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Tragedy strikes Jewish community



Photo by Mary Korr

Pall bearers carry the coffin of Jeffrey Jacober on Wednesday.

Community distraught over loss of Jacobers, Weingeroffs

On March 26, a private plane carrying six passengers crashed two miles short of its destination at University Park Airport in State College, Penn. The occupants — pilot Jeffrey Jacober, 51, his wife, Karen, 49, and their 15-year-old son, Eric; and Gregg Weingeroff, 49; his wife, Dawn, 42, and their only son, Leland, 10, perished in the crash.

All were members of Providence's Jewish community, and their funerals were held this week (See obituaries, page 36). Below are their stories.

Jeffrey, Karen and Eric Jacober

By Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — As the tragic news traveled from home to home, from office to office, people in Rhode Island and beyond struggled to cope: in an instant, six bright souls had been cruelly ripped away from them.

"This is like 9/11 for our community," one woman said.

On Wednesday, March 30, hours before the funeral of Karen and Jeffrey Jacober and their teenage son Eric began, a sea of black-clad adults and teens began to flow into Temple Beth-El in Providence. Soon, cars were double parked all down the street, and additional rooms had to be opened to accommodate the estimated 2,500 attendees. Inside, a

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Gregg, Dawn and Leland Weingeroff

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — For the second time this week, Temple Beth-El was a sea of grief as family and friends bid farewell on Thursday to Gregg Weingeroff, 49, his wife, Dawn, 42, and their son, Leland, 10.

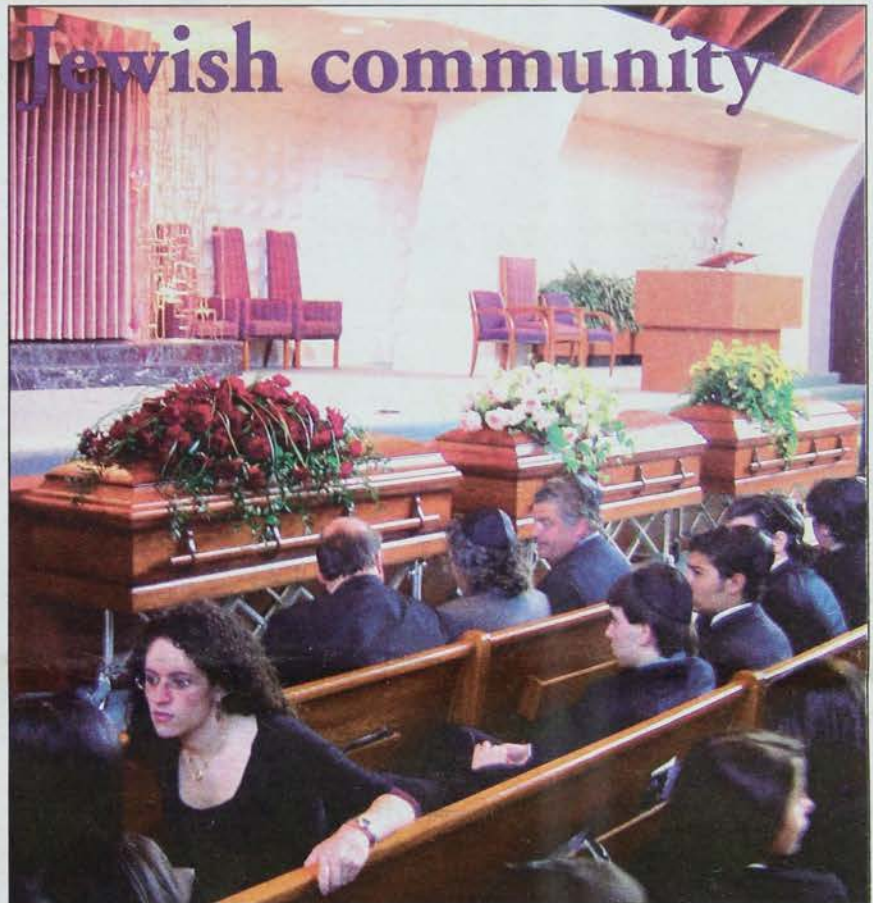
Mayor David Cicilline, a Beth-El congregant, ordered the flag at City Hall to be lowered to half-staff Wednesday and Thursday.

Mindy and Stanley Wachtenheim were close friends of the Jacober and Weingeroff families; in fact, the Wachtenheims introduced the two families to each other.

"We were more than friends — we were family. We are devastated," said Mindy.

She said Gregg, Karen and

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Flowers drape the coffins of Jeffrey, Karen and Eric Jacober inside Temple Beth-El prior to the funeral service on Wednesday.

Photo by Jonathan Rubin



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Sprays of calla lilies rested atop the coffins of the Weingeroff family. Their funeral was held Thursday at Temple Beth-El.

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Community Calendar

FRI., APRIL 1

Habonim special speaker

8 p.m. at Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington. Following family service, Rabbi Ron Symons of the Leo Baeck Foundation in Haifa, will speak on creating opportunities for Ethiopian-Israelis.

SAT., APRIL 2

Temple Sinai spring event

7:30 p.m. 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston. Brotherhood musical performance by Mark Bloom; jazz, funk, vintage R&B, show tunes applied to Jewish life. Dessert buffet. Free, although donations may be made to the Schreiber Memorial Fund. For info, call the temple at 942-8350.

South County Springfest

Dinner, raffle, auction to benefit the South County Hebrew School. Entrance per person \$15 - includes wine, deli dinner, dessert, auction of sports memorabilia, professional ser-

vices, gift baskets, dinners. Village at Indian Lake Clubhouse.

SUN., APRIL 3

Am David Family Mitzvah

9:30 a.m.—noon. 40 Gardner St., Warwick. Collection of items for the homeless, hands-on activities. See Community.

Habonim Sisterhood gift shop

9:30 — noon. Open for Passover shopping. 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington.

Torat Yisrael/Hadassah

RISD exhibition

10:15 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael will co-sponsor with Hadassah, a program at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence, entitled, "Celebrating: The Jewish Contribution to 20th Century American Art." \$1, payable at the museum. An optional brunch at CAV, 14 Imperial Place, Providence will follow. For info call Susan Smoller at 885-0003.

Fall River Yiddish Club

1 p.m. Meeting at the Adas Israel Synagogue, 1647 Robeson St. Entertainment by Florence Markoff, radio personality, writer, speaker and performer. Refreshments. For more info, call (508) 678-4273.

Touro Family duckpin bowling

1:30- 4:30 p.m., Legion Bowl, Park Ave., Cranston. For Touro Fraternal Association members, and their immediate families only. \$8 per bowler, includes shoes, food, refreshments and fun. Contact Touro at 785-0066 or on the web at www.tourofraternal.org.

Chabad Torah celebration

3 p.m. The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenview Ave., Warwick. Torah dedication & celebration, Torah completion program, dessert buffet, music & dancing, children's activities. RSVP necessary at 884-7888.

MON., APRIL 4

Cardiac health forum

11:30 a.m. JCC senior adult lounge, 401 Elmgrove Ave. Featured speaker Dr. Peter Tilke-meier, The Miriam Hospital's medical director, Center for Cardiac Fitness. Program Coordinator: Renee Vogel, Miriam Hospital Women's Assoc.

TUES., APRIL 5

Bar-Ilan professors at Hillel

7:30 p.m. at Brown Hillel House, 80 Brown St., Providence, in the Chapel room. The event is titled: "In the Image of God: God's Body in Jewish Tradition," with Professors Adiel Schremer and Yair Lorberbaum, both from Bar-Ilan University. Discussion, debate on how the rabbis understood the divine body.

WED., APRIL 6

Cranston Senior Guild

1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Entertainment by Dane Valerio, keyboardist and vocalist. Raffle and refreshments.

Touro Synagogue

Foundation lecture series continues

6 p.m. Pell Center, Salve Regina University, Bellevue & Ruggles Ave., Newport. "Growing up Jewish in the South" and "The War between Brothers in America" presented by Eli N. Evans. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 847-4794, ext. 14, or email info@touroynagogue.org.

Decorate Miriam's tambourine

7 p.m. Chabad of West Bay, 3171 Post Rd., Warwick. Women are invited to decorate Miriam's tambourine and discuss Miriam, the sister of Moses, and the power of Jewish women. Taste a selection of haroset for the Pesach seder. Donation \$8. RSVP to Shoshana Laufer, 884-7888.

Jewish Literature at Rochambeau

7 p.m. at the Rochambeau branch of Providence Public Library, 708 Hope St., Providence. Jewish Literature Series continues with Lost in Translation: A Life in a New Language by Eva Hoffman. For more information, contact Sarah Weed at 455-8110.

Women's Alliance donor evening

At Brown University Hillel, featuring Chef Bruce Tillinghast of New Rivers Restaurant. To honor women making a gift of \$1,000 to the 2005 campaign. By invitation. Co-chairs Randi Berenbaum, Lisa Davis & Linda Miller.

THURS., APRIL 7

Seidemann to speak at JCC

"Fence & Seam Line in Jerusalem"

7 p.m. Senior adult lounge. Daniel Seidemann's subject is developing Jerusalem for all its residents. Presented by the Community Relations Council and

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Tragedy

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Jeffrey, Eric and Karen Jacober

THE JACOBER FAMILY

mournful cello played; the perpetual light over the Ark seemed a little less bright.

The Jacobers' surviving sons, Michael, 21, and David, 25, embraced beside the three flower-drenched coffins. Michael is senior captain on the Penn State lacrosse team; the entire team drove up in a white bus and crowded together in the front of the sanctuary. As the family filed in, Jeff's mother kissed her hand and placed it lightly on his casket.

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman had officiated at the Bar Mitzvahs of all of the Jacober boys. His triple eulogy last Wednesday was brief: In the face of a loss of "three lives brimming with unlimited potential and possibility... our emotional and physical reserves have been battered and drained."

Rabbi Gutterman evoked Karen's gorgeous singing voice, Eric's loving and wondering eyes and Jeff's drive, determination and creativity.

"We cannot protect ourselves from loss...but the love we can no longer give to the Jacobers we can give to others who need it."

Jeffrey Jacober

Giving of themselves was a priority for the Jacobers. Jeff was involved in Angel Flight, transporting ailing patients to hospitals along the East Coast at his own expense. He later founded over a dozen businesses, and was owner or co-owner of numerous companies such as The Ocean Group Inc., where he also served as CEO. He was dubbed a "serial entrepreneur" by Entrepreneur Magazine and received numerous awards in this area.

Jeff gave his kidney to his brother Alan; more recently, after recovering from prostate cancer, he was in the process of establishing a foundation to help the less fortunate combat this disease.

He was a successful and creative businessman; as a teen, his father challenged him to build himself his own transportation, so he built himself a purple dune buggy. He later founded over a dozen businesses, and was owner or co-owner of numerous companies such as The Ocean Group Inc., where he also served as CEO. He was dubbed a "serial entrepreneur" by Entrepreneur Magazine and received numerous awards in this area.

He seemed to have time for everything—building a home for his family in Jamestown, mentoring young people, sailing, skiing, scuba diving and spending time with his family.

"He was a very busy person with a big heart," said Mark Feinstein, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

"Jeff knew what makes a community strong," said longtime friend Carl Freedman, of Pawtucket. "People were just drawn to him."

Karen Jacober

Karen possessed the same great love for others that Jeff had, and then some.

"She made you feel like she was your best friend in two minutes" said Mitzi Berkelhammer, campaign chair of the JFRI Women's Alliance. Karen was involved with Jewish women's philanthropy at the Federation for more than 20 years. She hosted events at her house, was on its board, and gave much of the earnings she made as a substitute teacher to the JFRI campaign.

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THE WEINGEROFF FAMILY

Jeffrey all grew up together. "We were together for everything; we were friends forever," Mindy said.

Dee Dee Witman is Gregg Weingeroff's step-aunt. She said the family is coping as best they can, adding that sudden death brings additional issues to deal with. She described the Weingeroffs as "devoted to each other as husband and wife. They were devoted to their parents as well. There was a generosity of spirit in both," she said.

Weingeroff also has a daughter, Jolie, a student at Brandeis, from a previous marriage. At the funeral, Mark Weiner, a very close childhood friend of Gregg's, told Jolie how proud her father was of her accomplishments. "I remember how excited your father was when you were born," he said. "And when you were in the top 10 in your class, no one faulted him for bragging."

Weiner, Leland's godfather, said he and Gregg spoke together almost every day for 40 years. "He was my closest and dearest friend, my brother. He was kind, compassionate, enthusiastic, impetuous...his passing leaves me with an emptiness the passage of time will never erase."

Gregg was the president of Weingeroff Enterprises, a jewelry manufacturer in Cranston. His father, Frederick "Skippy" Weingeroff, was a pioneer in the state's jewelry industry and father and son worked with each other for more than a quarter of a century. His sister, Lisa, also worked with him at the family business. "Those years were a gift," she expressed.

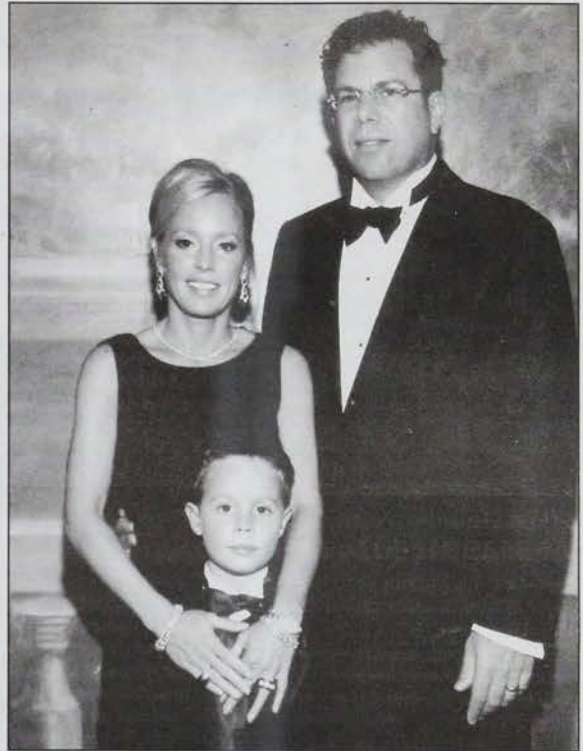


Photo courtesy of the Weingeroff family

Dawn, Gregg and Leland Weingeroff

Weiner recalled when he and Gregg were boys, they would go over to "Skippy's factory and ride up and down on the conveyer belts." He loved playing cards, eating steak and peppers and playing golf — all the buddy things, Weiner said.

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman, who conducted the funeral service, related the words the senior Weingeroff used in speaking of his son, daughter-in-law and grandson. "Although the Weingeroff name is gone with you, the memory of the three of

you will remain with me until the day I die. Sleep in peace my son, my partner, my little boy."

He was thankful to Dawn "for making my son the happiest man in the world."

And to Leland: "I can't believe Granny Sue and I will never see you again."

Witman said the Weingeroffs, who had been married for 15 years, were inseparable. The two met on a blind date. They launched a business together called Jay Strongwater, an

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**The Board of Directors
and the entire staff of the
Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
expresses deepest condolences
to the
Jacober and Weingeroff families
on their tragic loss.
May the good deeds and caring hearts of
Jeffrey, Karen and Eric Jacober
and
Gregg, Dawn and Leland Weingeroff
be as a blessing.**

Opinion

A MAJORITY OF ONE

In Israel — the Sasson Report (the what?)

If you have been following events in Israel as you should, you would know that apart from the coming withdrawal from Gaza, the most discussed topic in that country is the Sasson Report which, as a source of gossip, duplicity and innuendo, has everything. Well, everything except



Yehuda Lev

sex. It involves Israel, the United States, the Palestinians, the right, the left and everyone in between. It deals with politics, economics, the military and a number of high Israeli officials, most of whom would not want to see their names in print, at least on this matter.

Now that I have your attention, let's proceed. Talia Sasson was a government prosecutor who, a few months ago, was asked by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to make a count of the so-called "outposts." These are mini-settlements created on hilltops in the West Bank in defiance of a White House request in 2001 that settlement expansion be stopped while peace negotiations take place and that any recent outposts be dismantled.

Sasson counted 105 but says she received little cooperation from government offices which refused to provide her with information and thus the number could be somewhat higher.

