. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of Shirley (Snyder) Shapiro of Warwick and the late Stanley Tolchinsky. She had lived in Florida for two years and previously lived in Hull, Mass. She was an interior designer.

She was the sister of Jon Tolchinsky and his wife, Mindy, of Warwick and Howard Tolchinsky and his companion, Isabel, of Glendale, Ariz.; and the aunt of Sydney and Zachery.

Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

**Sarah Zenofsky, 87**

CRANSTON — Sarah Zenofsky, of 43 Fordson Ave., died April 24, at home. She was the wife of the late Theodore Zenofsky.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Leberstein) Grossman, she had lived in Cranston for more than 30 years, previously living in Providence.

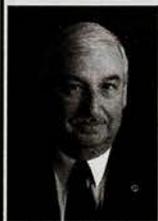
She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and a member of the former Jewish War Veterans Ladies Aux., Post Lt. Leonard Bloom, #284, serving as its treasurer.

She was the mother of Millie Karr and her husband Bob, of Lebec, Calif., and Barbara Zenofsky of Cranston; the sister of Myer Grossman of Warwick, Florence Sarenson of Cranston, Emma Cohen of Calif., and the late Dora Galer, Miriam Kalmick and Bertha and Samuel Grossman; and the grandmother of Karen and Michael.

Contributions may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 N.W. 9th Ave./Bob Hope Road, Miami, Fla. 33136 or Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02905.

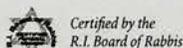
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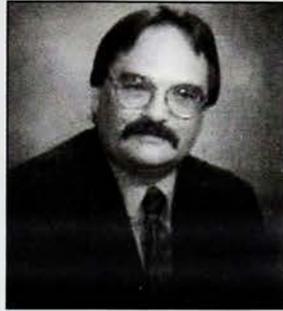
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**Bernard Fishman to address Jewish Historical Association**

PROVIDENCE - Bernard Fishman will deliver the 39<sup>th</sup> annual David C. Adelman Lecture, "From Egypt to Rhode Island: What 30 Years in History Museums Tells Me about the Future of the Past," at the R.I. Jewish Historical Association's 55<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on May 3, at 2 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Fishman, the executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Society, is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Columbia University and holds a master's degree in Egyptology from the University of Pennsylvania. He volunteered in Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur War and



Bernard Fishman

has worked as an archeologist at the University of Chicago's mission in Luxor, the director of four American historical societies, including 13 years as the founding director of the

Jewish Museum of Maryland.

At the meeting, which is free and open to the public, new officers will be installed and outgoing officers acknowledged. Steven M. Brown is completing his fourth year as president as the association; and Stanley Abrams, a past president, will install David H. Leach as the new president and Jane Civins as the new vice president. In addition, Maxine Goldin will continue as secretary and Jack Fradin will continue as treasurer.

For more information about the meeting or association membership, contact Anne Sherman at 331-1360.

**Hadassah leader to speak**

PROVIDENCE - Lorraine Rappoport, a past president of the Western New England Region of Hadassah and a founder of the Center for Emergency Medicine at Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, will speak at the May 14 meeting of the R.I. Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Rappoport, a three-generation life member, has been a leader in numerous elements of Hadassah. She currently serves on the national board and its marketing and communica-

tions division. She is also a teacher and activist.

The May 14 meeting, at 7 p.m., at Highland Place, 101 Highland Ave., Providence, is one of the "Know Hadassah" series to acquaint people with Hadassah's mission and its wide-ranging efforts to achieve its mission.

Open to the public and free, the meeting will include refreshments. For information or directions, contact Hadassah at 463-3636 or rhodeislandchapter@hadassah.org.

**Jewish Community Calendar**

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**Tuesday**

**May 19**

**Honoring the A-List**

The Holocaust Education and Resource Center of R.I. will honor Alan Hassenfeld, Aram Garabedian, and Arthur Robins.

**WHERE:** Providence Biltmore, 11 Dorrance St., Providence.

**WHEN:** Noon

**MORE INFO:** 453-7860

**COST:** \$36 contribution

**Wednesday**

**May 20**

**JCCRI Annual Board of Directors Meeting**

Installation of new president, Douglas Emanuel.

**WHERE:** JCCRI, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**MORE INFO:** 861-8800

**Thursday**

**May 28**

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Adele R. Decof Foundation will celebrate cancer survivors, friends and supporters.

**WHERE:** Hotel Providence, 139

Mathewson St., Providence

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m.

**MORE INFO:** 272-1110

**COST:** Tickets are \$100

The Jewish Community Calendar in *The Voice & Herald* lists events that are open to the public and of interest to the Jewish community in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. The deadline for calendar events is two weeks before the actual publication date of the issue.

For instance, for the issue dated May 15, items will need to be received by May 5. Please send all potential items to voiceherald@jfri.org, with the subject line, Calendar Item. Space limitations and editorial considerations may limit what items are included.

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**Opening Friday, May 22!**

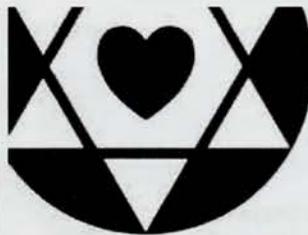
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**Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence**

3 Shalom Drive, Warwick, Rhode Island

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# Wedding dress bargains benefit brides, those with cancer

*Fundraiser to benefit  
Making Memories  
Breast Cancer  
Foundation*

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CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. – In concert with Bloomingdale's and Southern New England Weddings, Brides Against Breast Cancer will be at Bloomingdale's at the Mall on Chestnut Hill, on May 15, 16 and 17.

