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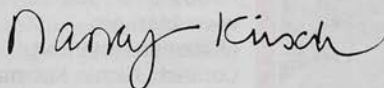
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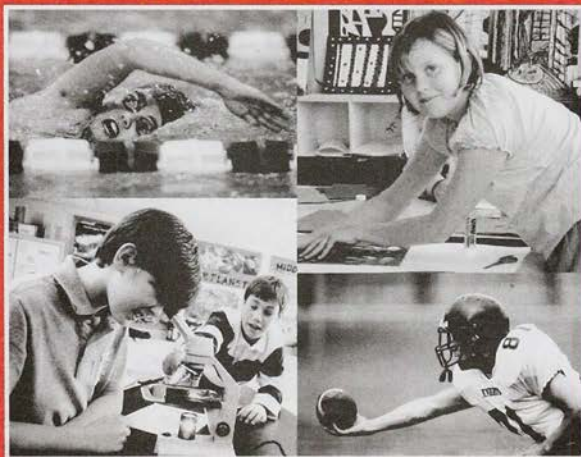
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THE JEWISH Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) is the central fundraising organization for the greater Rhode Island Jewish community, allocating funds, assisting Jewish agencies locally, in Israel and

throughout the world; and advocating as the Jewish voice for social justice in the community. JFRI provides community grants for Jewish organizations, and to individuals.

JFRI donates money from its annual campaign to more than 60 local organizations and many others around the world.

Locally, JFRI partner agencies are the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island (BJERI), the Brown RISD Hillel Foundation, Camp JORI, the Holocaust Education & Resource Center of Rhode Island (HERCRI), the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI), the Jewish Community Day School

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**Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI)**  
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F: 401-861-8806  
www.jccri.org  
Contact: Carol Gualtieri

**L**OCATED on the East Side of Providence, the JCCRI is the central meeting place for the Jewish community of greater Rhode Island.

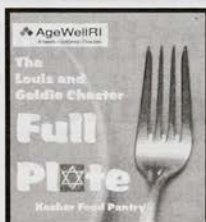
Families and individuals, from infants to young adults and seniors, married and single, can participate in an array of social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities. With commitment to Jewish tradition, programs at the JCCRI are designed to bring people together in a social, recreational and community setting. Membership is open to all and many programs are open to non-members.

Facilities include a state of the art fitness center, group exercise and

mind-body classes, personal training, a full gymnasium and an indoor heated swimming pool. Enrichment classes and sports leagues are offered year-round. The JCCRI provides childcare, including infant-toddler center, preschool (with sites in Providence and Barrington), and after-school and school vacation programs for school-age children.

J-Camp is offered all summer long and offers a variety of sports, arts and other specialty camps. Community and Jewish holiday and enrichment programs are offered, as are programs designed specifically for senior adults.

The JCCRI is a member of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America.



## The Louis and Goldie Chester **Full Plate** Kosher Food Pantry

As a Jewish community, it is our responsibility to come to the aid of our fellow Jews who struggle with life's basic needs. As such, AgeWellRI, a program of Jewish Family Service, Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, has established the first kosher food pantry for members of the Jewish community of Rhode Island.

**Hours are Tuesday and Fridays from 10 am - 2 pm\***

\*except on Jewish Holidays

**For further information, please contact**  
**Susan Adler at 621-5374**  
**or [sadler-jeri@jsari.org](mailto:sadler-jeri@jsari.org)**

Located in JSA, 100 Niantic Avenue, Providence, RI 02907  
(Enter through the rear parking lot of the former Colbin building)

If you are unable to pickup food at our site, volunteers are available to deliver food to you.

Funding for The Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate kosher food pantry is provided by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Chester Family and Private Donations

**Jewish Family Service (JFS)**

959 North Main St.

Providence, RI 02904

P: 401-331-1244

F: 401-331-5772

www.jfsri.org

info@jfsri.org

CEO: Erin Gisherman Minior

THE JFS is a nonprofit social service organization whose mission is to sustain, nurture and strengthen the emotional and general wellbeing and stability of families and individuals through the life cycle, within the framework of Jewish tradition and values.

JFS serves individuals and families in Rhode Island and nearby

Massachusetts regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or economic status. For more than 80 years, it has helped people navigate services so that their lives are happier, safer and healthier.