However she took her assignment to another level by examining the circumstances under which the outposts are created and maintained. The director of one peace movement described her findings. "The Sasson Report is a litany of criminal activity, even at the highest levels, in a number of government ministries, nationally owned utilities, the Israel Defense Forces and the World

The director of one peace movement described her findings... "The Sasson Report is a litany of criminal activity, even at the highest levels, in a number of government ministries, nationally owned utilities, the Israel Defense Forces and the World Zionist Organization."

Zionist Organization."

That's a pretty broad indictment. Given that the outposts themselves were clear violations of Israeli law, how was it possible that more than 100 of them were founded and flourished, 24 since Sharon became Prime Minister? Here's how. First a few, mostly young, settlers would move onto a vacant hilltop in the West Bank and set up camp. What happened then was described in the report. In the words of the same observer:

"The hilltop outpost was then illegally supplied by the Israel Defense Forces (trailer homes), the Housing Ministry (permanent homes), the Infrastructure Ministry (connecting roads),

the Education Ministry (daycare centers), the state-owned electric and water utilities, all protected by the IDF."

Others were also implicated. The Jewish National Fund through a dummy corporation, purchased land in Palestinian areas and the military and police looked the other way when young toughs from the settlements attacked nearby villagers, cut down their olive

groves and, in one recent case, almost lynched several Palestinians, who were severely beaten.

Sasson also learned that 40 percent of the land occupied by the outposts was seized from Palestinians who received no payment, again a violation of Israeli law.

Two important questions remain. Why did Ariel Sharon, of all people, the architect of the settlement program and the man the settlers most relied upon over the years for surreptitious government support, suddenly commission a report that he knew would be highly critical of the settler movement? Three factors were responsible.

One was increasing pressure from the White House after 9/11 and the invasion of Iraq, for an end to Israel's conflict with the Palestinians. The second was the increasing isolation of Israel in the Western world. And the third, coming after the report was under way, was the death of Yasser Arafat and the change in Palestinian leadership.

The second question is what happens now? Sharon is far too clever not to have expected some positive result to emerge from all this. The answer lies in the scope of Sasson's assignment. She investigated only the outposts, not the established settlements. Other than those in Gaza, there has been no serious expectation of their being closed down. Only last week Israel announced that 3,500 housing units will be added to Maaleh Adumim, the largest of the settlements, whose location east of Jerusalem effectively cuts the West Bank in two. The outposts are effectively the sacrifice offered to save the main body.

None of these revelations were unknown to the Israeli public. All had appeared over the years in the Israeli media. But Sasson, no extreme left-winger, has demonstrated the degree to which the settler movement has corrupted and distorted Israeli politics and for that every friend of Israel should be grateful.

Yehuda Lev is a retired journalist who has worked in Israel, Europe and the United States. He lives in Providence.

ALISON ON ALIYAH

Identity Crises and Unsolvable Dilemmas

The other day, in one of my classes, we were given a dilemma to discuss. It concerned a "hypothetical" Palestinian family who had grown up in a house in Haifa, which the father had built with his own hands. They had been forced out by the Israeli army when Israel became an independent state, and they now live in a refugee camp outside of the borders of Israel.

They still have pictures of their home and proof that they built it. Of course, a Jewish family lives in it now, and has for nearly half a century. Indeed, several generations of this family have also grown up in this house. And now the clincher: whose home is it?

We were asked to think about the dilemma and write down our feelings. As soon as I put my pen to paper, I felt myself flowing out of it, words spilling onto the page almost faster than I could construct them. "I feel a great deal of shame," I wrote, mentioning the number of times I had heard the Palestinian students in my class draw parallels between the Holocaust-era expulsions of European Jewry and the actions of the Israeli army towards Palestinians. I wrote about

my internal conflict between wanting to tell the Palestinians to "suck it up," just like Jews have had to do throughout history (i.e., we don't see any Holocaust survivors sitting in a refugee camp outside of Krakow waiting to get their houses back), and wanting to apologize for what has been done to them. I also expressed my feelings of utter helplessness and hopelessness about the situation, and how unsettling it feels to know there is no "right answer" to a dilemma such as this.

Many of the other students expressed similar feelings of despondency and uncertainty. What struck me most profoundly, however, was the "pronoun game" that was being played around our circle of students. The Jewish students, understandably, used "we" when referring to Israelis, but also frequently in connection to the Israeli army, even though none of them had actually taken part in the activities we were discussing. One Israeli Arab student referred to Palestinians with "we" and to Jews as "they" and even "you" when looking at us.

As I looked down at my paper, I saw that it was riddled with signs of my profound identity crisis. I had used "we" to refer to Israeli Jews as well as Holocaust survivors; "they" when discussing both Palestinians and the Israeli army. There were times that I couldn't

even distinguish between my feelings of identification, resorting to "we/they" in one sentence. Even my use of "I" felt uncertain, at times referring to myself as American and at times as Israeli.

It quickly dawned on me that I am swimming in uncertainty, unsure of where I fit in and with what I want to identify. I realized that I have only recently begun to attempt a construction of my own Israeli identity, as a citizen and as a new immigrant and as a Zionist. I have actively shunned my American identity, both by moving away physically and by vigorously disassociating myself from what I view as traditional American values. But what am I left with? I am in limbo between both worlds: neither American nor Israeli; neither fully productive citizen nor uninitiated outsider; wholly accepted by neither culture.

I have begun to look at my identity as a "melting pot" of constructions, few springing spontaneously from within and most having been taken almost by force from various other arenas. I identify strongly with Zionist ideals, yet I was not brought up within this framework and have no one in my immediate relations with whom to share this. I have a strong connection with Holocaust survivors, most specifically through my research work and friendships with

many; however, I have no survivors within my family. I cling strongly to my identity as a student and a scholar, all the while floundering in this sphere in my current life.

I am finding it impossible to associate myself with the "old me" from the "old country," while similarly desperately searching for the "new me" in my new country. It was only when I was asked to put myself into a dilemma that pits Jews against Palestinians, right-wing Zionists against liberals, that I realized how hopelessly outside of the situation I really am. I cannot count how many times people have told me what a huge thing I did by making aliyah. "You packed up everything you own, and left everyone you know, to settle in a foreign country," they say, noting the courage they presume that must have required.

Only now have I begun to realize that the moving itself was the easy part, and really just the beginning. The identity crises that have followed, and the struggling with my self-image and sense of self-knowledge — that's the part that takes real courage.

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VIEWPOINTS

Unanswered questions in new school

With great interest, we read the March 4 edition of The Jewish Voice and Herald. We receive the periodical, but do not reside in Rhode Island proper. For the past seven years we have traveled with a few other trans-denominational families from southeastern Massachusetts, 60 miles round trip to the Alperin Schechter Day School (ASDS). We travel because a Jewish day school education is an integral part of our children's growth and development and for the past seven years ASDS has fit those needs.

During the initial Jewish Community Day School discussions, we were told that the Rhode Island Jewish community could not continue to support two day schools. You can imagine our surprise to learn that the Providence Hebrew Day School would be supported by the Rhode Island community and that, in fact, Rhode Island would continue to support two day schools, albeit one with a different name, but an unclear mission or curriculum. We have experience with community day schools in Kansas City, Missouri. There one school exists and all denominations work together for the success of that institution. The situation in Rhode Island appears different.

Understandably, we feel a bit duped by the plan to make ASDS the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island. Truthfully, it is hard to understand nebulous start-up costs, when we do not know if our sixth-grader will have an eighth-grade class, where it will be located and who will be the director of the "phased out" school for 2005/2006.

It is clear that the real reason that ASDS is morphing into a community day school has everything to do with funding and reaching out to other Jewish communities with different Jewish constituencies. That is where we come in. While the ASDS census has decreased significantly in the past seven years, the census to ASDS from southeastern Massachusetts has increased.

In fact, we have begun to research the possibility of providing van service to ASDS/the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island and were told by a reliable source that attaining some support from JFRI would be challenging. It wasn't their problem.

We beg to differ! Where will those new families for the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island come from? After some research, it is clear that Jewish communities all over the country help Jewish families find a way (transportation wise) to come to Jewish day schools. Obviously, transportation is not the primary concern of the newly-formed school, but it should be considered imperative.

Hopefully, the school's founders will remember that there are Jewish families in Tiverton and southeastern Massachusetts who have already made the commitment to Jewish day school education. With the right foresight and planning, your new school could include more families from ours and other outlying areas, reaching some of your visions and goals.

Rabbi Raphael Kanter, Cindy Benson
New Bedford, Mass.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter writer misses the mark on day school

It is indeed true that the Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) has provided a strong Jewish education to many hundreds, if not thousands, of students over the decades. Furthermore, Tom Pearlman must be praised for his long-standing generosity and self-sacrifice in support of PHDS.

Nonetheless, Tom Pearlman's assertions about Jewish education in Rhode Island in his recent letter to the editor in the March 18th issue must not go unchallenged.

Most important of all, there is no reason to assume that only PHDS can provide a quality Jewish education in Rhode Island, and that any alternative will necessarily be "watered down." Rather, we must demand that the new Jewish Community Day School provide at least as strong a Jewish education, one where the students—whatever their backgrounds and whatever their future directions—emerge not merely literate, but fluent in their Jewishness, not simply knowledgeable about our tradition, but possessing the skills to delve into and interpret traditional texts, Torah and Talmud and their commentaries.

Secondly, although PHDS no doubt was once truly a community school, it has ceased to be one or really aspire to be one. Clearly, all Jewish children are quite welcome there, but the fact of the

matter is that PHDS no longer attracts all or even most of the local families seeking a Jewish day school education for their children. And although PHDS has turned many youth "on to" Judaism, a number of students and families have left the school and turned to other options.

Finally, we ought to reject the implicit claim in Tom Pearlman's letter that no Jewish education would be preferable to a non-PHDS education, that anything in between will only be a "curse" leading youth astray.

As an Orthodox Jew, I am confident that the new Community Day School will be able to provide each year a quality Jewish education to hundreds of Jewish children who otherwise would receive little or no Jewish education. Indeed, this confidence in the mission and the feasibility of building a Community Day School here in Rhode Island is why I have accepted the opportunity to serve on its first Board of Trustees.

It is my hope that PHDS and the Community Day School can cooperate and even integrate, where possible—in such areas as special education services and physical education and health facilities for a start.

Alan Krinsky
Pawtucket

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Community schools... from my granddaughter's eyes

By Selma Stanzler

I ate dinner last week with my 15-year-old granddaughter, Alexandra. She is a graduate of the Rashi School in Brookline and is currently a very involved student at the Gann Academy, a community day school affectionately called the "New Jew" in Waltham. I was thrilled and impressed with her courses of study and her insight about the value of her educational environment. It made me an even more passionate advocate for the new, progressive look of day school education that is sweeping the country.

Last year she traveled with 30 other students and faculty from her school to Athens, Greece for an overview of early Jewish life and present observances of Judaism. While on this trip, the group encountered their first real taste of active anti-Semitism in a nearby neighborhood.

This year, she is choosing to follow the Civil Rights marches all the way to Memphis and finally to Atlanta—again, about 30 students from her school have selected this as their choice for "investigation week." The students' options are varied in content, geographically and financially. There is no one in the school for that week, as all are involved in investigating some area of thought, of art, of literature or of the sciences.

I also knew that there were choices for *Tefilah* (prayer)...ranging from Reform to Conservative to Reconstructionist to Orthodox...as well as discussion groups. Although Alex's family are members of a Reconstructionist temple in Brookline, she chooses to attend the discussion group rather than prayer. I was thrilled that no one in the school directed her choice and that she did not feel guilty about her decision.

She also revealed that when she was interviewed at the school initially, they stressed the diversity of the student body as a plus in the school community. She said she thought they over-emphasized that aspect of the school, but much to her surprise she learned that they were absolutely right about its value.

"When," she asked expressively, "would I ever have had an opportunity to meet so many people from such diverse Jewish backgrounds? We can talk about

so many different points of view and share experiences!"

The education is seamless—from secular to Judaic, the school produces a whole person, an American Jewish woman, who will know who she is. She knows where she came from and the history of both ancient and modern Judaism, which makes us who we are. We are all Jews of choice. I am so delighted that Alex has the opportunity to choose, and for her to know and understand why she is making the choices she is.

My own children are graduates of a Schechter school, and I was pleased with their education and I was also a happy faculty member... but this is even more exciting. Community day schools open the windows of students' minds in a new fashion.

They bring together a diverse faculty. The "other" is not viewed as flawed, or as less than, or "not as good as," but

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rather as someone with a different background, viewpoint, ritual. Community day schools

teach students to respect each others' differences and to take comfort and joy in their similarities. They teach students to be Jews who believe in education, community, Israel and Torah.

Now the idea seems closer than ever to becoming a reality in Rhode Island. I can't wait for our youngsters to have this opportunity to grow and to learn together. We will all benefit and certainly the future of this community will be strengthened.

We must have the vision and the passion to take this rare opportunity to build a new community day school that is in sync with the 21st century. The passion we bring to it today will enhance our community for generations to come...and we will point with pride at the wisdom of our community to turn dreams into reality.

Selma Stanzler, of Riverside, was a Schechter teacher for 12 years in New York at the first Schechter school in the United States. She is a past President of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation and a past Vice President of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Temple Beth-El and the Alperin Schechter Day School. She is currently a Co-President of the Holocaust Museum and is a Partnership volunteer.

Corrections

In the letters to the editor section in our March 18 issue, Thomas Pearlman was misidentified as one of the founders of the Providence Hebrew Day School. He instead was one of the founders of the New England Academy of Torah. We regret the error.

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Being single and Jewish in R.I.

By Bob Schoenberg

What's it like to be Jewish and single and live in the smallest state in the nation? Well, it's not easy. Opportunities to meet other single Jewish adults are pretty dismal, especially if one is considered "middle aged." The Jewish Community Center (JCC) offers several programs for children and adults but few for single adults. Affiliated with the JCC is a group called Perspectives which focuses mostly on the 20-30 something crowd.

But if you're over that age group, opportunities to meet other single Jewish adults are few and far between. Most synagogues and temples in the state are more than happy to have single people attend their services, but you won't find many singles there. Other activities and events taking place at temples are geared for families or married couples.

Even searching online for other Jewish single adults in R.I. doesn't offer much. Of course there are Jewish dating services online, but if one is looking for local events within R.I. where one can meet other Jewish single adults, there are little if any to be found.

Our tradition has a history of "matchmaking" and years ago that's how many people got together. Even today, it seems one must rely on relatives, friends and yentas in order to find someone. However, many people don't like "blind dates" or being "fixed up." But with little or no opportunities to meet other Jewish singles, where are singles to go?

There is a myth that if a person hasn't married by the time they're 40, then they're not interested in marriage. While this may be true for some people, it is NOT true for everyone. In fact there are many people over age 40 who truly would like to find someone and get married and this group includes both people who were once married as well as singles who have never been married.

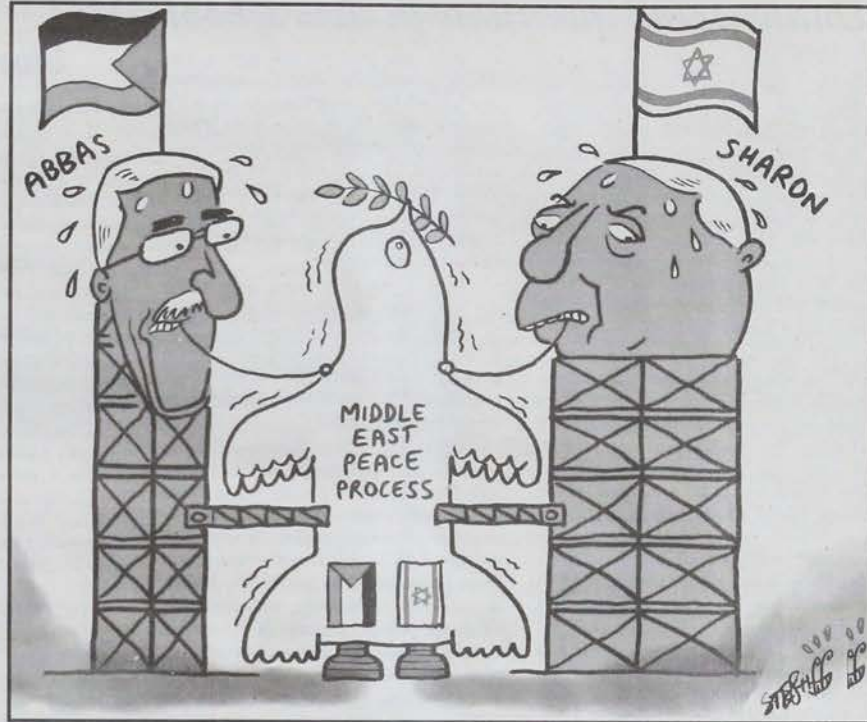
For the most part, the R.I. Jewish community hasn't provided many opportunities at all for its single members to meet each other. In other communities, such as Boston, a few entrepreneurial individuals organize and run social activities and occasionally a temple or religious institution will offer some type of program.

