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Emanu-El congregants perform highest mitzvot

Practice offers spiritual sustenance to bereaved, those who guard the dead

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PROVIDENCE — Temple Emanu-El members who voluntarily sign up for two-hour shifts at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, sometimes during the darkest hours of night, find it an incredibly rewarding and spiritually renewing opportunity. Though sitting in a funeral home, especially in the middle of the night, may seem spooky, some synagogue members volunteer to “sit *sh’mirah*” — watching over or guarding a person who has died.

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GOVERNOR LINCOLN CHAFEE gives the keynote address at Touro Synagogue.

/Toby London

Washington’s historic letter read; Governor Lincoln Chafee gives keynote

Touro Synagogue is site of annual reading

By DAVID LONDON
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

NEWPORT — George Washington was reportedly not as noted for his writing skills as were other Founding Fathers. Why, then, is Touro Synagogue always packed every year, including this year — on Sunday, Aug. 21 — with politicians, citizens and Jewish leaders for the annual reading of an historic 1790 exchange

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Watching over the 9/11 dead with *sh’mirah*

Four-hour shifts reciting Psalms

By URIEL HEILMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — It was an ominous hum.

A dozen refrigerated trucks loaded with the body parts of victims of the 9/11 attacks filled a cavernous tent across the street from the Office of the City Medical Examiner, their low-pitched buzz an eerie soundtrack to the solemn work being carried out at the morgue about 3 miles north of Ground Zero.

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A magical evening with ‘The Muppets’

Babies, children and their parents enjoy a free family event

By VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE — Although it was actually 2011 — the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 23 channeled life in the “good old days” of the 1960s. Stephanie Markoff Cohen, director of arts & culture for the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island (the Alliance) organized the Alliance’s first “Screen on the Green.” Originally scheduled to run Sunday, Aug. 21, the show was rescheduled for weather reasons.

Some 120 people came to enjoy the waning days of summer while they

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KATHRYN FLEMING-IVES and her daughter Elena Christopher at Screen on the Green on Tuesday, Aug. 23

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Sam and Esther Chester donate original artwork

Philanthropists' reach extends beyond Jewish community

By NANCY KIRSCH
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WARWICK – Although Sam Chester, 98, may be a philanthropist best known in the Jewish community for establishing The Louis and Goldie Chester Full Plate Kosher Food Pantry – in memory of his parents, of blessed memory, he and his wife Esther Chester, 93, generously support artistic institutions as well. Little wonder, as Esther is a renowned painter whose works are owned by former President William Clinton; Kathleen Hittner, former president of The Miriam Hospital; Women & Infants Hospital; John Nazarian, former president of Rhode Island College; and John Maeda, Rhode Island School of Design president, among others.

The Voice & Herald learned that the couple plans to leave the bulk of Esther's artwork to the Warwick public schools. "After we are gone, we don't want it to dissipate," said Sam. "We called a few places, and the Warwick schools were interested."

In June 2011, the Warwick School Committee and the Warwick public schools administration announced the opening and dedication of the Esther Ches-



/Warwick School Department

ESTHER AND SAM CHESTER are the guests of honor at the Thursday, June 16 dedication and opening of Warwick School Department's Esther Chester Art Gallery in the Robert J. Shapiro Cultural Arts Center.

ter Art Gallery in the Robert J. Shapiro Cultural Arts Center. Signed and numbered lithographs of Chester's original artwork are available for \$100 each; proceeds will be used to support arts education in Warwick. The

release stated, "Both Esther and Sam have devoted their lives to the arts and hope in some way to continue their devotion [to] our present and future students."

Sam and Esther, both musically inclined, met when her

musical group needed a violinist to make a quintet. He auditioned, they "clicked," said Sam, and "in November 2011, we will be married 50 years."

Esther, who played piano, painted a "musical series" of

artwork – including paintings of a bass drum, a guitar, an accordion, a piano, a clarinet, a French horn and a saxophone, for example. She works in several media, said Sam, including oils, watercolors and gouaches – a style of painting with opaque watercolors. Each of her original paintings sells for \$1,000 or more.

"After we are gone, we don't want it [the art] to dissipate."

Sam played violin with the Rhode Island Philharmonic for 28 years, retiring when he turned 85. Still driving, Sam and other musically gifted friends visit nursing homes on a monthly basis to bring the joy of live music to elderly residents. (Unlike Sam, Esther never played music professionally.)

And, just as Esther and Sam are now motivated to give back to those in need, Esther received help to attend the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), from which she graduated. When she was a high school student in Providence (at the old Commercial High School, now Central High School), one of her teachers recognized her artistic talent and helped her

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I am Providence, too

Revealing an author's racist beliefs

By PHILIP EIL
Special to *The Voice & Herald*

IN THE 375 years since Providence was founded, nobody has described the city like Howard Phillips Lovecraft. Lovecraft was a reclusive science fiction/fantasy writer whose tales of aliens, madness and sorcery rose to exalted status after his death in 1937.

Stephen King has described him as “the twentieth century’s greatest practitioner of the classic horror tale.”

Joyce Carol Oates dubbed him “the King of Weird.”

And, while Lovecraft is perhaps most famous for the caverns and crypts he described, he also wrote rapturously about his hometown.

“My favorite books are speckled with passages that make me squirm.”

In “The Case of Charles Dexter Ward,” the protagonist returns to Providence by train, at twilight. “His head swam curiously as the vehicle rolled down to the terminal behind the Biltmore,” Lovecraft wrote, “bringing into view the great dome and soft, roof-pierced greenery of the ancient hill across the river, and the tall colonial spire of the First Baptist Church limned pink in the magic evening...”

The passage is reminiscent of one the author’s letters, in which he describes a 1926 train jour-

ney – very much like Charles Dexter Ward’s – from New York City to Providence. Breathlessly, he marks off the towns whizzing past (“... New Haven – New London – and then quaint Mystic, with its colonial hillside and landlocked cove...”), counts the seconds to his arrival (“...a hissing of air brakes – a slackening of speed

Lovecraft’s letters when I spotted a section in which the author spewed venom at “hideous peasant Poles,” “low-grade Southern Italians and Portuguese,” and “the clamorous plague of French-Canadians.” For Jews, he saved a particular wrath. “On our side there is a shuddering physical repugnance to most Semitic types,” he wrote. “They are the product of alien blood, and inherit alien ideals, impulses, and emotions...I’ve easily felt able to slaughter a score or two when jammed in a N.Y. subway train.”

As I read on, I came to see Providence as more than just the author’s hometown. For Lovecraft, it was a perceived haven from racial and ethnic co-mingling. “America has lost New York to the mongrels, but the sun shines just as brightly over Providence,” he wrote. “New England is by far the best place for a white man to live.”

This wasn’t the first time that I had brushed up against an author’s ugly side. From the Jewish theater owner with “fat, jeweled hands” and an “oily, tremulous smile” in “The Picture of Dorian Gray” to the repugnant Meyer Wolfshelm in “The Great Gatsby,” my favorite books are speckled with passages that make me squirm.

But in the case of H.P. Lovecraft, the sting hit, quite literally, close to home. He and I have walked the same brick sidewalks of College Hill and peered through the same telescope at Brown’s Ladd Observatory. His beloved childhood house at 454 Angell St. – when he moved, he wrote, “I felt that I had lost my entire adjustment to the cosmos” – is only a few blocks from the house where I grew up.

All of this is not a preamble to a “Ban Lovecraft” petition or a call to tear down the plaque honoring him at Brown University. I will continue to read “Charles Dexter Ward” and I will still join the Lovecraftians who gather once a year at the steps of the Ladd Observatory to read aloud his tales.

But whereas once I swelled with pride and kinship when I read the words “I Am Providence” etched into the author’s headstone at Swan Point Cemetery, I will now read them slightly differently. Lovecraft and I share Providence, but I’ve lost the feeling that we live in the same city.

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– surges of ecstasy and dropping clouds from my eyes and mind...”), and celebrates the view from atop College Hill (“...all the roofs, spires, and domes of the lower town, and beyond them the violet expanse of the far rolling rural meadows.”)

“Let no one tell me that Providence is not the most beautiful city in the world!” Lovecraft wrote. “I am Providence, and Providence is myself...Together, indissolubly as one, we stand thro’ the ages.”

I discovered Lovecraft a few years ago on the shelves of a science fiction bookstore in San Francisco. And, this year, in my preparations to teach a class on Providence literary history, I’ve returned to his work with renewed enthusiasm. But it wasn’t long before I started feeling like a character in one of his stories: A young man whose hunger for history leads to ghastly discovery.

I was flipping through an anthology of

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FROM THE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Walking the high wire

By NANCY KIRSCH
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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL once said, "No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

While Churchill, one of my favorite highly quotable historical figures, was speaking of forms of government, I like to think that his words are equally applicable to the function of The Jewish Voice & Herald.

As Jeffrey K. Savit, the chief executive officer of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island (the Alliance) – the newspaper's publisher – said in a late June interview, "I don't want the newspaper to be seen as a mouthpiece of the Alliance, but I don't want it to be a thorn in its side, either. I want the newspaper to offer information so that readers have a solid handle on what's going on. It should be newsworthy... There should be consistency and transparency; we have to tackle challenges and report on them... We can't run from the issues."

When the paper's editorial board – and some invited guests – met Tuesday, Aug. 23 for its semi-annual retreat, there were conflicting viewpoints about whether the paper has "run from the issues," whether there is "consistency and transparency," and whether it has been able to "tackle challenges and report on them" or whether The Jewish Voice & Herald is "a mouthpiece of the Alliance." In a group of smart, insightful and dedicated Jews why would anyone expect consensus?

When I was younger, I was repeatedly counseled, "Nancy, don't enter the field of diplomacy. You'd fail miserably." I am known for saying what I mean and meaning what I say, though I try to be thoughtful. Now, as the editor of a newspaper – God willing, neither a house organ nor The Hummel Report, an in-your-face investigative online news source – I must walk a diplomatic tightrope on a minute-by-minute basis. Not only must I try to give all Jewish agencies and institutions "equal time," whether they are in Westerly or Woonsocket, I must try to satisfy the sometimes competing needs of the "public's right to know" with the Alliance's needs. This balancing act is nothing new – every editor of The Voice & Herald and, before it, The Jewish Voice, faced a similar struggle, as will editors who succeed me.

Some individuals insist that the Alliance should never be empowered to edit or delay a highly sensitive story; others recognize that, as the paper's publisher, it may, on rare occasion, be justly entitled to do so.

To add insult to injury, as a former corporate lawyer, my training allows me to see the merits and the flaws of both positions.

With that, we welcome your thoughts and critiques: How is the paper doing in its balancing act? Let us hear from you: Email nkirsch@shalomri.org, Subject line: HIGH WIRE.

Living a daily life is an act of courage

WE WILL NEVER forget where we were when we first heard the news on that fateful Tuesday morning, Sept. 11, 2001. I happened to be in a doctor's office when I saw on TV one of the towers of the World Trade Center implode before my unbelieving eyes. No! No! This can't be happening. I must be watching a movie; but I haven't paid for the ticket, and there is no exit from the theater.



Rabbi Jim Rosenberg

I was frightened, disoriented, unHINGED, "unstuck in time" like Billy Pilgrim, the anti-hero of Kurt Vonnegut Jr.'s 1960s classic, "Slaughterhouse Five." But even in my radical confusion, I had enough presence of mind to say to my doctor: "The United

States as we have known it has just come to an end. From this moment on we will always feel vulnerable. We know now that it CAN happen here."

During those first few days of sorrow and pain, I took comfort in the powerful words of the 20th century Israeli poet, Avraham Shlonsky: "I swear this night of terror/ Shall not have passed in vain;/ I swear this morning I'll not live unchanged,/As if I were no wiser even now, even now."

But what does it mean to be wiser even now, even now? How have we responded to our altered sense of what it means to be an American citizen? Sadly, within hours of the collapse of the twin towers, vigilantes began attacking Arab and Muslim Americans. Indeed, just one day after the four hijackings, the police here in Providence detained for several hours an immigrant from India who had been a naturalized United States citizen for two years. Though he may have looked suspicious in his turban and traditional Sikh

IT SEEMS TO ME Ten years later

garb, he turned out to have no connections to the hijackers. His innocence did not prevent some of our fellow Rhode Islanders from crying out: "Kill him! Kill him!"

Our record since those first stressful days following 9/11 has not been encouraging to those of us who value our country as a land of tolerance, of "liberty and justice for all." During the past 10 years, anti-Muslim prejudice has been on the rise; the evidence is everywhere: People keep peppering my email inbox with fear-mongering anti-Muslim propaganda. Throughout the United States we see inane legislative attempts to ban *Sbaria* law. Muslims are being subject to physical attacks just because they are Muslim. Last summer we witnessed the

**"If we betray our
principles of justice and
compassion, then the
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ugly brouhaha concerning the proposed Muslim cultural center and mosque near, but not at, Ground Zero.

In order to "keep us safe," government officials have used water-boarding to interrogate suspects, for the most part Muslims – insisting in contradiction to our own past judgments that this form of torture is not torture; and in the name of national security, we have resorted to "extraordinary rendition" to ferry suspects out of our country so that we can torture them someplace else. If we continue to betray our deepest national principles of justice and compassion, then clearly the terrorists of 9/11 have defeated us.

Paradoxical as it might sound, we can best respond in a positive way to the terrorist attack upon America by going about our old business with renewed energy, focus and resolve. As a college

student in the 1960s, I was quick to condemn advocates of "business as usual" as morally obtuse reactionaries. Blood was turning the jungles of Vietnam from green to red. Napalm was becoming an everyday word, a grotesque variation of the Sterno we used to heat our fondue. Today, however, to go about our business as usual is an act of courage, an act of defiance. We cannot permit murderous thugs to hijack our present and our future by destroying our essential decency. Our task today is the same as it was yesterday – only more so: To live life fully and intentionally, to celebrate the wonder of every single moment, to go through every single day astonished, to tell our loved ones how much we love them.

Today, 10 years after those four plane hijackings that have transformed us into a new nation, we must learn – as Americans and as Jews – to live in creative tension between two competing values. On the one hand, as several of our founding fathers have warned us: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." So for the sake of our collective safety we submit to inconvenience – and, at times, even minor humiliation – at our airports, at a wide array of public buildings, at hotels, at many businesses.

At the same time, we are chastened by our biblical forebears to love the stranger; for we were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Leviticus 19.34). Therefore we must say "no" to the anti-Muslim, anti-immigration bigotry that has infected our nation. If we can learn to strike a balance between vigilance and tolerance, between protecting our bodies and guarding our souls, we might yet find a way to march hand-in-hand towards a more perfect union. Perhaps at last we will become a nation that lives up to the motto found on every single dollar bill: *e pluribus unum...* out of many, one!

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Letter

Practicing Catholic seeks answers to his questions

I REALLY ENJOY reading The Jewish Voice & Herald, which is available on the counter at Bagels, Etc. in Barrington.

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THE MISSION of The Jewish Voice & Herald is to communicate Jewish news, ideas and ideals by connecting and giving voice to the diverse views of the Jewish community in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, while adhering to Jewish values and the professional standards of journalism.

As a practicing Catholic, I find the articles on Jewish faith, life and customs very informative; you'd be surprised how many non-Jews read your paper.

However, after many editions, I have not seen one important subject discussed in any of your articles.

Why do most American Jews still support and vote for very liberal politicians when you would think that their values would be more in line with more conservative candidates? Is there some historical reason for this or are there other factors at

work? Also, it is changing or has the percentage remained constant?

I think many of your readers would find the answers to these questions very informative.

As such, could you pose these questions to some of your learned feature writers; also, maybe some of your readers could offer their perspectives.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ronald Russo
Barrington

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FROM THE OLD OLIVETTI

Camille Pissarro's work earns an A+ from professor

Pissarro's peasants are full-fledged, well-rounded individuals

I HAVE MANY heroes, but today I add a new one to the list. In literature, my hero is Hector of the Shining Helmet, defender of idyllic Troy from the barbarians at the gate. The Bible has a slew of heroes to choose from but I'll stick with Joshua bin Nun, for obvious reasons. In science, Galileo, who refused to back down from his research even knowing the fate of those who preceded him, tops my list, though modest Isaac Newton is close behind. Of American presidents, I'll stick with Kennedy, hero of my youth. In sports, Gil Hodges wins the prize. He was denied entrance to the Hall of Fame – a modern day equivalent of Hector being defeated outside the walls of Troy by Achilles and Athena.

Except for Joshua, none of these fellows was actually Jewish, except in my mind. But the new guy is. One rainy day we drove to the Clark Museum in Williamstown, Mass., to see the special exhibition called "Pissarro's People." (It's there for another month if you have the inclination to make the drive.) I didn't know much about Camille (since he's my new hero we are now on a first-name basis) other than vaguely remembering that he was an early exemplar of the Impressionist school of French painting. What I didn't know was that he was a Sephardic Jew. In fact, that morsel might be a clue to his personality and world outlook. Now, the world outlook of which I speak is not exclusively Jewish (it was shared by his exact contemporary Leo Tolstoy – 1828-1910) – but Jews of his time, 1830-1903 and later, or some Jews, hold a similar perspective.

more fluid art that gave the idea of passing reality rather than perfected views of the past. So why is a guy who painted fuzzy a hero?

Not because of his skill (which is indisputable) nor because of his courage in defying the establishment (also indisputable), but because of how he lived and painted. His real rebellion was against the self-satisfied bourgeoisie to whom material possessions were the be-all and end-all, who treated laborers as if they were replaceable cogs. He married Julie Vellay (1838-1926), one of his mother's maids, a woman he loved for who, not what, she was, and to whom he remained devoted for the rest of his life. That he would see in the maid-servant virtue was reflected in his paintings of peasants who worked his rural lands. They are shown during hard work and deserved leisure. They are respected, not revolutionary, as suggested in Jean-François Millet's "The Gleaners."

