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EHUD BARAK

Ehud Barak quits Labor

Political betrayal or precursor to something bigger?

BY LESLIE SUSSER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Was it an act of political self-preservation, a feat of political destruction or a bid to stabilize Israel's government ahead of some dramatic move?

NEWS ANALYSIS

And for Israel's Labor Party, was it another sign of the once-leading party's demise, or a precursor to a revival and the ideals for which it stands?

What's certain is that Defense Minister Ehud Barak's decision this week to quit Labor, which he had headed until Monday, has sent shock waves throughout the Israeli political establishment.

Ironically, the split of Labor — until this week a part of the Israeli government, but now in the opposition — may yet strengthen the coalition of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Barak's decision to quit Labor and found a new political party along with four other Labor defectors leaves Netanyahu with

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GINA RAIMONDO, Rhode Island state treasurer, left, talks with Marty Cooper, at right, as Sam Zurier and Marilyn Rueschemeyer look on. Minna Ellison is in the background. /Nancy Kirsch

Diverse audience celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Educational opportunities essential for our urban youth

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CRANSTON — For the 28th consecutive year, the Ministers

Alliance held its annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Breakfast; proceeds from the breakfast go to scholarships for deserving minority students. To date, nearly \$380,000 in scholarship funds have been distributed, according to the Ministers Alliance.

Hundreds of people attended this year's breakfast, held on

Monday, Jan. 17 and, as in past years, at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston.

Diversity was the byword — and diverse was the audience. Members of the African-American community — from toddlers wearing party dresses and patent leather shoes to elegantly attired

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Leadership development initiative launched

Agency and synagogue leaders sought for multi-year program



/Steve Jacobson

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PROVIDENCE — The Consolidated Strategic Plan for the Jewish community, adopted by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's (JFRI) board in 2008, called for a new leadership development initiative as one of four primary community priorities. The plan stated that, to ensure the strength of the community's leadership for the future, it was essential to "develop a cadre of highly skilled professional and volunteer community leaders, identifying, recruiting, training and retaining individuals who inspire others and sustain a culture of excellence and high performance..."

Given this community mandate and after extensive planning, research and program development, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island (the "Alliance") is poised to launch a new leadership development initiative on behalf of the greater Rhode Island Jewish community.

The Alliance invites agency and synagogue leaders to nominate existing and potential leaders to participate in an innovative and new leadership development project.

Minna Ellison, the Alliance's

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At the Emunah Children's Center: It's a Deal!

Training young entrepreneurs in Afula, Israel

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OUR COMMUNITY HAS a growing relationship with The Emunah Center (the Center), a day and residential facility for at-risk children in Afula, Israel. The Center's choir, the Emunotes, has visited and performed in Rhode Island, and the Center is a frequent stop for Rhode Island groups visiting Israel. The children served at Emunah are from all walks of Israeli life, but they all share something in common: They have family lives that are problematic — often profoundly — and as a result, face a wide range

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/Claire Roche

BOYS AT THE EMUNAH CENTER in Afula, Israel talk with one another.

Making beautiful music at Temple Emanu-El

*A 60-minute service:
Many melodies,
much energy*

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PROVIDENCE – With six Shabbat Alive/Shabbat Chai services under their belts, the members of the Providence Shabbos Band bring music, song and *ruakh* to Temple Emanu-El on the first and third Friday of each month.

Four couples – Carl Freedman and Bev Ehrich, Mayer and Judy Levitt, Toby and Ivy Marwil and Arthur and Judy Robbins – were the genesis for the concept of Shabbat Alive/Shabbat Chai, said Cantor Brian Mayer. “The chapel service that we had didn’t meet their needs – and they wanted a service with instruments and *ruakh*, spirit,” said Mayer. They wanted a shorter service that could accommodate their busy work schedules, as well.

Check, check, check and check: The Shabbat Alive/Shabbat Chai service, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (on the dot) is filled with music and very little rabbinic preaching. “It’s about the Shabbos Band,” said Mayer; he and four cantorial students at the School of Jewish Music in Boston (where Mayer

teaches) comprise the band.

These students’ skills as klezmer musicians appealed to Mayer, who said, “The sound we create is an organic hybrid between traditional synagogue music and klezmer music. *Nusakh* is a vocal art and klezmer is an instrumental art – but it’s the same musical genre.”

“I’m convinced that if you come once, you’ll want to come again,” said Judy Levitt. “It’s a wonderful way to start Shabbat.”

Acknowledging the strong response from congregants who appreciate something short, yet traditional, and full of *ruakh*, Mayer said that the service has drawn as many as 160 people. The short service and the engaging music are enhanced by a *siddur* (prayer book), Siddur Kabbalat Shabbat, that is fully transliterated into English, making the service accessible to everyone, Hebrew-reading or not.

The four couples, said Mayer, generously paid for the *siddurim*; and two benefactors – The Milton S. Heller Charitable Fund, in memory of Rose Salter Heller, and the Leonard C. Mandell Musical Fund – have underwritten the costs of the Shabbos Band; synagogue members have also contributed.

Cantor Mayer is doing “a superb job,” said Levitt, who also praised the clergy and the Services Committee for being so willing to



FROM LEFT, BECKY WEXLER (clarinet, alto), Jonathan Cannon (violin, bass singer), Henry Shapiro (upright bass, mandolin and guitar, baritone), Risa Wallach (hand drum, soprano) and Cantor Brian Mayer (center, guitar, tenor) comprise the Shabbos Band.

embrace something new.

Congregants in their 20s, 30s and 40s – with many empty nesters, as well – are attending the Shabbat Chai services, said Mayer. “People with children are always welcome to come. A young family with their darling toddler sat in the front row recently. She was ‘eating it up.’”

With Mayer singing tenor, and the other band members singing soprano, alto, bass and baritone,

“It’s a perfect quintet in terms of voices,” he said.

The music is so popular that congregants’ requests have led Mayer and the other members of the Shabbos Band to begin recording a CD, so, stay tuned....

“People leave the sanctuary elated,” said Mayer. “I promise you, ‘this is not boring.’”

It’s not only the congregants who find the evening – which offers a “learn the melodies” session for

those arriving by 6:05 p.m. – musically stimulating and spiritually satisfying. “When Becky [Wexler, the clarinetist] plays, she is *davening*, or praying, on her clarinet,” he said.

Open to the public, the services are scheduled to run through early May. For more information, visit www.teprovo.org (click on the calendar) or call 331-1616.



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Legislators urged to show compassion

'One Voice Vigil' fights poverty with faith

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PROVIDENCE – On Wednesday, Jan. 5, the first full day of the 2011 General Assembly, close to 100 faith leaders and concerned citizens gathered in the Statehouse Rotunda for the third annual "One Voice Vigil."

"We ask that you [General Assembly and elected officials] make your decisions with compassion... that your wisdom will create programs and a budget that does not come at the expense of those in need of our services; the alleviation of poverty must be a public policy priority," said Maxine Richman, co-chair of the Rhode Interfaith Coalition – Fighting Poverty with Faith (the Coalition), member of the Community Relations Council (CRC) and national member of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs board.

The Coalition, which was co-founded by the CRC of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, believes that, by working together with local, state and national offices and the people of Rhode Island, it can achieve their goal of reducing poverty by half by the year 2020.

"Poverty is a staggering issue that impacts our community in every single way," said Rabbi Alan Flam, of the Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University, and immediate past president of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis. "Faith communities, using one voice, build power to change political views in order to move people out of poverty."

In 2009, 116,000 Rhode Islanders, including 38,000 children, lived below the federal poverty threshold – accounting for 16.9 percent of children in Rhode Island. Richman noted that 40 percent of the people experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island in 2010 were parents



/Brian Sullivan

KEYNOTE SPEAKER REVEREND DR. LILIANA DAVALLE addresses the crowd at the Statehouse on Jan. 5. At the rear, right, are Rabbis Amy Levin and Alan Flam.

and children, many of whom are younger than 5. "These numbers are unacceptable and must be reduced," said Richman.

Jarissa Escobedo, a 16-year-old student at Classical High School, was invited to speak on behalf of Young Voices, a Rhode Island-based non-profit organization that transforms urban youth into powerful advocates. "I live on the South Side of Providence," she said. "I see many women struggling, and without much government support – it's so common now that it seems normal. I do not want to be stuck in this cycle – we must break the cycle."

"TODAY IS A VICTORY"

"We live in an increasingly secular society, and people of faith are getting together about this issue [poverty] because it's so important. Our religious views don't mean a thing when it comes to poverty," said Reverend Dr. Liliana DaValle, executive minister of American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island, and the keynote speaker. "Seeing us gath-

ered here today, so many different beliefs and backgrounds; today is a victory."

"Our sacred texts teach us that we must take care of those most in need. The number of people living in poverty in Rhode Island is unacceptable," said Richman. "Those numbers, and our sacred texts, bind us together to work towards achieving our goal."

During its third annual poverty conference – in May 2011 – the

Coalition will teach clergy and lay people about poverty and train them to become better advocates on poverty issues. "Vigilant about the budget process and bills affecting the impoverished," said Richman, the Coalition expresses its concerns to the members and leaders of the General Assembly.

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The Jewish community responds

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POVERTY AFFECTS all faiths, all races, and all nationalities. With unemployment hovering between 12-13 percent in Rhode Island, we are seeing an unprecedented shortfall of more than 250 beds for the homeless.

Last month, the Rhode Island

Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island issued a plea to help support the homeless in the state. Through your support, the Jewish community has collected more than \$3,000, all of which goes to the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless.

Unfortunately, this is still not enough. The homeless and those living in poverty will need assistance from our state.

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FROM THE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR**When does
it stop?**BY NANCY KIRSCH
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DOES THIS LANGUAGE look familiar? "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." It's the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

True confession #1: I have shot guns, including a .357 Magnum for target practice, at a long-ago Thanksgiving weekend in West Virginia. It was, frankly, eye opening to watch these men, all movers and shakers in Washington, D.C., stalking and shooting deer. True confession #2: I didn't participate in the deer hunt, but did, albeit reluctantly, eat the venison. True confession #3: I have never been a constitutional law scholar (despite having been a practicing attorney for many years) or parser of the United States Supreme Court's constitutional law rulings. True confession #4: As a strong supporter of gun control, I simply can't understand how putting guns into the hands of Seung Hui Cho, Christopher Bizilj, Jared Loughlin and countless others guarantees either "a well regulated Militia" or "the security of a free State."

Cho was the Virginia Tech student who killed 32 people and injured 20 others on April 16, 2007, before turning the gun on himself, and Loughlin is the 22-year-old charged with the fatal shootings of six individuals and wounding of 13 others, including U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ), earlier this month. Bizilj, a lesser-known name, perhaps, was the 8-year-old boy who accidentally – and fatally – shot himself in the head with an Uzi machine gun at a Westfield, Mass. gun fair. I wonder about the sanity of the boy's father. How, as an emergency room physician, could he have been so cavalier about putting an Uzi into his young son's hands?

Haven't we, in the United States, experienced enough trauma? That old NRA quote: "Guns don't kill people, people kill people," is ludicrous. Put a gun in a deranged or disturbed person's hands and the outcome is far more dangerous than giving that same individual a banana, a stick or even a baseball bat.

True confession #5: I know that strict federal gun controls are not likely to be enacted here. This editorial advocating stricter gun control, the thousands of people – including me – who participated in the first Million Mom March, the deaths of those at Virginia Tech and in Tuscon, Ariz., the many more gun-related deaths that have happened and are yet to happen, the thousands of funerals, broken families, broken dreams, broken hearts – they won't effectuate change.

I'm certainly not wise enough to know what will. We provide subsidies to farmers to entice them not to grow certain crops; maybe Congress should provide subsidies to the gun manufacturers to

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IT SEEMS TO ME
The blessing of religious diversity*Honoring Angel Tavares*

THE RELIGIOUS complexion of the United States has changed considerably since 1955, when Will Herberg wrote *Protestant, Catholic, Jew: An Essay in American Religious Sociology*. In those days, matters were

Rabbi Jim
Rosenberg

relatively simple; men and women who called themselves religious were Protestant, Catholic or Jewish. If there were people in our country who happened to be practicing other religions, they remained by and large invisible.

About 20 years ago, I had an experience that drove home to me the increasing diversity of American religious life. I was invited to participate in an interfaith worship service at the Providence Zen Center, which – curiously enough – was and still is located not in Providence, but in Cumberland. Sitting next to me at the service was George Hunt, who at the time was the Episcopal bishop of Rhode Island. At one point between two periods of enthusiastic rhythmic chanting in a language neither of us knew, George tapped me on the shoulder and whispered in my ear: "Jim, I never thought I would be attending an interfaith service where I had more in common with a rabbi than with any other of the religious leaders." The feeling was mutual.

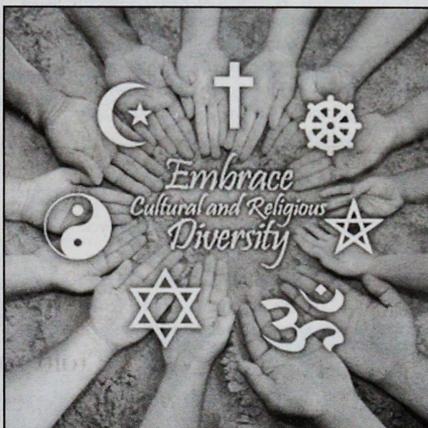
Which brings me to Monday morning, Jan. 3, when I was one of many individuals in the Rhode Island religious community attending a prayer breakfast honoring Angel Tavares, the new mayor of Providence, at the Providence Career and Technical Academy. The program, co-chaired by The Very Reverend Jeffery A.

William of the Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly and Rabbi Leslie Gutterman of Temple Beth-El, marked one of Tavares' many personal appearances between the official swearing-in at his home shortly after midnight and the formal mayoral inauguration on the steps of City Hall at 2 p.m.

prayer breakfast honoring Mayor Tavares did not come close to breaching the wall of separation between church and state. To begin with, the setting in a school building was religiously neutral. Moreover, the ceremony, open to people of all religions, was in fact a living expression of religious tolerance, a celebration of our diversity as a city and state. I have no doubt that if individuals with no religious identity expressed an interest in attending, they would not have been turned away.

"The affirmation of religious diversity speaks well of the higher 'angels' in our city, our state and our nation."

In addition to Reverend Williams and Rabbi Gutterman, the Reverend Maria DeCarvalho; the Reverend Brian J. Shanley, President of Providence College; and Imam Farid Ansari offered their prayers. However, what I found most striking, most indicative of the religious diversity of Providence, our state and our nation as a whole, was the participation of a group of Cambodian Buddhist monks from the Wat



Thormikaram Temple in Providence. Dressed in yellow-orange robes, chanting in the ancient language of Pali – said to be the language spoken by the Buddha himself – they gently tossed ritually-blessed rose petals upon the mayor.

As many of you know, I am a strong supporter of the principle of the separation of church and state; I am proud to be a citizen of the state founded by Roger Williams, who gave voice to this principle more than 100 years before President Thomas Jefferson articulated similar views. Nevertheless, I am by no means an absolutist in this matter. It seems to me that the

most important, Mayor Tavares himself wanted to affirm the religious diversity of the city he now leads; and he wanted publicly to affirm the role of faith in his own life: "I am no stranger to the importance of faith. Faith is what enabled me as a young boy to see into the distant future, where I would be the man I wanted to be. Faith is what gave me the confidence to imagine a world I could not otherwise see. Faith gave me the courage to do what others told me was impossible."

The affirmation of religious diversity so evident in the auditorium of the Providence Career and Technical Academy, speaks well of the higher "angels" in our city, our state and our nation. If we are to become a more perfect union, if we are to grow healthier as a society, we need to support leaders who understand that those matters which divide us are not nearly so significant as the many shared values which bring us together as one city, one state, one nation indivisible.

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THE ARTICLE BY Nancy Kirsch in the Dec. 24 issue ("A congregation hears remorse from youthful offenders," and its sidebar, "What does Rhode Island law require in Holocaust education?") brings attention to a little-known Rhode Island State law (Section 16-22-22) regarding genocide and human rights education. Mentioned are the American slave trade, Irish famine, Armenian genocide, Holocaust and Fascist regime. Ironically, no mention is made of the attempted extermination of the entire Native American population!

Begun during the 16th century with the invasions by Western Europeans, the most savage of these – the English and Spanish – murdered and plundered their way throughout the Western Hemisphere. The United States Government itself was com-

PLICIT in the genocide of its native people who were hunted down at every opportunity and whose villages were burned and pillaged. Men, women and children were butchered while they slept; those not murdered were given blankets and clothing infused with the smallpox virus.

The details of this barbaric treatment of America's native people have been largely ignored in our history books. No one knows the number of Native Americans killed, but estimates run as high as 15 to 20 million people.

While we condemn past and present genocides around the world, we hypocritically sweep the history of America's own human tragedy under the rug.

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FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

Do we really know what our Founding Fathers thought?

There was no original intent

FRANKLY, SCARLETT, I don't give a damn (about the original intent of the founders). They lived in their time, we live in ours, and the times they have a—changed. They established a government, they did not write Holy Scripture.



Josh Stein

In fact, I'm convinced that there is no original intent. By the founders, we mean those bewigged 18th century gentlemen in short pants and high stockings who wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Let's face it, they also gave us the Articles of Confederation which was a compact of 13 sovereign states (as in State of Israel, an independent nation) unified in fighting Britain but in hardly anything else. Then, when that wasn't working too well, some of them met in secret session to create the Constitution. So what was the original intent of that group? Hard to say. Some left mid-session in anger at what was going on; some refused to sign the Constitution because it didn't say what they thought it should; others agreed with Ben Franklin who said, in effect, well,

it's not what anybody wants, but it's the best we can do, so let's sign the thing, hope for the best and go home.

"The Constitution was not written by divinely inspired men, but by politicians."

Immediately it was realized that the Constitution, even with all its compromises, wasn't quite right; amendments were proposed by James Madison, 10 of which were ratified very quickly, and then an 11th and then a 12th to resolve problems that none of the founders in their infinite wisdom had anticipated. And yet, there are some today who seem to think that they know the "Original Intent" and that it is good.

Which brings me to Thomas J. Tobin, the Roman Catholic bishop of Rhode Island. Writing in *The Providence Journal* on Jan. 12, he throws down the gauntlet to Governor Lincoln Chafee, who didn't have a prayer service before his inauguration and who had the temerity to declare that Rhode Island was a secular state. "By now," the bishop writes, "you should be aware that the exact

phrase 'separation of church and state' isn't found anywhere in our nation's Constitution, but rather was a principle that evolved later on...to protect religion from the interference of the state. It was never intended to remove every spiritual aspiration, prayerful utterance or reference to God from public life." He then backs this up by quoting a Catholic archbishop, a pope and quotations from Madison and Washington.

As to no mention of separation of church and state in the Constitution, the bishop is correct. There is also no mention of toleration of slavery (or even the word "slavery"), but there was slavery. There is no mention of judicial review, but there is judicial review. There is no mention of the Air Force, and yet the president is commander-in-chief of that as well as of the Army and Navy, which are mentioned. If we only look at what the founders said, we'd only count three of every five black people in every census. The Constitution was not written by divinely inspired men, but by politicians. I'll spare the bishop Thomas Jefferson's vituperative remarks about Christianity and priests but will recommend that he look at Brooke Allen's *Moral Minority* which demonstrates with ease that the founders were anything but religious folk and that they wanted as little to do with religion as possible.

Bishop Tobin also contends, rightly, that religious leaders have "every right, indeed

the duty, to speak out on public issues. If we fail to do so, we're neglecting our role as teachers, preachers and prophets." Prophets? The age of prophecy is still with us? OK, let's just chalk that up to hyperbole and agree that yes, religious leaders as citizens have a right to express their views. But do they have the right to threaten legislators with excommunication or denial of the sacraments to those of their faith who disagree with the hierarchy's views?

Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis publicly stated that he would deny United States Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) communion because of his views on abortion, and Archbishop Sean O'Malley of Boston told Catholic elected officials who are pro-abortion that they should not be receiving communion and that they should refrain from taking part in the Christian sacrament on their own. This goes beyond writing a letter to the paper or seeking an interview to express differing views.

Closer to home, Bishop Tobin forbade Patrick Kennedy, when he was a U.S. Representative (D-RI), from receiving communion because of his advocacy for abortion rights. That's what the founders had in mind? I'm thinking not. And if it is, I refer you to my first sentence.

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AN OUTSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

It's time to reject rhetorical violence

We must find our way to reasoned — and reasonable — debate

BY SIMON GREER

NEW YORK (JTA) — Sarah Palin did not shoot Rep. Gabriella Giffords. Neither did Glenn Beck. Or Rush Limbaugh. Or even Giffords' opponent in the 2010 campaign, Jesse Kelly.

Giffords was shot by a mentally unstable terrorist, who after attempting to assassinate Giffords, kept shooting into the crowd that had gathered outside a supermarket in Tucson, Ariz.

Americans reacted with shock and horror, which should tell us something about our expectations. In a world rife with political carnage, in a country whose history is laden with ideological bloodshed, it matters greatly that in 21st century America, political violence is rejected wholesale.

Now we have to start rejecting rhetorical violence.

The media personalities and politician

listed above may not be guilty, but perhaps we should set our bar a little higher. Are they, to borrow a phrase from Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, responsible? And what about the rest of us?