In this respect, we are fortunate that Temple Am David of Warwick is offering two programs. The first is a Shabbat dinner "with special invitation to singles" and a workshop for singles entitled, "Searching for Your *Bashert*."

Why is it so hard being single and Jewish in R.I.? We are in essence living in a Christian world. Once upon a time we had Jewish bakeries and delicatessens, Hebrew schools with large enrollments and activities for our single Jewish adults to meet each other.

If our community is to grow, we need to provide those opportunities. Everyone in our community would benefit from this. The responsibility for meeting one's *bashert* does rest with the individual, but we as a community have a responsibility to help make it happen. Any suggestions?

Bob Schoenberg is a freelance writer and advocate for singles.



MORE LETTERS

ASDS: a quarter century of success

I am writing as a founder of the Alperin Schechter Day School (ASDS) as well as its current Head of School. ASDS was founded by families seeking a serious, intensive Jewish educational experience for their children.

We wanted a school that would give girls and young women equal access to all educational opportunities, one that would emphasize modern spoken Hebrew, one that would engage students in the study of Bible and Jewish texts and one that would

integrate cutting-edge teaching techniques and technology.

As to the success of Alperin Schechter, the numbers speak for themselves. ASDS currently enrolls 187 students in pre-K through grade 8. Academically, our students have succeeded by every conceivable measure: standardized tests, acceptance to high school and college, honor rolls and other academic awards, graduate school and employment.

A large majority of our

graduates go on to further Jewish study. Schechter alumni participate in Israel programs, join USY and other youth groups, and attend Jewish summer camps.

Research demonstrates that students who attend day schools — schools where they have the opportunity to "learn Jewish, do Jewish and be Jewish" — are more likely than others to affiliate Jewishly and engage in serious Jewish observance and study as adults. This, most emphatically, is not the exclusive purview of yeshivas or other so-called "classical" Jewish educational institutions.

I have worked with my colleagues at Providence Hebrew Day School (PHDS) for many years. We have developed a strong respect for each other and our schools. While I knew that PHDS would not provide the education that I sought for my children, I would never denigrate its program or its values. I would expect the same from them.

I am proud that my three sons are Alperin Schechter graduates. I know that they learned how to apply the tools of disciplined and rigorous study to both Jewish and secular texts; I know that they learned what it means to be a "mensch" as well as what it means to be a Jew; I know that they learned how important it is to be members of the Jewish community as well as citizens of the world.

Barbara Flinker Ruttenberg
Providence

Penney Stein, Ph.D.
Pawtucket

Genocide in Darfur

We chant "never again" at the Seder and on other occasions, yet most of us are ignorant of a Holocaust that is occurring daily in Darfur. Thousands of innocent people are being tortured, raped, and killed while the leaders of the world discuss the situation, but do nothing to stop it. As Jews we know only too well the pain of the world's indifference and its disastrous results.

I have written to government officials and our religious leaders. I wear my "Not On MY Watch" green wristband and with it I try to raise people's consciousness of this crisis. I have contributed to <http://www.savedarfur.org/> and I try to educate myself as much as possible about what is really happening in that part of the world.

But individuals like me can only have a minimal impact on issues of such major proportions. As far as I can tell, the voice of the Jewish community is silent, and considering its history, will bear a higher standard of responsibility for its indifference. I urge people to come together and let our voices be heard so that "never again" is not just an empty promise.



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FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

Federation

Our community's loss

In 1998 Jeff Jacober, Lloyd Granoff and I went on a small Federation mission to Romania and Hungary, to learn where our philanthropic dollars were going and to meet those it helped. I have many memories of Jeff from that trip, actions that illustrate how much he cared for others.

I remember Jeff kneeling down and having a quiet conversation with a small Romanian child, giving business advice to the director of an emerging Jewish community center, and using his expertise to discuss ways to help patients at the Jewish Health Clinic.

Karen, always with a big

smile, was ready and willing to help our community in any way she could. She worked diligently for our Women's Alliance and served on so many committees at the Bureau of Jewish Education that they were afraid that they would wear her out.

Karen always had a good word about everyone, took her students under her wing, and inspired others with her caring energy.

Their son Eric possessed an intense curiosity, quiet smile and vast mechanical talent. Once, for a religious school project, he built an ark, with a Torah inside, that lit up when you opened it.

Gregg and Dawn Weingeroff

chaired our Pacesetter Campaign Event at Gillette Stadium this past October. Gregg spoke about his responsibility to our global Jewish family, and said he was looking forward to getting involved in our community planning initiative.

From Gregg's remarks at Gillette Stadium, "I have two children and I want to be assured that there will be a strong and vibrant community for them in the future. My involvement in programs like tonight's and with organizations like the Federation show my children up close and personal, first-hand, that one must be involved, and that it is worth it!"

Dawn, determined, with lots of energy and a great sense of humor, showed her love for animals and individuals in need.

Dawn and Gregg were instilling a love for Judaism in Leland through religious school and Hebrew lessons at Temple Beth-El. A great athlete with a kind heart and possessing lots of friends, Leland would shake the hand of his Hebrew tutor after each lesson and formally thank her.

Let us keep in our minds and hearts the memories of these six wonderful people, as we reach out to the Weingeroff and Jacober families.

It is particularly at times of tragedy that community is critical, to remind one another how they have each touched our lives and the life of the community, and to offer comfort to each other and to Jeff, Karen, Eric, Gregg, Dawn and Leland's families and friends.



Mark R. Feinstein

Jewish concerns voiced in Washington at JCPA Plenum

By Alan Axelrod

Once a year, Jewish organizations all over the country convene in Washington, D.C. to discuss the most critical political issues facing the organized Jewish community. This year, the 2005 Jewish Council on Public Affairs (JCPA) brought together Community Relations Councils and national Jewish public affairs organizations to hear from leading authorities, to learn from each other, and to formulate policy positions expressing the consensus of the organized Jewish community. The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island sent David Leach, Associate Chair/Government Relations, and me as representatives.

Israel and the search for peace in the Middle East was addressed by former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk, Israeli Consul General to New York Aryeh Mekel, and Egyptian Ambassador to the U.S. Nabil Fahmy. The exchange featured prognoses for peace in the light of the new Palestinian leadership and renewed involvement of Egypt and Jordan, punctuated by concerns about persisting terrorism as evidenced by the most recent bombing in Tel Aviv.

Several prominent elected officials addressed plenary sessions, including Senators Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Mitch McConnell (R-KY), John McCain R-AZ), and Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL). All called for vigorous American involvement in the Mideast peace process and continued U.S. support for Israel as the only stable democratic state in that region and staunch ally in the fight against terrorism.

The rest of the Plenum focused on intergroup/interfaith relations and the corollary issue of church-state separation. An impassioned panel discussion, "Separation of Religion and State: How High a Wall?" investigated the traditional Jewish community stance on strict separation of church and state. Constitutional attorney and scholar Nathan Lewin argued that increased religious identification 'in the public square' can only reinforce Jewish identity.

Tevi Troy, Bush campaign and White House advisor, further argued that Bush's faith-based initiatives level the playing field and eliminate discrimination against religious entities, and that while establishment of religion is unconstitutional, inclusion of religion benefits our society.

Countering these views and reaffirming the traditional strict separation stance, University of Tulsa Law Professor Martin Belsky offered the heartland/bible belt perspective, where intimidation of non-Christians is commonplace and must be forestalled by aggressive political action at the state level. Rabbi David Saperstein, of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism, chastised those CRCs that promote or urge acceptance of government funding for our synagogues and schools, calling it "horrible public policy" that will only legitimize government entanglement with religion and blur the

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Community

Community school incorporated



Mybeth Lichaa and Gary Kaufman sign an honorary poster immediately after the incorporation of the Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island.

Photo by Howie Bromberg

By Jonathan Rubin

PROVIDENCE — Community leaders put pen to paper in formally incorporating the area's newest Jewish agency—The Jewish Community Day School of Rhode Island. At the event at the Jewish Community Center on March 20, newly elected President Bruce Wolpert called it a "watershed moment" which was the "next right move for our community."

The newly-elected officers are: Vice-President, Gloria Feibish; Treasurer, Alan Harlam; and Secretary, Vicky Bharier.

The board of directors are: Jeff Gladstone, Hope Hirsch, Alex Kaufman, Alan Krinsky,

Robert Mann, Alison Rose, Rochelle Rosen, Judy Rosenstein, and Dan Wyner.

Wolpert said that the project's most pressing priorities involve searching for a temporary and independent site, and putting together a budget. They have also put together a committee searching for a new head of school, which will be chaired by Judy Rosenstein.

The school is still in the planning stages and is expected to open in September of 2006. It will serve a pluralistic spectrum of the Jewish community, including Reform, Conservative and Modern Orthodox students.

Book sale includes Judaica

PROVIDENCE — The spring book sale of the Friends of the Rochambeau Library has a large selection of Judaica, including novels, journals, historical, Hebrew and Yiddish books.

The sale will take place on:
Tues., April 19, 5-7:30 p.m. — Opening Night Benefit. Admission \$25.

Wed., April 20, 5-7:30 p.m. — Friends(only) gala reception and advance sale, featuring books, refreshments, and music by the Franco-Americans.

Friends' memberships will be available at the door.

Thurs., April 21, 10 a.m. -7:30 p.m.

Fri. — Sun., April 22-24, 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Community groups are invited to come together on Friday.

Sun. — Bargains-by-the-Bag Day--fill a bag for only \$5.

Mon., April 25, 10 a.m. -5 p.m. "Remainders Day" non-profit organizations, are welcome to help themselves to books and other materials free of charge.

Women's Alliance Endowment Fund

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE ENDOWMENT FUND was established in 1993 at the Jewish Federation of RI and has grown significantly since its inception. Contributions help create a financial reservoir that is used to support programs in education, health, culture, and social services for Jewish girls and women. In the past, this endowment fund has provided subsidies for a Bat Mitzvah program at URI Hillel, camperships, Holocaust education, and a Rosh Hodesh program for teen girls. By donating a minimum of \$1,000 (payable over 3 years), you can become a named donor of the Women's Alliance Fund. The income from the Fund is distributed each year directly to the program or agency designated by the Women's Alliance.

This year, all Fund members will be invited to participate in determining this year's grant recipient(s).

For more information about becoming a Fund member, please return the cut-off below or contact Rachel Siegal, WA Director, at 421-4111 x 206 or E-mail: rsiegal@jfri.org.

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Mr. Seidemann has served in an informal advisory capacity to participants in the final status negotiations and was a member of a committee of experts commissioned by PM Ehud Barak's office to generate sustainable arrangements geared to implement the emerging political understandings with the Palestinians.

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April 1, 2005*



Community

Moes Chitim — feeding the Jewish poor at Passover

Jewish Family Service provides funds, food baskets for Passover meals

By Mary Korr

PROVIDENCE — Alex always makes sure his Russian-Jewish grandmother, who lives alone and is in her 90s, receives a Passover basket from Jewish Family Service (JFS). The young man is now in the military in Iraq, but JFS is making sure she will get one this year.

She is one of about 300 low-income Jewish families who receive either food or a check to buy Passover food from JFS through its United Moes Chitim Fund, which has a long history in the Jewish community.

Linda Zanni, financial and administrative assistant at JFS, said last year

when Alex came by for the Passover food basket for his grandmother, he wondered whether JFS gave out a Fourth of July basket as well.

John S. Shalett, executive director of JFS, said the program has helped the Jewish poor for decades. He said they serve a diverse community: some are Russian-Jewish immigrants who live mostly in Providence and Pawtucket; others are disabled and on SSI; there are individuals who have lost their jobs or are in family or medical crises. The fund also helps single mothers and many elderly shut-ins.

Zanni said in one case there is a Jewish mother with three children who has no money to feed them.

To be eligible for the program, a person must be over 65, Jewish and on Supplemental Security Income (SSI); disabled, or a single parent with income



below the federal poverty guideline. SSI is a federal income supplement program designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income. It also provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

Each year, JFS sends out applications to former fund recipients. The clergy and the state's Department of Human Services (DHS) also make referrals for Jewish clients in need.

"Your kindness is appreciated," wrote one Jewish recipient on his application. Another wrote: "Thank you for your help in the past but I don't need it this year."

This year, Shalett forgot to sign one of the checks. The recipient came by with the check to be signed, and to meet those at JFS who help him. "I just wanted to come in and see who does this," he told Shalett.

JFS sends checks in the amount of \$90 to \$150, depending on the number of people in the family. "We wanted to set the fund up this way to empower people to go out and buy the food themselves," said Paul Segal, former executive director at JFS. He said the program began in synagogues in the North and South Ends of Providence over half a century ago. It moved to JFS offices in the United Way Building when a central clearinghouse became more feasible.

At Temple Sinai in Cranston, the seniors group supplies Passover and Hanukkah baskets to JFS and Jewish Eldercare of R.I. (JERI) to be distributed.

"We do mitzvahs," says Baila Bender, chair of Sinai Seniors. "We don't go to Foxwoods."

The baskets are filled with holiday foods donated by Sinai congregants, as well as a gift certificate to buy a chicken or a turkey, Bender said. Having done this for years, she said it's a fallacy that all Jewish people have means. "There are a lot of old Jewish people living in little hovels. I know of them through JFS and JERI," she said.

JFS will also hold a Seder at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston on April 8th for Jewish developmentally disabled residents of a



Eli Baum, left, Miriam Toll, Ben Toll, and Lyza Baum have fun making hamentaschen while doing good.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Women's Alliance
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To all of our volunteers who gathered at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence for our annual hamentaschen baking mitzvah project. The hamentaschen were delivered to Jewish seniors living in nursing homes throughout Rhode Island in celebration of Purim.



group home. It also contributes to other Jewish Passover meals through Chabad in Providence and Warwick.

JFS hopes to raise \$25,000 this year to serve those in need of food for Passover. Donations may be sent to: Jewish Family Service, United Moes Chitim Fund, 229 Waterman St., Providence, R.I., 02906.

JFS is also in need of volunteers to serve on the fund committee; it would involve two meetings a year. For more information, call 331-1244.

Federation

Concerns voiced in DC at JCPA Plenum

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line between church and state. During the Resolutions session that night, JCPA's long-standing policy calling for strict separation was reaffirmed overwhelmingly.

Anti-Israel sanctions were addressed via an exploration of the theology and world-views of liberal, or 'main line', Protestants as a basis for responding to their apparent antipathy towards Israel. Those present were asked not to equate the sanctions move-

ment with anti-Semitism. It is in most cases not anti-Semitism — most accept the existence of Israel as a Jewish state; but our equating one with the other can transform anti-Zionism into anti-Semitism.

Along the same lines, another forum, "Understanding the Christian Narrative", explored Christian biblical interpretation to elucidate the evangelical Christian support — financial and political — for Israel. An official of the Inter-

national Fellowship of Christians and Jews (a leading evangelical organization) explained the biblical origins of their support for Israel; and the shared values of democracy, freedom, and rule of law. (The President of IFCO, he noted, is a rabbi.)

He distinguished between evangelizing — spreading the gospel of man's acceptance of Jesus — and proselytizing — manipulative or deceptive acts of persuasion targeting certain groups for conversion. Most

evangelicals, he asserted, practice the former and not the latter. The respondent — Dr. David Ellicott of the American Jewish Committee — acknowledged that most evangelicals are sincere in their support of Israel, while urging American Jews to be alert for hidden agendas that may motivate some evangelicals.

An exciting part of the plenum is when attendees are able to lobby on Capital Hill. Accompanied by Brown student and Hillel leader Anne Lewis, we

visited with Senators Reed and Chafee, and aides to Congressmen Kennedy and Langevin. Our agenda included Israel, Darfur, the federal budget, the Patriot Act, and funding request for a Jewish Seniors Agency project.