To Pissarro the peasants he painted from the mid-1870s on were interesting people living interesting lives best shown in their collective markets reminiscent of today's nostalgic throwbacks such as the Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoon Blackstone Boulevard farmers' markets, a place to see and be seen, to meet and to gossip, to buy (Blackstone Boulevard farmers' market prices are not for peasants)

and to sell, a place other than the church to congregate. It's a romantic image ignoring the smells and feel of cow dung and the backbreaking labor of sowing and reaping, but to Pissarro (and to Tolstoy, both of whom worked side-by-side – at least on occasion – with their peasants) it was the forecast of what was to come, a time when labor, peasant labor in this case, would own the land and determine what was to be bought and sold and for how much, the profits distributed according to effort and need. Think *kibbutzim*.

In the end, Camille realized that this edenic vision was not to be and he drew a series of sketches called *Turpitudes Sociales* (Social Disgraces), Hogarthian depictions of life in the industrialized cities with a prediction of the uprising of the workers against those who exploited their labor. (You can find the complete set at <http://www.clarkart.edu/exhibitions/pissarro/content/slideshow-turpitudes-sociales.cfm>)

So, my new hero in art is the Jew, Camille Pissarro – not because he's Jewish, but because his Jewishness colors his work in a way I'd never realized until I saw his people at the Clark.

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Josh Stein

"His real rebellion was against [those] who treated laborers as if they were replaceable."

Pissarro is sometimes called the "Dean of Impressionism" or its "father." He was an older member of that group that included Monet, Manet, Renoir, Cézanne, Degas, etc., which broke with the sanctified traditions of Beaux Arts formalism to create the

REFLECTIONS OF/IN ISRAEL

The Wandering Jew(ish border)

Israel's boundaries expand and contract

A COUNTRY TENDS to reflect the social "personality" of its citizenry.

On the issue that I want to talk about here, the country in question – Israel – was actually established to negate one aspect of the Jewish people's historical experience.

Unfortunately, it has failed to do so.



Sam Lehman-Wilzig

I'm talking about the Jewish propensity to be constantly on the move – from the time of Abraham and running through Jacob's family (down to Egypt), Moses' leading them back to the Promised Land, the exile of the 10 Northern Tribes of Israel to Assyria, the Judean exile to Babylon, their partial return and then the Great Diaspora of the past 2,000 years. Not for nothing are we called "Wandering Jews."

Zionism was designed to bring some normalcy back to the Jewish experience by setting up a state with a clear territorial boundary inside which Jews could live their lives as they saw fit. But that was not to be. From the start – through no fault of the Israelis (after all, Ben-Gurion reluctantly accepted the U.N.'s Partition Plan) – they had to fight to maintain their borders. In the process, Israel repeatedly extended, and occasionally receded from, swaths of territory. To use a musical analogy, Israeli geography works like an accordion – pulling and

pushing in and out, accompanied by lots of noise...

Which brings us to the present situation. Israelis are highly split regarding where exactly the country's final borders should be delineated – assuming an irrevocable, final peace treaty. Many are willing to give back the entire Golan Heights while others are appalled at the idea of having Syrians at the Sea of Galilee water's edge. Most Israelis are willing to concede 96 percent of the West Bank (and even trade 4 percent of other Israeli land in exchange for keeping the densely populated 4 percent of the West Bank we will retain); a large and vociferous minority vehemently disagree – indeed, they don't accept the term "West Bank" (that refers to Jordan) but rather insist on Judea and Samaria (biblical names oriented to Jewish history).

And then there's Jerusalem. West Jerusalem (in our hands from 1948) has an across-the-board Jewish consensus: It remains the capital of Israel forever. Regarding Jewish East Jerusalem (captured in the Six-Day War), a slightly smaller, but still huge, Jewish majority insists on continued sovereignty. And there's Arab East Jerusalem where Israeli consensus breaks down completely. Some view those neighborhoods as part and parcel of Jerusalem; others point out that the Israeli authorities have invested very little in the development of those areas, and even the Israeli police are loath to patrol them. Netanyahu has declared Arab East Jerusalem an integral part of the city – while several former prime ministers (Barak, and Olmert among them) were willing to cede them in a final treaty, in order to enable the Palestinian State to have its own capital in "Jerusalem." Thus, when anyone mentions

"Jerusalem" the question that needs to be asked is not so much "where" as "when." The Jerusalem of 1948? Of 1967? The expanded

"When anyone mentions 'Jerusalem' the question that needs to be asked is not so much 'where' as 'when.'"

version of the 1990s? The metropolis of the 2000s? The accordion again...

Of course, as I hinted above, Israel's wandering borders have not only expanded – they've contracted too: giving back parts of the Golan Heights in the post-1967 armistice agreement; leaving Gaza in 2006. And now lately, even the Netanyahu government has indirectly suggested that it might be willing to concede civilian control of the Jordan Valley (while still maintaining some military control).

There are few examples in the modern world of an established country with such a high level of territorial uncertainty (notwithstanding some minor border disagreements here and there, as between Japan and Russia). The situation is politically enervating for Israel, as much too much energy is devoted to this existential question that almost never arises among other normal countries. Not to mention the economic costs of building settlements that will most probably be given back, and the further economic burden of defending territory that others consider to be theirs.

The bottom line: Not until Israel's borders are finally agreed upon in an accepted international treaty can Zionism be said to have attained its ultimate goal – providing a home(land) where both the residents and their neighbors agree on where one yard ends and the other begins.

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Help raise Jewish children even when they're away at college

Model Jewish values and observances from afar

By HERSHEY NOVACK

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (JTA) – American Jews are known for the emphasis they place on academic success.

Jewish professors populate America's universities, and Jewish doctors, lawyers and politicians help fill the nation's hospitals, law firms and legislatures. At the core of this success are generations of American Jewish parents who have encouraged their children to focus, work hard and succeed from kindergarten through college and graduate school.

College in particular is a formative time for students' Jewish identities.

In a widely publicized essay written in 1968 for the journal *Judaism*, Rabbi Yitz Greenberg wrote, "By and large, college is a disaster area for Judaism, Jewish loyalty and Jewish identity."

More recently, in a 2006 study

for the Avi Chai Foundation, Brandeis University researchers found that, "In the soup of the college experience, Jewish students are making religious choices, and these are often decisions to do less, not more."

Similar sentiments can be expressed about college students' connections to Israel, though that is another matter.

No magic bullet exists to quickly and cheaply reverse this phenomenon. But parents can play a vital role in helping students – their children – maintain a connection to Judaism by setting an example of Jewish involvement and by partnering with the agencies that bring Jewish life directly to young people.

A Jewish parent's relationship with a child is so sacred that it is codified in the Ten Commandments, requiring children to respect their mothers and fathers. But just as it is the children's duty to respect their parents, so, too, is it the parents' responsibility to raise their children.

Jewish education works best



when it reinforces deep, rooted values established by parents.

Ideally, parents should begin educating their children at birth; however, they can begin at any age, and even after the children are off at college. In today's hyper-connected world, students studying at schools across the country are just a cell phone call or a video chat away. Using technology, parents can model Jewish living from

home while still allowing their children the space to grow up.

Before children head off to college, parents often engage their children in various coming-of-age discussions. Parents must have a similar conversation about Jewish values and observances – a discussion in which they articulate expectations and hopes that too often are left unsaid. Of course, such a conversation carries more weight when parents "walk the walk" by serving as role models of Jewish living.

Parents can also support their college students by sending them care packages associated with Jewish holidays and themes. Some synagogues already do this, but when these gifts come from home, they carry that much more inter-generational meaning and educational value.

Universities have evolved to become more inclusive in the services they offer to students – whether from a psychological or

career counselor, a resident adviser or even a campus rabbi. Instead of merely supervising a university's kosher food or facilitating prayer services, campus Jewish groups have broadened their reach to serve as much of the Jewish student community as possible. Far from being a place of refuge for a few committed Jewish students, these organizations have developed programs to reach out to all those seeking meaning in their Judaism.

The challenge is to reach all Jewish students – not just those who are already inclined to participate. The goal must be to show Jews of all stripes and backgrounds that within Judaism's incredible depth and breadth is something – more than just something, even – that could interest them.

If parents want their children to have a close connection with Jewish life on campus, they should connect with the campus Jewish mentors who are there 24/7 for students. Just as parents support their children's secular education, it is imperative that parents also support their children's Jewish education at college by providing financial support to Jewish organizations there. This will also help to create a culture of Jewish involvement from the home to the campus.

These ideas, when delivered to young people with a bit of space and a lot of love, can resonate during college and long after.

Rabbi Hershey Novack is the director of the Chabad on Campus – Rohr Center for Jewish Life at Washington University in St. Louis.

A READER'S PERSPECTIVE Jewish day schools make a positive difference

Gratitude for the Alperin Schechter Day School

By MAYBETH LICHA

Special to The Voice & Herald

IN THE SAME issue of *The Jewish Voice & Herald* [Aug. 5] where I saw my daughter's picture in front of the university in which she is studying in Israel (in "We Are Read"), I also read the article about the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island (JCDSRI) being open for business during difficult times for the school's finances ("JCDSRI acts to improve financial footing" by Nancy Kirsch). As I stared at this article for a minute, memories of all the years that my children, Zachary (from 1991 to 1999) and Olivia (from 1992 to 2000), attended the Alperin Schechter Day School rushed through my mind. After all, wasn't it at a day school where Olivia began her journey? I wondered how could a young Jewish family not consider a Jewish day school as they navigate their children's education?

Thirty years ago, I never would have thought that I would send my children to a Jewish day school. I was raised in a Reform household and proud to be part of the Jewish community, but a day school? But, when I later lived in

New York City, I witnessed the large numbers of children who attended Jewish day schools. I realized what a difference it made in the lives of those children and their families; I knew that this type of education taught children how to think, not what to think.

So many times I have told young parents, "You wouldn't let your child stop learning math

who attend parochial schools of other faiths do not seem to worry about their children learning too much about who they are. Why do we?"

Jacob and I always say how thankful we are for the well-rounded education our children received at the Alperin Schechter Day School. We are thankful that Wendy Garf Lipp taught Zachary to say the *Shema* in order to help the Red Sox win; after all, it couldn't hurt. We are thankful that our children, even at a young age, had a curiosity about the world. The critical thinking skills they developed helped foster that curiosity. We are thankful that they took the *Pirkei Avot* class in middle school and translated that knowledge into thinking about a better world. We are thankful that they were so prepared to enter high school.

Young children will live in the community that their parents build. As Jews, we support worthy causes all across the nation and around the world. We must feel the same way about Jewish education.

If we support Jewish education through our day schools, we will live in a forward-thinking, creative community.

Maybeth Lichaa is a resident of Barrington. Contact her at rivka1000@hotmail.com.

"The proud parents of the children who attend parochial schools of other faiths do not seem to worry about their children learning too much about who they are. Why do we?"

and science in seventh grade, so why would you let them stop learning about Jewish history and core values at that age?" Parents have told me that, while it would be nice to have their children in a day school, they are afraid that a day school education would be "too much."

Too much education? The proud parents of the children

Letters

Veterans' photo elicits fond memories

WHEN READING the July 22 issue of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*, I enjoyed seeing the picture of the members of the [Department of Rhode Island of] Jewish War Veterans who marched in the Bristol Fourth of July Parade.

It brought back memories when my late father, Phil Woled, marched in the parade every year. During those years, the members of the color guard had dark blue

uniforms with gold trim to match their hats. My parents, Becky and Phil Woled, were one of the many couples that started the Sackin-Shocket Post 533 and auxiliary. When I was growing up, the [Department of Rhode Island of] Jewish War Veterans was a big part of my life. Unfortunately, all the founding members are no longer with us.

Ellen Gourse
Warwick

Reader inspired by columnist's advice

Editor's Note:

Herbert Rakatansky, M.D., forwarded an email he received from a former patient. After he received permission from the individual to disclose his name and city of residence, we chose to publish it.

DEAR DR. Rakatansky, Your recent piece in *The Jewish Voice & Herald* ("Reduce colon cancer risk" in

the Aug. 5 issue) brought back so many happy memories of endoscopic preparation when I was your patient.

We live in Long Island now and I was immediately moved to find and call a gastroenterologist and make an appointment. Thanks for the reminder (I think).

Larry Singband
Long Island, N.Y.

Camp JORI dedicates town square

Honoring Bert Brown's 60 years of service

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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WAKEFIELD – Camp JORI campers, staff, board members, past presidents and 50 Brown family members and friends gathered at JORI on Saturday, Aug. 13 to dedicate the new Bert Brown Town Square. Bertram Brown, who died in 2008, was honored for his lifelong exemplary commitment and service to JORI.

The town square, approximately two acres and with a view of Worden's Pond, is where children con-

gregate daily for flag raising and lowering. With an in-ground fire pit and surrounding benches, the town square holds a central location between the cabins, health center and dining room. It is, said Michael Schuster, JORI past president and finance committee chair, in a late August press release from JORI, "the heart of the camp." The area is used for songs and campfires and often for *havdalah* services.

John Webb, a JORI board member, designed the project.

In dedicating the town square, Schuster spoke of Brown's years of service to JORI, noting that he took part in much of its proudest history. Brown joined the board in the late 1940s as JORI evolved from an orphanage to a summer camp for the neediest community



/Naomi Williams

MICHAEL SCHUSTER, JORI past president and current finance committee chair, left, and Phyllis Brown, far right, are surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Phyllis and the late Bert Brown, at Camp JORI on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Tenth anniversary of 9/11 offers time for reflection

Learning opportunities are planned at Jewish day schools

BY NANCY KIRSCH
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IN ANTICIPATION OF the upcoming 10th anniversary of 9/11, we were curious to know what, if anything, local day schools and religious schools might have planned.

At the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island (JCDSRI), only the eldest students will participate in 9/11 remembrances. Karolyn White, JCDSRI librarian, and the teachers will talk with fourth and fifth graders during the week leading up to Sept. 11, said Renee Rudnick, head of school for JCDSRI. Fourth graders will make cards and fifth graders will deliver the cards and apples an honey-sticks to local firefighters

at the fire station at Rochambeau Avenue on Friday, Sept. 9.

Because firefighters are among our heroes, said Renee (Irene) Rudnick, head of school for JCDSRI, we want to honor them, as they put themselves in positions of danger to help others. "By honoring firefighters in Providence, we honor all those who do this [rescue work] on a regular basis and especially those who were involved in 9/11," Rudnick said.

Apples and honey, of course, signify the arrival of Rosh Hashanah, new beginnings and hopes for a sweet New Year. "There are new beginnings from 9/11, with a memorial being built," said Rudnick. "Our students will explain the significance of our wishes for sweet new beginnings to the firefighters."

With a student population ranging from pre-kindergarten through 12th grades,

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members, including Holocaust refugees. Brown also served from 1948 to 1964 on a committee that granted more than 400 college scholarships.

Brown was instrumental, JORI's release indicated, in expanding and upgrading the property that housed JORI in Narragansett through 2003, including the addition of the rec hall and the pool. When Leo and Sophie Weiss retired in 1971 after 25 years as camp directors, Brown was on the committee that hired Marshall and Barbara Gerstenblatt to lead JORI.

"Bert was like a mentor," said Marshall Gerstenblatt. "He was the go-to guy on the board. You could bounce ideas off of him. He always asked, 'What do you need?'"

In 1999, when the new property that now houses JORI in Wakefield became available, Brown again helped guide the board to make a unanimous decision to relocate. He said, "The Narragansett facility has served us well for all these years. But it is time to move."

He and his wife Phyllis helped with fundraising, making their own contributions and arranging meetings with other donors.

Brown, JORI's tireless cheerleader, "would be very proud," said Schuster.

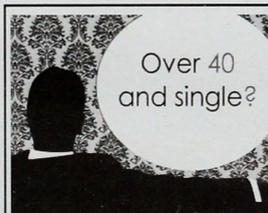
In 2011, JORI accommodated more than 400 children, gave \$250,000 in financial aid and carries no debt. Its endowment has grown from \$50,000 to \$1.2 million in spite of a difficult economy.

For the fiscal year ending June

30, 2011, JORI received \$37,000 from the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island; of that, \$25,000 went to needs-based scholarships for local families, and \$12,000 was used for programs for children with special needs and counselor training.

JORI is one of more than 150 nonprofit Jewish overnight camps attended by, according to a recent release from the Foundation for Jewish Camp, more than 70,000 children and 10,000 counselors during the summer of 2011.

Camp JORI is a partner agency of the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island. For more information about Camp JORI, visit www.campjori.com.



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JV&H editorial board welcomes new members

Toby London, as new board chair, leads advisory group

By VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE—The Jewish Voice & Herald's editorial board will be led by Toby London, of Providence, effective Sept. 1. London, of Providence, succeeds Howard Tinberg, of Pawtucket, who served as board chair during several key staff and organizational transitions – Nancy Kirsch succeeding Richard Asinof as executive editor, and merging the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island,



/Nancy Kirsch

TOBY LONDON

the Jewish Community Center and the Bureau of Jewish Education into the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island (the Alliance).

London, who has a background in retirement planning and actuarial consulting, has been a member of the Editorial Board since 2008.

A Brown University graduate, she and her husband David have two children, Debra and Marc, and two grandchildren. Since retiring in 2002, London has been active in the Jewish community and beyond, volunteering with the Holocaust Education & Resource Center of Rhode Island and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. London is involved in adult education opportunities, such as those offered by



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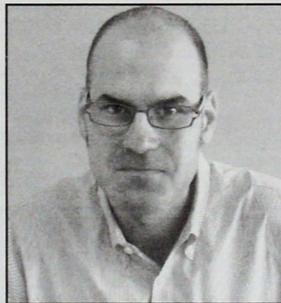
BRIAN EVANS

Brown University Continuing Education, Hebrew ulpan, Me'ah and Temple Emanu-El's Institute of Adult Jewish Studies.

She and her husband, formerly residents of Attleboro, Mass., now live in Providence.