Language sets a tone, creates an atmosphere and points us toward what's acceptable. In the months leading up to the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Yitzhak Rabin, each man was vilified in the most crass, violent language imaginable, routinely presented as a legitimate target for rage — rage that ultimately robbed the world of great, visionary leaders.

This is why the Jewish tradition has long warned against harmful words. We are told again and again that "*lashon hara*," evil speech, hurts not only the target but also the speaker, listener and broader community. Indeed, *lashon hara* is considered a sin on a par with murder.

But it's not enough to simply not engage in hateful rhetoric. If we don't actively oppose its use, if we don't replace vitriol with respect and consideration, we perpetuate the dangerous cycle, and each step down in

our public discourse paves the way to the step below it. The outer edges of acceptable behavior are pushed closer and closer to the margins, and behavior that once was considered beyond the pale finds its way in.

"We are told that '*lashon hara*,' evil speech, hurts the speaker, listener and broader community."

Palin and Beck specialize in demonizing people and organizations who don't share their views. Is it difficult to listen to them and not be afraid?

"Death panels!" Palin warns.

"Death camps!" Beck exclaims.

Jared Lee Laughner may not have been a devotee of right-wing talk shows, but there are avid listeners and watchers who have resorted to violence. The most horrifying example is Beck-devotee Byron Williams, who last summer loaded up his car with guns and ammunition and drove to San Francisco. Had he not been stopped and arrested by state police after a highway shootout, Williams might have succeeded in, as he said, "kill[ing] people of impor-

tance at the ACLU and Tides Foundation." His choice of the Tides Foundation was clearly inspired by Beck's regular attacks on the otherwise largely obscure institution.

Leaders who become victims of smear campaigns are invariably those who have shown courage and resolve, just as Giffords did when faced with scathing opposition to her support of the health care law and comprehensive immigration reform. So, too, we must be courageous, and like Giffords, refuse to bow to the demands of expediency.

We must speak out plainly against extremism and provocation, unafraid to hold our media and our politicians accountable, while presenting real solutions to the very real problems facing millions of Americans. We must recognize the humanity of those with whom we disagree and honor the dignity of all our fellow citizens. Rather than frame our differences in the starkest of terms, we must find a way back toward reasoned debate and honest engagement.

In short, let us demonstrate the same courage, the same resolve as Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. And let us find comfort in the hope that we may yet play a part in healing our nation.

Simon Greer is the president and CEO of Jewish Funds for Justice.

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A READER'S PERSPECTIVE
On turning 60

Editor's Note: Pegueros, who is married to Yehuda Lev, wrote a piece about turning 60. Because of its length, we have chosen to publish the piece in two parts: The first in this issue, the remainder in the Feb. 4 issue. The newspaper thanks Pegueros for allowing us to reprint the essay.

Dr. Rosie Pegueros reflects on her life

I JUST TURNED 60 and I can't quite get my mind around it. I'm not fishing for compliments when I say that I never became the star I dreamed I would be. As time passed, I found that I had many small gifts and lacked any spectacular big gifts. There were so many things I wanted to do, to excel at, but I learned that doing one thing well took focus, immense discipline and time. Moreover, it took me a long time to figure out that making that choice was desirable.

I overcame many obstacles, including people who put me down or obstructed my progress, and encountered many impediments I never anticipated and choices that I could not begin to fathom. I never imagined that I would travel as much as I have, even though compared to some friends and colleagues, I have hardly traveled at all. Yet I realize that I have trav-

eled to many more places than most people have the opportunity to see.

I never anticipated how certain physical disabilities would affect my success and happiness. I cannot ride a bicycle nor can I walk long distances; I have struggled with arthritis most of my life and I feel deep flashes of envy when I see more physically active people enjoying their exercise. Nor could I have imagined how much luck has mattered: Being at the right place at the right time; marrying into an intellectual family; having an incredibly supportive spouse; meeting and keeping friends along the way.

Some of my luck I have made, but some has simply happened.

Perhaps the greatest elements of my success were my Catholic school education and the stability of my home life. St. Teresa's School was in one of the poorest neighborhoods in San Francisco. The advantage that our teachers had was that they maintained strict discipline - Catholic school nuns' discipline is legendary - and could expel students who were deemed to be discipline problems. At home, we had an intact family to enforce the school's requirements. We did homework, lots of homework. We

had to make sure our uniforms were clean and we had to polish our white saddle shoes every night.

All of these strictures engendered discipline that we gradually internalized.

I learned that people can damage you without ever laying a finger on you. In the eighth grade, Sister Bernard chatted with my best friend



enced unusually happy high school years.

Presentation High School, a first-rate Catholic girls school, helped me to define myself so clearly that when I graduated and went to the University of San Francisco, a Jesuit school, I signed up for a major in philosophy on my first day, and eventually graduated with that degree.

I had only one negative experience with a professor when I was an undergraduate. Most of my professors were quite encouraging, except

"Finally, I'm not angry any more, but I am 60, and he is long dead."

for one who taught ancient Greek. Since I was majoring in philosophy and classics, Greek was essential to my program. Father Arthur Swain cornered me after class on the first day of school to suggest that I take an "easier language, perhaps Spanish." I was puzzled by this interaction since he had done all the talking in the first class; none of the students (a priest, two seminarians, and me) had said a word. Why would he think it would be too difficult for me? I persisted, and the odious priest decided to

take the next step. Drunk, he called my father to tell him to save his money because I would never be a better-than-average student. With tears streaming down his cheeks, my father told Father Swain that I was paying for my own education; he could not afford to send me to college. Years later, when I received my Ph.D., I sent the priest a photocopy, reminding him who I was and told him I would never forgive him for what he tried to do to me. I had waited a long time to exact that bit of revenge. Now I look back and wonder if the anger he drew from me helped to fuel my success. Now, finally, I'm not angry any more, but I am 60, and he is long dead.

Thinking back, I don't see myself as fighting my way forward but more like bowing my head against the wind and continuing to push on, like an icebreaker in the Arctic. I did nothing heroic; I just refused to give up.

To be continued: Part 2 will appear in the opinion pages of the Feb. 4 issue.

Rosa Maria Pegueros, J.D., Ph.D., an associate professor of history and women's studies at URI, published this piece: <http://www.mylatinovoice.com/politics-and-us/23-education/2542-reflections-on-turning-sixty.html>. Contact her at pegueros@uri.edu.

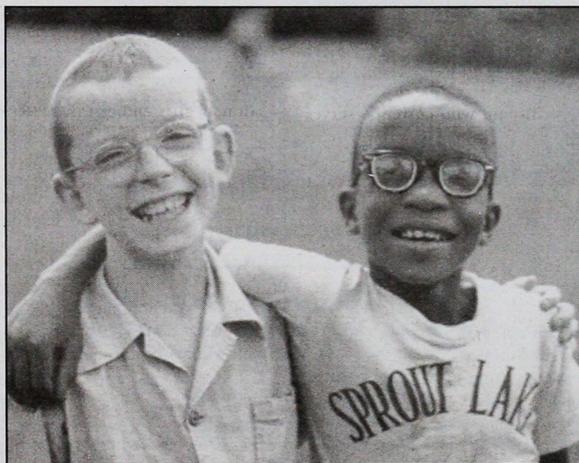
Donors desired, regardless of blood type

THE ARTICLE THAT Nancy Kirsch wrote, "You could save a life," in the Jan. 7 issue was wonderful and touching; thank you. Some people have asked whether they need to have the same blood type as me to donate. My blood type is B+ and I can receive a B+ or an O blood type kidney. However - the greatest thing someone can do is agree to be a living donor for me, regardless of blood type. Even if the individual doesn't match, we can do a paired exchange where I get another kidney (that matches my blood type) from someone else and someone else will receive the kidney that the local donor has agreed to provide.

In fact, after the article ran, I received a phone call over the weekend from a 71-year-old gentleman who wanted to help. He recognized that he was too old, but he was interested in a possible paired exchange.

While the age limit at most hospitals is 65, it was a very nice phone call nonetheless.

Michael Schaffer
 Providence



Peace and harmony

THE CAMPING SECTION of the Dec. 24 issue of *The Voice & Herald* inspired me to send this picture to the paper. A picture is worth a thousand words, as the saying goes, and I thought this picture depicted peace and harmony.

Cantor Richard Wolberg
 Fall River, Mass.

Wolberg is the cantor at Temple Beth El in Fall River, Mass.

Editor's Note: The last issue of the newspaper had an incorrect picture with Wolberg's letter. This is what he sent us!

Letters

The ploughman's eye

I DIDN'T SEE the gleam in the ploughman's eye
 On the first or the second time he rumbled on by.
 I went back to shoveling and after a while
 He scraped past again with nary a smile.
 To be out in such cold would he think me brave?
 But he pushed more snow up - not even a wave.
 Now the wind whipped through me, the North wind blowed
 And even his iron behemoth had slowed.
 Finally with my driveway piled five feet high,
 It was then I saw the gleam in the ploughman's eye.

Arthur C. Norman
 Providence

GUN ownership: It doesn't keep us safe

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entice them not to manufacture, market, distribute and sell guns (other than those bought, and then rigorously controlled, for military and police purposes).

Gun control opponents often cite the number of people killed in vehicular accidents - a ridiculous comparison. Cars kill people when there is a manufacturing or design defect or the driver or those around the driver operate them in a dangerous or negligent

matter. Guns, in contrast, kill people when individuals use the firearms appropriately - guns are designed and intended to cause destruction and death.

A future U.S. Congress might bravely decide, "People don't kill people, guns kill people," but only when they decide to refuse blood money of political contributions from the National Rifle Association's executives, members and political action committee.

I'm not holding my breath.

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NURTURING the next generation of our community's leaders

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interim president, said, "The project focuses on three target audiences – lay leaders and mid-level and executive-level professionals in agencies and synagogues. Each individual selected will receive tailored leadership development skills training, including an individual leadership plan ("ILP")."

WHY IS THE ALLIANCE TAKING THIS ON?

The greater Rhode Island Jewish community has embraced a new model, with the merger of Jewish Federation, Bureau of Jewish Education and Jewish Community Center into the Alliance, to deliver services more efficiently to its customers. This transition presents an even more pressing need to nurture leaders at every level so that we can ensure a vibrant Jewish community, now and in the future, Ellison said.

Richard Licht, already hard at work identifying and nurturing leaders, as the Alliance board chair and as Governor Lincoln Chafee's nominee to head the Rhode Island Department of Administration, said, "The success of our Jewish community depends on the continued good work and contributions of bright, insightful and capable leaders; developing such leaders for now and for the future is essential."

WHO ARE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS?

Synagogues and agencies are asked to nominate up to three individuals as program candidates; Ellison has sent a request for nominations to greater Rhode Island synagogues' rabbis, board presidents and executive directors, and to agency executives and presidents. These individuals will be contacted, said Ellison, by Marion Gribetz or Billy Mencow, the Alliance's leadership development consultants, to discuss the leadership nomination process. They will, with input from the Alliance, design and implement the leadership program.

A Jerusalem Fellow at the

Mandel Institute and Director of Education at Jewish Women's Archives, Gribetz has strong Rhode Island roots; while her husband, Robert Rubin, completed his doctorate at Brown University, she taught at the Harry Elkin Midrasha Community High School, Temple Torat Yisrael, Temple Emanu-El and elsewhere.

The founder of KOLBO, Inc., a Judaica retailer, Mencow has held several leadership positions, including as Camp Ramah in New England's director and the Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Boston's associate director.

Participants should expect a rigorous multi-year program that offers professional and organizational skill development, includes Jewish content and provides opportunities for personal growth. During its first phase, the program offers four group sessions and four individual advisories for each participant.

What types of candidates are likely to be selected? Individuals with demonstrated leadership skills who are ready to face current issues for Jewish communal organizations: How do leaders make informed decisions? How do organizations allow members to experience and create authentically Jewish lives? How do leaders include increasingly diverse populations and respond to rapidly changing community needs?

WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

If not the Federation (now the Alliance), who else will? That was the not-so-rhetorical question posed by Steven Jacobson, the Dorot Foundation's vice president and director of the Dorot Fellowship in Israel, in a recent phone interview. "[Building] leadership capacity is a fundamental building block for successful community," said Jacobson. Acknowledging that such leadership development isn't part of any specific agency's purview, it "makes perfect sense that the Alliance would be thinking

about this, as the strategic planning and resource allocation [entity] for the Jewish community." We shouldn't assume, he said, that people know how to serve on boards and committees. That assumption "has led to deteriorating quality across the community of organizations in terms of exercise of leadership and governance. We have to be willing to teach them."

Mark Feinstein, a former JFRI president, and Temple Emanu-El's current board president, expressed pleasure that the Alliance is committing resources to a leadership development program. "I think leadership development is one of the most important functions of a Federation. It's essential that we provide training and resources to developing and nurturing leaders, both lay and staff, for all the Jewish agencies."

Feinstein, who currently serves on The Miriam Hospital's Board of Governors, doesn't know whether leadership development programs actually "create leaders; rather, they create opportunities for people in leadership positions to connect with one another and learn more."

Marcia Szymanski, the current board president at Congregation Agudas Achim, participated in meetings convened by the JFRI for lay leaders of synagogues earlier

this year. Leadership development is an important topic. "Grooming the next generation of leaders feels more important now," said Szymanski, whose Jewish community leadership is confined to Agudas Achim, "considering technological changes [that are] changing the landscape in business, politics, etc.; there is no reason to think that religious communities are immune." Finding new models that will work to engage unaffiliated Jews and keep younger Jews connected is important, she said. Agudas Achim is eager to develop more clearly defined leadership paths for members, and ways for members with similar interests to connect with one another. While she's not familiar with the details of this leadership initiative, she finds that "it is exciting to be a part of [it]."

As members of a JFRI-sponsored Chazon Mission to Israel in 2007, Lisa and Eric Shorr found the experience transformative. "When we met with the children who were helped by dollars from the Rhode Island Jewish community, we also received essen-

tial training on how to make solicitations," Shorr said. "It's not about asking for money for [us], but asking for money to help our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel and beyond." Actually meeting the people and seeing the programs, recipients of our Campaign dollars, said Lisa, had so much impact. Because they had the opportunity to participate in the Chazon leadership mission, now "we can share stories and photos of our dollars in action," said Lisa. "Eric and I know that Jews must help other Jews. We must roll up our sleeves and do what is right for local Jews and those in the diaspora. Who else will?"

Ellison echoed what others have said: Community leaders don't simply emerge spontaneously, prepared and ready to forge ahead. Candidates of all backgrounds and ages – professional and lay leaders – are potential candidates, but there will be a special emphasis on identifying, engaging and cultivating young leaders, like the Shorrs, the next generation to lead this community.

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Community-wide celebration open to all

And three become one

By VOICE & HERALD STAFF
voiceherald@JFRI.org

PROVIDENCE – “I’d love to see the entire building filled with kids and families, seniors and those new to the community,” said Stephanie Markoff Cohen, the director of arts and culture for the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island (the “Alliance”). She and Wendy Joering, the community concierge for the Alliance, are organizing the day’s activities with an event committee led by Richard Licht (the chairman of the Alliance) and co-chaired by Eric and Lisa Shorr; the honorary event committee members, as of publication, are Melissa and Andrew Chernick, Cindy and Mark Feinstein, Marisa Garber and Dan Gamm, Estelle Klemer, Marianne and Alan Litwin, Linda and Richard Mittleman, Elaine Odessa, Amy Olson, Bea Ross, Laura and Michael Schaffer, Rabbi Peter Stein and Alison and Brad Walter.

Family-friendly, fun activities throughout the afternoon include:

- From 1 to 3 p.m., a photo booth with Alisa Grace Photography and an interactive multi-generational art activity, all in the lobby, with coffee, tea, hot apple cider and a jelly bean display (to

observe and then consume!), open swim in the J-Fitness pool (children must be accompanied by an adult), film screening in the Alliance Library, children’s arts and crafts, dress up and open play in J-Space.*

- At other times during the day, a belly dancing class will be offered in J-Fitness (1 – 2 p.m.), klezmer music with Samuel Gavish (1:15

a *d’var Torah* from Amy Olson of URI Hillel and comments by Licht and the Shorrs.

- From 4 – 4:30 p.m., a dessert reception of fruits and cupcakes (reminiscent of those made by Amy Atlas, the “cupcake maker to the stars”) and beverages will round out the afternoon’s ceremonies.

The event is free and open to the entire community.

Visit www.ShalomRI.org for a full schedule.

**For children in kindergarten and higher grades, the Alliance will offer supervised children’s activities from 1 – 4:30 p.m. Space is limited, and available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Shannon to reserve your child’s place at sboucher@JCCRI.org or 861-8800, ext 147.*

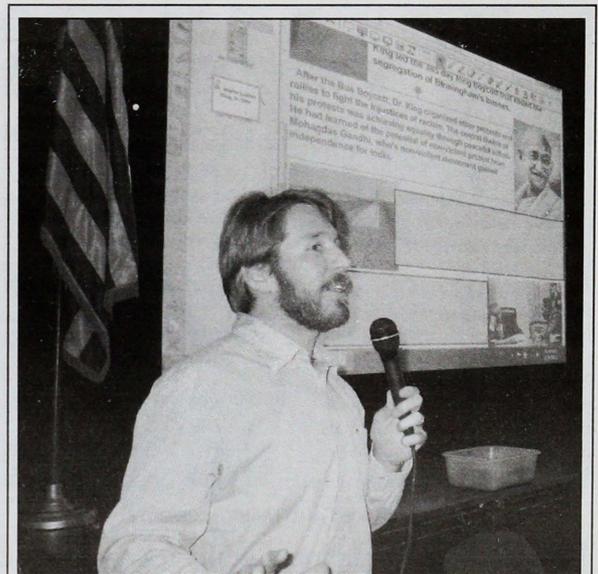


- 1:45 p.m.), PJ Library story time (from 1:45 – 2:15 p.m.), an adult art session in the Creativity Workshop (1 – 3 p.m.).

- From 3 to 4 p.m., the former presidents of Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center and Bureau of Jewish Education will be thanked and honored and the Alliance’s new board members will be installed. The hour-long meeting will also include music,

The Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center and Bureau of Jewish Education have become the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. Together, we are stronger.

For more information or to RSVP to the celebration, contact Stephanie Markoff Cohen at 421-4111, ext. 108, or scoben@jccri.org or Wendy Joering at 421-4111, ext. 169 or wjoering@JFRI.org.



DEREK SAMUELSON, a social studies teacher at Providence Hebrew Day School, explains Dr. Martin Luther King’s message.

PHDS Middle School students study King’s message

PROVIDENCE – On Friday, Jan. 14, students from Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) examined the messages of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Derek Samuelson, PHDS’ middle school social studies teacher, prepared a Smart Board presentation that included short clips of three of Dr. King’s speeches. After he discussed these speeches and their meanings, students completed

age-appropriate word puzzles that reinforced their learning. Through education about the Civil Rights movement, students learn to recognize the mistakes of the past, so that they might help guide our nation to a better future.

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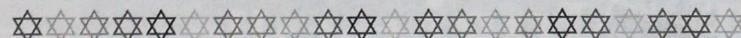
Please join us for our first “Social Series” of get togethers for young Jewish professionals in their 20’s and 30’s.

Wednesday, February 9

Skating at Kennedy Plaza

Join Sam Lewis, Sports Programming Director for The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, and other Jewish professionals in their 20’s and early 30’s for a night of skating and fun! Meet at the rink at 7:00 pm and skate until 9ish. Then walk over to Union Station Brewery for a drink and a nosh. The cost for skating is \$6 plus \$4 for skate rental. Bring your ID for student discount.

RSVP to Wendy 401.421.4111 or wjoering@jfri.org by February 4.



Events also listed on www.ShalomRI.org

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Calling Jewish businesswomen

A NOTE FROM the editor: If this appears to you to be very “male-dominated” in the scope of business entrepreneurs featured, you’re right. While that wasn’t entirely our intent, there’s no need to kvetch: We will feature Jewish women business owners in an upcoming issue later this spring! If you are a Jewish woman who owns a business and

would like to be profiled, contact us! Email Nancy Kirsch at nkirsch@JFRI.org, with subject line: JEWISH WOMEN, or write Nancy Kirsch, *The Jewish Voice & Herald*, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, RI 02906.



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The Mothers Circle hosts third annual Shabbat dinner

Non-Jewish mothers raising Jewish children gather

BY SHARON WEISSBURG
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE – On the evening of Jan. 7, participants in this year's Mothers Circle, a program for non-Jewish mothers raising Jewish children to connect, share experiences and learn more about Judaism, gathered for a Shabbat dinner in the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's boardroom.

Before the group ate, Rabbi Sarah Mack of Temple Beth-El led the group in the *Kiddush* and the *motzi*; then everyone dined on delicious sesame challah (braided by The Mothers Circle participants the previous evening and then baked by Marilyn Katz and Israeli emissary Yisca Shalev), chicken marsala, pasta, eggplant caponata, butternut squash and chocolate cake.

While the adults ate and kibitzed, the youngsters were entertained and supervised by two local teens – Mimi Kirsch and Hannah Zurier – in an activity created by Nicole Katzman. The children busied themselves with paper cut-outs of Israel, beads, glitter, and

stickers.

While the mothers expressed gratitude for The Mothers Circle and their delight in finding this new community, the men – many meeting for the first time – forged some new connections.