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Alan Axelrod is chair of the Community Relations Council.



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Israel**Sharon gets OK for Gaza evacuation****Settler resistance, mass demonstrations still expected**

By Yehuda Lev

The final two legal hurdles to Israel's planned disengagement from the Gaza Strip and four settlements in the northern West Bank were overcome this past week when the Knesset voted not to hold a national referendum on the issue and approved the state budget for 2005.

Rejection of the budget would have led to the resignation of the government and forced new elections in November, thus delaying any move to withdraw well beyond the July deadline set by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Opponents of the withdrawal, who included many of Sharon's Likud Party Knesset members, had hoped that massive demonstrations and the threat of active resistance on the part of those being evacuated, would encourage more Knesset members to vote against either or both of the measures.

The budget was assured of passage when Sharon persuaded Tommy Lapid, head of the opposition Shinui Party, to instruct his 15 Knesset members to approve

the budget in return for restoring previously cut funds to universities and cultural institutions.

The crisis, which has divided Israel more than any single event since the founding of the state 57 years ago, now moves into its final phase with preparations being made on both sides for a showdown that might lead to violence. The settler leadership however, is urging non-violent resistance, mainly by utilizing sympathizers who live in Israel proper or in settlements not threatened by the disengagement process. It is suggesting that Israelis physically move into the settlements, thereby making their mass removal more difficult.

One Knesset member, Effie Eitam, a former general and leader of a two-man Knesset faction, has moved with his family from the Golan Heights to the Gaza Strip. The government has countered this by declaring all such moves illegal.

Another plan by the settlers is to disrupt Israeli life to the extent that it will compel the government to change its policy. Mass demonstrations in



Brian Hendler/JTA

BUDGET VOTE — Israeli Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, center, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vote for the budget at the Knesset in Jerusalem, March 29, 2005.

the major cities and the closing of main highways by barricades of burning tires are said to be among their plans. One such road closure was attempted last

week and traffic throughout much of central Israel was tied up for hours. The settlers also believe that with thousands of police involved in the evacua-

tion effort, it will be impossible for the government to prevent an outbreak of such incidents.

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... with these two, you can glimpse a kind of normality that hardly ever exists where Arabs and Jews are concerned. You dare to think, if only for a few moments, of a world beyond the war.

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Israel

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Gaza evacuation

The settlers are also hoping that many of the police and soldiers who are assigned to the evacuation will refuse to participate, so many that punishing them will be simply impractical.

What really causes Israelis to lose sleep at night is the potential for a great violent escalation, including strikes at Muslim holy sites and attempted assassinations, as well as armed resistance to police and soldiers. A well-aimed mortar shell could presumably destroy the Dome of the Rock, the mosque that is the symbol of Jerusalem to much of the Muslim world and set off a world-wide Muslim reaction that could force Israel to retain the Gaza Strip in self-defense.

And Israelis well remember the effects of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin on the peace process then under way. There is considerable incitement against Sharon of the kind that preceded the murder of Rabin, enough so that the secret service is protecting him to an extent never before seen in Israel.

As for armed opposition, there are enough weapons in the settlements so that one settlement

leader has suggested to Israel's Minister for Public Security, that the army confiscate all privately held guns in the Gaza Strip. A meeting was scheduled for this week to consider the matter but hiding a weapon is much easier than finding one. Besides it takes only one angry individual in a settlement to fire at a police officer for the government to be faced with two alternatives, both undesirable: The police could fire back, which might precipitate a massacre or, more likely, the police could withdraw, exactly what the settlers want to see happen.

For its part, the government is moving to prevent a confrontation. At least half of the 8,500 Jews in the strip have either accepted or discussed with authorities the offer to give them financial compensation and even to move settlements *in toto* to new locations inside Israel proper. By announcing, this month, its intention of building 3,500 new apartments at Maaleh Adumim, near Jerusalem, it is signaling to the settlers that it is not abandoning them, merely leaving sites that are too costly to defend and

whose existence is not essential to the security of the state.

Finally, Israel is preparing to call up thousands of reservists for the several weeks that the process is scheduled to take. They will be used to block all roads leading to the Gaza Strip and thus prevent supporters of the settlers from flooding the premises and complicating the evacuation.

In addition to the fate of the settlements, much depends on the outcome of this confrontation. Israel's relations with the United States, the European Union and with the Muslim and especially the Arab nations, and the internal cohesion of Israeli society will all be affected. The Israel we will see next year at this time will be very different from the Israel of today. Whether this is a positive or negative change depends on the outcome of this internal conflict within Israel. We live in a globalized world. What happens in Nitzanim and in Gush Katif will have repercussions far beyond the flexible borders of the Jewish State.

Yehuda Lev, a retired journalist, lives in Providence.

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Jacober family

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"She was a great teacher... everyone loved and respected her," said Jay Rodriguez, 16, a student at the Wheeler School. "Once, when students needed a little extra time on a test, she let them finish after the bell. It was the type of person she was."

She was a long-time participant in the Jewish community. She had gone to Beth-El's religious school as a child, and recently had served on their 150th anniversary committee. Her educational background brought her into contact with the Bureau of Jewish Education, where she became a board member; most recently she served as a co-chair of the event honoring Ruth "Duffy" Page, and had begun to become involved with the planning for the community day school. She was involved in teen activities at the Bureau, and was also very involved at St. Andrews and served on many of its committees.

"It's an unspeakable loss," said Minna Ellison, the BJE's executive director.

"She was wonderful. She had no ego. She was a very good, kind, caring person."

She was also a very active person, and loved power-walking all over the East Side. She loved music, playing piano and entertaining guests by singing. She had already begun plans for her upcoming 50th birthday party.

Eric Jacober

Jeff and Karen's love and ingenuity took root in Eric, who was 15 when he passed away. Even at a young age he had a passion for technology, of building and improving things for those he loved.

When he was in fifth grade, he created a computer simulation of a special automobile whose windows would roll down in the case of an accident so they wouldn't shatter and injure the passengers.

"He was probably the smartest

15-year-old I could imagine," said his friend, Emily Nissensohn, of Barrington. "He was always helping elderly people with their computers. He was always there."

His friends described him as friendly, outgoing and "brilliant." A sophomore at St. Andrews, he found enjoyment as a theatre technician and a cross-country runner.

"Eric was the first one you programmed into your cell phone," said Lexi Kriss, 15, of Rumford. "He was one of those really special people. He would do something for you and he never wanted anything in return."

The school has been holding grief-counseling sessions for boarding students, who had just returned from break, as well as day students. Counselors who came to the school encouraged students to write their feelings on pieces of paper that were hung up on the walls. The school was closed for the funeral, and a special service was held there on Friday.

Jewish Family Service has been offering its counseling services to the staffs of the many Jewish organizations which had relationships with the Jacober family. They can be reached at 331-1244.

Tributes

Tributes to the Jacobers have appeared at their house in Providence, at St. Andrews and at businesses of friends.

Outside of Temple Beth-El on Wednesday, many stood around in shock and in tears, wondering what to do or where to go. Three hearses slowly pulled away from the curb. Later, three coffins were lowered into the ground of the Temple Beth-El cemetery, leaving family, friends and everyone who knew them heartbroken.

See obituaries, page 36.

Mary Korr contributed to this report.

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Weingeroff family

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Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiated at both funerals Photo by Mary Korr

upscale manufacturer of decorative household goods.

"They lived together, worked together and tragically died together," Weiner said.

Witman said Dawn was "an accomplished equestrian and avid athlete. She had impeccable grace and style."

At Pinegate Stables in Seekonk, where Dawn boarded her horse "Tuffy," now deceased, Lauren Clegg recalled Dawn as a "down-to-earth person with no airs." When it was Tuffy's birthday, she gave him a little party. Clegg said she was kind to the dogs at the stable and would put her coat on the ground for them to lie on.

Once, said Clegg, Dawn heard about a homeless man nearby. She bought him clothes and a bicycle and put him up in a motel and tried to help him find a job.

Dawn was also an active volunteer at the Providence Children's Museum, the Humane Society, the Food Pantry at St. Ed's Church and the Warwick Animal Hospital. At the latter, she is remembered as a generous donor to their fund for the care of stray and adoptable animals; she adopted many herself and found homes for others.

'Sparky'

Witman said the family nicknamed Leland "Sparky." "He would come into a room and light it up."

The young man played basketball and loved sports. He and his father attended every game of the New England Patriots this year, even going to the Super Bowl. Weiner said Leland loved to juggle and ride a unicycle. He said he was mature beyond his years. "After every Hebrew session, he would shake the hand of his tutor," said Rabbi Gutterman.

Weingeroff was an avid golfer and a member of Ledge-mont Country Club in Seekonk and of Carnegie Abbey in Portsmouth, where he had purchased property.

Mitchell Pozez of Tucson, Arizona, played golf with Gregg. In a condolence message, he recalled meeting him on the

Carnegie links. "It was at the Lookout and you were playing golf with your dad. We were introduced and from the very first moment, we connected. Perhaps it's because of our Judaism, maybe it was our love of golf, whatever it was I knew instantly we would become friends. You were so pleasant...even when you were getting beat on the golf course you laughed and smiled."

Dawn was planning her husband's 50th birthday in August at their new home at Carnegie.

Gutterman told the thousand-fold mourners: "From Gregg Weingeroff, from Dawn Weingeroff and from Leland Weingeroff, comes the echo: Forget that we died, remember that we lived."

Jewish community involvement

Selma Stanzler, co-president of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum, said the Weingeroffs were generous contributors to the museum's endowment fund.

Weingeroff donated items regularly to the Jewish Community Center.

"He was always extremely generous donating pieces to our auctions," said Sue Suls, cultural arts coordinator at the JCC.

The Weingeroffs were looking forward to being more involved with the Jewish Federation, said its president, Mark Feinstein. In September, the couple were co-chairs of the Pacesetter Kick-Off Event at Gillette Stadium. Gregg was a Pacesetter solicitor.

Dan Miller, Head of The Wheeler School, where Leland was a student, described the Wheeler community as "shaken by the terrible tragedy this past weekend."

He said the first priority at the school will be helping students as they deal with this loss.

Beth-El religious school

At Beth-El on Tuesday, two bouquets of bright yellow and rose/magenta tulips rested on the stone steps. Attached to one was a note that read: "Leland, you will be missed."

He was in the fourth-grade religious school class at Temple Beth-El.

On Sunday, school administrator Anita Steiman and Rabbi Sarah Mack consulted with a congregant, a psychologist who works with children, and then spoke to the children in the third through sixth grades about the tragedy, as well as the 10th grade, which was Eric Jacober's Bar Mitzvah class.

"We shared what happened with them," said Steiman. "For some of the children, it was the first they had heard of it," she said.

"They were taking it all in; they felt the same sense of shock

we all did when we heard what happened," said Mack.

On Tuesday, Erin Minior and Dan Kane, social workers from Jewish Family Service, were at the temple and available to congregants who wished to speak with them.

"Parents will notice their children staying closer to them. They are concerned about their own vulnerability," Minior said.

The suddenness and scope of the tragedy will compound this feeling, said Kane. "For some of the children it is their first-con-

tact with death," he said.

"Parents need to give their children time to assimilate the tragedy. Parents should ask their kids how they are feeling. The kids need to have their feelings validated. They want to know why it hurts so much. And it is okay for parents to tell their children: 'I don't know why this happened,'" Kane said.

On Thursday, counselors were brought into the religious school to talk to the children.

With reports from Jonathan Rubin and Marylyn Graff.

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World

Insult from Russian chief rabbi puts Chabad-Reform dispute in public eye

By Lev Krichevsky

MOSCOW, March 28 (JTA) — An article in Chabad's main Russian-language magazine blasting Reform Judaism has outraged Reform leaders in Russia and the United States.

Reform Judaism "embodies an approach toward things that is opposite to the approach of the Torah," Rabbi Berel Lazar, the leading Chabad official in the former Soviet Union and one of Russia's two chief rabbis, wrote in the February issue of *LeChaim*.

Tension between Chabad and the Reform movement has been simmering in the former Soviet Union, but Lazar's broadside has intensified the conflict and put it squarely in the public eye.

Leaders of the Union for Reform Judaism, as the movement is known in the United States, and

of the World Union for Progressive Judaism called Lazar's attack on Reform Jews deplorable.

"Rabbi Lazar cannot request American Jewish support for his work and profess to speak in the name of all Russian Jews while simultaneously proclaiming that Reform Judaism is not Judaism and Reform rabbis are not rabbis," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism.

LeChaim is a monthly magazine published by the Federation of Jewish Communities, a Chabad-led umbrella group and the largest Jewish organization in the area. The magazine, which is free and distributed across the former Soviet Union, is one of the largest Jewish-interest monthlies in the area.

The article, "Do Not Bargain with God, Gentlemen," attracted the attention of Reform leaders in Russia this month. Reform leaders in the United States, Israel and around the world joined in the denunciation.

"Reform Judaism' cannot be written. 'Reformed Judaism' is just a code of rules created by the people for their own worldly comfort. There is no God there."

Reform Judaism is "an interest club," the article continued, and "I feel strange when a director of the club is all of a sudden called 'a rabbi.'"

Lazar argues that over the past 100 years Reform Judaism developed primarily in the

United States and therefore reflects American values, which grow out of a secular society. Those values make it hard for Jews to fully observe the Torah's commandments, he writes.

He hopes that the Reform movement's expansion in Russia fails, Lazar wrote.

Russian Jews, who endured considerable suffering to remain Jews during the Communist era, are more likely to embrace traditional Judaism than any other variant, Lazar argued.

Leaders of the Union for Reform Judaism and the World Union for Progressive Judaism demanded to know how the leader of a group that claims to represent Russian Jews both domestically and internationally could have written what Lazar wrote.

Lazar's federation has been increasing its fund-raising efforts in the United States, claiming that the money it raises will benefit Jews across the former Soviet Union, Yoffie noted.

Rabbi Uri Regev, executive director for the World Union for Progressive Judaism, also blasted Lazar's article.

"It's regrettable that Chabad — which professes to connect all Jews as they are — so easily returns to its old, hateful bashing of Reform Judaism," Regev said in a statement.

Regev said U.S. partners of Lazar's federation should reconsider their ties to his group if he refuses to re-evaluate his comments.

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NATION

Audit clears Jewish Agency over transfers to WJC

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) — The Jewish Agency for Israel is hoping an external auditor's report will put to rest allegations that it transferred funds to the World Jewish Congress for the pension of a top WJC leader.

The assessment also faults JAFI for shoddy record-keeping.

The report is the latest development in the case of accusations of financial impropriety at the WJC that has roiled the organization.

Carried out by the Tel Aviv office of the accounting firm Ernst & Young, the inquiry "did not find a linkage" between JAFI's 2001 transfer of \$1.5 million to the WJC and a 2002 deposit by the WJC of \$1.2 million into an account in Switzerland.

In recent months, the WJC has been embroiled in a vitriolic internal squabble over accusations of financial wrongdoing made by Isi Leibler, a former WJC vice president.

Among those accusations, Leibler charged that WJC officials may have tried to hide \$1.2 million in an undisclosed Swiss bank as a pension fund for the group's chairman, Rabbi Israel Singer, following JAFI's \$1.5 million payment. WJC officials accused Leibler of using the accusations to try to take control of the organization. The Ernst & Young report found that JAFI did not earmark its transfer of the \$1.5 million to the WJC for any specific use.

"There is now an official document, commissioned by the chairman of the Jewish Agency from a reputable, worldwide,

recognized accountancy firm, that shows openly that the Jewish Agency's relationship with the World Jewish Congress is a transparent operation between two international organizations," JAFI spokesman Michael Jankelowitz told JTA. "And there was nothing sinister or underhanded or secret in the relationship."

Though the report seemed to exonerate the Jewish Agency with regard to the money transfer, it faulted the organization for sloppy record-keeping practices regarding its budgets.

"Irrespective of our conclusion regarding the designation of the transfer, we found that the level of documentation of the mode of making decisions and of the bodies involved in them was deficient and hampers proper budgetary control," the report said.

Jankelowitz said JAFI Chairman Sallai Meridor, who commissioned the report, ordered the group's comptroller to investigate the assertions. Meridor asked that the probe be finished in time for the agency's board meeting in late June, Jankelowitz said.