Licht also named two new members to the Editorial Board – Brian Evans of Coventry and Steve Jacobson of Providence, succeeding Ezra Stieglitz and Rabbi Jacqueline Satlow, whose terms expired August 2011.

Evans, who owns a company called Promotion with Motion,



/Nancy Kirsch

STEVE JACOBSON

which will launch in early September, has been an entrepreneur whose companies specialized in medical management systems.

A member of the Alliance's Community Relations Council (CRC) and the CRC's Israel Task Force, Evans and his wife are members of Congregation Beth David in Narragansett; they have two children who attend Hebrew school under the tutelage of Rev. Ethan Adler.

He and his wife have been involved with study groups through rabbis at Providence Kollel: Center for Jewish Studies and Project Shoresh. Evans holds a B.A. in philosophy from Penn State University and a master's in economics from the University of New Mexico.

Jacobson is vice president for strategy and director of the Dorot Fellowship at the Dorot Foundation in Providence. He holds degrees from the University of Kansas and Brandeis University and was a Fellow of the Melton Centre for Diaspora Jewish Education at Hebrew University.

Jacobson has been a consultant to a variety of Jewish organizations and nascent-stage Jewish initiatives and frequently teaches about the American Jewish institutional

infrastructure. He and his wife, Andrea Katzman, a teacher in the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island, have two daughters.

AIDS Walk for Life on Sunday, Oct. 2

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island supports initiative

By DENNIS BYRNES
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE – In 1986, I lost a dear friend to a disease that was then just being named – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, for short.

My friend Jimmy was a fashion stylist living in Manhattan. He had been my mentor after I graduated college and returned from New York City and an internship at Andy Warhol's Factory.

I needed a job and landed one with Rhode Island's Outlet Department Stores. It was 1975; I met the partner of my life the following year.

Jimmy was a buyer in menswear and I was his department manager. He taught me much of what he knew about retailing. He eventually became a stylist with Yves St. Laurent in New York City; there, he and his partner Albert owned a 14-store chain of beauty salons. AIDS took them both in 1987.

I began volunteering at what was then Rhode Island Project AIDS in 1990 under the brilliant tutelage of the now iconic Maggie Valentine, a thin and wiry woman with boundless energy. The doctor at the helm was the wise Alvin Fischer M.D., a true trailblazer in AIDS treatment and research who died of kidney

cancer at 58.

Under Valentine's tutelage, I had four "Buddies" – I attempted to bond with them, make their lives less stressful, take them to doctor's appointments, and at the time, sadly, prepare them for death.

I lost all four of my "Buddies" to AIDS; one was only 25.

Now, with developments in drug therapies and physicians' training, the situation for those with AIDS has improved, though the virus continues to spread in spite of all the information available. Compared to other states, Rhode Island still has a very high rate of infection.

Eradicating this deadly virus requires testing and education; if either is missing, we will fail.

The AIDS Walk for Life will begin on the State House lawn on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. Governor Lincoln Chafee, Stephanie Chafee and others will be present at the 4-kilometer walk through the East Side of Providence and back to the State House. The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, including the JCC and the Community Relations Council, is supporting the walk.

To donate, visit www.firstgiving.com or www.aidsprojectri.org. For more information, call AIDS Project RI at 831-5522 or Marty Cooper at the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island at 421-4111, ext. 171.

Dennis Byrnes is a member of the Community Relations Council. Contact him at dbyrni@verizon.net.

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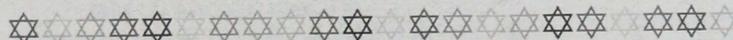
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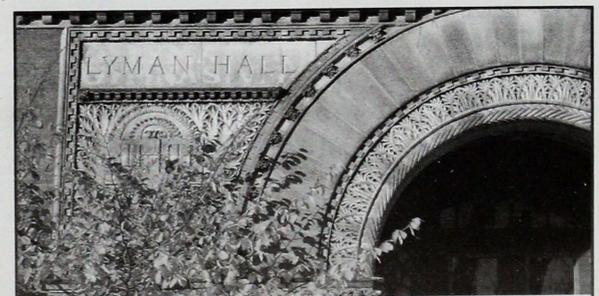


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FAMILIES find free festivities

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watched a slideshow, accompanied by music, a short Muppet version of "Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody" and the main event, "The Muppets Take Manhattan." The free event was held in the Sessions Street Park behind the JCC; the Alliance and two community partners – the Law Firm of Ronald C. Markoff and the law firm of Green & Greenberg – sponsored the evening's program.

Markoff Cohen said, "It was magical. This was exactly what a community program should be. Families came early with picnic blankets and snacks, children ran around the field playing catch and giggling, community members mixed and mingled, and then everyone laughed together as the film played."

According to Markoff Cohen, some in attendance were members of the JCC; other individuals who are not members heard about the

evening's events through word-of-mouth or picked up flyers in area coffee shops. Several people from the surrounding neighborhood wandered in, wondering what was happening at the Sessions Street location.

"With a new movie, 'The Muppets,' coming in November, this was a great way to appeal to families with young children and those adults who grew up with the Muppets," she said.

Patty Gold, aquatics director of the JCC at the Alliance, filled popcorn bags with freshly-popped popcorn for children and their parents.

FunFlicks provided the Alliance with the movie screen and audiovisual equipment, and the movie came through Swank movie distributor.

For more information about cultural events at the Alliance, contact Stephanie Markoff Cohen at scohen@shalomri.org or call 861-8800, ext. 108.



/Jerry Dorfman

AMY AND JERRY DORFMAN at last summer's Swim Across America; Jerry swam last year, as he will again this year.

Swimming to support cancer research

Swim Across America partners with Women & Infants Hospital

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
voiceherald@shalomri.org

WHEN 150 or so individuals enter the waters of Narragansett Bay at Roger Wheeler State Beach

on Saturday, Sept. 10, Talia Schwartz, 19, of Barrington, and Jerry Dorfman, 61, of Providence, will be among them. They will swim to raise money for Women & Infants Hospital's Program in Women's Oncology.

The hospital has partnered with Swim Across America for the second consecutive summer to host a half-mile or mile swim in Narragansett Bay to raise money for women's cancer research. Swim Across America is a national non-

profit organization dedicated to raising money and awareness for cancer research, prevention and treatment. Individuals may participate individually or on teams; each must pledge to raise \$250 in donations to enter the swim.

Schwartz called her internship experience last summer at Women & Infants' post-partum depression and anxiety day hospital program "phenomenal." A competitive swimmer for nine years – she now

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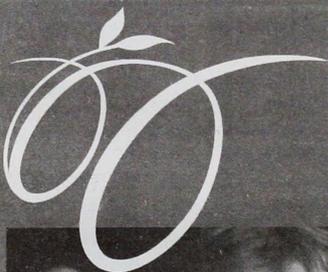
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Friday

Sept. 2**Dali Display at Brown Hillel**

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Brown RISD Hillel Glenn and Darcy Weiner Center, 80 Brown St., Providence

More info: 863-2805

See story on page 17 for more information.

Monday

Sept. 5**Shofar Factory**

Make a shofar from an animal horn and learn the process from cooking to final polishing.

Chabad of West Bay, 3871 Post Rd, Warwick

10 a.m.

\$2 per person admission, \$8 per shofar

More info: 884-7888 or www.rjewishkids.com/shofarfactory

Wednesday

Sept. 7**Senior Café Learn and Lunch – Am David**

Topic: Seniors' Nutrition with Bob Weber from Comfort Keepers.

Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick

11:15 a.m. – Program; Noon – Lunch

\$3 lunch donation for 60+ and under 60 disabled

More info: Elaine or Steve at 732-0047

This location hosts a meal site every weekday.

Thursday

Sept. 8**Home and Hospice Care of RI Human Dignity Award Breakfast**

Panelists Dr. Stanley Aronson, Arthur Robbins, Dr. Fred Schiffman and Rabbi Joel Seltzer discuss hospice and *K'vod Ha-B'riyot*, dignity of all God's creations.

Providence Marriott, Orms St., Providence

7:45 – 9 a.m.

More info: Jackie Salett Orent at 415-4309 or jorent@hhcri.org
RSVP by Aug. 31, no charge to attend

JERI Satellite Office Hours

Topic: "Shmeer and Shmooze." JERI Director Susan Adler and Assistant Director Ethan Adler will be available to counsel

seniors and their families. Ethan will also be available for pastoral counseling.

Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Road, Middletown

11 a.m. – Noon

More info: Susan Adler at 621-5374 or sadler-jeri@jsari.org

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More info: 785-1800

Friday

Sept. 9**Yiddish Shmooze**

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Meet Toby Koritsky, RJE, Sinai's new Religious School director.

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston

7:30 p.m. – Service followed by *oneg*

More info: 942-8350

Sunday

Sept. 11**JCC 10th Annual Road Race**

5K road race, East Side Pediatrics Youth Races, EPOCH 1.5 mile walk and Zumba celebration. Post-race party will be at Sessions Street Park behind the JCC. Sponsored by The Miriam Hospital.

JCC at the Alliance, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

9 a.m. – Youth races; 10 a.m. – 5K and walk. Zumba begins just after the race begins

More info: Carlene Barth at 861-8800, ext. 210 or cbarth@shalomri.org

Monday

Sept. 12**JERI Satellite Office Hours**

Topic: "In One Year, Out the Other/Renewing Ourselves." See JERI's Sept. 8 entry for more information.

Brightview Commons, 57 Grandville Court, Wakefield

1 – 2 p.m.

More info: Susan Adler at 621-5374 or sadler-jeri@jsari.org

Tuesday

Sept. 13**Tuesdays Together – A Happy Birthday Party for Preschoolers**

Happy Birthday World! Celebrate Rosh Hashanah with stories, activities and kosher treats with children, ages birth to 4; adult must accompany the child.

Jewish Community Day School of RI, 85 Taft Ave, Providence

10 – 11 a.m.

More info: Dina Adelsky at 751-2470 or dadelsky@jcdsri.org

Wednesday

Sept. 14**Senior Café Lunch and Learn – JCC at the Alliance**

Topic: Jewish Life and Living with Ethan Adler.

JCC, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

Noon – Lunch; 12:45 p.m. – Program

\$3 lunch donation for 60+ and under 60 disabled

More info: Neal Drobnis or Lucy Flam at 861-8800, ext. 107

This location hosts a meal site every Wednesday and Friday.

Beth-El New & Prospective Member Open House

Members of the clergy, school and synagogue committees greet attendees and answer questions. Open to the whole family; refreshments.

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

7 p.m.

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

Thursday

Sept. 15**JERI Satellite Office Hours**

Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Drive, Warwick

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

More info: Susan Adler at 621-5374 or sadler-jeri@jsari.org

See JERI Sept. 8 entry for more information.

Adoption Options Informational Meeting

For those considering adoption and interested in hearing about available options.

Jewish Family Service, 959 N. Main St., Providence

6 – 7 p.m.

More info: Peg Boyle at 331-5437 or peg@jfsri.org

"One Book, One Community"

Anna Solomon, author of "The Little Bride" and Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's artist-in-residence, and Clare Burson, musical creator of "A Little Suite for The Little Bride," headline an interactive evening of readings and songs. Perry and Marty Granoff Center for the Creative Arts, 154 Angell St., Providence

8 p.m.

More info: Stephanie Markoff Cohen at 861-8800 or scohen@shalomri.org

Friday

Sept. 16**Temple Sinai Open House Shabbat**

Meet Sinai's new Religious School Director, Toby Koritsky, RJE.

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston

5:15 p.m. – Pizza; 6 p.m. – Services

More info: 942-8350

K'Tantant Shabbat

Age-appropriate Shabbat service for families with very young children led by Rabbi Sarah Mack and Debbie Waldman; "make your own tacos" Shabbat dinner.

Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

5:30 p.m.

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

Next D'or and The Alef List Welcome Back BBQ

Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

More info: Jennifer Arndt at 484-3456 or Jen.h.arndt@gmail.com.

Saturday

Sept. 17**Temple Torat Yisrael's Shabbat Services in East Greenwich**

Family Shabbat learners' service followed by *kiddush* lunch.

Temple Torat Yisrael, 1251 Middle Road, East Greenwich

10 a.m.

More info: 785-1800

Over 40 and single?

Meet up for a sweet treat before the J-Cafe Concert Series (see next entry).

JCC at the Alliance, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

7:15 p.m.

More info: Wendy Joering at wjoering@shalomri.org or 421-4111, ext. 169

J-Cafe Concert Series

Joe Fletcher and the Wrong Reasons perform with Hiding Behind Youth.

JCC at the Alliance, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence

8 p.m.

\$8 for JCC members, \$10 for non-members

More info: Stephanie at scohen@shalomri.org or 421-4111 ext. 108

Sunday

Sept. 18**Puppet Show**

Puppets Ari and Sarah try to solve the mystery of "The Day the Music Stopped." Decorate and eat cookies after the show; appropriate for families with children 3 to 8.

Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington

3 p.m.

More info: office@templehabonim.org, 245-6536 or www.templehabonim.org

Calendar Submissions

Please note: Our next issue of The Voice & Herald will be published on September 16. Please send calendar items for that issue by September 5. Calendar items for the September 30 issue are due September 19.

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

Dayna Bazar posthumously inducted into athletic hall of fame

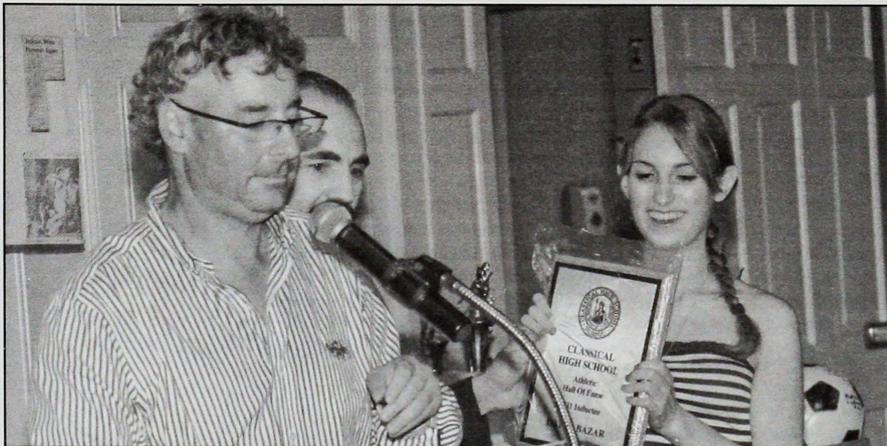
Student athlete lauded, after all these years

By LEAH TINBERG
Special to The Voice & Herald

EAST PROVIDENCE – Dayna Bazar, a 1991 Classical High School graduate, was posthumously inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame on Monday, Aug. 15, at Metacomet Country Club in East Providence. As no student is eligible for induction into the Classical Athletic Hall of Fame until 20 years after the date of his or her graduation, this was the first year that Bazar was eligible for the honor.

In addition to Bazar, three other individuals and two soccer teams were honored at the ceremony, which some 175 people attended. Bazar, the daughter of Joey and Ann Bazar of Providence, died in a motorcycle accident in May 1992.

Those present at the ceremony, a group comprising mainly of family members and friends of the inductees and current and former Classical athletes and coaches, gave the night's only standing ovation to Bazar's family after her posthumous induction. In giving the ovation, the attendees acknowledged Bazar's important contributions to Classical athletics and the positive impact she had on all who knew



DAVID BAZAR accepts a posthumous award for Dayna Bazar, his late niece. With him, at right, is Dayna Gavin, named for Dayna Bazar, and the granddaughter of Dayna Bazar's parents; the individual from Classical High School who presented the award is obscured.

her. During her four years at Classical, Bazar played and excelled in soccer, basketball and baseball. She was an exceptional athlete, and her quickness and energy made her a natural leader to teammates. John Badway, her softball and basketball coach, remembers her as constantly "cheerful, positive, and selfless," calling her a "great influence" on all those who played with her. The quintessential athlete, Bazar was also the ultimate team player, wholeheartedly believing that the entire team was both necessary and responsible for victory. Bazar maintained that the team's well-

being comes far ahead of personal achievements, even as she attained her own individual athletic successes.

Bazar's uncle, David Bazar, who accepted the award on her behalf, related that during her senior soccer

season, she scored the most goals in the state. Bazar's qualities outside of athletics only added to her admirable character. Bazar's aunt, Karen Bergel, said that her niece had a "sense of humor that would light up the sky." Bazar had the rare ability

to simply make people happy – she could connect with anyone and would always find a way to make others laugh.

Bazar's parents and her extended family found joy in watching her participate in athletics; today, they treasure their memories of her. Her influence also reached beyond the Classical High School community. Midway through her freshman year in college, she transferred from the University of Hartford to Rhode Island College (RIC). Although she spent only one semester at RIC before her death, the college dedicated its softball field, the Dayna A. Bazar Memorial Softball Facility, to her.

When asked what Bazar would say of her induction into Classical's Hall of Fame if she were alive today, Ann simply said: "She would be so honored."

Leah Tinberg, a senior at Lincoln School for Girls in Providence, is the daughter of Howard and Toni Tinberg of Pawtucket. Contact her at ltinberg@gmail.com.



TONY SIMON, left, Senator Whitehouse's deputy state director, and Judith Kaye on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

J Street Rhode Island members march

Advocates of two-state solution hold rallies across the nation

By ALICE AND IRA GROSS
Special to The Voice & Herald

PROVIDENCE – On Tuesday, Aug. 23, approximately 25 members of J Street Rhode Island gathered in downtown Providence to support a two-state solution. As they marched to the district offices of United States Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, they chanted, "Pro-peace is pro-Israel. Two states now." Tony Simon, deputy state director for Senator Whitehouse, and Nancy

Langrall, policy director for Senator Reed, greeted the J Street members and received 150 postcards signed by Rhode Islanders. The postcards, presented to the staff by Judith Kaye, co-director of J Street Rhode Island, support President Obama's May 2011 peace proposal for a two-state solution.