The women found The Mothers Circle through diverse means; some through secondhand conversations and others through their husbands. One mother, Laura Cohan, of Barrington, discovered the group through a message board at Whole Foods Market. Whatever their process of discovery, they all value the warm reception and sense of community.

"I've really enjoyed the camaraderie," said Sonig Schiller, of Seekonk, Mass. "And Kit has been a terrific leader. It's a great way to learn more about Judaism."

Other gatherings of The Mothers Circle include every-other-week meetings, holiday celebrations (most recently, a Hanukkah party attended by former and current members of The Mothers Circle) and group workshops.

The Mothers Circle is a program of the Jewish Outreach Institute, coordinated locally by the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. For more information, contact Kit Haspel, 331-0956, ex. 184. The Mothers Circle is



/Sharon Weissburg

FROM LEFT, CYNTHIA SPARR, of Seekonk, Mass., and Samantha Morse, of Providence, at the challah braiding session on Thursday, Jan. 7 at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

generously funded by the Bertram and Helene Bernhardt Foundation and the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

ASK WENDY

Volunteer: Pick a passion, make a difference

Community-wide Mitzvah Day set for March 13

BY WENDY JOERING
wjoering@bjeri.org

PROVIDENCE – "I have heard a bit about a community *Mitzvah* Day coming up. Can you tell me more about it?"

Signed, JP

Hi, JP.

I sure can! Many synagogues and agencies have annual "*Mitzvah* Days," and this year, on Sunday, March 13, the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, together with local agencies, will be mobilizing the Jewish community to conduct the first annual Rhode Island *Mitzvah* Day. The term *mitzvah*, derived from the Hebrew word for commandment, has come to express any act of human kindness. Our mission on this day is to spread the idea of service and give back to the greater Rhode Island community.

On *Mitzvah* Day, volunteers will be working together to make the world a better place by:

- Holding a food drive at The Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry;
- Making sandwiches for Mobile Loaves and Fishes;
- Conducting a bone marrow drive with 30K Friends Foundation at the Alliance;
- Baking *hamantashen* at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Center;
- Designing shoes to help those in need through Gotta Have Sole Foundation; and performing many other meaningful projects.

Many volunteers are needed at different times throughout the day. There are opportunities for everyone – adults, high school and college students and younger children. Whether you want to make sandwiches at area synagogues that will feed the hungry, bake *hamantashen* at Tamarisk in Warwick that will be delivered to homebound seniors for Purim, make cards at Tamarisk for soldiers stationed overseas and in Israel, you can make a difference in someone's life. Some of the cards will be sent to soldiers with some Rhode Island connections

who are currently stationed in Afghanistan.

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information on any of the volunteer opportunities, contact Wendy Joering, community concierge and Jewish Volunteer Connection coordinator for the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, at 421-4111, ext. 169 or wjoering@JFRI.org.



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Friday

Jan. 21

Third Annual JCC Scholastic Book Fair

Wide variety of books and other gifts.

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's Social Hall, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 3 – 5 p.m.

More info: 861-8800

Shabbat Alive/Shabbat Chai Service

Interactive Shabbat service combines musical instruments with traditional and new melodies. A new prayer book with translations and transliterations makes service accessible to everyone.

Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

More info: 331-1616

See story on page 2 for more information.

Temple Sinai's Social Action Shabbat

In honor of Tu Bi-Sh'vat, the "New Year for the Trees," the guest speaker will be Jonathan Stone, executive director of Save the Bay.

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston

7:30 p.m.

More info: 942-8350

Sha'arei Tefilla Shabbaton Weekend

Carlebach-style Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by Shabbat dinner. Rabbi Yoni Fischer, from Yeshiva Shor Yeshuv, is the guest speaker.

\$12/person

More info: shabbaton@shaareitefillaprov.org, 484-7485 or www.shaareitefillaprov.org.

Saturday

Jan. 22

K'Tantan B'Yachad (Young Family Shabbat Together)

A 45-minute lay-led service for young families. Songs, games and crafts help children and their families learn about Shabbat, followed by Kiddush with the congregation.

Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

9:30 a.m.

More info: Rob Massi at 331-6070 or Rmassi@temple-beth-el.org

Family Shabbat Service/Tu Bi-Sh'vat Seder

One-hour learning service followed by annual

congregational Tu Bi-Sh'vat Seder. Family lunch immediately following.

Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich

10 a.m.

More info: 785-1800

Senior USY Monster Mini-Golf

Havdalah service followed by trip to Monster Mini Golf. Pick-up and drop-off at Temple Emanu-El. For teens in grades 8 – 12.

Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

6:30 – 10 p.m.

\$10.80 includes *tikkun olam* donation

More info: rthese@teprov.org



Sunday

Jan. 23

Knit and Kvetch at Torat Yisrael

Share your knowledge of knitting, crocheting and needle-pointing.

Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston

9 a.m. – noon

More info: 785-1800

Temple Beth-El's Second Annual Tea Party

Entertainment and refreshments of sandwiches, desserts, tea and apple cider. White gloves, hats and purses encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

1 p.m.

\$10/person, \$18 for two, \$25 for three or more

More info: Meredith Sinel at 263-3399

Temple Torat Yisrael's Family Game Day

Join the Sisterhood and Men's Club. Bring your favorite games to share and enjoy some snacks.

Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich

2 – 5 p.m.

More info: 785-1800

Temple Habonim's Winter Concert

Classical favorites from pianist Victoria Lambrozo, tenor soloist Anthony Leonardo and pianist Feifan Zhou. Jazz

standards (plus a few original compositions) from the "BeBop Docs" – Ken Korr, Peter Mandelson, Dan Lederer, Steve Glinick and Larry Berren.

Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington

2:30 p.m.

More info: 245-56536 or www.templehabonim.org

Monday

Jan. 24

Community Knitting Circle

Want to learn to knit or need help finishing a project? Join fellow community members for a weekly evening of knitting, purling and patterning. Work toward a collective goal of donating knitted items to local charities. Bring your own needles, yarn and supplies.

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

6:30 – 8:30 p.m., every Monday through April 11

More info: Stephanie Markoff Cohen at 861-8800, ext. 108

Tuesday

Jan. 25

Hineinu, Beth-El Caring Community

An enlightening evening about caregiving featuring Kathleen Banchoff, Ph. D., the workshop facilitator for the McMaster Centre for Gerontological Studies.

Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

7 p.m.

More info: Rob Massi at 331-6070 or Rmassi@temple-beth-el.org

Thursday

Jan. 27

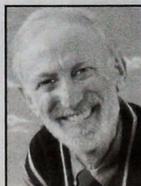
Hug N'hamah: Circle of Consolation

Bereavement discussion group facilitated by Dr. Judith Lubiner, a licensed psychologist, and Rabbi Amy Levin. The group is open to new members; participants need not be members of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston

7:30 p.m.

More info: 785-1800



PROFESSOR MIKE FINK

Friday

Jan. 28

Yiddish Shmooz Meeting

RISD professor Mike Fink discusses "Yingish" – how Yiddish and American English have blended in the American civilization and in personal lives.

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

9:30 – 11 a.m.

More info: 861-8800

BBYO – New England Region Winter Convention

Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, Mass.

4 p.m. Friday – Sunday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

\$275 per person

More info: Casey Topol at ctopol@bbyo.org

Saturday

Jan. 29

Fishel Bresler & Shelley Katsh Performance

Klezmer and *Hasidic* tunes in a coffee house setting.

Brooklyn Coffee Tea House, 209 Douglas Ave., Providence

8 p.m.

More info: breslersmusic@gmail.com

Sunday

Jan. 30

Temple Sinai's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Expo

"Celebrations 2011" is an expo for those planning a bar/bat mitzvah, wedding or other celebration. Vendors include



DJs, florists, caterers, event planners, photographers and more. Admission is free and there will also be free raffles. *The JV&H* is the media sponsor of this event.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

More info: 942-8350 or dottie@templesinai.org

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island Community Celebration

Celebrate the launch of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island with entertainment and activities that are free and open to the entire community.

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's Social Hall, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

1 – 3 p.m. – activities; 3 p.m.

– celebration program and dessert reception.

More info: Detailed activities list and RSVP available at www.ShalomRI.org, 421-4111. See story on page 8.

Temple Am David/Hadassah Israeli Dancing Event

Israeli folk dancer Judith Schrier teaches adults and children ages 5 and older.

Temple Am David, Warwick

1 – 3:30 p.m.

\$3 per person/\$5 per family

More info: 463-7944

Thomas H. Maren Foundation Concert

AUREA performs "Being Music" with baritone Rene de la Garza; program weaves readings, songs and chamber music, including works from Walt Whitman, Tennessee Williams, Rachmaninoff and Paul Bowles. Charles Sherba on violin, Consuelo Sherba on viola and Nigel Gore.

Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

4 p.m.

More info: Rob Massi at 331-6070 or Rmassi@temple-beth-el.org

Friday

Feb. 4

Shabbat Family Service and Potluck Dinner

Temple Sinai hosts family service and potluck.

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston

6 p.m. – service; dinner follows.

RSVP: 942-8350 by Feb. 1

Shabbat Alive/Shabbat Chai Service

Interactive Shabbat service combines musical instruments with traditional and new melodies. A new prayer book with translations and transliterations makes service accessible to everyone.

Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

More info: 331-1616

Saturday

JCDS launches Mother-Daughter Book Club

Books bridge the generation gap

BY KAROLYN WHITE
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

PROVIDENCE – The Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island (JCDS) has started a Mother-Daughter Book Club for girls in second and third grades.

On Jan. 5, Dr. Amy Goldberg and her daughter, Annabelle, welcomed 18 members – nine moms and nine daughters – for the club's first meeting. Everyone enjoyed Amy's chili, which she selected to reflect the fiery dragon portrayed in our book, *The Paper Bag Princess*, by Robert Munsch.

Barbara Fields said, "It's a great opportunity to spend some time with my daughter, Nina – and our friends – and share my love of

books! I have been in book groups most of my adult life. How cool to share that now with Nina!"

Elie Katzman Jacobson, a JCDS third-grader said, "I liked the club meeting – I liked sharing how I felt about the book with other people. I learned things from other people [when they talked] about the book. The club is fun."

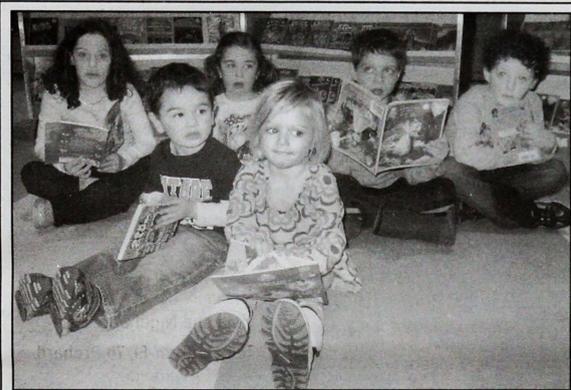
The club, which meets once a month and is open to the public, is currently full. The next book is the beloved Jewish classic, *All of a Kind Family*, by Sydney Taylor.

Karolyn White, the JCDS librarian, is the book club coordinator. Visit our JCDS Mother-Daughter Book Club blog for book lists and more <http://jcdsrimotherdaughter.blogspot.com>. Contact Karolyn White at kwwhite@jcdsri.org for more information.



AT FAR LEFT, Annette Milburn (partially obscured); mother-daughter duo, Hepzibah and Noa Alon; mother-daughter duo, Barbara Fields and Nina Karlin; and mother-daughter duo, Pam and Dahlia Ardizzone talk about books.

/Karolyn White



Book lovers adore book fair

THESE BOOK LOVERS – In back from left, Anna Gertsacov, Sophie Isenberg, Ben Stone and Jackson Gertsacov, and front, from left, Caleb Isenberg and Lila Stone – find plenty of books to keep them entertained and educated. They were at the third annual Scholastic Book Fair, held at the Jewish Alliance's Social Hall, from Jan. 18 – 21. The book fair offered a wide array of books for readers of all ages and with diverse interests; proceeds from the fair support the Early Childhood Center.



GLASS TRAY AND CERAMIC pomegranates produced at the Emunah Center.

AFULA youth learn skills

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of social, economic and academic challenges. The Center does vital work in providing safety, stability and the most basic necessities for the kids and families they serve.

The greater Rhode Island Jewish community helps support the Center through an allocation from the Annual Community Campaign. For the last few years, funding from generous donors here in greater Rhode Island has helped support a specific program called "It's a Deal," an initiative designed specifically to train teens in entrepreneurship. Working through a creative arts program, older students at Emunah work with a local artist to create, market, and sell Judaica and house wares.

Shlomo Kessel, director of the Center, began the creative arts program two years ago. The program is aimed at encouraging responsibility, creativity and teaching business skills to the teens who participate. "It's a Deal" provides young artists with the opportunity to develop business skills and make some extra

money, while also boosting their self-esteem.

The program is thriving, and so are the students who are participating. According to Avital, a 16-year old participant from Afula, "It's a Deal" is "sababa, or cool, because we're in on the whole process from choosing

in the middle of every part of it, but together, we are part of all the decisions and plans. I've learned a lot, and now I think I want to have a career in business."

Kessel refers to it as an "alef to tav" program. In the process, the teens are developing valuable skills that will help them succeed when they finish high school and leave the Center. The Center, like the "It's a Deal" program, is also "alef to tav." Kessel, the Center staff, and all the volunteers work not just to provide the children at the Center with the most basic needs, but strive to help make possible a brighter future in which the students can grow to live independent, successful lives. Now, that's a deal!

The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island currently has a few pieces from the "It's a Deal" program available for sale. Contact Claire Roche at 421-4111, ext. 185 or croche@bjeri.org for more information.

Claire Roche is senior planning associate at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island.

what pieces we make, to selling them, packaging them for shipment and figuring all that out, to learning how what we do comes back to the Center. Not every person in the program always gets

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CALENDAR

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Feb. 5 USY Regional Semi-Formal Dance

Senior USY members invited to dance in Sharon, Mass.

8 p.m. in Sharon, Mass., pickup from Temple Emanu-El

\$16 plus USY dues

More info: Rebecca Theise, youth coordinator, at rtheise@teprov.org

Sunday

Feb. 6 Providence/West Bay Senior USY Super Bowl Party

For teens in grades 8 – 12.

Location: To be announced

6 – 10 p.m.

\$5 per person

More info: Rebecca Theise, youth coordinator, at rtheise@teprov.org

Monday

Feb. 7

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association Board Meeting

Hurvitz Board Room 1, Baxt Building, 164 Summit Ave., Providence

10 a.m.

More info: 793-2520

Calendar Submissions

Please note: Our next issue of *The Voice & Herald* will be published on Feb. 4. Please send calendar items for that issue by Jan. 24. Calendar items for the Feb. 18 issue are due Feb. 7.

Send all calendar items to nkirsch@JFRI.org with the subject line of "CALENDAR."

POLITICIANS embrace King's message

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and stately senior citizens. Politicians – from Governor Chafee, the mayors of Cranston, Pawtucket and Providence and members of the General Assembly to U.S. Representative David Cicilline, Rhode Island Treasurer Gina Raimondo and members of the Providence City Council – hobnobbed with one another and others in attendance.

The Jewish community was well represented at the breakfast; Marty Cooper, Minna Ellison, Rabbi Andrew Klein, David Leach, Scott Libman, Maxine Richman, Rabbi James Rosenberg, Marilyn Rueschemeyer, Sam Zurier and this reporter dined at one table; Colonel Dean Esserman, the police chief of Providence, was also present.

Other Jewish voices were raised in song; Elisa Heath, Shelley Katsh, Judy Kaye-Phillips and Daniel Kertzner are members of RPM Voices of Rhode Island, a gospel choir who entertained the audience before the keynote speaker's presentation. Miriam Ross, a choir member, was not present. With singers ranging in age from 12 to 94 and representing some 22 houses of worship, the choir epitomizes diversity.

Cicilline garnered applause when he announced his plans to co-sponsor legislation to limit access to large capacity assault weapons. We have a "scourge of gun violence in America," said Cicilline. We are only 5 percent of the world's population, yet we own 50 percent of the world's guns, he said. "It's an epidemic... and our single greatest threat," he said.

Acknowledging that King – in doing work for his "beloved community" – is remembered more for his deeds than for his words, Cicilline urged those in the audience to continue King's work, however difficult it may be.

Angel Tavares, the mayor of Providence, acknowledged that, but for the education he received at Classical High School and beyond, he wouldn't hold the position he has today. Turning to Cranston Mayor Allan Fung, an Asian American, and Cicilline, an openly gay man, Tavares,

Providence's first Latino mayor, said, "We are the fulfillment of King's dream. Without King and those who struggled with him, I wouldn't be here today."

We have a choice, said Governor Lincoln Chafee, about where we go from here. "Chaos or community? I pledge to work in the direction of community."

Sandra Powell, the former director of the Department of Labor and Training for Rhode Island and the pending director of the Department of Health and Human Services, gave the keynote presentation. She said, "We can celebrate [King's] many accomplishments: His work for justice, equality, fairness and his work for nonviolence. But, we also remember that his work is not done, despite the achievements we cele-

"We are the fulfillment of King's dream."

Angel Tavares, mayor of Providence

brate this morning, there is 'unfinished business.'"

Describing King's accomplishments and highlighting his history, including being ordained as a Baptist minister at age 19, Powell reminded the audience of the pivotal event in December 1955 that thrust King into the national and international spotlight: Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus for a white passenger. Until that time, segregation in public transportation in Alabama had been allowed. The Montgomery Improvement Association organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted more than a year, and was led by King. "The events of his lifetime, with the help of the many men and women who stood alongside him, changed the course of events and impacted the lives of millions of people," said Powell.

Powell asked, "How does King's life and achievements relate to



ELISA HEATH, center, is one of the members of the gospel choir, RPM Voices of Rhode Island, who sang at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Jan. 17.

the 'unfinished business' before us today?" The unfinished business includes, she said, the academic achievement gaps our young people, especially those in urban communities, experience.

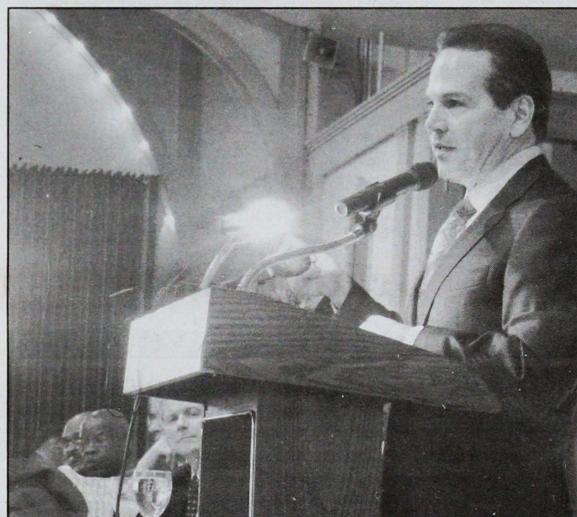
And, Rhode Island has the nation's highest number of residents (25 and older) per capita, said Powell, lacking a high school diploma or GED.

What opportunities exist here, she asked, to help our youngsters continue to learn, to pursue lifelong learning and to acquire the skills they need to find jobs and careers that will begin to support them and their families?

During his short lifetime, King fought for justice, equality, access and opportunity, Powell said. "Each of us today is the beneficiary of his efforts...and [those] who supported his work. For our young people to succeed, they need our support."

Encourage students to work hard, challenge them to strive beyond what they see and support them in their efforts, she urged the audience.

"Yesterday isn't too late and tomorrow does exist," she said. "We are the community upon whose shoulders our youngsters must stand."



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DAVID N. CICILLINE speaks at the breakfast.



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Hadassah has a rich history

Standing on Henrietta Szold's shoulders

By MYRA SHAYS
Special to The Voice & Herald

LAST MONTH MARKED the 150th anniversary of the birth of Henrietta Szold, Dec. 21, 1860. Best known for the visionary organization she founded, Hadassah, she was ahead of her time in many ways. In an era when Jewishly-learned women were a rarity and women of independent accomplishment almost unheard of, Szold stood in a class by herself because of her scholarship and leadership.

The oldest of eight daughters of Rabbi Benjamin Szold, she graduated at the top of her Baltimore high school class, while learning biblical and rabbinic texts as well as several languages from her father, and then extended her personal passion for learning to help others acquire the skills nec-

essary to succeed in America.

Szold founded a night school to help new Russian Jewish immigrants learn English and citizenship. By 1898, more than 5,000 Jewish and non-Jewish immigrants had attended. The school was so successful that it became a national model. Years later, New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia honored her accomplishments by saying, "I would not be receiving you today as mayor but for the work you did 50 years ago. Had it



not been for those evening classes through which my parents were Americanized, we would be facing today a new kind of slavery - an industrial slavery."

When she was 42, Szold set her sights on advanced Jewish studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, but its rabbinical school was open only to men. She implored Solomon Schechter, the seminary's president, to allow her to take classes, which he did with the proviso that she not seek ordination. She dazzled faculty and students

with her intellect, leading one student to describe her as "a savant."

Szold demonstrated remarkable organizational gifts. After a trip to Palestine opened her eyes to the



HENRIETTA SZOLD

vast challenges faced by the Jewish community there, she founded Hadassah in 1912. She channeled Hadassah's efforts toward providing medical care for both Jewish and Arab patients. The world-class Hadassah Hospitals in Israel are direct descendants of those initial efforts.