**Services include:**

- The Counseling Center providing counseling for individuals, couples, and families

- Adoption Options servicing birth parents, adoptive families and children (see page 19 for more information)

- The Keshet Program providing social work services provided

through local congregations (see page 19 for more information)

- Making Change, a financial literacy initiative offering financial literacy educational programs

- Moes Chitn supplying Passover food for those in need and in support of community Seders

- \*The Goldie & Louis Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry supplies food for those in need (see page XX for more information)

**JFS' Older Adult Resources (OAR) includes:**

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– Lifeline RI, a personal emergency response system (see page 24 for more information)

– \*Kosher Nutrition Services include two kosher meal sites, and Meals-on-Wheels to home-bound individuals in several communities (see page 25 for more information)

– \*AgeWell RI Information and Referral (see page 23 for more information)

\* The Goldie & Louis Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry, Kosher Nutrition Services and AgeWell RI are collaborative programs of Jewish Family Service, Jewish Seniors Agency and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

**Kesher, a JFS Program**  
959 North Main St.  
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P: 401-338-8301  
www.jfsri.org  
Nicole@jfsri.org  
Coordinator: Nicole Jellinek

**T**HROUGH JFS, Kesher provides social work services directly through Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass., Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston and Temple Habonim in Barrington. Kesher social workers provide short-term counseling, crisis intervention and information and referrals to government agencies and nonprofit/private entities that address housing, education, health, aging and social service needs.

## ADOPTION

**Adoption Options, a JFS Program**  
959 North Main St.  
Providence, RI 02904  
P: 800-337-6513 or 401-331-5437  
F: 401-331-5772  
www.adoptionoptions.org  
peg@jfsri.org  
Coordinator: Peg Boyle


**A**JEWISH Family Service (JFS) program offering services for adoptive parents, birth mothers and children. This includes home studies, pre- and post-adoption counseling, support groups and child placement. Informational meetings on the third Thursday of every month; offices in Rhode Island and Rehoboth, Mass.

## BABIES & CHILDREN

**Hebrew Play RI**  
Meeting location: Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island  
401 Elm Grove Ave.  
Providence, RI 02906  
P: 617-871-9717

www.hebrewplay.org  
hebrewplayri@gmail.com  
Contact: Shirah Rubin

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Nicole Katzman  
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[nkatzman@bjeri.org](mailto:nkatzman@bjeri.org)  
Shalom RI Contact:  
Wendy Joering  
P: 401-421-4111, ext. 168  
or [wjoering@jfri.org](mailto:wjoering@jfri.org)

**A**RE you new to the Jewish community of greater Rhode Island? Is there a new baby in the nearby Jewish community? Whether our Jewish community is growing by one or many, we want to welcome everyone.

Shalom Baby and Shalom RI are programs of JFRI that help introduce and connect newcomers and parents to the many programs available for families in the local Jewish community. Provides helpful information about parenting, Jewish education, holidays, resources and more.

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40 Gardiner St.  
Warwick, RI 02888  
P: 401-463-7944, ext. 3  
[www.shalomfriends.org](http://www.shalomfriends.org)  
Program Director:  
Sharon Sock

**S**HALOM Friends is a music and movement program geared toward children from birth to 5 years of age, and their caregivers. Held at Temple Am David in Warwick and JCDS in Providence. Classes meet weekly and include singing and interactive movement to original and traditional Jewish music, arts and crafts projects, discussion time with parents/caregivers and more. No prior Jewish experience necessary. Open to the community.

## **FINANCIAL RESOURCES & PHILANTHROPY**

### **Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI)**

For more information about JFRI, see page 16.

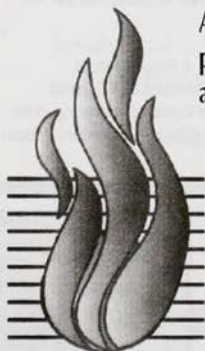
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For more information, or to enroll your child, contact Larry Katz at 401.331.0956 or lkatz@bjeri.org.

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Coordinator: Susan Adler

**A**KOSHER food pantry serving the entire Jewish community. Established in May 2009. A program of AgeWell, which is a collaborative program of JFS, JSA and the JCCRI.

## HOSPITAL

### The Miriam Hospital

164 Summit Ave.  
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P: 401-793-2500  
www.MiriamHospital.org

**T**HE MIRIAM Hospital is a 247-bed, acute-care hospital founded by Rhode Island's Jewish community in 1926. With nearly 900 physicians, the hospital offers particular expertise in cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, men's health and minimally-invasive surgery.

The Miriam Hospital is the only hospital in New England to be awarded Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Services three times and is the first joint commission certified primary stroke center in the region. Nationally renowned for its women's cardiac center, it also conducts major research in behavioral and preventive medicine and is the primary site for the Lifespan/Tufts/Brown Center for AIDS Research.