This Aug. 23 "day of action" was held on a nationwide basis – more than 1,000 activists from 23 states delivered more than 40,000 postcards to their congressional representatives.

Alice and Ira Gross are J Street Rhode Island state organizers. Contact them at alicegross@gmail.com.

Pray for Peace

May it be Your will, G-d of our ancestors, that You grant my family and all Israel a good and long life. Remember us with blessings and kindness. Fill our homes with your Divine Presence. Give me the opportunity to raise my children and grandchildren to be truly wise, lovers of G-d, people of truth, who illuminate the world with Torah, good deeds and the work of the Creator. Please hear my prayer at this time. Regard me as a worthy descendant of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, our mothers, and let my candles burn and never be extinguished. Let the light of your face shine upon us, and bring true peace to Israel and the world.



Blessings for Shabbos

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Blessed are You, G-d our Lord, King of the universe, who has hallowed us through His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the lights of the holy Shabbos

Blessings for Holidays

Select the proper ending for the appropriate Yom Tov:

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A-SHER KID-SHONU B'MITZ-VO-SOV V-T ZI-VONU
L'HAD-LIK NER SHEL

(on Friday add — SHA-BOS V-SHEL)

Pesach, Shavuot and Succot:.....Yom Tov
Rosh Hashanah:.....Yom-Ha-zi-Koron
Yom Kippur:.....Yom Ha-Kippurim

Add this blessing following each of the above blessings except for the last holidays of Pesach.

BORUCH ATO ADO-NOY ELO-HAY-NU MELECH HO-OLOM
SHE-HEH-CHE-YONU V'KEE-MONU V'HEE-GEE-ONU
LEEZ-MAN HA-ZEH

Special instructions for holidays (but not on Shabbat). It is forbidden to create a new fire by striking a match, lighter, etc. However, it is permissible to use a flame already burning since before the inception of the holiday, such as a pilot light, gas or candle flame.

CAUTION FOR FRIDAYS:
DO NOT light candles after sunset so as not to desecrate the Shabbos. It is forbidden to light candles after sunset.

CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

5771-5772 (2011-2012) Providence, Rhode Island

| September, 2011 | | October, 2011 | | November, 2011 | |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|------|----------------|------|
| 2 | 6:59 | 7 Erev Yom Kippur | 5:59 | 4 | 5:18 |
| 9 | 6:47 | 12 Erev Sukkot | 5:50 | 11 | 4:10 |
| 16 | 6:35 | 13 Sukkot | 6:54 | 18 | 4:04 |
| 23 | 6:23 | 14 Sukkot II | 5:47 | 25 | 3:59 |
| 28 Erev R.H. | 6:14 | 19 Hoshana Raba | 5:40 | | |
| 29 Rosh Hoshana | 7:17 | 20 Shimini Atzeret | 6:44 | | |
| 30 Rosh Hoshana II | 6:11 | 21 Simchat Torah | 5:36 | | |
| | | 28 | 5:27 | | |

Daylight savings time ends Nov. 6

| December, 2011 | | January, 2012 | | February, 2012 | |
|----------------|------|---------------|------|----------------|------|
| 2 | 3:56 | 6 | 4:10 | 3 | 4:43 |
| 9 | 3:55 | 13 | 4:17 | 10 | 4:52 |
| 16 | 3:56 | 20 | 4:26 | 17 | 5:01 |
| 23 | 3:59 | 27 | 4:34 | 24 | 5:09 |
| 30 | 4:04 | | | | |

Daylight savings time resumes March 11

| March, 2012 | | April, 2012 | | May, 2012 | |
|-------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| 2 | 5:18 | 6 Passover (1 st night) | 6:57 | 4 | 7:27 |
| 9 | 5:26 | 7 Passover (2 nd night) | 8:03 | 11 | 7:35 |
| 16 | 6:34 | 12 Passover (3 rd night) | 7:03 | 18 | 7:42 |
| 23 | 6:42 | 13 Passover (4 th night) | 7:05 | 25 | 7:48 |
| 30 | 6:49 | 20 | 7:12 | 26 Erev Shavuot | 8:59 |
| | | 27 | 7:20 | 27 Shavuot (after) 9:00 | |

| June, 2012 | | July, 2012 | | August, 2012 | |
|------------|------|------------|------|--------------|------|
| 1 | 7:54 | 6 | 8:03 | 3 | 7:41 |
| 8 | 7:59 | 13 | 8:04 | 10 | 7:32 |
| 15 | 8:02 | 20 | 7:55 | 17 | 7:22 |
| 22 | 8:04 | 27 | 7:49 | 24 | 7:12 |
| 29 | 8:04 | | | 31 | 7:00 |

The above times are for Providence, RI. Other areas around the region may vary by a few minutes.

Courtesy of Chabad Rhode Island

Candle lighting time for the second night of the Holiday is usually about one hour after the candle lighting time of the previous night.

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Rhode Island Hadassah draws a crowd

'Books on the Beach' supports Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem

By NANCY ABESHAUS
Special to The Voice & Herald

NEWPORT – More than 200 Hadassah supporters – primarily women – gathered at the Atlantic Beach Club in Newport on Tuesday, Aug. 16, to mark the organization's upcoming centennial year – 2012 – and to raise funds for Hadassah Medical Organization's (HMO) newest facility, the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower (the Tower) at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Rhode Island Hadassah, which has 1,000 members, hosted the "Books on the Beach" authors' luncheon.

The Tower, which will be dedicated in 2012, is a 19-story structure with 500 beds, 20 operating rooms, 60 intensive care beds and an ultra-modern heart institute. The HMO is the Middle East's largest medical center; Hadassah hospitals provide world-class medical care to more than one million patients annually regardless of race, religion, or nationality.

Hadassah members, guests and authors, including Dr. Meredith 'Merry' Drench, president of the Western New England region of Hadassah, dined in the restaurant's sun-filled banquet hall with panoramic views overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and Newport's Cliff Walk.

Karen Asher of Kingston and Renee Kaminitz of Middletown co-chaired the meeting; RI Hadassah co-presidents Deb Gerstenblatt

of Warwick and Sally Rotenberg of Providence spoke about Hadassah before turning the program over to Robin Kall, host of the 920 WHJJ talk show "Reading with Robin," and the master of ceremonies for the event. Authors Lynn

"It was easy to plan – everyone wants to be in Newport in the summer."

Ducoff Belkin, Ann Hood and Joan Nathan discussed their newest books and fielded questions. Later, attendees had a chance to meet the authors and have their books personally inscribed. The authors donated a portion of the proceeds from the day's book sales to Hadassah.

Dr. Robert Ducoff of Providence – father of author Lynn Ducoff Belkin – is a lifetime Hadassah member through its affiliate group, the Associates; nationally, Hadassah Associates is some 30,000 strong. "I joined because I want to be involved and support this organization," he said.

"We've held many different fundraising programs but we've never had a book-and-author event before," said Asher. "I think we'll be doing more of these."

Rotenberg reported that the event's final net profit was \$8,500. Other Hadassah members from across the state worked on this program, including Marilyn F. Cohen of Wakefield, Fran Mendell of Newport, Toby Rossner of Cranston and Judy Silverman of



/Nancy Abeshaus

IT'S A FAMILY THING: Four generations of Hadassah lifetime members. Diane Ducoff, seated, left, Lynn Ducoff Belkin's mother; Frances Friedman, Belkin's grandmother; and author Lynn Ducoff Belkin. Standing are Patti Ducoff Albert, left, Belkin's sister; Dr. Robert Ducoff, Belkin's father; and Sidney Miller, Belkin's niece.

East Greenwich. Arianna Cosmetics on Bowen's Wharf in Newport donated 10 beauty treatments to 10 lucky attendees.

"It was a very uplifting event," said Gerstenblatt. "It generated

good publicity across the region."

"It was easy to plan – everyone wants to be in Newport in the summer," said Rotenberg.

For more information about Rhode Island Hadassah, visit www.rhodeisland.hadassah.org or call 272-8005 or 463-3636.

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By VOICE & HERALD STAFF
voiceherald@shalomri.org

PROVIDENCE – Do you pack up your grill as soon as Labor Day is over, never to use it again until Memorial Day? If so, you're missing out; there's plenty of good grilling time still available.

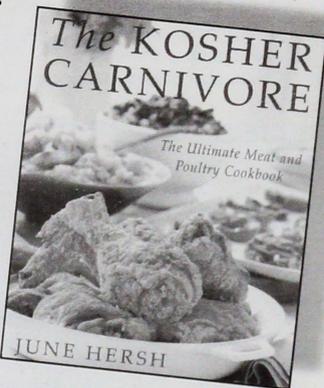
Why not make the most of these fleeting days of summer and host people for a casual weeknight or weekend dinner gathering?

Slice up some fresh tomatoes – home grown or from your favorite farmers' market – grill some corn on the cob, serve watermelon and other fresh fruit for dessert and you've got yourself a delicious meal... almost! All you need is to select an entrée or two from the choices available in "The Kosher Carnivore, The Ultimate Meat and Poultry Cookbook," the source of these recipes. The cookbook does, though, include recipes for vegetable sides, including ones for creamed spinach without butter or cream and fresh guacamole.

The recipes often include less or more expensive suggested alternatives – chicken instead of beef, for example.

Grilled steak chimichurri

1 flatiron steak, 1-and-1/2 to 2-pounds



Ingredients for the marinade

- 1 cup fresh chopped flat-leaf parsley (or alternative of cilantro)
- 12 basil leaves, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon freshly chopped oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 large garlic cloves, finely chopped (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup red wine, sherry or champagne vinegar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- juice of 1 lemon
- pinch of crushed red pepper flakes
- pinch of ground cumin

Method

Combine the marinade ingredients in a food processor fitted with a metal blade, and process until the greens are chopped and

the ingredients are well combined.

If you want to use the marinade to drizzle over the top of the finished steak, reserve a little at this time.

Place the remainder of the marinade and the steak in a large resealable plastic bag, seal and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours.

Most cuts of meat can marinate overnight, but 2 to 3 hours is enough to flavor and tenderize without the risk of the meat breaking down too much.

Light the grill, preheat the broiler or stovetop grill pan. Let the steaks come to room temperature and pat them dry with paper towels. When the pan or grill is sizzling hot, quickly grill the steaks, 5 to 7 minutes per side.

Let the meat rest, covered loosely with aluminum foil, before slicing.

Serving suggestion: Serve with ketchup kicked up with a few drops of hot sauce.

Serves 4.

The author recommends serving this steak with Spanish sangria.

Sangria

For eight to 10 people, combine and chill:

- 2 bottles of red table wine (Montepulciano)
- 1 bottle of white wine (Pinot Grigio)
- 1/2 bottle of Champagne or Prosecco
- 4 ounces St. Germain Elderflower Liqueur
- 2 ounces Triple Sec
- 1 shot of brandy or Cognac

- 4 ounces Bacardi or light rum
- 4 ounces peach schnapps
- 1 shot orange juice
- 1 shot lemon juice

Grilled steak salad

2 pounds silver tip, "London broil" style; alternate suggestions include hanger steak trimmed and butterflied, chicken parts or cubed breast or lamb cubes

Ingredients for the marinade

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- juice of two limes (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 orange, zested (about 2 tablespoons) and segments removed to garnish the salad
- 1/4 cup peanut, canola or vegetable oil

- 2 teaspoons hoisin sauce
- 2 scallions, white and green parts, chopped
- kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients for the salad

- 1/2 pound field greens
- 8 ounces uncooked shelled edamame
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 avocados, peeled and sliced, optional

Method

Place the meat in a resealable plastic bag. In a bowl, combine all the marinade ingredients. Reserve 3/4 cup of marinade to use as salad dressing. Pour the rest into the bag with the meat. Marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 and up to

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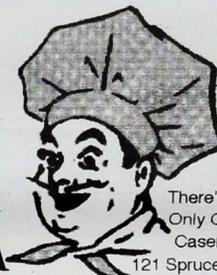
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4 hours.
Light the grill or preheat the broiler. Remove the meat from the refrigerator. Dry the meat with paper towels. Grill until medium rare, 5 to 7 minutes per side. Let the meat rest, covered loosely with aluminum foil, before slicing very

thinly against the grain.
To compose the salad: Combine the greens, edamame and tomatoes and toss with the salad dressing. Reserve any extra dressing for another use.
Lay the sliced beef on top of the greens and fan the avocado slices, if using, around the plate. Garnish with orange segments and drizzle

with a little dressing.
Serves 4 to 6.
Skewered chicken thighs
1-and1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken thighs
kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients for the marinade
1 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder
1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
1/4 cup peanut or vegetable oil
1/4 cup coconut milk
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
2 garlic cloves, minced, about 1 tablespoon
1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

Ingredients for the coconut peanut dipping sauce
1/2 cup coconut milk
2 tablespoons chunky peanut butter
2 teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon chili oil
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1 garlic clove, finely minced
pinch of kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint leaves.

Method
Pat the chicken dry with paper towels. Place the chicken in a resealable plastic bag. In a small bowl, combine all the marinade ingredients.

Pour the marinade into the bag, reserving 1/4 cup to use as a basting sauce. Seal and refrigerate for at least 2 or up to 6 hours.
While the chicken marinates, grill 5 to 7 minutes longer or until nicely charred and cooked through.
Serve with the dipping sauce and freshly chopped mint.



prepare the dipping sauce. Whisk all the ingredients together.
If the peanut butter is stubborn, you can gently heat the mixture in a small saucepan on a gentle simmer for a minute to help combined. Reserve until ready to use.
Light the grill or preheat your broiler or stovetop grill pan.
Remove the chicken from the marinade, wipe it dry and lightly season with salt and pepper.
Grill on the first side about 5 minutes. Turn and baste with the reserved marinade. Continue

For a satay-style presentation, cut the thigh meat into strips and thread them on wooden skewers that have been soaked in water for at least 30 minutes. This prevents them from catching fire on the grill.
Serves 4.

All recipes from "The Kosher Carnivore, The Ultimate Meat and Poultry Cookbook," by June Hersh, published by St. Martin's Press, August 2011; ISBN 0-312-69942-5.

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Finding health leads to a fulfilling career change for Joy Feldman

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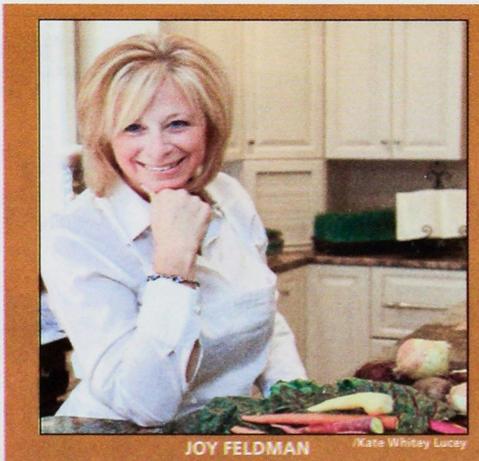
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NORTH KINGSTOWN – Joy Feldman’s disease was transformative in more than one way. Nearly two decades ago, when an auto-immune disease left her virtually crippled, she knew she couldn’t continue to live that way. In moving from sickness to health, she left her high-powered career as

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an attorney to working independently as a nutritional consultant; she now owns JHF Nutritional Consulting.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, from 6 – 8 p.m., she’ll be at Rhode



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Island Kitchen and Bath, 139 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, for a book signing and a cooking demonstration; Chef Chris Oliveri will prepare recipes from Feldman’s award-winning cookbook, “Joyful Cooking in the Pursuit of Good Health.” The event is free and open to the public.

When she so ill that she couldn’t care for her son, she experimented with different healing methods and eventually found one that helped. Initially she and her husband Michael, a physician, were very skeptical of the recommended lifestyle changes; but, she said, “I didn’t want to spend my life sick.” Feldman began to feel better within two to three months of starting a regime, but it took a full year for complete healing to occur, she said.

After earning a certificate as a nutritional consultant from Dr. Lawrence Wilson, the provider who helped her heal, Feldman now counsels and consults with clients.

Who are her clients?

“A full range of people – those with migraines, depression,

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U.S. Rep. David Cicilline makes third trip to Israel

AIPAC's American Israel Education Fund sponsors congressional tour

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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REP. DAVID N. Cicilline, a freshman Democrat representing Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District, was one of 22 members of the House of Representatives visiting Israel on an Aug. 7-13 trip; Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, Rep. Steny Hoyer, led the delegation.

“Seeing Yad Vashem reminds first-time and returning visitors about the importance of Israel’s existence.”

Sponsored – and paid for – by the American Israel Education Fund, a charitable organization affiliated with AIPAC, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the trip was intended, said Cicilline, “to educate [us] about current



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DAVID N. CICILLINE greets Shimon Peres, president of Israel.

conditions in Israel and the challenges and opportunities in that region of the world.”

On this, Cicilline's third trip to Israel, he and others met with Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian Authority's president, and Salam Fayyad, the Palestinian

Authority's prime minister, in Ramallah where, he said, “Our delegation conveyed to both Abbas and Fayyad how counterproductive a unilateral declaration of statehood would be.”

Cicilline explained, in a phone interview with The Jewish Voice

& Herald, that Abbas and others believe that the Palestinian people are intent on proceeding with this declaration which, he said, even with the veto, “will be destabilizing and undermine the peace process.” Cicilline believes that direct negotiation between the parties is

essential to furthering the peace process.

Seeing Yad Vashem, he said, reminds first-time and returning visitors about the importance of Israel's existence.

Visits to the Dead Sea, Masada and a kibbutz, among other locales, along with meetings with university professors, a pollster, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro, Israel Defense Forces' security experts, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Shimon Peres and other key leaders rounded out the trip. They heard, he said, about the challenges in the Syria, negotiations between Fatah and Hamas and the student uprising – peaceful protests for affordable housing, more jobs, etc. – in Israel. “A good prosperous life in Israel is available,” he said. “Petitioning the government [as the young people did] is a peaceful way to [address the need] for social justice and equality of opportunity. Netanyahu and Peres are raising these issues – it's a good thing,” said Cicilline.