Szold later played a key role in Youth Aliyah, which rescued thou-

sands of children from Nazism and integrated them into new lives in Palestine.

Equally committed to deepening Jewish women's knowledge of both Zionism and Judaism, Szold encouraged the proliferation of study groups and other educational programs. Hadassah grew to become the largest Zionist organization in the United States and one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world. It is consistently rated superior in the amount of money it raises versus its administrative costs.

Just as Henrietta Szold was about to be lifted on her father's shoulders to glimpse Abraham

Lincoln's funeral cortege, today's accomplished Hadassah women are proud to figuratively stand on her shoulders and admire the great American Jewish icon she became. They are committed to sustain and promote the healing, educational, research, and rescue efforts of Hadassah, the American Women's Zionist Organization.

Myra Shays is the publicity chair of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah. Contact her at mshays@verizon.net.

For more information about the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah, call 463-3636 or visit: www.RhodeIsland.Hadassah.org.

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Grant funds available to Conservative synagogues

Israel and aliyah-related programs are the focus

JERUSALEM, Israel - The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Israel Commission and Nefesh B'Nefesh continue - for the third year - their joint Ma'alot program. Intended to deepen the connections between Conservative communities in North America and to enhance aliyah awareness, Ma'alot - Taking Steps Toward Raising Israel Awareness

- will be held again this year.

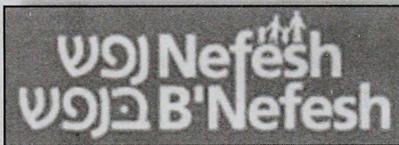
This initiative worked with 10 innovative pilot synagogue programs from three regions in its first year; last year, 76 applications from synagogues across North America were submitted, and 26 of them were chosen.

The program empowers Conservative movement leaders to

make congregants more aware of the possibility of making aliyah. Communities may submit grant proposals to help develop programs that incorporate Israel and Zionist education and present aliyah as a realistic option for Conservative Jews.

For 2011-12, submissions may propose new programs or added elements to existing programs that ran in past years. To apply, go to www.nbn.org.il/maalot.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 25. For more information, contact Renana Levine, Nefesh B'Nefesh at renana@nbn.org.il or 212-203-0071.



increase the profile of Israel within their congregations and to

Beginning Hebrew course

WARWICK - Chabad of West Bay is holding Hebrew classes that will be taught by Stanley Freedman, an experienced educator and Hebrew teacher.

The classes, which will be held at Chabad of West Bay, 3871 Post Road, in Warwick, will meet on

Monday evenings, at 7 p.m., for nine sessions. The first session is on Monday, Feb. 7.

The fee, which includes a textbook, is \$100. To register, contact Stanley Freedman at freedman3@cox.net or 822-1479.

Free film night at Temple Shalom

MIDDLETOWN - The Newport Jewish community is hosting the first of three films for 2011 on Saturday evening, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Road in Middletown. The film, "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer," is one of the first Israeli feature films ever made.

Made in 1955, it depicts four soldiers' stories during the 1948 War of Independence - an Irishman, an American Jew, a Yemenite,

and a sabra - who are assigned to defend a strategic hill outside of Jerusalem. Through a series of flashbacks, the film reveals how each soldier came to be there.

Dr. Jeffrey Martin, professor of theater at Roger Williams University, will moderate. All are welcome to this free event.

For more information, call Bailey at 824-6391.



RABBI HANOCH TELLER and Rabbi Raphael Schochet, Rosh Kollel in Providence. Rabbi Teller spoke at the Torah & Pizza Kollel event on Jan. 8. The event was held at Congregation Ohave Shalom, in Pawtucket, which is now also the home of the Providence Community Kollel.

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Who's doing what in and for Israel?

Organizations' stories, in a nutshell

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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DO YOU FIND yourself confused by the alphabet soup of organizations with an interest in Israel? Having a hard time keeping up with which organization is advocating what position on Israel?

While this information will not answer every question you might have about Israel, we've identified some organizations whose focus is Israel, and provided some brief information about each. In an effort to be uniformly fair, we've allocated comparable word space to each such organization's description, which comes from the respective Web site.



AIPAC
Tag line: America's pro-Israel lobby

For more than 50 years, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) has worked to help make Israel more secure by ensuring that American support remains strong. From a small pro-Israel public affairs boutique in the 1950s, AIPAC has grown into a 100,000-member national grassroots movement.

AIPAC's annual policy conference, which draws thousands of attendees and marquee name speakers, is where pro-Israel activists influence policy, strengthen the bond between the United States and Israel and ensure that Israel remains strong, vibrant and free.

As America's leading pro-Israel lobby, AIPAC works with both Democratic and Republican political leaders to enact public policy that strengthens the vital U.S.-Israel relationship. With the support of its members nationwide, AIPAC works with Congress and the Executive Branch on numerous critical initiatives – from securing vital foreign aid for Israel to passing legislation aimed at stopping Iran's illicit nuclear program.

Basic membership annual fee: \$50; this fee and any other donations are not tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.aipac.org.



JINSA
Tag line: Securing America, Strengthening Israel
The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) provides leadership on national security

and foreign policy issues, promotes American security cooperation with democratic countries including – but not limited to – Israel, engages the American defense community about Israel's role in securing democratic interests in the Middle East and improves the Jewish and general communities' awareness of the importance of a strong American defense capability.

Founded more than 30 years ago, JINSA is a non-profit, non-partisan and non-sectarian educational organization committed to explaining the need for a prudent national security policy for the U.S., addressing the security requirements of the U.S. and Israel and strengthening the strategic cooperation relationship between the two democracies.

JINSA sponsors trips to Israel for U.S. military officials and arranges interchanges between Pentagon officials and Jewish community leadership.

Contributions are tax deductible.
For more information, visit www.jinsa.org.



JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL (JAFI)

For more than 80 years, the Jewish Agency for Israel has served as the link between the Jewish people and Israel, working to ensure the future of a connected, committed, global Jewish people with a strong Israel at its center. Together, it helped create and build the nation and brought more than 3 million Jews to Israel.

Today, it continues its work to secure the Jewish future. As it brings more *olim* (immigrants) and is prepared as the Jewish world's first responder to crises in Israel and around the world, JAFI is redirecting its primary focus toward Jews' greatest challenge – strengthening the Jewish identity of young Jews in both the diaspora and Israel. The solutions to local and overseas challenges facing Jews around the world depend on revitalizing a strong sense of Jewish community, which has faded over the last generation.

Contributions to JAFI, one of the Alliance's overseas partners, are tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.jafi.org.



J STREET
Tag line: The new address for Middle East peace and security

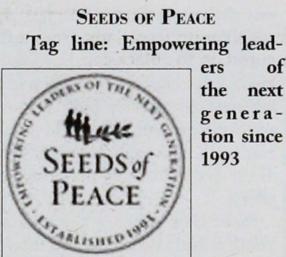
J Street, the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans, gives political voice to supporters of Israel who, informed by their progressive and Jewish values, believe a two-state solution to the Israeli-

Palestinian conflict is essential to Israel's survival as the national home of the Jewish people and as a vibrant democracy. It advocates for urgent American diplomatic leadership to achieve a two-state solution and a broader comprehensive peace.

J Street represents Americans, primarily but not exclusively Jewish, who support Israel and its desire for security as the Jewish homeland, and the Palestinians' right to a sovereign state of their own – two states living side-by-side in peace and security. J Street believes ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is in everyone's best interest – Israel, the U.S., the Palestinians and the region.

Donations to J Street are not tax deductible; those to J Street Education Fund are tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.jstreet.org.



Founded in 1993 by journalist John Wallach, Seeds of Peace is dedicated to empowering young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coex-

istence. Over the last 18 years, Seeds of Peace has intensified its impact, dramatically increasing the number of participants, represented nations and programs.

From 46 Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian teenagers in 1993, the organization has expanded its programming to include young leaders from South Asia, Cyprus and the Balkans. Its leadership network now encompasses over 4,300 young people. Currently, the organization is actively working in the Middle East and South Asia.

Seeds of Peace's program begins at its summer Camp in Maine and continues through year-round regional initiatives. These include ongoing dialogue meetings, conferences, workshops, educational and professional opportunities, and an adult educators program. Sustained engagement allows participants to develop lasting empathy, respect, and confidence, and equips them with the communication and negotiation skills necessary to advance peace.

Contributions are tax deductible.
For more information, visit www.seedspeace.org.



Israel. The David Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to educat-

ing and inspiring strong voices for Israel through dynamic educational seminars, workshops, and curricula. Its Israel education curricula are taught in more than 130 Jewish high schools and middle schools, impacting thousands of students across North America and Israel.

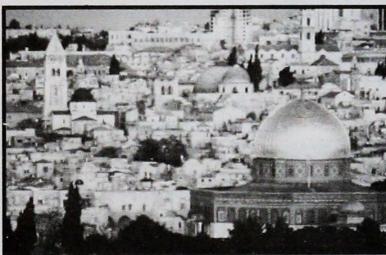
Each year, The David Project educates and prepares hundreds of college students to assume leadership roles and bring Israel programs and events to their college campuses. The organization is guided by a commitment to provide students and adults with the knowledge, strategies and skills to ensure that effective support for Israel thrives on campuses and in our communities.

Its values include support for Israel, diversity of perspectives, Israel in Jewish identity, the importance of young people, education and advocacy and strategic partnerships.

Donations are tax deductible.
For more information, visit www.thedavidproject.org.

Editor's Note: From time to time, we will identify and summarize other national nonprofit groups focusing on Israel. If there are groups that you believe should be featured (nonprofit agencies that have a national presence and focus on Israel), let us know. Contact Nancy Kirsch at nkirsch@JFRI.org with a subject line: ISRAEL or write, The Jewish Voice & Herald, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

And, we will also attempt to interview key officials from many of these



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For sponsorship information, contact Tricia Stearly, Tstearly@JFRI.org
For information on Taste of Israel, please contact Marty Cooper, Mcooper@JFRI.org.
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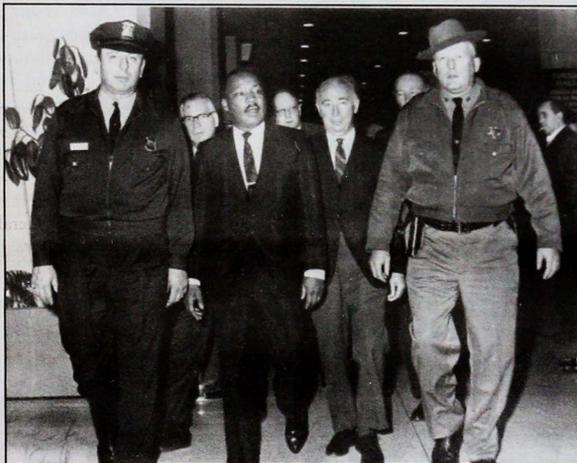
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RABBI DAVID INGBER, right, hits the stage at the January 2010 Limmud NY with musicians, from left, Bill Jonas, Michelle Citrin and Saul Kaiserman. Partially obscured, in the black cap, is an unidentified stagehand. /Limmud NY



ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, at right, and Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem, in Netanyahu's office in January 2011. /Simon Wiesenthal Center



THE LATE RABBI RALPH Simon, then the president of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) and father of Rabbi Matthew Simon of Rockville, Md., accompany the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who addressed the RA convention at the Concord Hotel in New York's Catskill Mountains, on March 25, 1968. /Matthew Simon



THE ARCHED RUINS of the Golden Rose synagogue stand behind the archeological excavations of one of the completely destroyed synagogues at the synagogue square Jewish heritage site. /Ruth Ellen Gruber



ISRAELI ARABS AND JEWS join under the New Israel Fund banner in 2009 in a counter-protest in the Israeli Arab town of Umm el-Fahm against anti-Arab groups that planned to march through the town. Mainstream U.S. Jewish groups increasingly are raising concerns with how Israel treats minorities and human rights groups in Israel. /New Israel Fund

Can You Cookie

Writing recipes in 2011

By SARAH SHOLES
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

BOSTON, Mass. – I am not that different from a chocolate chip cookie. Every experience has been an ingredient added to the great dough of life.

That's what I wrote in my college applications and I felt certain that the right school would be the oven I'd need to bring my life experiences together. I would matriculate as a naïve ball of dough and graduate four years later, ready to emerge as the golden-brown morsel I was destined to be.

Four years later, diploma in hand, I felt slightly under-baked; instead of moving over to the cooling rack, I jumped back into the warm world of academia in pursuit of my master's degree in gastronomy.

The gastronomy program at Boston University is a unique interdisciplinary approach to the study of food. I am not trying to become a chef, a doctor, or a nutritionist. I do not study the stars or digestion. Gastronomy students learn a holistic approach to food with courses in the humanities and the social sciences.

In my first semester, my courses included the History of Food and Food in the Visual Arts. Modern society has become so detached from its food, and I am trying to reclaim an understanding of the food I eat as well as its impact on society. Food is often a distin-

guishing characteristic of a way of life, and understanding food in a historic context shows just how drastically society has changed. Consumers have more power than ever before and conversely seem to know less about what they are putting into their bodies. The way food is portrayed by the media and perceived by consumers is complicated and often nonsensical.

Cookies have always felt like my food of self-identity. Through my master's program, I am working to explore new ways to interact with the food industry as well as with consumers.

During my undergraduate years, I studied communications. I took a course called New Media to better understand social media as a business resource. As part of that course, I was required to keep a blog for the duration of the semester. The assignment required that I choose a subject with enough material so I could write about it regularly for at least four months.

Cookies were the first subject to come to mind. The cookie is a staple in my diet and baking cookies is my sport. It seemed like a no-brainer to me, but my professor admitted that he had his doubts. I was allowed to proceed with the understanding that I may need to start fresh after my midterm evaluation. It was under this context that the ingredients for Can You Cookie first stirred.

To make my blog work, I needed to show that recipe writing could adapt to the 21st century. The visual component of Can You Cookie, as with all social media,

is most important. Social media differs from traditional media because of its interactive component. The Internet makes it easy to micromanage a target audience. I can share the link to my entries directly with enthusiasts in related Facebook groups or on Twitter who seek cookie information.

The Can You Cookie Facebook Page displays step-by-step instructions by photo album. Recipes are no longer just about the words, but about visualizing the product. I receive questions about recipes from readers – much like Betty Crocker did decades ago – but I also receive instant feedback from friends and followers. Can You Cookie connects me to food enthusiasts throughout Boston and around New England. It has even connected me to traditional media, which is how I came to write for *The Jewish Voice & Herald* readers.

I always seek new recipes and cookie ideas. With a growing collection of cookie cookbooks and with cookies constantly on my mind, I started to wonder: "If I were a cookie, would I really be a chocolate chip cookie?" Classic and traditional are wonderful qualities, but don't really form the image I'm going for. Insightful, colorful and interactive with multiple senses are my goals for Can You Cookie as it continues to grow; these are the qualities I sought for my newest cookie recipe. I decided I would be a pistachio chocolate chip cookie. It's crunchy, colorful, salty and sweet. When you bite into the cookie, you can hear its crispness. The flavors are rich and

refreshing.

Pistachio chocolate chip cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup pistachio nuts, shelled
- 1 stick unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Method

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Coarsely chop pistachios and set aside.

In a small bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda and powder and the salt.

In a second bowl, mix together the softened butter and egg until creamy.

Add the sugars as well as the vanilla extract and mix until combined. Incorporate the flour mixture into the second bowl, being careful not to over mix.

Stir in the pistachios and the chocolate chips. Roll the dough into 1 inch balls with moistened hands and place on ungreased cookie sheet a few inches apart.

Bake 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Transfer cookies from sheet to cooling rack before storing.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Sarah Sholes bakes and writes for her blog CanYouCookie, where she shares recipes, ideas, experiences and thoughts about cookies. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in gastronomy at Boston University. For more recipes, visit her blog <http://canyoucookie.blogspot.com> or follow her on Twitter: @canyoucookie

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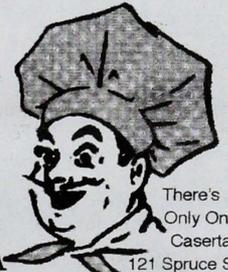
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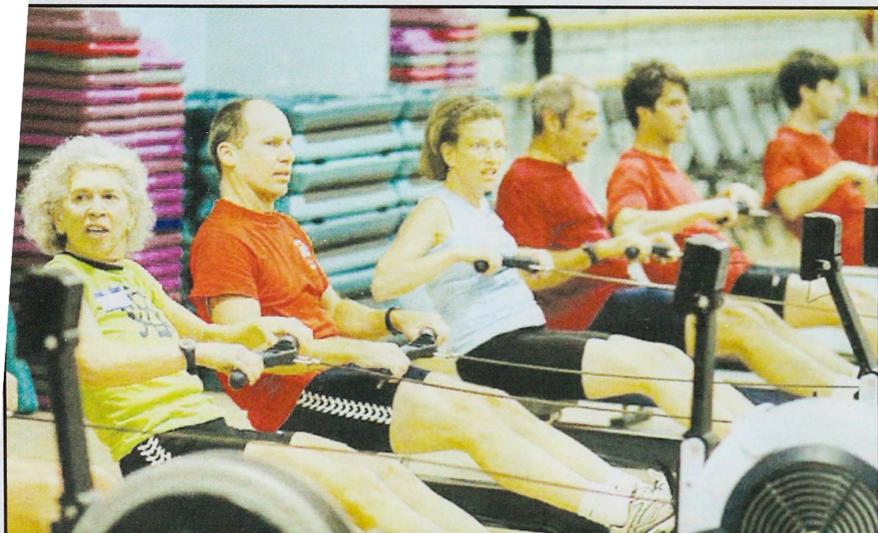
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FROM LEFT, RUTH BERENSON, Dan Gorriaran, Bev Ehrich, Chris Bardt and Mitch Berkson are among the "Row for Joe" rowers.

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE - The Narragansett Boat Club (NBC) and J-Fitness combined forces to host a fundraiser on Jan. 10, for the college fund for the daughters of Joe Fernandez, a frequent and dedicated rower at J-Fitness, until his premature and sudden death at age 46, on Dec. 18.

He left his wife, Emily Maranjian, and their 8-year-old twin daughters, Coco and Phoebe Fernandez Maranjian, all of whom reside on the East Side of Providence. In past years, the girls had attended the JCC after-school

program.

Fernandez, who had been the solicitor for the City of Providence under former Mayor David Cicilline until he resigned his position to run for Attorney General, was active in Rhode Island philanthropic affairs. He was a board member of Crossroads RI, Trinity Repertory Company and president of Brown University's Alumni Association.

"Row for Joe" was an amazing success,"

said Lisa Mongeau, the J-Fitness health and fitness director. On the morning of Sunday, Jan. 10, more



/Rick Krementz

JOE FERNANDEZ in his 'erging' element

than 20 rowers rowed 200,000 meters in less than 2 hours, raising \$2,500, with another \$400 pledged, for the Coco and Phoebe College Fund. "I am amazed at the support our community offers to those in need. I was very proud to be a part of this effort to help the Fernandez family," said Mongeau. "Joe loved erging and the JCC

erging community," said Maranjian. "It makes me smile to think that people came to row for him. He'd be thrilled by it."

Not a rower, but still want to contribute? You can send a check, made payable to the Coco and Phoebe College Fund, to 286 Doyle Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Connections last a lifetime

NEAT students spend a year in Israel

BY RABBI PERETZ SCHEINERMAN
Special to The Voice & Herald

EACH YEAR during winter break, my wife, Tzippy, and I, as dean of the New England Academy of Torah (NEAT), go to Israel to meet and connect with the many alumnae who are studying in Israel before pursuing their college careers. The girls receive college credits for their year of intensive study in Israel.

NEAT's relationships with our students last a lifetime. Just as it is not uncommon for students in local homes to help prepare or simply enjoy a Shabbat meal, it's not uncommon for NEAT faculty and students to maintain strong connections while the girls are in Israel and then go on to college. Students call and email their teachers and administrators long after they leave NEAT, and we, as faculty, are often invited to attend their life cycle events. There's a tremendous *kesher*, connection, with our alumnae.

On my visits to the alumnae's schools, I heard from their administrators how well prepared they were for seminary

and how ably they have acclimated to their schools. Visiting a total of 10 schools, I came back to Providence with video footage of student interviews that will help this year's seniors make their Israel school decisions for next year. I also talked with alumnae, learning more about their successes and challenges and offering my continued support.

During our Dec. 26 - Jan. 3 trip, Tzippy and I hosted the second annual Alumnae Shabbaton in Jerusalem, which 100 percent of the 2010 graduates in Israel attended. With guest speakers at Shabbat meals, the girls had a chance to enjoy a wonderful Shabbat reunion. As Shabbat ebbed away, the alumnae enjoyed singing Shabbat songs and the songs that they will perform soon at the annual Seminary Kedmah contest. "It was really great to talk and get a perspective on life while eating the Shabbat meals together," said Esty Saklad, a local alumna studying in Tomer Devorah Seminary in Israel. "It was so nice to just be with my classmates and reconnect." Saklad will attend Touro College next year.

For more information about New England Academy of Torah, contact Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman at 331-0030, pscheinerman@phdschool.org or www.phdschool.org.