Since 1983, JAFI had been providing the WJC with annual assistance of up to \$500,000, the report said, but did not make such payments between 1998 and 2000. The auditor said it could not find documents to determine why that was the case.

In 2001, the agency made the \$1.5 million payment, which included \$500,000 for each of the years no money had been given.

"There is no difference of

opinion between the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress that the \$1.5 million that the Jewish Agency sent in January 2001 was not designated for any specific purpose but was given to the general fund" of the WJC, said the WJC's secretary-general, Stephen Herbits.

Herbits also said the WJC was giving its "full cooperation" to an informal investigation into its financial dealings launched by New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

"We're working with them and are hopeful for an early and satisfactory conclusion," he told JTA.

The WJC's steering committee will hold its third meeting in seven months in April, where it will review the recommendations of a task force on constitution and governance. The group's report includes "a series of options for revisions of the constitution for the first time since 1976," Herbits said.

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Somerville may pursue own foreign policy

The issue of divestment in Somerville, a suburb of Boston, was brought sharply back in the public eye again this week after the city's pro-divestment organization met to discuss adding a question about divestment from Israel on the city's ballot this November. The Somerville Divestment Project's organizers announced the initiative to around 20 supporters at an anti-Israel film screening and discussion at the College Avenue Methodist Church in Somerville, following three months of silence on the contentious issue. The group's goal is to compile enough signatures to force a non-binding public opinion advisory question on local city ballots regarding divestment of the Somerville Retirement Board's \$250,000 holdings from Israel Bonds and \$1.2 million holdings in companies that allegedly supply arms and military equipment to Israel's military. The Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston is working to convene an anti-divestment coalition to assess the threat and develop a strategy to combat it. Deputy director Alan Ronkin said: "We continue to believe these people represent a noxious minority voice that does not reflect the general feeling of the people of Somerville." (The Jewish Advocate)

Mississippi candidate criticizes Jewish mayor

A Mississippi politician has accused the mayor of Vicksburg of not caring about urban renewal because he is Jewish. Rodney Dillamar, who is running as a Democratic candidate for city alderman, was involved in a heated on-air dispute March 23 with Mayor Laurence Leyens over whether city officials are trying to shut blacks out of businesses in downtown Vicksburg.

Dillamar questioned Leyens' commitment to renewal in the area. "He doesn't even believe in Jesus Christ, so how can he say he cares about the churches?" Dillamar said.

Early April fool's day?

Madonna and her husband dressed up as a nun and the pope for Purim. Madonna's publicist confirmed media reports that the singer and her husband, movie director Guy Ritchie, donned the costumes for a Purim party in London. Madonna has been the most visible of a group of Hollywood stars who have become interested in Jewish mysticism in recent years.

Mideast Briefs

Abdullah warns of attacks

Jordan's king has warned American Jewish officials that Syria and Hezbollah are planning terrorist attacks in Israel to distract attention from the crisis in Lebanon. King Abdullah II said Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas needed support for his peace moves, and that Israel should refrain from immediate retaliatory action against the Palestinians if there is a terrorist attack because the likely source would be Syria and Hezbollah. He also spoke of his attempt to foster moderation in the Muslim world through media and education, and said he would like to explore U.S. Jewish participation in such a project. "The meeting was very positive," said Marie Abrams, chairwoman of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. "He was very open; he wanted to engage in dialogue."

Group calls for civil marriage in Israel

The National Council for Jewish Women called on the Israeli government to allow civil marriage and divorce.

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Frieda Soble

It has been just over a year since I joined the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum. I started doing this work in 1989 and must say that the world environment has changed dramatically since then. When I began, I felt it important to teach the Holocaust because it was such a dramatic event in human history and showed the capacity of human beings to abuse other human beings, even in modern times. But more and more I am feeling that the Holocaust must be taught because of the anti-Semitism that exists today.

Who would have thought that Holocaust deniers would have such a heyday and that intelligent, well-educated people would rush to support the Palestinians and condemn Israel, the

only democracy in the Middle East?

People who remember the Holocaust as a "current event" are becoming elderly and leaving this world. For those of us who came after them, the Holocaust is a part of history, without the immediate sensory feelings of aston-

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ishment and sadness that people living at the time experienced. Perhaps that is why anti-Semitism is on the rise again. But whatever the reason, I feel it happening. Never before in my life have I truly feared for the continued existence of the Jewish state. Never before have I heard so much criticism of Israel by educated and influential people in our own proudly tolerant country.

Make no mistake about it; this anti-Israel rhetoric is merely a loosely disguised expression of anti-Semitism. I doubt that many of its proponents have done an in-depth study of the history behind the State of Israel. Hence, my consternation.

tion of one-third of our people by the Nazi regime and its collaborators and bystanders throughout Europe.

People routinely ask, "But what can I do?" I am grateful that I have the opportunity to do the work that I do because I believe that through it, people will better understand the plight of the Jews in history. Each time I hear about another instance of anti-Semitism, I rededicate myself to that work.

And it is truly gratifying. I have seen youngsters come to realize for the first time that the Jews have been a persecuted people. I have seen adults learn facts that surprise them, despite their age and level of education. I hope to continue doing this work at the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum. With the financial and emotional support of enough Rhode Islanders, the Museum will endure and expand even more its outreach to the people of our community.

Teacher workshops provide much-desired information

When today's teachers went to middle school, high school, and even college, little was formally taught about the Holocaust. Now they can find themselves teaching an English class that studies *Night* or guiding a history class through World War II, or helping a group of 4th graders read *Number the Stars*. And that doesn't even include instruction on one of the books most widely read by teenagers: *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Teachers are crying out for more education about the Holocaust and advice about how to present it to children of various ages. This is what the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum's teacher workshops provide. Each year a full-day workshop is presented on a different Holocaust-related topic.

Over 60 teachers and other educators from throughout Rhode Island and as far away as Worcester, Massachusetts, attended the August 2004 workshop held at Temple Beth-El.

"Literacy Through the Lens of the Holocaust" was its theme, and the keynote address was given by Rabbi Robert Sternberg, Executive Director of the Hatikvah Holocaust Education and Resource Center in Springfield, Mass. He explained how to approach Holocaust literature by examining authors' connections with the material, their relative proximity in time and place to the events they write about, and their objectives in composing the works. He defined the various genres

of Holocaust literature and noted how much they vary in purpose.

Holocaust Museum Executive Director Frieda Soble gave a brief overview of Holocaust history, and local Holocaust survivor Alice Goldstein inspired the teachers with her personal story of growing up in Nazi-controlled Germany.

Two local teachers also gave presentations. Karen Paley, Ph.D., of Rhode Island College, talked about the emotionality of teaching and studying the Holocaust. Barbara Wahlberg, English teacher at Cranston High East, shared the lessons she has created for teaching Elie Wiesel's *Night* and Alexandra Zapruder's collection of children's diaries, *Salvaged Pages*. The teachers in the audience greatly appreciated this presentation by one of their own, who really understood the challenges of classroom teaching.

The Museum thanks the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which made a generous grant to the Museum for this program.

Our next annual full-day workshop is scheduled for August 17, 2005 on the theme "America's Role in the Holocaust." Teachers receive in-service education credits for these workshops. To register, e-mail the Museum, rhodeislandhmm@aol.com for a registration form.



Alice Goldstein, Lynn Glick, and Sandy Strauss enjoy the patron reception before the evening at Tamarisk.

Storyteller charms audiences

Can you imagine it...over the course of a day and a half, 1000 middle schoolers from public, private and parochial schools, assembling in auditoriums around the state to listen to stories? That is exactly what happened on March 14 and 15 when acclaimed storyteller Ina R. Friedman brought the true life stories of Holocaust heroes to life for RIHM's Student Awareness Days 2005. The sites selected for the presentations were Mt. St. Charles Academy, Davisville Middle School, and the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Friedman's performances also included an evening of storytelling for adults held at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living. A standing room only crowd enjoyed hearing the tales about a family of Jehovah's Witnesses who refused to sign declarations of loyalty to Hitler; a young Polish man, thwarted by the Nazis from studying medicine, who helped the Polish resistance and years later became a professor at Brown; and an innocent German girl who wouldn't join the Hitler Youth and wound up losing her life because of her anti-Nazi activities.

The on-target questions and insightful comments from the audiences, particularly the student groups, confirmed the success of the program. Thanks go to the Edwin Soforenko Foundation, the Ira S. and Anna Galkin Charitable Trust, and the many individual donors who helped make these events possible. The Rhode Island Holocaust Survivors, who had the vision to establish a museum that educates as well as memorializes, were well served.



Ina Friedman

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March of the Living

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Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the President of Poland, and Elie Wiesel.

The Rhode Island contingent will prepare for the experience together in a few pre-trip training sessions. They will share their impressions of the journey at the Holocaust Museum's Annual Meeting on June 9, 2005.

The Rhode Island travelers are: Myrna and Ed Aronson, Adelina Axelrod, Janet Bazar, Ellie and Bud Frank, Karen Paley, Andrea Schachne, Georgia Shaw, Frieda Soble, Selma and Milton Stanzler, Varda Stieglitz, and Carol Sugarman.

How we survive

As a non-profit corporation, the R.I. Holocaust Museum must raise all the money it takes to operate the museum and provide our services. As a core agency of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, we are guaranteed an allocation from the Federation each year. But this year's allocation will cover only 11% of our anticipated expenses. Where does the rest come from?

INDIVIDUALS — Your contributions to our Annual Fund and to our Student Awareness Days program make up the largest source of our funding. These donations are welcome in any amount and at any time of year. (See below for information

on how to contribute.) Donors of \$250 or more and Endowment Fund donors will be invited to our annual Donor Appreciation Event in August.

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GRANTORS — We seek special grants from foundations, corporations, the State of Rhode

Island, and funds within the Jewish Federation. These are for specific projects such as the consultancy with the Executive Service Corps. Last year's annual August workshop was funded by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We must apply for these grants, and there are no promises or guarantees that we'll be funded. As is typical for non-profits, we are turned down more often than we are funded.

On rare occasions, we are awarded a grant without soliciting it. An example is the funding that we have been receiving each year from the Alperin Hirsch fund at the Federation specifically designated for our use for professional

development.

SCHOOLS — While we do not charge for our services to schools, we are now requesting a donation of \$2 per student.

ENDOWMENT FUND — We are in the process of building an endowment fund that will provide for a substantial part of our annual expenses. Its annual income so far is small but significant. Please call us at 401-453-7860, e-mail us at rhodeislandhmm@aol.com or mail in the form below to obtain more information about how to participate in our Endowment Fund.

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We occasionally have fund-

raising events such as the Jewelry Show and Sale held by Myrna Aronson last fall at the Museum. An ongoing fundraising project is Eastside Marketplace receipts. Through their Friendship Fund, the company gives non-profit organizations 1% of the total of the receipts turned in. Please save your receipts and send them to the Museum. When we have the minimum required, \$2,500, our loyal volunteer Ruth Goldstein counts them and delivers them to the store. What an easy way to help the Museum! A small amount of effort from you can mean money for the Museum!



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Food

Passover Recipes

Farfel muffins, lemon honey cake, macaroons for Passover

By Marilyn Graff

Passover is the time to bring out the traditional recipes which help create family memories, and maybe to sneak in a few new ones to add variety to the week's meals as well as the Seder.

The following recipe for Passover muffins comes from my daughter-in-law Lisa's family.

Farfel Bulkies (Passover muffins)

3 cups matzo farfel
3 cups boiling water
5 Tblsps. vegetable oil
6 eggs
1 Tblsp. salt
pinch of pepper

Pour farfel into a large bowl and pour boiling water over. Cover and leave until farfel has absorbed all the water. Stir in oil and beat in eggs, 1 at a time. Add salt & pepper and mix well.

Spray medium muffin tins with non-stick and spoon in batter. Bake at 450 degrees about 30 minutes until golden brown. Recipe makes 18 medium muffins. These are good for sandwiches as well as dinner rolls.

I don't remember where I got the following cake recipe, so can't give credit. It makes a festive change from sponge cake.

Lemon-honey-almond Passover cake

Make a syrup as follows: Put into a pot 1 cup honey, 2/3

cup water, 1/3 cup sugar and 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice. Stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Turn up heat and boil for 1 minute. Cool.

Grease a 9-by-13 cake pan or a bundt or tube pan. Set oven at 350 degrees.

Grind enough skinned almonds to make 2 cups.

2 cups sugar
1 cup matzo meal or cake meal
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. allspice
6 large eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 Tblsp. grated lemon peel

Put ground almonds into a bowl with 1/2 cup of the sugar. Whisk in meal and spices. In separate bowl, beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored, about 10 minutes. Mix in rest of sugar (1 1/2 cups,) oil and peel. Pour batter into baking pan and smooth. Bake about 45 minutes. While cake is still hot from oven, poke holes with a skewer or toothpick and carefully pour syrup over and let soak in. (If it seems like too much syrup, only use part — you don't want the cake too soggy.) Decorate with maraschino cherries and very thin lemon slices, cut into half moons. You can substitute orange instead of lemon.

Macaroons

3 egg whites, (large)
1 cup sugar
3 cups filberts, almonds or pistachios, shelled and skinned
4 tblsps. matzo meal
pinch of salt
1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla
Grind nuts fine

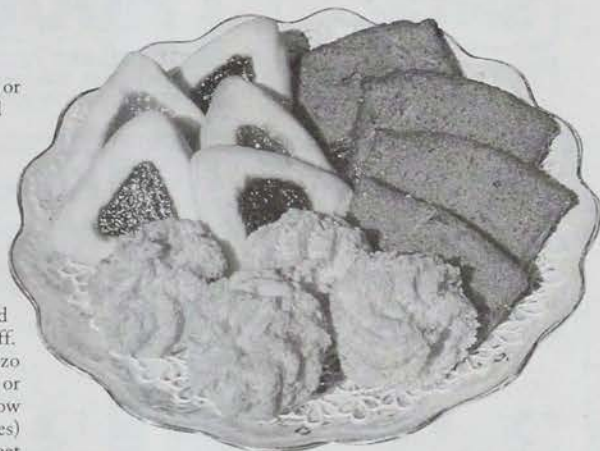
Beat egg whites until soft peaks form, gradually beat in sugar. Add salt and extract and beat until stiff. Fold in ground nuts and matzo meal. Drop by teaspoons or tablespoons (depending on how large you want your cookies) onto a well-greased cookie sheet (you can cover pan with foil and grease it.) Bake at 350 degrees for 12-18 minutes, depending on size of cookies, or until lightly browned. Remove from pan and cool on a rack.

You can substitute 2 cups of flaked coconut for the nuts.

You can stir in about a cup of chocolate chips if desired.

Almond Macaroons

These are nice and chewy.
8 oz. pkg. or can of almond paste
1 cup sugar
2 large egg whites
1/2 tsp. almond extract
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla



Crumble

almond paste into a bowl. Gradually mix in sugar. Add the unbeaten egg whites and extracts and beat until smooth (dough will be quite stiff). Drop by tps. or tblsps. onto a well greased cookie pan and bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes, depending on size of cookies. Remove from pan and cool on rack.

Here's a change from tzim-mis or potato kugel.

Yam Kugel

Grease a two-quart round casserole or square baking dish
6 medium yams or sweet potatoes
4 eggs, separated
1/4 cup parve margarine, melted.

1/4 cup matzah cake meal
1 Tblsp. grated orange rind
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
1 tsp. salt

Boil yams until tender. Peel and mash very smooth with margarine, sugar, salt and grated rind or cinnamon. Cool. Beat yolks well and stir into yam mixture along with cake meal. Beat whites until stiff but not dry, fold into yam mixture. Turn carefully into baking dish or pan. Bake at 375 degrees for about an hour or until set and lightly browned on top.

Marilyn Graff is food editor of *The Jewish Voice & Herald*.

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Taste test: Picking out wine for Passover

By Andy Neusner

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the beginning, there was sweet wine. Really, really sweet wine. But as the kosher market broadened, a trickle of new wines targeted to a more sophisticated audience began to raise expectations among Jewish wine lovers.

Now kosher wines have entered a third era, in which many are not only passable, they're praiseworthy.

Though winemakers in Israel and the United States still grow the largest numbers of these wines, vineyards all over the globe — from Australia to South Africa to Chile — are joining in, giving Jewish consumers an array of choices to accompany their haroset and brisket.