Cicilline hopes that his schedule will allow him to be part of the trade mission that the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation is scheduling for Rhode Island businesses this fall.

Of this trip, he said that he learned a great deal about Israel, one of our nation's most important allies.

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Brown RISD Hillel to host works by Salvador Dali

Artist created lithographs to commemorate Israel's founding

BY VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE – Brown RISD Hillel will host a collection of works by Salvador Dali that explores the artist's connection to Israel. The collection, "Aliyah: The Rebirth of Israel," is on display from Aug. 29 to Oct. 31; it will officially open with a Sept. 22 event at 7:30 p.m. at Brown RISD Hillel's Glenn and Darcy Weiner Center, 80 Brown St. in Providence.

Dr. Elliot King, an assistant professor of art history at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., will speak at the opening. A well-known expert in Dali's work, he was most recently a guest curator of an exhibition, "Dali: The Late Work," at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Ga.

"We're thrilled to be exhibiting such a high profile collection," Hannah Antalek, a co-chair of the Hillel Gallery Project and a RISD junior, said in a recent press release from Brown RISD Hillel. "We hope that it will attract new people to Hillel and the gallery and cement its place on campus as a professional exhibition space. It's exciting to show an artist so prominent in art history and be able to offer the space as an educational tool to students and professors just as the RISD Museum, the Bell Gallery and others have been able to do."

Born in Figueres, Spain, Dali (1904-1989) is best known for his highly imaginative, surrealist work. In 1968, Dali created 25 colored lithographs taken from his mixed-media paintings to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the State of Israel's founding.



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Dali made 250 original sets, one of which was purchased by a couple with ties to Providence and Brown University, Professor David and Ursula Blumenthal. The couple looks forward to returning to Providence for the opening; Professor Blumenthal taught Judaic studies from 1973-1976 at Brown University's Department of Religion.

The Blumenthals' print had its premier showing at the Marcus Hillel Center at Emory University this past spring. Due to the exhibition's success, the Blumenthals decided to offer it as a traveling exhibition and selected Brown RISD Hillel as the first stop.

Hillel organizers anticipate that the Dali exhibit and connected educational events will act as a gateway to dialogue for the 1,500 Jewish students of Brown and RISD, as well as the larger Jewish community of greater

Rhode Island. The collection, which is both relevant to students and ripe for exploration, will push them to engage with their vision of Jewish life, the diaspora and Israel.

The exhibit is accompanied by a Web site and a podcast which explain the context within the oeuvre of Dali as well as the Zionist background of each lithograph.



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universally themed work, Hillel aims to engage students at Brown and RISD by offering opportunities to explore art through a Jewish lens.

"Aliyah: The Rebirth of Israel" will be on display at The Glenn and Darcy Weiner Center from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.

For more information, press contacts or questions: Marshall Einhorn, executive director, Brown RISD Hillel, at 863-9354 or marshall_einhorn@brown.edu.

For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://www.js.emory.edu/BLUMENTHAL/Salvador%20Dali%20Aliyah.htm>.

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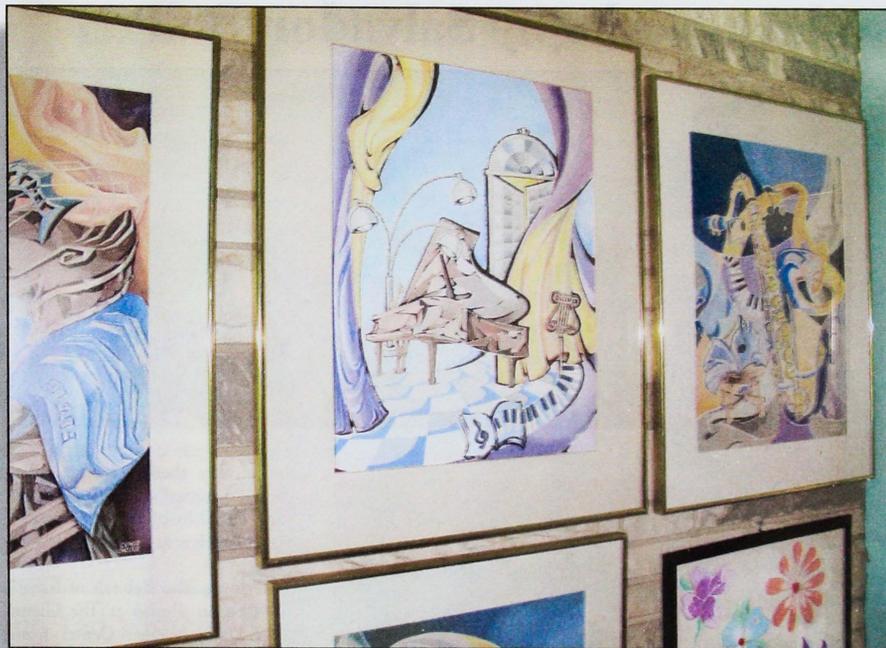
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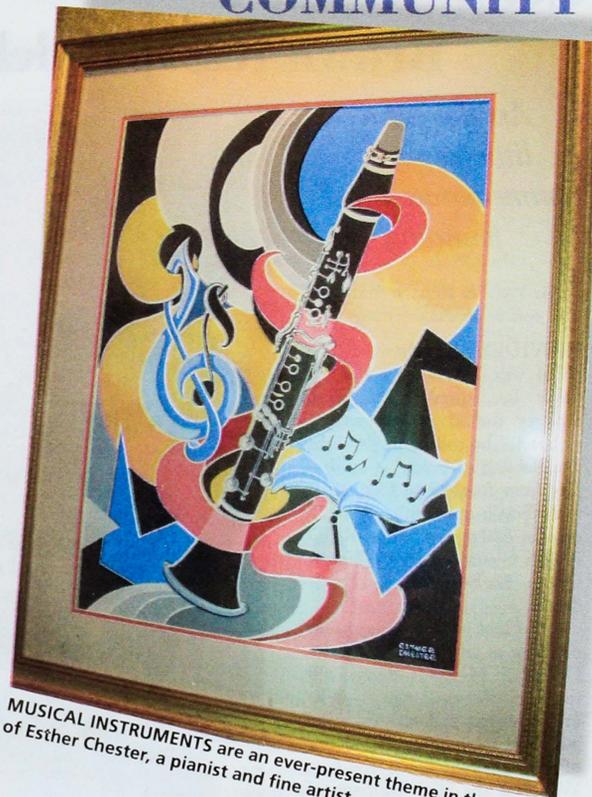
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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS are an ever-present theme in the works of Esther Chester, a pianist and fine artist.

ESTHER Chester is an artist of some renown

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 obtain a scholarship to RISD. She later went on to teach art to high-school students and, during her marriage to Sam, began painting seriously. Their generosity extends to Rhode Island College, which receives funding each year for a musical performance and a stipend to the student who earns a musical scholarship; Rhode

Island School of Design, which named a dormitory entrance way after Esther; and The Miriam Hospital, which houses the Samuel and Esther Chester Immunology Center. Asked whether she's teased about her name - Esther Chester," she smiled knowingly and Sam said, "All the time, all the time." Sam, who calls himself his

wife's "biggest fan," is something of a Renaissance man. His dreams of becoming a doctor did not come to pass, as he cared for his parents when they were older and couldn't afford to attend medical school. Graduating from Providence College with a pre-med focus, Sam continued his passion for medical research. Although a businessman for most of his career, he had two

papers published on cancer research, he said, and worked on developing an assay of a blood test for colon cancer. Although he received a patent on one of his discoveries, "the money didn't make a difference," said Sam. "Providence College gave me an honorary degree." After showing this reporter the two dozen or so pieces of original

and kitchen, Sam was asked, "So, which one is your favorite?" "All of them." Interested in purchasing a lithograph of Esther Chester's work and supporting the Warwick public schools? Contact Dr. Anne Siesel at Warwick public school department, at 734-3219, ext. 331 or siesela@warwickschools.org.

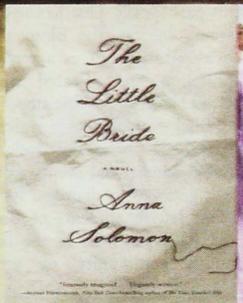
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TALIA SCHWARTZ

plays club water polo at Wellesley, where she is a student – and has done some open water swims. Schwartz wanted to give back to Women & Infants for giving her the internship opportunity. “The people I worked with there were knowledgeable and so willing to teach me,” she said.

Although she has no personal connections to anyone battling cancer, she is a strong supporter of cancer research, especially for women, as she attends a women-only college. A native Rhode Islander who was born at Women & Infants, she attended Alperin Schechter Day School from kindergarten through eighth grade and then Barrington High School.

Less interested in clocking a personal best in time, Schwartz “just wants to support my team [of Women & Infant Hospital employees]. I really wanted to raise a lot of money but in this economy, it’s hard to ask people for money.”

Dorfman, who also loves swimming, has been directly affected by cancer. His mother Harriet developed bone cancer at 80 before her death on Feb. 25, 1980. “It was difficult,” said Dorfman, to “watch her go through chemotherapy in a room with many people at various stages of cancer.” Principal and Director of Wealthcare Services at Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. (LGC&D), Dorfman said that they had lost a co-worker – much too young – to cancer a few years ago.

behold,” he said.

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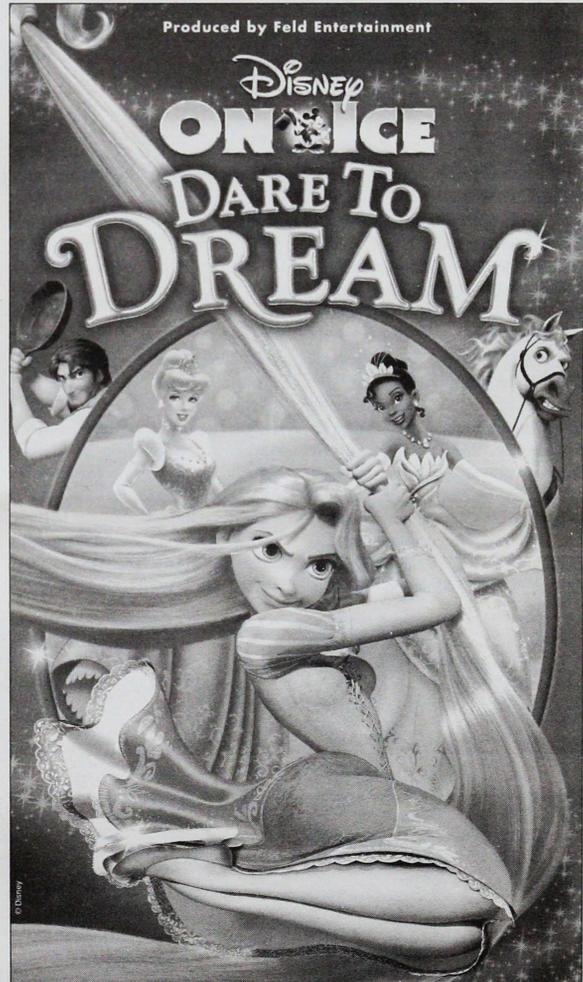
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of letters between "the Hebrew Congregation in Newport" and our first president?

The most famous words in Washington's letter, "...to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..." were adopted almost verbatim from the letter to which he was replying, written to Washington by Moses Seixas, warden of the Jewish congregation in Newport.

Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee, in his keynote address, described it as a "remarkable exchange," and acknowledged that Washington "borrowed" the historic phrases from Seixas. Chafee also avowed that Washington "perhaps never wrote a lovelier letter."

"Everything George Washington did in 1790 set a precedent, as he knew well," Chafee said. "That he came all the way to Rhode Island, and wrote his immortal lines to this synagogue, spoke volumes at the time - and it speaks as loudly today."

Chafee framed his address within a history lesson about Rhode Island's early leadership in the establishment of religious freedom, giving credit to Roger Williams, who, 375 years ago, championed the concept of separation of church and state, and who, according to Chafee, "explicitly mentioned the children of the stock of Abraham when he insisted on their right to full membership in the version of America he was building here."

Warden Seixas' original letter was read by Colonel Jonathan de Sola Mendes, the descendant of a rabbi who served Touro Synagogue in the 1880s. Malcolm Rogers,

director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Mass., read Washington's reply.

Coincidentally, a controversy about the letter has been swirling in the national press in recent weeks. Jane Eisner, editor of the Forward, discovered that the original letter has been locked away in storage since 2002, inaccessible to public view. Her editorial (which appeared in the Aug. 19 issue of The Jewish Voice & Herald) urging that the letter be "liberated" and shared, has prompted nearly every major newspaper to echo her plea. While there has been no movement as yet by the owners of the letter, the national outcry has given the contents of the letter much publicity, and educated many people, who otherwise were not even aware of its existence, or its significance.

Ambassador John Loeb, Jr., a long-time supporter of the Touro Synagogue Foundation, and the driving force and benefactor behind the Loeb Visitors Center, was presented with the Alexander George Teitz Memorial Award. Louise Ellen Teitz, who recognized Loeb's lifetime "commitment to religious freedom and tolerance," conducted the award ceremony.

Teitz enumerated some of Loeb's accomplishments: Distributing the Washington Letter to every high-school student in Rhode Island; founding and funding the "Give Bigotry No Sanction: The George Washington Letter Project" which promotes religious tolerance in New York schools; and founding and endowing the George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom,



/Toby London

AMBASSADOR JOHN L. LOEB, Jr., from left, front row, **Reverend Dr. Nick Carter**, State Senate Majority Leader **M. Teresa Paiva-Weed**, Touro Synagogue Rabbi **Mordechai Eskovitz**, U.S. Rep. **David Cicilline**, and Newport City Council Vice Chair **Justin McLaughlin**; from left, back row, Co-President, Congregation **Jeshuat Israel** **Bea Ross**, Boston Museum of Fine Arts Director **Malcom Rogers**, Governor **Lincoln Chafee**, Colonel **Jonathan de Sola Mendes** and Touro Synagogue Foundation Chair **Andrew Teitz**.

to teach Americans throughout the country about the history of religious freedom. Loeb is also involved in an effort to convince the owners of the original letter to make it available for exhibit at the Visitors Center in Newport.

Also presented during the ceremony was the Slom Scholarship Award. Usually awarded to just one or two students, this year three students' submissions were judged worthy of awards. Begun in 2003 by Rita Slom and her late husband Aaron, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, the awards were given for the best interpretive work focusing on the Washington Letter in context with the present time. Alys D. Redlich of Cumberland, David Hanos of Newport and Michael Abrams of East Brunswick, N.J. were this year's winners.

Theresa Guzman Stokes, as master of ceremonies, introduced the many state and local officials and Jewish leaders in attendance, including United States Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Rep-



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LOUISE ELLEN TEITZ, Touro Synagogue Foundation, presents the **Judge Alexander George Teitz Award** to **Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr.** on Sunday, Aug. 21.

resentative **David Cicilline**, State Senate Majority Leader **M. Teresa Paiva-Weed**, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and a past President of the Touro Synagogue Foundation **Keith Stokes**, Vice Chair of the Newport City Council **Justin McLaughlin**, Co-President

of Congregation **Jeshuat Israel** **Bea Ross**, and Touro Synagogue Foundation Chair **Andrew Teitz**; many of these individuals delivered greetings and offered remarks.

Senator **Paiva-Weed** said the words of the letter "are as meaningful as when they were first written."

Ross, in a moving conclusion to her remarks, said: "We are proud that Touro Synagogue is such a symbol of religious freedom for all Americans. How fortunate are we to live in this wonderful country!"

Reverend **Dr. Nick Carter**, president of the Andover Newton Theological School, America's oldest school of theology, delivered the invocation. **Tiernan**, a student at Prout School, provided a musical interlude, and also led participants and guests in singing "God Bless America." The ceremonies concluded with a benediction delivered by Rabbi **Mordechai Eskovitz** of Touro Synagogue.

Guests then gathered for a reception in Patriots' Park, located next to Touro Synagogue and the Ambassador **John L. Loeb, Jr.** Visitors Center. Guests were invited to tour the Visitors Center and the nearby Colonial Jewish burial ground, where **Dr. Martin Cohen** discussed the history of the cemetery, which was established in 1674.

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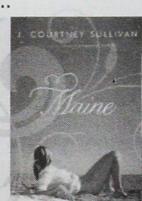
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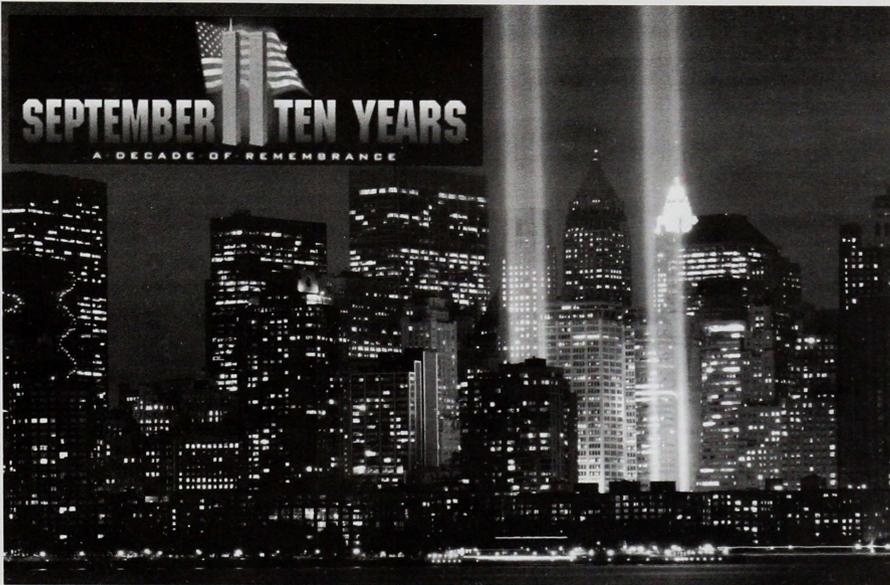
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the Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) will take different approaches to recognizing the 10th anniversary of 9/11, depending on the student cohort. With its largest enrollment (some 170 students) since 1997, said PHDS Principal Miriam Esther Weiner, the school has already begun planning its 9/11 activities, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 9.