AT TOP, LEFT, Esty Saklad, Tova Gerber, Sonia Felder, Esther Wolf, Tzippy Scheinerman and Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman; bottom, left, Malka Dina Schuff, Elky Schuff, Ali Duskin and Adina Schechtman enjoy a Shabbaton in Israel on Jan. 1.

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'Business is beyond good'

Solid K9 is growing by leaps and bounds

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE – How did Jeff Gellman, 45, go from selling lingerie to training dogs? It was his aggressive dog that did the trick! When Gellman owned Miko, a lingerie store that was first on Wickenden Street and later on North Main Street in Providence, he found a dog trainer in Boston to help him with his dog, Max.

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The German Shepherd's behavioral problems – mostly aggression – were addressed and resolved after Gellman worked with the Boston trainer for some time.

"I realized that it was my destiny; this [dog training] is for me," Gellman said in a phone interview. "It hit me intensely and I figured it out; I realized I had a knack for this."

A few years ago, a woman approached Gellman and the formerly aggressive dog, Max, then lying quietly among the hubbub of kids and adults outside the Wayland Square Starbucks, and said, "I can't believe how well-behaved



JEFF GELLMAN, owner of Solid K9 Training, with some dogs.

your dog is, can you help me?"

Gellman, having no idea how much to charge, said "yes."

Today, he sees 30 people a week for dog training in his business, Solid K9 Training. "I'm in the human training business; the dog is fine," he said. "The people are the challenge; I can get a dog to listen to me in 15 minutes or less [when other] people can't."

Gellman, who eschews the use of food and clickers to train dogs, says that people think he's harsh with dogs. But, he focuses on cor-

recting the dog's inappropriate behavior by using his head and not his heart. "Getting your dog to sit for a cookie on a mat gives you a false sense of security," said Gellman. One hundred percent recall will give the client – and the dog – much more pleasure, he said. (This reporter had shared her frustration with her standard poodle's reluctance to come when called.) Training needs to happen – not in the classroom, but in the environment, said Gellman.

He attributes his success to

his passion, his business sense and his energy. Attending three to four networking events each week, he maintains a positive attitude, in part by surrounding himself with people who are equally energetic and passionate. "So what if the economy is bad? I've almost doubled my rates in the past three years and I'm booked solid," he said.

While most of his business is in New England – Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts – client visits require him to drive about

750 miles each week. He has four staff members who work with dogs in the training facility. Some clients' dogs need to work with Gellman away from home: Introducing the highly aggressive or highly nervous dogs into Gellman's dog pack teaches them how not to be aggressive or nervous. Gellman also takes and cares for rescue dogs, as well.

Where will the business be five years from now? "My 'no questions asked' dog sanctuary will be built," he said. "Any dogs will be welcome, even if we can't rehabilitate a dog. The dogs will be trained with my training method, and free to play during the day – if you want to adopt them, you'll walk out to a play yard." He said that his video show would be nationally syndicated, a reality TV show will be picked up, and he will be on the national speaking circuit.

Calling his confident attitude "in your face," he believes that 2011 will be a big wakeup call to the people who think, "Who is this Jeff Gellman guy?"

For more information about Gellman, his radio show, blog and the company, visit www.solidk9training.com.

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"Getting your dog to sit for a cookie on a mat gives you a false sense of security."

Honesty is best policy

From bagels to brokerage

BY REBECCA GARGANESE
Special to The Voice & Herald

HONESTY IN business is not always easy to come by. According to David Cohen, the New England managing director/senior business analyst for Vested Business Brokers, honesty is what sets him apart from many of his peers. "I find in my business realm [that] not everyone is truthful," said Cohen. "I'm always upfront with people."

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Cohen attributes his business ethics to his upbringing and education. He began working at a young age in his family's glass and glazing business in Fall River, Mass. "After Hebrew school, I'd walk down the street to the family business and help do work there," he said. "I'd fix windows that people had brought in during the afternoon."

As he got older, Cohen was able to help out more with the business end of the store. He received his B.S. in business management from Bentley College. He contin-

ued working in the family business until a college friend from New York called with an idea for a bagel business. Cohen suggested that the two of them start a business in Fall River, Mass.; with a bagel shop on every corner in New York City, they wouldn't have much of an open market. The friend agreed; in 1989, they opened the New York Bagel Co. in Fall River, Mass.

The following year a second bagel shop was opened in Dartmouth, Mass. That was when Cohen and his brother went from silent partners to full-time owners and operators.

In 2002 the bagel business was doing well and, having no plans for expansion, Cohen decided it was time for a change. And change he did – going from the bagel business to the brokerage industry. For the last seven years, Cohen has helped people buy and sell businesses. Given the current economic conditions, Cohen has many buyers who are out of work. Given that, he helps people "buy their own job."

With his education and extensive background as a business owner, he hopes that his clients consider him a great resource. "I can help

people with all the connections I've made," he said. Cohen works hard to match the right seller with the right buyer.

With his connections, he is able to expand the buyer market for his sellers and identify assets in their company they didn't know they had, thus increasing the company's value to prospective buyers. "We work with the buyers before we introduce them to the sellers," said Cohen. "I couldn't sleep right

if I knew someone was getting into the wrong thing... putting their savings in a bad place out of desperation."

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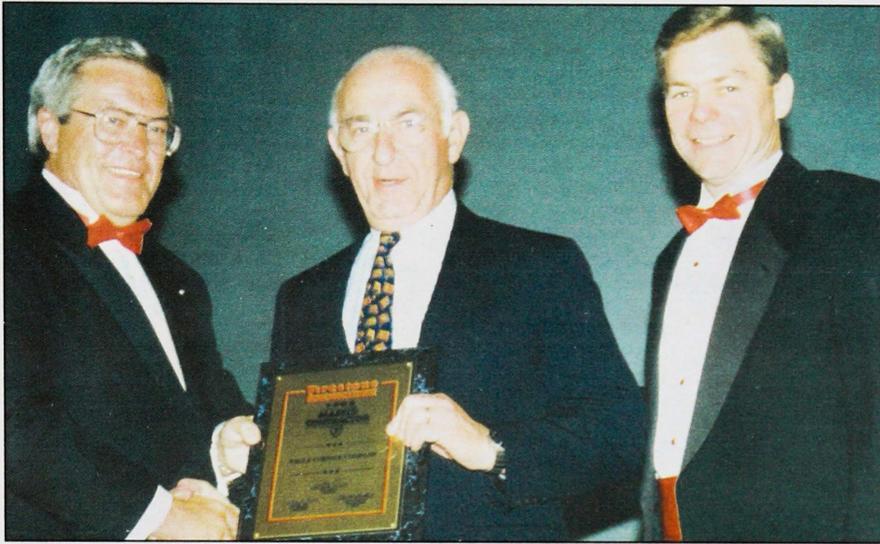
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Justin Jay Strauss shares secrets of success

BY NANCY ABESHAUS
Special to The Voice & Herald

WHEN RHODE Island native Justin Jay Strauss began working at the family business, the Eagle Cornice Company, a roofing and sheet metal firm in Cranston, he was close to the age at which his grandfather, Simon Strauss, emigrated as a teenager from Latvia to America in the late 1800s.

A tin knocker by trade, Simon didn't work for others very long before starting the business, in 1901, in Providence – with two horses and a wagon.

Today, more than a century later, the Eagle Cornice Company at 89 Pettaconsett Ave. in Cranston, still offers its customers a complete line of roofing and sheet metal systems and services; its original tagline, First in Quality Since 1901, still graces its business letterhead. Although no longer family-owned – Jay sold the business in the late 1990s – his grandson still works there.

Did Jay like the roofing business? "Not at first," said Jay, recalling those early learning years. "It was a hard, dirty all-weather business – outside and on top of buildings, installing and repairing roofs." But it was the family business, it was profitable, and it provided one of the great necessities in life: Shelter. Everyone needs a roof over his head.

Around that time, Jay's grandmother, Sadie, shared her wisdom about the business: The work is dirty, but the money is clean, she said. "And I tell this to my own grandchildren," said Jay, "The work, at times, may seem [to be] beneath you, but it is honorable work. If you have a trade or a skill – regardless of the economy – you can usually

get a job. So it's nice to have an education, but it's also good to have a skill."

Jay's father Allen (of blessed memory) also worked in the family business. Allen's advice to Jay: If you want to be successful, it isn't enough to be good; you have to be better. "I always remembered that and I always gave 100 percent to whatever I pursued in my civilian and military life," said Jay, who joined the family business in 1958.

Jay holds a B.S. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. At age 52, he returned to school to sharpen his business acumen, earning an M.B.A. from Harvard University, "with a degree of difficulty," said Jay. "I never chose the easy way of doing things."

Although he received a good public and private education, Jay attributes his success as an entrepreneur to his Air Force education and experience as an airline pilot. "A top-notch military education as an airline pilot taught me to be totally self-reliant," said Jay. "You must learn and practice your lessons. Flying is an unnatural thing for a human being to do. You have to understand highly technical equipment and become well-educated in weather, especially in the roofing business."

A successful business, said Jay, is like flying an airplane. "You cannot bull your way through it; you must be honest with yourself," he said. Jay applies this philosophy to building as well. "Honesty in business pays off," said Jay. "Your best customers are your past customers. You do good work for them and they will refer new business to you. All our work was guaranteed – sometimes for 20 years." It isn't enough to be good; you must always be better, he said.

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Lifelong passion for dogs leads to business

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE – Jed Sheckley opened The Dog House four years ago, when he was 28. Sheckley, who has worked with dogs his entire life, grew up with a family dog and later got his own puppy. They were a team that grew up together.

At 15, Sheckley launched a successful dog-walking business in New York City; after he moved to Providence, he worked for four years at Classic Clips Pet Salon. In 2000, he left the salon to open a pet-sitting/dog-walking service on Providence's East Side, while attending school to become a certified dog trainer.

With a wealth of experience

from working with so many breeds of dogs, Sheckley wanted to open a canine facility offering day care and boarding. A business plan, a relative offering start-up financing and a landlord who understood his plan – and The Dog House opened in September 2006.

"Being an entrepreneur is a luxury that everyone can afford if they want it enough and are not afraid of hard work," wrote Sheckley, who feels fortunate to earn a living doing what he loves.

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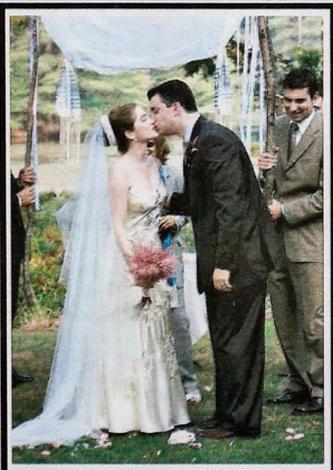
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Keys to success include planning, passion and persistence

BY PATRICIA RASKIN
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

THE TERM "JEWISH entrepreneur" wasn't something I was raised to think about.

I was given the gift of singing as a child. Raised in a Jewish home, I became a teacher and guidance counselor. I never dreamed that one day I would use my voice, counseling skills and Jewish heritage as an independent radio broadcaster. But I did and I am and I'm passionate about what I do. I do believe that my drive and passion and energy, thirst for learning about people and focus comes from my genes, but also from my Jewish heritage, of which

I am extremely proud.

I was a pioneer; because of that, my media focus on the positive was not embraced for years. But I stayed with it and I know this work makes a difference – my radio pro-



Patricia Raskin

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grams are about transforming obstacles into opportunities and problems into solutions. On the

air, we educate, uplift and inspire people to achieve positive goals.

I did not choose this work. It chose me and it is my calling. I have been fortunate to interview some of the most amazing people in the world, several thousand during the past 30 years on at least 15 different television and radio

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programs.

I have interviewed experts from all walks of life, including Holocaust survivors, Jewish scholars and others prominent in their respective fields. The knowledge and insight I have gained from them inspires me.

I had to learn entrepreneurial skills. My work involves much more than interviews. It involves

marketing, selling, networking, social media, technology skills, building relationships with publicists, authors and experts, and blending it all into a package that looks seamless, but is a full-time job and all-encompassing work.

When I interview experts about success, I hear that the key is to love what you do and to be passionate about it. I have this passion and it's what keeps me going during the challenging times.

There is no magic pill. I believe that entrepreneurs need my "5 Ps" to succeed: Purpose, planning, passion, persistence and patience. I have added prayer to that list because I feel that God plays a strong role. I also have good people – we all work together and I orchestrate.

I consider myself an artist who uses words and communication; it is so exciting because I am creating all the time. My symbol, the bumblebee, is so fitting, because

I "pollinate through the airways" and spread my guests' pollen to audiences. What I really am is a catalyst.

Someone recently said to me, "You are Ed Sullivan, not the Beatles." Well, whatever this Jewish bumblebee is, she is always buzzing and pollinating in hopes of bringing light to the world. It is needed now more than ever.

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From 'executive shlepper' to entrepreneur

First identify key goals, then start the business

BY ROBERT FAIN
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

IN AUGUST 1959, my father told me that our family business, the Waldorf Tuxedo Company of 50 years, was going to be sold. Then 21, I had been the "executive shlepper" at the store since I was age 13. That meant I had to do whatever I was told and not tell anyone that "I'm the boss' son!" I was in college then and had planned on entering the family business, but with the news of the sale, I realized I had to do something different.

Over time, I developed five components that I wanted my business to have:

- Unlimited potential to earn as much money as my talent permitted.
- A positive impact on the community.
- Unlimited academic opportunity for teaching and personal growth development.
- Respect in the community.
- A living legacy effect; for in the end, that is all that counts.

I knew I wasn't going to be Warren Buffett or Bill Gates, but a guy who did something with the five components. Once I put that together and thought I understood, I had to go find the vehicle. In August 1963, I found it – I knew exactly what I was looking for.

That vehicle, Fain Financial Services, a life insurance business, engaged me from Nov. 5, 1963 and for the next 47 years, though it evolved into a financial planning and advisory business. I was introduced to the field by Jack Temkin (of

blessed memory).

Working for someone else was not in the equation, but entrepreneurship was.

Entrepreneurs are not born and



Bob Fain

BOB FAIN

not created by others, but by themselves. If I were to give advice, I'd tell prospective entrepreneurs to find the top five entrepreneurs they could find – regardless of their age, gender or business – and ask them for tips and wisdom. But, before you go to meet with those people, make sure you know their biographies cold – know them inside and out. You must know yourself first.

I closed my business about three years ago; I'm happy in retirement,

though I still work in the area of advising people about long-term care planning. It's more than just insurance. As Baby Boomers age and start to care for their parents, who are dying in their 80s and 90s, medical, social, emotional and financial issues have exploded.

Mentoring is part of the life of an entrepreneur. When someone asked me for help, I made a promise to meet with that individual; in turn, I asked that person to mentor someone else down the road. If someone comes to you, don't be a big shot and say that you are too busy.

I also give a lot of credit to my wife, Toby (of blessed memory). If

"I knew I wasn't going to be Warren Buffett or Bill Gates."

we hadn't been on the same team, entrepreneurship would have been very difficult. I am so pleased that both our children, Dorie and David, are entrepreneurs. Dorie is a financial planner and David sells life insurance to wealthy clients.

The beat goes on.

Some quotable quotes on business

Some famous – and not-so-famous – sources provide wisdom

EVER WONDER what our Jewish forefathers and foremothers said about work and creativity?

Who knows – perhaps today's entrepreneurs' words of wisdom may appear in some book – or blog – to be published in the future. In the meantime, perhaps these quotes will inspire present-day and future entrepreneurs.

• "Everything I do is basically connected with my work. Everything." Muriel Spark, *Reality and Dreams*, 1997, reprinted in *The Quotable Jewish Woman: Wisdom, Inspiration & Humor from the Mind and Heart*, edited and compiled by Elaine Bernstein Partnow and published by Jewish Lights Publishing, 2004.

• "Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction."

Anne Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*, 1947, reprinted in *The Quotable Jewish Woman*.

• "The pessimism of the creative person is not decadence, but a mighty passion for the redemption of man." Isaac Bashevis Singer, Yiddish writer, Nobel Prize lecture in Stockholm, December 1978, reprinted in *Two Jews, Three Opinions: A Collection of Twentieth-Century American Jewish Quotations*, edited by Sandee Bratworsky and Deborah Mark and published by The Berkeley Publishing Group, 1998.

• "Next to cancer, work has been the most interesting thing in my life." Betty Rollins, *Am I Getting Paid for This?*, 1982, reprinted in *Two Jews, Three Opinions*.

• "You can have the best service, the best service delivery plan, the sexiest product, the most efficient production system, the wisest financial plan. But without the best people, your organization simply can't function at its optimum." Susan Herman, *Hiring Right*, 1994, reprinted in *The Quotable Jewish Woman*.



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Entrepreneurs: No 'one size fits all'

Rhode Island is a breeding ground for entrepreneurs

By NANCY KIRSCH
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GIVEN THIS issue's theme, we talked with a few expert entrepreneurs to get their words of wisdom for *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.

ANDY CUTLER

Cutler & Company's Andy Cutler - communications consultant and networker *par excellence* - believes entrepreneurship skills require both "nature and nurture."

With lower housing costs here than in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston or New York, Providence provides a robust network of mentors; moreover, our state's small size is an asset. Cutler, who lived in



ANDY CUTLER

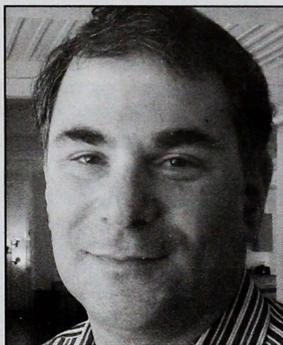
several other cities before moving to Providence in 2003, sees us as unique in the number of people willing to step up to the plate to help others. The state's small size allows a business developer to get really involved in the community and to experiment more easily, said Cutler, who has provided communications counsel to the Business Innovation Factory (BIF), the City of Providence, Rhode Island School of Design, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and dozens of startup compa-

nies. "Access to people, information and technology," Cutler said, is why people come to - or stay in - Rhode Island. "[Having only] one degree of separation is a powerful ingredient."

SAUL KAPLAN

"When we think of entrepreneurs, we think of Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg," said Saul Kaplan, founder and chief catalyst of BIF (a nonprofit organization focusing on health care, education, energy and entrepreneurship). Kaplan, who has served in a variety of entrepreneurial roles, including as the executive director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and chairman of the Quonset Development Corporation and the Slater Technology Fund boards, founded Innomodels LLC, which provides business model services to the public and private sectors.

Kaplan believes that, today, everyone needs project development and team mobilization skills. Calling entrepreneurship the defining element of our economic future, Kaplan wants schools and communities to embrace entrepreneurial skills, tools and activities.



SAUL KAPLAN

To that end, BIF and Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. recently launched the Entrepreneur Experience Laboratory. The lab, BIF's Web site explains, "was created to put the experience of real

world entrepreneurs at the center of an ongoing effort to design, develop and experiment with new ways to support entrepreneurs and accelerate new venture creation." Entrepreneurs, said Kaplan, can blog and post videos about their experiences on the site.

In the developing world, where corporate jobs are rare or non-existent, people must be entrepreneurial to survive. Here, with the currently struggling economy, Kaplan sees people who are "entrepreneurs by necessity" after failing to find employment. "We've lost the entrepreneurial spirit, we need to get it back. It's not just about making money, but also about delivering value and solving problems."

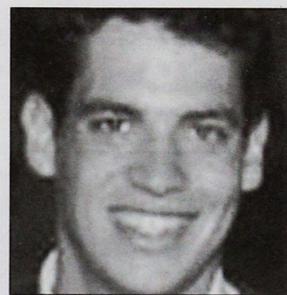
Impressed by the growing cadre of local entrepreneurs, Kaplan believes they are good at "self-organizing and networking. The public sector should be enabling and catalyzing [those efforts]."

"Access to people, information and technology is why people come to Rhode Island."
Andy Cutler

MAX WINOGRAD

Max Winograd (no relation, he says, to any Rhode Island Winograds), a 2009 Brown University graduate, recounts his first entrepreneurial venture: "I was probably 4 or 5 when I set up a table in the pantry to sell my younger brother's baby food back to my parents!"

As a high school student, he established a school club to encourage students to register to vote before they graduated. An entrepreneurship class at Brown



MAX WINOGRAD

planted the seed for Winograd and two friends, Ben Lux and Mike Woods (also 2009 Brown graduates), to start a company, NuLabel Technologies, Inc. The company has developed innovative labels to cut costs and reduce waste. Eliminating the wasteful peel-off liner - the most expensive part of the label - offers both environmental and economic benefits. With three founders and three part-time consultants, the Pawtucket-based company will begin selling in 2011.

"It's not that entrepreneurs can take on any challenge," said Winograd, the company's president, "but that they have the flexibility and capability to get the resources they need." Warning against the "I'm my own man, I can tackle the world on my own" approach, he recommends entrepreneurs build relationship networks. "You have to have foresight, and [be willing to] make the leap to the next step, even with only 60 percent of the knowledge."

Connecting with Danny Warshay proved helpful, as his ideas and connections were instrumental "in honing in on a message to some of our early investors," said Winograd.

DANNY WARSHAY

Many people think that entrepreneurs are big risk-takers, said Warshay, the founder and managing director of DEW Ventures, and a Brown University adjunct professor teaching entrepreneur-

ship. But smart entrepreneurs find ways to spread risk, he said.