Passover is the kosher industry's peak season; virtually all kosher wines are kosher for Passover. In North America, perhaps 50 percent of annual kosher wine sales are made during the holiday or in the weeks that precede it.

This percentage is falling, though, as kosher wines gain more year-round acceptance. The kosher food market is growing by perhaps 15 percent a year, says Menachem Lubinsky, the editor of koshertoday.com and president and CEO of Lubicom, a marketing consulting firm that focuses on kosher brands. He estimates that sales of kosher wines in the



A SAMPLING of kosher wines

United States will reach roughly \$160 million in 2005, up from \$130 million just two years ago.

To make sense of this welter of wines, JTA's editorial team took upon itself the task of taste-testing 20 kosher wines and picking out some winners. The wines we tested were provided by Royal Wines, one of the world's largest producers, importers and distributors of kosher wines.

Wines we reviewed that are mevushal, an additional koshering step that involves flash-pasteurizing, are indicated with an "M" next to the price. To make the testing more fair, we did not know how much each wine cost

when we tasted it.

To best simulate the actual seder experience, our testers ate only Tam Tam matzah crackers for palate cleansing.

Favorites

Our overall favorites were a pair of inexpensive moscatos that would be excellent choices to accompany desserts, or perhaps spicy foods. Italy's Bartenura Moscato (\$11, M) and Moscato di Carmel (\$9) received equally high scores from our reviewers for their light, sweet, extremely fruity flavors. Of the Carmel moscato, one taster wrote, "smells like honeysuckle,

tastes like a party."

Segal's Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon (\$60) is from Israel. This deep red wine is vivid, rich and slightly tart, with an alluringly earthy aroma; it had the most uniformly high scores of any wine in our tasting.

The Ramon Cardova Rioja, a Spanish tempranillo (\$13), is a terrific dry red, offering a sharp berry taste with hints of vanilla and a potent fruity aroma.

According to JTA's testers, several other red wines also deserve a look: The Carmel Appellation Bordeaux Blend Limited Edition (\$40) is an Israeli blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, dark and thick with a spicy aroma and a smooth taste that has notes of both

sweetness and tartness. Another nice blend is the Herzog Special Reserve Cabernet/Zinfandel/Syrah (\$35), a brand-new California wine from Herzog. It was a bit thinner than many of the reds we tasted, but we appreciated its smoothness, layers of fruit and less acidic finish.

A few of the white wines we tasted stood out. Aside from the dessert wines, the tasters were most impressed by the Francois Label Puligny Montrachet, a French chardonnay (\$55) that is vivid and a bit acidic, with a pleasant lingering finish. Also from France, is the Verbau Gewurztraminer (\$15, M), a sweet, fruity wine with a mildness that makes it more versatile than the moscatos.

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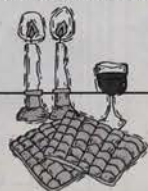
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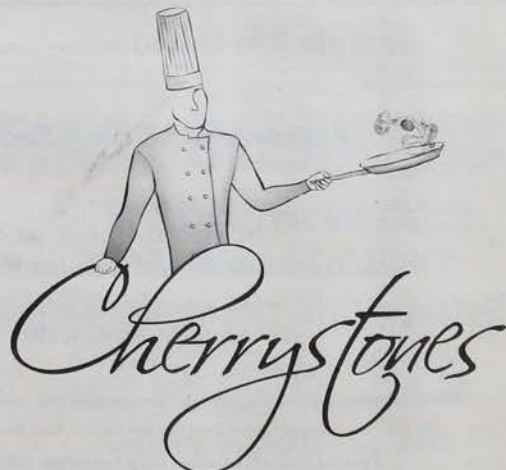
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Cub Scout Pack 104 collecting for Iraqi school children

PROVIDENCE — Cub Scout Pack 104 is collecting school supplies for Iraqi school children. They need pens, pencils, notebooks, rulers, calculators, crayons, coloring books (with pictures only, no English words), erasers, and watercolor paints with brushes. Pack 104 is asking everyone to donate these important items. A collection box has been set up at Providence Hebrew Day School.

Beth-El students to run Passover food drive

PROVIDENCE — Temple Beth-El's 7th grade is holding its fourth annual Passover Food Drive, from April 10 to 17. On those two Sundays, the students, who are learning how to put mitzvot into action, will be in the temple lobby from 8:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to accept donations.

Donations may also be left at the temple office between Monday, April 11 and Friday, April 15. The temple is at 70 Orchard Ave, Providence.

All kinds of non-perishable Passover food — such as matzah, gefilte fish, borscht, and kosher-for-Passover candy, macaroons, cake mixes and kugel mixes — are needed. Cans, bottles and boxes are all fine.

You can also donate a gift card from a supermarket such as Shaw's, Stop & Shop, East Side Marketplace or Whole Foods Market. You can write out a check to Moes Chitim ("Money

for Wheat"), Jewish Family Service's annual drive for Passover funds.

And if you have packaged foods in good condition that are not kosher for Passover, bring those as well. The agency will store them and distribute them after the holiday, when Rhode Island's poor Jews will continue to need help. For more information, call Alan Rosenberg at 885-0768.

Touro to begin synagogue's conservation work

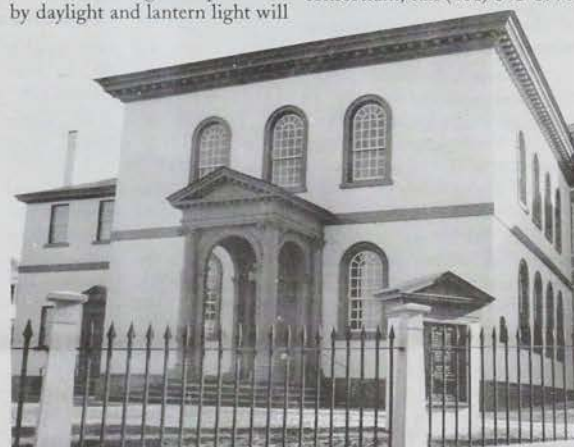
NEWPORT — The conservation of Touro Synagogue is set to begin. During that time the Touro Synagogue Foundation will be unable to offer traditional tours of the synagogue; instead the synagogue will partner with the Newport Historical Society and the Newport Restoration Foundation for programs and tours.

Walking tours of colonial Jewish Newport and weekly behind-the-scenes tours of the conservation project will tell the story of Touro Synagogue then and now. Walking tours of the historic Washington Square area by daylight and lantern light will

showcase the religious diversity of early Newport. The new program will kick off in May and the full schedule of programs offered can be found at www.newporthistoricalsociety.org.

During the conservation, the Touro Synagogue Foundation gift shop will be in its summer home at the corner of Touro and Spring Streets.

For information about walking tours of colonial Jewish Newport, call Marla Dansky at (401) 847-4794, ext. 14. For information about all other tours offered by the Newport History Tours consortium, call (401) 841-8770.



Historic Touro Synagogue

Lev to speak to Hadassah

PROVIDENCE — Yehuda Lev will be the featured speaker at Rhode Island Hadassah's Brunch and Learn on Sunday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. He will speak on the 57 years of Israel's birth, growth and future.

A light brunch will be served, with a fee of \$6 per person. Res-

ervations are required.

Spaces may be reserved by calling the Hadassah office at 463-3636. Husbands and friends are invited.

The chairwomen for the event are Shirley Zier and Ruth Siperstein, chapter vice-presidents for education.

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Johnson & Wales University president chosen for national Jewish award

PROVIDENCE — Dr. John Bowen, president of Johnson & Wales University, will receive the National Jewish Humanitarian Award on April 7 at 12:30 p.m. at The Westin Hotel.

The award, given annually by the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, recognizes Dr. Bowen for "distinguished service to the R.I. community and to his dedication to the availability and access to

higher education."

The award will be given by Dr. Lynn M. Taussig, president and CEO of the Denver-based center.

Dr. Taussig said the non-profit institution, founded in 1899, has deep roots and founding members from the southern New England area. He said Dr. Bowen was nominated by members of the board of trustees who live in Rhode Island.

The lunch will be a fundraiser for the non-sectarian center, ranked as the country's top respiratory hospital for the seventh consecutive year by U.S. News and World Report.

Tickets for the luncheon begin at \$200. For more information, or to reserve a table, call Lynn West at (703) 519-5760 or email westl@njc.org.



Photo by Sue Yarden

Helping Israel's hungry

WARWICK — Dan Freeman, Sarah Redlich and Lindsey Lerner, students at Temple Am David's religious school, serve spaghetti to raise money to help Israel's hungry. Students from the Am David's daled and hay classes created the entire project, from flyers to food prep to clean up, to assist the Meir Panim meal sites in Israel.

Am David mitzvah program: "4 Schools 4 the Homeless"

WARWICK — On Sunday, April 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Temple Am David, there will be a special program to help the homeless. The temple asks all participants to bring one of each item: a sample-size toiletry, non perishable food, a toy and tzedaka in any amount, in a gift bag. The food, toys and toiletries will be taken to Welcome House, a shelter in Wakefield. Tzedaka will be for Yemin Orde, an orphanage in Israel, and Crossroads, a homeless shelter in Providence.

Activities will include: *tefilah*, presentation on the homeless, and family activities for pre-K-2, 3-5 and 6-7.

Participants will fill and sort bags of the toys, toiletries or food and make 500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Temple Am David is located at 40 Gardiner St. in Warwick. For more info call 463-7944.

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Mock trial prep at NEAT

New England Academy of Torah students recently earned a berth in the state's mock trial playoffs. Here, they pose with Judge Edward P. Sowa at the Garrahy Judicial Complex. Team members are, from right, Renah Spilman, Miriam Jakubowicz, Miriam Raskin, Mindy Lipson, Sophie Felder, Toby Halderson, and Miriam Diamond.

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HEM to hold senior retreat

PROVIDENCE—On April 10th, the Harry Elkin Midrasha will hold a senior retreat from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Glen and Darcy Weiner Hillel Center at Brown University.

The retreat will include a presentation on Israel advocacy by the David Project (www.davidproject.org), a presentation on Jewish life on campus by Hillel professionals, and an opportunity to speak with current college students about college life and Jewish life on campus.

Lunch will be provided. The HEM senior retreat is funded by a grant from the Aronson Family Foundation

PHDS hosting foreign teachers

PROVIDENCE — The Providence Hebrew Day School has been selected by the National Council of Hebrew Day Schools to host four foreign exchange student teachers. The young women are students at a Jewish Seminary in Montreal, where they are being trained to teach Judaic studies.

The young teachers visit classes, observe techniques and are mentored by the veteran teachers in the schools that they visit. They will also teach lessons that they have prepared on the upcoming festival of Passover, under the direction of the classroom teachers.

For more information, call Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, 331-5327, ext. 21.

Hadassah plan women's Seder

WARWICK — Members of Rhode Island Hadassah and their guests are invited to join the women of the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, a program of Jewish Seniors Agency, to participate in a women's Seder on April 17 at 11 a.m.

The Seder, led by Michele Keir, a Hadassah member and a staff member of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, will be followed

by a kosher meal. Keir created the special Haggadah that will be used.

A check for \$18 sent to RI Hadassah, 1150 New London Ave., Cranston, RI 02920, will hold a space. Residents of Tamarisk are welcome at no cost, but reservations must be made, since space is limited. For further information call the Hadassah office at 463-3636.

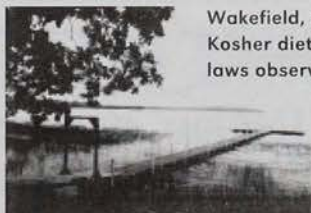
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Books

These are a few of 'Duffy' Page's favorite books

BOOK REVIEW

By Judith S. Greenblatt

As we pay tribute to Ruth "Duffy" Page, who retires this year after 25 years as head of the Israel desk at the Bureau of Jewish Education, it is interesting to look at her reflection in a selected few of her favorite books. Some are, of course, about Israel:

Poems of Jerusalem: and Love Poems: a bilingual edition, by Yehuda Amichai. Sheep Meadow Press, 1988.

Two of Amichai's often reiterated themes, Jerusalem and love, share this book. Hebrew and English, from the pens of a variety of translators, appear on facing pages. A beautiful way into the city.

If a Place Can Make You Cry: Dispatches from an Anxious State, by Daniel Gordis. Crown Publishers, 2002.

The Gordis family arrived in Israel in 1998, for what was to be a one-year sabbatical from the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. It was a time of great hope, and the Gordises decided to make Jerusalem their home. Through the e-mails he sent to family and friends, edited for this collection, we follow the growing turmoil. The text captures the complexity of life in Israel, and makes clear what the family gained as well as what they lost, and how they learned again and again, what really matters.

Off the Beaten Track in Israel. Adama Books, 1989. This beautiful book is based on the Israeli TV series and is a journey through sites of archeological significance, and sites that are beautiful. Each two-page spread consists of a full-page illustration and a page of text that includes history and description, a map and directions.

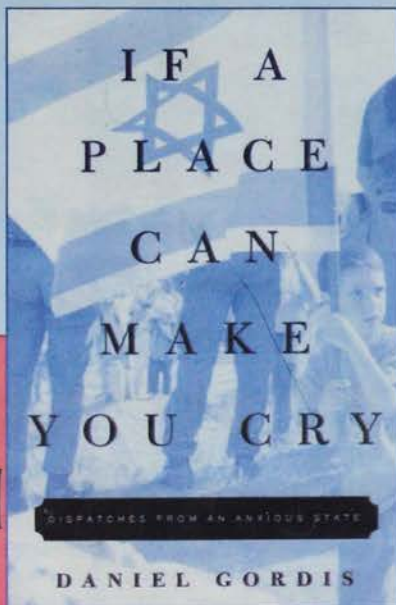
Two set an historical context:

As a Driven Leaf, by Milton Steinberg. Introduction by Chaim Potok. Behrman House, 1996.

A classic of historical fiction based on the life of Elisha Ben Avuyah, a second-century scholar and member of the Sanhedrin who lost faith. A heretic, he denounced his community. Excommunicated, he travels to Antioch where he conducts an unsuccessful search of Greek and Roman culture for fundamental, irrefutable truths. A book about ideas, set against a fascinating background of time and place.

Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts. Edited by Barry Holtz. Summit, 1984.

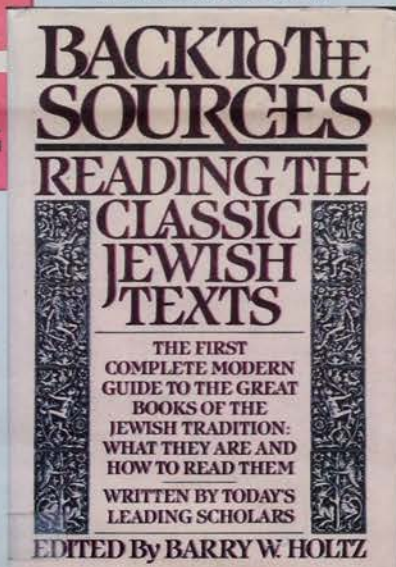
An excellent introduction to text. Each self-contained chapter discusses a different text, and chapters range from Bible to Zohar. In between you will find Talmud, Midrash, medieval Bible commentaries and philosophy, Hasidic teachings, and the prayer book. Chapters are by different authors, all are very readable. You can read the whole book for a general overview, or read any one chapter that is of interest.



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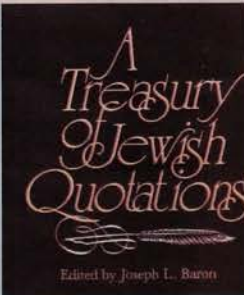
Above, A Treasury of Jewish Quotations

And finally, one for all times and places.

A Treasury of Jewish Quotations, by Joseph L. Baron. Aronson, 1985.

Arranged by subject, Baron includes quotations from a wide variety of sources. It also included a very helpful index of authors. If you're looking for just the right words for whatever the occasion, this book is a good place to begin your search.

Judith S. Greenblatt is director of library services, Bureau of Jewish Education of R.I.



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Yad Vashem museum inaugurated

By Dina Kraft

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The call of a shofar made secretly at a work camp in Poland by Jewish prisoners in 1943 blasted into the Jerusalem night sky as presidents, diplomats and Holocaust survivors gathered to mark the opening of the new Yad Vashem history museum on March 15. The surge in anti-Semitism across Europe to levels that have not been seen since World War II added more poignancy to the inauguration of the \$56 million museum commemorating the Holocaust.