The Miriam Hospital is a teaching hospital for the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and a founding partner of the Lifespan health system.

## JEWISH HEALING GROUPS

### The Greater R.I. Center for Jewish Healing

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www.jamestownr.com/rihealing  
Director: Howard Brown

**T**HE RHODE Island Center for Jewish Healing, a non-profit organization, conducts study groups, and workshops to promote the understanding and practice of Jewish spirituality in Rhode Island. Its emphasis is on the non-affiliated or marginally affiliated population. Offerings include holiday-oriented retreats (Passover, Rosh Hashanah) and study groups in "anger management" from a Jewish spiritual perspective.



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**A**GEWELL is a collaborative program of Jewish Family Services (JFS), Jewish Seniors Agency (JSA) and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island (JCCRI).

**AgeWell RI provides**

- Information and referral and links for older adults, their family members and caregivers for services as appropriate.
- Sound advice, guidance and direction, whether you have a specific question or don't know where to turn.
- The Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry (see page 22 for more information).
- Kosher Meals on Wheels delivered to the homebound (see page 25 for more information).
- Kosher Meal Sites housed at the JCCRI and Temple Torat Yisrael (see page 25 for more information).

**Home Care Solutions, a JFS Program**

959 North Main St.  
 Providence, RI 02904  
 P: 401-331-1244  
 F: 401-331-5772  
 www.jfsri.org  
 info@jfsri.org  
 Coordinators: Linda Amore, RN  
 and Terry Hahn, RN

**H**OME Care Solutions provide trained and licensed certified nursing assistants (CNAs) to assist people who are sick, elderly or temporarily disabled. The goal is to enable those individuals to maintain their independence. Help is provided for personal care, light housework, shopping and meal preparation. Special attention is given to kosher households, if needed. All CNAs are trained and approved by

the Rhode Island Department of Health and supervised by registered nurses.

**Jewish Seniors Agency of R.I. (JSA)**

100 Niantic Ave.  
 Providence, RI 02907  
 P: 401-351-4750  
 F: 401-421-5905  
 www.jsari.org  
 jewishseniors@aol.com  
 Executive Director: Paul R. Barrette

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sadler\_jeri@jsari.org  
Director: Susan Adler

A JSA program, JERI, through its staff and volunteers, reaches out to hundreds of seniors in nursing facilities, hospitals, assisted living residences and private homes. Assists seniors in observing Jewish traditions and holidays, conducts religious services and provides one-on-one personal visits.

**To Life Center - Adult Day Center, a JSA program**

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**Lifeline RI, a JFS Program**

959 North Main St.  
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www.jfsri.org  
beth@jfsri.org  
P: 401-331-1244  
RI Coordinator: Beth Kovar

LIFELINE RI is an emergency response system. Help is available with the simple press of a button. JFS provides Lifeline services to individuals in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts' communities. Lifeline RI provides assurance either on a temporary or permanent basis. It has enabled millions of people to live with greater independence, peace of mind and dignity in their own homes. Because Lifeline RI helps family caregivers balance the needs of their loved ones with the demands of their own busy lives, it is of immense benefit to them, as well.

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Contact: Neil Drobnis

**K**OSHER Meals on Wheels  
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bound residents of communities  
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**Kosher Senior Café at the  
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401 Elm Grove Ave.  
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F: 861-8806  
ndrobnis@jccri.org  
Contact: Neal Drobnis

**K**OSHER meals are served  
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ers or entertainment. A \$3 donation  
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**Kosher Senior Café at  
Temple Torat Yisrael**

330 Park Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02905  
P: 401-781-1771  
F: 401-861-8806  
Contact: Steve Tragar

**K**OSHER meals are served  
Monday through Friday at  
noon and are preceded by activi-  
ties, speakers or entertainment at 11  
a.m. A \$3 donation is appreciated.