There will be no acknowledgment of the day's significance for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, given their youth. First through third grades will briefly note the day's historical significance in the course of their regular school day. "We don't want to scare [the youngest children], but we want them to know that this isn't ancient history that happened to strangers," said Weiner.

For students in fourth through 12th grades, the school will hold a special assembly, to be led by Sarah Uyttebroek, a faculty member who teaches middle- and high-school science. Coming from a military family and with a son in the military, Uyttebroek will discuss her real life experiences of 9/11 – including those of her brother who was at the Pentagon. Students will write letters to a Lincoln man, Kevin Dubois, a Marine who lost both his legs on July 30 in Afghanistan.

Rabbi Aaron Lapin, another fac-

ulty member, whose aunt Ruthie Lapin perished at the World Trade Center, will lead the assembly in a chapter of Psalms, said Weiner. In an effort to bring "9/11 home to the students," Uyttebroek will have students prepare a time-line of their normal Tuesday morning schedule; those schedules will be cross-referenced against the time-line of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001. Finally, the older students will present paragraphs about 9/11 that they will have written before the assembly.

What does PHDS hope to impart through this program? "We are fortunate to live in America, and we owe a debt to the country we live in and those who protect us," said Weiner.

Sunday, Sept. 11 is opening day for Religious School at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, Mass. The morning's gathering will include a moment of silence and a prayer for peace, said Rabbi Elyse Wechterman. Members of the congregation will participate in a citywide interfaith memorial service on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 11.

Further afield, in New Bedford, Mass., religious school students at Tifereth Israel will hold a brief ceremonial service and plant an apple tree in memory of the children lost on 9/11. "We chose an apple tree so that future generations of students could have apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah," said Beth

Fine-Nelson, education and youth director. "Although we may not see the apples, future generations will."

Editor's Note: In light of Hurricane Irene and our short notice in asking for information from the religious schools, we are grateful that we heard from some of them. We understand that not everyone could respond in time for our publication deadline.

Look for a story about Robyn Goldstein, who lost her father in 9/11, in our Sept. 16 Rosh Hashanah issue.

HEALING leads to career shift

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anxiety, high blood pressure or high cholesterol," Feldman said, as well as cancer survivors and children undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, and babies who are failing to thrive. "When you bring a body into balance, you can see a lot of healing take place."

What does she do? In her initial consultation, she asks questions about nutrition, lifestyle, etc., and provides the client with some information, including Feldman's cookbook, and takes a hair sample from the client. The tablespoon of hair is sent to a lab in Arizona, and the lab results are the focus of the second consultation. Feldman then explains the results and advises the client about changes in nutrition, exercise and general lifestyle and recommends vitamin supplements. "I'm not a doctor, but hair gives a very nice assessment of trends in the body, how toxic the metals are, how well the body is handling stress," she said.

Her own healing involved a change in diet, among other factors. She moved from being the "queen of Diet Cokes in the law firm," to eating proteins and vegetables, very few starches, and no sugar or flour. "Vegetable juicing, meditation, detoxification and supplements" were all part of her full healing protocol.

When clients come to her, she

asks that they return every three to four months for additional hair analysis, so that she may monitor what's happening. With those interim analyses, Feldman modifies the client's regimen, as needed.

She will release a children's book, "Is Your Hair Made of Donuts?" in 2012; the book features siblings Matt and Maddie Blossom who discover that, indeed, "you are what you eat."

Feldman, no fan of vigorous exercise, incorporates yoga and meditation into her daily life. Moderate exercise – walking, gentle biking, swimming and gardening – are best, she said.

Feldman is selling her book for \$20 at the Sept. 22 event. Although the event is free, preregistration/RSPVs are required. Contact Rhode Island Kitchen and Bath at 463-1550 or alexbellaventures@gmail.com.

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SOLITARY experience provides opportunity for reflection and remembrance

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behind the ancient ritual of the living protecting the dead, Hinda Eisen, Temple Emanu-El's ritual director, expressed fascination with how Judaism creates a spiritual solution to solve a practical problem. Centuries ago, Eisen and Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El explained, it was the job of the living person to keep wild animals and rodents away from the body.



/Shelley Meyerheim

RABBI WAYNE FRANKLIN

"In ancient times, people died at home and were usually laid on the ground, washed, and prepared for burial almost immediately," said Rabbi Franklin. "The body is considered holy, a living creature of God, so you protect it until it is buried; you follow through and don't simply leave it aside."

The mitzvah of caring for the dead is among the most important *mitzvot* one can perform, as it is wholly altruistic and can never be directly repaid, said Eisen. These volunteers do not replace those who

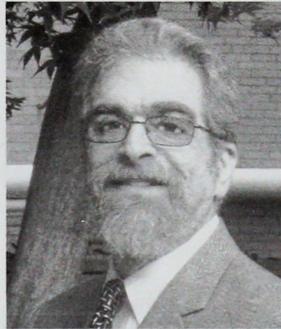
participate in the *Chevre Kadisha*, the *mit'askim*, who prepare the body for burial by washing it and wrapping it in a pure white linen shroud, among other obligations. Rather, said Eisen, someone from Emanu-El will sit downstairs in a room with the body, which is kept in a refrigerated unit in the basement of Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

"It's believed that the spirit is in distress because it doesn't feel that it can be at peace until the body is in its final resting place," said Eisen. Volunteers typically serve two-hour shifts during the entire time the body is at the funeral home, which has a seating area near the refrigeration unit holding the body. The carpeted seating area, said Ira Fleisher, Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel's managing director, has chairs, a loveseat and lighting. Reading materials, mostly from Temple Emanu-El, are also available for volunteers.

"Families who ask for this to be done often express a great deal of peace and satisfaction," said Rabbi Franklin, "in knowing that their loved ones weren't left alone. They are deeply moved to belong to a community that cares about one another."

"It was a little scary and dark - I did the 4 - 6 a.m. shift - but it was such a spiritual experience for me," said Jodi Hurwitz, a Warwick resident and member of Temple Emanu-El, who sat as a *shomeret* for someone she'd known all her life. Calling it a unique opportunity to do something for someone else,

Hurwitz appreciated the anonymity of the experience. Only after she shared her experience with her mother did Hurwitz learn that her father had sat as a *shomer* for one of her friends who died in childhood.



/Shelley Meyerheim

GERSHON LEVINE

"It's like the circle of life - I didn't know about my father's experience until after my own," she said. "My father passed away a few years ago and I know that someone did it for him."

Hurwitz derived a great sense of peace and comfort from this typically solitary experience. She encouraged others who might want to try it to first sign up for a daytime shift and added, "Hinda [Eisen] will sit with you the first time; she's amazing. It's something that needs to be done for everyone."

Eisen agrees that it can be a bit eerie to be there, regardless of the hour. "You'll hear the click of a refrigerator or people walking around upstairs, but I've learned [what to expect]." She recom-

mends that people who sit as *shom'rim* read or study something with a Jewish theme. Many people read from the Book of Psalms, which is very traditional. Judaism tells us that, "studying in memory or honor of someone comforts their spirit and honors them in the court of Heaven, as it were."

In addition to reading about Jewish perspectives on death and dying, Hurwitz reflected on how many people have come through those doors - those who have died and those who have served as *shom'rim*. "It's a very thoughtful and spiritual experience."

Rabbi Franklin, who often sits as a *shomer*, is very aware of his relationship with the individual. "I know that [he or she] is dead, but there's a consciousness and a presence that I'm connecting to. I'm in touch with this person's life."

To Eisen, it offers an opportunity to reflect about what it means to be a human, about mortality and death. "I think that in Judaism we don't like to talk about the afterlife, but there's something very powerful about thinking that you're comforting someone's soul that you can't see. It's a very tangible feeling in a way, even though it's very amorphous and ethereal."

Gershon Levine, an Emanu-El member since 1994 and its executive director, is a regular *shomer*. Why does he do it?

"It helps the family of the deceased individual feel comforted that their loved one is not alone. [As for] what happens in the afterlife, I don't know."



JODI HURWITZ

Levine was able to offer direct comfort to a grieving family member who showed up some years ago when he was covering a late night or very early morning shift. "I provided her the company so that she could sit comfortably with her mother. We talked about her mother, and I was able to help her reminisce and come to peace with her mother's passing," said Levine, who called the 90-minute encounter "intense and incredible."

Said Rabbi Franklin, "This is a way of giving back and helping someone; that's what belonging to a community means."

"I just feel that if there is an afterlife - and I can't tell you if there is or not - the ability to help someone get there is a really powerful feeling," said Eisen. "[When I die] - 'God willing, not for a long time, I hope that there will be people who will be willing to do this for me, too.'"

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A TENT FILLED WITH REFRIGERATED TRUCKS that contained many thousands of unidentified body parts, and where Jewish volunteers who came one by one to take part in a round-the-clock prayer vigil at the tent, where they spent four-hour shifts reciting Psalms.

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While rescue workers downtown searched through the wreckage of the World Trade Center for human remains, forensic experts at the medical examiner's office carefully analyzed and catalogued their finds, preserving every piece of flesh and bone in an effort to identify them and eventually return them to victims' families.

Occasionally an ambulance would pull up to the cordoned-off street and the bustle would come to a halt while rescue workers unloaded a flag-draped box filled with newly discovered remains.

For more than seven months after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, this somber place in downtown New York filled with firefighters, police officers, construction workers and clergymen had another fixture: Jewish volunteers who came one by one to take part in a round-the-clock prayer vigil at the morgue, where they spent four-hour shifts reciting Psalms.

The vigil was part of the Jewish ritual of *sh'mirah*, escorting the dead from the time of passing until burial – a period that normally lasts no longer than 24 to 48 hours. In the case of the victims of the Trade Center attacks, a quick burial clearly was not possible, so the prolonged *sh'mirah* watch was born. It ran without pause 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from Sept. 20, 2001 until April 30, 2002.

The body parts in the trucks weren't exclusively those of Jews, but because Jewish remains were assumed to be among them, *sh'mirah* was necessary.

Volunteers mostly spent their time sitting in a trailer filled with

a few stray prayer books, lukewarm coffee and folding chairs for relief workers who cycled in and out during brief breaks from 12- and 16-hour shifts at Ground Zero. Some recited Psalms for the dead inside the tent with the refrigerated remains, taking the admonition to escort the dead to the grave as literally as possible.

The tent was filled with the smell of antiseptic and death. Each of the plain white trucks was draped with an American flag.

"I know you're men of faith, but I want vengeance."

Bouquets of plastic red, white and blue flowers would be added later to the foot of each truck, alongside photographs of some of the victims and a few votive candles. A huge American flag hung from the tent's roof.

Outside, two expansive plywood walls had been turned into a makeshift memorial. They were covered with appreciative messages and weather-stained photographs of victims and their families sent in from all over America.

One rain-soaked night, a man wearing scrubs struggled to choke back tears.

"Look at what they've done to our people," he said, his voice shaking. "I know you're men of faith, but I want vengeance."

Even in the pouring rain at 4 a.m., the site where the dead were kept bustled with activity. Police

officers and state troopers stood guard while police, firefighters, FBI agents and other officials made their way in and out of the cordoned-off area. Volunteers coming for the *sh'mirah* watch would pick up clergy tags from the previous volunteer before entering.

Armin Osgood, a soft-spoken, portly, bearded man from an Orthodox synagogue on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Ohab Zedek, coordinated the *sh'mirah* watch, and many of the volunteers came from his congregation.

But on Shabbat, when the volunteers – who came from as far as New Jersey and Pennsylvania – couldn't take trains or taxis to reach the site, students from Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women, which was within walking distance of the morgue at 30th Street and First Avenue, managed the vigil.

The Rev. Betsee Parker, an Episcopalian chaplain who was a constant presence at the morgue site, later wrote about the *sh'mirah* watch in a chapter in the book "Holy Tears: Weeping in the Religious Imagination." The chapter was titled "Send Thou Me: God's Weeping and the Sanctification of Ground Zero."

A year to the day after the Hebrew anniversary of the attacks – on the victims' first *yahrzeit* – many of the people who had participated in the *sh'mirah* gathered again at the morgue. This time they came together for the first night of recitation of *S'libot*, the annual Jewish ritual of reciting special late-night penitential prayers in the days leading up to the High Holy Days. The night had happened to fall on 9/11's first

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Hebrew anniversary.

"It was one of the most meaningful *S'libot* services I've ever attended," Osgood said after the service. "I was never so moved by just being there. I had been in that tented area before, where the trucks were parked. Even with the refrigeration and whatever attempts they've made to preserve the bodies, there's an aroma there. I felt the presence of the *nesbamas* [souls] there. I felt everything."

After the service, the participants lingered to recite the entire Book of Psalms, divvying up the chapters so the entire book could be read in just a few minutes.

Parker, who is known as Rev. Betsee, had come for the Orthodox service, and she too read some

of the *Tehillim*, or Psalms.

"If God could accept the recitations in poor Hebrew of a [gentile], we managed to get through the whole book of *Tehillim* with one rusty [gentile]," she said. "It was a very elegant mitzvah for God. I knew that Adonai was delighted with what we had done there. I could feel that in my soul."

Another *sh'mirah* veteran who had come for the *S'libot* service, Ely Razin, spoke in a hushed tone after the service was over.

"It's funny," Razin said. "People forget about what happened, and then you come down here and it's like a different world. It's like it just happened yesterday."

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Seeking advice, wisdom and warnings

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• What can I do to keep squirrels or rabbits from eating my strawberries?

• How can I plan food shopping and meals more efficiently so that we don't waste so much food? As a child of the '50s and '60s, I grew up with my mother's constant refrain, "Think of all those starving children in China – they'd want to eat the food on your plate!" Then a picky eater, I thought to myself – though I was smart enough not to say it aloud – "Fine, then let them



have this food, I don't want it!" Today, as an adult who is far from a picky eater, I get neurotic and nuts when I have to throw out leftovers that are past their prime or discover that bottle of expensive marinade that was purchased on a whim that just didn't work.

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To get the ball rolling, I'll share one small trick I learned recently.

My teenage son, a potential future chef, is a great cook; we've made a bargain – he cooks and I clean up. When I couldn't find a suitably powerful scrub-brush to clean an aluminum frying pan of its baked-on oil residue, I grabbed a piece of used aluminum foil, balled it up and threw a handful of salt in the pan. A little hot water, a scrubbing or two and presto, clean as a whistle, with no scratches.

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Food safety advice applies in hurricanes, tornadoes and other power outages

Department of Health offers recommendations

By VOICE & HERALD STAFF
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PROVIDENCE – In advance of Hurricane Irene, the Rhode Island Department of Health issued safe food storage and handling advice. Whether Hurricane Irene is a horror or a ho-hum event – and this story is written on Friday, Aug. 26 pending its arrival – the advice the Department of Health offers is applicable to other situations, as well, that would affect one's power at home.

If your home loses power, such perishable foods as meat, poultry, fish, milk, eggs and soft cheeses can start to grow bacteria that could make you sick. If the power is off for more than two hours or the temperature in the refrigerator rises above 40°F, perishable foods might spoil.

When you have advance warning of an impending storm or other

emergency that might affect your power, the R.I. Department of Health's Office of Food Protection advises people to do the following before a power outage:

- Turn your refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting.
- Put a thermometer in your refrigerator and freezer.
- If your freezer is not full, put containers of water in the freezer. (A full freezer will stay cold for a longer period of time.)
- Write down the time that the power goes out.
- Avoid opening refrigerator and freezer doors.

When your power is restored, it recommends:

- Check thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer.
- If the temperature is above 40°F in the refrigerator or freezer, throw away perishable food.
- If food in the freezer is between 0°F and 40°F, it can be properly cooked and consumed.
- Do not taste food to check if it has spoiled. When in doubt, throw it out!

For information about food safety,

visit www.health.ri.gov/programs/foodprotection/

Storm preparedness tips

THE BETTER BUSINESS Bureau offers advice that is valid in the case of hurricanes and other situation. Planning and advance preparation is essential.

- Make a checklist of supplies. Keep essential supplies such as flashlights, batteries, battery-operated radio, first aid kit, water, etc. on hand.
- Plan an evacuation route/emergency plan.
- Make sure all family members know how to respond after a hurricane or other emergency. Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity and water.
- Protect your windows. Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower-cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2 inch plywood – marine plywood is best – cut to fit each window.

Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.

• Clear debris. Trim back dead or weak branches from trees. Be sure outdoor furniture and items are secure.

• Consider flood insurance. Find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective. Homeowners' policies do not cover damage from hurricane flooding.

For information on hurricane preparedness and advice, visit <http://boston.bbb.org/naturaldisaster>

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Dramatic progress in in-vitro detection

Editor's Note: Although our greater Rhode Island Jewish community has been involved with Tay-Sachs testing in past years, it hasn't apparently addressed the need for more genetic tests for Ashkenazi Jews. The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island's Community Relations Council (CRC) and the National Council of Jewish Women/Rhode Island Section, have expressed interest in organizing a forum on this topic; others may be interested as well. If you represent a community group or organization which would like to be involved or have expertise or experience with genetic disease testing, contact Marty Cooper, CRC director, at 421-4111, ext. 171, or mcooper@shalomri.org. Stay tuned to The Jewish Voice & Herald for information as plans unfold.

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON (JTA) – Susan and Brad Stillman grew concerned following their son Benjamin's birth in September 1998. He was fussy and congested, had difficulty breastfeeding and didn't take to the bottle.