The event benefits the Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation and will sell gowns, originally priced as high as \$4,000, from \$400 to \$900; designer and couture gowns, valued to \$10,000, will sell at a discount of up to 80 percent.

As *The Voice & Herald* reported in its Jan. 23 issue, ("Donated gowns make memories, fill heart-breaking needs"), shopping at a "Brides Against Breast



Photo courtesy of Tammy Adams

BRIDE-TO-BE tries on a designer gown at a Brides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser.

Cancer" event allows a future bride to find a wedding dress at bargain-basement prices and help fulfill the wishes and dreams of both men and women suffering from

terminal breast cancer.

Some 1,500 brides visit the bridal salon at Bloomingdale's at Chestnut Hill every year, said Sheri Singer, Bloomingdale's bridal registry manager.

On the evening of May 15, a VIP private party and pre-sale will feature a guest speaker, Kelley Tuthill, WCVB-TV Channel 5 reporter and breast cancer

survivor. Then, on May 16 and 17, the Brides Against

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Invite you to a can't-miss bridal fashion event to benefit Brides Against Breast Cancer

**Saturday, May 16, 11am-8pm**  
**Sunday, May 17, 11am-4pm**  
**The Registry**  
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Get the dress of your dreams and support Brides Against Breast Cancer. More than 800 exquisite couture, designer and name brand gowns (valued up to 8000.00), will be available at 25%-75% off. It's free, open to the public and for a great cause.

**If you want first dibs, don't miss**  
**VIP NIGHT**  
**Friday, May 15, 5-6pm**

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres from Tables of Content Catering and listen to special guest speaker, Kelley Tuthill, WCVB-TV/DT Channel 5 Reporter and breast cancer survivor. The Couture Gown Sale goes from 6-9pm. Tickets are 50.00 per bride with guest, 20.00 each additional guest.

Please pre-register today at [bridesagainstabreastcancer.org](http://bridesagainstabreastcancer.org) or by calling The Registry at 617-630-6063.



Breast Cancer sale is open to the general public. Central to this event is Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation's "Brides Against Breast Cancer Nationwide Tour of Gowns." Some 800 bridal gowns donated by designers, manufacturers and bridal retailers across the country will be sold at significant discounts. Tickets for the VIP private party and preview sale on May 15 are \$50 for a bride plus one guest; tickets for additional guests of the bride are \$20 each. Tickets can be purchased through [www.bridesagainstabreastcancer.org](http://www.bridesagainstabreastcancer.org), or contact The Registry in Chestnut Hill at (617) 630-6063. One hundred percent of the proceeds of ticket sales will go to Brides Against Breast Cancer.

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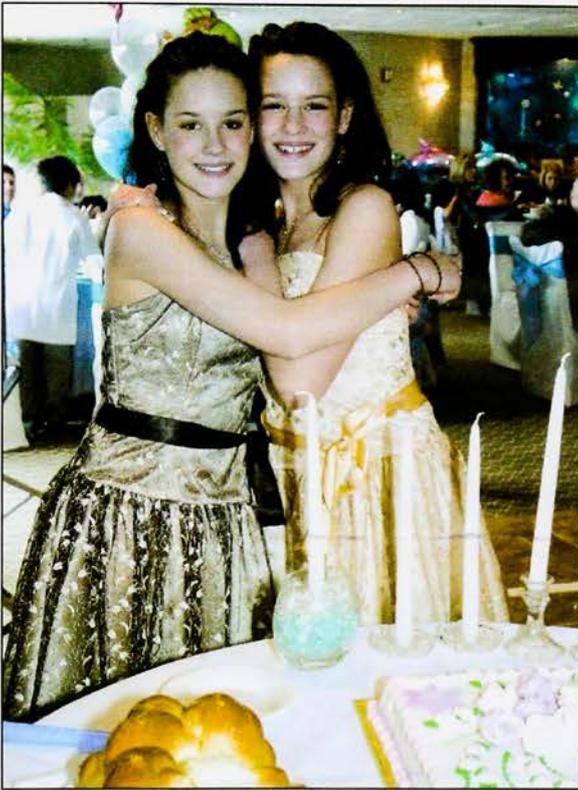
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Samantha and Rebecca LeDonne  
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DJ and supplied lighting that really set the mood for the party. Susan Sancomb was the event's photographer. Amalfi Fine Catering specializes in *bar* and *bat mitzvah* celebrations. It was an honor to host Rebecca and Samantha's special day. *Mazel Tov!*

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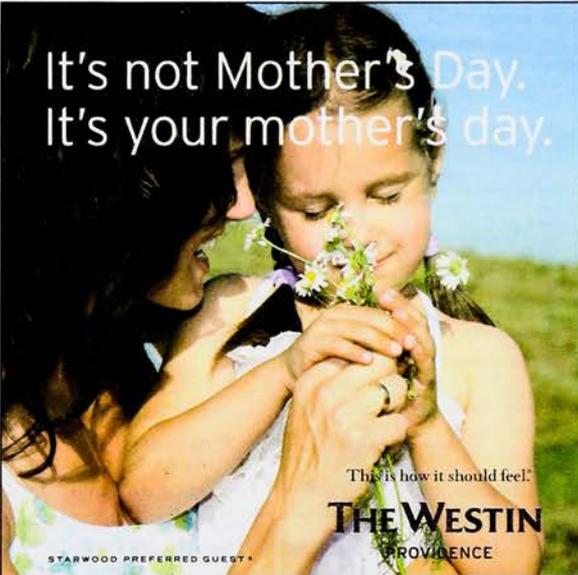
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