Noting that entrepreneurs must follow certain processes in a logical order, Warshay is pleased to be teaching in the engineering department. "You wouldn't tell an engineer, 'Just go build a bridge; if it falls down, you can try again.'" Just as engineering requires rigorous understanding of processes, so, too, does entrepreneurship.

Warshay works with companies and institutes in far-flung locales - Cairo, Lisbon and Shanghai - and teaches in Tel Aviv University's MBA program during the summer. It's exciting, he says; there's always something new and challenging. Last summer, for instance, he led an intensive new ventures workshop for 30 Israeli



DANNY WARSHAY

startup chief executive officers. He derives deep satisfaction from helping entrepreneurs. "When I help someone develop a technology that [improves] medical practices," said Warshay, that's *tikkun olam*."

His knowledge of software (as a Brown undergraduate, he co-founded Clearview Software, which Apple Computer acquired in 1989, and co-developed another firm, Specialized Systems and Software), media (he led the growth of Anchor Communications which was sold in two parts to Belo Corporation and Miller Publishing Group) and venture capital (he co-founded and directs Health Business Partners, a venture capital and financial advisory firm for the nutrition industry) positions Warshay to offer his expertise to students as well as seasoned executives. At Brown he was nominated for the Karen T. Romer Award for Excellence in Advising and was a finalist for the Barrett Hazeltine Award for Excellence in Teaching.

For more information about these entrepreneurs, visit:

Andy Cutler at www.cutlerand-company.com, Saul Kaplan, at www.businessinnovationfactory.com, Max Winograd at www.nulabeltechnologies.com, and Danny Warshay at www.dewventures.com.

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Better cooking through history

There's more to learn, says Chef Walter

By TORI HITCHINER AND REBECCA GARGANESE

Special to The Voice & Herald

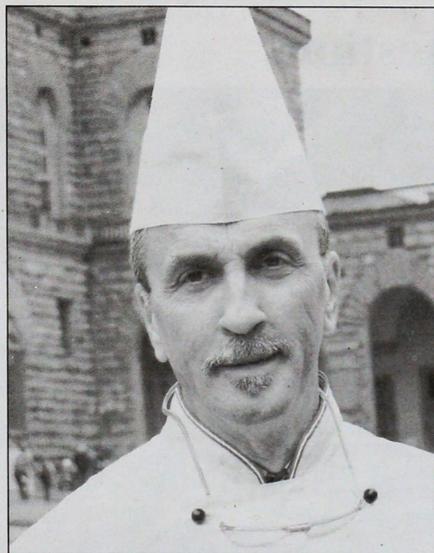
PROVIDENCE – What does it take to open a successful restaurant? Ask Chef Walter Potenza, owner and head chef of Walter's Ristorante d'Italia. "Entrepreneurs are those people who have the sense of conviction that they can make it happen, and they don't accept defeat," he says, seated on the bar stool of his namesake establishment. "They have a sense of leadership, but most of all, a message in mind."

BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR PROFILE

As a young man, Potenza started working in his family's restaurants as an apprentice and a dishwasher. "The lowest rung of the culinary ladder," he said. Having come to Rhode Island from his native Abruzzo, Italy in 1972, he opened his first restaurant, Walter's, in 1985.

In 1994, he opened the Sunflower Café and La Locanda del Coccio, followed by Aquaviva Eurobistro in 1999. Nearly 20 years after opening Walter's in East Greenwich, the chef relocated to historic Federal Hill in Providence in 2004, changing the name of the restaurant to Walter's Ristorante D'Italia.

Throughout the years, Potenza has also been featured on many television programs, wrote a cookbook, and won many awards, including most recently being nominated



CHEF WALTER POTENZA / Chef Walter Potenza

'Master Chef' by the Association of Professional Chefs of Italy in October of 2010.

His wife, Carmela Natale, operates the business side of Potenza's "brand," both in the back office and the front of the restaurant.

While some may scoff at the idea of a husband and wife working and living together, the two don't find it difficult. "People ask, 'How can you be together 24 hours a day?' But, it's easy," she said.

Potenza, who studied history at Rhode Island College, has managed to incorporate his love of historical culture into his cooking. "I decided to become a scholar," he said. "It was not important to be the best technically speaking... I wanted to be the most knowledgeable."

Spending years researching Italian culture as it relates to the



CHEF WALTER POTENZA awarded the title of Master Chef in Firenze Italy November 30, 2010

cuisine, he learned about the connections between

classic Italian dishes and Jewish recipes. This has led him to offer Sephardic Jewish meals at Ristorante D'Italia, as well as a yearly Passover-style meal (but not a seder).

In addition to owning and operating several restaurants, Potenza also runs Chef Walter's Cooking School, with two locations in Italy and one in Providence. Why would a chef want to teach the secrets of his craft?

"Everyone will forget a dinner they had at some point, but no one

will forget a notion. That [notion] can only come with taking a class," Potenza said. By teaching others how to cook, Potenza can get his all-important message across more thoroughly than simply by making a delicious meal.

A drive to learn is another part of what he feels makes a great chef. "I believe that if you spend enough time with a specific technique, that you become very good at it. But what differentiates a professional chef from a person who is just 'a chef,' or not a scholar, is that a scholar can constantly reinvent himself."

Walter's Ristorante d'Italia is

located at 286 Atwells Ave, Providence. Call 273-2652 or 273-8664 for reservations, visit www.chefwalter.com. They are taking reservations now for the 2011 Passover dinners in late April.

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REMEMBER THE PAST

From the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

Four Questions

Gas stations provided full service, in 'the good old days'

By GERALDINE FOSTER
Special to The Voice & Herald

THE DAY WAS GRAY and blustery. Shivering in the cold, I went through the ritual involved in filling my gas tank. As the fuel coursed through the hose, I thought back to the days when you pulled into the station, someone would come out and – as you sat in the warm confines of your car – ask four questions. Fill 'er up? Wash your windshield? Check your oil? Check your battery?

The year was 1927, the first year in which Jewish names appeared as proprietors of filling stations: Joseph and Herman Bergel, Abraham Horowitz, Kellerman Brothers, Jack and William Kessler, Jack Davis (Trinity Square Auto Station).

Murray Gereboff remembered Kessler's at 130 Orms Street in Providence. It was a short distance from Leonard's Service Station owned by his father, Maurice (whose middle name was Leonard).

Maurice Gereboff was working at Scott Furriers in Providence when he was persuaded to become an entrepreneur, to own his own business in a field with a future – gas stations. In 1942, he signed a lease with Sun Oil Co. for their station in the triangle where Orms and Smith streets meet: Two pumps (regular, hi-test) and one bay for repairs. Gereboff, a self-taught mechanic, also employed someone more experienced on a part-time basis. The station was open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year. Young people cruising downtown at night came to Leonard's, the nearest place still open. The most profitable day of the year, Murray stated, was

Christmas. Leonard's was the only station open in Providence on Christmas, so anyone needing gas on that day was directed by the police to go there, "to Gereboff."

All the family was involved in the business at some point. Mrs. Gereboff did the bookkeeping. The two sons, Joel and Murray, helped after school, on holidays and when they were in college. At each sale, those four questions were asked. Windshields were cleaned, even on the coldest day. The dipstick was withdrawn from the crankcase to check the need for oil. The caps came off the cells in the battery. If the water level was low, fluid was inserted with a bulb baster.

It was hard work, Murray Gereboff stated. Although there was a lift in the bay, most of the activity took place outside, whether in the heat of summer or the dead of winter. In snowy weather, customers came in to have chains put on their tires. It meant scooting under the car on a creeper to fasten the unwieldy links around the wheels. Replacing a tire required a great deal of muscle. Since there were four or five stations nearby, the change of a penny more or less in the price of gas, then about 25 cents a gallon, caused a crisis on the street and could mean lost customers. Because it was a leased station, all changes had to be approved by the parent company.

Unlike Maurice Gereboff, Peter Berger had trained as a mechanic at an East Side garage before opening his business on Broad Street in 1940. At his location, he faced many of the same challenges mentioned above – long hours, difficult work. He also had to deal with the problem of gas shortages, rationing and coupons during World War II, as well as keeping customers' cars running well. New cars were unavailable during those years. Berger was the only person my uncle trusted to care for his Desoto. Berger also worked days at the Walsh-Kaiser



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PETER BERGER, at his gas station, at 911 Broad Street in Providence.



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LEONARD'S SERVICE STATION was on the corner of Smith and Orms streets in Providence. Maurice Gereboff, station owner, and his son, Murray Gereboff, 5, are pictured here.

Shipyard; a hired hand looked finished his shift at the shipyard. Berger retired before the major

gas shortage in 1973, when the cost of a gallon of gas rocketed to \$1.

Gereboff retired before the second gas shortage in 1977.

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The business matters of *halakhah*

Holiness can infuse every business transaction

By RABBI AMY LEVIN
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

IT'S COMMON SENSE that any society will insist that merchants conduct their business with integrity, but our biblical passages have much to teach us about business ethics. The place of

"God requires us to be mindful of those who are dependent on us for wages."

GOD IN THE PLACE OF BUSINESS
"You shall not falsify measures of length, weight or capacity. You shall have an honest balance, an honest weight, an honest *ephah* [a unit of dry measure, about a bushel] and an honest

bin [a unit of liquid measure, about 1.5 gallons]. I am the Lord your God, it is I who brought you out of the land of Egypt." (Vayikra, Leviticus 19:35-36)

These verses from Vayikra are engaging because they teach us that the decisions we make as we earn our living are made in the presence of God. These verses remind us that we thrived as a people because of God's compassion in bringing us out of Egypt... and so it behooves us to be compassionate as well.

A bakery, a textile mill, a consulting firm and an international bank can all generate *kedushah*, or holiness... or they can bring baseness and deception to the world. God is in our place of business, whether it is base or

holy. It is up to each of us to acknowledge God's presence.

IT'S NOT EASY BEING THE BOSS

"Do not abuse the wage worker, the poor and the oppressed from among your brothers or from among the strangers in your land and within your gates. On his day you will give his wage, and the sun will not set on it, for he is poor, and he sustains his soul with it, so that he won't call out to God about you, that you would have sin upon you." (D'varim, Deuteronomy 24:14-15)

Everyone who employs others, who supervises others in the workplace, who is one step above another in a corporate chain of command has an opportunity to perform the human equivalent of that godly act of compassion. Our *brit*, or covenant, with God requires us to be mindful of the fact that those who are dependent on us for wages are

literally dependent on us for the means of providing themselves and their dependents with food, clothing and shelter.

LET THE BUYER BUY WARES

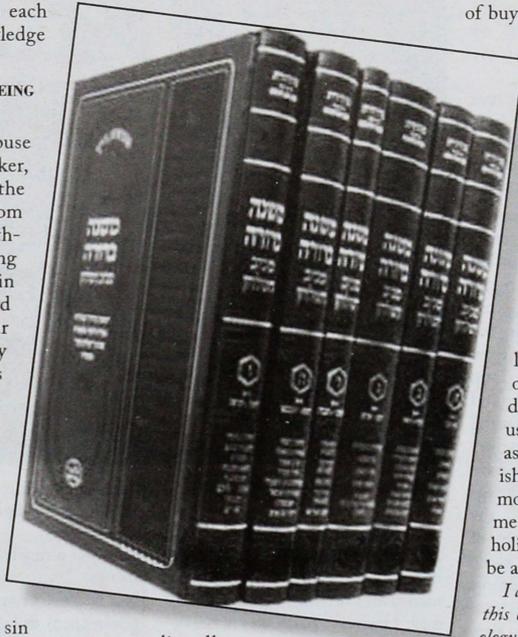
In the world of business, the *halakhah* also holds the consumer to moral standards. In the Mishnah (Baba Metzia 4:1), we are instructed that we are not to ask the price of a certain item in a shop if we have no intention

of buying it. Why? Because it is cruel to raise the merchant's hopes (as consumers, we influence the ability of merchants, or salespeople on commission, to provide food, clothing and shelter for their dependents).

Our *halakhic* sources delve into the most elevating moments of our lives and the most prosaic... indeed the scope of Jewish law is the scope of the life of Jews. No matter what we do, our tradition provides us with the opportunity to ask, "How can I do this Jewishly?" "How can I infuse this most simple of moments with meaning and even *kedushah*, holiness?" There will always be an inspiring answer.

I am a Conservative rabbi and this essay is informed by my theology and my training. If I am not your rabbi (ie., you are not a member of my congregation), please turn to your own rabbi if you are seeking more personal insight and guidance on this topic.

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SHENANIGANS or skillfull strategizing?

eight fewer members in his coalition, but the 66 who remain are considered far more stable than the 74 he had pre-defection.

Before Barak's dramatic announcement, Labor was threatening to withdraw all 13 of its Knesset members unless Netanyahu could show real progress in peacemaking with the Palestinians. That would have left the prime minister with only 61 coalition members, the vast majority right-wingers and the minimum necessary to stay prime minister in the 120-seat Knesset. Such a narrow coalition would have opened up Netanyahu to harsh domestic and international criticism for leading a perceived hard-line government.

Now, in what appears to have been a coordinated move, Netanyahu and Barak have pulled the rug out from under the feet of their opponents. With a more stable coalition, Netanyahu almost certainly has secured a full term in office, until 2013. Barak preempted attempts to oust him as Labor leader and force him to leave the Defense Ministry by cutting a deal in which he can stay on as defense minister after leaving Labor.

Many Israelis on the left and right viewed Barak's move with deep skepticism. The new party he heads, called Atzmaut, which means "independence," has a hazey future other than the assurance of four ministerial berths in Netanyahu's government and the chairmanship of a Knesset committee.

The leader of Israel's opposition,



DEFENSE MINISTER EHUD BARAK announcing his intention to quit the Labor Party he heads to form a new faction, called Independence, on Jan. 17.

Kadima Party leader Tzipi Livni, called it the "dirtiest and ugliest maneuver" in Israel's political history. Her own party was a break-away from Likud in November 2005, when then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon led an exodus of moderates, including Livni, from the Likud.

The regional implications of the upgraded Netanyahu-Barak partnership could be far reaching.

It would appear that the peace process with the Palestinians is over, as the more dovish members of Netanyahu's coalition have exited. Even if Netanyahu wanted to cut a deal with the Palestinians, his remaining coalition partners likely would block it.

Barak and Netanyahu, how-

ever, put a much different gloss on things. Until now, the Palestinians had been hoping for the Israeli government to fall and be replaced by one more amenable to their demands, representatives of the

"Many Israelis viewed Barak's move with deep skepticism."

two men argue, and this has kept the Palestinians away from serious peace talks. Now, with a more stable government, the Palestinians will see this is who they have to deal with for the foreseeable future and may become more serious about returning to the negotiating table.

Furthermore, Netanyahu and Barak confidants have been drop-

ping broad hints that a new Israeli peace initiative is in the offing, suggesting that this is the part of a Netanyahu-Barak understanding.

There is another theory for Barak's move: That Netanyahu is seriously contemplating a preemptive strike against Iran's nuclear installations and believes he needs Barak at his side. According to this line of thinking, with the Labor Party threatening to force Barak to leave the government, Netanyahu could have found himself with a new defense minister who was less inclined to attack Iran. The front runner would have been the Likud's Moshe (Boogie) Yaalon, a super-hawk on the Palestinian issue but very cautious about striking Iran.

It would be understandable, commentators said, if Barak's decision was part of a bid to revive peace talks with the Palestinians or take action against Iran's drive toward nuclear weapons. But if not, the move is nothing more than a cynical act of political self-preservation.

In the media, Barak's move was excoriated as a betrayal of those who voted for him and the party that had given him his chance in politics.

Barak's leadership of Labor had been under severe threat. Would-be successors had called for an early party convention, expected to take place in late February or early March, with two issues on the agenda: Deciding whether to stay in the government and setting a date for new leadership primaries. Within the space of a few months, Barak could have found himself out

of the Defense Ministry and supplanted as party leader.

Barak says his new party will run in the next elections. But many Israelis wonder if Barak really intends to make an electoral pact with Netanyahu and run on the Likud ticket.

Where does all this leave the Labor Party?

Many had accused Barak of ruining the party with his high-handed leadership style, lack of people skills and loss of ideological direction - and now delivering the *coup de grace* by splitting the party. Many Israelis believe that the party, whose leaders founded and built the state, holding uninterrupted power for Israel's first three decades, has run its course and that a new left-center constellation will rise from the ashes.

But the eight former ministers and Knesset members who have remained in the party insist that it could still be at the heart of a center-left revival.

One of the contenders for the party leadership, Yitzhak Herzog, said Barak's departure has freed Labor of its biggest obstacle in the way of rehabilitation, and now the party can rebuild and recapture some of its former glory.

Party activists, especially the young guard, say that with Barak gone, people will rejoin in droves.

Labor overcame its first serious hurdle on the way to rehabilitation when four Knesset members led by former party boss Amir Peretz - who had been considering a second split from Labor - decided to stay.

But the four have made it clear - unless there is a modicum of cooperation - they will leave later, precipitating another major crisis.

Much will depend on who takes over as Labor's leader. Early polls showed that Herzog enjoys 20 percent public support, with former party leader Amram Mitzna and Knesset member Shelly Yacimovich each with 18 percent.

But these polls are largely irrelevant. It is not clear who the final contenders for the Labor leadership will be, what new parties will emerge before the next elections and what the center-left political map will look like.

More important, the results of the next election likely will be decided by how the new Netanyahu-Barak partnership fares. That has only just begun.

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Remembering Debbie Friedman

Teaching Torah through lyrics and melodies

By RACHEL MERSKY WODA
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

THOSE OF US who went to Jewish summer camp or were active in youth group will resonate with the statement, "Debbie Friedman wrote the soundtrack to my Jewish experience."

Debbie was known for her "Mi Sheberach" which was sung last week in Tucson, Ariz. at Representative Gabrielle Giffords' synagogue. The teens I work with sing and dance like crazy when they hear "Miriam's Song." Many of our children learned the "Alef Bet," thanks to Debbie.

"She transformed the way we pray and learn."

While Debbie was a product of the Reform movement, her music is now sung in congregations, camps and youth groups of all of our movements. It has even been said that a piece of her music was mistakenly introduced as a traditional Hasidic melody. This was because it was never about the composer; for Debbie, it was always about the intention, the lesson and the value we would learn while singing along.

Debbie taught Torah in the broadest sense – she brought text to life with her lyrics and melodies. She instilled in us a sense of Jewish values while making it meaningful and, let's be honest, enjoyable, to engage in worship services. She transformed the way we pray and



DEBBIE FRIEDMAN

learn while paving the way for many to follow in her footsteps using music as a way to engage in Jewish education.

I learned of Debbie's death after attending a meeting at Temple Beth-El where we are planning to bring one of her disciples here this spring. Dan Nichols (www.jewishrock.com) will be celebrating Shabbat with Temple Habonim and Temple Beth-El the weekend of April 29.

I am deeply saddened by this loss to our community, but am grateful that I have the opportunity every day to embody and teach the lessons I learned from the music and vision of Debbie Friedman. May her memory be a blessing.

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Debating Debbie Friedman's personal life

After her death, questions arise

By JTA STAFF

NEW YORK (JTA) – A debate among bloggers following Debbie Friedman's death is raising questions about the obligation of gay and lesbian celebrities to be out front in discussing their sexual orientation.

The discussion began with a Jan. 10 post to Jewschool by David Levy lamenting what he described as the pioneering musician's decision not to be public about her lesbianism. Just one day after the musician's death, Levy noted that, in virtually all the public discussion and media coverage of the days leading up to her death, and in the posthumous writing about Friedman, there had been no mention of her life partner.

"I don't bear any ill will towards Debbie for staying in the closet," wrote Levy, the editor of *Jewish-Boston.com* and a board member of Keshet, a Boston-based nonprofit working for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Jews in Jewish life. "But her life in the closet was double-barreled tragedy: How sad that Debbie could not live her life with wholeness, and how sad that so many queer kids were deprived such an important role model. How ironic that the tyranny of the closet overpowered the woman whose songs let us let go for a moment of what the world might think of us, just long enough to shout 'Nutter butter peanut butter' or sway with our arms around our friends and not worry if we looked gay."

"My friends who knew Debbie tell me that she had a life partner. I don't know her partner's name because all the press around Debbie's illness and passing only asked for prayers and comfort on behalf of Debbie's sister, family and friends. I hope this did not

add to the unbearable pain and loss her partner must be experiencing now, but how could it not?"

The post stood in stark contrast to the countless tributes to Friedman, who transformed Jewish worship in hundreds of North American synagogues, if not thousands, with her sing-along style of folk-inspired music that brought prayer home to liberal Jews who had never felt its power.

It also drew a scorching

which [Friedman] lived her life – all aspects of her life – should be respected, not tossed aside to satisfy someone else's prurient curiosity or politics," Nussbaum Cohen wrote. "Debbie was not in the closet. Neither did she ride floats at a gay pride parade. She was, quite simply, a private person. She did not shout from the rooftops. She responded to alienation and injustice through the music she wrote that changed the way we pray."

Nussbaum Cohen added, "Debbie lived her life with authenticity and dignity, all the more remarkable because of the challenges she endured."

Another reporter-blogger, Marc Tracey of *Tablet*, waded into the debate.