Speaking at the ceremony, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the dignitaries that the United Nations



The new museum presents the story of the Holocaust from the individual Jewish perspective, using authentic artifacts, documentation, personal objects and the stories behind them.

had an obligation to fight anti-Semitism.

"A United Nations that fails to be at the forefront of anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred undermines its mission," he said. "The museum should stand as testimony that we are standing for a better way." Paraphrasing the Israeli author Aharon Appelfeld, who is a Holocaust survivor, Annan added, "Let Yad Vashem inspire us to keep

striving as long as the darkest dark crawls the face of the earth."

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in his speech that the existence of Israel was the Jewish

Holocaust."

Leaders and officials representing some 40 countries came to the opening. They included French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, German Foreign

"Let Yad Vashem inspire us to keep striving as long as the darkest dark crawls the face of the earth." said Aharon Appelfeld

people's most potent weapon in ensuring they would never again know the horrors of genocide launched against them.

"The State of Israel is the only place in the world where the Jews have the right and the power to protect themselves by themselves," he said. "This is the only guarantee that the Jewish people will never know another

Minister Joschka Fischer and Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski. A representative of the Vatican was there as well.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg led the U.S. delegation.

On the windswept plaza of the Yad Vashem complex where the ceremony was held, the edge

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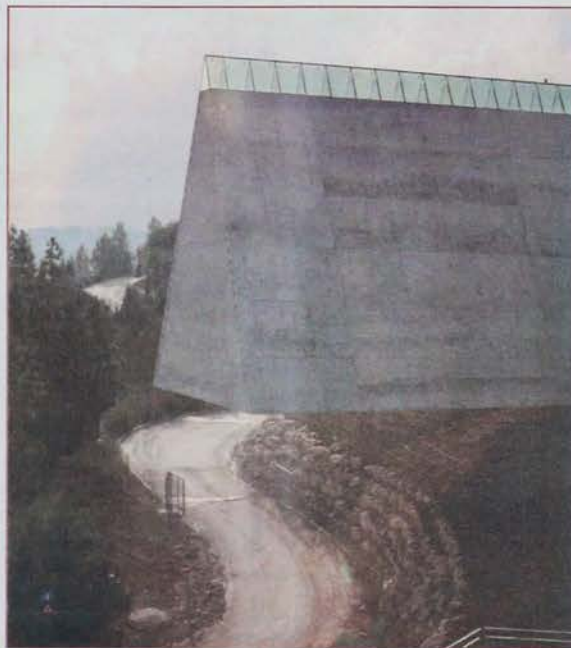
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Yad Vashem

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CURATOR — Yehudit Inbar, far left, curator of Yad Vashem's new museum, is seen through a painting by Felix Nussbaum giving an explanation to a visitor in Jerusalem.



ENTRANCE, EXIT — Yad Vashem's New Holocaust History Museum's entrance, above top, slices through the Mount of Remembrance, guiding visitors deep into its underground galleries. The exit, above, opens from the mountainside to a view of rebuilt Jerusalem.



LESZNO STREET — The symbolically reconstructed portion of Leszno Street in the Warsaw Ghetto in Yad Vashem's New Holocaust History Museum.

of the new museum could be seen — a cutting-edge concrete structure built into the side of a mountain.

It is filled with exhibits of poetry, artwork, letters and photos, some of them shown within displays of video art and films that aim to show the human faces of the people killed in the Nazi genocide.

The new museum replaces the original history museum of Yad Vashem, built in 1973. The old museum, with its dimly lit, text-heavy displays, now feel dated. Its creators say the museum is meant to bear witness to the story of the Jewish

victims of the Holocaust. "For years we worked diligently to recover the shards of their stories and the fragments of their memories, their faded pictures — too little — that the victims left behind," said Yad Vashem director Avner Shalev, who is also the museum's chief curator.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the museum, the Joe Wilf family and other donors were photographed along with Israeli President Moshe Katsav. Philanthropist and survivor Wilf and his family are among the largest donors to Yad Vashem and the new museum.

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By Tema Gouse

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Tema Gouse

greatest climate.

Hurricane Carol in 1954 (my first hurricane experience) was terrifying but I survived the six days without electricity and developed a very healthy attitude about fortifying my household with bread and milk and flashlights for future predictions of hurricanes.

I still felt that, weather-wise at least, I had made a wise move until Feb. 6, 1978 when The Blizzard arrived. By some miracle I made it safely home from work. With varied interesting stories, so did the rest of my family. We had enough milk in the house. We never lost our power. The offspring dug us out, and forever-after friends exchanged sagas of their storm survival. I no longer pitied my Chicago family's trials with the weather. New England

had matched its severity.

But we became blasé. Radio announcements of "No school in Foster-Gloucester" did not alarm me. Hurricanes henceforth would be in Florida. And blizzards would only occur in Buffalo.

Rarely do I admit to being wrong. I was wrong on Jan. 22-23, 2005, when two to three feet of snow fell, the temperature was about zero and the wind speed threatened to dethrone Chicago of its title of the windy city.

So what's the big deal? We've sold the house and live in an apartment. The landlord must plow the driveway. We do not have to go to work. There is so much snow that everything is shut down and even workers do not have to go to work. We have enough milk in the house. (You are recognizing what is the staple in my life.) Since the storm occurred mainly on Saturday and Sunday, it had minimal impact on the community. (Maybe a few less people trudged to the movies or to Foxwood casino.)

It would be selfish to mention that cable-free TV watchers had nothing to watch on Saturday night. Our courageous dinner guests barely swallowed the appetizers when they noted the first snowflakes and wisely dashed to their cars to get home.

The big crisis came on Sunday morning when we real-

ized that the Providence Journal felt no obligation to deliver the Sunday paper when there was nearly 30 inches of snow on the ground. Senior citizens without the Sunday newspaper! That's an abomination! There should be some cognizance of this threat to the pensioner's stability.

Like most seniors, we did not have the foresight to rent DVDs in preparation for the storm. Needless to say, our library book selections were not up to snuff. The only redeeming thing was the Patriots-Steelers game to be televised at 6:36 p.m. It started on time and our guys won. We will not discuss the ultimate insult of an additional snowfall a few days later.

Seniors who adamantly resist wintering in Florida or Arizona should concoct a blizzard disaster plan. First, stop looking out of the window and try to relax. Window peeping never slowed a storm. Next, check the status of your children. And if they are shoveling, don't worry about it. When you were their ages, you too could shovel without consequences.

Indulge in all sorts of cardiac-threatening foods you normally avoid, like hot dogs or Friendly's Forbidden Chocolate Explosion ice cream. Lacking either of those joys, pour yourself a hearty drink — not wine, beer

or Diet Coke. A couple of ounces of the Real Stuff.

Or if you are a teetotaler, take one of those tranquilizers that the doctor prescribed for Emergencies Only! This is an emergency.

Read for an hour. And then take a nap for an hour. And then call your sister and talk for an hour. Then take another nap. If you feel guilty about such self-indulgence, keep busy paying bills or straightening out a messy cupboard or drawer. As a last resort, bake some brownies. Keep switching the TV dials looking for a more optimistic weather

report, a natural talent of most seniors.

Actually, this game plan would be good for all adults, not just those who collect Social Security. I emphasize the need of this for seniors because blizzards affect their activities to a larger degree.

And let me remind you that you will be equally crabby next August, when the temperature reaches 95 degrees. As for myself, I have no intention of returning to Chicago with all of its snow and extremes in temperature.

Tema Gouse, a regular columnist, lives in Cranston.

Simchas

Hochmans to be honored at Big Brother's dinner



David Hochman




Alan Hochman

PROVIDENCE —David and Alan Hochman will be among those honored at the 28th annual Big Brothers of Rhode Island Robert "Cy" Killian Humanitarian Award Dinner on May 5. The Hochman brothers, two of the first benefactors of the Rhode Island chapter, will join Charles J. Ajootian and Richard P. Smith at the event, which takes place at the Providence Marriott Hotel.

Toastmaster will be former Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy, and speaker will be the Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau, bishop emeritus of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Big Brothers of Rhode Island. Tickets are \$50 per person. Call 432-9955 for more information.

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SUN., APRIL 10

Blood drive at Torat Yisrael

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Rhode Island Blood Center blood drive in the Galkin Room, Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston. Refreshments will be provided for all donors.

Agudath Achim family education

9 a.m. to noon in the vestry of the synagogue. Congregation Agudath Achim Religious School will hold a family education program - Passport to Passover, 36 Winthrop St., Taunton, Mass.

9 a.m. "You're the Tops!" Pancakes and toppings breakfast fundraiser for Cantor Heath's rabbinical school-The Academy for Jewish Religion (Riverdale, N.Y.) The educational program

begins at 10:00 a.m. for all ages. Breakfast is \$10/person or \$18/family. Education program is \$5/person or \$10/family. RSVP to Kathy Novick at (508)822-2635 or knovick@tmlp.com

Model Seder at Torat Yisrael

10 a.m. - noon. Students from South County Hebrew School will join Torat Yisrael students at the temple, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, for a model Seder.

Jewish Collaborative brunch

10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Center, 375 Kingstown Rd., Narragansett. Monthly collaborative brunch. Bob Weisbord will speak about "The role of the pope before, during, and after the Holocaust." All are welcome. For more information, check www.jewishcollaborative.org. General information: info@jewishcollaborative.org

Hadassah brunch & learn

10 a.m. Brunch & Learn, Jewish Community Center, Providence. Guest speaker: Yehuda Lev "...on Israel." Reservations a must. \$6 per person. Call the Rhode Island Hadassah office, 463-3636.

Norman Kleebatt from Jewish Museum

2:30 - 4 p.m. RISD Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St. Norman Kleebatt of the Jewish

Museum, N.Y., presents new research on Abstract Expressionist critics Clement Greenberg and Harold Rosenberg. Discussion follows with RISD faculty member Mike Fink and curator Debra Bricker Balken. Co-sponsored by R.I. Jewish Historical Assoc. Free with museum admission.

MON., APRIL 11

Lecture on the Enlightenment

4-5:30 p.m. Brown University, Salomon Center, Room 203, Prof. David Sorkin of University of Wisconsin-Madison, co-sponsored with History Department, on "How Secular was the Enlightenment? Six Faces of Reasonable Belief."

TUES., APRIL 12

WA Rosh Hodesh talk on Bella Abzug

Noon - 1:30 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Women's Alliance of JFRI and BJE-sponsored Rosh Hodesh series on women of valor continues with lecture on Bella Abzug with Maud Mandel, from Brown University. RSVP with check for \$14 (includes lunch) to JFRI, 130 Sessions St., Providence, 02906.

FRI., APRIL 15

Julie Gutterman memorial lecture

8:30 a.m. Johnson & Wales Inn, Seekonk. Jewish Family Service. Lecture on healing with psychologist and author Janis Abrahms Springs. To register, call JFS at 331-1244.

Chinese Shabbat dinner at Torat Yisrael

6 p.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Kabbalat Shabbat Service followed by a kosher Chinese dinner. Open to the community at \$15 per adult and \$7 for children under age 10. RSVP by April 11 to Temple office, 785-1800.

SAT., APRIL 16

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7:30 p.m., Touro Hall, Cranston. For Touro Fraternal Association members. Touro's version of TV game show; prizes plus hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Reservations required by April 6. Contact Touro at 785-0066 or visit www.tourofraternal.org

SUN., APRIL 17

Women's Seder

7 p.m. at the Phyllis Siperstein Tamarisk Assisted Living Residence, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick. Special Hagaddah, kosher

meal. Reservations a must. Send \$18 check to RI Hadassah, 1150 New London Ave., Cranston, RI, 02920.

TUES., APRIL 19

Annual Arthur and David Jacobson Lecture

8-9:30 p.m. Brown University, Wilson Hall, Room 101. Professor Pierre Birnbaum, University of Paris - the Sorbonne, on "The Anti-Semitic Moment: The Dreyfus Affair Reconsidered"

WED., APRIL 20


Touro 'Joke-Off'

6:30 p.m. at Touro Hall, Cranston. Touro Fraternal Association's annual Joke-Off with Burt Fischman, as master of ceremonies. Deli dinner and the Joke-Off. Prizes. Reservations required. Contact Touro at 785-0066 or visit www.tourofraternal.org.

TUES., APRIL 19

Tamarisk lectures on support groups

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Obituaries

Jeffrey Jacober, 51

PROVIDENCE — Jeffrey Jacober, 51, an entrepreneur, died March 26, along with his wife, Karen (Kwasha) Jacober and youngest son, Eric, when a small plane he was piloting crashed in Pennsylvania.

Born in Providence, a son of Harold and Gladys (Talan) Jacober, he was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

Mr. Jacober received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Rhode Island. A founder of many companies, he was a true visionary in the marketing of consumer products.

Mr. Jacober was an avid skier, sailor and pilot.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El as well as many other philanthropic and professional organizations.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sons, Michael and David Jacober; a brother, Alan Jacober; three nieces and a nephew. He was the brother of the late Ellen Jacober.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made to the Jacober Family Foundation, c/o Carl Freedman, Esq., 1 Park Row, Suite 300, Providence, RI 02903.

Karen Jacober, 49

PROVIDENCE — Karen (Kwasha) Jacober, 49, a teacher, died March 26 along with her husband, Jeffrey Jacober, and youngest son, Eric Jacober, in a small plane crash in Pennsylvania.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Owen and Beverly (Strauss) Kwasha, she was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Jacober received a Bachelor of Science in Biology Education with a minor in Theater from the University of Vermont. She was a private tutor through the Moses Brown and Wheeler Schools.

A gifted musician, vocalist and athlete, she was a supporter of the arts and Amos House as well as many other organizations. She loved the outdoors

and was an avid gardener. She brought infinite compassion and caring to each life she touched.

Mrs. Jacober was a member of Temple Beth-El, the University of Vermont Alumni Association and a life member of Hadassah.

Besides her parents, she is survived by two sons, Michael and David Jacober; a sister, Kathy Hamilton; three nieces and a nephew.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

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Eric Jacober, 15

PROVIDENCE — Eric Jacober, 15, a student, died March 26 along with his parents, Jeffrey and Karen (Kwasha) Jacober, in a small plane crash in Pennsylvania.

A student at St. Andrew's School in Barrington, he was a valuable member of their cross country team.

Eric was a naturally talented individual, whose passion was technology. He loved people and enjoyed surprising them by using his skills to help others. Eric gave of himself without any expectations of reward.

He is survived by two brothers, Michael and David Jacober; his paternal grandparents, Harold and Gladys

(Talan) Jacober; his maternal grandparents, Owen and Beverly (Strauss) Kwasha; his aunts and uncles, Alan and Jane Jacober and Joe and Kathy Hamilton; four cousins, Meghan and Kristen Hamilton and Suzanne and Andrew Jacober.

Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made to the Jacober Family Foundation, c/o Carl Freedman, Esq., 1 Park Row, Suite 300, Providence, RI 02903.

Gregg C. Weingeroff, 49

PROVIDENCE — Gregg C. Weingeroff, 49, president and sole proprietor of Weingeroff Enterprises, was killed with his wife Dawn, 42, and son, Leland, 10, in a small plane crash near State College, Pa. on March 26. They were en route to Providence from Florida, with a stopover to see a Lacrosse game at Penn State University.

Mr. Weingeroff was born in Providence, the son of Frederick (Skip) and Carol (Frechhof) Weingeroff.

He was a devoted son, husband, father and brother.

Mr. Weingeroff worked his way up through Weingeroff Enterprises, becoming president and CEO in 1996. Prior to that he purchased "Jay Strongwater," an exclusive line of high-end, elaborately-designed home

décor items which are sold at top retailers such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Mr. Weingeroff was an active member of the community. He served on the boards of directors of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Providence Children's Museum, Temple Beth-El and the Wheeler School. His passion was golf and he was a longtime member of the Ledgemont Country Club and Carnegie Abbey of Portsmouth.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Lynne Suzanne; his mother; his daughter, Jolie, a student at Brandeis University; two sisters, Lisa Weingeroff and Jackie Gershwind; and his step-grandmother, Lillian Zarum.

Dawn Elizabeth (Poppenberg) Weingeroff, 42

PROVIDENCE — Dawn Elizabeth (Poppenberg) Weingeroff, 42, devoted wife, mother, daughter and businesswoman, died in a small plane crash with her husband and son on March 26 near State College, Pa. They were en route to Providence from Florida with friends, who also perished in the accident. Born in Manhasset, N.Y., she was the daughter of Theresa (Misuraca) D'Jamoos.