**OTHER SENIOR RESOURCES**

For a list of non-denominational  
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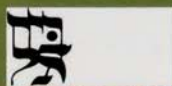
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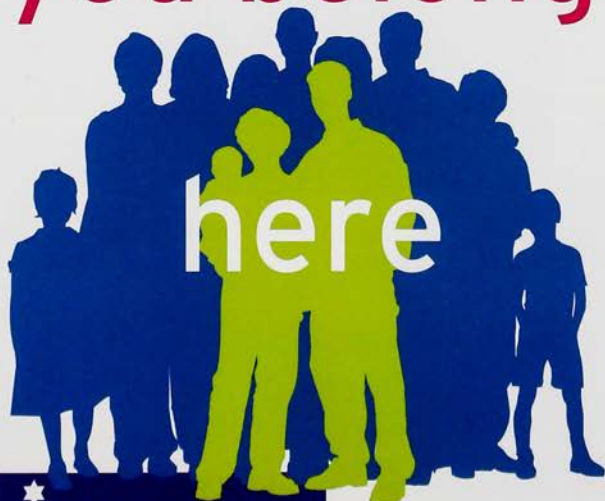
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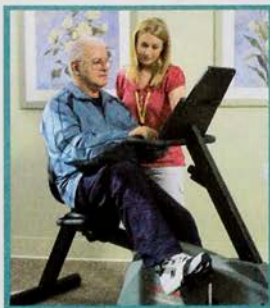
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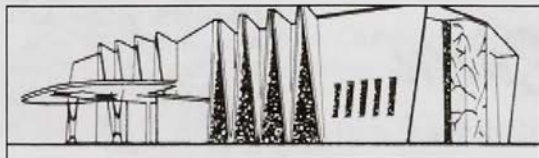
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	2010	
October	Friday, October, 15	7:30PM
November	Friday, November 19	7:30PM
December	Sunday, December 5 Hanukkah Party	1:00PM
	Friday, December 17	7:30PM
	2011	
January	Friday, January 21	7:30PM
February	Friday, February 18	7:30PM
March	Friday, March 18	7:30PM

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MONTH	DATE	TIME
	2011	
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August	Friday, August 5 Potluck Dinner	6:30PM
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### CAMPS

#### Camp Gan Israel of Rhode Island

3871 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
P: 401-884-7888  
[www.RIJewishKids.com/camp](http://www.RIJewishKids.com/camp)  
Directors: Shoshanah &  
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**D**AY camp offers sports, a water playground, swimming arts and crafts, field trips, Jewish culture and family events.

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[www.campjori.com](http://www.campjori.com)  
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**SCOUTING**

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Curt Abbott, Chair

THE COMMITTEE, part of a national organization, supports and encourages Jewish scouts and scouting activities, while seeking to enhance a boy's Jewish identity through scouting. It also supports the full-time Jewish chaplain at Camp Yawgoog who conducts worship services, leads discussion groups, helps scouts earn their religious medals and badges and works with other resident clergy to promote interdenominational programs and activities.

**TEENS**

**B'nai Tzedek, Teen  
Philanthropy Rhode Island**

For more information about B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Rhode Island, see page 20.

**Harry Elkin Midrasha  
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**Maccabi Games & Art Fest**  
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**T**HE MACCABI Games & Arts Fest Summer youth games are an athletic and social experience for Jewish teens ages 13-16 interested in competing in an Olympic style setting for gold, silver and bronze medals. The JCCRI has tryouts for several team sports in October and November for any interested athletes. The Arts Fest allows teens to further develop their interests in such areas as theater, music and playwriting.

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**T**EMPLE Am David West Bay USY is a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The chapter conducts social and spiritual events promoting community Jewish awareness in conjunction with Temple Emanu-El -Providence USY.

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Contact: Wendy Joering

**T**HE ALEF List, a program of the JFRI, is made up of young Jewish professionals who get together and be part of the Jewish community. From Shabbat dinner to ladies' night out, there is always something entertaining on the calendar. The Alef List is for young Jewish professionals in their 20s and 30s – new to Rhode Island or native.

### MEN

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### WOMEN

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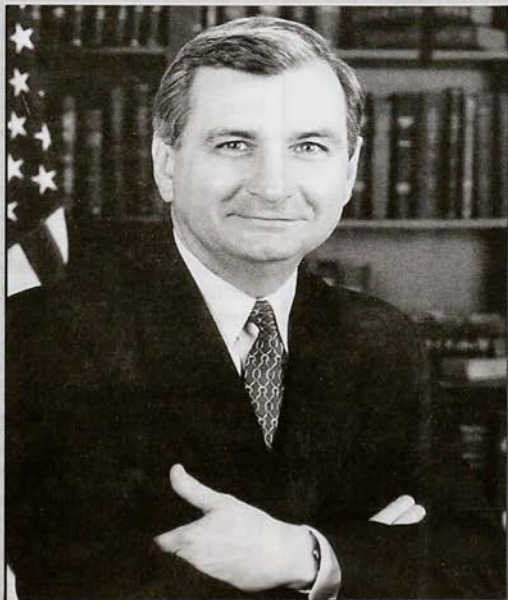
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