"Well, first, she was in some sort of closet (albeit a slightly larger one than those populated by non-celebrities or public figures); if not, there would not have been anything wrong or unusual with Levy announcing she was a lesbian," Tracey wrote. "Cohen's confusion on this point betrays her more fundamental refusal to see the implications of Friedman's closetedness – and the potential to celebrate her as 'a lesbian Jew.'"

Tracey insisted that "it is no disrespect to Friedman's memory to admit that for those who care for GLBT rights, particularly in the Jewish community, where such people's full personhood is not everywhere taken for granted – it would have been better had Friedman been publicly out."

"I ultimately can't sign on to the notion, which would find its roots in so-called 'first-wave feminism,' that Friedman had an obligation to come out," Tracey wrote. "But it isn't a stretch to acknowledge her right to her decision but also judge that it would have been best for the community, for certain values, and for other Jewish lesbians if she had declared herself one of them."

"Tyranny overpowered the woman whose songs let us let go of what the world might think."

response from Debra Nussbaum Cohen on the *Forward's* Sisterhood blog.

"I've been asked to respond to this, or else never would have discussed it publicly, because Debbie would not have wanted her personal life bandied about," Nussbaum Cohen wrote.

In the days before Friedman's death, as the musician was hospitalized in Southern California with pneumonia, Nussbaum Cohen authored a post urging people to pray for Friedman. And in an "appreciation" following Friedman's passing, Nussbaum Cohen became the first to report that Friedman had suffered for more than two decades from dyskinesia, a neurological movement disorder.

But Nussbaum Cohen drew the line at the discussion on Jewschool, suggesting that it violated Friedman's privacy and insisting it was off base in the assertion that Friedman had hidden her sexual orientation.

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Favorite films of 2010

Writer's picks abound with Jewish themes, Jewish names

HERE IS MY list of favorite films of 2010, with a focus on Jewish names and themes of Jewish interest. "Howl" at the Avon finds its focus in the trial of Allen Ginsberg on charges of obscenity. A deeply interesting biography of the devoted friend, the impassioned Jewish poet, the gifted photographer, marred, in the mind of this reviewer, by one flaw. It casts the defense attorney in court as a youthful, eloquent, attractive lawyer, and we side with him. The



Mike Fink

prosecuting personality has narrow eyes, a bit of a stammer and nothing sparkling to say. This is the weakness of our American movies: They load the dice.

Isn't there anything legitimate to be said in favor of any form of restraint and respect for the culture of one's audience? Even if you vote for taking down the boundaries of censorship, can't we afford to give the part a chance to create dramatic balance, tension, dilemma, doubt? "You Will Meet a Tall, Dark Stranger," to my taste, was one of the better of Woody Allen's efforts. I liked it precisely for its unrelieved nastiness. Nobody on screen makes the right decision or pursues happiness with the proper moves; the absence of an atmosphere of goodwill raises the script and the performances to something close to genuine and caustic wit: It almost struck me as somehow "moral." "Film Unfinished," which the Cable Car showed at an

awkward matinee hour, moved me deeply. The narration was superb – sad, thoughtful, sharp. The "plot," if you wish to use the term, was about found reels of manipulated footage recording, for Nazi propaganda purposes, the horrors of the Warsaw Ghetto. But the doomed "actors," forced to play villains and helpless to hint otherwise, reminiscent of Terezin, are quite actual.

Survivors in Israel watch the black-and-white film and comment and criticize.

Totally the opposite of the sentimental tearjerkers of Spielberg, this excellent effort thoroughly merits our attention, repulsive though its staggering content may be. And

then there was "Waste Land," shown here and there about town, and produced by Hank Levine. The camera reveals the revolting landscape of the largest dump in the

world, outside Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. And yet, strangely, the garbage pickers achieve not only desperation and despair, but also a transcendental dignity.

An established artist them in poses that resemble the models for the great paintings of Europe, and they rise to the challenge and liberate themselves from bond-

age. Although the audience celebrated the sociological idealism of this wonderful and artistic production, my own, perhaps rather snobbish, response was actually on the brink of being "esthetic." I thought that "Waste Land" broke new cinematic ground. Is it an accident that the title of the movie is so close to the first "modern" poet of the past century?

Yes, I hunt for a Jewish participant among the credits, as well as the name of one of my former students at the Rhode Island School of Design from the film department. And usually find what I am looking for. But these candidates for the upcoming Oscars reassure me that Hollywood isn't all there is with its shallow formulas and its escapist assumptions about the public. Movies are alive and doing well among us.

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Judaism's debt to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's system impacted Jewish thought and practice

SHAI AFSAI
Special to The Voice & Herald

ON JAN. 17, Americans once again commemorated the birth of Benjamin Franklin, honoring his contributions to culture, science, and American independence. American Jews, perhaps, had double reason to celebrate. For Franklin (1706-1790), in addition to being an author, editor, inventor, natural philosopher, scientist, businessman, musical innovator, abolitionist, diplomat, statesman and founding father, also impacted Jewish religious thought and practice.

When Franklin wrote his now-famous memoirs (commonly referred to as *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*), he included the outline of a self-examination and character improvement method, which he had devised in his 20s. Hoping this method "might be serviceable to People in all Religions," Franklin had originally intended to expand it into a book, but due to his many other preoccupations over the years, he never found the time. This task was fulfilled by an early Eastern European *maskil* ("enlightener"), Rabbi Menahem Mendel Lefin of Satanow (1749-1826), who completed just such a work – although written in Hebrew and aimed at the Jews of Eastern Europe.

Published anonymously in 1808, Lefin's *Sefer Heshbon Ha-nefes*, or *The Book of Spiritual Accounting*,

builds upon the system outlined in Franklin's *Autobiography*. Both works present yearlong, quarterly repeated self-reform programs that focus on 13 character traits. Each trait is allotted a week of close attention, and daily journaling – in a grid chart that has the seven days of the week running horizontally and the 13 desired traits running vertically – is used to monitor growth and progress.

After 13 weeks, the cycle is begun again, so that over the course of a year, each trait has been allotted four weeks of scrutiny. The traits outlined for improvement in both books, though not identical, largely overlap, as does the emphasis on acquiring positive habits, and overcoming undesirable ones, gradually and systematically.

Lefin informed his Hebrew readers that the technique presented in *Spiritual Accounting* was not his own invention, but he failed to mention either Franklin or the *Autobiography*. "Indeed, a few years ago a new stratagem was discovered, which is a wonderful innovation in this task [of overcoming and elevating one's animal nature], and it seems its mark will spread as quickly, God willing, as that of the innovation of the printing press, which has brought light to the world." As he published *Spiritual Accounting* anonymously, it is difficult to argue that Lefin omitted Franklin's name in order to draw undue attention to his own. But why, then, did he not give

Franklin proper credit?

Some who have recently written on this subject, such as Jeremy Gross and Professor Nancy Sinkoff, have suggested that Lefin was cautious about potentially alienating any members of the traditionally-educated, 19th century Jewish audience at whom the book was aimed, and who might not have known what to make of a religious text that was partly based on the technique of a non-Jewish American. Lefin may have also felt



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

including in it a section on the "Art of moral improvement, or the art of adjusting human animalness according to Franklin's cyclical, quarterly scheduled method of practice." Never published, two handwritten copies of this philosophical work – *Nachlass eines Sonderlings zu Abdera*, or *The Estate of a Recluse from Abdera* – were discovered by Israel Weinlos in a library in Tarnopol (today, a city in Ukraine) in the early 1900s, but

today only fragments remain. *Spiritual Accounting*, however, received the approbation of prominent rabbis – including the great Rabbi Israel Salanter – was embraced by Judaism's Mussar movement, and became one of the many Hebrew texts studied in *yeshivot*, furthering Franklin's initial goal of making his system for self-examination and character improvement "serviceable to People in all Religions."

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confident that the "enlightened" portion of his readers would be able to recognize the method as Franklinian, even without overt mention. In fact, rabbis and Jewish scholars over the years have noted the connection between Franklin and Lefin, writing appreciatively of the sage of Philadelphia and his moral method. In another of his works, this one written in German, Lefin was more explicit about Franklin's influ-

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A Stein is a Stein is a Stein

Gertrude Stein's life rich with medicine, art and resources

STEIN IS a simple German word meaning "stone" (or sometimes a "beer mug," as these were often traditionally made of stoneware). But it



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also represents a family name that has often touched its possessors with the breath of genius. Whether alone or in conjunction with a prefix or suffix (we have Steinbeck, Einstein, Steinmetz, Steiner, Steinberg, Steinway, and Steinen *inter alia*), Stein has been the name of numerous writers of considerable fame (including a columnist for *The Jewish Voice & Herald!*). There is even a United States destroyer, the USS Stein, named for Tony Stein, a Marine who received the Medal of Honor for valiant service in the battle of Iwo Jima.

Most of those endowed with the Stein patronym were Jewish; not reverently or conspicuously so, but nonetheless Jews.

Consider, for example, Gertrude Stein (1874-1946): An eminent

poet, if not necessarily in readership, then certainly in notoriety; a physician, if not by licensure, then certainly by formal education; and a contriver of English writing, if not by conventional syntactic rules, then certainly by convoluted imagination.

"Her interest in young writers who had sought refuge in postwar Paris was legendary."

Gertrude, born in Pittsburgh on Feb. 3, 1874, grew up in Oakland, Calif., as the youngest of seven Stein offspring. For most of her mature life, however, she lived as an expatriate in the Montparnasse neighborhood of Paris.

She once declared: "America is my country and Paris is my hometown. And so I am American and have lived half my life in Paris; not the half that made me, but the half in which I made what I made."

Gertrude's childhood education was enriched by a loving family, middle-class luxury and a sequence of tutors. Her intense interest in biology led to a rigorous undergraduate education at Radcliffe College, where she

undertook advanced studies in marine biology and the physiology of memory, much of it under the mentorship of William James.

Graduating with appropriate honors in 1907, she was accepted to a then newly established medical school in Baltimore -- the Johns Hopkins Medical School. She completed the curriculum (though one professor did urge that she repeat her clinical clerkship in obstetrics). The grim realities of a future in medicine bored her, and she leaped at the opportunity to depart from the burdens of clinical practice. Indeed, when offered the doctoral degree, she refused with something less than collegial courtesy and sailed off to France with her brother Leo, to begin a life of writing and art appreciation.

Gertrude and Leo were the fortunate beneficiaries of a princely trust, which eased their separate Bohemian lives and pursuits that were neither conventional nor bourgeois in character. ("Let me listen to me, not them.") Her constant companion until her death in 1946 was the affectionate Alice B. Toklas.

Stein's decades in Paris were marked by her entry into the field of poetry and social commentary. Her style of writing has been variously described as elliptical, cyclical, unpunctuated, disjointed, confrontational, bewildering, even quaintly dyslexic and repeti-

tive. ("A rose is a rose is a rose.") Certainly her published writings were neither linear nor tarnished

by middle-class syntax. Her interest in young writers who had sought refuge in postwar Paris was legendary; her salon harbored at one time such luminaries as Ernest Hemingway, Thornton Wilder and James Joyce

as well as numerous Impressionist painters. And her close friendship with Picasso, Monet and others enshrined her home as the unofficial esthetic sanctuary of Paris.

And politically? With all of her many leftist and anarchist friends, one would not expect her to be an arch-conservative; and yet she was, listing herself as a Republican and expressing some friendship for the views of such European leaders as Franco or Petain. ("Communists are people who fancied they had an unhappy childhood.")

Except for some vacations out of the country, France became her home until her death from cancer in 1946. ("It is not what France

gave you but what it did not take from you that was important.")

During World War II, Stein and Toklas retreated to the village of Bilingin in the eastern French Alps, where many of Stein's Parisian friends protected them from the Gestapo.

And what did Stein do during her many years in Europe? She thought much

of the time, avoiding such contrivances as newspapers. ("Everyone gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense.") Her mind became a turmoil of contradictions, vagrant thoughts and a meta-logic that often surpassed mere logic. In truth she had so much to think about. ("It takes a lot of time to be a genius. You have to sit around so much doing nothing really doing nothing.")

The quotations are from Gertrude Stein.

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GERTRUDE STEIN

D'VAR TORAH

God detests injustice in the world

Parashat Yitro
Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

By Cantor Richard Perlman
Special to The Voice & Herald

THIS WEEK'S Torah reading, Yitro, contains God's revelation at Mt. Sinai - Aseret Ha-Dibrot, the "Ten Statements." These are viewed as the divine foundation of Jewish faith as well as a humanistic basis for moral living. So, does it not seem strange that the *parashah* is named after a gentile - a Midianite priest, no less? Why do we not name the *parashah* for a Jewish ancestor, an Israelite leader, even Moses himself?

Torah portions are routinely named for a significant word or name occurring in the first sentence - and Yitro's name does appear there. But in this case, it also happens that Yitro had devised a judicial system to help Moses enforce the Decalogue - which forms the basis of the 613 *mitzvot* and all the man-made laws they would inspire (Exodus 18:13-27). Yitro's system would make it easier to develop a society governed by laws, not by the arbitrary whims of its leaders. Thus we see that the

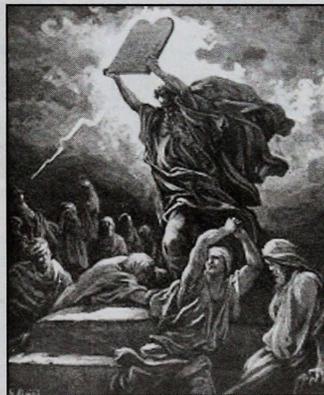
portion is fittingly named for Yitro, whose advice facilitated the implementation of God's will.

But this argument loses its force when we consider the chronological order of biblical events. As it

turns out, Yitro's judicial reforms could not have been presented to Moses until four months after the Revelation at Mount Sinai! Therefore, Yitro's contribution, while critical to the survival of the Jewish people, should have

been recorded in the last part of the Book of Exodus rather than between the crossing of the Sea of Reeds and the revelation at Sinai. So now we have two problems: First, why is the *parashah* named after a Midianite priest, and second, why is his contribution chronologically misplaced?

True, Yitro did come to Moses directly after the crossing of the Sea of Reeds, but his purpose then was to reunite his daughter Tziporah and her two sons with Moses, who had left them behind when he set out to liberate God's people. So when did Yitro present his governmental plan to Moses?



The renowned medieval commentator Rashi, discussing Exodus 18:13, calculates that this must have happened on the

day after the Day of Atonement. But Yom Kippur does not fall until the 10th day of Tishrei - four whole months after the events recounted in this week's *parashah*! Following the revelation, Moses remained on Mt. Sinai for 40 days until, descending with two stone tablets (*sh'nei lubot avanim*), he discovered

his people worshipping the golden calf. That day, says Rashi, would have been 17th Tammuz. Enraged at the sight, Moses smashes the tablets; thereafter, Rashi points out, he spends a further 80 days

"We are 'a kingdom of priests,' and must live our lives accordingly."

on the mountain before receiving the second set of tablets - on 10th Tishrei, Yom Ha-Kippurim. So Yitro would have had no opportunity to acquaint Moses with his judicial proposal before then!

Thus it was not until four months later, on "The next day" [i.e. the day after Yom Kippur], when Moses sat in judgment while "the people stood about Moses from morning until evening," that Yitro declared: "You will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone... seek out from among all the people capable men who fear God, trustworthy men who spurn ill-gotten gain. Set

these over them as chiefs of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens..."

Returning to our original questions, why is this Torah reading named after a Midianite priest and why does the Torah record Yitro's advice four whole months before it was given?

Perhaps the traditional explanation reflects the Torah's view that the divine revelation of Aseret Ha-Dibrot, was meant not for the Jewish People alone but for the Gentile world as well!

Jews have an obligation to work towards *tikkun olam*, "to perfect the world under the kingship of the Almighty," (as we recite daily in the Aleinu prayer). As Exodus 19:6 tells us, we are *mamleket kohanim*, "a kingdom of priests" (Exodus 19:6), and must live our lives accordingly, to inspire both our fellow Jews and also the leaders of the gentiles. The Jewish people must show the world that God detests injustice and will ultimately eliminate it.

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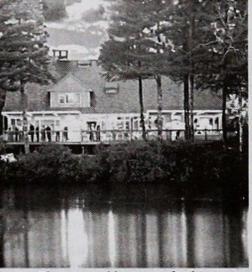
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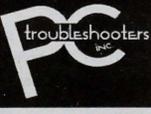
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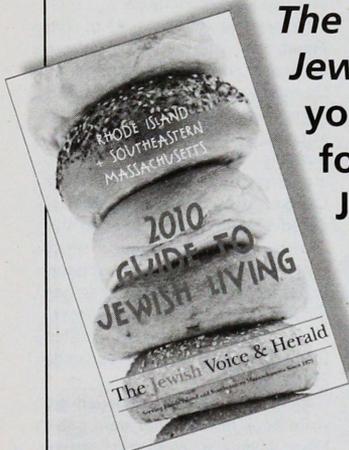
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Edward Chernov, 98

ELSEWHERE – Edward Chernov was born in Ryzhanovka in the district of Zvenigorod, Kiev, Ukraine on Jan. 16, 1912 and died in West Hartford, Conn. on Jan 10. He lived in Rhode Island – Providence, Dean Estates, Cranston, Narragansett, and Warwick – most of his life.

As a young man, he traveled through Europe and spent a year in Palestine, where his parents bought land and planted orange trees. He and his brother, Paul, started a used automobile company. Paul bought the automobiles here in the United States and shipped them to Haifa. He opened the sales office in Haifa and had contracts written in English, Hebrew and Arabic. After a year, he returned home to the U.S. and Paul ran the business in Palestine. In the U.S., he and Paul opened Chernov Bros Wholesale Dry Goods on North Main Street in Providence. In 1959, he bought the business from Paul and continued to work everyday until the age of 84. He then did volunteer work at the Miriam Hospital. He was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael. His two brothers, Paul and Samuel, and sister, Brina, predeceased him. He is survived by his second wife, Desi, whom he married in 1990. His first wife, Lily Mills Chernov, died in 1983 after 48 years of marriage. He had three children with his first wife: Sandick Chernov (deceased, wife Roberta Chernov), Barbara Chernov Levin, Ph.D. (husband Ira W. Levin, Ph.D.), Merrill S. Chernov, M.D. (wife Mary), and four step-children from his second wife: David Weis (wife Marylou), Mel Weis (wife Ilana), Aron Weis, and Dina Weis, Ph.D. (Mark Zekowski, Ph.D.). He had 16 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.



Sema Broomfield Dwares

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Sema Broomfield Dwares died on Jan. 4, in Ft. Lauderdale, surrounded by her family and friends.

Born to Max and Anna Broomfield on Feb 18, 1929, in Providence, she was predeceased by her husband, Morton Dwares, and her brothers, Marvin and Richard Broomfield.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Michaels (Stuart); her son, David Dwares (Kate); grandsons, Michael and Eric Dwares; and sisters, Laura Boslovitz, Beverly Bernard (Emile), Rita Johnson (Paul); her sister-in-law, Rhoda Broomfield; and her nieces, nephews and close friends.

Donations may be made to CancerCare, 276 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001, or www.cancer-care.org.

Edith Esther Gaines

RANDOLPH, Mass. – Edith Gaines, of Randolph, Mass., died on Jan. 17. She was the wife of the late Herman Gaines, the mother of Carol Feinberg and her husband, Larry, of South Windsor, Conn., and Alan Gaines and his wife, Sharon, of Cranston; the grandmother of Jessica and Michael Feinberg and Benjamin, Alexander and Zachary Gaines. She was the sister of Max Salden and his wife, Bea, and Eleanor Morrill and her late husband, Mondel. She was much loved and will be greatly missed.

Donations may be made to Temple Beth Am.

Dr. Martin A. Garber, 87

CRANSTON – Martin Garber, DDS, of Cranston, died Jan. 14, at The Miriam Hospital. The husband of Molly (Levin) Garber, he was the son of the late Louis and Carrie Garber. Along with his wife of 60 years, he is survived by his children, Patricia Garber of Tiverton, and Kenneth Garber and his wife, Sharon, of Warwick. He is also survived by his brother, Perry Garber, M.D., and his wife, Sharon, of Cranston; his grandchildren, Andrew, James and Peter Garber; and his step-grandchildren, Jonas and Zachary Kron.

A Columbia University Dental School graduate, he served in the Pacific in World War II. He practiced dentistry in Cranston for more than 50 years and was president of the Rhode Island Dental Association. He was the chairman of the Providence YMCA and a founding member and past vice president of Temple Sinai.

He traveled extensively and was an avid duplicate bridge and handball player. He was politically active in voicing his thoughts in letters to the editor and to elected officials on many social subjects.

Donations may be made to Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, RI 02920.

Stanley Grossman, 91

PROVIDENCE – Stanley Grossman, the husband

for 67 years of Hazel (Singerman) Grossman, died on Jan. 16 in Providence. He was a son of the late Leo and Bessie Grossman and brother of the late Edward, Clinton, Albert and Max.

Unselfishly devoted to his family, friends and the Providence community, he spent more than 50 years, with his wife's support, doing all he could to strengthen local institutions like The Miriam Hospital and The Providence Center, the boards of which he chaired for many years.

During and after decades of running Lebanon Knitting Mills, with his late brother Clinton, he served for many years on the boards of the Outlet Co. and Old Colony Bank. He also served on the boards of directors of B'nai Brith, Hospice Care of R.I., Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Home for the Aged, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Planned Parenthood, Big Brothers, Providence Human Relations Commission, State of Israel Bonds, Temple Beth-El, United Way and the Jewish Senior Agency.