The parents brought him to the pediatrician and then to a hospital pediatric care unit near their home in Rockville, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

Benjamin was soon diagnosed with Riley-Day syndrome, now called familial dysautonomia (FD), a genetic disease of the autonomic nervous system that disproportionately strikes Ashkenazi Jews.

When the Stillmans got married in 1995, they were tested for Tay-Sachs disease, the only genetic disease prevalent among Ashkenazi Jews for which screening was available, and neither parent was found to be a carrier or to have the disease.

"Ignorance was bliss," Susan Stillman said. "We had no idea we were carriers for FD."

Today, tests are available for 19 chronic conditions that are known as Jewish genetic diseases, including FD. Testing capabilities have risen dramatically: Just one year ago, individuals could be tested for

16 conditions; in 2009, the number was 11. Among those conditions, in addition to FD and Tay-Sachs, are cystic fibrosis, Gaucher disease, Canavan disease and Niemann-Pick disease.

Organizations dealing with Jewish genetic diseases are intensifying their efforts to educate Ashkenazi Jews of childbearing age about the need to be screened for all 19 conditions with a single blood test, and to update tests that have already been conducted. The experts view this as a serious communal health issue, with one in five Ashkenazi Jews estimated to be a carrier of at least one of the 11 diseases that could be tested for in 2009.

A study by New York University's Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan found that significant numbers of New York-area Ashkenazi Jews – one in every 3.3 – are carriers of at least one of 16 diseases.

A carrier rate of one in 100 for an individual disease would be "of concern," said Dr. Adele Schneider, director of clinical genetics at Phila-

delphia's Victor Centers for Jewish Genetic Diseases. "Screening is protecting future generations," said Randy Yudenfriend-Glaser, who chairs the New York-based Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium. She is the mother of two adult children with mucopolidosis type IV, one of the known Jewish genetic diseases. Experts emphasize the need for each carrier to be screened before

odds of the children being affected. "If you and your spouse find out that you're carriers, you may not want to take that one-in-four chance," said Karen Litwack, director of the Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders. "It's a terrible ordeal to go through. There's a general consensus that education and outreach will, hopefully, prevent

this kind of thing from happening."



Victor Center
for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases
Albert Einstein Healthcare Network

Experts in Jewish genetic diseases seek to promote awareness of the potential problems, because screening before a pregnancy can offer options for preventing or dramatically reducing the chance of a child being born with a disease. The four main alternative options

each pregnancy to account for additions to the screening panel in the interim.

Several organizations are expanding their outreach to rabbis and communal leaders to enlist their help in persuading prospective parents to get tested. Even doctors don't push sufficiently for testing, representatives of these groups say.

The Victor Centers' survey in April of 100 Atlanta-area obstetricians, gynecologists, primary care physicians and pediatricians found that only 51 percent routinely recommend preconception screening, and just 34 percent recommend updated screenings between pregnancies. Not a single respondent reported recommending screening for more than six of the 19 known diseases.

The findings were "stark" and "very worrisome," said the Victor Centers' national project director, Debby Hirshman.

The agency's Atlanta Jewish Gene Screen program secured the agreement of area rabbis to distribute fact sheets to the 17,000 congregants expected to attend High Holiday services.

The Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium, with the support of the New York Board of Rabbis, last September inaugurated a clergy awareness program.

Several rabbis have taken the effort to spearhead educational efforts into their own hands. Rabbi Peter Kasdan, a Reform rabbi from New Jersey who has moved to Florida in retirement, has made it a requirement that couples undergo testing before he performs their weddings. Rabbi Larry Sernovitz of Philadelphia's Old York Road Temple-Beth Am, whose son was born with FD, successfully lobbied the Union for Reform Judaism to host a session on Jewish genetic diseases at its upcoming convention in Washington. Rabbi Joseph Eckstein lost four children to Tay-Sachs disease, and in the 1980s he founded Dor Yeshorim, a Brooklyn-based organization that promotes screening in Orthodox communities.

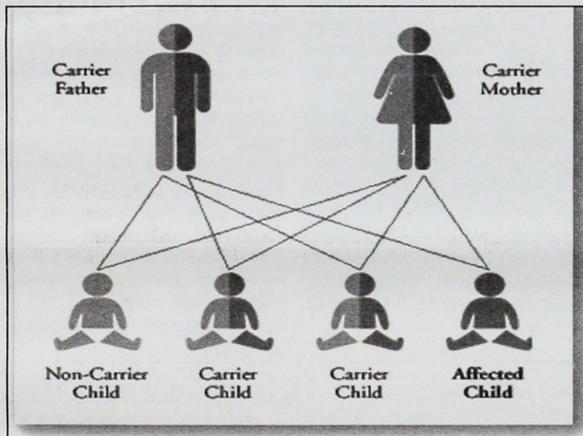
In August, the Victor Centers rolled out an iPhone and iPad application it has developed with information on Jewish genetic diseases.

Outreach efforts mean a lot to Stillman. She spoke recently about her situation during a panel discussion at an international conference on Jewish genealogy. Stillman described her son as a sweet, loving child. Benjamin, who is entering the eighth grade, plays piano and plans to celebrate his bar mitzvah in September. But he'll always have to eat through a feeding tube and to receive daily medication.

Stillman isn't sure if Benjamin can live independently, marry or have children.

"I don't know how long my child will live. I can't look too far down the road – only half the kids live to age 30," she said of those diagnosed with FD. Her presentation at the genealogy conference, Stillman said, had one goal: raising awareness.

"It can happen to you," she said. "I am a regular person. It happened to me."



delphia's Victor Centers for Jewish Genetic Diseases.

As with any genetic disease, when both parents are carriers, each of their children will have a 25 percent likelihood of being affected; the more diseases for which each parent is a carrier, the greater the

are utilizing a sperm donor, utilizing an egg donor, pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (in-vitro fertilization of the mother's egg, analysis of the embryo, and implantation only if the embryo is healthy); and even aborting a fetus affected by both parents' disease-carrying genes.



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SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

Grandpa, what is it like to be old?

Making the most of one's senior years

GERMANY'S professional pessimist, Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), once declared: "The first 40 years of life



Dr. Stanley Aronson

give us the text; the next 30 supply the commentary on it." This suggests two conclusions: First, that anything substantive, anything imbued with youth and vitality, must be undertaken in the first four decades of life with the subsequent years supplying little more than marginal discourse. And second, that the human lifespan is essentially confined to 70 years.

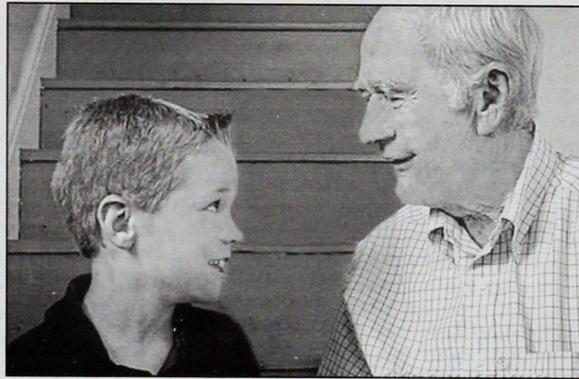
In 1932, the Michigan-born journalist, Walter Pitkin (1878-1953), wrote a seminal text entitled "Life Begins at Forty." In it, he

denied the thought that life essentially ends by age 40. "Today it is half a truth. Tomorrow it will be an axiom." And by 1937 his book title became a hit song rendered by the great Sophie Tucker. Incidentally, Pitkin, who also wrote "A Short History of Human Stupid-

"In a world of diminishing companions, even a casual new friend becomes a bosom pal."

ity," lived well beyond 40, as he died in his 75th year.

Absent wars, famine and pestilence, humanity has lived, on average, a progressively increasing span of years. Studies of Paleolithic human remains suggest an average lifespan of about 20 years. In medieval Britain, historians estimate an average longevity of



30 years. By the 19th century, the British were living to about age 36; and in the early decades of the 20th century, to about 50 years. Thus, there was ample reason for Pitkin's optimism. Life immediately beyond 40 need not therefore be a vision of impending oblivion.

The Social Security Act of 1935 gave Americans reason to welcome the older decades of life, reassured now that those added years would not be immersed in poverty. And by 1950, for the first time in American history, there were now substantial numbers of citizens living beyond 65, the arbitrary year of retirement. Clusters of older folk occupied park benches, public cafeterias and movie theaters; these oldsters, in swelling numbers, were no longer isolated confined to nursing homes and back bedrooms.

Of course, the act of leaving the job requires the socially obligatory ceremony called "the retirement party," celebrated by those who hastened and those who regretted your departure. Rote speeches are rendered and a gift is presented. Now that the retiree will have time in abundance, the gift, so often, is a lovely desk clock. And thus begins that apocryphal interval called by some "the golden years" and by others, "the winter of our discontent."

Retirement, in centuries past, meant at most a scant few years of precipitous decline. Increased longevity, though, carried the unwanted hazard of boredom and diminished self-respect. Older Americans had the time to reflect upon their years of retirement, years perhaps of idleness, rather than engagement in some emo-

tionally productive enterprise. And to those older than age 65, bereft of alternative interests, the idle years became empty vessels, death without death's finality.

And what is old age like? Shakespeare wrote, "Have you not a moist eye, a dry hand, a yellow cheek, a white beard, a decreasing leg, an increasing belly? Is not your voice broken, your wind short, your chin double, your wit single, and every part about you blasted with antiquity?"

To some, the act of growing old is like a bad habit such as smoking cheap cigars, frowned upon but not yet made illegal. The old ones do talk too much, adventure too little and repent excessively. Friends depart for higher places, leaving the retiree to linger and reflect pointlessly on the transitory nature of life. And in a world of diminishing companions, even a casual new friend becomes a bosom pal.

Poet Stephen Leacock (1869-1944), described retirement thusly: "Have you ever been out for a late autumn walk in the closing part of the afternoon, and suddenly looked up to realize that the leaves have practically all gone? And the sun has set and the day gone before you knew it, and with that a cold wind blows across the landscape? That's retirement."

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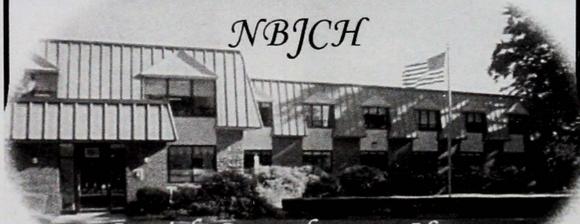
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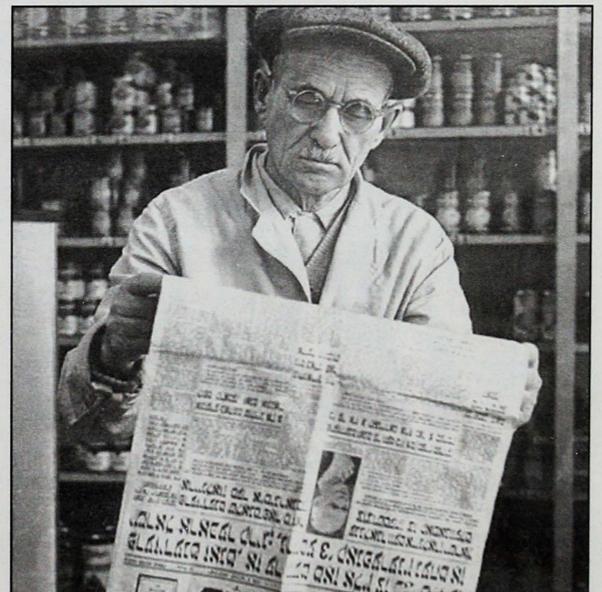
A letter from Rose

Jewish newspapers fulfilled critical needs

BY GERALDINE S. FOSTER
Special to The Voice & Herald

EVERY TWO WEEKS, 11 months each year (and once in July), with the cooperation of the United States Postal Service, The Jewish Voice & Herald arrives with news and diverse, often diverging, views of interest to the Jewish communities of southeastern New England. Even in this day, with our easy access to all forms of communication, The Jewish Voice & Herald's role in providing information and insight is unique.

Consider, then, the importance of a periodical with a similar mission in the lives of the Jewish immigrants during the 19th century. Before 1880, most came from northern Europe. Unlike the wealthy merchants of Colonial times, many of these newcomers had been petty tradesmen in their home countries. Here, in this country, they sought their oppor-



tunities in smaller towns along the East Coast, in the South, or westward following the receding frontier. From the peddler's pack sprang many a mercantile empire

and many a broken dream. Dispersed as they were, these immigrants often had only one

AS WE GROW OLDER

A different kind of love story

From a Russian shtetl to Chicago and then Jerusalem

ON THE NIGHT of the second Passover Seder, in 1890, Chaim Moshe Pomirchuk was born in the small *shtetl* of Brusilov in Russia, the fourth of five children born to his parents. His mother died giving birth to his younger sister two years later. Care of the children was delegated to his beloved *Babba* Bryna, but childhood was difficult.



Tema Gouse

He was a bright child who loved to read. After he became a bar mitzvah, he was sent to nearby Kiev, where he prepared boys for their bar mitzvah ceremonies. In the "big city" of Kiev, he was introduced to the concepts of a Jewish homeland. By his mid-teen years, he was determined to accomplish two things: Become a doctor and help establish a Jewish homeland.

Childhood hardships taught him that neither of these aspirations was viable in Russia. So each week he hid a few *kopeks* of his earnings and planned his departure. The quandary was whether to follow his professional or his idealistic inclinations. He realized that if he went to the United States he could become a doctor and still pursue his Zionist goals. By going to Jerusalem, he could contribute to achieving Jewish statehood, but his dream of being a physician would likely never

come to fruition.

So, in 1917, he gathered his *kopeks* and went to Bremen, Germany where he worked for passage to New York City on a German steamship

The authorities at Ellis Island were unable to decipher the pronunciation of his name. He had the address of a paternal uncle who had immigrated earlier to the United States; thus, Chaim Moishe became Herman Morris Pomrenze. Three days later, he was in Chicago where his Uncle Izzy lived.

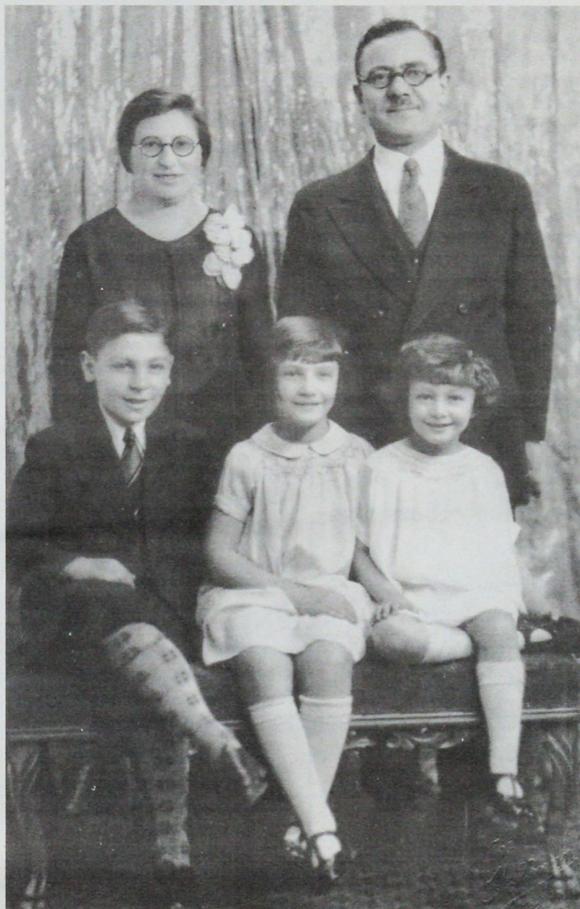
"Chaim Moishe became Herman Morris Pomrenze."

The next day he learned where the nearest medical school was and he went to enroll. He was accepted! It was a Jesuit university and communication was difficult; he couldn't speak a word of English. He had no money for tuition.

But the determined young man immediately faced his greatest challenges – learning English and earning money. He got two jobs in two days. One was working in a foundry; the other was selling men's hats in a downtown department store. The virtue of both jobs is that they were far from each other and from Uncle Izzy's house. He was determined to learn 100 English words each day – and so he did, all while riding the streetcar.

By the time he graduated four years later he was married, and had his first child, a son. Until he finished his medical internship, he continued working both jobs.

But I have neglected discuss-



TEMA GOUSE'S FAMILY OF ORIGIN – her mother Marsha "Mamie," her father Herman, her brother Judd "Sonny" and her sister Charlotte. Tema is at far right.

ing his other goal in life – helping build a Jewish state. Within weeks of arriving in Chicago, he joined a local branch of Chicago's Labor Zionist Party, the Poalei Zion. (It is amusing to read his medical school yearbook, where his fellow students listed their

Greek fraternities and he listed Poalei Zion.)

That organization became his obsession. What little free time he had was spent at the "Institute," an old house on the Jewish West Side where he and other zealots raised money for *kibbutzim* in Palestine

and planned strategies for political endorsement of Zionist causes.

Otherwise, life went on. He developed a practice; like other doctors of that time, he made house calls, even in the middle of the night. He eventually had three children, and he was determined that they learn to speak Hebrew so they would be prepared when the Jewish state was established. When one child rebelled against Hebrew school, he came home early from his office and taught her himself.

To add to his challenges, his wife died suddenly at age 39, leaving him with three school-age children. Her sister and housekeepers took over their care until they could manage alone.

But his focus on Zionism never diminished. He took on leadership roles in Chicago and nationally. When the United Nations declared the establishment of a Jewish State in 1948, he was proud to be one of three speakers to address an audience of 50,000 at the Chicago stadium to celebrate the dream fulfilled. He said it was one of his happiest moments.

He remarried in the late 1940s. His new wife, likewise a lifetime Zionist, shared his desire to live in Israel, and in 1952 they moved to a wonderful life in Jerusalem. They frequently came to the United States to visit the children and grandchildren. They both found fulfilling opportunities in their respective professions.