Upon graduating from the Kimberly School in Montclair,

N.J. and Bentley College, she moved to New York City to work in finance. After her marriage to Gregg Weingeroff, she moved to Providence where she became a volunteer for animal rescue, giving a home to seven dogs and two cats, besides finding homes for many others and assisting generously in the care of sick and injured animals. She was also an accomplished equestrian, owning her own horse. She volunteered at the Children's Museum, where she helped raise the funds to enable it to move into its new building. Another of her passions was the food pantry at St. Ed.'s Church. Mrs. Weingeroff also quietly helped people in need.

She worked together with her husband in business, serving as vice-president of marketing at Jay Strongwater, where she promoted the corporate line internationally with grace and style.

Burial was private.

Burial was private.

Leland P. Weingeroff, 10

PROVIDENCE — Leland P. Weingeroff, 10, the son of Gregg and Dawn Weingeroff, died with his parents in a small plane crash near State College, Pa., on March 26.

He had been a student at the Wheeler School in Providence since pre-school, where he was much-loved by both teachers and fellow students. He was given the nickname "Sparky" because he lit up the room wherever he went.

An avid athlete, Leland loved all sports, especially basketball. His highlight each year was attending every New England Patriot's game with his father, including the Super Bowl. He had hoped to become a professional sports announcer one day.

Leland was adored and respected by family as well as friends. He leaves a half-sister, Jolie Weingeroff, a student at Brandeis University; grandparents, and other relatives.

Burial was private.

Contributions in memory of the Weingeroff family may be made to The Leland Weingeroff Achievement Fund, c/o the Wheeler School, 216 Hope St., Providence, RI 02906, or the Dawn and Gregg Weingeroff Animal Fund, c/o the Rhode Island Foundation, 1 Union Station, Providence, RI 02903.



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Marion Dress, 91

PAWTUCKET — Marion Dress, 91, of Johnston, formerly of Pawtucket and Providence, died March 18. She was the wife of the late David Dress. Born in Central Falls, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Bessie (Singer) Sandler.

Mrs. Dress was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a daughter, Janice Paull of Cranston; two grandchildren, Lauren and Gary Paull; two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Sarah, and a friend, Louise Foeberg. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Dr. George Goldstein, 69

WARWICK — Dr. George Milton Goldstein, 69, died March 16. He was the husband of Dorothy (Russell) Goldstein. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Frank and Marion (Cohen) Goldstein.

He received URI and was a graduate of Temple University College of Podiatry in Philadelphia, Pa. His graduate work was performed at California College of Podiatry in San Francisco.

After service in the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, he returned to his native state to begin practice with his father, Dr. Frank Goldstein. He was a life member of the American and R.I. Podiatric Medical Associations and served as president of R.I.P.M.A. from 1977-1981. He was treasurer of the organization until 1994 and served on the board of directors for many years. He was also on the surgical staff of the former Cranston General Hospital.

June 8, 1977 was proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Providence as Dr. George Goldstein Recognition Day.

He was a past member of Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth-El.

He was a member of the Jewish Federation of R.I., the Maimonides Group, the Providence Free Loan Association, and the Redwood Lodge F&AM.

He was an avid golfer and a past member of Crestwood Country Club, Ledgemont Country Club and Valley Country Club. He belonged to the P.I.C. Association where he served as chronicler for three decades and published two journals of the group's events.

Besides his wife, he leaves four daughters, Arlene Berger of Rockville, Md., Jill Goldstein of Pawtucket, Debra Baril of Cumberland, and Robin James of Milton, Mass. He also leaves a stepdaughter, Sherry Ryan of Warwick; a stepson, Merrill Anderson Jr. of Coventry, and seven grandchildren. He was the brother of Barbara Durand.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Hallworth House or the Alzheimer's Association.

Gertrude Goldowsky, 94

PROVIDENCE — Gertrude "Bonnie" (Nisson) Goldowsky, a lifelong community volunteer, died March 24. She was the wife of the late physician, Seebert J. Goldowsky. Born in Boston, the daughter of the late Solomon and Annie (Price) Nisson, she lived in Providence for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Goldowsky graduated from Radcliffe College in 1933 and remained active in

the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Rhode Island. She was a life member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, receiving its Woman of the Year Award in 1990. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and sang in its choir. She was also a life trustee of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah.

She leaves nephews Paul Nisson of Gaithersburg, Md., and Adam Nisson of Dover, N.H.; nieces Phyllis Fern of West Warwick, Ann Leppo of Stoughton, Mass., and Judith Nisson of Lake Placid, N.Y. and numerous grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Irving Nisson and Mildred Cikins.

Burial was in the Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

Contributions may be made to the R.I. Jewish Historical Association or Temple Beth-El.

Bella Goloborodko, 78

CRANSTON — Bella (Berger) Goloborodko, 78, died March 23. She was the wife of Yakov Goloborodko. Born in Ukraine, the daughter of the late Lenard and Klara (Scharber) Berger, she resided in Cranston for the past 27 years, previously living in Odessa, Russia.

She was a jewelry designer for BB Greenberg Company of Providence and Giovanni Jewelry Company of East Providence.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Gregory Goloborodko-Berger of Westboro, Mass., a daughter, Lina Goikhman of Cranston; and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Alex Berger.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Sally Gorodetsky, 95

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Sally (Rice) Gorodetsky, 95, died March 21. She was the wife of Louis Gorodetsky. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Bessie (Pulner) Rice, she lived in the city for most of her life.

She graduated from Hope High School.

Mrs. Gorodetsky was a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Hadassah, Temple Emanu-El, National Council of Jewish Women and a life member of the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband of 77 years, she leaves a son, Sanford Gorodetsky of Warren; a daughter, Lenore Gorodetsky of North Providence; two sisters, Rose Rice of Miami, Fla.; and Betty Matloff of Delray Beach, Fla.; and two grandsons, Evan and Bryan.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Henry Andrew Katz, 84

WEST ORANGE, N.J. — Henry Andrew Katz, 84, died recently. Born in Providence, a son of the late Israel and Eva (Kominisky) Katz, he was a resident of New Jersey for 45 years.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Katz was the owner of the former I. Katz & Co., a sheet metal company.

He leaves a sister, Lillian Harriet of Pawtucket; and was the brother of the late Miriam Goldoner and Leo Katz.

(Correction) Max Kerzner, 94

BOYNTON BEACH,

Fla. — Max Kerzner, 94, previously of Cranston, died Feb. 28. He was the husband of the late Muriel Kerzner. Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Henry and Rose (Weiner) Kerzner.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, serving in Trinidad.

The owner of Bassett & Co. in Pawtucket, he retired in 1976.

Mr. Kerzner was a past president of Congregation Agudas Achim and a past president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was on the board at Lincoln Park Cemetery and the board of directors at the former Notre Dame Hospital in Central Falls.

He leaves two brothers, John Kerzner of Clearwater, Fla., and Samuel Kerzner of New York, N.Y., and a sister, Ruth Kenner of Boca Raton, Fla. He was the brother of the late David, Louis and Sylvia Kerzner.

Contributions may be made to the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Sarah Nachmans, 96

Sarah Dill Nachmans, 96, died on March 20th. Born in Warsaw, Poland, she came to this country in 1924 with her parents and three brothers; the family settled in the Bronx. She owned and ran the Montefiore Hospital lunch service for 20 years, before retiring to Delray Beach, Fla.

Nine years ago, she moved back to the Bronx, where she resided at the Hebrew Home in Riverdale. Several weeks ago, her artwork won first prize in the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; her work will be on display in several cities.

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She is survived by her sons, Sy Dill of Providence and Marvin Dill of Sharon, Mass., and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of her great-grandchildren was born in Jerusalem the day she passed away. Contributions in her name may be sent to the American Heart Association or the Zionist Organization of America.

Diane Schaeffer, 61

WARWICK — Diane C. (Bazar) Schaeffer, a child protection investigator at DCYF, died March 16. She was the wife of Roy Schaeffer. They were married for 33 years. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Charles and Sally (Tarsky) Bazar, she was a resident of Warwick most of her life.

Mrs. Schaeffer graduated from CCRI and received her master's degree from Rhode Island College.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Alissa Dusseault of Warwick and Jana Bader of Providence; five grandchildren, Joseph, Jacob, Kevin, Erica and Brian. She was the sister of the late Doris Ladd.

Contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA. 02114.

Abram Volynsky, 73

PROVIDENCE — Abram Volynsky, 73, died March 19.

He was the husband of Valentina (Kurnetsova) Volynsky. Born in Russia, a son of the late Boris and Goda (Kaganova) Volynsky, he moved to Providence 15 years ago.

He was a supervisor for Hope Global Company.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Edward and Leonid Volynsky, both of Providence; a brother, Lazar Volynsky of Florida; a sister, Tsilya Baskin of Providence; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

Edwin D. Wells

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Edwin D. Wells, a retired furniture store owner, died March 23. He was the husband of the late Esther (Rigelhaupt) Wells. Born in Taunton, Mass., a son of the late Joseph and Florence (Granovsky) Wells, he lived in the Providence/Pawtucket area for 46 years before moving to Florida in 1996.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Boston University in 1940.

He served as a Master Sergeant in the U. S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After the war he entered the furniture business which had been founded by his father and other relatives in the early 1900s, eventually expanding it to include a store in Foxboro,

Mass.

Mr. Wells was a former member of Temple Emanu-El. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Jewish War Veterans.

He also belonged to the Redwood Lodge of the Masons.

He was an avid card player and bowler.

Bryant Hillel to remember the Holocaust

On Wed., April 20th, Bryant University Hillel will be hosting a Yom Hashoah ceremony in remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust. The theme of this year's ceremony is how valuable life is and the respect with which we must treat every human being. Highlighting the ceremony will be a Holocaust survivor who will tell a personal story of survival of the Holocaust.

Concluding this non-denominational ceremony, there will be a candle lighting vigil, prayers, and a short reading of names of some of those who perished in the Holocaust. The Yom Hashoah ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Bryant University, located at 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, in the Bello Center Grand Hall. No Reservations are required. All are welcome.

For more info call Pete Ziegler, Bryant Hillel president, 742-0394 or pmz1@bryant.edu

He leaves three sons, Robert Wells of Chantilly, Va., Samuel Wells of San Francisco and Jonathan Wells of New York; a sister, Marcia Seely of New York; three grandchildren, Cooper, Sophia and Ellis; eight nieces and a companion, Anita Fields of Boca

Raton. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Contributions may be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park R., Boca Raton, FL 33486.

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My Voice

The future of Judaism is at stake

(This article first appeared in the Feb. 11th edition of *The Jerusalem Post*.)

By Michael H. Steinhardt

I've gotten into the terrible habit of reading the Styles section of the Sunday *New York Times*.

I count the number of Jews marrying non-Jews in Jewish ceremonies and in non-Jewish ceremonies. The experience is generally dispiriting for those of us who are concerned with Jewish demography. But this is only a minor manifestation of the crisis facing our community.



Michael H. Steinhardt

The crisis is expressed not only in rates of intermarriage, which seem to hover around 50 percent, but in our population statistics, which are at best stagnant and more probably reflective of a decline. American Jews are marrying later and having fewer children relative to previous Jewish generations and to their non-Jewish counterparts.

But the crisis is not limited to demography. In the area of Jewish literacy, popular films such as "Garden State," which take for granted the remoteness of temple attendance for contemporary Jews, only scratch the surface of the malaise. A silent majority of non-Orthodox Jews are well on their way to Jewish disappearance. They have no representation in our communal structures; nor does the community occupy itself with the challenge of preventing their slipping away.

Philanthropists have not risen to the challenge of shoring up Jewish identity. Can you name a serious non-Orthodox American Jewish philanthropist below the age of 50? There may be one or two, but it truly would be like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Moreover, we are talking about an extraordinarily wealthy community that is generous to secular philanthropies. According to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, the biggest individual gifts of 2002 ranged from \$100 million to \$375 million. Of the 10 philanthropists, six were Jewish. Not a single one gave anything meaningful to a Jewish cause. Today, perhaps 20 percent of Jewish giving goes to Jewish causes. In the middle of the 20th century, it was about 50 percent. The absence of philanthropic investment is painful for those of us who care about the Jewish future.

If a relative is gravely ill, we spare no expense to save them. We attempt the riskiest maneuvers and sometimes invest in the most outlandish cures. We should behave no differently with the health of our people. Currently, the Jewish community is facing a dire crisis of identity, affiliation, and knowledge. Where is the sense of crisis among our people?

The lingering fear of anti-Semitism, regardless of whether it is based on cur-



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rent reality, summons millions of dollars for Jewish defense agencies and Holocaust memorials. But when it comes to reinforcing Jewish identity, we come up short. Programs that emphasize spiritual renewal and cultural joy are funded almost as an afterthought.

This is true whether we're talking about financing established institutions such as day schools or summer camps, or more innovative programs of identity enrichment such as Birthright Israel. Despite its proven extraordinary impact on Jewish identity, Birthright struggles to send 15,000 students to Israel each year, when the actual cohort of 18-26-year-olds is 40-50,000 annually.

American Jews have yet to understand that victimization is an insufficient basis for identity. Even in an era of increased openness and tolerance, the American Jewish community believes that community cohesion depends on external threats and bogeymen.

When we ponder why so few Jews are interested in perpetuating Jewish life, we need look no further than these skewed priorities. After all, who would want to connect with a Jewish heritage painted predominantly as tragedy?

I base my philanthropy on a single overarching principle: that Jewish renaissance cannot be premised on a withdrawal from society, or on yesterday's preoccupa-

tions with fear and victimhood. Freedom has been good to the Jewish people. We therefore must find ways to intertwine a vibrant Jewish culture with life in an open, democratic society. Making Judaism competitive with American secular culture, however difficult, is the great challenge of our day.

For the non-Orthodox, we must revisit our religious practices because, for most of us, our present religious observance simply does not provide sufficient spiritual rewards. Non-Orthodox Jews must come to recognize the tremendous power of Jewish education. We must convince young Jews that their community welcomes not only their dollars but also their ideas and leadership.

One way to reverse course is to base Jewish identity overwhelmingly on positive aspects of the Jewish experience — the connection to one's people, the emphasis on history and culture, and the wonders of Jewish joy.

Birthright Israel, for example, operates on the principle that the Jewish people is a series of interlinked chains; if we strengthen just one of these links, we strengthen the whole. At the annual Birthright Israel Mega Event in Jerusalem, thousands of Jews from across the world gather to celebrate Jewish history, culture, and destiny together. I know of no better expression of Jewish joy than this culmination of the 10-day trip, which emphasizes celebration

and unity — two quintessentially Jewish concepts that are often ignored.

It is time for Diaspora Jews to replace victimhood with joy by assuring that more young Jews receive the most important Jewish learning and socializing experiences — day schools, camps, youth movements and Hillel, plus Israel travel and study. Jews who grow up with these experiences show dramatically higher rates of commitment and lower rates of assimilation and intermarriage.

Making these experiences "standard equipment" will require philanthropy beyond all past parameters. Creating such a universally-available infrastructure of freedom would cost billions annually but would assure the Jewish future.

Last year, I proposed an initial \$100 million education fund to be matched and spent by local communities to bring the total to \$500 million, thereby galvanizing new funding and reprioritizing Jewish philanthropy toward education.

Thus far, there has been but a whisper of response. Apparently, givers are hesitant to raise the ante, particularly since the communities are reluctant to shake up the status quo and to go all out for Jewish educational funding.

As I write, Harvard University is endowed with \$22.1 billion. I am sure that much of this rich endowment is from grateful Jewish alumni who were determined that Harvard's contribution to humanity be permanently assured.

I say that the Jewish people and civilization — which has given the world the faiths of three billion people, immeasurable advances in science, law, medicine, business, and moral leadership — deserves, nay demands, no fewer billions. There should be no less determination to assure, once and for all, Jewry's flourishing future.

Who will join me in breaking with past parameters of Jewish philanthropy to secure a renaissance for our grandchildren? Who will place the vitality of our people above all other interests? I cannot overemphasize the urgency of the task. Our Jewish future hangs in the balance.

The writer is chairman of the Jewish Life Network/Steinhardt Foundation.

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