A graduate of Lehigh University, he was awarded the Silver Star for



"Gallantry in Action" during his four years of service as an Army captain in the Pacific theater of World War II. Upon his return from his military service, he began to volunteer at The Miriam, ultimately becoming chairman and creating "The Miriam People."

In addition to Hazel, he leaves his daughter, Nancy; his son, Rick, and his wife, Ellen; and his son, Scott, and his significant other, Myong Kim; his grandchildren, Alexa Grossman, Erica and her husband, David DeMarco, and Carolina and her husband, Michael Swigert; his great-grandchildren, Matthew, Katlyn and Kelly Swigert; and numerous extended family members, including sisters-in-law Helen (of Providence), Roselyn and Helene.

Donations may be made to the Stanley Grossman Scholarship Fund at The Miriam Hospital.

Frances (Levy) Heimberg, 89

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. – Frances L. Heimberg, of South Dartmouth, Mass. died on Jan. 6. She was the wife of the late Eli Heimberg. Born in Yonkers, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Morris and Bessie (Pottish) Levy.

A graduate of New York University, she served as the director of music for the New Bedford Public Schools, retiring in 1985. She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation.

She is survived by her children, Ellen Goldenberg of Rochester, N.Y., Paula Heimberg, M.D., of Gloucester, Mass., and William Heimberg and his wife, Evan, of Ukiah, Calif. She also leaves her sister, Jean Ruderman, of Yonkers, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Abigail Goldenberg, Ross Goldenberg (Laura Johanson), Bethany Goldenberg, Katy Stropnickiy (Tom Coates) and Henry Stropnickiy; her great-grandchildren, Jamie and Kyle Johansen; and many nieces, nephews and caregivers. She was the sister of the late Mildred Goldberg and Ida Nathan.

Donations may be made to the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, 200 Hawthorn St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Zelmor Levin, 97

NORTON, Mass. – Zelmor (Zel) Levin, of Norton, Mass., died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Jan. 9, at Epoch Senior Health Care of Norton, Mass.

Born in Woonsocket, he enjoyed a long and successful career as a newspaper reporter and editor. His journalism career began at age 14, when he was named high school correspondent for *The Woonsocket Call*. Upon graduation, he was hired as a reporter for *The Call*. His journalism career was interrupted by five years of service as a captain in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army in World War II, and upon discharge in 1946, he returned to *The Call* as executive city editor.



He later became the general manager of the newspaper's radio station, WWON. He was best known for his daily morning radio talk show, "Coffee An," a program he produced and moderated.

He later joined the staff of *The Pawtucket Times* in 1969, where he was assistant managing editor for eight years, and when he retired from *The Pawtucket Times*, he returned to school at age 65, to earn both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Rhode Island College. At the same time, he produced a monthly newspaper for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (*The Federation Voice*); the last issue under his editorship was December 1986), until he retired to Wellfleet, Mass. with his late wife, Esther (Cutler) Levin, where they lived until 2005.

In retirement, he continued to write book reviews that were published at various newspapers across the country. Throughout his life, he remained very active in local politics, community service and Jewish affairs.

The son of the late Israel Levin and Jenny (Stoloff) Levin, he leaves two daughters, Jessie Birkhead and her husband, Taylor Birkhead, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Elise Freedman and her husband, Mark Freedman of Telford, Pa.; and two granddaughters, Lindsay Birkhead and her husband, Robert Schweder, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Lauren Birkhead and her fiance, Michael Petri, of Brooklyn, N.Y. He also leaves his three sisters, Iris Jacobs of Sharon, Mass.; Ernestine Vogel, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; the late Ada Arkanase and his sister-in-law, Gertrude Cutler, of New York City.

Donations may be made in memory of Esther and Zel Levin, to Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket, RI 02895.

Harriet (Levy) Philips, 82

DARTMOUTH, Mass. – Harriet Philips died peacefully on Jan. 12, in the company of her family after a long and courageous fight with leukemia. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Sally (Levensohn) Levy.

She graduated from Smith College with a double major in government and chemistry, and obtained her masters degree in medical technology from Simmons College. She moved to New York City, where she met her husband and companion of 54 years, Dr. Lee Frank Philips. In 1960, they moved to New Bedford, Mass., where she managed her husband's oral surgery practice for 40 years.

She was also deeply committed to the local and international Jewish communities. Dedicated to the service of others, she was integrally involved in local, national and international charities, including the Jewish Federation of New Bedford, Mass., where she served as co-president, and Hadassah, where she



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served as an officer, locally and on the state level. She received multiple citations for her efforts.

She had many interests and talents, one of which was knitting. As a member of Hadassah, she used this talent in 1973 to produce gloves and hats for Israeli soldiers fighting in the Golan Heights. She was a tireless reader, often consumed with topics related to European history. A seasoned traveler, she and her husband had toured most of Europe, as well as parts of the Middle East, China and Central America. Her true passion was competitive bridge, and in 2005, she attained her Life Masters, only to be followed by a Bronze Life Master in 2009. She was a member of Ahavath Achim and Tifereth Israel synagogues, both in New Bedford, Mass.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Lenore Saunders, of Dun Laoghaire, Ireland; son, Dr. Matthew Frank Phillips, and his wife, Laura, of Dartmouth, Mass.; and her two grandchildren, Sally and Joshua Phillips, also of Dartmouth, Mass. She is predeceased by her two brothers, Melvin Lewis and George Levy.

Donations may be made to the Jewish Federation of New Bedford, 467 Hawthorne St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Rosalie (Musen) Reizen, 96

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — Rosalie Reizen died on Jan. 12, at Port Health Care Center in Newburyport, Mass. where she had lived for the past six years.

A native of Providence, she was the daughter of the late Julius and Elizabeth (Wolk) Musen. She was the wife of the late George Reizen who died in 1986.

A 1936 graduate of Brown University, she was a social worker for the State of Rhode Island, first as a case worker and then as a supervisor.

She was a life member of Temple Emanu-El, serving as a past president of the Sisterhood. She was active in B'nai Brith, and a life member of Hadassah.

A world traveler who loved a new adventure, she enjoyed mahjong, bridge, and golf. She was a force to be reckoned with across a Scrabble board!

She is survived by her daughter, Marjorie (Paul) Recinos, of Newburyport, Mass.; grandson, Jesse (Jen), of Austin, Texas; granddaughter, Dr. Deena (Larry) Finkelstein, of Elkridge, Md.; brother, Erwin (Joan) Musen, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, Sandra Katz, of Silver Spring, Md., and her brother, Stanley (Anne) Musen, of West Warwick. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Contributions can be made to Port Health Care Center Activity Fund or Brown University Alumni Fund Class of '36 in her name.

Morris Satloff, 89

PROVIDENCE — Morris Satloff, a public accountant and longtime resident of Providence, died Jan. 9

at the Philip Hultar Hospice Center.

Born on March 25, 1921, to Celia (Zipe) and Charles (Chaskel) Zatl-off in the village of Shenderivka in what is now Ukraine, he immigrated to America in 1923 with his parents, his brother, Irving (Reevan), and younger sister, Leah, who passed away in infancy. He completed primary and secondary schools in Providence, including the old Hope High School, and graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1943.

During World War II, he served in North Africa and Italy as a clerk and rabbi's assistant in the U.S. Army Air Force.

With the help of the GI Bill, he received his master's degree in business administration from New York University, after which he returned to Providence and began a successful career as public accountant and real estate investor, retiring only in 2008.

He was, throughout his life, a member of Temple Emanu-El, a life member of the Touro Fraternal Association and a 50-plus year member of the R.I. Masonic Overseas Lodge. He was a longtime contributor to Jewish, Israeli and civic causes, including the Providence Hebrew Day School, B'nai Brith and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society. An avid golfer, he was a charter member of the Crestwood Country Club, and a member of the Olympic Club, a Jewish boys athletic organization, and a frequent champion of table tennis competitions.

He is survived by Beverly (Granoff) Satloff, his wife of 56 years; Dr. David Satloff, who holds degrees in dentistry and law, of Pawtucket; Dr. Lewis Satloff, an anesthesiologist, and his wife, Dr. Sara Dahlin, of Bullshead City, Ariz.; and Dr. Robert Satloff, a foreign policy expert, and his wife, Dr. Jennie Litvack, of Chevy Chase, Md.; his 12 grandchildren (Ezekiel, Sophie, Bat-El, Eliel, Elisheva, Avigayil, Tehila, Naomi, Hannah, Benjamin, William and David Simon); his brother, Irving, formerly of Warwick; and his nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations may be made to the Morris and Beverly Satloff Chapel Fund at Temple Emanu-El or the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Beatrice (Nemtzw) Shore, 93

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Beatrice Shore, of Gainesville, Fla., died at home on Dec. 20, with her husband of 70 years, Harry, at her side. Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Abraham and Sophie (Newman) Nemtzw, she grew up in Newport and later resided in Providence and Narragansett.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children; Michael (Gail), Elon Shore Nesbitt (Stephen), and Jeffrey (Carol Heuser); her sister, Dorothy Lippman, and her brother, Simon Nemtzw; five grandchildren, Wendy Burch, Nile Nesbitt, Julian Shore, Robin Shore and Scarlet Shore, and one great-grandchild, Ross Burch. She was the sister of the late Dr. David Nemtzw.

She was supportive of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island for many years; in 1989, she and her husband established the Harry and Beatrice Shore Family Endowment Fund to support local, national and State of Israel causes.

She was a life member of Temple Beth-El, after joining the synagogue in 1943 with Harry when it was on Broad Street.

Donation may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606, or the charity of your choice.

Sally Summer

NARRAGANSETT — Sally Summer, of 30 Sweet Meadows Court, Unit 19, died Jan. 10, in South County Hospital. She was the wife of Leonard Summer for 59 years.

Born in Minooka, Pa., a daughter of the late Daniel and Ida (Cohen) Goldstein, she had lived in Cranston and Warwick before moving to Boynton Beach, Fla., and Narragansett. She was a life member of Hadassah, a member of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, a member of the former Jewish Home for the Aged and a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood.

She was the mother of Donna and her husband, Alan Pierce, of Beverly, Mass.; Andrea and her husband, William Ferreira, of Kennebunk, Maine; and Cindy and her husband, Richard Guinan, of North Easton, Mass. She was the former mother-in-law of Jeffrey Lozow and his wife, Susan, of Middleton, Mass.; the sister of Gus Goldstein of Delray Beach, Fla.; and the grandmother of Matthew and his wife, Mimi, and Jesse, Jacob and Tyler.

Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Raymond Jonas Surdut, 82

WEST ROXBURY, Mass. — Raymond Surdut — lawyer, inventor, artist and writer — died of heart failure on Oct. 25, 11 days before his 83rd birthday. He is survived by his daughter, artist Beth Surdut, of Santa Fe, N.M.,



and his brother, Norman Surdut, of Cape Cod, Mass.

A Rhode Island native, he was the son of Samuel Surdut, who emigrated from Russia in 1906, and Mollie Promisel Surdut. He graduated from Hope High School, where he met and later married his wife and best friend, Sandra Cooperberg, who died in 1990.

He earned degrees from Brown University and Boston University Law School, practicing law in Providence and, later in life, inventing and holding international patents to a unique blood pressure monitoring device.

When his only child was 5, he made her the gift of *Jerry the Alligator*, an illustrated book he wrote and designed. The lesson that Jerry learned, "If you do the best you can, good things will happen," is one that she still carries with her.

He donated his body to Brown

University Medical School. In appreciation of his care at the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital, donations may be made in his name to Fisher House, an on-campus facility that offers the *mitzvah* of refuge to families of hospitalized loved ones.

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Herbert ("Herb") Wang

BOSTON — Herbert Wang died on Jan. 10. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in



February 1927, he was the husband of Arlene (Rosen) Wang since 1951. He was the father of three children: Scott Wang M.D., of Jamestown,

and his wife, Carol; Beth Nast, of Wellesley, Mass., and her husband, William; and David Wang, of Medfield, Mass., and his wife, Deborah. He was the grandfather of Joshua and Rachael Wang, Adam, Nathan and Jared Nast and Benjamin and Samuel Wang. He was the brother-in-law of Bernard Margolis, of Delray, FL.

During World War II, he was in the Army Special Training Program. He received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from City College of New York and, after working for Lockheed in California and Electric Boat in Connecticut, in 1954, he and a partner founded what was to become Tech Industries in Providence. A classic entre-

preneur, he reinvented his company several times to meet the changing needs of the marketplace. After a brief period servicing the jewelry industry with vacuum metalizing, Tech eventually moved to Woonsocket, with additional facilities in England, Ireland and Brazil. The company became a leading manufacturer and value-added finisher of plastic bottle caps, jar covers and jars primarily for the cosmetic, fragrance and toiletry industries. In 2003, Tech Industries was sold to Portola Packaging of San Jose, Calif. and became Portola Tech International.

He was a founding member of Temple Sinai in Cranston, and longtime resident of Newton, Mass. He was a raconteur who enjoyed travel, sailing, woodworking and the occasional perfect Rob Roy on the rocks with a twist.

Donations can be made to The Salvation Army, CJP of Boston or any charity of your choice.

Dorothy "June" (Wishnevsky) Winn

PAWTUCKET — Dorothy Winn, a resident of Pawtucket, died Jan. 10. She was the wife of the late Ralph Winn. Born in Fall River, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Morris and Ida (Sweet) Wishnevsky.

She was previously a manager at The Wishing Well Bridal, where her brother, Aaron Wishnevsky, is the owner.

In addition to her brother, she leaves her son, Craig Winn; her sister, Kathleen Marber; her grandchildren, David, Sarah and Jennifer; and five great-grandchildren.

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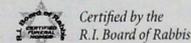


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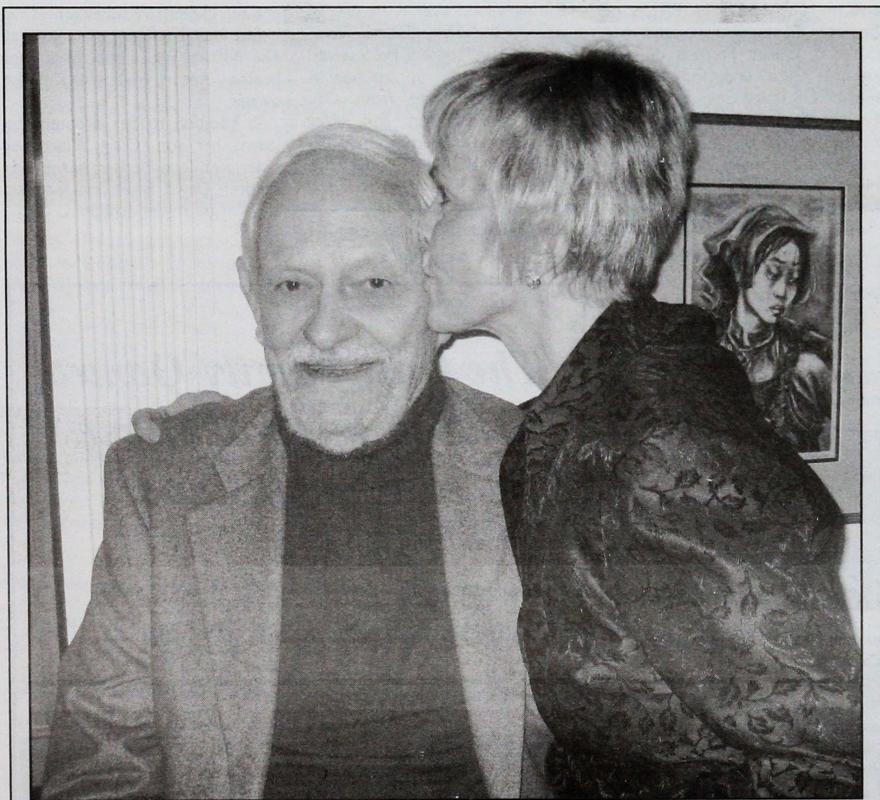


ALAN AND DORIS FEINBERG in Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal

DORIS AND ALAN FEINBERG took their 30-year-old twins with them on a recent vacation to Portugal. They are standing in front of Shaare Tikvah, the only synagogue in

Lisbon, a city with only 200 Jewish families, Doris wrote. Attending Friday night services there with their twins was one of the highlights of their trip.



STANLEY AND GALE ARONSON

Joe O'Connor

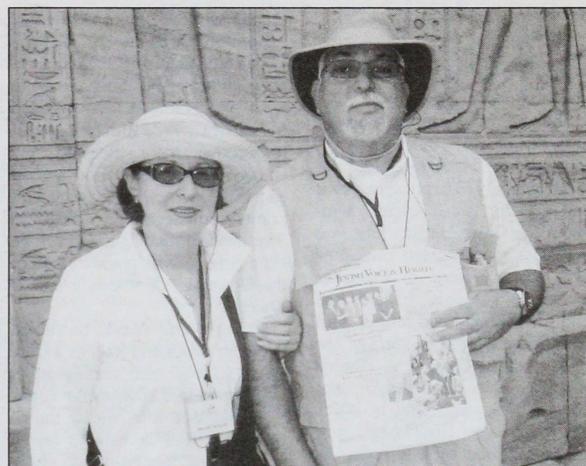
FRIENDS AND colleagues gathered to celebrate with Stanley and Gale Aronson on Sunday, Jan. 9, on the occasion of Aronson's 1,000th column in *The Providence Journal*, which was published on Monday, Jan. 10.

One guest sang a song he composed in Aronson's honor, others – including Nancy Kirsch, executive editor of *The Jewish Voice &*

Herald, recited original poems that were written for the special occasion.

Members of the media – including Robert Whitcomb of *The Providence Journal* and Joe O'Connor of WRNI, National Public Radio – and members of the Jewish community, including Dr. Roy and Judy Aaron, Dr. Jeffrey Borkan, Barbara and Ed Feldstein, Dr. Edward

Feller, Joseph Friedman, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman and Janet Englehart, Barry and Ellen Jagolinzer, Nancy Kirsch, Ken and Mary Korr, Ruth Sauber, Hinda Semonoff, Dr. Paul and Renee Shield, and Dr. Ben and Dr. Reenie Vogel – were among those who celebrated Aronson's accomplishment. All told, some 65 to 70 people attended the celebration.



RHONDA AND MARVIN LAX

The Voice & Herald goes to Egypt

PAWTUCKET RESIDENTS Marvin and Rhonda Lax visited Egypt in mid-October 2010 on a 15-day trip. This photograph was taken, wrote Marvin, in Luxor, Egypt.



CINDY HALPERN

Savannah, Georgia

CINDY HALPERN and Ted Crandall (not pictured) visit Congregation Mickve Israel in Savannah, Ga., on their winter trek down South. Founded in 1733, Mickve Israel is now a Reform congregation serving Savannah Jews, Halpern wrote. Halpern and Crandall spend winters in Orlando, Fla.

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ALEXANDRA WALLACE (Lexi) Friedman

Birth

LAURI AND MICHAEL Friedman, of Providence, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Wallace ("Lexi") Friedman. Lexi was born on Dec. 29, and weighed six pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

She was welcomed into the world by her big brothers, Matthew and Eric. Her proud grandparents are Marilyn and Glenn Shealey, of Providence, and Rhoda and Arnold Kleinstein, of Queens, N.Y. Her great-grandmothers are Frances Friedman, of Providence, and Betty Wallace, of Port Arthur, Texas.

American Cancer Society honors board volunteer



MURRAY FRIEDMAN

MURRAY Friedman, formerly of Providence, and now a resident of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., recently celebrated his 50th year as a board member of the American Cancer Society. After his father, Benjamin, died in 1959 of stomach cancer, Friedman began to volunteer in 1960. Friedman, who had prostate cancer five years, calls himself a survivor.

He and his wife, Shirley, both natives of Providence, moved to Florida about 11 years ago; when they lived in Rhode Island, he had a catalog showroom business, Murray's, with three locations.

In 1993, he received the St. George Medal – the highest medal awarded to American Cancer Society's volunteers. More recently, to celebrate his 50 years of service, the Society had a party for him.

"I try to help out in all ways," said Friedman in a phone interview. "We have Road to Recovery (providing transportation for patients), Hope Lodge (offering free home-like accommodations for out of town patients), Reach and Recovery (for patients with different cancers) and ROCK Camp (providing camp opportunities and college scholarships for juveniles with cancer)."

Friedman, who does fundraising for the Society, reported that Rhode Island's Society raised more money, per capita, than any other state cancer society in 1985. The couple, co-chairs of the 1985 fundraising initiative, received a plaque for being the #1 fundraisers in the nation.

Of his work with the American Cancer Society, Friedman said, "I'm very proud to make this my legacy."



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Padwa: Providence's 'chief lawyer'

JEFFREY PADWA HAS been appointed the City Solicitor for Providence by Mayor Angel Taveras. The City Council must confirm his appointment.

The current treasurer of the Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island, he recently published a book on elder care.

Padwa has served as the co-chair of the annual JCC golf tournament and chair of the oversight committee for Shalom I and II Senior Housing (2005 – present); he received the JCC Volunteer of the Year Award in 2001.

The parents of two sons, he and his wife, Jill, live on the East Side of Providence.



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