He died in 1985 after an illness of two years. He died in Jerusalem and is buried in Jerusalem. He would not have wanted anything different.

He was my father.

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PUBLICATIONS are essential in all eras of Jewish life

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link to Jewish life – one of a few periodicals in German and/or English catering to their interest in current events and kept them in touch with religious teachings.

This link was especially important for their children, growing up far from other Jewish families and a larger Jewish community. A monthly journal, "Sabbath Visitor," founded by Rabbi Max Lilienthal in 1872, appealed particularly to young families. It featured articles on the Bible, inspirational messages, Jewish history and holidays. It contained a column, "The Letter Box," by "Cousin Sadie," which encouraged children and teens to write about their lives. It was an early social network.

A subscriber to "Sabbath Visitor" was Jacob Stern, the owner of Bee Hive, a large department store

in the heart of Westerly's business district. The family, according to one source, lived in the best area, and the three daughters were

"Many of these newcomers had been petty tradesmen in their home countries."

very popular among the young people of Westerly. One daughter, Rose, especially enjoyed "The Letter Box" and wrote to Cousin Sadie. One of her letters, written in 1887, was brought to the attention of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association by the late Rabbi Arthur Chiel. Rose's letter

opens a window into her life and her community.

She was a very busy girl. In addition to her share of household chores, school studies and piano lessons, she had to make "several attempts to be promoted." Happily she was successful, and because she enjoyed reading the letters "her dear cousins" wrote, she was now eager to continue telling them about Westerly.

Westerly, she wrote, was about five miles from the ocean and a trip of an hour-and-a-half by boat from Watch Hill. Four boats made the round trip daily, including Sunday. Though Westerly observed two Sabbaths, the boaters observed neither. A Rhode Island law, the Sabbatarian Law, granted Seventh Day Baptists and Jews in Westerly and Hopkinton the right to close on the seventh day and remain open on Sunday.

She also noted that lists of visitors to the resort published in The Watch Hill News included the names of "quite a number of Hebrews."

Rose then turned to news of her own family. Her elder sister had "a pleasing soprano voice" and participated in a well-attended concert at the opera house, for which she received excellent reviews. In attendance were "the few Jewish people who lived there." They told her parents that it was a great honor to have a Jewish girl so highly praised. Rose ended her letter with a promise that she and her sister Sophia would complete a contribution to a project called Israel's Flower Garden.

We do not know more about Rose and her sisters from other letters. We have only this vignette from the 19th century.

Geraldine Foster is a past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. To comment about this or any Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association article, email info@rijba.org.

Cranston Senior Guild meets

CRANSTON – The Cranston Senior Guild will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael. The synagogue is at 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

The meeting will be followed by entertainment, a raffle and refreshments.

Betty (Brier) Curran, 73

PROVIDENCE — Betty Curran, of Providence, died Aug. 28, at The Miriam Hospital after a brief illness. A life-long resident of the East Side of Providence, she was the wife of the late Dr. Robert L. Curran, also of Providence.



She was born Betty Brier to the late Charles Brier and the late Blanche (Steiner) Brier Blacher. She attended Henry Barnard and Wheeler schools and graduated from Boston University in 1962 with a degree in sociology. Married

in 1965 at Temple Emanu-El, she had her daughter Susan in 1971. Soon after, she finished her master's degree in teaching at Rhode Island College. She and her husband were married for more than 23 years until his death in 1988.

Interested in history and travel, she visited Europe and Israel with her husband and daughter. She especially enjoyed Italy and learned some Italian. But for all her love of travel, her home was the East Side of Providence.

People who knew her would say that her biggest joys were her daughter and the memory of her husband whom she kept close to her heart and always in her thoughts. She also loved good food and good company. Her favorite pastime was telling and

sharing stories of family and friends, both those living and those who had passed away, usually around the kitchen table. She spent her later years with family, a few close friends and the people who helped her.

She leaves her daughter Susan and son-in-law Matthew Wilson of Providence, and her sister Joyce and brother-in-law Warren Galkin of Warwick.

Donations may be made to the Robert and Betty Curran Memorial Fund, c/o The Miriam Hospital Foundation, 164 Summit Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

Marilyn R. DeStefano, 65

EXETER — Marilyn DeStefano died Aug. 24 at home. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham Sidel and Frances (Sorenson) and stepdaughter of Michael Carrazzo, she had lived in Exeter, previously living in Johnston.

She was the mother of Marsha Leveille Kandzinski of Exeter, Lisa DeStefano-Escobar of Cranston, Victoria Monnett and her husband Lawrence of Cranston and Jo-Ann Kandzinski of Pawtucket. She was the sister of Richard Seidel of Providence, and the grandmother of three.

Contributions may be made to Home & Hospice Care of RI, Wakefield Office.

Stella (Simons) Glassman, 94

PROVIDENCE — Stella Glassman, of Providence, died Aug. 17. Born in Newark, N. J., she was the daughter of the late Simon and Pearl (Bernath) Simons, wife of the late Samuel H. Glassman and sister of the late Sylvan Simons and Mortimer Simons. She moved with her family to Providence in 1920.

An alumna of Rhode Island College, she earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree in counseling from Rhode Island College. A teacher in several public school districts, including Providence and East Greenwich, she later served as librarian and guidance counselor in the Warwick public schools. A charter member of the

Hope Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, she was an active member of the Bridge Club of Rhode Island.

She also held memberships in the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design; the Providence Athenaeum; the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah; and Temple Emanu-El. A former president of the Friends of the Pawtucket Public Library, she served as president of the Pawtucket League of Women Voters.

She leaves two children, Paul Glassman of New York City and Ruth Feder of East Greenwich, a stepdaughter, Nancy Glassman of West Warwick, and two grandchildren, Theodore Feder and Jill Feder. Contributions may be made to the Providence Athenaeum, 251 Benefit St., Providence, 02903 or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, Calif. 90266.

Tobie (Kaufman) Lechan, 81

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Tobie Lechan, of Fall River, died Aug. 24. She was the wife of the late Sidney S. Lechan. Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Irving and Frances (Shwartz) Kaufman.

She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl and Norma Jean Lechan; her grandchildren, Stephanie Gardella, Jason Carvalho and Allyshia Lechan; her great-grandchildren, Hailey, Brooke, Ethan and Aiden Gardella and Cameron Carvalho; and her brother Walter Kaufman. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Joanne (Levine) Morris, 70

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Joanne Morris, a lifelong resident of Fall River, died Aug. 17. She was the wife of Irwin Morris. Born in Fall River, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin D. and Dorothy (Hahn) Levine.

She graduated with a B.A. in education from Bridgewater State College and then taught in Westport, Mass. schools for 18 years until she

retired in 2006. A member and board member of Congregation Adas Israel, she was a past president of Adas Israel Sisterhood, a life member of Hadassah and past president of the Fall River Hadassah.

She leaves her husband and her children, Curt Morris of Marietta, Ga.; Lee Morris of McKinney, Texas; and Hope Morris-Ferreira of Assonet, Mass. She leaves her grandchildren, Hailey, Parker, and Hayden and her sister Sondra Rachlin of Hollywood, Fla. She was the sister of the late Janice Levine.

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Esther (Kaplan) Rosen, 91

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Esther Rosen, of Fall River, died Aug. 17. Born in Cape Town, South Africa, she was a daughter of the late Abraham and Hilda (Nitzberg) Kaplan.

She is survived by her children, Alan Rosen, Rochelle Maciel and Irwin Rosen; her grandchildren, Dr. Kimberly Yonteff, Mark, Sarah, Joshua, Jay, Jennifer and Robin; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Charlotte Wernick and Dr. Arthur Kaplan.

Louis H. Summerfield, 75

PROVIDENCE — Louis Summerfield, of Steere House, died Aug. 17. He was the husband of the late Catherine (Coyle) Summerfield. Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Lillian (Berger) Rubinstein, he had lived in Coventry for 46 years.

He was a quality controller for the former Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Co. for 40 years, retiring 10 years ago. He was a former member of Temple Sinai and a 50-year member of Redwood Lodge of the Masons. He was an avid Red Sox fan and an animal lover.

He was the father of Mark Summerfield of North Potomac, Md.; the brother of Dr. Michael Rubinstein and his wife Linda of Providence; and the uncle of numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 245 Waterman St., Providence, RI 02906.

NOTICE!

Lincoln Park Cemetery and its offices will be closed on observance of the following holidays:

Thursday, Sept. 29: First day of Rosh Hashanah

Friday, Sept. 30: Second day of Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, October 13: First day of Sukkot

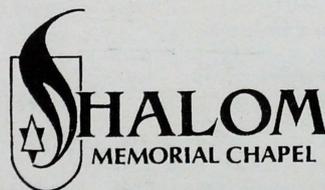
Friday, October 14: Second day of Sukkot

Thursday, October 20: Shemini Atzeret

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MICHAEL AND FRANCINE (ABRAMS) VINACCO

Couple renews their wedding vows

ON JUNE 12, Michael and Francine (Abrams) Vinacco, of Warwick, renewed their wedding vows, with their children and grandchildren present. The ceremony was performed at Temple Sinai in Cranston; following the ceremony, a celebration was held at 1149 Restaurant in Warwick.

They were originally married on June 13, 1971.



GABRIEL ISAIAH SUPNIK

Birth

LORI NEWMAN and Ben Supnik of North Grafton, Mass. joyfully welcome the birth of their son, Gabriel Isaiah, on June 29.

Gabriel's paternal grandparents are Robert and Martha Supnik of Carlisle, Mass. His maternal grandparents are Louis and Barbara Newman of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Gabriel has the same birthdate as his late great-grandfather Percy Newman.



MARCY GABRILOWITZ, D.M.D.

A doctoral degree

ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, Marcy Gabrilowitz received her D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Her undergraduate degree was from the University of Connecticut. On July 1st, she began a two-year post-doctoral pediatric specialty program at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University.

Marcy is the daughter of Alvin and Lauren Gabrilowitz of Narragansett. Her paternal grandparents are Roslyn Gabrilowitz and the late Irving Gabrilowitz of Deerfield Beach, Fla. and Narragansett. Her maternal grandparents, Albert and Estelle Winograd, reside in Boynton Beach, Fla. and Narragansett.

Doctors are recognized

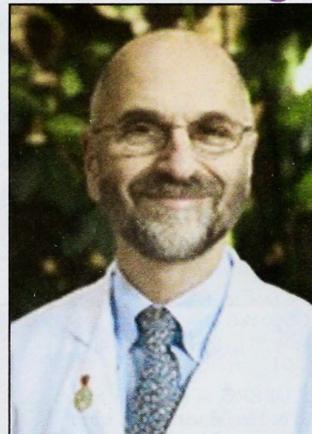
PSYCHIATRISTS Benjamin Greenberg, M.D., Ph.D., and Lawrence Price, M.D.; and neurologists Joseph Friedman, M.D. and Stephen Salloway, M.D., M.S.; are among the Butler Hospital physicians named to the U. S. News & World Report's list of top doctors in the United States.

Butler's physicians are recognized for their contributions to psychiatry and neurology locally, nationally, and internationally.

Greenberg is recognized for his groundbreaking efforts in identifying and treating obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD); he has done research on innovative treatments for OCD such as Gamma knife and deep brain stimulation.

Price is a leading expert in mood disorders, including major depression and bipolar disorder, and is involved in research studies developing new treatments for these widespread disorders.

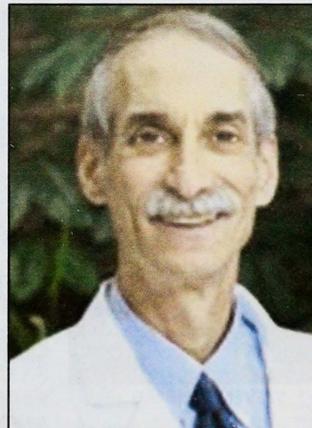
Friedman and Salloway are acclaimed experts in the fields of Parkinson's disease (PD), and Alzheimer's disease (AD), respectively. Friedman is known for his cutting-edge work in treating the behavioral disorders that can occur in people affected by PD including psychosis and depression. Salloway leads some of the latest national and international efforts to develop new ways of effectively diagnosing the presence of AD at its very earliest stages, with the hope that early intervention can greatly slow the progression of the illness.



DR. JOSEPH FRIEDMAN



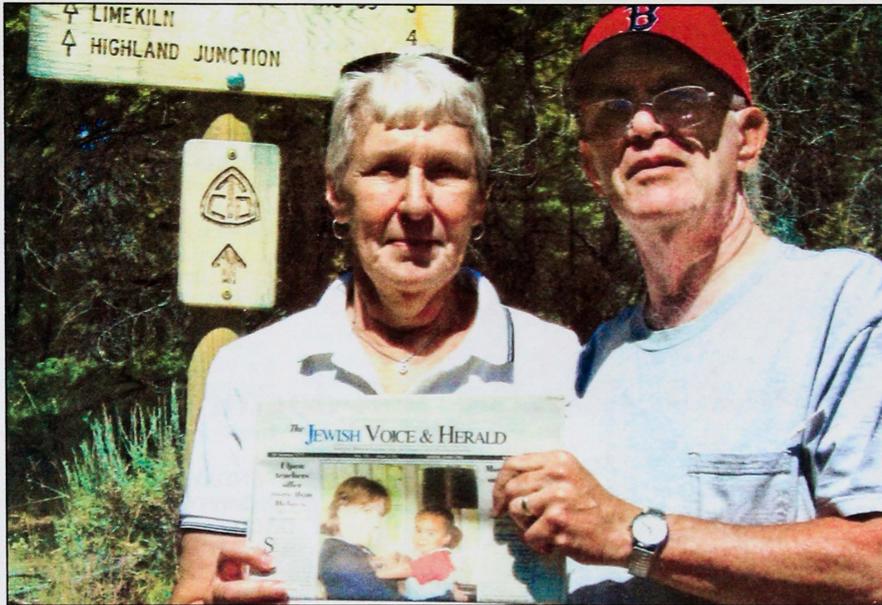
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DR. STEPHEN SALLOWAY



DR BENJAMIN GREENBERG



ANNE and GERALD SHERMAN

The Continental Divide Trail

ANNE and GERALD SHERMAN of Cranston took their copy of The Jewish Voice & Herald with them on a recent trip to the Continental Divide Trail in Butte, Mont. They were in Montana to visit their children, Marsha and Jack Cleff.



FRED and SANDRA BROWN

On a gondola in Venice

SANDRA and FRED BROWN of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Rhode Island, celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary by taking a trip. Their 15-day trip in May included visits to Barcelona, Italy, France and Croatia. In this picture, they are on a gondola in Venice.



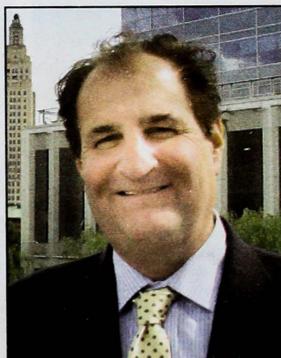
PAULA and MICHAEL GOLDBERG

Ireland

MICHAEL and PAULA GOLDBERG of Cranston took their copy of The Jewish Voice & Herald with them when they recently traveled to Ireland.

Award

STEVEN FEINBERG, director of the Rhode Island Film and Television Office, received the George M. Cohan Ambassador Award from the Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF); the award recognizes an outstanding artist whose work, passion, and drive epitomizes a level of excellence that reflects creatively on his or her Rhode Island roots.



STEVEN FEINBERG

Named after famed Providence entertainer George M. Cohan, this award honors unique Americans who have made a timeless contribution to the arts and who have inspired future generations of Rhode Islanders. Feinberg received the award on

Wed., Aug. 10 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

Scholar-in-residence

RABBI ELIE KAUNFER, co-founder, Rosh Yeshiva and executive director at Mechon Hadar in New York, has been named scholar-in-residence at the upcoming General Assembly (GA).

The GA is the premier North American Jewish communal event, convening leaders from the Federation movement and the Jewish community at large, to examine issues, opportunities and challenges. The 2011 GA will be held Nov. 6-8 in Denver, Colo.

Kaunfer is the son of Rabbi Alvan and Marcia Kaunfer of Providence.



RABBI ELIE KAUNFER

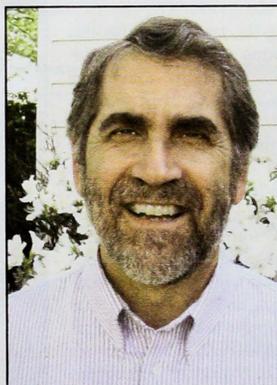
Board Appointment



MARSHA ROSENFELD KIRSHENBAUM

MARSHA Rosenfeld Kirshenbaum, a resident of Cranston, has been named president of Simmons College Alumnae Association Executive Board. A Simmons graduate, she has served on the Simmons College Alumnae Association Board of Directors for six years, most recently serving as vice president, an elected position. She also serves on Simmons' Leadership Council and the Career Advisory Council.

Election



HOWARD TINBERG

HOWARD TINBERG, a resident of Pawtucket, has been elected chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), the premier national organization for college and university teachers of writing. His four-year term as chair of the CCCC begins December 2011.

A National Merit Scholar



SHOSHANA KLEIN

SHOSHANA KLEIN, the daughter of Barbara and Farrel Klein of Providence, has been named a National Merit Scholar and has received a partial college-sponsored National Merit Scholarship. She will attend Ohio State University as an honors scholar, where she plans to concentrate her studies in engineering and aviation. Klein, who is working toward a private pilot's license, attended Providence Hebrew Day School through 8th grade, and is a 2011 magna cum laude graduate of Classical High School. Inducted into Classical High School's chapter of the national Cum Laude Society, she also received the Rensselaer Medal for excellence in math and science as a junior. She has volunteered at Judy's Kindness Kitchen, the Rochambeau Library and as a chemistry tutor at Classical High School.